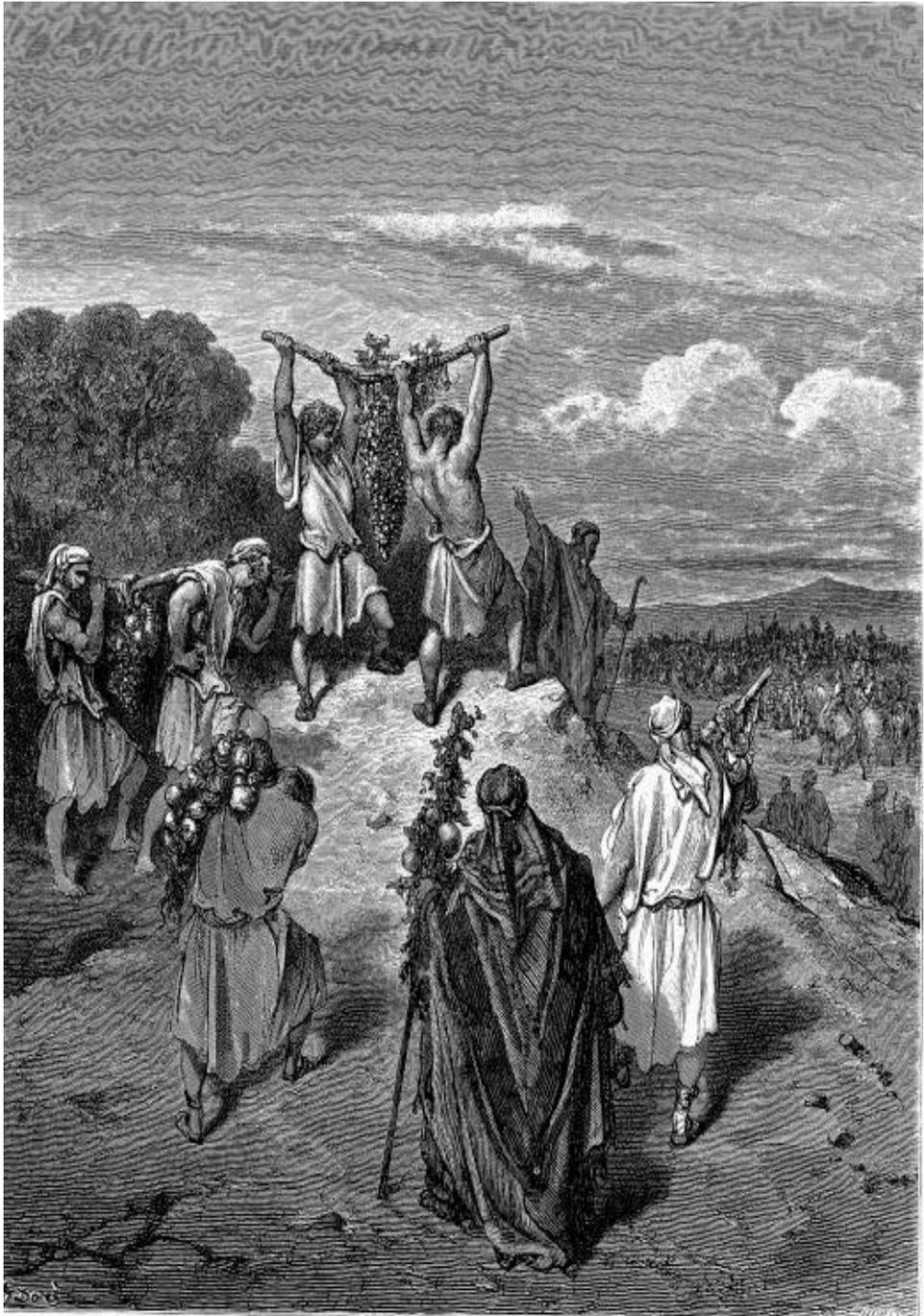


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This book begins with Joshua leading the Children of Israel back into the land of Abraham, full of anticipation and excitement. Their wanderings in the desert were over and Yehovah God had sent them in, giving them great promise for success. God had raised up a new generation, preparing them for their assignment of claiming their inheritance, made hundreds of years before.

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Preface

The foundation of this Bible Edition rests upon the American King James Version of the Bible (AKJV) and is a simple word for word rendition, originating from the Textus Receptus Authorized King James Version (KJV). Great care has been taken to change nothing doctrinally, but to simply clarify spelling and word endings.

The American King James version of the Bible was placed into the public domain on November 8, 1999.

Several word phrases have been updated and clarified, using the translation knowledge from the (1862) Young's Literal Translation Bible.

Please see the update reference listing for the AKJV Yehovah Edition at the back of the book.

All AKJV Yehovah Bible editions follow Biblical and Historical evidence pointing to the original, God Inspired, order of the Bible. That evidence reveals that the original format for God's Word was forty-nine books divided into seven divisions. These seven divisions include:

OT Books of the Law (5)	NT General Letters (7)
OT Books of the Prophets (6)	NT Pauline Letters (14)
OT Books of Psalms & Writings (11)	NT Book of Revelation (1)
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The sequential order and the total number of books (66) for the Traditional Holy Bible originated from ideas and arbitrary decisions made by Hebrew scribes and early Bible publishers.

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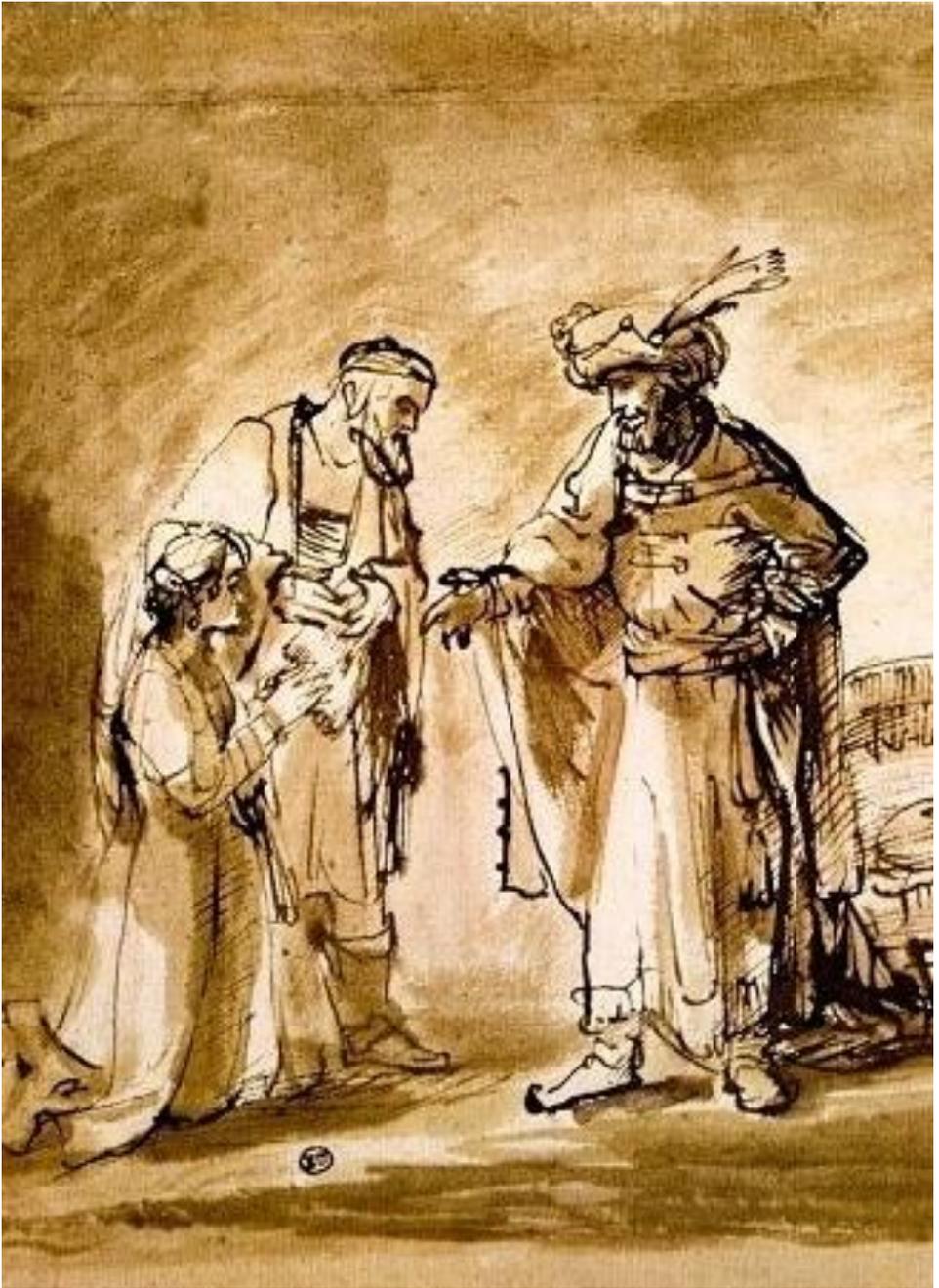
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Book of Joshua

Yehoshua (Yehovah Saves)

Joshua – Chapter 1

1:1 Now after the death of Moses the servant of *Yehovah* it came to pass, that *Yehovah* spoke to Joshua the son of Nun, Moses' minister, saying,

1:2 Moses my servant is dead; now therefore arise, go over this Jordan, you, and all this people, to the land which I do give to them, even to the children of Israel.

1:3 Every place that the sole of your foot shall tread on, that have I given to you, as I said to Moses.

1:4 From the wilderness and this Lebanon even to the great river, the river Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites, and to the great sea toward the going down of the sun, shall be your coast.

1:5 There shall not any man be able to stand before you all the days of your life: as I was with Moses, so I will be with you: I will not fail you, nor forsake you.

1:6 Be strong and of a good courage: for to this people shall you divide for an inheritance the land, which I swore to their fathers to give them.

1:7 Only be you strong and very courageous, that you may observe to do according to all the law, which Moses my servant commanded you: turn not from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may prosper wherever you go.

1:8 This book of the law shall not depart out of your mouth; but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it: for then you shall make your way prosperous, and then you shall have good success.

1:9 Have not I commanded you? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be you dismayed: for *Yehovah* your God is with you wherever you go.

1:10 Then Joshua commanded the officers of the people, saying,

1:11 Pass through the host, and command the people, saying, Prepare you provisions; for within three days you shall pass over Jordan, to go in to possess the land, which *Yehovah* your God gives you to possess it.

1:12 And to the Reubenites, and to the Gadites, and to half the tribe of Manasseh, spoke Joshua, saying,

1:13 Remember the word which Moses the servant of *Yehovah* commanded you, saying, *Yehovah* your God has given you rest, and has given you this land.

1:14 Your wives, your little ones, and your cattle, shall remain in the land which Moses gave you on this side Jordan; but you shall pass before your brothers armed, all the mighty men of valor, and help them;

1:15 Until *Yehovah* have given your brothers rest, as he has given you, and they also have possessed the land which *Yehovah* your God gives them: then you shall return to the land of your possession, and enjoy it, which Moses *Yehovah's* servant gave you on this side of Jordan toward the sun rise.

1:16 And they answered Joshua, saying, All that you command us we will do, and wherever you send us, we will go.

1:17 According as we listened to Moses in all things, so will we listen to you: only *Yehovah* your God be with you, as he was with Moses.

1:18 Whoever he be that does rebel against your commandment, and will not listen to your words in all that you command him, he shall be put to death: only be strong and of a good courage.

Joshua – Chapter 2

2:1 And Joshua the son of Nun sent out of Shittim two men to spy secretly, saying, Go view the land, even Jericho. And they went, and came into a harlot's house, named Rahab, and lodged there.

2:2 And it was told the king of Jericho, saying, Behold, there came men in here tonight of the children of Israel to search out the country.

2:3 And the king of Jericho sent to Rahab, saying, Bring forth the men that are come to you, which are entered into your house: for they be come to search out all the country.

2:4 And the woman took the two men, and hid them, and said thus, There came men to me, but I knew not from where they were:

2:5 And it came to pass about the time of shutting of the gate, when it was dark, that the men went out: where the men went I know not: pursue after them quickly; for you shall overtake them.

2:6 But she had brought them up to the roof of the house, and hid them with the stalks of flax, which she had laid in order on the roof.

2:7 And the men pursued after them the way to Jordan to the fords: and as soon as they which pursued after them were gone out, they shut the gate.

2:8 And before they were laid down, she came up to them on the roof;

2:9 And she said to the men, I know that *Yehovah* has given you the land, and that your terror is fallen on us, and that all the inhabitants of the land faint because of you.

2:10 For we have heard how *Yehovah* dried up the water of the Red Sea for you, when you came out of Egypt; and what you did to the two kings of the Amorites, that were on the other side Jordan, Sihon and Og, whom you utterly destroyed.

2:11 And as soon as we had heard these things, our hearts did melt, neither did there remain anymore courage in any man, because of you: for *Yehovah* your God, he is God in heaven above, and in earth beneath.

2:12 Now therefore, I pray you, swear to me by *Yehovah*, since I have showed you kindness, that you will also show kindness to my father's house, and give me a true token:

2:13 And that you will save alive my father, and my mother, and my brothers, and my sisters, and all that they have, and deliver our lives from death.

2:14 And the men answered her, Our life for yours, if you utter not this our business. And it shall be, when *Yehovah* has given us the land, that we will deal kindly and truly with you.

2:15 Then she let them down by a cord through the window: for her house was on the town wall, and she dwelled on the wall.

2:16 And she said to them, Get you to the mountain, lest the pursuers meet you; and hide yourselves there three days, until the pursuers be returned: and afterward may you go your way.

2:17 And the men said to her, We will be blameless of this your oath which you have made us swear.

2:18 Behold, when we come into the land, you shall bind this line of scarlet thread in the window which you did let us down by: and you shall bring your father, and your mother, and your brothers, and all your father's household, home to you.

2:19 And it shall be, that whoever shall go out of the doors of your house into the street, his blood shall be on his head, and we will be guiltless: and whoever shall be with you in the house, his blood shall be on our head, if any hand be on him.

2:20 And if you utter this our business, then we will be released of your oath which you have made us to swear.

2:21 And she said, According to your words, so be it. And she sent them away, and they departed: and she bound the scarlet line in the window.

2:22 And they went, and came to the mountain, and stayed there three days, until the pursuers were returned: and the pursuers sought them throughout all the way, but found them not.

2:23 So the two men returned, and descended from the mountain, and passed over, and came to Joshua the son of Nun, and told him all things that befell them:

2:24 And they said to Joshua, Truly *Yehovah* has delivered into our hands all the land; for even all the inhabitants of the country do faint because of us.

Joshua – Chapter 3

3:1 And Joshua rose early in the morning; and they removed from Shittim, and came to Jordan, he and all the children of Israel, and lodged there before they passed over.

3:2 And it came to pass after three days, that the officers went through the host;

3:3 And they commanded the people, saying, When you see the ark of the covenant of *Yehovah* your God, and the priests the Levites bearing it, then you shall remove from your place, and go after it.

3:4 Yet there shall be a space between you and it, about two thousand cubits by measure: come not near to it, that you may know the way by which you must go: for you have not passed this way heretofore.

3:5 And Joshua said to the people, Sanctify yourselves: for tomorrow *Yehovah* will do wonders among you.

3:6 And Joshua spoke to the priests, saying, Take up the ark of the covenant, and pass over before the people. And they took up the ark of the covenant, and went before the people.

3:7 And *Yehovah* said to Joshua, This day will I begin to magnify you in the sight of all Israel, that they may know that, as I was with Moses, so I will be with you.

3:8 And you shall command the priests that bear the ark of the covenant, saying, When you are come to the brink of the water of Jordan, you shall stand still in Jordan.

3:9 And Joshua said to the children of Israel, Come here, and hear the words of *Yehovah* your God.

3:10 And Joshua said, Hereby you shall know that the living God is among you, and that he will without fail drive out from before you the Canaanites, and the Hittites, and the Hivites, and the Perizzites, and the Girgashites, and the Amorites, and the Jebusites.

3:11 Behold, the ark of the covenant of *Yehovah* of all the earth passes over before you into Jordan.

3:12 Now therefore take you twelve men out of the tribes of Israel, out of every tribe a man.

3:13 And it shall come to pass, as soon as the soles of the feet of the priests that bear the ark of *Yehovah*, the Lord of all the earth, shall rest in the waters of Jordan, that the waters of Jordan shall be cut off from the waters that come down from above; and they shall stand on a heap.

3:14 And it came to pass, when the people removed from their tents, to pass over Jordan, and the priests bearing the ark of the covenant before the people;

3:15 And as they that bore the ark were come to Jordan, and the feet of the priests that bore the ark were dipped in the brim of the water, (for Jordan overflows all his banks at the time of harvest,)

3:16 That the waters which came down from above stood and rose up on a heap very far from the city Adam, that is beside Zaretan: and those that came down toward the sea of the plain, even the salt sea, failed, and were cut off: and the people passed over right against Jericho.

3:17 And the priests that bore the ark of the covenant of *Yehovah* stood firm on dry ground in the middle of Jordan, and all the Israelites passed over on dry ground, until all the people were passed *completely* over Jordan.

Joshua – Chapter 4

4:1 And it came to pass, when all the people were *completely* passed over Jordan, that *Yehovah* spoke to Joshua, saying,

4:2 Take you twelve men out of the people, out of every tribe a man,

4:3 And command you them, saying, Take you hence out of the middle of Jordan, out of the place where the priests' feet stood firm, twelve stones, and you shall carry them over with you, and leave them in the lodging place, where you shall lodge this night.

4:4 Then Joshua called the twelve men, whom he had prepared of the children of Israel, out of every tribe a man:

4:5 And Joshua said to them, Pass over before the ark of *Yehovah* your God into the middle of Jordan, and take you up every man of you a stone on his shoulder, according to the number of the tribes of the children of Israel:

4:6 That this may be a sign among you, that when your children ask their fathers in time to come, saying, What mean you by these stones?

4:7 Then you shall answer them, That the waters of Jordan were cut off before the ark of the covenant of *Yehovah*; when it passed over Jordan, the waters of Jordan were cut off: and these stones shall be for a memorial to the children of Israel forever.

4:8 And the children of Israel did so as Joshua commanded, and took up twelve stones out of the middle of Jordan, as *Yehovah* spoke to Joshua, according to the number of the tribes of the children of Israel, and carried them over with them to the place where they lodged, and laid them down there.

4:9 And Joshua set up twelve stones in the middle of Jordan, in the place where the feet of the priests which bore the ark of the covenant stood: and they are there to this day.

4:10 For the priests which bore the ark stood in the middle of Jordan, until everything was finished that *Yehovah* commanded Joshua to speak to the people, according to all that Moses commanded Joshua: and the people hurried and passed over.

4:11 And it came to pass, when all the people were *completely* passed over, that the ark of *Yehovah* passed over, and the priests, in the presence of the people.

4:12 And the children of Reuben, and the children of Gad, and half the tribe of Manasseh, passed over armed before the children of Israel, as Moses spoke to them:

4:13 About forty thousand prepared for war passed over before *Yehovah* to battle, to the plains of Jericho.

4:14 On that day *Yehovah* magnified Joshua in the sight of all Israel; and they feared him, as they feared Moses, all the days of his life.

4:15 And *Yehovah* spoke to Joshua, saying,

4:16 Command the priests that bear the ark of the testimony, that they come up out of Jordan.

4:17 Joshua therefore commanded the priests, saying, Come you up out of Jordan.

4:18 And it came to pass, when the priests that bore the ark of the covenant of *Yehovah* were come up out of the middle of Jordan, and the soles of the priests' feet were lifted up to the dry land, that the waters of Jordan returned to their place, and flowed over all his banks, as they did before.

4:19 And the people came up out of Jordan on the tenth day of the first month, and encamped in Gilgal, in the east border of Jericho.

4:20 And those twelve stones, which they took out of Jordan, did Joshua pitch in Gilgal.

4:21 And he spoke to the children of Israel, saying, When your children shall ask their fathers in time to come, saying, What mean these stones?

4:22 Then you shall let your children know, saying, Israel came over this Jordan on dry land.

4:23 For *Yehovah* your God dried up the waters of Jordan from before you, until you were passed over, as *Yehovah* your God did to the Red Sea, which he dried up from before us, until we were gone over:

4:24 That all the people of the earth might know the hand of *Yehovah*, that it is mighty: that you might fear *Yehovah* your God forever.

Joshua – Chapter 5

5:1 And it came to pass, when all the kings of the Amorites, which were on the side of Jordan westward, and all the kings of the Canaanites, which were by the sea, heard that *Yehovah* had dried up the waters of Jordan from before the children of Israel, until we were passed over, that their heart melted, neither was there spirit in them any more, because of the children of Israel.

5:2 At that time *Yehovah* said to Joshua, Make you sharp knives, and circumcise again the children of Israel the second time.

5:3 And Joshua made him sharp knives, and circumcised the children of Israel at the hill of the foreskins.

5:4 And this is the cause why Joshua did circumcise: All the people that came out of Egypt, that were males, even all the men of war, died in the wilderness by the way, after they came out of Egypt.

5:5 Now all the people that came out were circumcised: but all the people that were born in the wilderness by the way as they came forth out of Egypt, them they had not circumcised.

5:6 For the children of Israel walked forty years in the wilderness, till all the people that were men of war, which came out of Egypt, were consumed, because they obeyed not the voice of *Yehovah*: to whom *Yehovah* swore that he would not show them the land, which *Yehovah* swore to their fathers that he would give us, a land that flows with milk and honey.

5:7 And their children, whom he raised up in their stead, them Joshua circumcised: for they were uncircumcised, because they had not circumcised them by the way.

5:8 And it came to pass, when they had done circumcising all the people, that they stayed in their places in the camp, till they were whole.

5:9 And *Yehovah* said to Joshua, This day have I rolled away the reproach of Egypt from off you. Why the name of the place is called Gilgal to this day.

5:10 And the children of Israel encamped in Gilgal, and kept the *pesach* on the fourteenth day of the month at even in the plains of Jericho.

5:11 And they did eat of the old *grain* of the land the next day after the *pesach*, unleavened cakes, and parched *grain* in the selfsame day.

5:12 And the manna ceased the next day after they had eaten of the old *grain* of the land; neither had the children of Israel manna any more; but they did eat of the fruit of the land of Canaan that year.

5:13 And it came to pass, when Joshua was by Jericho, that he lifted up his eyes and looked, and, behold, there stood a man over against him with his sword drawn in his hand: and Joshua went to him, and said to him, Are you for us, or for our adversaries?

5:14 And he said, No; but as captain of the host of *Yehovah* am I now come. And Joshua fell on his face to the earth, and did worship, and said to him, What said my Lord to his servant?

5:15 And the captain of *Yehovah's* host said to Joshua, Loosen your shoe from off your foot; for the place where on you stand is holy. And Joshua did so.

Joshua – Chapter 6

6:1 Now Jericho was straightly shut up because of the children of Israel: none went out, and none came in.

6:2 And *Yehovah* said to Joshua, See, I have given into your hand Jericho, and their king, and the mighty men of valor.

6:3 And you shall compass the city, all you men of war, and go round about the city once. Thus shall you do six days.

6:4 And seven priests shall bear before the ark seven trumpets of rams' horns: and the seventh day you shall compass the city seven times, and the priests shall blow with the trumpets.

6:5 And it shall come to pass, that when they make a long blast with the ram's horn, and when you hear the sound of the trumpet, all the people shall shout with a great shout; and the wall of the city shall fall down flat, and the people shall ascend up every man straight before him.

6:6 And Joshua the son of Nun called the priests, and said to them, Take up the ark of the covenant, and let seven priests bear seven trumpets of rams' horns before the ark of *Yehovah*.

6:7 And he said to the people, Pass on, and compass the city, and let him that is armed pass on before the ark of *Yehovah*.

6:8 And it came to pass, when Joshua had spoken to the people, that the seven priests bearing the seven trumpets of rams' horns passed on before *Yehovah*, and blew with the trumpets: and the ark of the covenant of *Yehovah* followed them.

6:9 And the armed men went before the priests that blew with the trumpets, and the rear guard came after the ark, the priests going on, and blowing with the trumpets.

6:10 And Joshua had commanded the people, saying, You shall not shout, nor make any noise with your voice, neither shall any word proceed out of your mouth, until the day I bid you shout; then shall you shout.

6:11 So the ark of *Yehovah* compassed the city, going about it once: and they came into the camp, and lodged in the camp.

6:12 And Joshua rose early in the morning, and the priests took up the ark of *Yehovah*.

6:13 And seven priests bearing seven trumpets of rams' horns before the ark of *Yehovah* went on continually, and blew with the trumpets: and the armed men went before them; but the rear guard came after the ark of *Yehovah*, the priests going on, and blowing with the trumpets.

6:14 And the second day they compassed the city once, and returned into the camp: so they did six days.

6:15 And it came to pass on the seventh day, that they rose early about the dawning of the day, and compassed the city after the same manner seven times: only on that day they compassed the city seven times.

6:16 And it came to pass at the seventh time, when the priests blew with the trumpets, Joshua said to the people, Shout; for *Yehovah* has given you the city.

6:17 And the city shall be accursed, even it, and all that are in it, to *Yehovah*: only Rahab the harlot shall live, she and all that are with her in the house, because she hid the messengers that we sent.

6:18 And you, in any wise keep yourselves from the accursed thing, lest you make yourselves accursed, when you take of the accursed thing, and make the camp of Israel a curse, and trouble it.

6:19 But all the silver, and gold, and vessels of brass and iron, are consecrated to *Yehovah*: they shall come into the treasury of *Yehovah*.

6:20 So the people shouted when the priests blew with the trumpets: and it came to pass, when the people heard the sound of the trumpet, and the people shouted with a great shout, that the wall fell down flat, so that the people went up into the city, every man straight before him, and they took the city.

6:21 And they utterly destroyed all that was in the city, both man and woman, young and old, and ox, and sheep, and ass, with the edge of the sword.

6:22 But Joshua had said to the two men that had spied out the country, Go into the harlot's house, and bring out there the woman, and all that she has, as you swore to her.

6:23 And the young men that were spies went in, and brought out Rahab, and her father, and her mother, and her brothers, and all that she had; and they brought out all her kindred, and left them without the camp of Israel.

6:24 And they burnt the city with fire, and all that was in it: only the silver, and the gold, and the vessels of brass and of iron, they put into the treasury of the house of *Yehovah*.

6:25 And Joshua saved Rahab the harlot alive, and her father's household, and all that she had; and she dwells in Israel even to this day; because she hid the messengers, which Joshua sent to spy out Jericho.

6:26 And Joshua adjured them at that time, saying, Cursed be the man before *Yehovah*, that rises up and builds this city Jericho: he shall lay the city foundation in his firstborn, and in his youngest son shall he set up the gates of it.

6:27 So *Yehovah* was with Joshua; and his fame was heard throughout all the country.

Joshua – Chapter 7

7:1 But the children of Israel committed a trespass in the accursed thing: for Achan, the son of Carmi, the son of Zabdi, the son of Zerah, of the tribe of Judah, took of the accursed thing: and the anger of *Yehovah* was kindled against the children of Israel.

7:2 And Joshua sent men from Jericho to Ai, which is beside Bethaven, on the east of Bethel, and spoke to them, saying, Go up and view the country. And the men went up and viewed Ai.

7:3 And they returned to Joshua, and said to him, Let not all the people go up; but let about two or three thousand men go up and smite Ai; and make not all the people to labor there; for they are but few.

7:4 So there went up of the people about three thousand men: and they fled before the men of Ai.

7:5 And the men of Ai smote of them about thirty and six men: for they chased them from before the gate even to Shebarim, and smote them in the going down: why the hearts of the people melted, and became as water.

7:6 And Joshua rent his clothes, and fell to the earth on his face before the ark of *Yehovah* until the eventide, he and the elders of Israel, and put dust on their heads.

7:7 And Joshua said, Alas, *O YEHOVAH* God, why have you at all brought this people over Jordan, to deliver us into the hand of the Amorites, to destroy us? would to God we had been content, and dwelled on the other side Jordan!

7:8 *O YEHOVAH*, what shall I say, when Israel turns their backs before their enemies!

7:9 For the Canaanites and all the inhabitants of the land shall hear of it, and shall surround us, and cut off our name from the earth: and what will you do to your great name?

7:10 And *Yehovah* said to Joshua, Get you up; why lie you thus on your face?

7:11 Israel has sinned, and they have also transgressed my covenant which I commanded them: for they have even taken of the accursed thing, and have also stolen, and dissembled also, and they have put it even among their own stuff.

7:12 Therefore the children of Israel could not stand before their enemies, but turned their backs before their enemies, because they were accursed: neither will I be with you anymore, except you destroy the accursed from among you.

7:13 Up, sanctify the people, and say, Sanctify yourselves against tomorrow: for thus said *Yehovah* God of Israel, There is an accursed thing in the middle of you, O Israel: you can not stand before your enemies, until you take away the accursed thing from among you.

7:14 In the morning therefore you shall be brought according to your tribes: and it shall be, that the tribe which *Yehovah* takes shall come according to their families; and the family which *Yehovah* shall take shall come by households; and the household which *Yehovah* shall take shall come man by man.

7:15 And it shall be, that he that is taken with the accursed thing shall be burnt with fire, he and all that he has: because he has transgressed the covenant of *Yehovah*, and because he has worked folly in Israel.

7:16 So Joshua rose up early in the morning, and brought Israel by their tribes; and the tribe of Judah was taken:

7:17 And he brought the family of Judah; and he took the family of the Zarhites: and he brought the family of the Zarhites man by man; and Zabdi was taken:

7:18 And he brought his household man by man; and Achan, the son of Carmi, the son of Zabdi, the son of Zerah, of the tribe of Judah, was taken.

7:19 And Joshua said to Achan, My son, give, I pray you, glory to *Yehovah* God of Israel, and make confession to him; and tell me now what you have done; hide it not from me.

7:20 And Achan answered Joshua, and said, Indeed I have sinned against *Yehovah* God of Israel, and thus and thus have I done:

7:21 When I saw among the spoils a goodly Babylonian garment, and two hundred shekels of silver, and a wedge of gold of fifty shekels weight, then I coveted them, and took them; and, behold, they are hid in the earth in the middle of my tent, and the silver under it.

7:22 So Joshua sent messengers, and they ran to the tent; and, behold, it was hid in his tent, and the silver under it.

7:23 And they took them out of the middle of the tent, and brought them to Joshua, and to all the children of Israel, and laid them out before *Yehovah*.

7:24 And Joshua, and all Israel with him, took Achan the son of Zerah, and the silver, and the garment, and the wedge of gold, and his sons, and his daughters, and his oxen, and his asses, and his sheep, and his tent, and all that he had: and they brought them to the valley of Achor.

7:25 And Joshua said, Why have you troubled us? *Yehovah* shall trouble you this day. And all Israel stoned him with stones, and burned them with fire, after they had stoned them with stones.

7:26 And they raised over him a great heap of stones to this day. So *Yehovah* turned from the fierceness of his anger. Why the name of that place was called, The valley of Achor, to this day.

Joshua – Chapter 8

8:1 And *Yehovah* said to Joshua, Fear not, neither be you dismayed: take all the people of war with you, and arise, go up to Ai: see, I have given into your hand the king of Ai, and his people, and his city, and his land:

8:2 And you shall do to Ai and her king as you did to Jericho and her king: only their *plunder*, and their cattle, shall you take for a prey to yourselves: lay you an ambush for the city behind it.

8:3 So Joshua arose, and all the people of war, to go up against Ai: and Joshua chose out thirty thousand mighty men of valor, and sent them away by night.

8:4 And he commanded them, saying, Behold, you shall lie in wait against the city, even behind the city: go not very far from the city, but be you all ready:

8:5 And I, and all the people that are with me, will approach to the city: and it shall come to pass, when they come out against us, as at the first, that we will flee before them,

8:6 (For they will come out after us) till we have drawn them from the city; for they will say, They flee before us, as at the first: therefore we will flee before them.

8:7 Then you shall rise up from the ambush, and seize on the city: for *Yehovah* your God will deliver it into your hand.

8:8 And it shall be, when you have taken the city, that you shall set the city on fire: according to the commandment of *Yehovah* shall you do. See, I have commanded you.

8:9 Joshua therefore sent them forth: and they went to lie in ambush, and stayed between Bethel and Ai, on the west side of Ai: but Joshua lodged that night among the people.

8:10 And Joshua rose up early in the morning, and numbered the people, and went up, he and the elders of Israel, before the people to Ai.

8:11 And all the people, even the people of war that were with him, went up, and drew near, and came before the city, and pitched on the north side of Ai: now there was a valley between them and Ai.

8:12 And he took about five thousand men, and set them to lie in ambush between Bethel and Ai, on the west side of the city.

8:13 And when they had set the people, even all the host that was on the north of the city, and their liers in wait on the west of the city, Joshua went that night into the middle of the valley.

8:14 And it came to pass, when the king of Ai saw it, that they hurried and rose up early, and the men of the city went out against Israel to battle, he and all his people, at a time appointed, before the plain; but he knew not that there were liers in ambush against him behind the city.

8:15 And Joshua and all Israel made as if they were beaten before them, and fled by the way of the wilderness.

8:16 And all the people that were in Ai were called together to pursue after them: and they pursued after Joshua, and were drawn away from the city.

8:17 And there was not a man left in Ai or Bethel, that went not out after Israel: and they left the city open, and pursued after Israel.

8:18 And *Yehovah* said to Joshua, Stretch out the spear that is in your hand toward Ai; for I will give it into your hand. And Joshua stretched out the spear that he had in his hand toward the city.

8:19 And the ambush arose quickly out of their place, and they ran as soon as he had stretched out his hand: and they entered into the city, and took it, and hurried and set the city on fire.

8:20 And when the men of Ai looked behind them, they saw, and, behold, the smoke of the city ascended up to heaven, and they had no power to flee this way or that way: and the people that fled to the wilderness turned back on the pursuers.

8:21 And when Joshua and all Israel saw that the ambush had taken the city, and that the smoke of the city ascended, then they turned again, and slew the men of Ai.

8:22 And the other issued out of the city against them; so they were in the middle of Israel, some on this side, and some on that side: and they smote them, so that they let none of them remain or escape.

8:23 And the king of Ai they took alive, and brought him to Joshua.

8:24 And it came to pass, when Israel had made an end of slaying all the inhabitants of Ai in the field, in the wilderness where they chased them, and when they were all fallen on the edge of the sword, until they were consumed, that all the Israelites returned to Ai, and smote it with the edge of the sword.

8:25 And so it was, that all that fell that day, both of men and women, were twelve thousand, even all the men of Ai.

8:26 For Joshua drew not his hand back, with which he stretched out the spear, until he had utterly destroyed all the inhabitants of Ai.

8:27 Only the cattle and the *plunder* of that city Israel took for a prey to themselves, according to the word of *Yehovah* which he commanded Joshua.

8:28 And Joshua burnt Ai, and made it a heap forever, even a desolation to this day.

8:29 And the king of Ai he hanged on a tree until eventide: and as soon as the sun was down, Joshua commanded that they should take his carcass down from the tree, and cast it at the entering of the gate of the city, and raise thereon a great heap of stones, that remains to this day.

8:30 Then Joshua built an altar to *Yehovah* God of Israel in mount Ebal,

8:31 As Moses the servant of *Yehovah* commanded the children of Israel, as it is written in the book of the law of Moses, an altar of whole stones, over which no man has lift up any iron: and they offered thereon burnt offerings to *Yehovah*, and sacrificed peace offerings.

8:32 And he wrote there on the stones a copy of the law of Moses, which he wrote in the presence of the children of Israel.

8:33 And all Israel, and their elders, and officers, and their judges, stood on this side the ark and on that side before the priests the Levites, which bore the ark of the covenant of *Yehovah*, as well the stranger, as he that was born among them; half of them over against mount Gerizim, and half of them over against mount Ebal; as Moses the servant of *Yehovah* had commanded before, that they should bless the people of Israel.

8:34 And afterward he read all the words of the law, the blessings and cursings, according to all that is written in the book of the law.

8:35 There was not a word of all that Moses commanded, which Joshua read not before all the congregation of Israel, with the women, and the little ones, and the strangers that were conversant among them.

Joshua – Chapter 9

9:1 And it came to pass, when all the kings which were on this side Jordan, in the hills, and in the valleys, and in all the coasts of the great sea over against Lebanon, the Hittite, and the Amorite, the Canaanite, the Perizzite, the Hivite, and the Jebusite, heard of it;

9:2 That they gathered themselves together, to fight with Joshua and with Israel, with one accord.

9:3 And when the inhabitants of Gibeon heard what Joshua had done to Jericho and to Ai,

9:4 They did work cunningly, and went and made as if they had been ambassadors, and took old sacks on their asses, and wine bottles, old, and rent, and bound up;

9:5 And old shoes and clouted on their feet, and old garments on them; and all the bread of their provision was dry and moldy.

9:6 And they went to Joshua to the camp at Gilgal, and said to him, and to the men of Israel, We be come from a far country: now therefore make you a league with us.

9:7 And the men of Israel said to the Hivites, Peradventure you dwell among us; and how shall we make a league with you?

9:8 And they said to Joshua, We are your servants. And Joshua said to them, Who are you? and from from where come you?

9:9 And they said to him, From a very far country your servants are come because of the name of *Yehovah* your God: for we have heard the fame of him, and all that he did in Egypt,

9:10 And all that he did to the two kings of the Amorites, that were beyond Jordan, to Sihon king of Heshbon, and to Og king of Bashan, which was at Ashtaroth.

9:11 Why our elders and all the inhabitants of our country spoke to us, saying, Take provisions with you for the journey, and go to meet them, and say to them, We are your servants: therefore now make you a league with us.

9:12 This our bread we took hot for our provision out of our houses on the day we came forth to go to you; but now, behold, it is dry, and it is moldy:

9:13 And these bottles of wine, which we filled, were new; and, behold, they be rent: and these our garments and our shoes are become old by reason of the very long journey.

9:14 And the men took of their provisions, and asked not counsel at the mouth of *Yehovah*.

9:15 And Joshua made peace with them, and made a league with them, to let them live: and the princes of the congregation swore to them.

9:16 And it came to pass at the end of three days after they had made a league with them, that they heard that they were their neighbors, and that they dwelled among them.

9:17 And the children of Israel journeyed, and came to their cities on the third day. Now their cities were Gibeon, and Chephirah, and Beeroth, and Kirjathjearim.

9:18 And the children of Israel smote them not, because the princes of the congregation had sworn to them by *Yehovah* God of Israel. And all the congregation murmured against the princes.

9:19 But all the princes said to all the congregation, We have sworn to them by *Yehovah* God of Israel: now therefore we may not touch them.

9:20 This we will do to them; we will even let them live, lest wrath be on us, because of the oath which we swore to them.

9:21 And the princes said to them, Let them live; but let them be hewers of wood and drawers of water to all the congregation; as the princes had promised them.

9:22 And Joshua called for them, and he spoke to them, saying, Why have you beguiled us, saying, We are very far from you; when you dwell among us?

9:23 Now therefore you are cursed, and there shall none of you be freed from being slaves, and hewers of wood and drawers of water for the house of my God.

9:24 And they answered Joshua, and said, Because it was certainly told your servants, how that *Yehovah* your God commanded his servant Moses to give you all the land, and to destroy all the inhabitants of the land from before you, therefore we were sore afraid of our lives because of you, and have done this thing.

9:25 And now, behold, we are in your hand: as it seems good and right to you to do to us, do.

9:26 And so did he to them, and delivered them out of the hand of the children of Israel, that they slew them not.

9:27 And Joshua made them that day hewers of wood and drawers of water for the congregation, and for the altar of *Yehovah*, even to this day, in the place which he should choose.

Joshua – Chapter 10

10:1 Now it came to pass, when Adonizedec king of Jerusalem had heard how Joshua had taken Ai, and had utterly destroyed it; as he had done to Jericho and her king, so he had done to Ai and her king; and how the inhabitants of Gibeon had made peace with Israel, and were among them;

10:2 That they feared greatly, because Gibeon was a great city, as one of the royal cities, and because it was greater than Ai, and all the men there were mighty.

10:3 Why Adonizedec king of Jerusalem, sent to Hoham king of Hebron, and to Piram king of Jarmuth, and to Japhia king of Lachish, and to Debir king of Eglon, saying,

10:4 Come up to me, and help me, that we may smite Gibeon: for it has made peace with Joshua and with the children of Israel.

10:5 Therefore the five kings of the Amorites, the king of Jerusalem, the king of Hebron, the king of Jarmuth, the king of Lachish, the king of Eglon, gathered themselves together, and went up, they and all their *armies*, and encamped before Gibeon, and made war against it.

10:6 And the men of Gibeon sent to Joshua to the camp to Gilgal, saying, Slack not your hand from your servants; come up to us quickly, and save us, and help us: for all the kings of the Amorites that dwell in the mountains are gathered together against us.

10:7 So Joshua ascended from Gilgal, he, and all the people of war with him, and all the mighty men of valor.

10:8 And *Yehovah* said to Joshua, Fear them not: for I have delivered them into your hand; there shall not a man of them stand before you.

10:9 Joshua therefore came to them suddenly, and went up from Gilgal all night.

10:10 And *Yehovah* discomfited them before Israel, and slew them with a great slaughter at Gibeon, and chased them along the way that goes up to Bethhoron, and smote them to Azekah, and to Makkedah.

10:11 And it came to pass, as they fled from before Israel, and were in the going down to Bethhoron, that *Yehovah* cast down great stones from heaven on them to Azekah, and they died: they were more which died with hailstones than they whom the children of Israel slew with the sword.

10:12 Then spoke Joshua to *Yehovah* in the day when *Yehovah* delivered up the Amorites before the children of Israel, and he said in the sight of Israel, Sun, stand you still on Gibeon; and you, Moon, in the valley of Ajalon.

10:13 And the sun stood still, and the moon stayed, until the people had avenged themselves on their enemies. Is not this written in the book of Jasher? So the sun stood still in the middle of heaven, and hurried not to go down about a whole day.

10:14 And there was no day like that before it or after it, that *Yehovah* listened to the voice of a man: for *Yehovah* fought for Israel.

10:15 And Joshua returned, and all Israel with him, to the camp to Gilgal.

10:16 But these five kings fled, and hid themselves in a cave at Makkedah.

10:17 And it was told Joshua, saying, The five kings are found hid in a cave at Makkedah.

10:18 And Joshua said, Roll great stones on the mouth of the cave, and set men by it for to keep them:

10:19 And stay you not, but pursue after your enemies, and smite the hindmost of them; suffer them not to enter into their cities: for *Yehovah* your God has delivered them into your hand.

10:20 And it came to pass, when Joshua and the children of Israel had made an end of slaying them with a very great slaughter, till they were consumed, that the rest which remained of them entered into fenced cities.

10:21 And all the people returned to the camp to Joshua at Makkedah in peace: none moved his tongue against any of the children of Israel.

10:22 Then said Joshua, Open the mouth of the cave, and bring out those five kings to me out of the cave.

10:23 And they did so, and brought forth those five kings to him out of the cave, the king of Jerusalem, the king of Hebron, the king of Jarmuth, the king of Lachish, and the king of Eglon.

10:24 And it came to pass, when they brought out those kings to Joshua, that Joshua called for all the men of Israel, and said to the captains of the men of war which went with him, Come near, put your feet on the necks of these kings. And they came near, and put their feet on the necks of them.

10:25 And Joshua said to them, Fear not, nor be dismayed, be strong and of good courage: for thus shall *Yehovah* do to all your enemies against whom you fight.

10:26 And afterward Joshua smote them, and slew them, and hanged them on five trees: and they were hanging on the trees until the evening.

10:27 And it came to pass at the time of the going down of the sun, that Joshua commanded, and they took them down off the trees, and cast them into the cave where they had been hid, and laid great stones in the cave's mouth, which remain until this very day.

10:28 And that day Joshua took Makkedah, and smote it with the edge of the sword, and their king he utterly destroyed, them, and all the souls that were in it; he let none remain: and he did to the king of Makkedah as he did to the king of Jericho.

10:29 Then Joshua passed from Makkedah, and all Israel with him, to Libnah, and fought against Libnah:

10:30 And *Yehovah* delivered it also, and their king, into the hand of Israel; and he smote it with the edge of the sword, and all the souls that were in it; he let none remain in it; but did to their king as he did to the king of Jericho.

10:31 And Joshua passed from Libnah, and all Israel with him, to Lachish, and encamped against it, and fought against it:

10:32 And *Yehovah* delivered Lachish into the hand of Israel, which took it on the second day, and smote it with the edge of the sword, and all the souls that were in it, according to all that he had done to Libnah.

10:33 Then Horam king of Gezer came up to help Lachish; and Joshua smote him and his people, until he had left him none remaining.

10:34 And from Lachish Joshua passed to Eglon, and all Israel with him; and they encamped against it, and fought against it:

10:35 And they took it on that day, and smote it with the edge of the sword, and all the souls that were in it he utterly destroyed that day, according to all that he had done to Lachish.

10:36 And Joshua went up from Eglon, and all Israel with him, to Hebron; and they fought against it:

10:37 And they took it, and smote it with the edge of the sword, and their king, and all their cities, and all the souls that were in it; he left none remaining, according to all that he had done to Eglon; but destroyed it utterly, and all the souls that were in it.

10:38 And Joshua returned, and all Israel with him, to Debir; and fought against it:

10:39 And he took it, and their king, and all their cities; and they smote them with the edge of the sword, and utterly destroyed all the souls that were in it; he left none remaining: as he had done to Hebron, so he did to Debir, and to their king; as he had done also to Libnah, and to her king.

10:40 So Joshua smote all the country of the hills, and of the south, and of the vale, and of the springs, and all their kings: he left none remaining, but utterly destroyed all that breathed, as *Yehovah* God of Israel commanded.

10:41 And Joshua smote them from Kadeshbarnea even to Gaza, and all the country of Goshen, even to Gibeon.

10:42 And all these kings and their land did Joshua take at one time, because *Yehovah* God of Israel fought for Israel.

10:43 And Joshua returned, and all Israel with him, to the camp to Gilgal.

Joshua – Chapter 11

11:1 And it came to pass, when Jabin king of Hazor had heard those things, that he sent to Jobab king of Madon, and to the king of Shimron, and to the king of Achshaph,

11:2 And to the kings that were on the north of the mountains, and of the plains south of Chinneroth, and in the valley, and in the borders of Dor on the west,

11:3 And to the Canaanite on the east and on the west, and to the Amorite, and the Hittite, and the Perizzite, and the Jebusite in the mountains, and to the Hivite under Hermon in the land of Mizpeh.

11:4 And they went out, they and all their *armies* with them, much people, even as the sand that is on the sea shore in multitude, with horses and chariots very many.

11:5 And when all these kings were met together, they came and pitched together at the waters of Merom, to fight against Israel.

11:6 And *Yehovah* said to Joshua, Be not afraid because of them: for tomorrow about this time will I deliver them up all slain before Israel: you shall hamstring their horses, and burn their chariots with fire.

11:7 So Joshua came, and all the people of war with him, against them by the waters of Merom suddenly; and they fell on them.

11:8 And *Yehovah* delivered them into the hand of Israel, who smote them, and chased them to great Zidon, and to Misrephothmaim, and to the valley of Mizpeh eastward; and they smote them, until they left them none remaining.

11:9 And Joshua did to them as *Yehovah* bade him: he hamstrung their horses, and burnt their chariots with fire.

11:10 And Joshua at that time turned back, and took Hazor, and smote their king with the sword: for Hazor beforetime was the head of all those kingdoms.

11:11 And they smote all the souls that were in it with the edge of the sword, utterly destroying them: there was not any left to breathe: and he burnt Hazor with fire.

11:12 And all the cities of those kings, and all the kings of them, did Joshua take, and smote them with the edge of the sword, and he utterly destroyed them, as Moses the servant of *Yehovah* commanded.

11:13 But as for the cities that stood still in their strength, Israel burned none of them, save Hazor only; that did Joshua burn.

11:14 And all the *plunder* of these cities, and the cattle, the children of Israel took for a prey to themselves; but every man they smote with the edge of the sword, until they had destroyed them, neither left they any to breathe.

11:15 As *Yehovah* commanded Moses his servant, so did Moses command Joshua, and so did Joshua; he left nothing undone of all that *Yehovah* commanded Moses.

11:16 So Joshua took all that land, the hills, and all the south country, and all the land of Goshen, and the valley, and the plain, and the mountain of Israel, and the valley of the same;

11:17 Even from the mount Halak, that goes up to Seir, even to Baalgad in the valley of Lebanon under mount Hermon: and all their kings he took, and smote them, and slew them.

11:18 Joshua made war a long time with all those kings.

11:19 There was not a city that made peace with the children of Israel, save the Hivites the inhabitants of Gibeon: all other they took in battle.

11:20 For it was of *Yehovah* to harden their hearts, that they should come against Israel in battle, that he might destroy them utterly, and that they might have no favor, but that he might destroy them, as *Yehovah* commanded Moses.

11:21 And at that time came Joshua, and cut off the Anakims from the mountains, from Hebron, from Debir, from Anab, and from all the mountains of Judah, and from all the mountains of Israel: Joshua destroyed them utterly with their cities.

11:22 There was none of the Anakims left in the land of the children of Israel: only in Gaza, in Gath, and in Ashdod, there remained.

11:23 So Joshua took the whole land, according to all that *Yehovah* said to Moses; and Joshua gave it for an inheritance to Israel according to their divisions by their tribes. And the land rested from war.

Joshua – Chapter 12

12:1 Now these are the kings of the land, which the children of Israel smote, and possessed their land on the other side Jordan toward the rising of the sun, from the river Arnon to mount Hermon, and all the plain on the east:

12:2 Sihon king of the Amorites, who dwelled in Heshbon, and ruled from Aroer, which is on the bank of the river Arnon, and from the middle of the river, and from half Gilead, even to the river Jabbok, which is the border of the children of Ammon;

12:3 And from the plain to the sea of Chinneroth on the east, and to the sea of the plain, even the salt sea on the east, the way to Bethjeshimoth; and from the south, under Ashdothpisgah:

12:4 And the coast of Og king of Bashan, which was of the remnant of the giants, that dwelled at Ashtaroth and at Edrei,

12:5 And reigned in mount Hermon, and in Salcah, and in all Bashan, to the border of the Geshurites and the Maachathites, and half Gilead, the border of Sihon king of Heshbon.

12:6 Them did Moses the servant of *Yehovah* and the children of Israel smite: and Moses the servant of *Yehovah* gave it for a possession to the Reubenites, and the Gadites, and the half tribe of Manasseh.

12:7 And these are the kings of the country which Joshua and the children of Israel smote on this side Jordan on the west, from Baalgad in the valley of Lebanon even to the mount Halak, that goes up to Seir; which Joshua gave to the tribes of Israel for a possession according to their divisions;

12:8 In the mountains, and in the valleys, and in the plains, and in the springs, and in the wilderness, and in the south country; the Hittites, the Amorites, and the Canaanites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites:

12:9 The king of Jericho, one; the king of Ai, which is beside Bethel, one;

12:10 The king of Jerusalem, one; the king of Hebron, one;

12:11 The king of Jarmuth, one; the king of Lachish, one;

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

12:13 The king of Debir, one; the king of Geder, one;

12:14 The king of Hormah, one; the king of Arad, one;
12:15 The king of Libnah, one; the king of Adullam, one;
12:16 The king of Makkedah, one; the king of Bethel, one;
12:17 The king of Tappuah, one; the king of Hephher, one;
12:18 The king of Aphek, one; the king of Lasharon, one;
12:19 The king of Madon, one; the king of Hazor, one;
12:20 The king of Shimron-meron, one; the king of Achshaph, one;
12:21 The king of Taanach, one; the king of Megiddo, one;
12:22 The king of Kedesh, one; the king of Jokneam of Carmel, one;
12:23 The king of Dor in the coast of Dor, one; the king of the nations of Gilgal, one;
12:24 The king of Tirzah, one: all the kings thirty and one.

Joshua – Chapter 13

13:1 Now Joshua was old and stricken in years; and *Yehovah* said to him, You are old and stricken in years, and there remains yet very much land to be possessed.

13:2 This is the land that yet remains: all the borders of the Philistines, and all Geshuri,

13:3 From Sihor, which is before Egypt, even to the borders of Ekron northward, which is counted to the Canaanite: five lords of the Philistines; the Gazathites, and the Ashdothites, the Eshkalonites, the Gittites, and the Ekronites; also the Avites:

13:4 From the south, all the land of the Canaanites, and Mearah that is beside the Sidonians to Aphek, to the borders of the Amorites:

13:5 And the land of the Giblites, and all Lebanon, toward the sun rise, from Baalgad under mount Hermon to the entering into Hamath.

13:6 All the inhabitants of the hill country from Lebanon to Misrephothmaim, and all the Sidonians, them will I drive out from before the children of Israel: only divide you it by lot to the Israelites for an inheritance, as I have commanded you.

13:7 Now therefore divide this land for an inheritance to the nine tribes, and the half tribe of Manasseh,

13:8 With whom the Reubenites and the Gadites have received their inheritance, which Moses gave them, beyond Jordan eastward, even as Moses the servant of *Yehovah* gave them;

13:9 From Aroer, that is on the bank of the river Arnon, and the city that is in the middle of the river, and all the plain of Medeba to Dibon;

13:10 And all the cities of Sihon king of the Amorites, which reigned in Heshbon, to the border of the children of Ammon;

13:11 And Gilead, and the border of the Geshurites and Maachathites, and all mount Hermon, and all Bashan to Salcah;

13:12 All the kingdom of Og in Bashan, which reigned in Ashtaroth and in Edrei, who remained of the remnant of the giants: for these did Moses smite, and cast them out.

13:13 Nevertheless the children of Israel expelled not the Geshurites, nor the Maachathites: but the Geshurites and the Maachathites dwell among the Israelites until this day.

13:14 Only to the tribes of Levi he gave no inheritance; the sacrifices of *Yehovah* God of Israel made by fire are their inheritance, as he said to them.

13:15 And Moses gave to the tribe of the children of Reuben inheritance according to their families.

13:16 And their coast was from Aroer, that is on the bank of the river Arnon, and the city that is in the middle of the river, and all the plain by Medeba;

13:17 Heshbon, and all her cities that are in the plain; Dibon, and Bamothbaal, and Bethbaalmeon,

13:18 And Jahaza, and Kedemoth, and Mephaath,

13:19 And Kirjathaim, and Sibmah, and Zarethshahar in the mount of the valley,

13:20 And Bethpeor, and Ashdothpisgah, and Bethjeshimoth,

13:21 And all the cities of the plain, and all the kingdom of Sihon king of the Amorites, which reigned in Heshbon, whom Moses smote with the princes of Midian, Evi, and Rekem, and Zur, and Hur, and Reba, which were *chiefs* of Sihon, dwelling in the country.

13:22 Balaam also the son of Beor, the soothsayer, did the children of Israel slay with the sword among them that were slain by them.

13:23 And the border of the children of Reuben was Jordan, and their border. This was the inheritance of the children of Reuben after their families, their cities and their villages.

13:24 And Moses gave inheritance to the tribe of Gad, even to the children of Gad according to their families.

13:25 And their coast was Jazer, and all the cities of Gilead, and half the land of the children of Ammon, to Aroer that is before Rabbah;

13:26 And from Heshbon to Ramathmizpeh, and Betonim; and from Mahanaim to the border of Debir;

13:27 And in the valley, Betharam, and Bethnimrah, and Succoth, and Zaphon, the rest of the kingdom of Sihon king of Heshbon, Jordan and his border, even to the edge of the sea of Chinnereth on the other side Jordan eastward.

13:28 This is the inheritance of the children of Gad after their families, the cities, and their villages.

13:29 And Moses gave inheritance to the half tribe of Manasseh: and this was the possession of the half tribe of the children of Manasseh by their families.

13:30 And their coast was from Mahanaim, all Bashan, all the kingdom of Og king of Bashan, and all the towns of Jair, which are in Bashan, three score cities:

13:31 And half Gilead, and Ashtaroth, and Edrei, cities of the kingdom of Og in Bashan, were pertaining to the children of Machir the son of Manasseh, even to the one half of the children of Machir by their families.

13:32 These are the countries which Moses did distribute for inheritance in the plains of Moab, on the other side Jordan, by Jericho, eastward.

13:33 But to the tribe of Levi Moses gave not any inheritance: *Yehovah* God of Israel was their inheritance, as he said to them.

Joshua – Chapter 14

14:1 And these are the countries which the children of Israel inherited in the land of Canaan, which Eleazar the priest, and Joshua the son of Nun, and the heads of the fathers of the tribes of the children of Israel, distributed for inheritance to them.

14:2 By lot was their inheritance, as *Yehovah* commanded by the hand of Moses, for the nine tribes, and for the half tribe.

14:3 For Moses had given the inheritance of two tribes and a half tribe on the other side Jordan: but to the Levites he gave no inheritance among them.

14:4 For the children of Joseph were two tribes, Manasseh and Ephraim: therefore they gave no part to the Levites in the land, save cities to dwell in, with their suburbs for their cattle and for their substance.

14:5 As *Yehovah* commanded Moses, so the children of Israel did, and they divided the land.

14:6 Then the children of Judah came to Joshua in Gilgal: and Caleb the son of Jephunneh the Kenezite said to him, You know the thing that *Yehovah* said to Moses the man of God concerning me and you in Kadeshbarnea.

14:7 Forty years old was I when Moses the servant of *Yehovah* sent me from Kadeshbarnea to espy out the land; and I brought him word again as it was in my heart.

14:8 Nevertheless my brothers that went up with me made the heart of the people melt: but I wholly followed *Yehovah* my God.

14:9 And Moses swore on that day, saying, Surely the land where on your feet have trodden shall be your inheritance, and your children's forever, because you have wholly followed *Yehovah* my God.

14:10 And now, behold, *Yehovah* has kept me alive, as he said, these forty and five years, even since *Yehovah* spoke this word to Moses, while the children of Israel wandered in the wilderness: and now, see, I am this day fourscore and five years old.

14:11 As yet I am as strong this day as I was in the day that Moses sent me: as my strength was then, even so is my strength now, for war, both to go out, and to come in.

14:12 Now therefore give me this mountain, whereof *Yehovah* spoke in that day; for you heard in that day how the Anakims were there, and that the cities were great and fenced: if so be *Yehovah* will be with me, then I shall be able to drive them out, as *Yehovah* said.

14:13 And Joshua blessed him, and gave to Caleb the son of Jephunneh Hebron for an inheritance.

14:14 Hebron therefore became the inheritance of Caleb the son of Jephunneh the Kenezite to this day, because that he wholly followed *Yehovah* God of Israel.

14:15 And the name of Hebron before was Kirjatharba; which Arba was a great man among the Anakims. And the land had rest from war.

Joshua – Chapter 15

15:1 This then was the lot of the tribe of the children of Judah by their families; even to the border of Edom the wilderness of Zin southward was the uttermost part of the south coast.

15:2 And their south border was from the shore of the salt sea, from the bay that looks southward:

15:3 And it went out to the south side to Maalehacrabim, and passed along to Zin, and ascended up on the south side to Kadeshbarnea, and passed along to Hezron, and went up to Adar, and made a compass to Karkaa:

15:4 From there it passed toward Azmon, and went out to the river of Egypt; and the goings out of that coast were at the sea: this shall be your south coast.

15:5 And the east border was the salt sea, even to the end of Jordan. And their border in the north quarter was from the bay of the sea at the uttermost part of Jordan:

15:6 And the border went up to Bethhogla, and passed along by the north of Betharabah; and the border went up to the stone of Bohan the son of Reuben:

15:7 And the border went up toward Debir from the valley of Achor, and so northward, looking toward Gilgal, that is before the going up to Adummim, which is on the south side of the river: and the border passed toward the waters of Enshemesh, and their goings out were at Enrogel:

15:8 And the border went up by the valley of the son of Hinnom to the south side of the Jebusite; the same is Jerusalem: and the border went up to the top of the mountain that lies before the valley of Hinnom westward, which is at the end of the valley of the giants northward:

15:9 And the border was drawn from the top of the hill to the fountain of the water of Nephtoah, and went out to the cities of mount Ephron; and the border was drawn to Baalah, which is Kirjathjearim:

15:10 And the border compassed from Baalah westward to mount Seir, and passed along to the side of mount Jearim, which is Chesalon, on the north side, and went down to Bethshemesh, and passed on to Timnah:

15:11 And the border went out to the side of Ekron northward: and the border was drawn to Shicron, and passed along to mount Baalah, and went out to Jabneel; and the goings out of the border were at the sea.

15:12 And the west border was to the great sea, and their coast. This is the coast of the children of Judah round about according to their families.

15:13 And to Caleb the son of Jephunneh he gave a part among the children of Judah, according to the commandment of *Yehovah* to Joshua, even the city of Arba the father of Anak, which city is Hebron.

15:14 And Caleb drove there the three sons of Anak, Sheshai, and Ahiman, and Talmi, the children of Anak.

15:15 And he went up there to the inhabitants of Debir: and the name of Debir before was Kirjathsepher.

15:16 And Caleb said, He that smites Kirjathsepher, and takes it, to him will I give Achsah my daughter to wife.

15:17 And Othniel the son of Kenaz, the brother of Caleb, took it: and he gave him Achsah his daughter to wife.

15:18 And it came to pass, as she came to him, that she moved him to ask of her father a field: and she lighted off her ass; and Caleb said to her, What would you?

15:19 Who answered, Give me a blessing; for you have given me a south land; give me also springs of water. And he gave her the upper springs, and the nether springs.

15:20 This is the inheritance of the tribe of the children of Judah according to their families.

15:21 And the uttermost cities of the tribe of the children of Judah toward the coast of Edom southward were Kabzeel, and Eder, and Jagur,

15:22 And Kinah, and Dimonah, and Adadah,

15:23 And Kedesh, and Hazor, and Ithnan,

15:24 Ziph, and Telem, and Bealoth,

15:25 And Hazor, Hadattah, and Kerioth, and Hezron, which is Hazor,

15:26 Amam, and Shema, and Moladah,

15:27 And Hazargaddah, and Heshmon, and Bethpalet,

15:28 And Hazarshual, and Beersheba, and Bizjothjah,

15:29 Baalah, and Iim, and Azem,

15:30 And Eltolad, and Chesil, and Hormah,

15:31 And Ziklag, and Madmannah, and Sansannah,

15:32 And Lebaoth, and Shilhim, and Ain, and Rimmon: all the cities are twenty and nine, with their villages:

15:33 And in the valley, Eshtaol, and Zoreah, and Ashnah,

15:34 And Zanoah, and Engannim, Tappuah, and Enam,

15:35 Jarmuth, and Adullam, Socoh, and Azekah,

15:36 And Sharaim, and Adithaim, and Gederah, and Gederothaim; fourteen cities with their villages:

15:37 Zenan, and Hadashah, and Migdalgad,

15:38 And Dilean, and Mizpeh, and Joktheel,

15:39 Lachish, and Bozkath, and Eglon,

15:40 And Cabbon, and Lahmam, and Kithlish,

15:41 And Gederoth, Bethdagon, and Naamah, and Makkedah; sixteen cities with their villages:

15:42 Libnah, and Ether, and Ashan,

15:43 And Jiphtah, and Ashnah, and Nezib,

15:44 And Keilah, and Achzib, and Mareshah; nine cities with their villages:

15:45 Ekron, with her towns and her villages:

15:46 From Ekron even to the sea, all that lay near Ashdod, with their villages:

15:47 Ashdod with her towns and her villages, Gaza with her towns and her villages, to the river of Egypt, and the great sea, and their border:

15:48 And in the mountains, Shamir, and Jattir, and Socoh,

15:49 And Dannah, and Kirjathsannah, which is Debir,

15:50 And Anab, and Esstemoh, and Anim,

15:51 And Goshen, and Holon, and Giloh; eleven cities with their villages:

15:52 Arab, and Dumah, and Eshean,

15:53 And Janum, and Bethtappuah, and Aphekah,

15:54 And Humtah, and Kirjatharba, which is Hebron, and Zior; nine cities with their villages:

15:55 Maon, Carmel, and Ziph, and Juttah,

15:56 And Jezreel, and Jokdeam, and Zanoah,

15:57 Cain, Gibeah, and Timnah; ten cities with their villages:

15:58 Halhul, Bethzur, and Gedor,

15:59 And Maarath, and Bethanoh, and Eltekon; six cities with their villages:

15:60 Kirjathbaal, which is Kirjathjearim, and Rabbah; two cities with their villages:

15:61 In the wilderness, Betharabah, Middin, and Secacah,

15:62 And Nibshan, and the city of Salt, and Engedi; six cities with their villages.

15:63 As for the Jebusites the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the children of Judah could not drive them out; but the Jebusites dwell with the children of Judah at Jerusalem to this day.

Joshua – Chapter 16

16:1 And the lot of the children of Joseph fell from Jordan by Jericho, to the water of Jericho on the east, to the wilderness that goes up from Jericho throughout mount Bethel,

16:2 And goes out from Bethel to Luz, and passes along to the borders of Archi to Ataroth,

16:3 And goes down westward to the coast of Japhleti, to the coast of Bethhoron the nether, and to Gezer; and their goings out are at the sea.

16:4 So the children of Joseph, Manasseh and Ephraim, took their inheritance.

16:5 And the border of the children of Ephraim according to their families was thus: even the border of their inheritance on the east side was Atarothaddar, to Bethhoron the upper;

16:6 And the border went out toward the sea to Michmethah on the north side; and the border went about eastward to Taanathshiloh, and passed by it on the east to Janohah;

16:7 And it went down from Janohah to Ataroth, and to Naarath, and came to Jericho, and went out at Jordan.

16:8 The border went out from Tappuah westward to the river Kanah; and their goings out were at the sea. This is the inheritance of the tribe of the children of Ephraim by their families.

16:9 And the separate cities for the children of Ephraim were among the inheritance of the children of Manasseh, all the cities with their villages.

16:10 And they drove not out the Canaanites that dwelled in Gezer: but the Canaanites dwell among the Ephraimites to this day, and serve under tribute.

Joshua – Chapter 17

17:1 There was also a lot for the tribe of Manasseh; for he was the firstborn of Joseph; as for Machir the firstborn of Manasseh, the father of Gilead: because he was a man of war, therefore he had Gilead and Bashan.

17:2 There was also a lot for the rest of the children of Manasseh by their families; for the children of Abiezer, and for the children of Helek, and for the children of Asriel, and for the children of Shechem, and for the children of Hopher, and for the children of Shemida: these were the male children of Manasseh the son of Joseph by their families.

17:3 But Zelophehad, the son of Hephher, the son of Gilead, the son of Machir, the son of Manasseh, had no sons, but daughters: and these are the names of his daughters, Mahlah, and Noah, Hoglah, Milcah, and Tirzah.

17:4 And they came near before Eleazar the priest, and before Joshua the son of Nun, and before the princes, saying, *Yehovah* commanded Moses to give us an inheritance among our brothers. Therefore according to the commandment of *Yehovah* he gave them an inheritance among the brothers of their father.

17:5 And there fell ten portions to Manasseh, beside the land of Gilead and Bashan, which were on the other side Jordan;

17:6 Because the daughters of Manasseh had an inheritance among his sons: and the rest of Manasseh's sons had the land of Gilead.

17:7 And the coast of Manasseh was from Asher to Michmethah, that lies before Shechem; and the border went along on the right hand to the inhabitants of Entappuah.

17:8 Now Manasseh had the land of Tappuah: but Tappuah on the border of Manasseh belonged to the children of Ephraim;

17:9 And the coast descended to the river Kanah, southward of the river: these cities of Ephraim are among the cities of Manasseh: the coast of Manasseh also was on the north side of the river, and the outgoings of it were at the sea:

17:10 Southward it was Ephraim's, and northward it was Manasseh's, and the sea is his border; and they met together in Asher on the north, and in Issachar on the east.

17:11 And Manasseh had in Issachar and in Asher Bethshean and her towns, and Ibleam and her towns, and the inhabitants of Dor and her towns, and the inhabitants of Endor and her towns, and the inhabitants of Taanach and her towns, and the inhabitants of Megiddo and her towns, even three countries.

17:12 Yet the children of Manasseh could not drive out the inhabitants of those cities; but the Canaanites would dwell in that land.

17:13 Yet it came to pass, when the children of Israel were waxen strong, that they put the Canaanites to tribute, but did not utterly drive them out.

17:14 And the children of Joseph spoke to Joshua, saying, Why have you given me but one lot and one portion to inherit, seeing I am a great people, for as much as *Yehovah* has blessed me till now?

17:15 And Joshua answered them, If you be a great people, then get you up to the wood country, and cut down for yourself there in the land of the Perizzites and of the giants, if mount Ephraim be too narrow for you.

17:16 And the children of Joseph said, The hill is not enough for us: and all the Canaanites that dwell in the land of the valley have chariots of iron, both they who are of Bethshean and her towns, and they who are of the valley of Jezreel.

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

17:18 But the mountain shall be yours; for it is a wood, and you shall cut it down: and the outgoings of it shall be yours: for you shall drive out the Canaanites, though they have iron chariots, and though they be strong.

Joshua – Chapter 18

18:1 And the whole congregation of the children of Israel assembled together at Shiloh, and set up the tabernacle of the congregation there. And the land was subdued before them.

18:2 And there remained among the children of Israel seven tribes, which had not yet received their inheritance.

18:3 And Joshua said to the children of Israel, How long are you slack to go to possess the land, which *Yehovah* God of your fathers has given you?

18:4 Give out from among you three men for each tribe: and I will send them, and they shall rise, and go through the land, and describe it according to the inheritance of them; and they shall come again to me.

18:5 And they shall divide it into seven parts: Judah shall abide in their coast on the south, and the house of Joseph shall abide in their coasts on the north.

18:6 You shall therefore describe the land into seven parts, and bring the description here to me, that I may cast lots for you here before *Yehovah* our God.

18:7 But the Levites have no part among you; for the priesthood of *Yehovah* is their inheritance: and Gad, and Reuben, and half the tribe of Manasseh, have received their inheritance beyond Jordan on the east, which Moses the servant of *Yehovah* gave them.

18:8 And the men arose, and went away: and Joshua charged them that went to describe the land, saying, Go and walk through the land, and describe it, and come again to me, that I may here cast lots for you before *Yehovah* in Shiloh.

18:9 And the men went and passed through the land, and described it by cities into seven parts in a book, and came again to Joshua to the host at Shiloh.

18:10 And Joshua cast lots for them in Shiloh before *Yehovah*: and there Joshua divided the land to the children of Israel according to their divisions.

18:11 And the lot of the tribe of the children of Benjamin came up according to their families: and the coast of their lot came forth between the children of Judah and the children of Joseph.

18:12 And their border on the north side was from Jordan; and the border went up to the side of Jericho on the north side, and went up through the mountains westward; and their goings out were at the wilderness of Bethaven.

18:13 And the border went over from there toward Luz, to the side of Luz, which is Bethel, southward; and the border descended to Atarothadar, near the hill that lies on the south side of the nether Bethhoron.

18:14 And the border was drawn there, and compassed the corner of the sea southward, from the hill that lies before Bethhoron southward; and their goings out were at Kirjathbaal, which is Kirjathjearim, a city of the children of Judah: this was the west quarter.

18:15 And the south quarter was from the end of Kirjathjearim, and the border went out on the west, and went out to the well of waters of Nephtoah:

18:16 And the border came down to the end of the mountain that lies before the valley of the son of Hinnom, and which is in the valley of the giants on the north, and descended to the valley of Hinnom, to the side of Jebusi on the south, and descended to Enrogel,

18:17 And was drawn from the north, and went forth to Enshemesh, and went forth toward Geliloth, which is over against the going up of Adummim, and descended to the stone of Bohan the son of Reuben,

18:18 And passed along toward the side over against Arabah northward, and went down to Arabah:

18:19 And the border passed along to the side of Bethhoglah northward: and the outgoings of the border were at the north bay of the salt sea at the south end of Jordan: this was the south coast.

18:20 And Jordan was the border of it on the east side. This was the inheritance of the children of Benjamin, by the coasts round about, according to their families.

18:21 Now the cities of the tribe of the children of Benjamin according to their families were Jericho, and Bethhoglah, and the valley of Keziz,

18:22 And Betharabah, and Zemaraim, and Bethel,

18:23 And Avim, and Pharah, and Ophrah,

18:24 And Chepharhammonai, and Ophni, and Gaba; twelve cities with their villages:

18:25 Gibeon, and Ramah, and Beeroth,

18:26 And Mizpeh, and Chephirah, and Mozah,

18:27 And Rekem, and Irpeel, and Taralah,

18:28 And Zelah, Eleph, and Jebusi, which is Jerusalem, Gibeath, and Kirjath; fourteen cities with their villages. This is the inheritance of the children of Benjamin according to their families.

Joshua – Chapter 19

19:1 And the second lot came forth to Simeon, even for the tribe of the children of Simeon according to their families: and their inheritance was within the inheritance of the children of Judah.

19:2 And they had in their inheritance Beersheba, and Sheba, and Moladah,

19:3 And Hazarshual, and Balah, and Azem,

19:4 And Eltolad, and Bethul, and Hormah,

19:5 And Ziklag, and Bethmarcaboth, and Hazarsusah,

19:6 And Bethlebaoth, and Sharuhem; thirteen cities and their villages:

19:7 Ain, Remmon, and Ether, and Ashan; four cities and their villages:

19:8 And all the villages that were round about these cities to Baalathbeer, Ramath of the south. This is the inheritance of the tribe of the children of Simeon according to their families.

19:9 Out of the portion of the children of Judah was the inheritance of the children of Simeon: for the part of the children of Judah was too much for them: therefore the children of Simeon had their inheritance within the inheritance of them.

19:10 And the third lot came up for the children of Zebulun according to their families: and the border of their inheritance was to Sarid:

19:11 And their border went up toward the sea, and Maralah, and reached to Dabbasheth, and reached to the river that is before Jokneam;

19:12 And turned from Sarid eastward toward the sun rise to the border of Chislothtabor, and then goes out to Daberath, and goes up to Japhia,

19:13 And from there passes on along on the east to Gittahhepher, to Ittahkazin, and goes out to Remmonmethoar to Neah;

19:14 And the border compasses it on the north side to Hannathon: and their outgoings are in the valley of Jiphthahel:

19:15 And Kattath, and Nahallal, and Shimron, and Idalah, and Bethlehem: twelve cities with their villages.

19:16 This is the inheritance of the children of Zebulun according to their families, these cities with their villages.

19:17 And the fourth lot came out to Issachar, for the children of Issachar according to their families.

19:18 And their border was toward Jezreel, and Chesulloth, and Shunem,

19:19 And Haphraim, and Shihon, and Anaharath,

19:20 And Rabbith, and Kishion, and Abez,

19:21 And Remeth, and Engannim, and Enhaddah, and Bethpazzez;

19:22 And the coast reaches to Tabor, and Shahazimah, and Bethshemesh; and the outgoings of their border were at Jordan: sixteen cities with their villages.

19:23 This is the inheritance of the tribe of the children of Issachar according to their families, the cities and their villages.

19:24 And the fifth lot came out for the tribe of the children of Asher according to their families.

19:25 And their border was Helkath, and Hali, and Beten, and Achshaph,

19:26 And Alammelech, and Amad, and Misheal; and reaches to Carmel westward, and to Shihorlibnath;

19:27 And turns toward the sun rise to Bethdagon, and reaches to Zebulun, and to the valley of Jiphthahel toward the north side of Bethemek, and Neiel, and goes out to Cabul on the left hand,

19:28 And Hebron, and Rehob, and Hammon, and Kanah, even to great Zidon;

19:29 And then the coast turns to Ramah, and to the strong city Tyre; and the coast turns to Hosah; and their outgoings are at the sea from the coast to Achzib:

19:30 Ummah also, and Aphek, and Rehob: twenty and two cities with their villages.

19:31 This is the inheritance of the tribe of the children of Asher according to their families, these cities with their villages.

19:32 The sixth lot came out to the children of Naphtali, even for the children of Naphtali according to their families.

19:33 And their coast was from Heleph, from Allon to Zaananim, and Adami, Nekeb, and Jabneel, to Lakum; and their outgoings were at Jordan:

19:34 And then the coast turns westward to Aznohtabor, and goes out from there to Hukkok, and reaches to Zebulun on the south side, and reaches to Asher on the west side, and to Judah on Jordan toward the sun rise.

19:35 And the fenced cities are Ziddim, Zer, and Hammath, Rakkath, and Chinnereth,

19:36 And Adamah, and Ramah, and Hazor,

19:37 And Kedesh, and Edrei, and Enhazor,

19:38 And Iron, and Migdalel, Horem, and Bethanath, and Bethshemesh; nineteen cities with their villages.

19:39 This is the inheritance of the tribe of the children of Naphtali according to their families, the cities and their villages.

19:40 And the seventh lot came out for the tribe of the children of Dan according to their families.

19:41 And the coast of their inheritance was Zorah, and Eshtaol, and Irshemesh,

19:42 And Shaalabbin, and Ajalon, and Jethlah,

19:43 And Elon, and Thimnathah, and Ekron,

19:44 And Eltekeh, and Gibbethon, and Baalath,

19:45 And Jehud, and Beneberak, and Gathrimmon,

19:46 And Mejjarkon, and Rakkon, with the border before Japho.

19:47 And the coast of the children of Dan went out too little for them: therefore the children of Dan went up to fight against Leshem, and took it, and smote it with the edge of the sword, and possessed it, and dwelled in it, and called Leshem, Dan, after the name of Dan their father.

19:48 This is the inheritance of the tribe of the children of Dan according to their families, these cities with their villages.

19:49 When they had made an end of dividing the land for inheritance by their coasts, the children of Israel gave an inheritance to Joshua the son of Nun among them:

19:50 According to the word of *Yehovah* they gave him the city which he asked, even Timnathserah in mount Ephraim: and he built the city, and dwelled in it.

19:51 These are the inheritances, which Eleazar the priest, and Joshua the son of Nun, and the heads of the fathers of the tribes of the children of Israel, divided for an inheritance by lot in Shiloh before *Yehovah*, at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation. So they made an end of dividing the country.

Joshua – Chapter 20

20:1 *Yehovah* also spoke to Joshua, saying,

20:2 Speak to the children of Israel, saying, Appoint out for you cities of refuge, whereof I spoke to you by the hand of Moses:

20:3 That the slayer that kills any person unawares and unwittingly may flee there: and they shall be your refuge from the avenger of blood.

20:4 And when he that does flee to one of those cities shall stand at the entering of the gate of the city, and shall declare his cause in the ears of the elders of that city, they shall take him into the city to them, and give him a place, that he may dwell among them.

20:5 And if the avenger of blood pursue after him, then they shall not deliver the slayer up into his hand; because he smote his neighbor unwittingly, and hated him not beforetime.

20:6 And he shall dwell in that city, until he stand before the congregation for judgment, and until the death of the high priest that shall be in those days: then shall the slayer return, and come to his own city, and to his own house, to the city from from where he fled.

20:7 And they appointed Kedesh in Galilee in mount Naphtali, and Shechem in mount Ephraim, and Kirjatharba, which is Hebron, in the mountain of Judah.

20:8 And on the other side Jordan by Jericho eastward, they assigned Bezer in the wilderness on the plain out of the tribe of Reuben, and Ramoth in Gilead out of the tribe of Gad, and Golan in Bashan out of the tribe of Manasseh.

20:9 These were the cities appointed for all the children of Israel, and for the stranger that sojourns among them, that whoever kills any person at unawares might flee there, and not die by the hand of the avenger of blood, until he stood before the congregation.

Joshua – Chapter 21

21:1 Then came near the heads of the fathers of the Levites to Eleazar the priest, and to Joshua the son of Nun, and to the heads of the fathers of the tribes of the children of Israel;

21:2 And they spoke to them at Shiloh in the land of Canaan, saying, *Yehovah* commanded by the hand of Moses to give us cities to dwell in, with their suburbs for our cattle.

21:3 And the children of Israel gave to the Levites out of their inheritance, at the commandment of *Yehovah*, these cities and their suburbs.

21:4 And the lot came out for the families of the Kohathites: and the children of Aaron the priest, which were of the Levites, had by lot out of the tribe of Judah, and out of the tribe of Simeon, and out of the tribe of Benjamin, thirteen cities.

21:5 And the rest of the children of Kohath had by lot out of the families of the tribe of Ephraim, and out of the tribe of Dan, and out of the half tribe of Manasseh, ten cities.

21:6 And the children of Gershon had by lot out of the families of the tribe of Issachar, and out of the tribe of Asher, and out of the tribe of Naphtali, and out of the half tribe of Manasseh in Bashan, thirteen cities.

21:7 The children of Merari by their families had out of the tribe of Reuben, and out of the tribe of Gad, and out of the tribe of Zebulun, twelve cities.

21:8 And the children of Israel gave by lot to the Levites these cities with their suburbs, as *Yehovah* commanded by the hand of Moses.

21:9 And they gave out of the tribe of the children of Judah, and out of the tribe of the children of Simeon, these cities which are here mentioned by name.

21:10 Which the children of Aaron, being of the families of the Kohathites, who were of the children of Levi, had: for theirs was the first lot.

21:11 And they gave them the city of Arba the father of Anak, which city is Hebron, in the hill country of Judah, with the suburbs round about it.

21:12 But the fields of the city, and their villages, gave they to Caleb the son of Jephunneh for his possession.

21:13 Thus they gave to the children of Aaron the priest Hebron with her suburbs, to be a city of refuge for the slayer; and Libnah with her suburbs,

21:14 And Jattir with her suburbs, and Eshtemoa with her suburbs,

21:15 And Holon with her suburbs, and Debir with her suburbs,

21:16 And Ain with her suburbs, and Juttah with her suburbs, and Bethshemesh with her suburbs; nine cities out of those two tribes.

21:17 And out of the tribe of Benjamin, Gibeon with her suburbs, Geba with her suburbs,

21:18 Anathoth with her suburbs, and Almon with her suburbs; four cities.

21:19 All the cities of the children of Aaron, the priests, were thirteen cities with their suburbs.

21:20 And the families of the children of Kohath, the Levites which remained of the children of Kohath, even they had the cities of their lot out of the tribe of Ephraim.

21:21 For they gave them Shechem with her suburbs in mount Ephraim, to be a city of refuge for the slayer; and Gezer with her suburbs,

21:22 And Kibzaim with her suburbs, and Bethhoron with her suburbs; four cities.

21:23 And out of the tribe of Dan, Eltekeh with her suburbs, Gibbethon with her suburbs,

21:24 Aijalon with her suburbs, Gathrimmon with her suburbs; four cities.

21:25 And out of the half tribe of Manasseh, Tanach with her suburbs, and Gathrimmon with her suburbs; two cities.

21:26 All the cities were ten with their suburbs for the families of the children of Kohath that remained.

21:27 And to the children of Gershon, of the families of the Levites, out of the other half tribe of Manasseh they gave Golan in Bashan with her suburbs, to be a city of refuge for the slayer; and Beeshterah with her suburbs; two cities.

21:28 And out of the tribe of Issachar, Kishon with her suburbs, Dabareh with her suburbs,

21:29 Jarmuth with her suburbs, Engannim with her suburbs; four cities.

21:30 And out of the tribe of Asher, Mishal with her suburbs, Abdon with her suburbs,

21:31 Helkath with her suburbs, and Rehob with her suburbs; four cities.

21:32 And out of the tribe of Naphtali, Kedesh in Galilee with her suburbs, to be a city of refuge for the slayer; and Hammothdor with her suburbs, and Kartan with her suburbs; three cities.

21:33 All the cities of the Gershonites according to their families were thirteen cities with their suburbs.

21:34 And to the families of the children of Merari, the rest of the Levites, out of the tribe of Zebulun, Jokneam with her suburbs, and Kartah with her suburbs,

21:35 Dimnah with her suburbs, Nahalal with her suburbs; four cities.

21:36 And out of the tribe of Reuben, Bezer with her suburbs, and Jahazah with her suburbs,

21:37 Kedemoth with her suburbs, and Mephaath with her suburbs; four cities.

21:38 And out of the tribe of Gad, Ramoth in Gilead with her suburbs, to be a city of refuge for the slayer; and Mahanaim with her suburbs,

21:39 Heshbon with her suburbs, Jazer with her suburbs; four cities in all.

21:40 So all the cities for the children of Merari by their families, which were remaining of the families of the Levites, were by their lot twelve cities.

21:41 All the cities of the Levites within the possession of the children of Israel were forty and eight cities with their suburbs.

21:42 These cities were everyone with their suburbs round about them: thus were all these cities.

21:43 And *Yehovah* gave to Israel all the land which he swore to give to their fathers; and they possessed it, and dwelled in it.

21:44 And *Yehovah* gave them rest round about, according to all that he swore to their fathers: and there stood not a man of all their enemies before them; *Yehovah* delivered all their enemies into their hand.

21:45 There failed not *anything* of any good thing which *Yehovah* had spoken to the house of Israel; all came to pass.

Joshua – Chapter 22

22:1 Then Joshua called the Reubenites, and the Gadites, and the half tribe of Manasseh,

22:2 And said to them, You have kept all that Moses the servant of *Yehovah* commanded you, and have obeyed my voice in all that I commanded you:

22:3 You have not left your brothers these many days to this day, but have kept the charge of the commandment of *Yehovah* your God.

22:4 And now *Yehovah* your God has given rest to your brothers, as he promised them: therefore now return you, and get you to your tents, and to the land of your possession, which Moses the servant of *Yehovah* gave you on the other side Jordan.

22:5 But take diligent heed to do the commandment and the law, which Moses the servant of *Yehovah* charged you, to love *Yehovah* your God, and to walk in all his ways, and to keep his commandments, and to hold to him, and to serve him with all your heart and with all your soul.

22:6 So Joshua blessed them, and sent them away: and they went to their tents.

22:7 Now to the one half of the tribe of Manasseh Moses had given possession in Bashan: but to the other half gave Joshua among their brothers on this side Jordan westward. And when Joshua sent them away also to their tents, then he blessed them,

22:8 And he spoke to them, saying, Return with much riches to your tents, and with very much cattle, with silver, and with gold, and with brass, and with iron, and with very much raiment: divide the *plunder* of your enemies with your brothers.

22:9 And the children of Reuben and the children of Gad and the half tribe of Manasseh returned, and departed from the children of Israel out of Shiloh, which is in the land of Canaan, to go to the country of Gilead, to the land of their possession, whereof they were possessed, according to the word of *Yehovah* by the hand of Moses.

22:10 And when they came to the borders of Jordan, that are in the land of Canaan, the children of Reuben and the children of Gad and the half tribe of Manasseh built there an altar by Jordan, a great altar to see to.

22:11 And the children of Israel heard say, Behold, the children of Reuben and the children of Gad and the half tribe of Manasseh have built an altar over against the land of Canaan, in the borders of Jordan, at the passage of the children of Israel.

22:12 And when the children of Israel heard of it, the whole congregation of the children of Israel gathered themselves together at Shiloh, to go up to war against them.

22:13 And the children of Israel sent to the children of Reuben, and to the children of Gad, and to the half tribe of Manasseh, into the land of Gilead, Phinehas the son of Eleazar the priest,

22:14 And with him ten princes, of each chief house a prince throughout all the tribes of Israel; and each one was a head of the house of their fathers among the thousands of Israel.

22:15 And they came to the children of Reuben, and to the children of Gad, and to the half tribe of Manasseh, to the land of Gilead, and they spoke with them, saying,

22:16 Thus said the whole congregation of *Yehovah*, What trespass is this that you have committed against the God of Israel, to turn away this day from following *Yehovah*, in that you have built you an altar, that you might rebel this day against *Yehovah*?

22:17 Is the iniquity of Peor too little for us, from which we are not cleansed until this day, although there was a plague in the congregation of *Yehovah*,

22:18 But that you must turn away this day from following *Yehovah*? and it will be, seeing you rebel today against *Yehovah*, that tomorrow he will be *angry* with the whole congregation of Israel.

22:19 Notwithstanding, if the land of your possession be unclean, then pass you over to the land of the possession of *Yehovah*, where *Yehovah's* tabernacle dwells, and take possession among us: but rebel not against *Yehovah*, nor rebel against us, in building you an altar beside the altar of *Yehovah* our God.

22:20 Did not Achan the son of Zerah commit a trespass in the accursed thing, and wrath fell on all the congregation of Israel? and that man perished not alone in his iniquity.

22:21 Then the children of Reuben and the children of Gad and the half tribe of Manasseh answered, and said to the heads of the thousands of Israel,

22:22 *Yehovah* God of gods, *Yehovah* God of gods, he knows, and Israel he shall know; if it be in rebellion, or if in transgression against *Yehovah*, (save us not this day,)

22:23 That we have built us an altar to turn from following *Yehovah*, or if to offer thereon burnt offering or meat offering, or if to offer peace offerings thereon, let *Yehovah* himself require it;

22:24 And if we have not rather done it for fear of this thing, saying, In time to come your children might speak to our children, saying, What have you to do with *Yehovah* God of Israel?

22:25 For *Yehovah* has made Jordan a border between us and you, you children of Reuben and children of Gad; you have no part in *Yehovah*: so shall your children make our children cease from fearing *Yehovah*.

22:26 Therefore we said, Let us now prepare to build us an altar, not for burnt offering, nor for sacrifice:

22:27 But that it may be a witness between us, and you, and our generations after us, that we might do the service of *Yehovah* before him with our burnt offerings, and with our sacrifices, and with our peace offerings; that your children may not say to our children in time to come, You have no part in *Yehovah*.

22:28 Therefore said we, that it shall be, when they should so say to us or to our generations in time to come, that we may say again, Behold the pattern of the altar of *Yehovah*, which our fathers made, not for burnt offerings, nor for sacrifices; but it is a witness between us and you.

22:29 God forbid that we should rebel against *Yehovah*, and turn this day from following *Yehovah*, to build an altar for burnt offerings, for meat offerings, or for sacrifices, beside the altar of *Yehovah* our God that is before his tabernacle.

22:30 And when Phinehas the priest, and the princes of the congregation and heads of the thousands of Israel which were with him, heard the words that the children of Reuben and the children of Gad and the children of Manasseh spoke, it pleased them.

22:31 And Phinehas the son of Eleazar the priest said to the children of Reuben, and to the children of Gad, and to the children of Manasseh, This day we perceive that *Yehovah* is among us, because you have not committed this trespass against *Yehovah*: now you have delivered the children of Israel out of the hand of *Yehovah*.

22:32 And Phinehas the son of Eleazar the priest, and the princes, returned from the children of Reuben, and from the children of Gad, out of the land of Gilead, to the land of Canaan, to the children of Israel, and brought them word again.

22:33 And the thing pleased the children of Israel; and the children of Israel blessed God, and did not intend to go up against them in battle, to destroy the land in which the children of Reuben and Gad dwelled.

22:34 And the children of Reuben and the children of Gad called the altar Ed: for it shall be a witness between us that *Yehovah* is God.

Joshua – Chapter 23

23:1 And it came to pass a long time after that *Yehovah* had given rest to Israel from all their enemies round about, that Joshua waxed old and stricken in age.

23:2 And Joshua called for all Israel, and for their elders, and for their heads, and for their judges, and for their officers, and said to them, I am old and stricken in age:

23:3 And you have seen all that *Yehovah* your God has done to all these nations because of you; for *Yehovah* your God is he that has fought for you.

23:4 Behold, I have divided to you by lot these nations that remain, to be an inheritance for your tribes, from Jordan, with all the nations that I have cut off, even to the great sea westward.

23:5 And *Yehovah* your God, he shall expel them from before you, and drive them from out of your sight; and you shall possess their land, as *Yehovah* your God has promised to you.

23:6 Be you therefore very courageous to keep and to do all that is written in the book of the law of Moses, that you turn not aside therefrom to the right hand or to the left;

23:7 That you come not among these nations, these that remain among you; neither make mention of the name of their gods, nor cause to swear by them, neither serve them, nor bow yourselves to them:

23:8 But hold to *Yehovah* your God, as you have done to this day.

23:9 For *Yehovah* has driven out from before you great nations and strong: but as for you, no man has been able to stand before you to this day.

23:10 One man of you shall chase a thousand: for *Yehovah* your God, he it is that fights for you, as he has promised you.

23:11 Take good heed therefore to yourselves, that you love *Yehovah* your God.

23:12 Else if you do in any wise go back, and join to the remnant of these nations, even these that remain among you, and shall make marriages with them, and go in to them, and they to you:

23:13 Know for a certainty that *Yehovah* your God will no more drive out any of these nations from before you; but they shall be snares and traps to you, and scourges in your sides, and thorns in your eyes, until you perish from off this good land which *Yehovah* your God has given you.

23:14 And, behold, this day I am going the way of all the earth: and you know in all your hearts and in all your souls, that not one thing has failed of all the good things which *Yehovah* your God spoke concerning you; all are come to pass to you, and not one thing has failed.

23:15 Therefore it shall come to pass, that as all good things are come on you, which *Yehovah* your God promised you; so shall *Yehovah* bring on you all evil things, until he have destroyed you from off this good land which *Yehovah* your God has given you.

23:16 When you have transgressed the covenant of *Yehovah* your God, which he commanded you, and have gone and served other gods, and bowed yourselves to them; then shall the anger of *Yehovah* be kindled against you, and you shall perish quickly from off the good land which he has given to you.

Joshua – Chapter 24

24:1 And Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and called for the elders of Israel, and for their heads, and for their judges, and for their officers; and they presented themselves before God.

24:2 And Joshua said to all the people, Thus said *Yehovah* God of Israel, Your fathers dwelled on the other side of the flood in old time, even Terah, the father of Abraham, and the father of Nachor: and they served other gods.

24:3 And I took your father Abraham from the other side of the flood, and led him throughout all the land of Canaan, and multiplied his seed, and gave him Isaac.

24:4 And I gave to Isaac Jacob and Esau: and I gave to Esau mount Seir, to possess it; but Jacob and his children went down into Egypt.

24:5 I sent Moses also and Aaron, and I plagued Egypt, according to that which I did among them: and afterward I brought you out.

24:6 And I brought your fathers out of Egypt: and you came to the sea; and the Egyptians pursued after your fathers with chariots and horsemen to the Red sea.

24:7 And when they cried to *Yehovah*, he put darkness between you and the Egyptians, and brought the sea on them, and covered them; and your eyes have seen what I have done in Egypt: and you dwelled in the wilderness a long season.

24:8 And I brought you into the land of the Amorites, which dwelled on the other side Jordan; and they fought with you: and I gave them into your hand, that you might possess their land; and I destroyed them from before you.

24:9 Then Balak the son of Zippor, king of Moab, arose and warred against Israel, and sent and called Balaam the son of Beor to curse you:

24:10 But I would not listen to Balaam; therefore he blessed you still: so I delivered you out of his hand.

24:11 And you went over Jordan, and came to Jericho: and the men of Jericho fought against you, the Amorites, and the Perizzites, and the Canaanites, and the Hittites, and the Girgashites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites; and I delivered them into your hand.

24:12 And I sent the hornet before you, which drove them out from before you, even the two kings of the Amorites; but not with your sword, nor with your bow.

24:13 And I have given you a land for which you did not labor, and cities which you built not, and you dwell in them; of the vineyards and olive groves which you planted not do you eat.

24:14 Now therefore fear *Yehovah*, and serve him in sincerity and in truth: and put away the gods which your fathers served on the other side of the flood, and in Egypt; and serve you *Yehovah*.

24:15 And if it seem evil to you to serve *Yehovah*, choose you this day whom you will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve *Yehovah*.

24:16 And the people answered and said, God forbid that we should forsake *Yehovah*, to serve other gods;

24:17 For *Yehovah* our God, he it is that brought us up and our fathers out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage, and which did those great signs in our sight, and preserved us in all the way in which we went, and among all the people through whom we passed:

24:18 And *Yehovah* drove out from before us all the people, even the Amorites which dwelled in the land: therefore will we also serve *Yehovah*; for he is our God.

24:19 And Joshua said to the people, You cannot serve *Yehovah*: for he is a holy God; he is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions nor your sins.

24:20 If you forsake *Yehovah*, and serve strange gods, then he will turn and do you hurt, and consume you, after that he has done you good.

24:21 And the people said to Joshua, No; but we will serve *Yehovah*.

24:22 And Joshua said to the people, You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen you *Yehovah*, to serve him. And they said, We are witnesses.

24:23 Now therefore put away, said he, the strange gods which are among you, and incline your heart to *Yehovah* God of Israel.

24:24 And the people said to Joshua, *Yehovah* our God will we serve, and his voice will we obey.

24:25 So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and set them a statute and an ordinance in Shechem.

24:26 And Joshua wrote these words in the book of the law of God, and took a great stone, and set it up there under an oak, that was by the sanctuary of *Yehovah*.

24:27 And Joshua said to all the people, Behold, this stone shall be a witness to us; for it has heard all the words of *Yehovah* which he spoke to us: it shall be therefore a witness to you, lest you deny your God.

24:28 So Joshua let the people depart, every man to his inheritance.

24:29 And it came to pass after these things, that Joshua the son of Nun, the servant of *Yehovah*, died, being a hundred and ten years old.

24:30 And they buried him in the border of his inheritance in Timnathserah, which is in mount Ephraim, on the north side of the hill of Gaash.

24:31 And Israel served *Yehovah* all the days of Joshua, and all the days of the elders that outlived Joshua, and which had known all the works of *Yehovah*, that he had done for Israel.

24:32 And the bones of Joseph, which the children of Israel brought up out of Egypt, buried they in Shechem, in a parcel of ground which Jacob bought of the sons of Hamor the father of Shechem for a hundred pieces of silver: and it became the inheritance of the children of Joseph.

24:33 And Eleazar the son of Aaron died; and they buried him in a hill that pertained to Phinehas his son, which was given him in mount Ephraim.

Book of Judges

Shoftim (Deliverers)

Judges – Chapter 1

1:1 Now after the death of Joshua it came to pass, that the children of Israel asked *Yehovah*, saying, Who shall go up for us against the Canaanites first, to fight against them?

1:2 And *Yehovah* said, Judah shall go up: behold, I have delivered the land into his hand.

1:3 And Judah said to Simeon his brother, Come up with me into my lot, that we may fight against the Canaanites; and I likewise will go with you into your lot. So Simeon went with him.

1:4 And Judah went up; and *Yehovah* delivered the Canaanites and the Perizzites into their hand: and they slew of them in Bezek ten thousand men.

1:5 And they found Adonibezek in Bezek: and they fought against him, and they slew the Canaanites and the Perizzites.

1:6 But Adonibezek fled; and they pursued after him, and caught him, and cut off his thumbs and his great toes.

1:7 And Adonibezek said, Three score and ten kings, having their thumbs and their great toes cut off, gathered their meat under my table: as I have done, so God has returned to me. And they brought him to Jerusalem, and there he died.

1:8 Now the children of Judah had fought against Jerusalem, and had taken it, and smitten it with the edge of the sword, and set the city on fire.

1:9 And afterward the children of Judah went down to fight against the Canaanites, that dwelled in the mountain, and in the south, and in the valley.

1:10 And Judah went against the Canaanites that dwelled in Hebron: (now the name of Hebron before was Kirjatharba:) and they slew Sheshai, and Ahiman, and Talmi.

1:11 And from there he went against the inhabitants of Debir: and the name of Debir before was Kirjathsepher:

1:12 And Caleb said, He that smites Kirjathsepher, and takes it, to him will I give Achsah my daughter to wife.

1:13 And Othniel the son of Kenaz, Caleb's younger brother, took it: and he gave him Achsah his daughter to wife.

1:14 And it came to pass, when she came to him, that she moved him to ask of her father a field: and she lighted from off her ass; and Caleb said to her, What will you?

1:15 And she said to him, Give me a blessing: for you have given me a south land; give me also springs of water. And Caleb gave her the upper springs and the nether springs.

1:16 And the children of the Kenite, Moses' father in law, went up out of the city of palm trees with the children of Judah into the wilderness of Judah, which lies in the south of Arad; and they went and dwelled among the people.

1:17 And Judah went with Simeon his brother, and they slew the Canaanites that inhabited Zephath, and utterly destroyed it. And the name of the city was called Hormah.

1:18 Also Judah took Gaza with their coast, and Askelon with their coast, and Ekron with their coast.

1:19 And *Yehovah* was with Judah; and he drove out the inhabitants of the mountain; but could not drive out the inhabitants of the valley, because they had chariots of iron.

1:20 And they gave Hebron to Caleb, as Moses said: and he expelled there the three sons of Anak.

1:21 And the children of Benjamin did not drive out the Jebusites that inhabited Jerusalem; but the Jebusites dwell with the children of Benjamin in Jerusalem to this day.

1:22 And the house of Joseph, they also went up against Bethel: and *Yehovah* was with them.

1:23 And the house of Joseph sent to descry Bethel. (Now the name of the city before was Luz.)

1:24 And the spies saw a man come forth out of the city, and they said to him, Show us, we pray you, the entrance into the city, and we will show you mercy.

1:25 And when he showed them the entrance into the city, they smote the city with the edge of the sword; but they let go the man and all his family.

1:26 And the man went into the land of the Hittites, and built a city, and called the name Luz: which is the name to this day.

1:27 Neither did Manasseh drive out the inhabitants of Bethshean and her towns, nor Taanach and her towns, nor the inhabitants of Dor and her towns, nor the inhabitants of Ibleam and her towns, nor the inhabitants of Megiddo and her towns: but the Canaanites would dwell in that land.

1:28 And it came to pass, when Israel was strong, that they put the Canaanites to tribute, and did not utterly drive them out.

1:29 Neither did Ephraim drive out the Canaanites that dwelled in Gezer; but the Canaanites dwelled in Gezer among them.

1:30 Neither did Zebulun drive out the inhabitants of Kitron, nor the inhabitants of Nahalol; but the Canaanites dwelled among them, and became tributaries.

1:31 Neither did Asher drive out the inhabitants of Accho, nor the inhabitants of Zidon, nor of Ahlab, nor of Achzib, nor of Helbah, nor of Aphik, nor of Rehob:

1:32 But the Asherites dwelled among the Canaanites, the inhabitants of the land: for they did not drive them out.

1:33 Neither did Naphtali drive out the inhabitants of Bethshemesh, nor the inhabitants of Bethanath; but he dwelled among the Canaanites, the inhabitants of the land: nevertheless the inhabitants of Bethshemesh and of Bethanath became tributaries to them.

1:34 And the Amorites forced the children of Dan into the mountain: for they would not suffer them to come down to the valley:

1:35 But the Amorites would dwell in mount Heres in Aijalon, and in Shaalbim: yet the hand of the house of Joseph prevailed, so that they became tributaries.

1:36 And the coast of the Amorites was from the going up to Akrabbim, from the rock, and upward.

Judges – Chapter 2

2:1 And an angel of *Yehovah* came up from Gilgal to Bochim, and said, I made you to go up out of Egypt, and have brought you to the land which I swore to your fathers; and I said, I will never break my covenant with you.

2:2 And you shall make no league with the inhabitants of this land; you shall throw down their altars: but you have not obeyed my voice: why have you done this?

2:3 Why I also said, I will not drive them out from before you; but they shall be as thorns in your sides, and their gods shall be a snare to you.

2:4 And it came to pass, when the angel of *Yehovah* spoke these words to all the children of Israel, that the people lifted up their voice, and wept.

2:5 And they called the name of that place Bochim: and they sacrificed there to *Yehovah*.

2:6 And when Joshua had let the people go, the children of Israel went every man to his inheritance to possess the land.

2:7 And the people served *Yehovah* all the days of Joshua, and all the days of the elders that outlived Joshua, who had seen all the great works of *Yehovah*, that he did for Israel.

2:8 And Joshua the son of Nun, the servant of *Yehovah*, died, being a hundred and ten years old.

2:9 And they buried him in the border of his inheritance in Timnathheres, in the mount of Ephraim, on the north side of the hill Gaash.

2:10 And also all that generation were gathered to their fathers: and there arose another generation after them, which knew not *Yehovah*, nor yet the works which he had done for Israel.

2:11 And the children of Israel did evil in the sight of *Yehovah*, and served Baalim:

2:12 And they forsook *Yehovah* God of their fathers, which brought them out of the land of Egypt, and followed other gods, of the gods of the people that were round about them, and bowed themselves to them, and provoked *Yehovah* to anger.

2:13 And they forsook *Yehovah*, and served Baal and Ashtaroth.

2:14 And the anger of *Yehovah* was hot against Israel, and he delivered them into the hands of *plunderers* that *plundered* them, and he sold them into the hands of their enemies round about, so that they could not any longer stand before their enemies.

2:15 Wherever they went out, the hand of *Yehovah* was against them for evil, as *Yehovah* had said, and as *Yehovah* had sworn to them: and they were greatly distressed.

2:16 Nevertheless *Yehovah* raised up judges, which delivered them out of the hand of those that *plundered* them.

2:17 And yet they would not listen to their judges, but they went a whoring after other gods, and bowed themselves to them: they turned quickly out of the way which their fathers walked in, obeying the commandments of *Yehovah*; but they did not so.

2:18 And when *Yehovah* raised them up judges, then *Yehovah* was with the judge, and delivered them out of the hand of their enemies all the days of the judge: for it repented *Yehovah* because of their groanings by reason of them that oppressed them and vexed them.

2:19 And it came to pass, when the judge was dead, that they returned, and corrupted themselves more than their fathers, in following other gods to serve them, and to bow down to them; they ceased not from their own doings, nor from their stubborn way.

2:20 And the anger of *Yehovah* was hot against Israel; and he said, Because that this people has transgressed my covenant which I commanded their fathers, and have not listened to my voice;

2:21 I also will not from now on drive out any from before them of the nations which Joshua left when he died:

2:22 That through them I may prove Israel, whether they will keep the way of *Yehovah* to walk in it, as their fathers did keep it, or not.

2:23 Therefore *Yehovah* left those nations, without driving them out hastily; neither delivered he them into the hand of Joshua.

Judges – Chapter 3

3:1 Now these are the nations which *Yehovah* left, to prove Israel by them, even as many of Israel as had not known all the wars of Canaan;

3:2 Only that the generations of the children of Israel might know, to teach them war, at the least such as before knew nothing of it;

3:3 Namely, five lords of the Philistines, and all the Canaanites, and the Sidonians, and the Hivites that dwelled in mount Lebanon, from mount Baalhermon to the entering in of Hamath.

3:4 And they were to prove Israel by them, to know whether they would listen to the commandments of *Yehovah*, which he commanded their fathers by the hand of Moses.

3:5 And the children of Israel dwelled among the Canaanites, Hittites, and Amorites, and Perizzites, and Hivites, and Jebusites:

3:6 And they took their daughters to be their wives, and gave their daughters to their sons, and served their gods.

3:7 And the children of Israel did evil in the sight of *Yehovah*, and forgot *Yehovah* their God, and served Baalim and the groves.

3:8 Therefore the anger of *Yehovah* was hot against Israel, and he sold them into the hand of Chushanrishathaim king of Mesopotamia: and the children of Israel served Chushanrishathaim eight years.

3:9 And when the children of Israel cried to *Yehovah*, *Yehovah* raised up a deliverer to the children of Israel, who delivered them, even Othniel the son of Kenaz, Caleb's younger brother.

3:10 And the Spirit of *Yehovah* came on him, and he judged Israel, and went out to war: and *Yehovah* delivered Chushanrishathaim king of Mesopotamia into his hand; and his hand prevailed against Chushanrishathaim.

3:11 And the land had rest forty years. And Othniel the son of Kenaz died.

3:12 And the children of Israel did evil again in the sight of *Yehovah*: and *Yehovah* strengthened Eglon the king of Moab against Israel, because they had done evil in the sight of *Yehovah*.

3:13 And he gathered to him the children of Ammon and Amalek, and went and smote Israel, and possessed the city of palm trees.

3:14 So the children of Israel served Eglon the king of Moab eighteen years.

3:15 But when the children of Israel cried to *Yehovah*, *Yehovah* raised them up a deliverer, Ehud the son of Gera, a Benjamite, a man left handed: and by him the children of Israel sent a present to Eglon the king of Moab.

3:16 But Ehud made him a dagger which had two edges, of a cubit length; and he did gird it under his raiment on his right thigh.

3:17 And he brought the present to Eglon king of Moab: and Eglon was a very fat man.

3:18 And when he had made an end to offer the present, he sent away the people that bore the present.

3:19 But he himself turned again from the quarries that were by Gilgal, and said, I have a secret errand to you, O king: who said, Keep silence. And all that stood by him went out from him.

3:20 And Ehud came to him; and he was sitting in a summer parlor, which he had for himself alone. And Ehud said, I have a message from God to you. And he arose out of his seat.

3:21 And Ehud put forth his left hand, and took the dagger from his right thigh, and thrust it into his belly:

3:22 And the haft also went in after the blade; and the fat closed on the blade, so that he could not draw the dagger out of his belly; and the dirt came out.

3:23 Then Ehud went forth through the porch, and shut the doors of the parlor on him, and locked them.

3:24 When he was gone out, his servants came; and when they saw that, behold, the doors of the parlor were locked, they said, Surely he covers his feet in his summer chamber.

3:25 And they tarried till they were ashamed: and, behold, he opened not the doors of the parlor; therefore they took a key, and opened them: and, behold, their lord was fallen down dead on the earth.

3:26 And Ehud escaped while they tarried, and passed beyond the quarries, and escaped to Seirath.

3:27 And it came to pass, when he was come, that he blew a trumpet in the mountain of Ephraim, and the children of Israel went down with him from the mount, and he before them.

3:28 And he said to them, Follow after me: for *Yehovah* has delivered your enemies the Moabites into your hand. And they went down after him, and took the fords of Jordan toward Moab, and suffered not a man to pass over.

3:29 And they slew of Moab at that time about ten thousand men, all lusty, and all men of valor; and there escaped not a man.

3:30 So Moab was subdued that day under the hand of Israel. And the land had rest fourscore years.

3:31 And after him was Shamgar the son of Anath, which slew of the Philistines six hundred men with an ox goad: and he also delivered Israel.

Judges – Chapter 4

4:1 And the children of Israel again did evil in the sight of *Yehovah*, when Ehud was dead.

4:2 And *Yehovah* sold them into the hand of Jabin king of Canaan, that reigned in Hazor; the captain of whose host was Sisera, which dwelled in Harosheth of the Gentiles.

4:3 And the children of Israel cried to *Yehovah*: for he had nine hundred chariots of iron; and twenty years he mightily oppressed the children of Israel.

4:4 And Deborah, a prophetess, the wife of Lapidoth, she judged Israel at that time.

4:5 And she dwelled under the palm tree of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in mount Ephraim: and the children of Israel came up to her for judgment.

4:6 And she sent and called Barak the son of Abinoam out of Kedeshnaphtali, and said to him, Has not *Yehovah* God of Israel commanded, saying, Go and draw toward mount Tabor, and take with you ten thousand men of the children of Naphtali and of the children of Zebulun?

4:7 And I will draw to you to the river Kishon Sisera, the captain of Jabin's army, with his chariots and his multitude; and I will deliver him into your hand.

4:8 And Barak said to her, If you will go with me, then I will go: but if you will not go with me, then I will not go.

4:9 And she said, I will surely go with you: notwithstanding the journey that you take shall not be for your honor; for *Yehovah* shall sell Sisera into the hand of a woman. And Deborah arose, and went with Barak to Kedesh.

4:10 And Barak called Zebulun and Naphtali to Kedesh; and he went up with ten thousand men at his feet: and Deborah went up with him.

4:11 Now Heber the Kenite, which was of the children of Hobab the father in law of Moses, had severed himself from the Kenites, and pitched his tent to the plain of Zaanaim, which is by Kedesh.

4:12 And they showed Sisera that Barak the son of Abinoam was gone up to mount Tabor.

4:13 And Sisera gathered together all his chariots, even nine hundred chariots of iron, and all the people that were with him, from Harosheth of the Gentiles to the river of Kishon.

4:14 And Deborah said to Barak, Up; for this is the day in which *Yehovah* has delivered Sisera into your hand: is not *Yehovah* gone out before you? So Barak went down from mount Tabor, and ten thousand men after him.

4:15 And *Yehovah* discomfited Sisera, and all his chariots, and all his host, with the edge of the sword before Barak; so that Sisera lighted down off his chariot, and fled away on his feet.

4:16 But Barak pursued after the chariots, and after the host, to Harosheth of the Gentiles: and all the host of Sisera fell on the edge of the sword; and there was not a man left.

4:17 However, Sisera fled away on his feet to the tent of Jael the wife of Heber the Kenite: for there was peace between Jabin the king of Hazor and the house of Heber the Kenite.

4:18 And Jael went out to meet Sisera, and said to him, Turn in, my lord, turn in to me; fear not. And when he had turned in to her into the tent, she covered him with a mantle.

4:19 And he said to her, Give me, I pray you, a little water to drink; for I am thirsty. And she opened a bottle of milk, and gave him drink, and covered him.

4:20 Again he said to her, Stand in the door of the tent, and it shall be, when any man does come and inquire of you, and say, Is there any man here? that you shall say, No.

4:21 Then Jael Heber's wife took a nail of the tent, and took a hammer in her hand, and went softly to him, and smote the nail into his temples, and fastened it into the ground: for he was fast asleep and weary. So he died.

4:22 And, behold, as Barak pursued Sisera, Jael came out to meet him, and said to him, Come, and I will show you the man whom you seek. And when he came into her tent, behold, Sisera lay dead, and the nail was in his temples.

4:23 So God subdued on that day Jabin the king of Canaan before the children of Israel.

4:24 And the hand of the children of Israel prospered, and prevailed against Jabin the king of Canaan, until they had destroyed Jabin king of Canaan.

Judges – Chapter 5

5:1 Then sang Deborah and Barak the son of Abinoam on that day, saying,

5:2 Praise you *Yehovah* for the avenging of Israel, when the people willingly offered themselves.

5:3 Hear, O you kings; give ear, O you princes; I, even I, will sing to *Yehovah*; I will sing praise to *Yehovah* God of Israel.

5:4 *YEHOVAH*, when you went out of Seir, when you marched out of the field of Edom, the earth trembled, and the heavens dropped, the clouds also dropped water.

5:5 The mountains melted from before *Yehovah*, even that Sinai from before *Yehovah* God of Israel.

5:6 In the days of Shamgar the son of Anath, in the days of Jael, the highways were unoccupied, and the travelers walked through byways.

5:7 The inhabitants of the villages ceased, they ceased in Israel, until that I Deborah arose, that I arose a mother in Israel.

5:8 They chose new gods; then was war in the gates: was there a shield or spear seen among forty thousand in Israel?

5:9 My heart is toward the governors of Israel, that offered themselves willingly among the people. Bless you *Yehovah*.

5:10 Speak, you that ride on white asses, you that sit in judgment, and walk by the way.

5:11 They that are delivered from the noise of archers in the places of drawing water, there shall they rehearse the righteous acts of *Yehovah*, even the righteous acts toward the inhabitants of his villages in Israel: then shall the people of *Yehovah* go down to the gates.

5:12 Awake, awake, Deborah: awake, awake, utter a song: arise, Barak, and lead your captivity captive, you son of Abinoam.

5:13 Then he made him that remains have dominion over the nobles among the people: *Yehovah* made me have dominion over the mighty.

5:14 Out of Ephraim was there a root of them against Amalek; after you, Benjamin, among your people; out of Machir came down governors, and out of Zebulun they that handle the pen of the writer.

5:15 And the princes of Issachar were with Deborah; even Issachar, and also Barak: he was sent on foot into the valley. For the divisions of Reuben there were great thoughts of heart.

5:16 Why stayed you among the sheepfolds, to hear the bleatings of the flocks? For the divisions of Reuben there were great searchings of heart.

5:17 Gilead stayed beyond Jordan: and why did Dan remain in ships? Asher continued on the sea shore, and stayed in his breaches.

5:18 Zebulun and Naphtali were a people that risked their lives to the death in the high places of the field.

5:19 The kings came and fought, then fought the kings of Canaan in Taanach by the waters of Megiddo; they took no gain of money.

5:20 They fought from heaven; the stars in their courses fought against Sisera.

5:21 The river of Kishon swept them away, that ancient river, the river Kishon. O my soul, you have trodden down strength.

5:22 Then were the horse hoofs broken by the means of the prancings, the prancings of their mighty ones.

5:23 Curse you Meroz, said the angel of *Yehovah*, curse you bitterly and the inhabitants; because they came not to the help of *Yehovah*, to the help of *Yehovah* against the mighty.

5:24 Blessed above women shall Jael the wife of Heber the Kenite be, blessed shall she be above women in the tent.

5:25 He asked water, and she gave him milk; she brought forth butter in a lordly dish.

5:26 She put her hand to the nail, and her right hand to the workmen's hammer; and with the hammer she smote Sisera, she smote off his head, when she had pierced and stricken through his temples.

5:27 At her feet he bowed, he fell, he lay down: at her feet he bowed, he fell: where he bowed, there he fell down dead.

5:28 The mother of Sisera looked out at a window, and cried through the lattice, Why is his chariot so long in coming? why tarry the wheels of his chariots?

5:29 Her wise ladies answered her, yes, she returned answer to herself,

5:30 Have they not sped? have they not divided the prey; to every man a damsel or two; to Sisera a prey of divers colors, a prey of divers colors of needlework, of divers colors of needlework on both sides, meet for the necks of them that take the spoil?

5:31 So let all your enemies perish, *O YEHOWAH*: but let them that love him be as the sun when he goes forth in his might. And the land had rest forty years.

Judges – Chapter 6

6:1 And the children of Israel did evil in the sight of *Yehovah*: and *Yehovah* delivered them into the hand of Midian seven years.

6:2 And the hand of Midian prevailed against Israel: and because of the Midianites the children of Israel made them the dens which are in the mountains, and caves, and strong holds.

6:3 And so it was, when Israel had sown, that the Midianites came up, and the Amalekites, and the children of the east, even they came up against them;

6:4 And they encamped against them, and destroyed the increase of the earth, till you come to Gaza, and left no sustenance for Israel, neither sheep, nor ox, nor ass.

6:5 For they came up with their cattle and their tents, and they came as grasshoppers for multitude; for both they and their camels were without number: and they entered into the land to destroy it.

6:6 And Israel was greatly impoverished because of the Midianites; and the children of Israel cried to *Yehovah*.

6:7 And it came to pass, when the children of Israel cried to *Yehovah* because of the Midianites,

6:8 That *Yehovah* sent a prophet to the children of Israel, which said to them, Thus said *Yehovah* God of Israel, I brought you up from Egypt, and brought you forth out of the house of bondage;

6:9 And I delivered you out of the hand of the Egyptians, and out of the hand of all that oppressed you, and drove them out from before you, and gave you their land;

6:10 And I said to you, I am *Yehovah* your God; fear not the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you dwell: but you have not obeyed my voice.

6:11 And there came an angel of *Yehovah*, and sat under an oak which was in Ophrah, that pertained to Joash the Abiezrite: and his son Gideon threshed wheat by the wine press, to hide it from the Midianites.

6:12 And the angel of *Yehovah* appeared to him, and said to him, *Yehovah* is with you, you mighty man of valor.

6:13 And Gideon said to him, Oh my Lord, if *Yehovah* be with us, why then is all this befallen us? and where be all his miracles which our fathers told us of, saying, Did not *Yehovah* bring us up from Egypt? but now *Yehovah* has forsaken us, and delivered us into the hands of the Midianites.

6:14 And *Yehovah* looked on him, and said, Go in this your might, and you shall save Israel from the hand of the Midianites: have not I sent you?

6:15 And he said to him, Oh my Lord, with which shall I save Israel? behold, my family is poor in Manasseh, and I am the least in my father's house.

6:16 And *Yehovah* said to him, Surely I will be with you, and you shall smite the Midianites as one man.

6:17 And he said to him, If now I have found grace in your sight, then show me a sign that you talk with me.

6:18 Depart not hence, I pray you, until I come to you, and bring forth my present, and set it before you. And he said, I will tarry until you come again.

6:19 And Gideon went in, and made ready a kid, and unleavened cakes of an ephah of flour: the flesh he put in a basket, and he put the broth in a pot, and brought it out to him under the oak, and presented it.

6:20 And the angel of God said to him, Take the flesh and the unleavened cakes, and lay them on this rock, and pour out the broth. And he did so.

6:21 Then the angel of *Yehovah* put forth the end of the staff that was in his hand, and touched the flesh and the unleavened cakes; and there rose up fire out of the rock, and consumed the flesh and the unleavened cakes. Then the angel of *Yehovah* departed out of his sight.

6:22 And when Gideon perceived that he was an angel of *Yehovah*, Gideon said, Alas, *O YEHOVAH* God! for because I have seen an angel of *Yehovah* face to face.

6:23 And *Yehovah* said to him, Peace be to you; fear not: you shall not die.

6:24 Then Gideon built an altar there to *Yehovah*, and called it Jehovahshalom: to this day it is yet in Ophrah of the Abiezrites.

6:25 And it came to pass the same night, that *Yehovah* said to him, Take your father's young bullock, even the second bullock of seven years old, and throw down the altar of Baal that your father has, and cut down the grove that is by it:

6:26 And build an altar to *Yehovah* your God on the top of this rock, in the ordered place, and take the second bullock, and offer a burnt sacrifice with the wood of the grove which you shall cut down.

6:27 Then Gideon took ten men of his servants, and did as *Yehovah* had said to him: and so it was, because he feared his father's household, and the men of the city, that he could not do it by day, that he did it by night.

6:28 And when the men of the city arose early in the morning, behold, the altar of Baal was cast down, and the grove was cut down that was by it, and the second bullock was offered on the altar that was built.

6:29 And they said one to another, Who has done this thing? And when they inquired and asked, they said, Gideon the son of Joash has done this thing.

6:30 Then the men of the city said to Joash, Bring out your son, that he may die: because he has cast down the altar of Baal, and because he has cut down the grove that was by it.

6:31 And Joash said to all that stood against him, Will you plead for Baal? will you save him? he that will plead for him, let him be put to death whilst it is yet morning: if he be a god, let him plead for himself, because one has cast down his altar.

6:32 Therefore on that day he called him Jerubbaal, saying, Let Baal plead against him, because he has thrown down his altar.

6:33 Then all the Midianites and the Amalekites and the children of the east were gathered together, and went over, and pitched in the valley of Jezreel.

6:34 But the Spirit of *Yehovah* came on Gideon, and he blew a trumpet; and Abiezer was gathered after him.

6:35 And he sent messengers throughout all Manasseh; who also was gathered after him: and he sent messengers to Asher, and to Zebulun, and to Naphtali; and they came up to meet them.

6:36 And Gideon said to God, If you will save Israel by my hand, as you have said,

6:37 Behold, I will put a fleece of wool in the floor; and if the dew be on the fleece only, and it be dry on all the earth beside, then shall I know that you will save Israel by my hand, as you have said.

6:38 And it was so: for he rose up early the next day, and thrust the fleece together, and wringed the dew out of the fleece, a bowl full of water.

6:39 And Gideon said to God, Let not your anger be hot against me, and I will speak but this once: let me prove, I pray you, but this once with the fleece; let it now be dry only on the fleece, and on all the ground let there be dew.

6:40 And God did so that night: for it was dry on the fleece only, and there was dew on all the ground.

Judges – Chapter 7

7:1 Then Jerubbaal, who is Gideon, and all the people that were with him, rose up early, and pitched beside the well of Harod: so that the host of the Midianites were on the north side of them, by the hill of Moreh, in the valley.

7:2 And *Yehovah* said to Gideon, The people that are with you are too many for me to give the Midianites into their hands, lest Israel vaunt themselves against me, saying, My own hand has saved me.

7:3 Now therefore go to, proclaim in the ears of the people, saying, Whoever is fearful and afraid, let him return and depart early from mount Gilead. And there returned of the people twenty and two thousand; and there remained ten thousand.

7:4 And *Yehovah* said to Gideon, The people are yet too many; bring them down to the water, and I will try them for you there: and it shall be, that of whom I say to you, This shall go with you, the same shall go with you; and of whomsoever I say to you, This shall not go with you, the same shall not go.

7:5 So he brought down the people to the water: and *Yehovah* said to Gideon, Everyone that laps of the water with his tongue, as a dog laps, him shall you set by himself; likewise everyone that bows down on his knees to drink.

7:6 And the number of them that lapped, putting their hand to their mouth, were three hundred men: but all the rest of the people bowed down on their knees to drink water.

7:7 And *Yehovah* said to Gideon, By the three hundred men that lapped will I save you, and deliver the Midianites into your hand: and let all the other people go every man to his place.

7:8 So the people took provisions in their hand, and their trumpets: and he sent all the rest of Israel every man to his tent, and retained those three hundred men: and the army of Midian was beneath him in the valley.

7:9 And it came to pass the same night, that *Yehovah* said to him, Arise, get you down to the army; for I have delivered it into your hand.

7:10 But if you fear to go down, go you with Phurah your servant down to the army:

7:11 And you shall hear what they say; and afterward shall your hands be strengthened to go down to the army. Then went he down with Phurah his servant to the outside of the armed men that were in the army.

7:12 And the Midianites and the Amalekites and all the children of the east lay along in the valley like grasshoppers for multitude; and their camels were without number, as the sand by the sea side for multitude.

7:13 And when Gideon was come, behold, there was a man that told a dream to his fellow, and said, Behold, I dreamed a dream, and, see, a cake of barley bread tumbled into the army of Midian, and came to a tent, and smote it that it fell, and overturned it, that the tent lay along.

7:14 And his fellow answered and said, This is nothing else save the sword of Gideon the son of Joash, a man of Israel: for into his hand has God delivered Midian, and all the army.

7:15 And it was so, when Gideon heard the telling of the dream, and the interpretation, that he worshipped, and returned into the army of Israel, and said, Arise; for *Yehovah* has delivered into your hand the army of Midian.

7:16 And he divided the three hundred men into three companies, and he put a trumpet in every man's hand, with empty pitchers, and lamps within the pitchers.

7:17 And he said to them, Look on me, and do likewise: and, behold, when I come to the outside of the camp, it shall be that, as I do, so shall you do.

7:18 When I blow with a trumpet, I and all that are with me, then blow you the trumpets also on every side of all the camp, and say, The sword of *Yehovah*, and of Gideon.

7:19 So Gideon, and the hundred men that were with him, came to the outside of the camp in the beginning of the middle watch; and they had but newly set the watch: and they blew the trumpets, and broke the pitchers that were in their hands.

7:20 And the three companies blew the trumpets, and broke the pitchers, and held the lamps in their left hands, and the trumpets in their right hands to blow with: and they cried, The sword of *Yehovah*, and of Gideon.

7:21 And they stood every man in his place round about the camp; and all the army ran, and cried, and fled.

7:22 And the three hundred blew the trumpets, and *Yehovah* set every man's sword against his fellow, even throughout all the army: and the army fled to Bethshittah in Zererath, and to the border of Abelmeholah, to Tabbath.

7:23 And the men of Israel gathered themselves together out of Naphtali, and out of Asher, and out of all Manasseh, and pursued after the Midianites.

7:24 And Gideon sent messengers throughout all mount Ephraim, saying, come down against the Midianites, and take before them the waters to Bethbarah and Jordan. Then all the men of Ephraim gathered themselves together, and took the waters to Bethbarah and Jordan.

7:25 And they took two princes of the Midianites, Oreb and Zeeb; and they slew Oreb on the rock Oreb, and Zeeb they slew at the wine press of Zeeb, and pursued Midian, and brought the heads of Oreb and Zeeb to Gideon on the other side Jordan.

Judges – Chapter 8

8:1 And the men of Ephraim said to him, Why have you served us thus, that you called us not, when you went to fight with the Midianites? And they did chide with him sharply.

8:2 And he said to them, What have I done now in comparison of you? Is not the gleanings of the grapes of Ephraim better than the vintage of Abiezer?

8:3 God has delivered into your hands the princes of Midian, Oreb and Zeeb: and what was I able to do in comparison of you? Then their anger was abated toward him, when he had said that.

8:4 And Gideon came to Jordan, and passed over, he, and the three hundred men that were with him, faint, yet pursuing them.

8:5 And he said to the men of Succoth, Give, I pray you, loaves of bread to the people that follow me; for they be faint, and I am pursuing after Zebah and Zalmunna, kings of Midian.

8:6 And the princes of Succoth said, Are the hands of Zebah and Zalmunna now in your hand, that we should give bread to your army?

8:7 And Gideon said, Therefore when *Yehovah* has delivered Zebah and Zalmunna into my hand, then I will tear your flesh with the thorns of the wilderness and with briers.

8:8 And he went up there to Penuel, and spoke to them likewise: and the men of Penuel answered him as the men of Succoth had answered him.

8:9 And he spoke also to the men of Penuel, saying, When I come again in peace, I will break down this tower.

8:10 Now Zebah and Zalmunna were in Karkor, and their *armies* with them, about fifteen thousand men, all that were left of all the *armies* of the children of the east: for there fell a hundred and twenty thousand men that drew sword.

8:11 And Gideon went up by the way of them that dwelled in tents on the east of Nobah and Jogbehah, and smote the army; for the army was secure.

8:12 And when Zebah and Zalmunna fled, he pursued after them, and took the two kings of Midian, Zebah and Zalmunna, and discomfited all the army.

8:13 And Gideon the son of Joash returned from battle before the sun was up,

8:14 And caught a young man of the men of Succoth, and inquired of him: and he described to him the princes of Succoth, and their elders, even three score and seventeen men.

8:15 And he came to the men of Succoth, and said, Behold Zebah and Zalmunna, with whom you did upbraid me, saying, Are the hands of Zebah and Zalmunna now in your hand, that we should give bread to your men that are weary?

8:16 And he took the elders of the city, and thorns of the wilderness and briers, and with them he taugth the men of Succoth.

8:17 And he beat down the tower of Penuel, and slew the men of the city.

8:18 Then said he to Zebah and Zalmunna, What manner of men were they whom you slew at Tabor? And they answered, As you are, so were they; each one resembled the children of a king.

8:19 And he said, They were my brothers, even the sons of my mother: as *Yehovah* lives, if you had saved them alive, I would not slay you.

8:20 And he said to Jether his firstborn, Up, and slay them. But the youth drew not his sword: for he feared, because he was yet a youth.

8:21 Then Zebah and Zalmunna said, Rise you, and fall on us: for as the man is, so is his strength. And Gideon arose, and slew Zebah and Zalmunna, and took away the ornaments that were on their camels' necks.

8:22 Then the men of Israel said to Gideon, Rule you over us, both you, and your son, and your son's son also: for you have delivered us from the hand of Midian.

8:23 And Gideon said to them, I will not rule over you, neither shall my son rule over you: *Yehovah* shall rule over you.

8:24 And Gideon said to them, I would desire a request of you, that you would give me every man the earrings of his prey. (For they had golden earrings, because they were Ishmaelites.)

8:25 And they answered, We will willingly give them. And they spread a garment, and did cast in it every man the earrings of his prey.

8:26 And the weight of the golden earrings that he requested was a thousand and seven hundred shekels of gold; beside ornaments, and collars, and purple raiment that was on the kings of Midian, and beside the chains that were about their camels' necks.

8:27 And Gideon made an ephod, and put it in his city, even in Ophrah: and all Israel went there a whoring after it: which thing became a snare to Gideon, and to his house.

8:28 Thus was Midian subdued before the children of Israel, so that they lifted up their heads no more. And the country was in quietness forty years in the days of Gideon.

8:29 And Jerubbaal the son of Joash went and dwelled in his own house.

8:30 And Gideon had three score and ten sons of his body begotten: for he had many wives.

8:31 And his concubine that was in Shechem, she also bore him a son, whose name he called Abimelech.

8:32 And Gideon the son of Joash died in a good old age, and was buried in the sepulcher of Joash his father, in Ophrah of the Abiezrites.

8:33 And it came to pass, as soon as Gideon was dead, that the children of Israel turned again, and went a whoring after Baalim, and made Baalberith their god.

8:34 And the children of Israel remembered not *Yehovah* their God, who had delivered them out of the hands of all their enemies on every side:

8:35 Neither showed they kindness to the house of Jerubbaal, namely, Gideon, according to all the goodness which he had showed to Israel.

Judges – Chapter 9

9:1 And Abimelech the son of Jerubbaal went to Shechem to his mother's brothers, and communed with them, and with all the family of the house of his mother's father, saying,

9:2 Speak, I pray you, in the ears of all the men of Shechem, Whether is better for you, either that all the sons of Jerubbaal, which are three score and ten persons, reign over you, or that one reign over you? remember also that I am your bone and your flesh.

9:3 And his mother's brothers spoke of him in the ears of all the men of Shechem all these words: and their hearts inclined to follow Abimelech; for they said, He is our brother.

9:4 And they gave him three score and ten pieces of silver out of the house of Baalberith, with which Abimelech hired vain and light persons, which followed him.

9:5 And he went to his father's house at Ophrah, and slew his brothers the sons of Jerubbaal, being three score and ten persons, on one stone: notwithstanding yet Jotham the youngest son of Jerubbaal was left; for he hid himself.

9:6 And all the men of Shechem gathered together, and all the house of Millo, and went, and made Abimelech king, by the plain of the pillar that was in Shechem.

9:7 And when they told it to Jotham, he went and stood in the top of mount Gerizim, and lifted up his voice, and cried, and said to them, Listen to me, you men of Shechem, that God may listen to you.

9:8 The trees went forth on a time to anoint a king over them; and they said to the olive tree, Reign you over us.

9:9 But the olive tree said to them, Should I leave my fatness, with which by me they honor God and man, and go to be promoted over the trees?

9:10 And the trees said to the fig tree, Come you, and reign over us.

9:11 But the fig tree said to them, Should I forsake my sweetness, and my good fruit, and go to be promoted over the trees?

9:12 Then said the trees to the vine, Come you, and reign over us.

9:13 And the vine said to them, Should I leave my wine, which cheers God and man, and go to be promoted over the trees?

9:14 Then said all the trees to the bramble, Come you, and reign over us.

9:15 And the bramble said to the trees, If in truth you anoint me king over you, then come and put your trust in my shadow: and if not, let fire come out of the bramble, and devour the cedars of Lebanon.

9:16 Now therefore, if you have done truly and sincerely, in that you have made Abimelech king, and if you have dealt well with Jerubbaal and his house, and have done to him according to the deserving of his hands;

9:17 (For my father fought for you, and adventured his life far, and delivered you out of the hand of Midian:

9:18 And you are risen up against my father's house this day, and have slain his sons, three score and ten persons, on one stone, and have made Abimelech, the son of his maidservant, king over the men of Shechem, because he is your brother;)

9:19 If you then have dealt truly and sincerely with Jerubbaal and with his house this day, then rejoice you in Abimelech, and let him also rejoice in you:

9:20 But if not, let fire come out from Abimelech, and devour the men of Shechem, and the house of Millo; and let fire come out from the men of Shechem, and from the house of Millo, and devour Abimelech.

9:21 And Jotham ran away, and fled, and went to Beer, and dwelled there, for fear of Abimelech his brother.

9:22 When Abimelech had reigned three years over Israel,

9:23 Then God sent an evil spirit between Abimelech and the men of Shechem; and the men of Shechem dealt treacherously with Abimelech:

9:24 That the cruelty done to the three score and ten sons of Jerubbaal might come, and their blood be laid on Abimelech their brother, which slew them; and on the men of Shechem, which aided him in the killing of his brothers.

9:25 And the men of Shechem set liers in wait for him in the top of the mountains, and they robbed all that came along that way by them: and it was told Abimelech.

9:26 And Gaal the son of Ebed came with his brothers, and went over to Shechem: and the men of Shechem put their confidence in him.

9:27 And they went out into the fields, and gathered their vineyards, and stepped the grapes, and made merry, and went into the house of their god, and did eat and drink, and cursed Abimelech.

9:28 And Gaal the son of Ebed said, Who is Abimelech, and who is Shechem, that we should serve him? is not he the son of Jerubbaal? and Zebul his officer? serve the men of Hamor the father of Shechem: for why should we serve him?

9:29 And would to God this people were under my hand! then would I remove Abimelech. And he said to Abimelech, Increase your army, and come out.

9:30 And when Zebul the ruler of the city heard the words of Gaal the son of Ebed, his anger was kindled.

9:31 And he sent messengers to Abimelech privately, saying, Behold, Gaal the son of Ebed and his brothers be come to Shechem; and, behold, they fortify the city against you.

9:32 Now therefore up by night, you and the people that is with you, and lie in wait in the field:

9:33 And it shall be, that in the morning, as soon as the sun is up, you shall rise early, and set on the city: and, behold, when he and the people that is with him come out against you, then may you do to them as you shall find occasion.

9:34 And Abimelech rose up, and all the people that were with him, by night, and they laid wait against Shechem in four companies.

9:35 And Gaal the son of Ebed went out, and stood in the entering of the gate of the city: and Abimelech rose up, and the people that were with him, from lying in wait.

9:36 And when Gaal saw the people, he said to Zebul, Behold, there come people down from the top of the mountains. And Zebul said to him, You see the shadow of the mountains as if they were men.

9:37 And Gaal spoke again, and said, See there come people down by the middle of the land, and another company come along by the plain of Meonenim.

9:38 Then said Zebul to him, Where is now your mouth, with which you said, Who is Abimelech, that we should serve him? is not this the people that you have despised? go out, I pray now, and fight with them.

9:39 And Gaal went out before the men of Shechem, and fought with Abimelech.

9:40 And Abimelech chased him, and he fled before him, and many were overthrown and wounded, even to the entering of the gate.

9:41 And Abimelech dwelled at Arumah: and Zebul thrust out Gaal and his brothers, that they should not dwell in Shechem.

9:42 And it came to pass the next day, that the people went out into the field; and they told Abimelech.

9:43 And he took the people, and divided them into three companies, and laid wait in the field, and looked, and, behold, the people were come forth out of the city; and he rose up against them, and smote them.

9:44 And Abimelech, and the company that was with him, rushed forward, and stood in the entering of the gate of the city: and the two other companies ran on all the people that were in the fields, and slew them.

9:45 And Abimelech fought against the city all that day; and he took the city, and slew the people that was in it, and beat down the city, and sowed it with salt.

9:46 And when all the men of the tower of Shechem heard that, they entered into a hold of the house of the god Berith.

9:47 And it was told Abimelech, that all the men of the tower of Shechem were gathered together.

9:48 And Abimelech got him up to mount Zalmon, he and all the people that were with him; and Abimelech took an ax in his hand, and cut down a bough from the trees, and took it, and laid it on his shoulder, and said to the

people that were with him, What you have seen me do, make haste, and do as I have done.

9:49 And all the people likewise cut down every man his bough, and followed Abimelech, and put them to the hold, and set the hold on fire on them; so that all the men of the tower of Shechem died also, about a thousand men and women.

9:50 Then went Abimelech to Thebez, and encamped against Thebez, and took it.

9:51 But there was a strong tower within the city, and there fled all the men and women, and all they of the city, and shut it to them, and got them up to the top of the tower.

9:52 And Abimelech came to the tower, and fought against it, and went hard to the door of the tower to burn it with fire.

9:53 And a certain woman cast a piece of a millstone onto Abimelech's head, to brake his skull.

9:54 Then he called hastily to the young man his armor bearer, and said to him, Draw your sword, and slay me, that men say not of me, A women slew him. And his young man thrust him through, and he died.

9:55 And when the men of Israel saw that Abimelech was dead, they departed every man to his place.

9:56 Thus God rendered the wickedness of Abimelech, which he did to his father, in slaying his seventy brothers:

9:57 And all the evil of the men of Shechem did God render on their heads: and on them came the curse of Jotham the son of Jerubbaal.

Judges – Chapter 10

10:1 And after Abimelech there arose to defend Israel Tola the son of Puah, the son of Dodo, a man of Issachar; and he dwelled in Shamir in mount Ephraim.

10:2 And he judged Israel twenty and three years, and died, and was buried in Shamir.

10:3 And after him arose Jair, a Gileadite, and judged Israel twenty and two years.

10:4 And he had thirty sons that rode on thirty ass colts, and they had thirty cities, which are called Havothjair to this day, which are in the land of Gilead.

10:5 And Jair died, and was buried in Camon.

10:6 And the children of Israel did evil again in the sight of *Yehovah*, and served Baalim, and Ashtaroth, and the gods of Syria, and the gods of Zidon, and the gods of Moab, and the gods of the children of Ammon, and the gods of the Philistines, and forsook *Yehovah*, and served not him.

10:7 And the anger of *Yehovah* was hot against Israel, and he sold them into the hand of the Philistines, and into the hands of the children of Ammon.

10:8 And that year they vexed and oppressed the children of Israel: eighteen years, all the children of Israel that were on the other side Jordan in the land of the Amorites, which is in Gilead.

10:9 Moreover the children of Ammon passed over Jordan to fight also against Judah, and against Benjamin, and against the house of Ephraim; so that Israel was sore distressed.

10:10 And the children of Israel cried to *Yehovah*, saying, We have sinned against you, both because we have forsaken our God, and also served Baalim.

10:11 And *Yehovah* said to the children of Israel, Did not I deliver you from the Egyptians, and from the Amorites, from the children of Ammon, and from the Philistines?

10:12 The Zidonians also, and the Amalekites, and the Maonites, did oppress you; and you cried to me, and I delivered you out of their hand.

10:13 Yet you have forsaken me, and served other gods: why I will deliver you no more.

10:14 Go and cry to the gods which you have chosen; let them deliver you in the time of your tribulation.

10:15 And the children of Israel said to *Yehovah*, We have sinned: do you to us whatever seems good to you; deliver us only, we pray you, this day.

10:16 And they put away the strange gods from among them, and served *Yehovah*: and his soul was grieved for the misery of Israel.

10:17 Then the children of Ammon were gathered together, and encamped in Gilead. And the children of Israel assembled themselves together, and encamped in Mizpeh.

10:18 And the people and princes of Gilead said one to another, What man is he that will begin to fight against the children of Ammon? he shall be head over all the inhabitants of Gilead.

Judges – Chapter 11

11:1 Now Jephthah the Gileadite was a mighty man of valor, and he was the son of a harlot: and Gilead begat Jephthah.

11:2 And Gilead's wife bore him sons; and his wife's sons grew up, and they thrust out Jephthah, and said to him, You shall not inherit in our father's house; for you are the son of a strange woman.

11:3 Then Jephthah fled from his brothers, and dwelled in the land of Tob: and there were gathered vain men to Jephthah, and went out with him.

11:4 And it came to pass in process of time, that the children of Ammon made war against Israel.

11:5 And it was so, that when the children of Ammon made war against Israel, the elders of Gilead went to bring Jephthah out of the land of Tob:

11:6 And they said to Jephthah, Come, and be our captain, that we may fight with the children of Ammon.

11:7 And Jephthah said to the elders of Gilead, Did not you hate me, and expel me out of my father's house? and why are you come to me now when you are in distress?

11:8 And the elders of Gilead said to Jephthah, Therefore we turn again to you now, that you may go with us, and fight against the children of Ammon, and be our head over all the inhabitants of Gilead.

11:9 And Jephthah said to the elders of Gilead, If you bring me home again to fight against the children of Ammon, and *Yehovah* deliver them before me, shall I be your head?

11:10 And the elders of Gilead said to Jephthah, *Yehovah* be witness between us, if we do not so according to your words.

11:11 Then Jephthah went with the elders of Gilead, and the people made him head and captain over them: and Jephthah uttered all his words before *Yehovah* in Mizpeh.

11:12 And Jephthah sent messengers to the king of the children of Ammon, saying, What have you to do with me, that you are come against me to fight in my land?

11:13 And the king of the children of Ammon answered to the messengers of Jephthah, Because Israel took away my land, when they came up out of Egypt, from Arnon even to Jabbok, and to Jordan: now therefore restore those lands again peaceably.

11:14 And Jephthah sent messengers again to the king of the children of Ammon:

11:15 And said to him, Thus said Jephthah, Israel took not away the land of Moab, nor the land of the children of Ammon:

11:16 But when Israel came up from Egypt, and walked through the wilderness to the Red sea, and came to Kadesh;

11:17 Then Israel sent messengers to the king of Edom, saying, Let me, I pray you, pass through your land: but the king of Edom would not listen thereto. And in like manner they sent to the king of Moab: but he would not consent: and Israel stayed in Kadesh.

11:18 Then they went along through the wilderness, and compassed the land of Edom, and the land of Moab, and came by the east side of the land of Moab, and pitched on the other side of Arnon, but came not within the border of Moab: for Arnon was the border of Moab.

11:19 And Israel sent messengers to Sihon king of the Amorites, the king of Heshbon; and Israel said to him, Let us pass, we pray you, through your land into my place.

11:20 But Sihon trusted not Israel to pass through his coast: but Sihon gathered all his people together, and pitched in Jahaz, and fought against Israel.

11:21 And *Yehovah* God of Israel delivered Sihon and all his people into the hand of Israel, and they smote them: so Israel possessed all the land of the Amorites, the inhabitants of that country.

11:22 And they possessed all the coasts of the Amorites, from Arnon even to Jabbok, and from the wilderness even to Jordan.

11:23 So now *Yehovah* God of Israel has dispossessed the Amorites from before his people Israel, and should you possess it?

11:24 Will not you possess that which Chemosh your god gives you to possess? So whomsoever *Yehovah* our God shall drive out from before us, them will we possess.

11:25 And now are you any better than Balak the son of Zippor, king of Moab? did he ever strive against Israel, or did he ever fight against them,

11:26 While Israel dwelled in Heshbon and her towns, and in Aroer and her towns, and in all the cities that be along by the coasts of Arnon, three hundred years? why therefore did you not recover them within that time?

11:27 Why I have not sinned against you, but you do me wrong to war against me: *Yehovah* the Judge be judge this day between the children of Israel and the children of Ammon.

11:28 However, the king of the children of Ammon listened not to the words of Jephthah which he sent him.

11:29 Then the Spirit of *Yehovah* came on Jephthah, and he passed over Gilead, and Manasseh, and passed over Mizpeh of Gilead, and from Mizpeh of Gilead he passed over to the children of Ammon.

11:30 And Jephthah vowed a vow to *Yehovah*, and said, If you shall without fail deliver the children of Ammon into my hands,

11:31 Then it shall be, that whatever comes forth of the doors of my house to meet me, when I return in peace from the children of Ammon, shall surely be *Yehovah*'s, and I will offer it up for a burnt offering.

11:32 So Jephthah passed over to the children of Ammon to fight against them; and *Yehovah* delivered them into his hands.

11:33 And he smote them from Aroer, even till you come to Minnith, even twenty cities, and to the plain of the vineyards, with a very great slaughter. Thus the children of Ammon were subdued before the children of Israel.

11:34 And Jephthah came to Mizpeh to his house, and, behold, his daughter came out to meet him with tambourines and with dances: and she was his only child; beside her he had neither son nor daughter.

11:35 And it came to pass, when he saw her, that he rent his clothes, and said, Alas, my daughter! you have brought me very low, and you are one of them that trouble me: for I have opened my mouth to *Yehovah*, and I cannot go back.

11:36 And she said to him, My father, if you have opened your mouth to *Yehovah*, do to me according to that which has proceeded out of your mouth; for as much as *Yehovah* has taken vengeance for you of your enemies, even of the children of Ammon.

11:37 And she said to her father, Let this thing be done for me: let me alone two months, that I may go up and down on the mountains, and mourn my virginity, I and my companions.

11:38 And he said, Go. And he sent her away for two months: and she went with her companions, and bewailed her virginity on the mountains.

11:39 And it came to pass at the end of two months, that she returned to her father, who did with her according to his vow which he had vowed: and she knew no man. And it was a custom in Israel,

11:40 That the daughters of Israel went yearly to lament the daughter of Jephthah the Gileadite four days in a year.

Judges – Chapter 12

12:1 And the men of Ephraim gathered themselves together, and went northward, and said to Jephthah, Why passed you over to fight against the children of Ammon, and did not call us to go with you? we will burn your house on you with fire.

12:2 And Jephthah said to them, I and my people were at great strife with the children of Ammon; and when I called you, you delivered me not out of their hands.

12:3 And when I saw that you delivered me not, I put my life in my hands, and passed over against the children of Ammon, and *Yehovah* delivered them into my hand: why then are you come up to me this day, to fight against me?

12:4 Then Jephthah gathered together all the men of Gilead, and fought with Ephraim: and the men of Gilead smote Ephraim, because they said, You Gileadites are fugitives of Ephraim among the Ephraimites, and among the Manassites.

12:5 And the Gileadites took the passages of Jordan before the Ephraimites: and it was so, that when those Ephraimites which were escaped said, Let me go over; that the men of Gilead said to him, Are you an Ephraimite? If he said, No;

12:6 Then said they to him, Say now Shibboleth: and he said Sibboleth: for he could not frame to pronounce it right. Then they took him, and slew him at the passages of Jordan: and there fell at that time of the Ephraimites forty and two thousand.

12:7 And Jephthah judged Israel six years. Then died Jephthah the Gileadite, and was buried in one of the cities of Gilead.

12:8 And after him Ibzan of Bethlehem judged Israel.

12:9 And he had thirty sons, and thirty daughters, whom he sent abroad, and took in thirty daughters from abroad for his sons. And he judged Israel seven years.

12:10 Then died Ibzan, and was buried at Bethlehem.

12:11 And after him Elon, a Zebulunite, judged Israel; and he judged Israel ten years.

12:12 And Elon the Zebulunite died, and was buried in Aijalon in the country of Zebulun.

12:13 And after him Abdon the son of Hillel, a Pirathonite, judged Israel.

12:14 And he had forty sons and thirty nephews, that rode on three score and ten ass colts: and he judged Israel eight years.

12:15 And Abdon the son of Hillel the Pirathonite died, and was buried in Pirathon in the land of Ephraim, in the mount of the Amalekites.

Judges – Chapter 13

13:1 And the children of Israel did evil again in the sight of *Yehovah*; and *Yehovah* delivered them into the hand of the Philistines forty years.

13:2 And there was a certain man of Zorah, of the family of the Danites, whose name was Manoah; and his wife was barren, and bore not.

13:3 And the angel of *Yehovah* appeared to the woman, and said to her, Behold now, you are barren, and bore not: but you shall conceive, and bear a son.

13:4 Now therefore beware, I pray you, and drink not wine nor strong drink, and eat not any unclean thing:

13:5 For, see, you shall conceive, and bear a son; and no razor shall come on his head: for the child shall be a Nazarite to God from the womb: and he shall begin to deliver Israel out of the hand of the Philistines.

13:6 Then the woman came and told her husband, saying, A man of God came to me, and his countenance was like the countenance of an angel of God, very terrible: but I asked him not from where he was, neither told he me his name:

13:7 But he said to me, Behold, you shall conceive, and bear a son; and now drink no wine nor strong drink, neither eat any unclean thing: for the child shall be a Nazarite to God from the womb to the day of his death.

13:8 Then Manoah entreated *Yehovah*, and said, O my Lord, let the man of God which you did send come again to us, and teach us what we shall do to the child that shall be born.

13:9 And God listened to the voice of Manoah; and the angel of God came again to the woman as she sat in the field: but Manoah her husband was not with her.

13:10 And the woman made haste, and ran, and showed her husband, and said to him, Behold, the man has appeared to me, that came to me the other day.

13:11 And Manoah arose, and went after his wife, and came to the man, and said to him, Are you the man that spoke to the woman? And he said, I am.

13:12 And Manoah said, Now let your words come to pass. How shall we order the child, and how shall we do to him?

13:13 And the angel of *Yehovah* said to Manoah, Of all that I said to the woman let her beware.

13:14 She may not eat of anything that comes of the vine, neither let her drink wine or strong drink, nor eat any unclean thing: all that I commanded her let her observe.

13:15 And Manoah said to the angel of *Yehovah*, I pray you, let us detain you, until we shall have made ready a kid for you.

13:16 And the angel of *Yehovah* said to Manoah, Though you detain me, I will not eat of your bread: and if you will offer a burnt offering, you must offer it to *Yehovah*. For Manoah knew not that he was an angel of *Yehovah*.

13:17 And Manoah said to the angel of *Yehovah*, What is your name, that when your sayings come to pass we may do you honor?

13:18 And the angel of *Yehovah* said to him, Why ask you thus after my name, seeing it is secret?

13:19 So Manoah took a kid with a meat offering, and offered it on a rock to *Yehovah*: and the angel did wondrously; and Manoah and his wife looked on.

13:20 For it came to pass, when the flame went up toward heaven from off the altar, that the angel of *Yehovah* ascended in the flame of the altar. And Manoah and his wife looked on it, and fell on their faces to the ground.

13:21 But the angel of *Yehovah* did no more appear to Manoah and to his wife. Then Manoah knew that he was an angel of *Yehovah*.

13:22 And Manoah said to his wife, We shall surely die, because we have seen God.

13:23 But his wife said to him, If *Yehovah* were pleased to kill us, he would not have received a burnt offering and a meat offering at our hands, neither would he have showed us all these things, nor would as at this time have told us such things as these.

13:24 And the woman bore a son, and called his name Samson: and the child grew, and *Yehovah* blessed him.

13:25 And the Spirit of *Yehovah* began to move him at times in the camp of Dan between Zorah and Eshtaol.

Judges – Chapter 14

14:1 And Samson went down to Timnath, and saw a woman in Timnath of the daughters of the Philistines.

14:2 And he came up, and told his father and his mother, and said, I have seen a woman in Timnath of the daughters of the Philistines: now therefore get her for me to wife.

14:3 Then his father and his mother said to him, Is there never a woman among the daughters of your brothers, or among all my people, that you go to take a wife of the uncircumcised Philistines? And Samson said to his father, Get her for me; for she pleases me well.

14:4 But his father and his mother knew not that it was of *Yehovah*, that he sought an occasion against the Philistines: for at that time the Philistines had dominion over Israel.

14:5 Then went Samson down, and his father and his mother, to Timnath, and came to the vineyards of Timnath: and, behold, a young lion roared against him.

14:6 And the Spirit of *Yehovah* came mightily on him, and he rent him as he would have rent a kid, and he had nothing in his hand: but he told not his father or his mother what he had done.

14:7 And he went down, and talked with the woman; and she pleased Samson well.

14:8 And after a time he returned to take her, and he turned aside to see the carcass of the lion: and, behold, there was a swarm of bees and honey in the carcass of the lion.

14:9 And he took the honey in his hands, and went on eating, and came to his father and mother, and he gave them, and they did eat: but he told not them that he had taken the honey out of the carcass of the lion.

14:10 So his father went down to the woman: and Samson made there a feast; for so used the young men to do.

14:11 And it came to pass, when they saw him, that they brought thirty companions to be with him.

14:12 And Samson said to them, I will now put forth a riddle to you: if you can certainly declare it me within the seven days of the feast, and find it out, then I will give you thirty sheets and thirty change of garments:

14:13 But if you cannot declare it me, then shall you give me thirty sheets and thirty change of garments. And they said to him, Put forth your riddle, that we may hear it.

14:14 And he said to them, Out of the eater came forth meat, and out of the strong came forth sweetness. And they could not in three days expound the riddle.

14:15 And it came to pass on the seventh day, that they said to Samson's wife, Entice your husband, that he may declare to us the riddle, lest we burn you and your father's house with fire: have you called us to take that we have? is it not so?

14:16 And Samson's wife wept before him, and said, You do but hate me, and love me not: you have put forth a riddle to the children of my people, and have not told it me. And he said to her, Behold, I have not told it my father nor my mother, and shall I tell it you?

14:17 And she wept before him the seven days, while their feast lasted: and it came to pass on the seventh day, that he told her, because she lay sore on him: and she told the riddle to the children of her people.

14:18 And the men of the city said to him on the seventh day before the sun went down, What is sweeter than honey? And what is stronger than a lion? and he said to them, If you had not plowed with my heifer, you had not found out my riddle.

14:19 And the Spirit of *Yehovah* came on him, and he went down to Ashkelon, and slew thirty men of them, and took their spoils, and gave change of garments to them which expounded the riddle. And his anger was kindled, and he went up to his father's house.

14:20 But Samson's wife was given to his companion, whom he had used as his friend.

Judges – Chapter 15

15:1 But it came to pass within a while after, in the time of wheat harvest, that Samson visited his wife with a kid; and he said, I will go in to my wife into the chamber. But her father would not suffer him to go in.

15:2 And her father said, I truly thought that you had utterly hated her; therefore I gave her to your companion: is not her younger sister fairer than she? take her, I pray you, instead of her.

15:3 And Samson said concerning them, Now shall I be more blameless than the Philistines, though I do them a displeasure.

15:4 And Samson went and caught three hundred foxes, and took firebrands, and turned tail to tail, and put a firebrand in the middle between two tails.

15:5 And when he had set the brands on fire, he let them go into the standing *grain* of the Philistines, and burnt up both the shocks, and also the standing *grain*, with the vineyards and olives.

15:6 Then the Philistines said, Who has done this? And they answered, Samson, the son in law of the Timnite, because he had taken his wife, and given her to his companion. And the Philistines came up, and burnt her and her father with fire.

15:7 And Samson said to them, Though you have done this, yet will I be avenged of you, and after that I will cease.

15:8 And he smote them hip and thigh with a great slaughter: and he went down and dwelled in the top of the rock Etam.

15:9 Then the Philistines went up, and pitched in Judah, and spread themselves in Lehi.

15:10 And the men of Judah said, Why are you come up against us? And they answered, To bind Samson are we come up, to do to him as he has done to us.

15:11 Then three thousand men of Judah went to the top of the rock Etam, and said to Samson, Know you not that the Philistines are rulers over us? what is this that you have done to us? And he said to them, As they did to me, so have I done to them.

15:12 And they said to him, We are come down to bind you, that we may deliver you into the hand of the Philistines. And Samson said to them, Swear to me, that you will not fall on me yourselves.

15:13 And they spoke to him, saying, No; but we will bind you fast, and deliver you into their hand: but surely we will not kill you. And they bound him with two new cords, and brought him up from the rock.

15:14 And when he came to Lehi, the Philistines shouted against him: and the Spirit of *Yehovah* came mightily on him, and the cords that were on his arms became as flax that was burnt with fire, and his bands loosened from off his hands.

15:15 And he found a new jawbone of an ass, and put forth his hand, and took it, and slew a thousand men therewith.

15:16 And Samson said, With the jawbone of an ass, heaps on heaps, with the jaw of an ass have I slain a thousand men.

15:17 And it came to pass, when he had made an end of speaking, that he cast away the jawbone out of his hand, and called that place Ramathlehi.

15:18 And he was sore thirsty, and called on *Yehovah*, and said, You have given this great deliverance into the hand of your servant: and now shall I die for thirst, and fall into the hand of the uncircumcised?

15:19 But God split a hollow place that was in the jaw, and there came water out of there; and when he had drunk, his spirit came again, and he revived: which is why he called the name Enhakkore, which is in Lehi to this day.

15:20 And he judged Israel in the days of the Philistines twenty years.

Judges – Chapter 16

16:1 Then went Samson to Gaza, and saw there a harlot, and went in to her.

16:2 And it was told the Gazites, saying, Samson is come here. And they compassed him in, and laid wait for him all night in the gate of the city, and were quiet all the night, saying, In the morning, when it is day, we shall kill him.

16:3 And Samson lay till midnight, and arose at midnight, and took the doors of the gate of the city, and the two posts, and went away with them, bar and all, and put them on his shoulders, and carried them up to the top of a hill that is before Hebron.

16:4 And it came to pass afterward, that he loved a woman in the valley of Sorek, whose name was Delilah.

16:5 And the lords of the Philistines came up to her, and said to her, Entice him, and see where his great strength lies, and by what means we may prevail against him, that we may bind him to afflict him; and we will give you everyone of us eleven hundred pieces of silver.

16:6 And Delilah said to Samson, Tell me, I pray you, where does your great strength lie, and with which you might be bound to afflict you.

16:7 And Samson said to her, If they bind me with seven green things that were never dried, then shall I be weak, and be as another man.

16:8 Then lords of the Philistines brought up to her seven green things which had not been dried, and she bound him with them.

16:9 Now there were men lying in wait, abiding with her in the chamber. And she said to him, The Philistines be on you, Samson. And he broke the thongs, as a thread of wick is broken when it touches the fire. So his strength was not known.

16:10 And Delilah said to Samson, Behold, you have mocked me, and told me lies: now tell me, I pray you, with which you might be bound.

16:11 And he said to her, If they bind me fast with new ropes that never were occupied, then shall I be weak, and be as another man.

16:12 Delilah therefore took new ropes, and bound him therewith, and said to him, The Philistines be on you, Samson. And there were liers in wait abiding in the chamber. And he broke them from off his arms like a thread.

16:13 And Delilah said to Samson, Till now you have mocked me, and told me lies: tell me with which you might be bound. And he said to her, If you weave the seven locks of my head with the web.

16:14 And she fastened it with the pin, and said to him, The Philistines be on you, Samson. And he awaked out of his sleep, and went away with the pin of the beam, and with the web.

16:15 And she said to him, How can you say, I love you, when your heart is not with me? you have mocked me these three times, and have not told me where your great strength lies.

16:16 And it came to pass, when she pressed him daily with her words, and urged him, so that his soul was vexed to death;

16:17 That he told her all his heart, and said to her, There has not come a razor on my head; for I have been a Nazarite to God from my mother's womb: if I be shaven, then my strength will go from me, and I shall become weak, and be like any other man.

16:18 And when Delilah saw that he had told her all his heart, she sent and called for the lords of the Philistines, saying, Come up this once, for he has showed me all his heart. Then the lords of the Philistines came up to her, and brought money in their hand.

16:19 And she made him sleep on her knees; and she called for a man, and she caused him to shave off the seven locks of his head; and she began to afflict him, and his strength went from him.

16:20 And she said, The Philistines be on you, Samson. And he awoke out of his sleep, and said, I will go out as at other times before, and shake myself. And he knew not that *Yehovah* was departed from him.

16:21 But the Philistines took him, and put out his eyes, and brought him down to Gaza, and bound him with fetters of brass; and he did grind in the prison house.

16:22 However, the hair of his head began to grow again after he was shaven.

16:23 Then the lords of the Philistines gathered them together for to offer a great sacrifice to Dagon their god, and to rejoice: for they said, Our god has delivered Samson our enemy into our hand.

16:24 And when the people saw him, they praised their god: for they said, Our god has delivered into our hands our enemy, and the destroyer of our country, which slew many of us.

16:25 And it came to pass, when their hearts were merry, that they said, Call for Samson, that he may make us sport. And they called for Samson out of the prison house; and he made them sport: and they set him between the pillars.

16:26 And Samson said to the lad that held him by the hand, Suffer me that I may feel the pillars whereupon the house stands, that I may lean on them.

16:27 Now the house was full of men and women; and all the lords of the Philistines were there; and there were on the roof about three thousand men and women, that beheld while Samson made sport.

16:28 And Samson called to *Yehovah*, and said, *O YEHOVAH* God, remember me, I pray you, and strengthen me, I pray you, only this once, O God, that I may be at once avenged of the Philistines for my two eyes.

16:29 And Samson took hold of the two middle pillars on which the house stood, and on which it was borne up, of the one with his right hand, and of the other with his left.

16:30 And Samson said, Let me die with the Philistines. And he bowed himself with all his might; and the house fell on the Lords, and on all the people that were in it. So the dead which he slew at his death were more than they which he slew in his life.

16:31 Then his brothers and all the house of his father came down, and took him, and brought him up, and buried him between Zorah and Eshtaol in the burial plot of Manoah his father. And he judged Israel twenty years.

Judges – Chapter 17

17:1 And there was a man of mount Ephraim, whose name was Micah.

17:2 And he said to his mother, The eleven hundred shekels of silver that were taken from you, about which you cursed, and spoke of also in my ears, behold, the silver is with me; I took it. And his mother said, Blessed be you of *Yehovah*, my son.

17:3 And when he had restored the eleven hundred shekels of silver to his mother, his mother said, I had wholly dedicated the silver to *Yehovah* from my hand for my son, to make a graven image and a molten image: now therefore I will restore it to you.

17:4 Yet he restored the money to his mother; and his mother took two hundred shekels of silver, and gave them to the founder, who made a graven image and a molten image: and they were in the house of Micah.

17:5 And the man Micah had a house of gods, and made an ephod, and teraphim, and consecrated one of his sons, who became his priest.

17:6 In those days there was no king in Israel, but every man did that which was right in his own eyes.

17:7 And there was a young man out of Bethlehemjudah of the family of Judah, who was a Levite, and he sojourned there.

17:8 And the man departed out of the city from Bethlehemjudah to sojourn where he could find a place: and he came to mount Ephraim to the house of Micah, as he journeyed.

17:9 And Micah said to him, From where come you? And he said to him, I am a Levite of Bethlehemjudah, and I go to sojourn where I may find a place.

17:10 And Micah said to him, Dwell with me, and be to me a father and a priest, and I will give you ten shekels of silver by the year, and a suit of apparel, and your provisions. So the Levite went in.

17:11 And the Levite was content to dwell with the man; and the young man was to him as one of his sons.

17:12 And Micah consecrated the Levite; and the young man became his priest, and was in the house of Micah.

17:13 Then said Micah, Now know I that *Yehovah* will do me good, seeing I have a Levite to my priest.

Judges – Chapter 18

18:1 In those days there was no king in Israel: and in those days the tribe of the Danites sought them an inheritance to dwell in; for to that day all their inheritance had not fallen to them among the tribes of Israel.

18:2 And the children of Dan sent of their family five men from their coasts, men of valor, from Zorah, and from Eshtaol, to spy out the land, and to search it; and they said to them, Go, search the land: who when they came to mount Ephraim, to the house of Micah, they lodged there.

18:3 When they were by the house of Micah, they knew the voice of the young man the Levite: and they turned in there, and said to him, Who brought you here? and what make you in this place? and what have you here?

18:4 And he said to them, Thus and thus deals Micah with me, and has hired me, and I am his priest.

18:5 And they said to him, Ask counsel, we pray you, of God, that we may know whether our way which we go shall be prosperous.

18:6 And the priest said to them, Go in peace: before *Yehovah* is your way where ever you go.

18:7 Then the five men departed, and came to Laish, and saw the people that were in it, how they dwelled careless, after the manner of the Zidonians, quiet and secure; and there was no magistrate in the land, that might put them to shame in anything; and they were far from the Zidonians, and had no business with any man.

18:8 And they came to their brothers to Zorah and Eshtaol: and their brothers said to them, What say you?

18:9 And they said, Arise, that we may go up against them: for we have seen the land, and, behold, it is very good: and are you still? be not slothful to go, and to enter to possess the land.

18:10 When you go, you shall come to a people secure, and to a large land: for God has given it into your hands; a place where there is no want of anything that is in the earth.

18:11 And there went from there of the family of the Danites, out of Zorah and out of Eshtaol, six hundred men appointed with weapons of war.

18:12 And they went up, and pitched in Kirjathjearim, in Judah: why they called that place Mahanehdan to this day: behold, it is behind Kirjathjearim.

18:13 And they passed there to mount Ephraim, and came to the house of Micah.

18:14 Then answered the five men that went to spy out the country of Laish, and said to their brothers, Do you know that there is in these houses an ephod, and teraphim, and a graven image, and a molten image? now therefore consider what you have to do.

18:15 And they turned and came to the house of the young man the Levite, even to the house of Micah, and saluted him.

18:16 And the six hundred men appointed with their weapons of war, which were of the children of Dan, stood by the entering of the gate.

18:17 And the five men that went to spy out the land went up, and came in there, and took the graven image, and the ephod, and the teraphim, and the molten image: and the priest stood in the entering of the gate with the six hundred men that were appointed with weapons of war.

18:18 And these went into Micah's house, and brought out the carved image, the ephod, and the teraphim, and the molten image. Then said the priest to them, What do you?

18:19 And they said to him, Hold your peace, lay your hand on your mouth, and go with us, and be to us a father and a priest: is it better for you to be a priest to the house of one man, or that you be a priest to a tribe and a family in Israel?

18:20 And the priest's heart was glad, and he took the ephod, and the teraphim, and the graven image, and went in the middle of the people.

18:21 So they turned and departed, and put the little ones and the cattle and the carriage before them.

18:22 And when they were a good way from the house of Micah, the men that were in the houses near to Micah's house were gathered together, and overtook the children of Dan.

18:23 And they cried to the children of Dan. And they turned their faces, and said to Micah, What ails you, that you come with such a company?

18:24 And he said, You have taken away my gods which I made, and the priest, and you are gone away: and what have I more? and what is this that you say to me, What ails you?

18:25 And the children of Dan said to him, Let not your voice be heard among us, lest angry fellows run on you, and you lose your life, with the lives of your household.

18:26 And the children of Dan went their way: and when Micah saw that they were too strong for him, he turned and went back to his house.

18:27 And they took the things which Micah had made, and the priest which he had, and came to Laish, to a people that were at quiet and secure: and they smote them with the edge of the sword, and burnt the city with fire.

18:28 And there was no deliverer, because it was far from Zidon, and they had no business with any man; and it was in the valley that lies by Bethrehab. And they built a city, and dwelled in it.

18:29 And they called the name of the city Dan, after the name of Dan their father, who was born to Israel: however, the name of the city was Laish at the first.

18:30 And the children of Dan set up the graven image: and Jonathan, the son of Gershom, the son of Manasseh, he and his sons were priests to the tribe of Dan until the day of the captivity of the land.

18:31 And they set them up Micah's graven image, which he made, all the time that the house of God was in Shiloh.

Judges – Chapter 19

19:1 And it came to pass in those days, when there was no king in Israel, that there was a certain Levite sojourning on the side of mount Ephraim, who took to him a concubine out of Bethlehemjudah.

19:2 And his concubine played the whore against him, and went away from him to her father's house to Bethlehemjudah, and was there four whole months.

19:3 And her husband arose, and went after her, to speak friendly to her, and to bring her again, having his servant with him, and a couple of asses: and she brought him into her father's house: and when the father of the damsel saw him, he rejoiced to meet him.

19:4 And his father in law, the damsel's father, retained him; and he stayed with him three days: so they did eat and drink, and lodged there.

19:5 And it came to pass on the fourth day, when they arose early in the morning, that he rose up to depart: and the damsel's father said to his son in law, Comfort your heart with a morsel of bread, and afterward go your way.

19:6 And they sat down, and did eat and drink both of them together: for the damsel's father had said to the man, Be content, I pray you, and tarry all night, and let your heart be merry.

19:7 And when the man rose up to depart, his father in law urged him: therefore he lodged there again.

19:8 And he arose early in the morning on the fifth day to depart; and the damsel's father said, Comfort your heart, I pray you. And they tarried until afternoon, and they did eat both of them.

19:9 And when the man rose up to depart, he, and his concubine, and his servant, his father in law, the damsel's father, said to him, Behold, now the day draws toward evening, I pray you tarry all night: behold, the day grows to an end, lodge here, that your heart may be merry; and tomorrow get you early on your way, that you may go home.

19:10 But the man would not tarry that night, but he rose up and departed, and came over against Jebus, which is Jerusalem; and there were with him two asses saddled, his concubine also was with him.

19:11 And when they were by Jebus, the day was far spent; and the servant said to his master, Come, I pray you, and let us turn in into this city of the Jebusites, and lodge in it.

19:12 And his master said to him, We will not turn aside here into the city of a stranger, that is not of the children of Israel; we will pass over to Gibeah.

19:13 And he said to his servant, Come, and let us draw near to one of these places to lodge all night, in Gibeah, or in Ramah.

19:14 And they passed on and went their way; and the sun went down on them when they were by Gibeah, which belongs to Benjamin.

19:15 And they turned aside there, to go in and to lodge in Gibeah: and when he went in, he sat him down in a street of the city: for there was no man that took them into his house to lodging.

19:16 And, behold, there came an old man from his work out of the field at even, which was also of mount Ephraim; and he sojourned in Gibeah: but the men of the place were Benjamites.

19:17 And when he had lifted up his eyes, he saw a wayfaring man in the street of the city: and the old man said, Where go you? and from where come you?

19:18 And he said to him, We are passing from Bethlehemjudah toward the side of mount Ephraim; from there am I: and I went to Bethlehemjudah, but I am now going to the house of *Yehovah*; and there is no man that receives me to house.

19:19 Yet there is both straw and provender for our asses; and there is bread and wine also for me, and for your handmaid, and for the young man which is with your servants: there is no want of anything.

19:20 And the old man said, Peace be with you; howsoever let all your wants lie on me; only lodge not in the street.

19:21 So he brought him into his house, and gave provender to the asses: and they washed their feet, and did eat and drink.

19:22 Now as they were making their hearts merry, behold, the men of the city, certain sons of Belial, beset the house round about, and beat at the door, and spoke to the master of the house, the old man, saying, Bring forth the man that came into your house, that we may know him.

19:23 And the man, the master of the house, went out to them, and said to them, No, my brothers, no, I pray you, do not so wickedly; seeing that this man is come into my house, do not this folly.

19:24 Behold, here is my daughter a maiden, and his concubine; them I will bring out now, and humble you them, and do with them what seems good to you: but to this man do not so vile a thing.

19:25 But the men would not listen to him: so the man took his concubine, and brought her forth to them; and they knew her, and abused her all the night until the morning: and when the day began to spring, they let her go.

19:26 Then came the woman in the dawning of the day, and fell down at the door of the man's house where her lord was, till it was light.

19:27 And her lord rose up in the morning, and opened the doors of the house, and went out to go his way: and, behold, the woman his concubine was fallen down at the door of the house, and her hands were on the threshold.

19:28 And he said to her, Up, and let us be going. But none answered. Then the man took her up on an ass, and the man rose up, and got him to his place.

19:29 And when he was come into his house, he took a knife, and laid hold on his concubine, and divided her, together with her bones, into twelve pieces, and sent her into all the coasts of Israel.

19:30 And it was so, that all that saw it said, There was no such deed done nor seen from the day that the children of Israel came up out of the land of Egypt to this day: consider of it, take advice, and speak your minds.

Judges – Chapter 20

20:1 Then all the children of Israel went out, and the congregation was gathered together as one man, from Dan even to Beersheba, with the land of Gilead, to *Yehovah* in Mizpeh.

20:2 And the chief of all the people, even of all the tribes of Israel, presented themselves in the assembly of the people of God, four hundred thousand footmen that drew sword.

20:3 (Now the children of Benjamin heard that the children of Israel were gone up to Mizpeh.) Then said the children of Israel, Tell us, how was this wickedness?

20:4 And the Levite, the husband of the woman that was slain, answered and said, I came into Gibeah that belongs to Benjamin, I and my concubine, to lodge.

20:5 And the men of Gibeah rose against me, and beset the house round about on me by night, and thought to have slain me: and my concubine have they forced, that she is dead.

20:6 And I took my concubine, and cut her in pieces, and sent her throughout all the country of the inheritance of Israel: for they have committed lewdness and folly in Israel.

20:7 Behold, you are all children of Israel; give here your advice and counsel.

20:8 And all the people arose as one man, saying, We will not any of us go to his tent, neither will we any of us turn into his house.

20:9 But now this shall be the thing which we will do to Gibeah; we will go up by lot against it;

20:10 And we will take ten men of a hundred throughout all the tribes of Israel, and a hundred of a thousand, and a thousand out of ten thousand, to gather supplies for the people, that they may do, when they come to Gibeah of Benjamin, according to all the folly that they have worked in Israel.

20:11 So all the men of Israel were gathered against the city, knit together as one man.

20:12 And the tribes of Israel sent men through all the tribe of Benjamin, saying, What wickedness is this that is done among you?

20:13 Now therefore deliver us the men, the children of Belial, which are in Gibeah, that we may put them to death, and put away evil from Israel. But the children of Benjamin would not listen to the voice of their brothers the children of Israel.

20:14 But the children of Benjamin gathered themselves together out of the cities to Gibeah, to go out to battle against the children of Israel.

20:15 And the children of Benjamin were numbered at that time out of the cities twenty and six thousand men that drew sword, beside the inhabitants of Gibeah, which were numbered seven hundred chosen men.

20:16 Among all this people there were seven hundred chosen men left handed; everyone could sling stones at a hair breadth, and not miss.

20:17 And the men of Israel, beside Benjamin, were numbered four hundred thousand men that drew sword: all these were men of war.

20:18 And the children of Israel arose, and went up to the house of God, and asked counsel of God, and said, Which of us shall go up first to the battle against the children of Benjamin? And *Yehovah* said, Judah shall go up first.

20:19 And the children of Israel rose up in the morning, and encamped against Gibeah.

20:20 And the men of Israel went out to battle against Benjamin; and the men of Israel put themselves in array to fight against them at Gibeah.

20:21 And the children of Benjamin came forth out of Gibeah, and destroyed down to the ground of the Israelites that day twenty and two thousand men.

20:22 And the people the men of Israel encouraged themselves, and set their battle again in array in the place where they put themselves in array the first day.

20:23 (And the children of Israel went up and wept before *Yehovah* until even, and asked counsel of *Yehovah*, saying, Shall I go up again to battle against the children of Benjamin my brother? And *Yehovah* said, Go up against him.)

20:24 And the children of Israel came near against the children of Benjamin the second day.

20:25 And Benjamin went forth against them out of Gibeah the second day, and destroyed down to the ground of the children of Israel again eighteen thousand men; all these drew the sword.

20:26 Then all the children of Israel, and all the people, went up, and came to the house of God, and wept, and sat there before *Yehovah*, and fasted that day until even, and offered burnt offerings and peace offerings before *Yehovah*.

20:27 And the children of Israel inquired of *Yehovah*, (for the ark of the covenant of God was there in those days,

20:28 And Phinehas, the son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron, stood before it in those days,) saying, Shall I yet again go out to battle against the children of Benjamin my brother, or shall I cease? And *Yehovah* said, Go up; for tomorrow I will deliver them into your hand.

20:29 And Israel set liers in wait round about Gibeah.

20:30 And the children of Israel went up against the children of Benjamin on the third day, and put themselves in array against Gibeah, as at other times.

20:31 And the children of Benjamin went out against the people, and were drawn away from the city; and they began to smite of the people, and kill, as at other times, in the highways, of which one goes up to the house of God, and the other to Gibeah in the field, about thirty men of Israel.

20:32 And the children of Benjamin said, They are smitten down before us, as at the first. But the children of Israel said, Let us flee, and draw them from the city to the highways.

20:33 And all the men of Israel rose up out of their place, and put themselves in array at Baaltamar: and the liers in wait of Israel came forth out of their places, even out of the meadows of Gibeah.

20:34 And there came against Gibeah ten thousand chosen men out of all Israel, and the battle was sore: but they knew not that evil was near them.

20:35 And *Yehovah* smote Benjamin before Israel: and the children of Israel destroyed of the Benjamites that day twenty and five thousand and a hundred men: all these drew the sword.

20:36 So the children of Benjamin saw that they were smitten: for the men of Israel gave place to the Benjamites, because they trusted to the liers in wait which they had set beside Gibeah.

20:37 And the liers in wait hurried, and rushed on Gibeah; and the liers in wait drew themselves along, and smote all the city with the edge of the sword.

20:38 Now there was an appointed sign between the men of Israel and the liers in wait, that they should make a great flame with smoke rise up out of the city.

20:39 And when the men of Israel retired in the battle, Benjamin began to smite and kill of the men of Israel about thirty persons: for they said, Surely they are smitten down before us, as in the first battle.

20:40 But when the flame began to arise up out of the city with a pillar of smoke, the Benjamites looked behind them, and, behold, the flame of the city ascended up to heaven.

20:41 And when the men of Israel turned again, the men of Benjamin were amazed: for they saw that evil was come on them.

20:42 Therefore they turned their backs before the men of Israel to the way of the wilderness; but the battle overtook them; and them which came out of the cities they destroyed in the middle of them.

20:43 Thus they enclosed the Benjamites round about, and chased them, and stepped them down with ease over against Gibeah toward the sun rise.

20:44 And there fell of Benjamin eighteen thousand men; all these were men of valor.

20:45 And they turned and fled toward the wilderness to the rock of Rimmon: and they gleaned of them in the highways five thousand men; and pursued hard after them to Gidom, and slew two thousand men of them.

20:46 So that all which fell that day of Benjamin were twenty and five thousand men that drew the sword; all these were men of valor.

20:47 But six hundred men turned and fled to the wilderness to the rock Rimmon, and stayed in the rock Rimmon four months.

20:48 And the men of Israel turned again on the children of Benjamin, and smote them with the edge of the sword, as well the men of every city, as the beast, and all that came to hand: also they set on fire all the cities that they came to.

Judges – Chapter 21

21:1 Now the men of Israel had sworn in Mizpeh, saying, There shall not any of us give his daughter to Benjamin to wife.

21:2 And the people came to the house of God, and stayed there till even before God, and lifted up their voices, and wept sore;

21:3 And said, *O YEHOVAH* God of Israel, why is this come to pass in Israel, that there should be today one tribe lacking in Israel?

21:4 And it came to pass the next day, that the people rose early, and built there an altar, and offered burnt offerings and peace offerings.

21:5 And the children of Israel said, Who is there among all the tribes of Israel that came not up with the congregation to *Yehovah*? For they had made a great oath concerning him that came not up to *Yehovah* to Mizpeh, saying, He shall surely be put to death.

21:6 And the children of Israel repented them for Benjamin their brother, and said, There is one tribe cut off from Israel this day.

21:7 How shall we do for wives for them that remain, seeing we have sworn by *Yehovah* that we will not give them of our daughters to wives?

21:8 And they said, What one is there of the tribes of Israel that came not up to Mizpeh to *Yehovah*? And, behold, there came none to the camp from Jabeshgilead to the assembly.

21:9 For the people were numbered, and, behold, there were none of the inhabitants of Jabeshgilead there.

21:10 And the congregation sent twelve thousand men of the most valiant, and commanded them, saying, Go and smite the inhabitants of Jabeshgilead with the edge of the sword, with the women and the children.

21:11 And this is the thing that you shall do, You shall utterly destroy every male, and every woman that has lain by man.

21:12 And they found among the inhabitants of Jabeshgilead four hundred young *maidens*, that had known no man by lying with any male: and they brought them to the camp to Shiloh, which is in the land of Canaan.

21:13 And the whole congregation sent some to speak to the children of Benjamin that were in the rock Rimmon, and to call peaceably to them.

21:14 And Benjamin came again at that time; and they gave them wives which they had saved alive of the women of Jabeshgilead: and yet so they sufficed them not.

21:15 And the people repented them for Benjamin, because that *Yehovah* had made a breach in the tribes of Israel.

21:16 Then the elders of the congregation said, How shall we do for wives for them that remain, seeing the women are destroyed out of Benjamin?

21:17 And they said, There must be an inheritance for them that have escaped of Benjamin, that a tribe be not destroyed out of Israel.

21:18 However, we may not give them wives of our daughters: for the children of Israel have sworn, saying, Cursed be he that gives a wife to Benjamin.

21:19 Then they said, Behold, there is a feast of *Yehovah* in Shiloh yearly in a place which is on the north side of Bethel, on the east side of the highway that goes up from Bethel to Shechem, and on the south of Lebonah.

21:20 Therefore they commanded the children of Benjamin, saying, Go and lie in wait in the vineyards;

21:21 And see, and, behold, if the daughters of Shiloh come out to dance in dances, then come you out of the vineyards, and catch you every man his wife of the daughters of Shiloh, and go to the land of Benjamin.

21:22 And it shall be, when their fathers or their brothers come to us to complain, that we will say to them, Be favorable to them for our sakes: because we reserved not to each man his wife in the war: for you did not give to them at this time, that you should be guilty.

21:23 And the children of Benjamin did so, and took them wives, according to their number, of them that danced, whom they caught: and they went and returned to their inheritance, and repaired the cities, and dwelled in them.

21:24 And the children of Israel departed there at that time, every man to his tribe and to his family, and they went out from there every man to his inheritance.

21:25 In those days there was no king in Israel: every man did that which was right in his own eyes.

Judges of The Old Testament

Judges 2:18 - Yehovah raised up judges, then Yehovah was with the judge and delivered them out of the hand of their enemies:

Othniel	The Nephew of Caleb, delivered Israel from their Mesopotamian enemies. Judges 3:7-11
Ehud	Killed Eglon, King of Moab and defeated the Moabites. Judges 3:12-30
Shamgar	Destroyed 600 Philistines with an oxgoad and rescued Israel. Judges 3:31
Deborah	Urged Barak to attack the mighty army of the Canaanites. Judges 4:1 to 5:31
Gideon	Led 300 Israelites to defeat the entire army of the Midianites. Judges 6:11 to 8:35
Abimelech	One of Gideon's 70 sons, ruled for 3 years. Judges 9:22
Tola	Seventh judge of Israel, son of Puah, from the region of Ephraim. Judges 10:1-2
Jair	Judged Israel 22 years and had 30 sons. Judges 10:3-5
Jephthah	Defeated the Ammonites and is listed as a hero of the faith in Hebrews 11. Judges 11:1 to 12:1-7
Ibzan	Tenth Judge of Israel from Bethlehem, with 30 sons. Judges 12:8-10
Elon	Eleventh Judge of Israel, ruling for 10 years, buried in Zubulun. Judges 12:11-12
Abdon	Twelfth Judge of Israel, ruling for 8 years, having 40 sons. Judges 12:13-15
Samson	Delivered Israel from the Philistines. Known for his great strength. Judges 13:1 to 16:31
Eli	Judge of Israel for 40 years at Shiloh. Father of Hopni & Phinehas. 1 Samuel 1:21
Samuel	Last of the Judges, son of Hannah, lived in Ramah. 1 Samuel 3:20

Book of 1 Samuel

Shmuel A (Book of the Kingdoms 1)

1 Samuel – Chapter 1

1:1 Now there was a certain man of Ramathaimzophim, of mount Ephraim, and his name was Elkanah, the son of Jeroham, the son of Elihu, the son of Tohu, the son of Zuph, an Ephrathite:

1:2 And he had two wives; the name of the one was Hannah, and the name of the other Peninnah: and Peninnah had children, but Hannah had no children.

1:3 And this man went up out of his city yearly to worship and to sacrifice to *Yehovah God of Armies* in Shiloh. And the two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, the priests of *Yehovah*, were there.

1:4 And when the time was that Elkanah offered, he gave to Peninnah his wife, and to all her sons and her daughters, portions:

1:5 But to Hannah he gave a worthy portion; for he loved Hannah: but *Yehovah* had shut up her womb.

1:6 And her adversary also provoked her sore, for to make her fret, because *Yehovah* had shut up her womb.

1:7 And as he did so year by year, when she went up to the house of *Yehovah*, so she provoked her; therefore she wept, and did not eat.

1:8 Then said Elkanah her husband to her, Hannah, why weep you? and why eat you not? and why is your heart grieved? am not I better to you than ten sons?

1:9 So Hannah rose up after they had eaten in Shiloh, and after they had drunk. Now Eli the priest sat on a seat by a post of the temple of *Yehovah*.

1:10 And she was in bitterness of soul, and prayed to *Yehovah*, and wept sore.

1:11 And she vowed a vow, and said, *O YEHOVAH God of Armies*, if you will indeed look on the affliction of your handmaid, and remember me, and not forget your handmaid, but will give to your handmaid a man child, then I will give him to *Yehovah* all the days of his life, and there shall no razor come on his head.

1:12 And it came to pass, as she continued praying before *Yehovah*, that Eli marked her mouth.

1:13 Now Hannah, she spoke in her heart; only her lips moved, but her voice was not heard: therefore Eli thought she had been drunken.

1:14 And Eli said to her, How long will you be drunken? put away your wine from you.

1:15 And Hannah answered and said, No, my lord, I am a woman of a sorrowful spirit: I have drunk neither wine nor strong drink, but have poured out my soul before *Yehovah*.

1:16 Count not your handmaid for a daughter of Belial: for out of the abundance of my complaint and grief have I spoken till now.

1:17 Then Eli answered and said, Go in peace: and the God of Israel grant you your petition that you have asked of him.

1:18 And she said, Let your handmaid find grace in your sight. So the woman went her way, and did eat, and her countenance was no more sad.

1:19 And they rose up in the morning early, and worshipped before *Yehovah*, and returned, and came to their house to Ramah: and Elkanah knew Hannah his wife; and *Yehovah* remembered her.

1:20 Why it came to pass, when the time was come about after Hannah had conceived, that she bore a son, and called his name Samuel, saying, Because I have asked him of *Yehovah*.

1:21 And the man Elkanah, and all his house, went up to offer to *Yehovah* the yearly sacrifice, and his vow.

1:22 But Hannah went not up; for she said to her husband, I will not go up until the child be weaned, and then I will bring him, that he may appear before *Yehovah*, and there abide forever.

1:23 And Elkanah her husband said to her, Do what seems you good; tarry until you have weaned him; only *Yehovah* establish his word. So the woman stayed, and gave her son suck until she weaned him.

1:24 And when she had weaned him, she took him up with her, with three bullocks, and one ephah of flour, and a bottle of wine, and brought him to the house of *Yehovah* in Shiloh: and the child was young.

1:25 And they slew a bullock, and brought the child to Eli.

1:26 And she said, Oh my lord, as your soul lives, my lord, I am the woman that stood by you here, praying to *Yehovah*.

1:27 For this child I prayed; and *Yehovah* has given me my petition which I asked of him:

1:28 Therefore also I have lent him to *Yehovah*; as long as he lives he shall be lent to *Yehovah*. And he worshipped *Yehovah* there.

1 Samuel – Chapter 2

2:1 And Hannah prayed, and said, My heart rejoices in *Yehovah*, my horn is exalted in *Yehovah*: my mouth is enlarged over my enemies; because I rejoice in your salvation.

2:2 There is none holy as *Yehovah*: for there is none beside you: neither is there any rock like our God.

2:3 Talk no more so exceeding proudly; let not arrogance come out of your mouth: for *Yehovah* is a God of knowledge, and by him actions are weighed.

2:4 The bows of the mighty men are broken, and they that stumbled are girded with strength.

2:5 They that were full have hired out themselves for bread; and they that were hungry ceased: so that the barren has born seven; and she that has many children is waxed feeble.

2:6 *Yehovah* kills, and makes alive: he brings down to the grave, and brings up.

2:7 *Yehovah* makes poor, and makes rich: he brings low, and lifts up.

2:8 He raises up the poor out of the dust, and lifts up the beggar from the dunghill, to set them among princes, and to make them inherit the throne of glory: for the pillars of the earth are *Yehovah's*, and he has set the world on them.

2:9 He will keep the feet of his saints, and the wicked shall be silent in darkness; for by strength shall no man prevail.

2:10 The adversaries of *Yehovah* shall be broken to pieces; out of heaven shall he thunder on them: *Yehovah* shall judge the ends of the earth; and he shall give strength to his king, and exalt the horn of his anointed.

2:11 And Elkanah went to Ramah to his house. And the child did minister to *Yehovah* before Eli the priest.

2:12 Now the sons of Eli were sons of Belial; they knew not *Yehovah*.

2:13 And the priest's custom with the people was, that, when any man offered sacrifice, the priest's servant came, while the flesh was in seething, with a meat hook of three teeth in his hand;

2:14 And he struck it into the pan, or kettle, or caldron, or pot; all that the meat hook brought up the priest took for himself. So they did in Shiloh to all the Israelites that came there.

2:15 Also before they burnt the fat, the priest's servant came, and said to the man that sacrificed, Give flesh to roast for the priest; for he will not have sodden flesh of you, but raw.

2:16 And if any man said to him, Let them not fail to burn the fat presently, and then take as much as your soul desires; then he would answer him, No; but you shall give it me now: and if not, I will take it by force.

2:17 Why the sin of the young men was very great before *Yehovah*: for men abhorred the offering of *Yehovah*.

2:18 But Samuel ministered before *Yehovah*, being a child, girded with a linen ephod.

2:19 Moreover his mother made him a little coat, and brought it to him from year to year, when she came up with her husband to offer the yearly sacrifice.

2:20 And Eli blessed Elkanah and his wife, and said, *Yehovah* give you seed of this woman for the loan which is lent to *Yehovah*. And they went to their own home.

2:21 And *Yehovah* visited Hannah, so that she conceived, and bore three sons and two daughters. And the child Samuel grew before *Yehovah*.

2:22 Now Eli was very old, and heard all that his sons did to all Israel; and how they lay with the women that assembled at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation.

2:23 And he said to them, Why do you such things? for I hear of your evil dealings by all this people.

2:24 No, my sons; for it is no good report that I hear: you make *Yehovah*'s people to transgress.

2:25 If one man sin against another, the judge shall judge him: but if a man sin against *Yehovah*, who shall entreat for him? Notwithstanding they listened not to the voice of their father, because *Yehovah* would slay them.

2:26 And the child Samuel grew on, and was in favor both with *Yehovah*, and also with men.

2:27 And there came a man of God to Eli, and said to him, Thus said *Yehovah*, Did I plainly appear to the house of your father, when they were in Egypt in Pharaoh's house?

2:28 And did I choose him out of all the tribes of Israel to be my priest, to offer on my altar, to burn incense, to wear an ephod before me? and did I give to the house of your father all the offerings made by fire of the children of Israel?

2:29 Why kick you at my sacrifice and at my offering, which I have commanded in my habitation; and honor your sons above me, to make yourselves fat with the most chief of all the offerings of Israel my people?

2:30 Why *Yehovah* God of Israel said, I said indeed that your house, and the house of your father, should walk before me forever: but now *Yehovah* said, Be it far from me; for them that honor me I will honor, and they that despise me shall be lightly esteemed.

2:31 Behold, the days come, that I will cut off your arm, and the arm of your father's house, that there shall not be an old man in your house.

2:32 And you shall see an enemy in my habitation, in all the wealth which God shall give Israel: and there shall not be an old man in your house forever.

2:33 And the man of yours, whom I shall not cut off from my altar, shall be to consume your eyes, and to grieve your heart: and all the increase of your house shall die in the flower of their age.

2:34 And this shall be a sign to you, that shall come on your two sons, on Hophni and Phinehas; in one day they shall die both of them.

2:35 And I will raise me up a faithful priest, that shall do according to that which is in my heart and in my mind: and I will build him a sure house; and he shall walk before my anointed forever.

2:36 And it shall come to pass, that everyone that is left in your house shall come and crouch to him for a piece of silver and a morsel of bread, and shall say, Put me, I pray you, into one of the priests' offices, that I may eat a piece of bread.

1 Samuel – Chapter 3

3:1 And the child Samuel ministered to *Yehovah* before Eli. And the word of *Yehovah* was precious in those days; there was no open vision.

3:2 And it came to pass at that time, when Eli was laid down in his place, and his eyes began to wax dim, that he could not see;

3:3 And ere the lamp of God went out in the temple of *Yehovah*, where the ark of God was, and Samuel was laid down to sleep;

3:4 That *Yehovah* called Samuel: and he answered, Here am I.

3:5 And he ran to Eli, and said, Here am I; for you called me. And he said, I called not; lie down again. And he went and lay down.

3:6 And *Yehovah* called yet again, Samuel. And Samuel arose and went to Eli, and said, Here am I; for you did call me. And he answered, I called not, my son; lie down again.

3:7 Now Samuel did not yet know *Yehovah*, neither was the word of *Yehovah* yet revealed to him.

3:8 And *Yehovah* called Samuel again the third time. And he arose and went to Eli, and said, Here am I; for you did call me. And Eli perceived that *Yehovah* had called the child.

3:9 Therefore Eli said to Samuel, Go, lie down: and it shall be, if he call you, that you shall say, Speak, *YEHOVAH*; for your servant hears. So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

3:10 And *Yehovah* came, and stood, and called as at other times, Samuel, Samuel. Then Samuel answered, Speak; for your servant hears.

3:11 And *Yehovah* said to Samuel, Behold, I will do a thing in Israel, at which both the ears of everyone that hears it shall tingle.

3:12 In that day I will perform against Eli all things which I have spoken concerning his house: when I begin, I will also make an end.

3:13 For I have told him that I will judge his house forever for the iniquity which he knows; because his sons made themselves vile, and he restrained them not.

3:14 And therefore I have sworn to the house of Eli, that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be purged with sacrifice nor offering forever.

3:15 And Samuel lay until the morning, and opened the doors of the house of *Yehovah*. And Samuel feared to show Eli the vision.

3:16 Then Eli called Samuel, and said, Samuel, my son. And he answered, Here am I.

3:17 And he said, What is the thing that *Yehovah* has said to you? I pray you hide it not from me: God do so to you, and more also, if you hide anything from me of all the things that he said to you.

3:18 And Samuel told him everything, and hid nothing from him. And he said, It is *Yehovah*: let him do what seems him good.

3:19 And Samuel grew, and *Yehovah* was with him, and did let none of his words fall to the ground.

3:20 And all Israel from Dan even to Beersheba knew that Samuel was established to be a prophet of *Yehovah*.

3:21 And *Yehovah* appeared again in Shiloh: for *Yehovah* revealed himself to Samuel in Shiloh by the word of *Yehovah*.

1 Samuel – Chapter 4

4:1 And the word of Samuel came to all Israel. Now Israel went out against the Philistines to battle, and pitched beside Ebenezer: and the Philistines pitched in Aphek.

4:2 And the Philistines put themselves in array against Israel: and when they joined battle, Israel was smitten before the Philistines: and they slew of the army in the field about four thousand men.

4:3 And when the people were come into the camp, the elders of Israel said, Why has *Yehovah* smitten us today before the Philistines? Let us bring the ark of the covenant of *Yehovah* out of Shiloh to us, that, when it comes among us, it may save us out of the hand of our enemies.

4:4 So the people sent to Shiloh, that they might bring from there the ark of the covenant of *Yehovah God of Armies*, which dwells between the cherubim: and the two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, were there with the ark of the covenant of God.

4:5 And when the ark of the covenant of *Yehovah* came into the camp, all Israel shouted with a great shout, so that the earth rang again.

4:6 And when the Philistines heard the noise of the shout, they said, What means the noise of this great shout in the camp of the Hebrews? And they understood that the ark of *Yehovah* was come into the camp.

4:7 And the Philistines were afraid, for they said, God is come into the camp. And they said, Woe to us! for there has not been such a thing here before.

4:8 Woe to us! who shall deliver us out of the hand of these mighty Gods? these are the Gods that smote the Egyptians with all the plagues in the wilderness.

4:9 Be strong and handle yourselves like men, O you Philistines, that you be not servants to the Hebrews, as they have been to you: handle yourselves like men, and fight.

4:10 And the Philistines fought, and Israel was smitten, and they fled every man into his tent: and there was a very great slaughter; for there fell of Israel thirty thousand footmen.

4:11 And the ark of God was taken; and the two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, were slain.

4:12 And there ran a man of Benjamin out of the army, and came to Shiloh the same day with his clothes rent, and with earth on his head.

4:13 And when he came, see, Eli sat on a seat by the wayside watching: for his heart trembled for the ark of God. And when the man came into the city, and told it, all the city cried out.

4:14 And when Eli heard the noise of the crying, he said, What means the noise of this tumult? And the man came in hastily, and told Eli.

4:15 Now Eli was ninety and eight years old; and his eyes were dim, that he could not see.

4:16 And the man said to Eli, I am he that came out of the army, and I fled today out of the army. And he said, What is there done, my son?

4:17 And the messenger answered and said, Israel is fled before the Philistines, and there has been also a great slaughter among the people, and your two sons also, Hophni and Phinehas, are dead, and the ark of God is taken.

4:18 And it came to pass, when he made mention of the ark of God, that he fell from off the seat backward by the side of the gate, and his neck broke, and he died: for he was an old man, and heavy. And he had judged Israel forty years.

4:19 And his daughter in law, Phinehas' wife, was with child, near to be delivered: and when she heard the tidings that the ark of God was taken, and that her father in law and her husband were dead, she bowed herself and travailed; for her pains came on her.

4:20 And about the time of her death the women that stood by her said to her, Fear not; for you have born a son. But she answered not, neither did she regard it.

4:21 And she named the child Ichabod, saying, The glory is departed from Israel: because the ark of God was taken, and because of her father in law and her husband.

4:22 And she said, The glory is departed from Israel: for the ark of God is taken.

1 Samuel – Chapter 5

5:1 And the Philistines took the ark of God, and brought it from Ebenezer to Ashdod.

5:2 When the Philistines took the ark of God, they brought it into the house of Dagon, and set it by Dagon.

5:3 And when they of Ashdod arose early the next day, behold, Dagon was fallen on his face to the earth before the ark of *Yehovah*. And they took Dagon, and set him in his place again.

5:4 And when they arose early the next day morning, behold, Dagon was fallen on his face to the ground before the ark of *Yehovah*; and the head of Dagon and both the palms of his hands were cut off on the threshold; only the stump of Dagon was left to him.

5:5 Therefore neither the priests of Dagon, nor any that come into Dagon's house, tread on the threshold of Dagon in Ashdod to this day.

5:6 But the hand of *Yehovah* was heavy on them of Ashdod, and he destroyed them, and smote them with tumors, even Ashdod and their coasts.

5:7 And when the men of Ashdod saw that it was so, they said, The ark of the God of Israel shall not abide with us: for his hand is sore on us, and on Dagon our god.

5:8 They sent therefore and gathered all the lords of the Philistines to them, and said, What shall we do with the ark of the God of Israel? And they answered, Let the ark of the God of Israel be carried about to Gath. And they carried the ark of the God of Israel about there.

5:9 And it was so, that, after they had carried it about, the hand of *Yehovah* was against the city with a very great destruction: and he smote the men of the city, both small and great, and they had tumors in their secret parts.

5:10 Therefore they sent the ark of God to Ekron. And it came to pass, as the ark of God came to Ekron, that the Ekronites cried out, saying, They have brought about the ark of the God of Israel to us, to slay us and our people.

5:11 So they sent and gathered together all the lords of the Philistines, and said, Send away the ark of the God of Israel, and let it go again to his own place, that it slay us not, and our people: for there was a deadly destruction throughout all the city; the hand of God was very heavy there.

5:12 And the men that died not were smitten with the tumors: and the cry of the city went up to heaven.

1 Samuel – Chapter 6

6:1 And the ark of *Yehovah* was in the country of the Philistines seven months.

6:2 And the Philistines called for the priests and the diviners, saying, What shall we do to the ark of *Yehovah*? tell us with which we shall send it to his place.

6:3 And they said, If you send away the ark of the God of Israel, send it not empty; but in any wise return him a trespass offering: then you shall be healed, and it shall be known to you why his hand is not removed from you.

6:4 Then said they, What shall be the trespass offering which we shall return to him? They answered, Five golden tumors, and five golden mice, according to the number of the lords of the Philistines: for one plague was on you all, and on your lords.

6:5 Why you shall make images of your tumors, and images of your mice that mar the land; and you shall give glory to the God of Israel: peradventure he will lighten his hand from off you, and from off your gods, and from off your land.

6:6 Why then do you harden your hearts, as the Egyptians and Pharaoh hardened their hearts? when he had worked wonderfully among them, did they not let the people go, and they departed?

6:7 Now therefore make a new cart, and take two milk cows, on which there has come no yoke, and tie the cows to the cart, and bring their calves home from them:

6:8 And take the ark of *Yehovah*, and lay it on the cart; and put the jewels of gold, which you return him for a trespass offering, in a coffer on the side; and send it away, that it may go.

6:9 And see, if it goes up by the way of his own coast to Bethshemesh, then he has done us this great evil: but if not, then we shall know that it is not his hand that smote us: it was a chance that happened to us.

6:10 And the men did so; and took two milk cows, and tied them to the cart, and shut up their calves at home:

6:11 And they laid the ark of *Yehovah* on the cart, and the coffer with the mice of gold and the images of their tumors.

6:12 And the cows took the straight way to the way of Bethshemesh, and went along the highway, lowing as they went, and turned not aside to the right hand or to the left; and the lords of the Philistines went after them to the border of Bethshemesh.

6:13 And they of Bethshemesh were reaping their wheat harvest in the valley: and they lifted up their eyes, and saw the ark, and rejoiced to see it.

6:14 And the cart came into the field of Joshua, a Bethshemite, and stood there, where there was a great stone: and they split the wood of the cart, and offered the cows a burnt offering to *Yehovah*.

6:15 And the Levites took down the ark of *Yehovah*, and the coffer that was with it, in which the jewels of gold were, and put them on the great stone: and the men of Bethshemesh offered burnt offerings and sacrificed sacrifices the same day to *Yehovah*.

6:16 And when the five lords of the Philistines had seen it, they returned to Ekron the same day.

6:17 And these are the golden tumors which the Philistines returned for a trespass offering to *Yehovah*; for Ashdod one, for Gaza one, for Askelon one, for Gath one, for Ekron one;

6:18 And the golden mice, according to the number of all the cities of the Philistines belonging to the five lords, both of fenced cities, and of country villages, even to the great stone of Abel, where on they set down the ark of *Yehovah*: which stone remains to this day in the field of Joshua, the Bethshemite.

6:19 And he smote the men of Bethshemesh, because they had looked into the ark of *Yehovah*, even he smote of the people fifty thousand and three score and ten men: and the people lamented, because *Yehovah* had smitten many of the people with a great slaughter.

6:20 And the men of Bethshemesh said, Who is able to stand before this holy Lord God? and to whom shall he go up from us?

6:21 And they sent messengers to the inhabitants of Kirjathjearim, saying, The Philistines have brought again the ark of *Yehovah*; come you down, and take it up to you.

1 Samuel – Chapter 7

7:1 And the men of Kirjathjearim came, and brought up the ark of *Yehovah*, and brought it into the house of Abinadab in the hill, and sanctified Eleazar his son to keep the ark of *Yehovah*.

7:2 And it came to pass, while the ark stayed in Kirjathjearim, that the time was long; for it was twenty years: and all the house of Israel lamented after *Yehovah*.

7:3 And Samuel spoke to all the house of Israel, saying, If you do return to *Yehovah* with all your hearts, then put away the strange gods and Ashtaroth from among you, and prepare your hearts to *Yehovah*, and serve him only: and he will deliver you out of the hand of the Philistines.

7:4 Then the children of Israel did put away Baalim and Ashtaroth, and served *Yehovah* only.

7:5 And Samuel said, Gather all Israel to Mizpeh, and I will pray for you to *Yehovah*.

7:6 And they gathered together to Mizpeh, and drew water, and poured it out before *Yehovah*, and fasted on that day, and said there, We have sinned against *Yehovah*. And Samuel judged the children of Israel in Mizpeh.

7:7 And when the Philistines heard that the children of Israel were gathered together to Mizpeh, the lords of the Philistines went up against Israel. And when the children of Israel heard it, they were afraid of the Philistines.

7:8 And the children of Israel said to Samuel, Cease not to cry to *Yehovah* our God for us, that he will save us out of the hand of the Philistines.

7:9 And Samuel took a sucking lamb, and offered it for a burnt offering wholly to *Yehovah*: and Samuel cried to *Yehovah* for Israel; and *Yehovah* heard him.

7:10 And as Samuel was offering up the burnt offering, the Philistines drew near to battle against Israel: but *Yehovah* thundered with a great thunder on that day on the Philistines, and discomfited them; and they were smitten before Israel.

7:11 And the men of Israel went out of Mizpeh, and pursued the Philistines, and smote them, until they came under Bethcar.

7:12 Then Samuel took a stone, and set it between Mizpeh and Shen, and called the name of it Ebenezer, saying, Till now has *Yehovah* helped us.

7:13 So the Philistines were subdued, and they came no more into the coast of Israel: and the hand of *Yehovah* was against the Philistines all the days of Samuel.

7:14 And the cities which the Philistines had taken from Israel were restored to Israel, from Ekron even to Gath; and their coasts did Israel deliver out of the hand of the Philistines. And there was peace between Israel and the Amorites.

7:15 And Samuel judged Israel all the days of his life.

7:16 And he went from year to year in circuit to Bethel, and Gilgal, and Mizpeh, and judged Israel in all those places.

7:17 And his return was to Ramah; for there was his house; and there he judged Israel; and there he built an altar to *Yehovah*.

1 Samuel – Chapter 8

8:1 And it came to pass, when Samuel was old, that he made his sons judges over Israel.

8:2 Now the name of his firstborn was Joel; and the name of his second, Abiah: they were judges in Beersheba.

8:3 And his sons walked not in his ways, but turned aside after lucre, and took bribes, and perverted judgment.

8:4 Then all the elders of Israel gathered themselves together, and came to Samuel to Ramah,

8:5 And said to him, Behold, you are old, and your sons walk not in your ways: now make us a king to judge us like all the nations.

8:6 But the thing displeased Samuel, when they said, Give us a king to judge us. And Samuel prayed to *Yehovah*.

8:7 And *Yehovah* said to Samuel, Listen to the voice of the people in all that they say to you: for they have not rejected you, but they have rejected me, that I should not reign over them.

8:8 According to all the works which they have done since the day that I brought them up out of Egypt even to this day, with which they have forsaken me, and served other gods, so do they also to you.

8:9 Now therefore listen to their voice: however, yet protest solemnly to them, and show them the manner of the king that shall reign over them.

8:10 And Samuel told all the words of *Yehovah* to the people that asked of him a king.

8:11 And he said, This will be the manner of the king that shall reign over you: He will take your sons, and appoint them for himself, for his chariots, and to be his horsemen; and some shall run before his chariots.

8:12 And he will appoint him captains over thousands, and captains over fifties; and will set them to ear his ground, and to reap his harvest, and to make his instruments of war, and instruments of his chariots.

8:13 And he will take your daughters to be confectionaries, and to be cooks, and to be bakers.

8:14 And he will take your fields, and your vineyards, and your olive groves, even the best of them, and give them to his servants.

8:15 And he will take the tenth of your seed, and of your vineyards, and give to his officers, and to his servants.

8:16 And he will take your menservants, and your maidservants, and your best young men, and your asses, and put them to his work.

8:17 He will take the tenth of your sheep: and you shall be his servants.

8:18 And you shall cry out in that day because of your king which you shall have chosen you; and *Yehovah* will not hear you in that day.

8:19 Nevertheless the people refused to obey the voice of Samuel; and they said, No; but we will have a king over us;

8:20 That we also may be like all the nations; and that our king may judge us, and go out before us, and fight our battles.

8:21 And Samuel heard all the words of the people, and he rehearsed them in the ears of *Yehovah*.

8:22 And *Yehovah* said to Samuel, Listen to their voice, and make them a king. And Samuel said to the men of Israel, Go you every man to his city.

1 Samuel – Chapter 9

9:1 Now there was a man of Benjamin, whose name was Kish, the son of Abiel, the son of Zeror, the son of Bechorath, the son of Aphiah, a Benjamite, a mighty man of power.

9:2 And he had a son, whose name was Saul, a choice young man, and a goodly: and there was not among the children of Israel a goodlier person than he: from his shoulders and upward he was higher than any of the people.

9:3 And the asses of Kish Saul's father were lost. And Kish said to Saul his son, Take now one of the servants with you, and arise, go seek the asses.

9:4 And he passed through mount Ephraim, and passed through the land of Shalisha, but they found them not: then they passed through the land of Shalim, and there they were not: and he passed through the land of the Benjamites, but they found them not.

9:5 And when they were come to the land of Zuph, Saul said to his servant that was with him, Come, and let us return; lest my father leave caring for the asses, and take thought for us.

9:6 And he said to him, Behold now, there is in this city a man of God, and he is an honorable man; all that he said comes surely to pass: now let us go there; peradventure he can show us our way that we should go.

9:7 Then said Saul to his servant, But, behold, if we go, what shall we bring the man? for the bread is spent in our vessels, and there is not a present to bring to the man of God: what have we?

9:8 And the servant answered Saul again, and said, Behold, I have here at hand the fourth part of a shekel of silver: that will I give to the man of God, to tell us our way.

9:9 (Beforetime in Israel, when a man went to inquire of God, thus he spoke, Come, and let us go to the seer: for he that is now called a Prophet was beforetime called a Seer.)

9:10 Then said Saul to his servant, Well said; come, let us go. So they went to the city where the man of God was.

9:11 And as they went up the hill to the city, they found young maidens going out to draw water, and said to them, Is the seer here?

9:12 And they answered them, and said, He is; behold, he is before you: make haste now, for he came today to the city; for there is a sacrifice of the people today in the high place:

9:13 As soon as you be come into the city, you shall straightway find him, before he go up to the high place to eat: for the people will not eat until he come, because he does bless the sacrifice; and afterwards they eat that be bidden. Now therefore get you up; for about this time you shall find him.

9:14 And they went up into the city: and when they were come into the city, behold, Samuel came out against them, for to go up to the high place.

9:15 Now *Yehovah* had told Samuel in his ear a day before Saul came, saying,

9:16 Tomorrow about this time I will send you a man out of the land of Benjamin, and you shall anoint him to be captain over my people Israel, that he may save my people out of the hand of the Philistines: for I have looked on my people, because their cry is come to me.

9:17 And when Samuel saw Saul, *Yehovah* said to him, Behold the man whom I spoke to you of! this same shall reign over my people.

9:18 Then Saul drew near to Samuel in the gate, and said, Tell me, I pray you, where the seer's house is.

9:19 And Samuel answered Saul, and said, I am the seer: go up before me to the high place; for you shall eat with me to day, and tomorrow I will let you go, and will tell you all that is in your heart.

9:20 And as for your asses that were lost three days ago, set not your mind on them; for they are found. And on whom is all the desire of Israel? Is it not on you, and on all your father's house?

9:21 And Saul answered and said, Am not I a Benjamite, of the smallest of the tribes of Israel? and my family the least of all the families of the tribe of Benjamin? why then speak you so to me?

9:22 And Samuel took Saul and his servant, and brought them into the parlor, and made them sit in the most chief place among them that were bidden, which were about thirty persons.

9:23 And Samuel said to the cook, Bring the portion which I gave you, of which I said to you, Set it by you.

9:24 And the cook took up the shoulder, and that which was on it, and set it before Saul. And Samuel said, Behold that which is left! set it before you, and eat: for to this time has it been kept for you since I said, I have invited the people. So Saul did eat with Samuel that day.

9:25 And when they were come down from the high place into the city, Samuel communed with Saul on the top of the house.

9:26 And they arose early: and it came to pass about the spring of the day, that Samuel called Saul to the top of the house, saying, Up, that I may send you away. And Saul arose, and they went out both of them, he and Samuel, abroad.

9:27 And as they were going down to the end of the city, Samuel said to Saul, Bid the servant pass on before us, (and he passed on), but stand you still a while, that I may show you the word of God.

1 Samuel – Chapter 10

10:1 Then Samuel took a vial of oil, and poured it on his head, and kissed him, and said, Is it not because *Yehovah* has anointed you to be captain over his inheritance?

10:2 When you are departed from me to day, then you shall find two men by Rachel's sepulcher in the border of Benjamin at Zelzah; and they will say to you, The asses which you went to seek are found: and, see, your father has left the care of the asses, and sorrows for you, saying, What shall I do for my son?

10:3 Then shall you go on forward from there, and you shall come to the plain of Tabor, and there shall meet you three men going up to God to Bethel, one carrying three kids, and another carrying three loaves of bread, and another carrying a bottle of wine:

10:4 And they will salute you, and give you two loaves of bread; which you shall receive of their hands.

10:5 After that you shall come to the hill of God, where is the garrison of the Philistines: and it shall come to pass, when you are come there to the city, that you shall meet a company of prophets coming down from the high place with a psaltery, and a tabret, and a pipe, and a harp, before them; and they shall prophesy:

10:6 And the Spirit of *Yehovah* will come on you, and you shall prophesy with them, and shall be turned into another man.

10:7 And let it be, when these signs are come to you, that you do as occasion serve you; for God is with you.

10:8 And you shall go down before me to Gilgal; and, behold, I will come down to you, to offer burnt offerings, and to sacrifice sacrifices of peace offerings: seven days shall you tarry, till I come to you, and show you what you shall do.

10:9 And it was so, that when he had turned his back to go from Samuel, God gave him another heart: and all those signs came to pass that day.

10:10 And when they came there to the hill, behold, a company of prophets met him; and the Spirit of God came on him, and he prophesied among them.

10:11 And it came to pass, when all that knew him beforetime saw that, behold, he prophesied among the prophets, then the people said one to another, What is this that is come to the son of Kish? Is Saul also among the prophets?

10:12 And one of the same place answered and said, But who is their father? Therefore it became a proverb, Is Saul also among the prophets?

10:13 And when he had made an end of prophesying, he came to the high place.

10:14 And Saul's uncle said to him and to his servant, Where went you? And he said, To seek the asses: and when we saw that they were no where, we came to Samuel.

10:15 And Saul's uncle said, Tell me, I pray you, what Samuel said to you.

10:16 And Saul said to his uncle, He told us plainly that the asses were found. But of the matter of the kingdom, whereof Samuel spoke, he told him not.

10:17 And Samuel called the people together to *Yehovah* to Mizpeh;

10:18 And said to the children of Israel, Thus said *Yehovah* God of Israel, I brought up Israel out of Egypt, and delivered you out of the hand of the Egyptians, and out of the hand of all kingdoms, and of them that oppressed you:

10:19 And you have this day rejected your God, who himself saved you out of all your adversities and your tribulations; and you have said to him, No, but set a king over us. Now therefore present yourselves before *Yehovah* by your tribes, and by your thousands.

10:20 And when Samuel had caused all the tribes of Israel to come near, the tribe of Benjamin was taken.

10:21 When he had caused the tribe of Benjamin to come near by their families, the family of Matri was taken, and Saul the son of Kish was taken: and when they sought him, he could not be found.

10:22 Therefore they inquired of *Yehovah* further, if the man should yet come there. And *Yehovah* answered, Behold he has hid himself among the stuff.

10:23 And they ran and brought him there: and when he stood among the people, he was higher than any of the people from his shoulders and upward.

10:24 And Samuel said to all the people, See you him whom *Yehovah* has chosen, that there is none like him among all the people? And all the people shouted, and said, God save the king.

10:25 Then Samuel told the people the manner of the kingdom, and wrote it in a book, and laid it up before *Yehovah*. And Samuel sent all the people away, every man to his house.

10:26 And Saul also went home to Gibeah; and there went with him a band of men, whose hearts God had touched.

10:27 But the children of Belial said, How shall this man save us? And they despised him, and brought no presents. But he held his peace.

1 Samuel – Chapter 11

11:1 Then Nahash the Ammonite came up, and encamped against Jabeshgilead: and all the men of Jabesh said to Nahash, Make a covenant with us, and we will serve you.

11:2 And Nahash the Ammonite answered them, On this condition will I make a covenant with you, that I may thrust out all your right eyes, and lay it for a reproach on all Israel.

11:3 And the elders of Jabesh said to him, Give us seven days' respite, that we may send messengers to all the coasts of Israel: and then, if there be no man to save us, we will come out to you.

11:4 Then came the messengers to Gibeah of Saul, and told the tidings in the ears of the people: and all the people lifted up their voices, and wept.

11:5 And, behold, Saul came after the herd out of the field; and Saul said, What ails the people that they weep? And they told him the tidings of the men of Jabesh.

11:6 And the Spirit of God came on Saul when he heard those tidings, and his anger was kindled greatly.

11:7 And he took a yoke of oxen, and hewed them in pieces, and sent them throughout all the coasts of Israel by the hands of messengers, saying, Whoever comes not forth after Saul and after Samuel, so shall it be done to his oxen. And the fear of *Yehovah* fell on the people, and they came out with one consent.

11:8 And when he numbered them in Bezek, the children of Israel were three hundred thousand, and the men of Judah thirty thousand.

11:9 And they said to the messengers that came, Thus shall you say to the men of Jabeshgilead, Tomorrow, by that time the sun be hot, you shall have help. And the messengers came and showed it to the men of Jabesh; and they were glad.

11:10 Therefore the men of Jabesh said, Tomorrow we will come out to you, and you shall do with us all that seems good to you.

11:11 And it was so the next day, that Saul put the people in three companies; and they came into the middle of the army in the morning watch, and slew the Ammonites until the heat of the day: and it came to pass, that they which remained were scattered, so that two of them were not left together.

11:12 And the people said to Samuel, Who is he that said, Shall Saul reign over us? bring the men, that we may put them to death.

11:13 And Saul said, There shall not a man be put to death this day: for today *Yehovah* has worked salvation in Israel.

11:14 Then said Samuel to the people, Come, and let us go to Gilgal, and renew the kingdom there.

11:15 And all the people went to Gilgal; and there they made Saul king before *Yehovah* in Gilgal; and there they sacrificed sacrifices of peace offerings before *Yehovah*; and there Saul and all the men of Israel rejoiced greatly.

1 Samuel – Chapter 12

12:1 And Samuel said to all Israel, Behold, I have listened to your voice in all that you said to me, and have made a king over you.

12:2 And now, behold, the king walks before you: and I am old and gray headed; and, behold, my sons are with you: and I have walked before you from my childhood to this day.

12:3 Behold, here I am: witness against me before *Yehovah*, and before his anointed: whose ox have I taken? or whose ass have I taken? or whom have I defrauded? whom have I oppressed? or of whose hand have I received any bribe to blind my eyes therewith? and I will restore it you.

12:4 And they said, You have not defrauded us, nor oppressed us, neither have you taken *anything* of any man's hand.

12:5 And he said to them, *Yehovah* is witness against you, and his anointed is witness this day, that you have not found *anything* in my hand. And they answered, He is witness.

12:6 And Samuel said to the people, It is *Yehovah* that advanced Moses and Aaron, and that brought your fathers up out of the land of Egypt.

12:7 Now therefore stand still, that I may reason with you before *Yehovah* of all the righteous acts of *Yehovah*, which he did to you and to your fathers.

12:8 When Jacob was come into Egypt, and your fathers cried to *Yehovah*, then *Yehovah* sent Moses and Aaron, which brought forth your fathers out of Egypt, and made them dwell in this place.

12:9 And when they forgot *Yehovah* their God, he sold them into the hand of Sisera, captain of the army of Hazor, and into the hand of the Philistines, and into the hand of the king of Moab, and they fought against them.

12:10 And they cried to *Yehovah*, and said, We have sinned, because we have forsaken *Yehovah*, and have served Baalim and Ashtaroth: but now deliver us out of the hand of our enemies, and we will serve you.

12:11 And *Yehovah* sent Jerubbaal, and Bedan, and Jephthah, and Samuel, and delivered you out of the hand of your enemies on every side, and you dwelled safe.

12:12 And when you saw that Nahash the king of the children of Ammon came against you, you said to me, No; but a king shall reign over us: when *Yehovah* your God was your king.

12:13 Now therefore behold the king whom you have chosen, and whom you have desired! and, behold, *Yehovah* has set a king over you.

12:14 If you will fear *Yehovah*, and serve him, and obey his voice, and not rebel against the commandment of *Yehovah*, then shall both you and also the king that reigns over you continue following *Yehovah* your God:

12:15 But if you will not obey the voice of *Yehovah*, but rebel against the commandment of *Yehovah*, then shall the hand of *Yehovah* be against you, as it was against your fathers.

12:16 Now therefore stand and see this great thing, which *Yehovah* will do before your eyes.

12:17 Is it not wheat harvest to day? I will call to *Yehovah*, and he shall send thunder and rain; that you may perceive and see that your wickedness is great, which you have done in the sight of *Yehovah*, in asking you a king.

12:18 So Samuel called to *Yehovah*; and *Yehovah* sent thunder and rain that day: and all the people greatly feared *Yehovah* and Samuel.

12:19 And all the people said to Samuel, Pray for your servants to *Yehovah* your God, that we die not: for we have added to all our sins this evil, to ask us a king.

12:20 And Samuel said to the people, Fear not: you have done all this wickedness: yet turn not aside from following *Yehovah*, but serve *Yehovah* with all your heart;

12:21 And turn you not aside: for then should you go after vain things, which cannot profit nor deliver; for they are vain.

12:22 For *Yehovah* will not forsake his people for his great name's sake: because it has pleased *Yehovah* to make you his people.

12:23 Moreover as for me, God forbid that I should sin against *Yehovah* in ceasing to pray for you: but I will teach you the good and the right way:

12:24 Only fear *Yehovah*, and serve him in truth with all your heart: for consider how great things he has done for you.

12:25 But if you shall still do wickedly, you shall be consumed, both you and your king.

1 Samuel – Chapter 13

13:1 Saul reigned one year; and when he had reigned two years over Israel,

13:2 Saul chose him three thousand men of Israel; whereof two thousand were with Saul in Michmash and in mount Bethel, and a thousand were with Jonathan in Gibeah of Benjamin: and the rest of the people he sent every man to his tent.

13:3 And Jonathan smote the garrison of the Philistines that was in Geba, and the Philistines heard of it. And Saul blew the trumpet throughout all the land, saying, Let the Hebrews hear.

13:4 And all Israel heard say that Saul had smitten a garrison of the Philistines, and that Israel also was had in abomination with the Philistines. And the people were called together after Saul to Gilgal.

13:5 And the Philistines gathered themselves together to fight with Israel, thirty thousand chariots, and six thousand horsemen, and people as the sand which is on the sea shore in multitude: and they came up, and pitched in Michmash, eastward from Bethaven.

13:6 When the men of Israel saw that they were in a strait, (for the people were distressed,) then the people did hide themselves in caves, and in thickets, and in rocks, and in high places, and in pits.

13:7 And some of the Hebrews went over Jordan to the land of Gad and Gilead. As for Saul, he was yet in Gilgal, and all the people followed him trembling.

13:8 And he tarried seven days, according to the set time that Samuel had appointed: but Samuel came not to Gilgal; and the people were scattered from him.

13:9 And Saul said, Bring here a burnt offering to me, and peace offerings. And he offered the burnt offering.

13:10 And it came to pass, that as soon as he had made an end of offering the burnt offering, behold, Samuel came; and Saul went out to meet him, that he might salute him.

13:11 And Samuel said, What have you done? And Saul said, Because I saw that the people were scattered from me, and that you came not within the days appointed, and that the Philistines gathered themselves together at Michmash;

13:12 Therefore said I, The Philistines will come down now on me to Gilgal, and I have not made supplication to *Yehovah*: I forced myself therefore, and offered a burnt offering.

13:13 And Samuel said to Saul, You have done foolishly: you have not kept the commandment of *Yehovah* your God, which he commanded you: for now would *Yehovah* have established your kingdom on Israel forever.

13:14 But now your kingdom shall not continue: *Yehovah* has sought him a man after his own heart, and *Yehovah* has commanded him to be captain over his people, because you have not kept that which *Yehovah* commanded you.

13:15 And Samuel arose, and got him up from Gilgal to Gibeah of Benjamin. And Saul numbered the people that were present with him, about six hundred men.

13:16 And Saul, and Jonathan his son, and the people that were present with them, stayed in Gibeah of Benjamin: but the Philistines encamped in Michmash.

13:17 And the *plunderers* came out of the camp of the Philistines in three companies: one company turned to the way that leads to Ophrah, to the land of Shual:

13:18 And another company turned the way to Bethhoron: and another company turned to the way of the border that looks to the valley of Zeboim toward the wilderness.

13:19 Now there was no blacksmith found throughout all the land of Israel: for the Philistines said, Lest the Hebrews make them swords or spears:

13:20 But all the Israelites went down to the Philistines, to sharpen every man his share, and his coulter, and his ax, and his mattock.

13:21 Yet they had a file for the mattocks, and for the coulters, and for the forks, and for the axes, and to sharpen the goads.

13:22 So it came to pass in the day of battle, that there was neither sword nor spear found in the hand of any of the people that were with Saul and Jonathan: but with Saul and with Jonathan his son was there found.

13:23 And the garrison of the Philistines went out to the passage of Michmash.

1 Samuel – Chapter 14

14:1 Now it came to pass on a day, that Jonathan the son of Saul said to the young man that bore his armor, Come, and let us go over to the Philistines' garrison, that is on the other side. But he told not his father.

14:2 And Saul tarried in the uttermost part of Gibeah under a pomegranate tree which is in Migron: and the people that were with him were about six hundred men;

14:3 And Ahiah, the son of Ahitub, Ichabod's brother, the son of Phinehas, the son of Eli, *Yehovah's* priest in Shiloh, wearing an ephod. And the people knew not that Jonathan was gone.

14:4 And between the passages, by which Jonathan sought to go over to the Philistines' garrison, there was a sharp rock on the one side, and a sharp rock on the other side: and the name of the one was Bozez, and the name of the other Seneh.

14:5 The forefront of the one was situate northward over against Michmash, and the other southward over against Gibeah.

14:6 And Jonathan said to the young man that bore his armor, Come, and let us go over to the garrison of these uncircumcised: it may be that *Yehovah* will work for us: for there is no restraint to *Yehovah* to save by many or by few.

14:7 And his armor bearer said to him, Do all that is in your heart: turn you; behold, I am with you according to your heart.

14:8 Then said Jonathan, Behold, we will pass over to these men, and we will discover ourselves to them.

14:9 If they say thus to us, Tarry until we come to you; then we will stand still in our place, and will not go up to them.

14:10 But if they say thus, Come up to us; then we will go up: for *Yehovah* has delivered them into our hand: and this shall be a sign to us.

14:11 And both of them discovered themselves to the garrison of the Philistines: and the Philistines said, Behold, the Hebrews come forth out of the holes where they had hid themselves.

14:12 And the men of the garrison answered Jonathan and his armor bearer, and said, Come up to us, and we will show you a thing. And Jonathan said to his armor bearer, Come up after me: for *Yehovah* has delivered them into the hand of Israel.

14:13 And Jonathan climbed up on his hands and on his feet, and his armor bearer after him: and they fell before Jonathan; and his armor bearer slew after him.

14:14 And that first slaughter, which Jonathan and his armor bearer made, was about twenty men, within as it were a half acre of land, which a yoke of oxen might plow.

14:15 And there was trembling in the army, in the field, and among all the people: the garrison, and the *plunderers*, they also trembled, and the earth quaked: so it was a very great trembling.

14:16 And the watchmen of Saul in Gibeah of Benjamin looked; and, behold, the multitude melted away, and they went on beating down one another.

14:17 Then said Saul to the people that were with him, Number now, and see who is gone from us. And when they had numbered, behold, Jonathan and his armor bearer were not there.

14:18 And Saul said to Ahiah, Bring here the ark of God. For the ark of God was at that time with the children of Israel.

14:19 And it came to pass, while Saul talked to the priest, that the noise that was in the army of the Philistines went on and increased: and Saul said to the priest, Withdraw your hand.

14:20 And Saul and all the people that were with him assembled themselves, and they came to the battle: and, behold, every man's sword was against his fellow, and there was a very great discomfiture.

14:21 Moreover the Hebrews that were with the Philistines before that time, which went up with them into the camp from the country round about, even they also turned to be with the Israelites that were with Saul and Jonathan.

14:22 Likewise all the men of Israel which had hid themselves in mount Ephraim, when they heard that the Philistines fled, even they also followed hard after them in the battle.

14:23 So *Yehovah* saved Israel that day: and the battle passed over to Bethaven.

14:24 And the men of Israel were distressed that day: for Saul had adjured the people, saying, Cursed be the man that eats any food until evening, that I may be avenged on my enemies. So none of the people tasted any food.

14:25 And all they of the land came to a wood; and there was honey on the ground.

14:26 And when the people were come into the wood, behold, the honey dropped; but no man put his hand to his mouth: for the people feared the oath.

14:27 But Jonathan heard not when his father charged the people with the oath: why he put forth the end of the rod that was in his hand, and dipped it in a honeycomb, and put his hand to his mouth; and his eyes were enlightened.

14:28 Then answered one of the people, and said, Your father straightly charged the people with an oath, saying, Cursed be the man that eats any food this day. And the people were faint.

14:29 Then said Jonathan, My father has troubled the land: see, I pray you, how my eyes have been enlightened, because I tasted a little of this honey.

14:30 How much more, if haply the people had eaten freely today of the spoils of their enemies which they found? for had there not been now a much greater slaughter among the Philistines?

14:31 And they smote the Philistines that day from Michmash to Aijalon: and the people were very faint.

14:32 And the people flew on the spoils, and took sheep, and oxen, and calves, and slew them on the ground: and the people did eat them with the blood.

14:33 Then they told Saul, saying, Behold, the people sin against *Yehovah*, in that they eat with the blood. And he said, You have transgressed: roll a great stone to me this day.

14:34 And Saul said, Disperse yourselves among the people, and say to them, Bring me here every man his ox, and every man his sheep, and slay them here, and eat; and sin not against *Yehovah* in eating with the blood. And all the people brought every man his ox with him that night, and slew them there.

14:35 And Saul built an altar to *Yehovah*: the same was the first altar that he built to *Yehovah*.

14:36 And Saul said, Let us go down after the Philistines by night, and *plunder* them until the morning light, and let us not leave a man of them. And they said, Do whatever seems good to you. Then said the priest, Let us draw near here to God.

14:37 And Saul asked counsel of God, Shall I go down after the Philistines? will you deliver them into the hand of Israel? But he answered him not that day.

14:38 And Saul said, Draw you near here, all the chief of the people: and know and see where this sin has been this day.

14:39 For, as *Yehovah* lives, which saves Israel, though it be in Jonathan my son, he shall surely die. But there was not a man among all the people that answered him.

14:40 Then said he to all Israel, Be you on one side, and I and Jonathan my son will be on the other side. And the people said to Saul, Do what seems good to you.

14:41 Therefore Saul said to *Yehovah* God of Israel, Give a perfect lot. And Saul and Jonathan were taken: but the people escaped.

14:42 And Saul said, Cast lots between me and Jonathan my son. And Jonathan was taken.

14:43 Then Saul said to Jonathan, Tell me what you have done. And Jonathan told him, and said, I did but taste a little honey with the end of the rod that was in my hand, and, see, I must die.

14:44 And Saul answered, God do so and more also: for you shall surely die, Jonathan.

14:45 And the people said to Saul, Shall Jonathan die, who has worked this great salvation in Israel? God forbid: as *Yehovah* lives, there shall not one hair of his head fall to the ground; for he has worked with God this day. So the people rescued Jonathan, that he died not.

14:46 Then Saul went up from following the Philistines: and the Philistines went to their own place.

14:47 So Saul took the kingdom over Israel, and fought against all his enemies on every side, against Moab, and against the children of Ammon, and against Edom, and against the kings of Zobah, and against the Philistines: and wherever he turned himself, he vexed them.

14:48 And he gathered a army, and smote the Amalekites, and delivered Israel out of the hands of them that *plundered* them.

14:49 Now the sons of Saul were Jonathan, and Ishui, and Melchishua: and the names of his two daughters were these; the name of the firstborn Merab, and the name of the younger Michal:

14:50 And the name of Saul's wife was Ahinoam, the daughter of Ahimaaz: and the name of the captain of his army was Abner, the son of Ner, Saul's uncle.

14:51 And Kish was the father of Saul; and Ner the father of Abner was the son of Abiel.

14:52 And there was sore war against the Philistines all the days of Saul: and when Saul saw any strong man, or any valiant man, he took him to him.

1 Samuel – Chapter 15

15:1 Samuel also said to Saul, *Yehovah* sent me to anoint you to be king over his people, over Israel: now therefore listen you to the voice of the words of *Yehovah*.

15:2 Thus said *Yehovah God of Armies*, I remember that which Amalek did to Israel, how he laid wait for him in the way, when he came up from Egypt.

15:3 Now go and smite Amalek, and utterly destroy all that they have, and spare them not; but slay both man and woman, infant and suckling, ox and sheep, camel and ass.

15:4 And Saul gathered the people together, and numbered them in Telaim, two hundred thousand footmen, and ten thousand men of Judah.

15:5 And Saul came to a city of Amalek, and laid wait in the valley.

15:6 And Saul said to the Kenites, Go, depart, get you down from among the Amalekites, lest I destroy you with them: for you showed kindness to all the children of Israel, when they came up out of Egypt. So the Kenites departed from among the Amalekites.

15:7 And Saul smote the Amalekites from Havilah until you come to Shur, that is over against Egypt.

15:8 And he took Agag the king of the Amalekites alive, and utterly destroyed all the people with the edge of the sword.

15:9 But Saul and the people spared Agag, and the best of the sheep, and of the oxen, and of the fatted calves, and the lambs, and all that was good, and would not utterly destroy them: but everything that was vile and refuse, that they destroyed utterly.

15:10 Then came the word of *Yehovah* to Samuel, saying,

15:11 It repents me that I have set up Saul to be king: for he is turned back from following me, and has not performed my commandments. And it grieved Samuel; and he cried to *Yehovah* all night.

15:12 And when Samuel rose early to meet Saul in the morning, it was told Samuel, saying, Saul came to Carmel, and, behold, he set him up a place, and is gone about, and passed on, and gone down to Gilgal.

15:13 And Samuel came to Saul: and Saul said to him, Blessed be you of *Yehovah*: I have performed the commandment of *Yehovah*.

15:14 And Samuel said, What means then this bleating of the sheep in my ears, and the lowing of the oxen which I hear?

15:15 And Saul said, They have brought them from the Amalekites: for the people spared the best of the sheep and of the oxen, to sacrifice to *Yehovah* your God; and the rest we have utterly destroyed.

15:16 Then Samuel said to Saul, Stay, and I will tell you what *Yehovah* has said to me this night. And he said to him, Say on.

15:17 And Samuel said, When you were little in your own sight, were you not made the head of the tribes of Israel, and *Yehovah* anointed you king over Israel?

15:18 And *Yehovah* sent you on a journey, and said, Go and utterly destroy the sinners the Amalekites, and fight against them until they be consumed.

15:19 Why then did you not obey the voice of *Yehovah*, but did fly on the spoils, and did evil in the sight of *Yehovah*?

15:20 And Saul said to Samuel, Yes, I have obeyed the voice of *Yehovah*, and have gone the way which *Yehovah* sent me, and have brought Agag the king of Amalek, and have utterly destroyed the Amalekites.

15:21 But the people took of the spoils, sheep and oxen, the chief of the things which should have been utterly destroyed, to sacrifice to *Yehovah* your God in Gilgal.

15:22 And Samuel said, Has *Yehovah* as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of *Yehovah*? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to listen than the fat of rams.

15:23 For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry. Because you have rejected the word of *Yehovah*, he has also rejected you from being king.

15:24 And Saul said to Samuel, I have sinned: for I have transgressed the commandment of *Yehovah*, and your words: because I feared the people, and obeyed their voice.

15:25 Now therefore, I pray you, pardon my sin, and turn again with me, that I may worship *Yehovah*.

15:26 And Samuel said to Saul, I will not return with you: for you have rejected the word of *Yehovah*, and *Yehovah* has rejected you from being king over Israel.

15:27 And as Samuel turned about to go away, he laid hold on the skirt of his mantle, and it rent.

15:28 And Samuel said to him, *Yehovah* has rent the kingdom of Israel from you this day, and has given it to a neighbor of yours, that is better than you.

15:29 And also the Strength of Israel will not lie nor repent: for he is not a man, that he should repent.

15:30 Then he said, I have sinned: yet honor me now, I pray you, before the elders of my people, and before Israel, and turn again with me, that I may worship *Yehovah* your God.

15:31 So Samuel turned again after Saul; and Saul worshipped *Yehovah*.

15:32 Then said Samuel, Bring you here to me Agag the king of the Amalekites. And Agag came to him delicately. And Agag said, Surely the bitterness of death is past.

15:33 And Samuel said, As the sword has made women childless, so shall your mother be childless among women. And Samuel hewed Agag in pieces before *Yehovah* in Gilgal.

15:34 Then Samuel went to Ramah; and Saul went up to his house to Gibeah of Saul.

15:35 And Samuel came no more to see Saul until the day of his death: nevertheless Samuel mourned for Saul: and *Yehovah* repented that he had made Saul king over Israel.

1 Samuel – Chapter 16

16:1 And *Yehovah* said to Samuel, How long will you mourn for Saul, seeing I have rejected him from reigning over Israel? fill your horn with oil, and go, I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite: for I have provided me a king among his sons.

16:2 And Samuel said, How can I go? if Saul hear it, he will kill me. And *Yehovah* said, Take a heifer with you, and say, I am come to sacrifice to *Yehovah*.

16:3 And call Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do: and you shall anoint to me him whom I name to you.

16:4 And Samuel did that which *Yehovah* spoke, and came to Bethlehem. And the elders of the town trembled at his coming, and said, Come you peaceably?

16:5 And he said, Peaceably: I am come to sacrifice to *Yehovah*: sanctify yourselves, and come with me to the sacrifice. And he sanctified Jesse and his sons, and called them to the sacrifice.

16:6 And it came to pass, when they were come, that he looked on Eliab, and said, Surely *Yehovah's* anointed is before him.

16:7 But *Yehovah* said to Samuel, Look not on his countenance, or on the height of his stature; because I have refused him: for *Yehovah* sees not as man sees; for man looks on the outward appearance, but *Yehovah* looks on the heart.

16:8 Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. And he said, Neither has *Yehovah* chosen this.

16:9 Then Jesse made Shammah to pass by. And he said, Neither has *Yehovah* chosen this.

16:10 Again, Jesse made seven of his sons to pass before Samuel. And Samuel said to Jesse, *Yehovah* has not chosen these.

16:11 And Samuel said to Jesse, Are here all your children? And he said, There remains yet the youngest, and, behold, he keeps the sheep. And Samuel said to Jesse, Send and bring him to us: for we will not sit down till he come here.

16:12 And he sent, and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and with of a beautiful countenance, and goodly to look to. And *Yehovah* said, Arise, anoint him: for this is he.

16:13 Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the middle of his brothers: and the Spirit of *Yehovah* came on David from that day forward. So Samuel rose up, and went to Ramah.

16:14 But the Spirit of *Yehovah* departed from Saul, and an evil spirit from *Yehovah* troubled him.

16:15 And Saul's servants said to him, Behold now, an evil spirit from God troubles you.

16:16 Let our lord now command your servants, which are before you, to seek out a man, who is a cunning player on a harp: and it shall come to pass, when the evil spirit from God is on you, that he shall play with his hand, and you shall be well.

16:17 And Saul said to his servants, Provide me now a man that can play well, and bring him to me.

16:18 Then answered one of the servants, and said, Behold, I have seen a son of Jesse the Bethlehemite, that is cunning in playing, and a mighty valiant man, and a man of war, and prudent in matters, and a comely person, and *Yehovah* is with him.

16:19 Why Saul sent messengers to Jesse, and said, Send me David your son, which is with the sheep.

16:20 And Jesse took an ass laden with bread, and a bottle of wine, and a kid, and sent them by David his son to Saul.

16:21 And David came to Saul, and stood before him: and he loved him greatly; and he became his armor bearer.

16:22 And Saul sent to Jesse, saying, Let David, I pray you, stand before me; for he has found favor in my sight.

16:23 And it came to pass, when the evil spirit from God was on Saul, that David took a harp, and played with his hand: so Saul was refreshed, and was well, and the evil spirit departed from him.

1 Samuel – Chapter 17

17:1 Now the Philistines gathered together their *armies* to battle, and were gathered together at Shochoh, which belongs to Judah, and pitched between Shochoh and Azekah, in Ephesdammin.

17:2 And Saul and the men of Israel were gathered together, and pitched by the valley of Elah, and set the battle in array against the Philistines.

17:3 And the Philistines stood on a mountain on the one side, and Israel stood on a mountain on the other side: and there was a valley between them.

17:4 And there went out a champion out of the camp of the Philistines, named Goliath, of Gath, whose height was six cubits and a span.

17:5 And he had a helmet of brass on his head, and he was armed with a coat of mail; and the weight of the coat was five thousand shekels of brass.

17:6 And he had greaves of brass on his legs, and a target of brass between his shoulders.

17:7 And the staff of his spear was like a weaver's beam; and his spear's head weighed six hundred shekels of iron: and one bearing a shield went before him.

17:8 And he stood and cried to the *armies* of Israel, and said to them, Why are you come out to set your battle in array? am not I a Philistine, and you servants to Saul? choose you a man for you, and let him come down to me.

17:9 If he be able to fight with me, and to kill me, then will we be your servants: but if I prevail against him, and kill him, then shall you be our servants, and serve us.

17:10 And the Philistine said, I defy the *armies* of Israel this day; give me a man, that we may fight together.

17:11 When Saul and all Israel heard those words of the Philistine, they were dismayed, and greatly afraid.

17:12 Now David was the son of that Ephrathite of Bethlehemjudah, whose name was Jesse; and he had eight sons: and the man went among men for an old man in the days of Saul.

17:13 And the three oldest sons of Jesse went and followed Saul to the battle: and the names of his three sons that went to the battle were Eliab the firstborn, and next to him Abinadab, and the third Shammah.

17:14 And David was the youngest: and the three oldest followed Saul.

17:15 But David went and returned from Saul to feed his father's sheep at Bethlehem.

17:16 And the Philistine drew near morning and evening, and presented himself forty days.

17:17 And Jesse said to David his son, Take now for your brothers an ephah of this parched *grain*, and these ten loaves, and run to the camp of your brothers;

17:18 And carry these ten cheeses to the captain of their thousand, and look how your brothers fare, and take their pledge.

17:19 Now Saul, and they, and all the men of Israel, were in the valley of Elah, fighting with the Philistines.

17:20 And David rose up early in the morning, and left the sheep with a keeper, and took, and went, as Jesse had commanded him; and he came to the trench, as the army was going forth to the fight, and shouted for the battle.

17:21 For Israel and the Philistines had put the battle in array, army against army.

17:22 And David left his carriage in the hand of the keeper of the carriage, and ran into the army, and came and saluted his brothers.

17:23 And as he talked with them, behold, there came up the champion, the Philistine of Gath, Goliath by name, out of the *armies* of the Philistines, and spoke according to the same words: and David heard them.

17:24 And all the men of Israel, when they saw the man, fled from him, and were sore afraid.

17:25 And the men of Israel said, Have you seen this man that is come up? surely to defy Israel is he come up: and it shall be, that the man who kills him, the king will enrich him with great riches, and will give him his daughter, and make his father's house free in Israel.

17:26 And David spoke to the men that stood by him, saying, What shall be done to the man that kills this Philistine, and takes away the reproach from Israel? for who is this uncircumcised Philistine, that he should defy the *armies* of the living God?

17:27 And the people answered him after this manner, saying, So shall it be done to the man that kills him.

17:28 And Eliab his oldest brother heard when he spoke to the men; and Eliab's anger was kindled against David, and he said, Why came you down here? and with whom have you left those few sheep in the wilderness? I know

your pride, and the naughtiness of your heart; for you are come down that you might see the battle.

17:29 And David said, What have I now done? Is there not a cause?

17:30 And he turned from him toward another, and spoke after the same manner: and the people answered him again after the former manner.

17:31 And when the words were heard which David spoke, they rehearsed them before Saul: and he sent for him.

17:32 And David said to Saul, Let no man's heart fail because of him; your servant will go and fight with this Philistine.

17:33 And Saul said to David, You are not able to go against this Philistine to fight with him: for you are but a youth, and he a man of war from his youth.

17:34 And David said to Saul, Your servant kept his father's sheep, and there came a lion, and a bear, and took a lamb out of the flock:

17:35 And I went out after him, and smote him, and delivered it out of his mouth: and when he arose against me, I caught him by his beard, and smote him, and slew him.

17:36 Your servant slew both the lion and the bear: and this uncircumcised Philistine shall be as one of them, seeing he has defied the *armies* of the living God.

17:37 David said moreover, *Yehovah* that delivered me out of the paw of the lion, and out of the paw of the bear, he will deliver me out of the hand of this Philistine. And Saul said to David, Go, and *Yehovah* be with you.

17:38 And Saul armed David with his armor, and he put a helmet of brass on his head; also he armed him with a coat of mail.

17:39 And David girded his sword on his armor, and he assayed to go; for he had not proved it. And David said to Saul, I cannot go with these; for I have not proved them. And David put them off him.

17:40 And he took his staff in his hand, and chose him five smooth stones out of the brook, and put them in a shepherd's bag which he had, even in a money; and his sling was in his hand: and he drew near to the Philistine.

17:41 And the Philistine came on and drew near to David; and the man that bore the shield went before him.

17:42 And when the Philistine looked about, and saw David, he disdained him: for he was but a youth, and ruddy, and of a fair countenance.

17:43 And the Philistine said to David, Am I a dog, that you come to me with staves? And the Philistine cursed David by his gods.

17:44 And the Philistine said to David, Come to me, and I will give your flesh to the fowls of the air, and to the beasts of the field.

17:45 Then said David to the Philistine, You come to me with a sword, and with a spear, and with a shield: but I come to you in the name of *Yehovah God of Armies*, the God of the *armies* of Israel, whom you have defied.

17:46 This day will *Yehovah* deliver you into my hand; and I will smite you, and take your head from you; and I will give the carcasses of the army of the Philistines this day to the fowls of the air, and to the wild beasts of the earth; that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel.

17:47 And all this assembly shall know that *Yehovah* saves not with sword and spear: for the battle is *Yehovah's*, and he will give you into our hands.

17:48 And it came to pass, when the Philistine arose, and came, and drew near to meet David, that David hastened, and ran toward the army to meet the Philistine.

17:49 And David put his hand in his bag, and took there a stone, and slung it, and smote the Philistine in his forehead, that the stone sunk into his forehead; and he fell on his face to the earth.

17:50 So David prevailed over the Philistine with a sling and with a stone, and smote the Philistine, and slew him; but there was no sword in the hand of David.

17:51 Therefore David ran, and stood on the Philistine, and took his sword, and drew it out of the sheath, and slew him, and cut off his head with it. And when the Philistines saw their champion was dead, they fled.

17:52 And the men of Israel and of Judah arose, and shouted, and pursued the Philistines, until you come to the valley, and to the gates of Ekron. And the wounded of the Philistines fell down by the way to Shaaraim, even to Gath, and to Ekron.

17:53 And the children of Israel returned from chasing after the Philistines, and they *plundered* their tents.

17:54 And David took the head of the Philistine, and brought it to Jerusalem; but he put his armor in his tent.

17:55 And when Saul saw David go forth against the Philistine, he said to Abner, the captain of the army, Abner, whose son is this youth? And Abner said, As your soul lives, O king, I cannot tell.

17:56 And the king said, Inquire you whose son the stripling is.

17:57 And as David returned from the slaughter of the Philistine, Abner took him, and brought him before Saul with the head of the Philistine in his hand.

17:58 And Saul said to him, Whose son are you, you young man? And David answered, I am the son of your servant Jesse the Bethlehemite.

1 Samuel – Chapter 18

18:1 And it came to pass, when he had made an end of speaking to Saul, that the soul of Jonathan was knit with the soul of David, and Jonathan loved him as his own soul.

18:2 And Saul took him that day, and would let him go no more home to his father's house.

18:3 Then Jonathan and David made a covenant, because he loved him as his own soul.

18:4 And Jonathan stripped himself of the robe that was on him, and gave it to David, and his garments, even to his sword, and to his bow, and to his girdle.

18:5 And David went out wherever Saul sent him, and behaved himself wisely: and Saul set him over the men of war, and he was accepted in the sight of all the people, and also in the sight of Saul's servants.

18:6 And it came to pass as they came, when David was returned from the slaughter of the Philistine, that the women came out of all cities of Israel, singing and dancing, to meet king Saul, with tabrets, with joy, and with instruments of music.

18:7 And the women answered one another as they played, and said, Saul has slain his thousands, and David his ten thousands.

18:8 And Saul was very *angry*, and the saying displeased him; and he said, They have ascribed to David ten thousands, and to me they have ascribed but thousands: and what can he have more but the kingdom?

18:9 And Saul eyed David from that day and forward.

18:10 And it came to pass the next day, that the evil spirit from God came on Saul, and he prophesied in the middle of the house: and David played with his hand, as at other times: and there was a javelin in Saul's hand.

18:11 And Saul cast the javelin; for he said, I will smite David even to the wall with it. And David avoided out of his presence twice.

18:12 And Saul was afraid of David, because *Yehovah* was with him, and was departed from Saul.

18:13 Therefore Saul removed him from him, and made him his captain over a thousand; and he went out and came in before the people.

18:14 And David behaved himself wisely in all his ways; and *Yehovah* was with him.

18:15 Why when Saul saw that he behaved himself very wisely, he was afraid of him.

18:16 But all Israel and Judah loved David, because he went out and came in before them.

18:17 And Saul said to David, Behold my elder daughter Merab, her will I give you to wife: only be you valiant for me, and fight *Yehovah's* battles. For Saul said, Let not my hand be on him, but let the hand of the Philistines be on him.

18:18 And David said to Saul, Who am I? and what is my life, or my father's family in Israel, that I should be son in law to the king?

18:19 But it came to pass at the time when Merab Saul's daughter should have been given to David, that she was given to Adriel the Meholathite to wife.

18:20 And Michal Saul's daughter loved David: and they told Saul, and the thing pleased him.

18:21 And Saul said, I will give him her, that she may be a snare to him, and that the hand of the Philistines may be against him. Why Saul said to David, You shall this day be my son in law in the one of the two.

18:22 And Saul commanded his servants, saying, Commune with David secretly, and say, Behold, the king has delight in you, and all his servants love you: now therefore be the king's son in law.

18:23 And Saul's servants spoke those words in the ears of David. And David said, Seems it to you a light thing to be a king's son in law, seeing that I am a poor man, and lightly esteemed?

18:24 And the servants of Saul told him, saying, On this manner spoke David.

18:25 And Saul said, Thus shall you say to David, The king desires not any dowry, but a hundred foreskins of the Philistines, to be avenged of the king's enemies. But Saul thought to make David fall by the hand of the Philistines.

18:26 And when his servants told David these words, it pleased David well to be the king's son in law: and the days were not expired.

18:27 Why David arose and went, he and his men, and slew of the Philistines two hundred men; and David brought their foreskins, and they gave them in full tale to the king, that he might be the king's son in law. And Saul gave him Michal his daughter to wife.

18:28 And Saul saw and knew that *Yehovah* was with David, and that Michal Saul's daughter loved him.

18:29 And Saul was yet the more afraid of David; and Saul became David's enemy continually.

18:30 Then the lords of the Philistines went forth: and it came to pass, after they went forth, that David behaved himself more wisely than all the servants of Saul; so that his name was much set by.

1 Samuel – Chapter 19

19:1 And Saul spoke to Jonathan his son, and to all his servants, that they should kill David.

19:2 But Jonathan Saul's son delighted much in David: and Jonathan told David, saying, Saul my father seeks to kill you: now therefore, I pray you, take heed to yourself until the morning, and abide in a secret place, and hide yourself:

19:3 And I will go out and stand beside my father in the field where you are, and I will commune with my father of you; and what I see, that I will tell you.

19:4 And Jonathan spoke good of David to Saul his father, and said to him, Let not the king sin against his servant, against David; because he has not sinned against you, and because his works have been to you-ward very good:

19:5 For he did put his life in his hand, and slew the Philistine, and *Yehovah* worked a great salvation for all Israel: you saw it, and did rejoice: why then will you sin against innocent blood, to slay David without a cause?

19:6 And Saul listened to the voice of Jonathan: and Saul swore, As *Yehovah* lives, he shall not be slain.

19:7 And Jonathan called David, and Jonathan showed him all those things. And Jonathan brought David to Saul, and he was in his presence, as in times past.

19:8 And there was war again: and David went out, and fought with the Philistines, and slew them with a great slaughter; and they fled from him.

19:9 And the evil spirit from *Yehovah* was on Saul, as he sat in his house with his javelin in his hand: and David played with his hand.

19:10 And Saul sought to smite David even to the wall with the javelin: but he slipped away out of Saul's presence, and he smote the javelin into the wall: and David fled, and escaped that night.

19:11 Saul also sent messengers to David's house, to watch him, and to slay him in the morning: and Michal David's wife told him, saying, If you save not your life tonight, tomorrow you shall be slain.

19:12 So Michal let David down through a window: and he went, and fled, and escaped.

19:13 And Michal took an image, and laid it in the bed, and put a pillow of goats' hair for his bolster, and covered it with a cloth.

19:14 And when Saul sent messengers to take David, she said, He is sick.

19:15 And Saul sent the messengers again to see David, saying, Bring him up to me in the bed, that I may slay him.

19:16 And when the messengers were come in, behold, there was an image in the bed, with a pillow of goats' hair for his bolster.

19:17 And Saul said to Michal, Why have you deceived me so, and sent away my enemy, that he is escaped? And Michal answered Saul, He said to me, Let me go; why should I kill you?

19:18 So David fled, and escaped, and came to Samuel to Ramah, and told him all that Saul had done to him. And he and Samuel went and dwelled in Naioth.

19:19 And it was told Saul, saying, Behold, David is at Naioth in Ramah.

19:20 And Saul sent messengers to take David: and when they saw the company of the prophets prophesying, and Samuel standing as appointed over them, the Spirit of God was on the messengers of Saul, and they also prophesied.

19:21 And when it was told Saul, he sent other messengers, and they prophesied likewise. And Saul sent messengers again the third time, and they prophesied also.

19:22 Then went he also to Ramah, and came to a great well that is in Sechu: and he asked and said, Where are Samuel and David? And one said, Behold, they be at Naioth in Ramah.

19:23 And he went there to Naioth in Ramah: and the Spirit of God was on him also, and he went on, and prophesied, until he came to Naioth in Ramah.

19:24 And he stripped off his clothes also, and prophesied before Samuel in like manner, and lay down naked all that day and all that night. Why they say, Is Saul also among the prophets?

1 Samuel – Chapter 20

20:1 And David fled from Naioth in Ramah, and came and said before Jonathan, What have I done? what is my iniquity? and what is my sin before your father, that he seeks my life?

20:2 And he said to him, God forbid; you shall not die: behold, my father will do nothing either great or small, but that he will show it me: and why should my father hide this thing from me? it is not so.

20:3 And David swore moreover, and said, Your father certainly knows that I have found grace in your eyes; and he said, Let not Jonathan know this, lest he be grieved: but truly as *Yehovah* lives, and as your soul lives, there is but a step between me and death.

20:4 Then said Jonathan to David, Whatever your soul desires, I will even do it for you.

20:5 And David said to Jonathan, Behold, tomorrow is the new moon, and I should not fail to sit with the king at meat: but let me go, that I may hide myself in the field to the third day at even.

20:6 If your father at all miss me, then say, David earnestly asked leave of me that he might run to Bethlehem his city: for there is a yearly sacrifice there for all the family.

20:7 If he say thus, It is well; your servant shall have peace: but if he be very *angry*, then be sure that evil is determined by him.

20:8 Therefore you shall deal kindly with your servant; for you have brought your servant into a covenant of *Yehovah* with you: notwithstanding, if there be in me iniquity, slay me yourself; for why should you bring me to your father?

20:9 And Jonathan said, Far be it from you: for if I knew certainly that evil were determined by my father to come on you, then would not I tell it you?

20:10 Then said David to Jonathan, Who shall tell me? or what if your father answer you roughly?

20:11 And Jonathan said to David, Come, and let us go out into the field. And they went out both of them into the field.

20:12 And Jonathan said to David, *O YEHOVAH* God of Israel, when I have sounded my father about tomorrow any time, or the third day, and, behold, if there be good toward David, and I then send not to you, and show it you;

20:13 *Yehovah* do so and much more to Jonathan: but if it please my father to do you evil, then I will show it you, and send you away, that you may go in peace: and *Yehovah* be with you, as he has been with my father.

20:14 And you shall not only while yet I live show me the kindness of *Yehovah*, that I die not:

20:15 But also you shall not cut off your kindness from my house forever: no, not when *Yehovah* has cut off the enemies of David everyone from the face of the earth.

20:16 So Jonathan made a covenant with the house of David, saying, Let *Yehovah* even require it at the hand of David's enemies.

20:17 And Jonathan caused David to swear again, because he loved him: for he loved him as he loved his own soul.

20:18 Then Jonathan said to David, Tomorrow is the new moon: and you shall be missed, because your seat will be empty.

20:19 And when you have stayed three days, then you shall go down quickly, and come to the place where you did hide yourself when the business was in hand, and shall remain by the stone Ezel.

20:20 And I will shoot three arrows on the side, as though I shot at a mark.

20:21 And, behold, I will send a lad, saying, Go, find out the arrows. If I expressly say to the lad, Behold, the arrows are on this side of you, take them; then come you: for there is peace to you, and no hurt; as *Yehovah* lives.

20:22 But if I say thus to the young man, Behold, the arrows are beyond you; go your way: for *Yehovah* has sent you away.

20:23 And as touching the matter which you and I have spoken of, behold, *Yehovah* be between you and me forever.

20:24 So David hid himself in the field: and when the new moon was come, the king sat him down to eat meat.

20:25 And the king sat on his seat, as at other times, even on a seat by the wall: and Jonathan arose, and Abner sat by Saul's side, and David's place was empty.

20:26 Nevertheless Saul spoke not anything that day: for he thought, Something has befallen him, he is not clean; surely he is not clean.

20:27 And it came to pass the next day, which was the second day of the month, that David's place was empty: and Saul said to Jonathan his son, Why comes not the son of Jesse to meat, neither yesterday, nor to day?

20:28 And Jonathan answered Saul, David earnestly asked leave of me to go to Bethlehem:

20:29 And he said, Let me go, I pray you; for our family has a sacrifice in the city; and my brother, he has commanded me to be there: and now, if I have found favor in your eyes, let me get away, I pray you, and see my brothers. Therefore he comes not to the king's table.

20:30 Then Saul's anger was kindled against Jonathan, and he said to him, You son of the perverse rebellious woman, do not I know that you have chosen the son of Jesse to your own confusion, and to the confusion of your mother's nakedness?

20:31 For as long as the son of Jesse lives on the ground, you shall not be established, nor your kingdom. Why now send and bring him to me, for he shall surely die.

20:32 And Jonathan answered Saul his father, and said to him, Why shall he be slain? what has he done?

20:33 And Saul cast a javelin at him to smite him: whereby Jonathan knew that it was determined of his father to slay David.

20:34 So Jonathan arose from the table in fierce anger, and did eat no meat the second day of the month: for he was grieved for David, because his father had done him shame.

20:35 And it came to pass in the morning, that Jonathan went out into the field at the time appointed with David, and a little lad with him.

20:36 And he said to his lad, Run, find out now the arrows which I shoot. And as the lad ran, he shot an arrow beyond him.

20:37 And when the lad was come to the place of the arrow which Jonathan had shot, Jonathan cried after the lad, and said, Is not the arrow beyond you?

20:38 And Jonathan cried after the lad, Make speed, haste, stay not. And Jonathan's lad gathered up the arrows, and came to his master.

20:39 But the lad knew not anything: only Jonathan and David knew the matter.

20:40 And Jonathan gave his artillery to his lad, and said to him, Go, carry them to the city.

20:41 And as soon as the lad was gone, David arose out of a place toward the south, and fell on his face to the ground, and bowed himself three times: and they kissed one another, and wept one with another, until David exceeded.

20:42 And Jonathan said to David, Go in peace, for as much as we have sworn both of us in the name of *Yehovah*, saying, *Yehovah* be between me and you, and between my seed and your seed forever. And he arose and departed: and Jonathan went into the city.

1 Samuel – Chapter 21

21:1 Then came David to Nob to Ahimelech the priest: and Ahimelech was afraid at the meeting of David, and said to him, Why are you alone, and no man with you?

21:2 And David said to Ahimelech the priest, The king has commanded me a business, and has said to me, Let no man know anything of the business about which I send you, and what I have commanded you: and I have appointed my servants to such and such a place.

21:3 Now therefore what is under your hand? give me five loaves of bread in my hand, or what there is present.

21:4 And the priest answered David, and said, There is no common bread under my hand, but there is hallowed bread; if the young men have kept themselves at least from women.

21:5 And David answered the priest, and said to him, Of a truth women have been kept from us about these three days, since I came out, and the vessels of the young men are holy, and the bread is in a manner common, yes, though it were sanctified this day in the vessel.

21:6 So the priest gave him hallowed bread: for there was no bread there but the show bread, that was taken from before *Yehovah*, to put hot bread in the day when it was taken away.

21:7 Now a certain man of the servants of Saul was there that day, detained before *Yehovah*; and his name was Doeg, an Edomite, the most chief of the herdsmen that belonged to Saul.

21:8 And David said to Ahimelech, And is there not here under your hand spear or sword? for I have neither brought my sword nor my weapons with me, because the king's business required haste.

21:9 And the priest said, The sword of Goliath the Philistine, whom you slew in the valley of Elah, behold, it is here wrapped in a cloth behind the ephod: if you will take that, take it: for there is no other save that here. And David said, There is none like that; give it me.

21:10 And David arose and fled that day for fear of Saul, and went to Achish the king of Gath.

21:11 And the servants of Achish said to him, Is not this David the king of the land? did they not sing one to another of him in dances, saying, Saul has slain his thousands, and David his ten thousands?

21:12 And David laid up these words in his heart, and was sore afraid of Achish the king of Gath.

21:13 And he changed his behavior before them, and feigned himself mad in their hands, and scabbled on the doors of the gate, and let his spittle fall down on his beard.

21:14 Then said Achish to his servants, See, you see the man is mad: why then have you brought him to me?

21:15 Have I need of mad men, that you have brought this fellow to play the mad man in my presence? shall this fellow come into my house?

1 Samuel – Chapter 22

22:1 David therefore departed there, and escaped to the cave Adullam: and when his brothers and all his father's house heard it, they went down there to him.

22:2 And everyone that was in distress, and everyone that was in debt, and everyone that was discontented, gathered themselves to him; and he became a captain over them: and there were with him about four hundred men.

22:3 And David went there to Mizpeh of Moab: and he said to the king of Moab, Let my father and my mother, I pray you, come forth, and be with you, till I know what God will do for me.

22:4 And he brought them before the king of Moab: and they dwelled with him all the while that David was in the hold.

22:5 And the prophet Gad said to David, Abide not in the hold; depart, and get you into the land of Judah. Then David departed, and came into the forest of Hareth.

22:6 When Saul heard that David was discovered, and the men that were with him, (now Saul stayed in Gibeah under a tree in Ramah, having his spear in his hand, and all his servants were standing about him;)

22:7 Then Saul said to his servants that stood about him, Hear now, you Benjamites; will the son of Jesse give everyone of you fields and vineyards, and make you all captains of thousands, and captains of hundreds;

22:8 That all of you have conspired against me, and there is none that shows me that my son has made a league with the son of Jesse, and there is none of you that is sorry for me, or shows to me that my son has stirred up my servant against me, to lie in wait, as at this day?

22:9 Then answered Doeg the Edomite, which was set over the servants of Saul, and said, I saw the son of Jesse coming to Nob, to Ahimelech the son of Ahitub.

22:10 And he inquired of *Yehovah* for him, and gave him provisions, and gave him the sword of Goliath the Philistine.

22:11 Then the king sent to call Ahimelech the priest, the son of Ahitub, and all his father's house, the priests that were in Nob: and they came all of them to the king.

22:12 And Saul said, Hear now, you son of Ahitub. And he answered, Here I am, my lord.

22:13 And Saul said to him, Why have you conspired against me, you and the son of Jesse, in that you have given him bread, and a sword, and have inquired of God for him, that he should rise against me, to lie in wait, as at this day?

22:14 Then Ahimelech answered the king, and said, And who is so faithful among all your servants as David, which is the king's son in law, and goes at your bidding, and is honorable in your house?

22:15 Did I then begin to inquire of God for him? be it far from me: let not the king impute anything to his servant, nor to all the house of my father: for your servant knew nothing of all this, less or more.

22:16 And the king said, You shall surely die, Ahimelech, you, and all your father's house.

22:17 And the king said to the footmen that stood about him, Turn, and slay the priests of *Yehovah*: because their hand also is with David, and because they knew when he fled, and did not show it to me. But the servants of the king would not put forth their hand to fall on the priests of *Yehovah*.

22:18 And the king said to Doeg, Turn you, and fall on the priests. And Doeg the Edomite turned, and he fell on the priests, and slew on that day fourscore and five persons that did wear a linen ephod.

22:19 And Nob, the city of the priests, smote he with the edge of the sword, both men and women, children and sucklings, and oxen, and asses, and sheep, with the edge of the sword.

22:20 And one of the sons of Ahimelech the son of Ahitub, named Abiathar, escaped, and fled after David.

22:21 And Abiathar showed David that Saul had slain *Yehovah's* priests.

22:22 And David said to Abiathar, I knew it that day, when Doeg the Edomite was there, that he would surely tell Saul: I have occasioned the death of all the persons of your father's house.

22:23 Abide you with me, fear not: for he that seeks my life seeks your life: but with me you shall be in safeguard.

1 Samuel – Chapter 23

23:1 Then they told David, saying, Behold, the Philistines fight against Keilah, and they rob the threshing floors.

23:2 Therefore David inquired of *Yehovah*, saying, Shall I go and smite these Philistines? And *Yehovah* said to David, Go, and smite the Philistines, and save Keilah.

23:3 And David's men said to him, Behold, we be afraid here in Judah: how much more then if we come to Keilah against the *armies* of the Philistines?

23:4 Then David inquired of *Yehovah* yet again. And *Yehovah* answered him and said, Arise, go down to Keilah; for I will deliver the Philistines into your hand.

23:5 So David and his men went to Keilah, and fought with the Philistines, and brought away their cattle, and smote them with a great slaughter. So David saved the inhabitants of Keilah.

23:6 And it came to pass, when Abiathar the son of Ahimelech fled to David to Keilah, that he came down with an ephod in his hand.

23:7 And it was told Saul that David was come to Keilah. And Saul said, God has delivered him into my hand; for he is shut in, by entering into a town that has gates and bars.

23:8 And Saul called all the people together to war, to go down to Keilah, to besiege David and his men.

23:9 And David knew that Saul secretly practiced mischief against him; and he said to Abiathar the priest, Bring here the ephod.

23:10 Then said David, *O YEHOVAH* God of Israel, your servant has certainly heard that Saul seeks to come to Keilah, to destroy the city for my sake.

23:11 Will the men of Keilah deliver me up into his hand? will Saul come down, as your servant has heard? *O YEHOVAH* God of Israel, I beseech you, tell your servant. And *Yehovah* said, He will come down.

23:12 Then said David, Will the men of Keilah deliver me and my men into the hand of Saul? And *Yehovah* said, They will deliver you up.

23:13 Then David and his men, which were about six hundred, arose and departed out of Keilah, and went wherever they could go. And it was told Saul that David was escaped from Keilah; and he declined to go forth.

23:14 And David stayed in the wilderness in strong holds, and remained in a mountain in the wilderness of Ziph. And Saul sought him every day, but God delivered him not into his hand.

23:15 And David saw that Saul was come out to seek his life: and David was in the wilderness of Ziph in a wood.

23:16 And Jonathan Saul's son arose, and went to David into the wood, and strengthened his hand in God.

23:17 And he said to him, Fear not: for the hand of Saul my father shall not find you; and you shall be king over Israel, and I shall be next to you; and that also Saul my father knows.

23:18 And they two made a covenant before *Yehovah*: and David stayed in the wood, and Jonathan went to his house.

23:19 Then came up the Ziphites to Saul to Gibeah, saying, Does not David hide himself with us in strong holds in the wood, in the hill of Hachilah, which is on the south of Jeshimon?

23:20 Now therefore, O king, come down according to all the desire of your soul to come down; and our part shall be to deliver him into the king's hand.

23:21 And Saul said, Blessed be you of *Yehovah*; for you have compassion on me.

23:22 Go, I pray you, prepare yet, and know and see his place where he is *staying*, and who has seen him there: for it is told me that he deals very subtly.

23:23 See therefore, and take knowledge of all the lurking places where he hides himself, and come you again to me with the certainty, and I will go with you: and it shall come to pass, if he be in the land, that I will search him out throughout all the thousands of Judah.

23:24 And they arose, and went to Ziph before Saul: but David and his men were in the wilderness of Maon, in the plain on the south of Jeshimon.

23:25 Saul also and his men went to seek him. And they told David; why he came down into a rock, and stayed in the wilderness of Maon. And when Saul heard that, he pursued after David in the wilderness of Maon.

23:26 And Saul went on this side of the mountain, and David and his men on that side of the mountain: and David made haste to get away for fear of Saul; for Saul and his men compassed David and his men round about to take them.

23:27 But there came a messenger to Saul, saying, Haste you, and come; for the Philistines have invaded the land.

23:28 Why Saul returned from pursuing after David, and went against the Philistines: therefore they called that place Selahammahlekoth.

23:29 And David went up from there, and dwelled in strong holds at Engedi.

1 Samuel – Chapter 24

24:1 And it came to pass, when Saul was returned from following the Philistines, that it was told him, saying, Behold, David is in the wilderness of Engedi.

24:2 Then Saul took three thousand chosen men out of all Israel, and went to seek David and his men on the rocks of the wild goats.

24:3 And he came to the sheepcotes by the way, where was a cave; and Saul went in to cover his feet: and David and his men remained in the sides of the cave.

24:4 And the men of David said to him, Behold the day of which *Yehovah* said to you, Behold, I will deliver your enemy into your hand, that you may do to him as it shall seem good to you. Then David arose, and cut off the skirt of Saul's robe privately.

24:5 And it came to pass afterward, that David's heart smote him, because he had cut off Saul's skirt.

24:6 And he said to his men, *Yehovah* forbid that I should do this thing to my master, *Yehovah's* anointed, to stretch forth my hand against him, seeing he is the anointed of *Yehovah*.

24:7 So David stayed his servants with these words, and suffered them not to rise against Saul. But Saul rose up out of the cave, and went on his way.

24:8 David also arose afterward, and went out of the cave, and cried after Saul, saying, My lord the king. And when Saul looked behind him, David stooped with his face to the earth, and bowed himself.

24:9 And David said to Saul, Why hear you men's words, saying, Behold, David seeks your hurt?

24:10 Behold, this day your eyes have seen how that *Yehovah* had delivered you today into my hand in the cave: and some bade me kill you: but my eye spared you; and I said, I will not put forth my hand against my lord; for he is *Yehovah's* anointed.

24:11 Moreover, my father, see, yes, see the skirt of your robe in my hand: for in that I cut off the skirt of your robe, and killed you not, know you and see that there is neither evil nor transgression in my hand, and I have not sinned against you; yet you hunt my soul to take it.

24:12 *Yehovah* judge between me and you, and *Yehovah* avenge me of you: but my hand shall not be on you.

24:13 As said the proverb of the ancients, Wickedness proceeds from the wicked: but my hand shall not be on you.

24:14 After whom is the king of Israel come out? after whom do you pursue? after a dead dog, after a flea.

24:15 *Yehovah* therefore be judge, and judge between me and you, and see, and plead my cause, and deliver me out of your hand.

24:16 And it came to pass, when David had made an end of speaking these words to Saul, that Saul said, Is this your voice, my son David? And Saul lifted up his voice, and wept.

24:17 And he said to David, You are more righteous than I: for you have rewarded me good, whereas I have rewarded you evil.

24:18 And you have showed this day how that you have dealt well with me: for as much as when *Yehovah* had delivered me into your hand, you killed me not.

24:19 For if a man find his enemy, will he let him go well away? why *Yehovah* reward you good for that you have done to me this day.

24:20 And now, behold, I know well that you shall surely be king, and that the kingdom of Israel shall be established in your hand.

24:21 Swear now therefore to me by *Yehovah*, that you will not cut off my seed after me, and that you will not destroy my name out of my father's house.

24:22 And David swore to Saul. And Saul went home; but David and his men got them up to the hold.

1 Samuel – Chapter 25

25:1 And Samuel died; and all the Israelites were gathered together, and lamented him, and buried him in his house at Ramah. And David arose, and went down to the wilderness of Paran.

25:2 And there was a man in Maon, whose possessions were in Carmel; and the man was very great, and he had three thousand sheep, and a thousand goats: and he was shearing his sheep in Carmel.

25:3 Now the name of the man was Nabal; and the name of his wife Abigail: and she was a woman of good understanding, and of a beautiful countenance: but the man was hardened and evil in his doings; and he was of the house of Caleb.

25:4 And David heard in the wilderness that Nabal did shear his sheep.

25:5 And David sent out ten young men, and David said to the young men, Get you up to Carmel, and go to Nabal, and greet him in my name:

25:6 And thus shall you say to him that lives in prosperity, Peace be both to you, and peace be to your house, and peace be to all that you have.

25:7 And now I have heard that you have shearers: now your shepherds which were with us, we hurt them not, neither was there *anything* missing to them, all the while they were in Carmel.

25:8 Ask your young men, and they will show you. Why let the young men find favor in your eyes: for we come in a good day: give, I pray you, whatever comes to your hand to your servants, and to your son David.

25:9 And when David's young men came, they spoke to Nabal according to all those words in the name of David, and ceased.

25:10 And Nabal answered David's servants, and said, Who is David? and who is the son of Jesse? there be many servants now a days that break away every man from his master.

25:11 Shall I then take my bread, and my water, and my flesh that I have killed for my shearers, and give it to men, whom I know not from where they be?

25:12 So David's young men turned their way, and went again, and came and told him all those sayings.

25:13 And David said to his men, Gird you on every man his sword. And they girded on every man his sword; and David also girded on his sword: and there went up after David about four hundred men; and two hundred stayed by the stuff.

25:14 But one of the young men told Abigail, Nabal's wife, saying, Behold, David sent messengers out of the wilderness to salute our master; and he railed on them.

25:15 But the men were very good to us, and we were not hurt, neither missed we anything, as long as we were conversant with them, when we were in the fields:

25:16 They were a wall to us both by night and day, all the while we were with them keeping the sheep.

25:17 Now therefore know and consider what you will do; for evil is determined against our master, and against all his household: for he is such a son of Belial, that a man cannot speak to him.

25:18 Then Abigail made haste, and took two hundred loaves, and two bottles of wine, and five sheep ready dressed, and five measures of parched *grain*, and a hundred clusters of raisins, and two hundred cakes of figs, and laid them on asses.

25:19 And she said to her servants, Go on before me; behold, I come after you. But she told not her husband Nabal.

25:20 And it was so, as she rode on the ass, that she came down by the covert on the hill, and, behold, David and his men came down against her; and she met them.

25:21 Now David had said, Surely in vain have I kept all that this fellow has in the wilderness, so that nothing was missed of all that pertained to him: and he has returned to me evil for good.

25:22 So and more also do God to the enemies of David, if I leave of all that pertain to him by the morning light any that urinates against the wall.

25:23 And when Abigail saw David, she hurried, and lighted off the ass, and fell before David on her face, and bowed herself to the ground,

25:24 And fell at his feet, and said, On me, my lord, on me let this iniquity be: and let your handmaid, I pray you, speak in your audience, and hear the words of your handmaid.

25:25 Let not my lord, I pray you, regard this man of Belial, even Nabal: for as his name is, so is he; Nabal is his name, and folly is with him: but I your handmaid saw not the young men of my lord, whom you did send.

25:26 Now therefore, my lord, as *Yehovah* lives, and as your soul lives, seeing *Yehovah* has withheld you from coming to shed blood, and from avenging yourself with your own hand, now let your enemies, and they that seek evil to my lord, be as Nabal.

25:27 And now this blessing which your handmaid has brought to my lord, let it even be given to the young men that follow my lord.

25:28 I pray you, forgive the trespass of your handmaid: for *Yehovah* will certainly make my lord a sure house; because my lord fights the battles of *Yehovah*, and evil has not been found in you all your days.

25:29 Yet a man is risen to pursue you, and to seek your soul: but the soul of my lord shall be bound in the bundle of life with *Yehovah* your God; and the souls of your enemies, them shall he sling out, as out of the middle of a sling.

25:30 And it shall come to pass, when *Yehovah* shall have done to my lord according to all the good that he has spoken concerning you, and shall have appointed you ruler over Israel;

25:31 That this shall be no grief to you, nor offense of heart to my lord, either that you have shed blood causeless, or that my lord has avenged himself: but when *Yehovah* shall have dealt well with my lord, then remember your handmaid.

25:32 And David said to Abigail, Blessed be *Yehovah* God of Israel, which sent you this day to meet me:

25:33 And blessed be your advice, and blessed be you, which have kept me this day from coming to shed blood, and from avenging myself with my own hand.

25:34 For in very deed, as *Yehovah* God of Israel lives, which has kept me back from hurting you, except you had hurried and come to meet me, surely there had not been left to Nabal by the morning light any that urinates against the wall.

25:35 So David received of her hand that which she had brought him, and said to her, Go up in peace to your house; see, I have listened to your voice, and have accepted your person.

25:36 And Abigail came to Nabal; and, behold, he held a feast in his house, like the feast of a king; and Nabal's heart was merry within him, for he was very drunken: why she told him nothing, less or more, until the morning light.

25:37 But it came to pass in the morning, when the wine was gone out of Nabal, and his wife had told him these things, that his heart died within him, and he became as a stone.

25:38 And it came to pass about ten days after, that *Yehovah* smote Nabal, that he died.

25:39 And when David heard that Nabal was dead, he said, Blessed be *Yehovah*, that has pleaded the cause of my reproach from the hand of Nabal, and has kept his servant from evil: for *Yehovah* has returned the wickedness of Nabal on his own head. And David sent and communed with Abigail, to take her to him to wife.

25:40 And when the servants of David were come to Abigail to Carmel, they spoke to her, saying, David sent us to you, to take you to him to wife.

25:41 And she arose, and bowed herself on her face to the earth, and said, Behold, let your handmaid be a servant to wash the feet of the servants of my lord.

25:42 And Abigail hurried, and arose and rode on an ass, with five damsels of hers that went after her; and she went after the messengers of David, and became his wife.

25:43 David also took Ahinoam of Jezreel; and they were also both of them his wives.

25:44 But Saul had given Michal his daughter, David's wife, to Phalti the son of Laish, which was of Gallim.

1 Samuel – Chapter 26

26:1 And the Ziphites came to Saul to Gibeah, saying, Does not David hide himself in the hill of Hachilah, which is before Jeshimon?

26:2 Then Saul arose, and went down to the wilderness of Ziph, having three thousand chosen men of Israel with him, to seek David in the wilderness of Ziph.

26:3 And Saul pitched in the hill of Hachilah, which is before Jeshimon, by the way. But David stayed in the wilderness, and he saw that Saul came after him into the wilderness.

26:4 David therefore sent out spies, and understood that Saul was come in very deed.

26:5 And David arose, and came to the place where Saul had pitched: and David beheld the place where Saul lay, and Abner the son of Ner, the captain of his army: and Saul lay in the trench, and the people pitched round about him.

26:6 Then answered David and said to Ahimelech the Hittite, and to Abishai the son of Zeruiah, brother to Joab, saying, Who will go down with me to Saul to the camp? And Abishai said, I will go down with you.

26:7 So David and Abishai came to the people by night: and, behold, Saul lay sleeping within the trench, and his spear stuck in the ground at his bolster: but Abner and the people lay round about him.

26:8 Then said Abishai to David, God has delivered your enemy into your hand this day: now therefore let me smite him, I pray you, with the spear even to the earth at once, and I will not smite him the second time.

26:9 And David said to Abishai, Destroy him not: for who can stretch forth his hand against *Yehovah's* anointed, and be guiltless?

26:10 David said furthermore, As *Yehovah* lives, *Yehovah* shall smite him; or his day shall come to die; or he shall descend into battle, and perish.

26:11 *Yehovah* forbid that I should stretch forth my hand against *Yehovah's* anointed: but, I pray you, take you now the spear that is at his bolster, and the cruse of water, and let us go.

26:12 So David took the spear and the cruse of water from Saul's bolster; and they got them away, and no man saw it, nor knew it, neither awaked: for they were all asleep; because a deep sleep from *Yehovah* was fallen on them.

26:13 Then David went over to the other side, and stood on the top of a hill afar off; a great space being between them:

26:14 And David cried to the people, and to Abner the son of Ner, saying, Answer you not, Abner? Then Abner answered and said, Who are you that cry to the king?

26:15 And David said to Abner, Are not you a valiant man? and who is like to you in Israel? why then have you not kept your lord the king? for there came one of the people in to destroy the king your lord.

26:16 This thing is not good that you have done. As *Yehovah* lives, you are worthy to die, because you have not kept your master, *Yehovah's* anointed. And now see where the king's spear is, and the cruse of water that was at his bolster.

26:17 And Saul knew David's voice, and said, Is this your voice, my son David? And David said, It is my voice, my lord, O king.

26:18 And he said, Why does my lord thus pursue after his servant? for what have I done? or what evil is in my hand?

26:19 Now therefore, I pray you, let my lord the king hear the words of his servant. If *Yehovah* have stirred you up against me, let him accept an offering: but if they be the children of men, cursed be they before *Yehovah*; for they have driven me out this day from abiding in the inheritance of *Yehovah*, saying, Go, serve other gods.

26:20 Now therefore, let not my blood fall to the earth before the face of *Yehovah*: for the king of Israel is come out to seek a flea, as when one does hunt a partridge in the mountains.

26:21 Then said Saul, I have sinned: return, my son David: for I will no more do you harm, because my soul was precious in your eyes this day: behold, I have played the fool, and have erred exceedingly.

26:22 And David answered and said, Behold the king's spear! and let one of the young men come over and take it.

26:23 *Yehovah* render to every man his righteousness and his faithfulness; for *Yehovah* delivered you into my hand to day, but I would not stretch forth my hand against *Yehovah's* anointed.

26:24 And, behold, as your life was much set by this day in my eyes, so let my life be much set by in the eyes of *Yehovah*, and let him deliver me out of all tribulation.

26:25 Then Saul said to David, Blessed be you, my son David: you shall both do great things, and also shall still prevail. So David went on his way, and Saul returned to his place.

1 Samuel – Chapter 27

27:1 And David said in his heart, I shall now perish one day by the hand of Saul: there is nothing better for me than that I should speedily escape into the land of the Philistines; and Saul shall despair of me, to seek me anymore in any coast of Israel: so shall I escape out of his hand.

27:2 And David arose, and he passed over with the six hundred men that were with him to Achish, the son of Maoch, king of Gath.

27:3 And David dwelled with Achish at Gath, he and his men, every man with his household, even David with his two wives, Ahinoam the Jezreelitess, and Abigail the Carmelitess, Nabal's wife.

27:4 And it was told Saul that David was fled to Gath: and he sought no more again for him.

27:5 And David said to Achish, If I have now found grace in your eyes, let them give me a place in some town in the country, that I may dwell there: for why should your servant dwell in the royal city with you?

27:6 Then Achish gave him Ziklag that day: why Ziklag pertains to the kings of Judah to this day.

27:7 And the time that David dwelled in the country of the Philistines was a full year and four months.

27:8 And David and his men went up, and invaded the Geshurites, and the Gezrites, and the Amalekites: for those nations were of old the inhabitants of the land, as you go to Shur, even to the land of Egypt.

27:9 And David smote the land, and left neither man nor woman alive, and took away the sheep, and the oxen, and the asses, and the camels, and the apparel, and returned, and came to Achish.

27:10 And Achish said, Where have you made a road to day? And David said, Against the south of Judah, and against the south of the Jerahmeelites, and against the south of the Kenites.

27:11 And David saved neither man nor woman alive, to bring tidings to Gath, saying, Lest they should tell on us, saying, So did David, and so will be his manner all the while he dwells in the country of the Philistines.

27:12 And Achish believed David, saying, He has made his people Israel utterly to abhor him; therefore he shall be my servant forever.

1 Samuel – Chapter 28

28:1 And it came to pass in those days, that the Philistines gathered their *armies* together for warfare, to fight with Israel. And Achish said to David, Know you assuredly, that you shall go out with me to battle, you and your men.

28:2 And David said to Achish, Surely you shall know what your servant can do. And Achish said to David, Therefore will I make you keeper of my head forever.

28:3 Now Samuel was dead, and all Israel had lamented him, and buried him in Ramah, even in his own city. And Saul had put away those that had familiar spirits, and the wizards, out of the land.

28:4 And the Philistines gathered themselves together, and came and pitched in Shunem: and Saul gathered all Israel together, and they pitched in Gilboa.

28:5 And when Saul saw the army of the Philistines, he was afraid, and his heart greatly trembled.

28:6 And when Saul inquired of *Yehovah*, *Yehovah* answered him not, neither by dreams, nor by Urim, nor by prophets.

28:7 Then said Saul to his servants, Seek me a woman that has a familiar spirit, that I may go to her, and inquire of her. And his servants said to him, Behold, there is a woman that has a familiar spirit at Endor.

28:8 And Saul disguised himself, and put on other raiment, and he went, and two men with him, and they came to the woman by night: and he said, I pray you, divine to me by the familiar spirit, and bring me him up, whom I shall name to you.

28:9 And the woman said to him, Behold, you know what Saul has done, how he has cut off those that have familiar spirits, and the wizards, out of the land: why then lay you a snare for my life, to cause me to die?

28:10 And Saul swore to her by *Yehovah*, saying, As *Yehovah* lives, there shall no punishment happen to you for this thing.

28:11 Then said the woman, Whom shall I bring up to you? And he said, Bring me up Samuel.

28:12 And when the woman saw Samuel, she cried with a loud voice: and the woman spoke to Saul, saying, Why have you deceived me? for you are Saul.

28:13 And the king said to her, Be not afraid: for what saw you? And the woman said to Saul, I saw gods ascending out of the earth.

28:14 And he said to her, What form is he of? And she said, An old man comes up; and he is covered with a mantle. And Saul perceived that it was Samuel, and he stooped with his face to the ground, and bowed himself.

28:15 And Samuel said to Saul, Why have you disquieted me, to bring me up? And Saul answered, I am sore distressed; for the Philistines make war against me, and God is departed from me, and answers me no more, neither by prophets, nor by dreams: therefore I have called you, that you may make known to me what I shall do.

28:16 Then said Samuel, Why then do you ask of me, seeing *Yehovah* is departed from you, and is become your enemy?

28:17 And *Yehovah* has done to him, as he spoke by me: for *Yehovah* has rent the kingdom out of your hand, and given it to your neighbor, even to David:

28:18 Because you obeyed not the voice of *Yehovah*, nor executed his fierce wrath on Amalek, therefore has *Yehovah* done this thing to you this day.

28:19 Moreover *Yehovah* will also deliver Israel with you into the hand of the Philistines: and tomorrow shall you and your sons be with me: *Yehovah* also shall deliver the army of Israel into the hand of the Philistines.

28:20 Then Saul fell straightway all along on the earth, and was sore afraid, because of the words of Samuel: and there was no strength in him; for he had eaten no bread all the day, nor all the night.

28:21 And the woman came to Saul, and saw that he was sore troubled, and said to him, Behold, your handmaid has obeyed your voice, and I have put my life in my hand, and have listened to your words which you spoke to me.

28:22 Now therefore, I pray you, listen you also to the voice of your handmaid, and let me set a morsel of bread before you; and eat, that you may have strength, when you go on your way.

28:23 But he refused, and said, I will not eat. But his servants, together with the woman, compelled him; and he listened to their voice. So he arose from the earth, and sat on the bed.

28:24 And the woman had a fat calf in the house; and she hurried, and killed it, and took flour, and kneaded it, and did bake unleavened bread:

28:25 And she brought it before Saul, and before his servants; and they did eat. Then they rose up, and went away that night.

1 Samuel – Chapter 29

29:1 Now the Philistines gathered together all their *armies* to Aphek: and the Israelites pitched by a fountain which is in Jezreel.

29:2 And the lords of the Philistines passed on by hundreds, and by thousands: but David and his men passed on in the rear guard with Achish.

29:3 Then said the lords of the Philistines, What do these Hebrews here? And Achish said to the lords of the Philistines, Is not this David, the servant of Saul the king of Israel, which has been with me these days, or these years, and I have found no fault in him since he fell to me to this day?

29:4 And the lords of the Philistines were *angry* with him; and the lords of the Philistines said to him, Make this fellow return, that he may go again to his place which you have appointed him, and let him not go down with us to battle, lest in the battle he be an adversary to us: for with which should he reconcile himself to his master? should it not be with the heads of these men?

29:5 Is not this David, of whom they sang one to another in dances, saying, Saul slew his thousands, and David his ten thousands?

29:6 Then Achish called David, and said to him, Surely, as *Yehovah* lives, you have been upright, and your going out and your coming in with me in the army is good in my sight: for I have not found evil in you since the day of your coming to me to this day: nevertheless the Lords favor you not.

29:7 Why now return, and go in peace, that you displease not the lords of the Philistines.

29:8 And David said to Achish, But what have I done? and what have you found in your servant so long as I have been with you to this day, that I may not go fight against the enemies of my lord the king?

29:9 And Achish answered and said to David, I know that you are good in my sight, as an angel of God: notwithstanding the lords of the Philistines have said, He shall not go up with us to the battle.

29:10 Why now rise up early in the morning with your master's servants that are come with you: and as soon as you be up early in the morning, and have light, depart.

29:11 So David and his men rose up early to depart in the morning, to return into the land of the Philistines. And the Philistines went up to Jezreel.

1 Samuel – Chapter 30

30:1 And it came to pass, when David and his men were come to Ziklag on the third day, that the Amalekites had invaded the south, and Ziklag, and smitten Ziklag, and burned it with fire;

30:2 And had taken the women captives, that were in it: they slew not any, either great or small, but carried them away, and went on their way.

30:3 So David and his men came to the city, and, behold, it was burned with fire; and their wives, and their sons, and their daughters, were taken captives.

30:4 Then David and the people that were with him lifted up their voice and wept, until they had no more power to weep.

30:5 And David's two wives were taken captives, Ahinoam the Jezreelitess, and Abigail the wife of Nabal the Carmelite.

30:6 And David was greatly distressed; for the people spoke of stoning him, because the soul of all the people was grieved, every man for his sons and for his daughters: but David encouraged himself in *Yehovah* his God.

30:7 And David said to Abiathar the priest, Ahimelech's son, I pray you, bring me here the ephod. And Abiathar brought forth the ephod to David.

30:8 And David inquired at *Yehovah*, saying, Shall I pursue after this troop? shall I overtake them? And he answered him, Pursue: for you shall surely overtake them, and without fail recover all.

30:9 So David went, he and the six hundred men that were with him, and came to the brook Besor, where those that were left behind stayed.

30:10 But David pursued, he and four hundred men: for two hundred stayed behind, which were so faint that they could not go over the brook Besor.

30:11 And they found an Egyptian in the field, and brought him to David, and gave him bread, and he did eat; and they made him drink water;

30:12 And they gave him a piece of a cake of figs, and two clusters of raisins: and when he had eaten, his spirit came again to him: for he had eaten no bread, nor drunk any water, three days and three nights.

30:13 And David said to him, To whom belong you? and from where are you? And he said, I am a young man of Egypt, servant to an Amalekite; and my master left me, because three days ago I fell sick.

30:14 We made an invasion on the south of the Cherethites, and on the coast which belongs to Judah, and on the south of Caleb; and we burned Ziklag with fire.

30:15 And David said to him, Can you bring me down to this company? And he said, Swear to me by God, that you will neither kill me, nor deliver me into the hands of my master, and I will bring you down to this company.

30:16 And when he had brought him down, behold, they were spread abroad on all the earth, eating and drinking, and dancing, because of all the great spoils that they had taken out of the land of the Philistines, and out of the land of Judah.

30:17 And David smote them from the twilight even to the evening of the next day: and there escaped not a man of them, save four hundred young men, which rode on camels, and fled.

30:18 And David recovered all that the Amalekites had carried away: and David rescued his two wives.

30:19 And there was nothing lacking to them, neither small nor great, neither sons nor daughters, neither spoils, nor anything that they had taken to them: David recovered all.

30:20 And David took all the flocks and the herds, which they drove before those other cattle, and said, This is David's spoils.

30:21 And David came to the two hundred men, which were so faint that they could not follow David, whom they had made also to abide at the brook Besor: and they went forth to meet David, and to meet the people that were with him: and when David came near to the people, he saluted them.

30:22 Then answered all the wicked men and men of Belial, of those that went with David, and said, Because they went not with us, we will not give them *anything* of the spoils that we have recovered, save to every man his wife and his children, that they may lead them away, and depart.

30:23 Then said David, You shall not do so, my brothers, with that which *Yehovah* has given us, who has preserved us, and delivered the company that came against us into our hand.

30:24 For who will listen to you in this matter? but as his part is that goes down to the battle, so shall his part be that carries by the stuff: they shall part alike.

30:25 And it was so from that day forward, that he made it a statute and an ordinance for Israel to this day.

30:26 And when David came to Ziklag, he sent of the spoils to the elders of Judah, even to his friends, saying, Behold a present for you of the spoils of the enemies of *Yehovah*;

30:27 To them which were in Bethel, and to them which were in south Ramoth, and to them which were in Jattir,

30:28 And to them which were in Aroer, and to them which were in Siphmoth, and to them which were in Eshtemoa,

30:29 And to them which were in Rachal, and to them which were in the cities of the Jerahmeelites, and to them which were in the cities of the Kenites,

30:30 And to them which were in Hormah, and to them which were in Chorashan, and to them which were in Athach,

30:31 And to them which were in Hebron, and to all the places where David himself and his men were known to *travel*.

1 Samuel – Chapter 31

31:1 Now the Philistines fought against Israel: and the men of Israel fled from before the Philistines, and fell down slain in mount Gilboa.

31:2 And the Philistines followed hard on Saul and on his sons; and the Philistines slew Jonathan, and Abinadab, and Melchishua, Saul's sons.

31:3 And the battle went sore against Saul, and the archers hit him; and he was sore wounded of the archers.

31:4 Then said Saul to his armor bearer, Draw your sword, and thrust me through therewith; lest these uncircumcised come and thrust me through, and abuse me. But his armor bearer would not; for he was sore afraid. Therefore Saul took a sword, and fell on it.

31:5 And when his armor bearer saw that Saul was dead, he fell likewise on his sword, and died with him.

31:6 So Saul died, and his three sons, and his armor bearer, and all his men, that same day together.

31:7 And when the men of Israel that were on the other side of the valley, and they that were on the other side Jordan, saw that the men of Israel fled, and that Saul and his sons were dead, they forsook the cities, and fled; and the Philistines came and dwelled in them.

31:8 And it came to pass the next day, when the Philistines came to strip the slain, that they found Saul and his three sons fallen in mount Gilboa.

31:9 And they cut off his head, and stripped off his armor, and sent into the land of the Philistines round about, to publish it in the house of their idols, and among the people.

31:10 And they put his armor in the house of Ashtaroth: and they fastened his body to the wall of Bethshan.

31:11 And when the inhabitants of Jabeshgilead heard of that which the Philistines had done to Saul;

31:12 All the valiant men arose, and went all night, and took the body of Saul and the bodies of his sons from the wall of Bethshan, and came to Jabesh, and burnt them there.

31:13 And they took their bones, and buried them under a tree at Jabesh, and fasted seven days.

Book of 2 Samuel

Shmuel B (Book of the Kingdoms 2)

2 Samuel – Chapter 1

1:1 Now it came to pass after the death of Saul, when David was returned from the slaughter of the Amalekites, and David had stayed two days in Ziklag;

1:2 It came even to pass on the third day, that, behold, a man came out of the camp from Saul with his clothes rent, and earth on his head: and so it was, when he came to David, that he fell to the earth, and did obeisance.

1:3 And David said to him, From where come you? And he said to him, Out of the camp of Israel am I escaped.

1:4 And David said to him, How went the matter? I pray you, tell me. And he answered, That the people are fled from the battle, and many of the people also are fallen and dead; and Saul and Jonathan his son are dead also.

1:5 And David said to the young man that told him, How know you that Saul and Jonathan his son be dead?

1:6 And the young man that told him said, As I happened by chance on mount Gilboa, behold, Saul leaned on his spear; and, see, the chariots and horsemen followed hard after him.

1:7 And when he looked behind him, he saw me, and called to me. And I answered, Here am I.

1:8 And he said to me, Who are you? And I answered him, I am an Amalekite.

1:9 He said to me again, Stand, I pray you, on me, and slay me: for anguish is come on me, because my life is yet whole in me.

1:10 So I stood on him, and slew him, because I was sure that he could not live after that he was fallen: and I took the crown that was on his head, and the bracelet that was on his arm, and have brought them here to my lord.

1:11 Then David took hold on his clothes, and rent them; and likewise all the men that were with him:

1:12 And they mourned, and wept, and fasted until even, for Saul, and for Jonathan his son, and for the people of *Yehovah*, and for the house of Israel; because they were fallen by the sword.

1:13 And David said to the young man that told him, From where are you? And he answered, I am the son of a stranger, an Amalekite.

1:14 And David said to him, How were you not afraid to stretch forth your hand to destroy *Yehovah's* anointed?

1:15 And David called one of the young men, and said, Go near, and fall on him. And he smote him that he died.

1:16 And David said to him, Your blood be on your head; for your mouth has testified against you, saying, I have slain *Yehovah's* anointed.

1:17 And David lamented with this lamentation over Saul and over Jonathan his son:

1:18 (Also he bade them teach the children of Judah the use of the bow: behold, it is written in the book of Jasher.)

1:19 The beauty of Israel is slain on your high places: how are the mighty fallen!

1:20 Tell it not in Gath, publish it not in the streets of Askelon; lest the daughters of the Philistines rejoice, lest the daughters of the uncircumcised triumph.

1:21 You mountains of Gilboa, let there be no dew, neither let there be rain, on you, nor fields of offerings: for there the shield of the mighty is vilely cast away, the shield of Saul, as though he had not been anointed with oil.

1:22 From the blood of the slain, from the fat of the mighty, the bow of Jonathan turned not back, and the sword of Saul returned not empty.

1:23 Saul and Jonathan were lovely and pleasant in their lives, and in their death they were not divided: they were swifter than eagles, they were stronger than lions.

1:24 You daughters of Israel, weep over Saul, who clothed you in scarlet, with other delights, who put on ornaments of gold on your apparel.

1:25 How are the mighty fallen in the middle of the battle! O Jonathan, you were slain in your high places.

1:26 I am distressed for you, my brother Jonathan: very pleasant have you been to me: your love to me was wonderful, passing the love of women.

1:27 How are the mighty fallen, and the weapons of war perished!

2 Samuel – Chapter 2

2:1 And it came to pass after this, that David inquired of *Yehovah*, saying, Shall I go up into any of the cities of Judah? And *Yehovah* said to him, Go up. And David said, Where shall I go up? And he said, To Hebron.

2:2 So David went up there, and his two wives also, Ahinoam the Jezreelitess, and Abigail Nabal's wife the Carmelite.

2:3 And his men that were with him did David bring up, every man with his household: and they dwelled in the cities of Hebron.

2:4 And the men of Judah came, and there they anointed David king over the house of Judah. And they told David, saying, That the men of Jabeshgilead were they that buried Saul.

2:5 And David sent messengers to the men of Jabeshgilead, and said to them, Blessed be you of *Yehovah*, that you have showed this kindness to your lord, even to Saul, and have buried him.

2:6 And now *Yehovah* show kindness and truth to you: and I also will requite you this kindness, because you have done this thing.

2:7 Therefore now let your hands be strengthened, and be you valiant: for your master Saul is dead, and also the house of Judah have anointed me king over them.

2:8 But Abner the son of Ner, captain of Saul's army, took Ishbosheth the son of Saul, and brought him over to Mahanaim;

2:9 And made him king over Gilead, and over the Ashurites, and over Jezreel, and over Ephraim, and over Benjamin, and over all Israel.

2:10 Ishbosheth Saul's son was forty years old when he began to reign over Israel, and reigned two years. But the house of Judah followed David.

2:11 And the time that David was king in Hebron over the house of Judah was seven years and six months.

2:12 And Abner the son of Ner, and the servants of Ishbosheth the son of Saul, went out from Mahanaim to Gibeon.

2:13 And Joab the son of Zeruah, and the servants of David, went out, and met together by the pool of Gibeon: and they sat down, the one on the one side of the pool, and the other on the other side of the pool.

2:14 And Abner said to Joab, Let the young men now arise, and play before us. And Joab said, Let them arise.

2:15 Then there arose and went over by number twelve of Benjamin, which pertained to Ishbosheth the son of Saul, and twelve of the servants of David.

2:16 And they caught everyone his fellow by the head, and thrust his sword in his fellow's side; so they fell down together: why that place was called Helkathazzurim, which is in Gibeon.

2:17 And there was a very sore battle that day; and Abner was beaten, and the men of Israel, before the servants of David.

2:18 And there were three sons of Zeruah there, Joab, and Abishai, and Asahel: and Asahel was as light of foot as a wild roe.

2:19 And Asahel pursued after Abner; and in going he turned not to the right hand nor to the left from following Abner.

2:20 Then Abner looked behind him, and said, Are you Asahel? And he answered, I am.

2:21 And Abner said to him, Turn you aside to your right hand or to your left, and lay you hold on one of the young men, and take you his armor. But Asahel would not turn aside from following of him.

2:22 And Abner said again to Asahel, Turn you aside from following me: why should I smite you to the ground? how then should I hold up my face to Joab your brother?

2:23 However, he refused to turn aside: why Abner with the hinder end of the spear smote him under the fifth rib, that the spear came out behind him; and he fell down there, and died in the same place: and it came to pass, that as many as came to the place where Asahel fell down and died stood still.

2:24 Joab also and Abishai pursued after Abner: and the sun went down when they were come to the hill of Ammah, that lies before Giah by the way of the wilderness of Gibeon.

2:25 And the children of Benjamin gathered themselves together after Abner, and became one troop, and stood on the top of a hill.

2:26 Then Abner called to Joab, and said, Shall the sword devour forever? know you not that it will be bitterness in the latter end? how long shall it be then, ere you bid the people return from following their brothers?

2:27 And Joab said, As God lives, unless you had spoken, surely then in the morning the people had gone up everyone from following his brother.

2:28 So Joab blew a trumpet, and all the people stood still, and pursued after Israel no more, neither fought they any more.

2:29 And Abner and his men walked all that night through the plain, and passed over Jordan, and went through all Bithron, and they came to Mahanaim.

2:30 And Joab returned from following Abner: and when he had gathered all the people together, there lacked of David's servants nineteen men and Asahel.

2:31 But the servants of David had smitten of Benjamin, and of Abner's men, so that three hundred and three score men died.

2:32 And they took up Asahel, and buried him in the sepulcher of his father, which was in Bethlehem. And Joab and his men went all night, and they came to Hebron at break of day.

2 Samuel – Chapter 3

3:1 Now there was long war between the house of Saul and the house of David: but David waxed stronger and stronger, and the house of Saul waxed weaker and weaker.

3:2 And to David were sons born in Hebron: and his firstborn was Amnon, of Ahinoam the Jezreelitess;

3:3 And his second, Chileab, of Abigail the wife of Nabal the Carmelite; and the third, Absalom the son of Maacah the daughter of Talmai king of Geshur;

3:4 And the fourth, Adonijah the son of Haggith; and the fifth, Shephatiah the son of Abital;

3:5 And the sixth, Ithream, by Eglah David's wife. These were born to David in Hebron.

3:6 And it came to pass, while there was war between the house of Saul and the house of David, that Abner made himself strong for the house of Saul.

3:7 And Saul had a concubine, whose name was Rizpah, the daughter of Aiah: and Ishbosheth said to Abner, Why have you gone in to my father's concubine?

3:8 Then was Abner very *angry* for the words of Ishbosheth, and said, Am I a dog's head, which against Judah do show kindness this day to the house of Saul your father, to his brothers, and to his friends, and have not delivered you into the hand of David, that you charge me today with a fault concerning this woman?

3:9 So do God to Abner, and more also, except, as *Yehovah* has sworn to David, even so I do to him;

3:10 To transfer the kingdom from the house of Saul, and to set up the throne of David over Israel and over Judah, from Dan even to Beersheba.

3:11 And he could not answer Abner a word again, because he feared him.

3:12 And Abner sent messengers to David on his behalf, saying, Whose is the land? saying also, Make your league with me, and, behold, my hand shall be with you, to bring about all Israel to you.

3:13 And he said, Well; I will make a league with you: but one thing I require of you, that is, You shall not see my face, except you first bring Michal Saul's daughter, when you come to see my face.

3:14 And David sent messengers to Ishbosheth Saul's son, saying, Deliver me my wife Michal, which I espoused to me for a hundred foreskins of the Philistines.

3:15 And Ishbosheth sent, and took her from her husband, even from Phaltiel the son of Laish.

3:16 And her husband went with her along weeping behind her to Bahurim. Then said Abner to him, Go, return. And he returned.

3:17 And Abner had communication with the elders of Israel, saying, You sought for David in times past to be king over you:

3:18 Now then do it: for *Yehovah* has spoken of David, saying, By the hand of my servant David I will save my people Israel out of the hand of the Philistines, and out of the hand of all their enemies.

3:19 And Abner also spoke in the ears of Benjamin: and Abner went also to speak in the ears of David in Hebron all that seemed good to Israel, and that seemed good to the whole house of Benjamin.

3:20 So Abner came to David to Hebron, and twenty men with him. And David made Abner and the men that were with him a feast.

3:21 And Abner said to David, I will arise and go, and will gather all Israel to my lord the king, that they may make a league with you, and that you may reign over all that your heart desires. And David sent Abner away; and he went in peace.

3:22 And, behold, the servants of David and Joab came from pursuing a troop, and brought in great spoils with them: but Abner was not with David in Hebron; for he had sent him away, and he was gone in peace.

3:23 When Joab and all the army that was with him were come, they told Joab, saying, Abner the son of Ner came to the king, and he has sent him away, and he is gone in peace.

3:24 Then Joab came to the king, and said, What have you done? behold, Abner came to you; why is it that you have sent him away, and he is quite gone?

3:25 You know Abner the son of Ner, that he came to deceive you, and to know your going out and your coming in, and to know all that you do.

3:26 And when Joab was come out from David, he sent messengers after Abner, which brought him again from the well of Sirah: but David knew it not.

3:27 And when Abner was returned to Hebron, Joab took him aside in the gate to speak with him quietly, and smote him there under the fifth rib, that he died, for the blood of Asahel his brother.

3:28 And afterward when David heard it, he said, I and my kingdom are guiltless before *Yehovah* forever from the blood of Abner the son of Ner:

3:29 Let it rest on the head of Joab, and on all his father's house; and let there not fail from the house of Joab one that has an issue, or that is a leper, or that leans on a staff, or that falls on the sword, or that lacks bread.

3:30 So Joab, and Abishai his brother slew Abner, because he had slain their brother Asahel at Gibeon in the battle.

3:31 And David said to Joab, and to all the people that were with him, Rend your clothes, and gird you with sackcloth, and mourn before Abner. And king David himself followed the bier.

3:32 And they buried Abner in Hebron: and the king lifted up his voice, and wept at the grave of Abner; and all the people wept.

3:33 And the king lamented over Abner, and said, Died Abner as a fool dies?

3:34 Your hands were not bound, nor your feet put into fetters: as a man falls before wicked men, so fell you. And all the people wept again over him.

3:35 And when all the people came to cause David to eat meat while it was yet day, David swore, saying, So do God to me, and more also, if I taste bread, or *anything* else, till the sun be down.

3:36 And all the people took notice of it, and it pleased them: as whatever the king did pleased all the people.

3:37 For all the people and all Israel understood that day that it was not of the king to slay Abner the son of Ner.

3:38 And the king said to his servants, Know you not that there is a prince and a great man fallen this day in Israel?

3:39 And I am this day weak, though anointed king; and these men the sons of Zeruah be too hard for me: *Yehovah* shall reward the doer of evil according to his wickedness.

2 Samuel – Chapter 4

4:1 And when Saul's son heard that Abner was dead in Hebron, his hands were feeble, and all the Israelites were troubled.

4:2 And Saul's son had two men that were captains of bands: the name of the one was Baanah, and the name of the other Rechab, the sons of Rimmon a Beerothite, of the children of Benjamin: (for Beeroth also was reckoned to Benjamin.

4:3 And the Beerothites fled to Gittaim, and were sojourners there until this day.)

4:4 And Jonathan, Saul's son, had a son that was lame of his feet. He was five years old when the tidings came of Saul and Jonathan out of Jezreel, and his nurse took him up, and fled: and it came to pass, as she made haste to flee, that he fell, and became lame. And his name was Mephibosheth.

4:5 And the sons of Rimmon the Beerothite, Rechab and Baanah, went, and came about the heat of the day to the house of Ishbosheth, who lay on a bed at noon.

4:6 And they came there into the middle of the house, as though they would have gathered wheat; and they smote him under the fifth rib: and Rechab and Baanah his brother escaped.

4:7 For when they came into the house, he lay on his bed in his bedchamber, and they smote him, and slew him, and beheaded him, and took his head, and got them away through the plain all night.

4:8 And they brought the head of Ishbosheth to David to Hebron, and said to the king, Behold the head of Ishbosheth the son of Saul your enemy, which sought your life; and *Yehovah* has avenged my lord the king this day of Saul, and of his seed.

4:9 And David answered Rechab and Baanah his brother, the sons of Rimmon the Beerothite, and said to them, As *Yehovah* lives, who has redeemed my soul out of all adversity,

4:10 When one told me, saying, Behold, Saul is dead, thinking to have brought good tidings, I took hold of him, and slew him in Ziklag, who thought that I would have given him a reward for his tidings:

4:11 How much more, when wicked men have slain a righteous person in his own house on his bed? shall I not therefore now require his blood of your hand, and take you away from the earth?

4:12 And David commanded his young men, and they slew them, and cut off their hands and their feet, and hanged them up over the pool in Hebron. But they took the head of Ishbosheth, and buried it in the sepulcher of Abner in Hebron.

2 Samuel – Chapter 5

5:1 Then came all the tribes of Israel to David to Hebron, and spoke, saying, Behold, we are your bone and your flesh.

5:2 Also in time past, when Saul was king over us, you were he that led out and brought in Israel: and *Yehovah* said to you, You shall feed my people Israel, and you shall be a captain over Israel.

5:3 So all the elders of Israel came to the king to Hebron; and king David made a league with them in Hebron before *Yehovah*: and they anointed David king over Israel.

5:4 David was thirty years old when he began to reign, and he reigned forty years.

5:5 In Hebron he reigned over Judah seven years and six months: and in Jerusalem he reigned thirty and three years over all Israel and Judah.

5:6 And the king and his men went to Jerusalem to the Jebusites, the inhabitants of the land: which spoke to David, saying, Except you take away the blind and the lame, you shall not come in here: thinking, David cannot come in here.

5:7 Nevertheless David took the strong hold of Zion: the same is the city of David.

5:8 And David said on that day, Whoever gets up to the gutter, and smites the Jebusites, and the lame and the blind that are hated of David's soul, he shall be chief and captain. Why they said, The blind and the lame shall not come into the house.

5:9 So David dwelled in the fort, and called it the city of David. And David built round about from Millo and inward.

5:10 And David went on, and grew great, and *Yehovah* God of *Armies* was with him.

5:11 And Hiram king of Tyre sent messengers to David, and cedar trees, and carpenters, and masons: and they built David a house.

5:12 And David perceived that *Yehovah* had established him king over Israel, and that he had exalted his kingdom for his people Israel's sake.

5:13 And David took him more concubines and wives out of Jerusalem, after he was come from Hebron: and there were yet sons and daughters born to David.

5:14 And these be the names of those that were born to him in Jerusalem; Shammuah, and Shobab, and Nathan, and Solomon,

5:15 Ithar also, and Elishua, and Nepheg, and Japhia,

5:16 And Elishama, and Eliada, and Eliphalet.

5:17 But when the Philistines heard that they had anointed David king over Israel, all the Philistines came up to seek David; and David heard of it, and went down to the hold.

5:18 The Philistines also came and spread themselves in the valley of Rephaim.

5:19 And David inquired of *Yehovah*, saying, Shall I go up to the Philistines? will you deliver them into my hand? And *Yehovah* said to David, Go up: for I will doubtless deliver the Philistines into your hand.

5:20 And David came to Baalperazim, and David smote them there, and said, *Yehovah* has broken forth on my enemies before me, as the breach of waters. Therefore he called the name of that place Baalperazim.

5:21 And there they left their images, and David and his men burned them.

5:22 And the Philistines came up yet again, and spread themselves in the valley of Rephaim.

5:23 And when David inquired of *Yehovah*, he said, You shall not go up; but make a compass behind them, and come on them over against the mulberry trees.

5:24 And let it be, when you hear the sound of a going in the tops of the mulberry trees, that then you shall bestir yourself: for then shall *Yehovah* go out before you, to smite the army of the Philistines.

5:25 And David did so, as *Yehovah* had commanded him; and smote the Philistines from Geba until you come to Gazer.

2 Samuel – Chapter 6

6:1 Again, David gathered together all the chosen men of Israel, thirty thousand.

6:2 And David arose, and went with all the people that were with him from Baale of Judah, to bring up from there the ark of God, whose name is called by the name of *Yehovah God of Armies* that dwells between the cherubim.

6:3 And they set the ark of God on a new cart, and brought it out of the house of Abinadab that was in Gibeah: and Uzzah and Ahio, the sons of Abinadab, drove the new cart.

6:4 And they brought it out of the house of Abinadab which was at Gibeah, accompanying the ark of God: and Ahio went before the ark.

6:5 And David and all the house of Israel played before *Yehovah* on all manner of instruments made of fir wood, even on harps, and on psalteries, and on tambourines, and on cornets, and on cymbals.

6:6 And when they came to Nachon's threshing floor, Uzzah put forth his hand to the ark of God, and took hold of it; for the oxen shook it.

6:7 And the anger of *Yehovah* was kindled against Uzzah; and God smote him there for his error; and there he died by the ark of God.

6:8 And David was displeased, because *Yehovah* had made a breach on Uzzah: and he called the name of the place Perezuzzah to this day.

6:9 And David was afraid of *Yehovah* that day, and said, How shall the ark of *Yehovah* come to me?

6:10 So David would not remove the ark of *Yehovah* to him into the city of David: but David carried it aside into the house of Obedom the Gittite.

6:11 And the ark of *Yehovah* continued in the house of Obedom the Gittite three months: and *Yehovah* blessed Obedom, and all his household.

6:12 And it was told king David, saying, *Yehovah* has blessed the house of Obedom, and all that pertains to him, because of the ark of God. So David went and brought up the ark of God from the house of Obedom into the city of David with gladness.

6:13 And it was so, that when they that bore the ark of *Yehovah* had gone six paces, he sacrificed oxen and fatted calves.

6:14 And David danced before *Yehovah* with all his might; and David was girded with a linen ephod.

6:15 So David and all the house of Israel brought up the ark of *Yehovah* with shouting, and with the sound of the trumpet.

6:16 And as the ark of *Yehovah* came into the city of David, Michal Saul's daughter looked through a window, and saw king David leaping and dancing before *Yehovah*; and she despised him in her heart.

6:17 And they brought in the ark of *Yehovah*, and set it in his place, in the middle of the tabernacle that David had pitched for it: and David offered burnt offerings and peace offerings before *Yehovah*.

6:18 And as soon as David had made an end of offering burnt offerings and peace offerings, he blessed the people in the name of *Yehovah God of Armies*.

6:19 And he dealt among all the people, even among the whole multitude of Israel, as well to the women as men, to everyone a cake of bread, and a good piece of flesh, and a flagon of wine. So all the people departed everyone to his house.

6:20 Then David returned to bless his household. And Michal the daughter of Saul came out to meet David, and said, How glorious was the king of Israel to day, who uncovered himself today in the eyes of the handmaidens of his servants, as one of the vain fellows shamelessly uncovers himself!

6:21 And David said to Michal, It was before *Yehovah*, which chose me before your father, and before all his house, to appoint me ruler over the people of *Yehovah*, over Israel: therefore will I leap before *Yehovah*.

6:22 And I will yet be more vile than thus, and will be base in my own sight: and of the maidservants which you have spoken of, of them shall I be had in honor.

6:23 Therefore Michal the daughter of Saul had no child to the day of her death.

2 Samuel – Chapter 7

7:1 And it came to pass, when the king sat in his house, and *Yehovah* had given him rest round about from all his enemies;

7:2 That the king said to Nathan the prophet, See now, I dwell in a house of cedar, but the ark of God dwells within curtains.

7:3 And Nathan said to the king, Go, do all that is in your heart; for *Yehovah* is with you.

7:4 And it came to pass that night, that the word of *Yehovah* came to Nathan, saying,

7:5 Go and tell my servant David, Thus said *Yehovah*, Shall you build me a house for me to dwell in?

7:6 Whereas I have not dwelled in any house since the time that I brought up the children of Israel out of Egypt, even to this day, but have walked in a tent and in a tabernacle.

7:7 In all the places in which I have walked with all the children of Israel spoke I a word with any of the tribes of Israel, whom I commanded to feed my people Israel, saying, Why build you not me a house of cedar?

7:8 Now therefore so shall you say to my servant David, Thus said *Yehovah God of Armies*, I took you from the sheepecote, from following the sheep, to be ruler over my people, over Israel:

7:9 And I was with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies out of your sight, and have made you a great name, like to the name of the great men that are in the earth.

7:10 Moreover I will appoint a place for my people Israel, and will plant them, that they may dwell in a place of their own, and move no more; neither shall the children of wickedness afflict them anymore, as beforetime,

7:11 And as since the time that I commanded judges to be over my people Israel, and have caused you to rest from all your enemies. Also *Yehovah* tells you that he will make you a house.

7:12 And when your days be fulfilled, and you shall sleep with your fathers, I will set up your seed after you, which shall proceed out of your bowels, and I will establish his kingdom.

7:13 He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever.

7:14 I will be his father, and he shall be my son. If he commit iniquity, I will chasten him with the rod of men, and with the stripes of the children of men:

7:15 But my mercy shall not depart away from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I put away before you.

7:16 And your house and your kingdom shall be established forever before you: your throne shall be established forever.

7:17 According to all these words, and according to all this vision, so did Nathan speak to David.

7:18 Then went king David in, and sat before *Yehovah*, and he said, Who am I, O Lord GOD? and what is my house, that you have brought me till now?

7:19 And this was yet a small thing in your sight, O Lord GOD; but you have spoken also of your servant's house for a great while to come. And is this the manner of man, O Lord GOD?

7:20 And what can David say more to you? for you, Lord GOD, know your servant.

7:21 For your word's sake, and according to your own heart, have you done all these great things, to make your servant know them.

7:22 Why you are great, O *YEHOVAH* God: for there is none like you, neither is there any God beside you, according to all that we have heard with our ears.

7:23 And what one nation in the earth is like your people, even like Israel, whom God went to redeem for a people to himself, and to make him a name, and to do for you great things and terrible, for your land, before your people, which you redeemed to you from Egypt, from the nations and their gods?

7:24 For you have confirmed to yourself your people Israel to be a people to you forever: and you, *YEHOVAH*, are become their God.

7:25 And now, O *YEHOVAH* God, the word that you have spoken concerning your servant, and concerning his house, establish it forever, and do as you have said.

7:26 And let your name be magnified forever, saying, *Yehovah God of Armies* is the God over Israel: and let the house of your servant David be established before you.

7:27 For you, O *YEHOVAH God of Armies*, God of Israel, have revealed to your servant, saying, I will build you a house: therefore has your servant found in his heart to pray this prayer to you.

7:28 And now, O Lord GOD, you are that God, and your words be true, and you have promised this goodness to your servant:

7:29 Therefore now let it please you to bless the house of your servant, that it may continue forever before you: for you, O Lord GOD, have spoken it: and with your blessing let the house of your servant be blessed forever.

2 Samuel – Chapter 8

8:1 And after this it came to pass that David smote the Philistines, and subdued them: and David took Methegammah out of the hand of the Philistines.

8:2 And he smote Moab, and measured them with a line, casting them down to the ground; even with two lines measured he to put to death, and with one full line to keep alive. And so the Moabites became David's servants, and brought gifts.

8:3 David smote also Hadadezer, the son of Rehob, king of Zobah, as he went to recover his border at the river Euphrates.

8:4 And David took from him a thousand chariots, and seven hundred horsemen, and twenty thousand footmen: and David hamstrung all the chariot horses, but reserved of them for a hundred chariots.

8:5 And when the Syrians of Damascus came to succor Hadadezer king of Zobah, David slew of the Syrians two and twenty thousand men.

8:6 Then David put garrisons in Syria of Damascus: and the Syrians became servants to David, and brought gifts. And *Yehovah* preserved David wherever he went.

8:7 And David took the shields of gold that were on the servants of Hadadezer, and brought them to Jerusalem.

8:8 And from Betah, and from Berothai, cities of Hadadezer, king David took exceeding much brass.

8:9 When Toi king of Hamath heard that David had smitten all the army of Hadadezer,

8:10 Then Toi sent Joram his son to king David, to salute him, and to bless him, because he had fought against Hadadezer, and smitten him: for Hadadezer had wars with Toi. And Joram brought with him vessels of silver, and vessels of gold, and vessels of brass:

8:11 Which also king David did dedicate to *Yehovah*, with the silver and gold that he had dedicated of all nations which he subdued;

8:12 Of Syria, and of Moab, and of the children of Ammon, and of the Philistines, and of Amalek, and of the spoils of Hadadezer, son of Rehob, king of Zobah.

8:13 And David got him a name when he returned from smiting of the Syrians in the valley of salt, being eighteen thousand men.

8:14 And he put garrisons in Edom; throughout all Edom put he garrisons, and all they of Edom became David's servants. And *Yehovah* preserved David wherever he went.

8:15 And David reigned over all Israel; and David executed judgment and justice to all his people.

8:16 And Joab the son of Zeruiah was over the army; and Jehoshaphat the son of Ahilud was recorder;

8:17 And Zadok the son of Ahitub, and Ahimelech the son of Abiathar, were the priests; and Seraiah was the scribe;

8:18 And Benaiah the son of Jehoiada was over both the Cherethites and the Pelethites; and David's sons were chief rulers.

2 Samuel – Chapter 9

9:1 And David said, Is there yet any that is left of the house of Saul, that I may show him kindness for Jonathan's sake?

9:2 And there was of the house of Saul a servant whose name was Ziba. And when they had called him to David, the king said to him, Are you Ziba? And he said, Your servant is he.

9:3 And the king said, Is there not yet any of the house of Saul, that I may show the kindness of God to him? And Ziba said to the king, Jonathan has yet a son, which is lame on his feet.

9:4 And the king said to him, Where is he? And Ziba said to the king, Behold, he is in the house of Machir, the son of Ammiel, in Lodebar.

9:5 Then king David sent, and brough him out of the house of Machir, the son of Ammiel, from Lodebar.

9:6 Now when Mephibosheth, the son of Jonathan, the son of Saul, was come to David, he fell on his face, and did reverence. And David said, Mephibosheth. And he answered, Behold your servant!

9:7 And David said to him, Fear not: for I will surely show you kindness for Jonathan your father's sake, and will restore you all the land of Saul your father; and you shall eat bread at my table continually.

9:8 And he bowed himself, and said, What is your servant, that you should look on such a dead dog as I am?

9:9 Then the king called to Ziba, Saul's servant, and said to him, I have given to your master's son all that pertained to Saul and to all his house.

9:10 You therefore, and your sons, and your servants, shall till the land for him, and you shall bring in the fruits, that your master's son may have food to eat: but Mephibosheth your master's son shall eat bread always at my table. Now Ziba had fifteen sons and twenty servants.

9:11 Then said Ziba to the king, According to all that my lord the king has commanded his servant, so shall your servant do. As for Mephibosheth, said the king, he shall eat at my table, as one of the king's sons.

9:12 And Mephibosheth had a young son, whose name was Micha. And all that dwelled in the house of Ziba were servants to Mephibosheth.

9:13 So Mephibosheth dwelled in Jerusalem: for he did eat continually at the king's table; and was lame on both his feet.

2 Samuel – Chapter 10

10:1 And it came to pass after this, that the king of the children of Ammon died, and Hanun his son reigned in his stead.

10:2 Then said David, I will show kindness to Hanun the son of Nahash, as his father showed kindness to me. And David sent to comfort him by the hand of his servants for his father. And David's servants came into the land of the children of Ammon.

10:3 And the princes of the children of Ammon said to Hanun their lord, Think you that David does honor your father, that he has sent comforters to you? has not David rather sent his servants to you, to search the city, and to spy it out, and to overthrow it?

10:4 Why Hanun took David's servants, and shaved off the one half of their beards, and cut off their garments in the middle, even to their buttocks, and sent them away.

10:5 When they told it to David, he sent to meet them, because the men were greatly ashamed: and the king said, Tarry at Jericho until your beards be grown, and then return.

10:6 And when the children of Ammon saw that they stank before David, the children of Ammon sent and hired the Syrians of Bethrehab and the Syrians of Zoba, twenty thousand footmen, and of king Maacah a thousand men, and of Ishtob twelve thousand men.

10:7 And when David heard of it, he sent Joab, and all the army of the mighty men.

10:8 And the children of Ammon came out, and put the battle in array at the entering in of the gate: and the Syrians of Zoba, and of Rehob, and Ishtob, and Maacah, were by themselves in the field.

10:9 When Joab saw that the front of the battle was against him before and behind, he chose of all the choice men of Israel, and put them in array against the Syrians:

10:10 And the rest of the people he delivered into the hand of Abishai his brother, that he might put them in array against the children of Ammon.

10:11 And he said, If the Syrians be too strong for me, then you shall help me: but if the children of Ammon be too strong for you, then I will come and help you.

10:12 Be of good courage, and let us play the men for our people, and for the cities of our God: and *Yehovah* do that which seems him good.

10:13 And Joab drew near, and the people that were with him, to the battle against the Syrians: and they fled before him.

10:14 And when the children of Ammon saw that the Syrians were fled, then fled they also before Abishai, and entered into the city. So Joab returned from the children of Ammon, and came to Jerusalem.

10:15 And when the Syrians saw that they were smitten before Israel, they gathered themselves together.

10:16 And Hadarezer sent, and brought out the Syrians that were beyond the river: and they came to Helam; and Shobach the captain of the army of Hadarezer went before them.

10:17 And when it was told David, he gathered all Israel together, and passed over Jordan, and came to Helam. And the Syrians set themselves in array against David, and fought with him.

10:18 And the Syrians fled before Israel; and David slew the men of seven hundred chariots of the Syrians, and forty thousand horsemen, and smote Shobach the captain of their army, who died there.

10:19 And when all the kings that were servants to Hadarezer saw that they were smitten before Israel, they made peace with Israel, and served them. So the Syrians feared to help the children of Ammon any more.

2 Samuel – Chapter 11

11:1 And it came to pass, after the year was expired, at the time when kings go forth to battle, that David sent Joab, and his servants with him, and all Israel; and they destroyed the children of Ammon, and besieged Rabbah. But David tarried still at Jerusalem.

11:2 And it came to pass in an evening, that David arose from off his bed, and walked on the roof of the king's house: and from the roof he saw a woman washing herself; and the woman was very beautiful to look on.

11:3 And David sent and inquired after the woman. And one said, Is not this Bathsheba, the daughter of Eliam, the wife of Uriah the Hittite?

11:4 And David sent messengers, and took her; and she came in to him, and he lay with her; for she was purified from her uncleanness: and she returned to her house.

11:5 And the woman conceived, and sent and told David, and said, I am with child.

11:6 And David sent to Joab, saying, Send me Uriah the Hittite. And Joab sent Uriah to David.

11:7 And when Uriah was come to him, David demanded of him how Joab did, and how the people did, and how the war prospered.

11:8 And David said to Uriah, Go down to your house, and wash your feet. And Uriah departed out of the king's house, and there followed him a mess of meat from the king.

11:9 But Uriah slept at the door of the king's house with all the servants of his lord, and went not down to his house.

11:10 And when they had told David, saying, Uriah went not down to his house, David said to Uriah, Came you not from your journey? why then did you not go down to your house?

11:11 And Uriah said to David, The ark, and Israel, and Judah, abide in tents; and my lord Joab, and the servants of my lord, are encamped in the open fields; shall I then go into my house, to eat and to drink, and to lie with my wife? as you live, and as your soul lives, I will not do this thing.

11:12 And David said to Uriah, Tarry here today also, and tomorrow I will let you depart. So Uriah stayed in Jerusalem that day, and the morrow.

11:13 And when David had called him, he did eat and drink before him; and he made him drunk: and at even he went out to lie on his bed with the servants of his lord, but went not down to his house.

11:14 And it came to pass in the morning, that David wrote a letter to Joab, and sent it by the hand of Uriah.

11:15 And he wrote in the letter, saying, Set you Uriah in the forefront of the hottest battle, and retire you from him, that he may be smitten, and die.

11:16 And it came to pass, when Joab observed the city, that he assigned Uriah to a place where he knew that valiant men were.

11:17 And the men of the city went out, and fought with Joab: and there fell some of the people of the servants of David; and Uriah the Hittite died also.

11:18 Then Joab sent and told David all the things concerning the war;

11:19 And charged the messenger, saying, When you have made an end of telling the matters of the war to the king,

11:20 And if so be that the king's wrath arise, and he say to you, Why approached you so near to the city when you did fight? knew you not that they would shoot from the wall?

11:21 Who smote Abimelech the son of Jerubbesheth? did not a woman cast a piece of a millstone on him from the wall, that he died in Thebez? why went you near the wall? then say you, Your servant Uriah the Hittite is dead also.

11:22 So the messenger went, and came and showed David all that Joab had sent him for.

11:23 And the messenger said to David, Surely the men prevailed against us, and came out to us into the field, and we were on them even to the entering of the gate.

11:24 And the shooters shot from off the wall on your servants; and some of the king's servants be dead, and your servant Uriah the Hittite is dead also.

11:25 Then David said to the messenger, Thus shall you say to Joab, Let not this thing displease you, for the sword devours one as well as another: make your battle more strong against the city, and overthrow it: and encourage you him.

11:26 And when the wife of Uriah heard that Uriah her husband was dead, she mourned for her husband.

11:27 And when the mourning was past, David sent and brought her to his house, and she became his wife, and bore him a son. But the thing that David had done displeased *Yehovah*.

2 Samuel – Chapter 12

12:1 And *Yehovah* sent Nathan to David. And he came to him, and said to him, There were two men in one city; the one rich, and the other poor.

12:2 The rich man had exceeding many flocks and herds:

12:3 But the poor man had nothing, save one little ewe lamb, which he had bought and nourished up: and it grew up together with him, and with his children; it did eat of his own meat, and drank of his own cup, and lay in his bosom, and was to him as a daughter.

12:4 And there came a travelers to the rich man, and he spared to take of his own flock and of his own herd, to dress for the wayfaring man that was come to him; but took the poor man's lamb, and dressed it for the man that was come to him.

12:5 And David's anger was greatly kindled against the man; and he said to Nathan, As *Yehovah* lives, the man that has done this thing shall surely die:

12:6 And he shall restore the lamb fourfold, because he did this thing, and because he had no pity.

12:7 And Nathan said to David, You are the man. Thus said *Yehovah* God of Israel, I anointed you king over Israel, and I delivered you out of the hand of Saul;

12:8 And I gave you your master's house, and your master's wives into your bosom, and gave you the house of Israel and of Judah; and if that had been too little, I would moreover have given to you such and such things.

12:9 Why have you despised the commandment of *Yehovah*, to do evil in his sight? you have killed Uriah the Hittite with the sword, and have taken his wife to be your wife, and have slain him with the sword of the children of Ammon.

12:10 Now therefore the sword shall never depart from your house; because you have despised me, and have taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your wife.

12:11 Thus said *Yehovah*, Behold, I will raise up evil against you out of your own house, and I will take your wives before your eyes, and give them to your neighbor, and he shall lie with your wives in the sight of this sun.

12:12 For you did it secretly: but I will do this thing before all Israel, and before the sun.

12:13 And David said to Nathan, I have sinned against *Yehovah*. And Nathan said to David, *Yehovah* also has put away your sin; you shall not die.

12:14 However, because by this deed you have given great occasion to the enemies of *Yehovah* to blaspheme, the child also that is born to you shall surely die.

12:15 And Nathan departed to his house. And *Yehovah* struck the child that Uriah's wife bore to David, and it was very sick.

12:16 David therefore sought God for the child; and David fasted, and went in, and lay all night on the earth.

12:17 And the elders of his house arose, and went to him, to raise him up from the earth: but he would not, neither did he eat bread with them.

12:18 And it came to pass on the seventh day, that the child died. And the servants of David feared to tell him that the child was dead: for they said, Behold, while the child was yet alive, we spoke to him, and he would not listen to our voice: how will he then vex himself, if we tell him that the child is dead?

12:19 But when David saw that his servants whispered, David perceived that the child was dead: therefore David said to his servants, Is the child dead? And they said, He is dead.

12:20 Then David arose from the earth, and washed, and anointed himself, and changed his apparel, and came into the house of *Yehovah*, and worshipped: then he came to his own house; and when he required, they set bread before him, and he did eat.

12:21 Then said his servants to him, What thing is this that you have done? you did fast and weep for the child, while it was alive; but when the child was dead, you did rise and eat bread.

12:22 And he said, While the child was yet alive, I fasted and wept: for I said, Who can tell whether GOD will be gracious to me, that the child may live?

12:23 But now he is dead, why should I fast? can I bring him back again? I shall go to him, but he shall not return to me.

12:24 And David comforted Bathsheba his wife, and went in to her, and lay with her: and she bore a son, and he called his name Solomon: and *Yehovah* loved him.

12:25 And he sent by the hand of Nathan the prophet; and he called his name Jedidiah, because of *Yehovah*.

12:26 And Joab fought against Rabbah of the children of Ammon, and took the royal city.

12:27 And Joab sent messengers to David, and said, I have fought against Rabbah, and have taken the city of waters.

12:28 Now therefore gather the rest of the people together, and encamp against the city, and take it: lest I take the city, and it be called after my name.

12:29 And David gathered all the people together, and went to Rabbah, and fought against it, and took it.

12:30 And he took their king's crown from off his head, the weight whereof was a talent of gold with the precious stones: and it was set on David's head. And he brought forth the spoils of the city in great abundance.

12:31 And he brought forth the people that were in it, and put them under saws, and under harrows of iron, and under axes of iron, and made them pass through the brick-kiln: and thus did he to all the cities of the children of Ammon. So David and all the people returned to Jerusalem.

2 Samuel – Chapter 13

13:1 And it came to pass after this, that Absalom the son of David had a fair sister, whose name was Tamar; and Amnon the son of David loved her.

13:2 And Amnon was so vexed, that he fell sick for his sister Tamar; for she was a virgin; and Amnon thought it hard for him to do anything to her.

13:3 But Amnon had a friend, whose name was Jonadab, the son of Shimeah David's brother: and Jonadab was a very subtle man.

13:4 And he said to him, Why are you, being the king's son, lean from day to day? will you not tell me? And Amnon said to him, I love Tamar, my brother Absalom's sister.

13:5 And Jonadab said to him, Lay you down on your bed, and make yourself sick: and when your father comes to see you, say to him, I pray you, let my sister Tamar come, and give me meat, and dress the meat in my sight, that I may see it, and eat it at her hand.

13:6 So Amnon lay down, and made himself sick: and when the king was come to see him, Amnon said to the king, I pray you, let Tamar my sister come, and make me a couple of cakes in my sight, that I may eat at her hand.

13:7 Then David sent home to Tamar, saying, Go now to your brother Amnon's house, and dress him meat.

13:8 So Tamar went to her brother Amnon's house; and he was laid down. And she took flour, and kneaded it, and made cakes in his sight, and did bake the cakes.

13:9 And she took a pan, and poured them out before him; but he refused to eat. And Amnon said, Have out all men from me. And they went out every man from him.

13:10 And Amnon said to Tamar, Bring the meat into the chamber, that I may eat of your hand. And Tamar took the cakes which she had made, and brought them into the chamber to Amnon her brother.

13:11 And when she had brought them to him to eat, he took hold of her, and said to her, Come lie with me, my sister.

13:12 And she answered him, No, my brother, do not force me; for no such thing should be done in Israel: do not you this folly.

13:13 And I, where shall I cause my shame to go? and as for you, you shall be as one of the fools in Israel. Now therefore, I pray you, speak to the king; for he will not withhold me from you.

13:14 However, he would not listen to her voice: but, being stronger than she, forced her, and lay with her.

13:15 Then Amnon hated her exceedingly; so that the hatred with which he hated her was greater than the love with which he had loved her. And Amnon said to her, Arise, be gone.

13:16 And she said to him, There is no cause: this evil in sending me away is greater than the other that you did to me. But he would not listen to her.

13:17 Then he called his servant that ministered to him, and said, Put now this woman out from me, and bolt the door after her.

13:18 And she had a garment of divers colors on her: for with such robes were the king's daughters that were virgins appareled. Then his servant brought her out, and bolted the door after her.

13:19 And Tamar put ashes on her head, and rent her garment of divers colors that was on her, and laid her hand on her head, and went on crying.

13:20 And Absalom her brother said to her, Has Amnon your brother been with you? but hold now your peace, my sister: he is your brother; regard not this thing. So Tamar remained desolate in her brother Absalom's house.

13:21 But when king David heard of all these things, he was very *angry*.

13:22 And Absalom spoke to his brother Amnon neither good nor bad: for Absalom hated Amnon, because he had forced his sister Tamar.

13:23 And it came to pass after two full years, that Absalom had sheep shearers in Baalhazor, which is beside Ephraim: and Absalom invited all the king's sons.

13:24 And Absalom came to the king, and said, Behold now, your servant has sheep shearers; let the king, I beseech you, and his servants go with your servant.

13:25 And the king said to Absalom, No, my son, let us not all now go, lest we be chargeable to you. And he pressed him: however, he would not go, but blessed him.

13:26 Then said Absalom, If not, I pray you, let my brother Amnon go with us. And the king said to him, Why should he go with you?

13:27 But Absalom pressed him, that he let Amnon and all the king's sons go with him.

13:28 Now Absalom had commanded his servants, saying, Mark you now when Amnon's heart is merry with wine, and when I say to you, Smite Amnon; then kill him, fear not: have not I commanded you? be courageous, and be valiant.

13:29 And the servants of Absalom did to Amnon as Absalom had commanded. Then all the king's sons arose, and every man got him up on his mule, and fled.

13:30 And it came to pass, while they were in the way, that tidings came to David, saying, Absalom has slain all the king's sons, and there is not one of them left.

13:31 Then the king arose, and tare his garments, and lay on the earth; and all his servants stood by with their clothes rent.

13:32 And Jonadab, the son of Shimeah David's brother, answered and said, Let not my lord suppose that they have slain all the young men the king's sons; for Amnon only is dead: for by the appointment of Absalom this has been determined from the day that he forced his sister Tamar.

13:33 Now therefore let not my lord the king take the thing to his heart, to think that all the king's sons are dead: for Amnon only is dead.

13:34 But Absalom fled. And the young man that kept the watch lifted up his eyes, and looked, and, behold, there came much people by the way of the hill side behind him.

13:35 And Jonadab said to the king, Behold, the king's sons come: as your servant said, so it is.

13:36 And it came to pass, as soon as he had made an end of speaking, that, behold, the king's sons came, and lifted up their voice and wept: and the king also and all his servants wept very sore.

13:37 But Absalom fled, and went to Talmai, the son of Ammihud, king of Geshur. And David mourned for his son every day.

13:38 So Absalom fled, and went to Geshur, and was there three years.

13:39 And the soul of king David longed to go forth to Absalom: for he was comforted concerning Amnon, seeing he was dead.

2 Samuel – Chapter 14

14:1 Now Joab the son of Zeruiah perceived that the king's heart was toward Absalom.

14:2 And Joab sent to Tekoah, and found there a wise woman, and said to her, I pray you, feign yourself to be a mourner, and put on now mourning apparel, and anoint not yourself with oil, but be as a woman that had a long time mourned for the dead:

14:3 And come to the king, and speak on this manner to him. So Joab put the words in her mouth.

14:4 And when the woman of Tekoah spoke to the king, she fell on her face to the ground, and did obeisance, and said, Help, O king.

14:5 And the king said to her, What ails you? And she answered, I am indeed a widow woman, and my husband is dead.

14:6 And your handmaid had two sons, and they two strove together in the field, and there was none to part them, but the one smote the other, and slew him.

14:7 And, behold, the whole family is risen against your handmaid, and they said, Deliver him that smote his brother, that we may kill him, for the life of his brother whom he slew; and we will destroy the heir also: and so they shall quench my coal which is left, and shall not leave to my husband neither name nor remainder on the earth.

14:8 And the king said to the woman, Go to your house, and I will give charge concerning you.

14:9 And the woman of Tekoah said to the king, My lord, O king, the iniquity be on me, and on my father's house: and the king and his throne be guiltless.

14:10 And the king said, Whoever said *anything* to you, bring him to me, and he shall not touch you any more.

14:11 Then said she, I pray you, let the king remember *Yehovah* your God, that you would not suffer the revengers of blood to destroy any more, lest they destroy my son. And he said, As *Yehovah* lives, there shall not one hair of your son fall to the earth.

14:12 Then the woman said, Let your handmaid, I pray you, speak one word to my lord the king. And he said, Say on.

14:13 And the woman said, Why then have you thought such a thing against the people of God? for the king does speak this thing as one which is faulty, in that the king does not bring home again his banished.

14:14 For we must needs die, and are as water spilt on the ground, which cannot be gathered up again; neither does God respect any person: yet does he devise means, that his banished be not expelled from him.

14:15 Now therefore that I am come to speak of this thing to my lord the king, it is because the people have made me afraid: and your handmaid said, I will now speak to the king; it may be that the king will perform the request of his handmaid.

14:16 For the king will hear, to deliver his handmaid out of the hand of the man that would destroy me and my son together out of the inheritance of God.

14:17 Then your handmaid said, The word of my lord the king shall now be comfortable: for as an angel of God, so is my lord the king to discern good and bad: therefore *Yehovah* your God will be with you.

14:18 Then the king answered and said to the woman, Hide not from me, I pray you, the thing that I shall ask you. And the woman said, Let my lord the king now speak.

14:19 And the king said, Is not the hand of Joab with you in all this? And the woman answered and said, As your soul lives, my lord the king, none can turn to the right hand or to the left from *anything* that my lord the king has

spoken: for your servant Joab, he bade me, and he put all these words in the mouth of your handmaid:

14:20 To bring about this form of speech has your servant Joab done this thing: and my lord is wise, according to the wisdom of an angel of God, to know all things that are in the earth.

14:21 And the king said to Joab, Behold now, I have done this thing: go therefore, bring the young man Absalom again.

14:22 And Joab fell to the ground on his face, and bowed himself, and thanked the king: and Joab said, Today your servant knows that I have found grace in your sight, my lord, O king, in that the king has fulfilled the request of his servant.

14:23 So Joab arose and went to Geshur, and brought Absalom to Jerusalem.

14:24 And the king said, Let him turn to his own house, and let him not see my face. So Absalom returned to his own house, and saw not the king's face.

14:25 But in all Israel there was none to be so much praised as Absalom for his beauty: from the sole of his foot even to the crown of his head there was no blemish in him.

14:26 And when he polled his head, (for it was at every year's end that he polled it: because the hair was heavy on him, therefore he polled it:) he weighed the hair of his head at two hundred shekels after the king's weight.

14:27 And to Absalom there were born three sons, and one daughter, whose name was Tamar: she was a woman of a fair countenance.

14:28 So Absalom dwelled two full years in Jerusalem, and saw not the king's face.

14:29 Therefore Absalom sent for Joab, to have sent him to the king; but he would not come to him: and when he sent again the second time, he would not come.

14:30 Therefore he said to his servants, See, Joab's field is near mine, and he has barley there; go and set it on fire. And Absalom's servants set the field on fire.

14:31 Then Joab arose, and came to Absalom to his house, and said to him, Why have your servants set my field on fire?

14:32 And Absalom answered Joab, Behold, I sent to you, saying, Come here, that I may send you to the king, to say, Why am I come from Geshur? it had been good for me to have been there still: now therefore let me see the king's face; and if there be any iniquity in me, let him kill me.

14:33 So Joab came to the king, and told him: and when he had called for Absalom, he came to the king, and bowed himself on his face to the ground before the king: and the king kissed Absalom.

2 Samuel – Chapter 15

15:1 And it came to pass after this, that Absalom prepared him chariots and horses, and fifty men to run before him.

15:2 And Absalom rose up early, and stood beside the way of the gate: and it was so, that when any man that had a controversy came to the king for judgment, then Absalom called to him, and said, Of what city are you? And he said, Your servant is of one of the tribes of Israel.

15:3 And Absalom said to him, See, your matters are good and right; but there is no man deputed of the king to hear you.

15:4 Absalom said moreover, Oh that I were made judge in the land, that every man which has any suit or cause might come to me, and I would do him justice!

15:5 And it was so, that when any man came near to him to do him obeisance, he put forth his hand, and took him, and kissed him.

15:6 And on this manner did Absalom to all Israel that came to the king for judgment: so Absalom stole the hearts of the men of Israel.

15:7 And it came to pass after forty years, that Absalom said to the king, I pray you, let me go and pay my vow, which I have vowed to *Yehovah*, in Hebron.

15:8 For your servant vowed a vow while I stayed at Geshur in Syria, saying, If *Yehovah* shall bring me again indeed to Jerusalem, then I will serve *Yehovah*.

15:9 And the king said to him, Go in peace. So he arose, and went to Hebron.

15:10 But Absalom sent spies throughout all the tribes of Israel, saying, As soon as you hear the sound of the trumpet, then you shall say, Absalom reigns in Hebron.

15:11 And with Absalom went two hundred men out of Jerusalem, that were called; and they went in their simplicity, and they knew not anything.

15:12 And Absalom sent for Ahithophel the Gilonite, David's counselor, from his city, even from Giloh, while he offered sacrifices. And the conspiracy was strong; for the people increased continually with Absalom.

15:13 And there came a messenger to David, saying, The hearts of the men of Israel are after Absalom.

15:14 And David said to all his servants that were with him at Jerusalem, Arise, and let us flee; for we shall not else escape from Absalom: make speed to depart, lest he overtake us suddenly, and bring evil on us, and smite the city with the edge of the sword.

15:15 And the king's servants said to the king, Behold, your servants are ready to do whatever my lord the king shall appoint.

15:16 And the king went forth, and all his household after him. And the king left ten women, which were concubines, to keep the house.

15:17 And the king went forth, and all the people after him, and tarried in a place that was far off.

15:18 And all his servants passed on beside him; and all the Cherethites, and all the Pelethites, and all the Gittites, six hundred men which came after him from Gath, passed on before the king.

15:19 Then said the king to Ittai the Gittite, Why go you also with us? return to your place, and abide with the king: for you are a stranger, and also an exile.

15:20 Whereas you came but yesterday, should I this day make you go up and down with us? seeing I go where I may, return you, and take back your brothers: mercy and truth be with you.

15:21 And Ittai answered the king, and said, As *Yehovah* lives, and as my lord the king lives, surely in what place my lord the king shall be, whether in death or life, even there also will your servant be.

15:22 And David said to Ittai, Go and pass over. And Ittai the Gittite passed over, and all his men, and all the little ones that were with him.

15:23 And all the country wept with a loud voice, and all the people passed over: the king also himself passed over the brook Kidron, and all the people passed over, toward the way of the wilderness.

15:24 And see Zadok also, and all the Levites were with him, bearing the ark of the covenant of God: and they set down the ark of God; and Abiathar went up, until all the people had done passing out of the city.

15:25 And the king said to Zadok, Carry back the ark of God into the city: if I shall find favor in the eyes of *Yehovah*, he will bring me again, and show me both it, and his habitation:

15:26 But if he thus say, I have no delight in you; behold, here am I, let him do to me as seems good to him.

15:27 The king said also to Zadok the priest, Are not you a seer? return into the city in peace, and your two sons with you, Ahimaaz your son, and Jonathan the son of Abiathar.

15:28 See, I will tarry in the plain of the wilderness, until there come word from you to certify me.

15:29 Zadok therefore and Abiathar carried the ark of God again to Jerusalem: and they tarried there.

15:30 And David went up by the ascent of mount Olivet, and wept as he went up, and had his head covered, and he went barefoot: and all the people that was with him covered every man his head, and they went up, weeping as they went up.

15:31 And one told David, saying, Ahithophel is among the conspirators with Absalom. And David said, *O YEHOVAH*, I pray you, turn the counsel of Ahithophel into foolishness.

15:32 And it came to pass, that when David was come to the top of the mount, where he worshipped God, behold, Hushai the Archite came to meet him with his coat rent, and earth on his head:

15:33 To whom David said, If you pass on with me, then you shall be a burden to me:

15:34 But if you return to the city, and say to Absalom, I will be your servant, O king; as I have been your father's servant till now, so will I now also be your servant: then may you for me defeat the counsel of Ahithophel.

15:35 And have you not there with you Zadok and Abiathar the priests? therefore it shall be, that what thing soever you shall hear out of the king's house, you shall tell it to Zadok and Abiathar the priests.

15:36 Behold, they have there with them their two sons, Ahimaaz Zadok's son, and Jonathan Abiathar's son; and by them you shall send to me every thing that you can hear.

15:37 So Hushai David's friend came into the city, and Absalom came into Jerusalem.

2 Samuel – Chapter 16

16:1 And when David was a little past the top of the hill, behold, Ziba the servant of Mephibosheth met him, with a couple of asses saddled, and on them two hundred loaves of bread, and a hundred bunches of raisins, and a hundred of summer fruits, and a bottle of wine.

16:2 And the king said to Ziba, What mean you by these? And Ziba said, The asses be for the king's household to ride on; and the bread and summer fruit for the young men to eat; and the wine, that such as be faint in the wilderness may drink.

16:3 And the king said, And where is your master's son? And Ziba said to the king, Behold, he stays at Jerusalem: for he said, Today shall the house of Israel restore me the kingdom of my father.

16:4 Then said the king to Ziba, Behold, your are all that pertained to Mephibosheth. And Ziba said, I humbly beseech you that I may find grace in your sight, my lord, O king.

16:5 And when king David came to Bahurim, behold, there came out a man of the family of the house of Saul, whose name was Shimei, the son of Gera: he came forth, and cursed still as he came.

16:6 And he cast stones at David, and at all the servants of king David: and all the people and all the mighty men were on his right hand and on his left.

16:7 And thus said Shimei when he cursed, Come out, come out, you bloody man, and you man of Belial:

16:8 *Yehovah* has returned on you all the blood of the house of Saul, in whose stead you have reigned; and *Yehovah* has delivered the kingdom into the hand of Absalom your son: and, behold, you are taken in your mischief, because you are a bloody man.

16:9 Then said Abishai the son of Zeruiah to the king, Why should this dead dog curse my lord the king? let me go over, I pray you, and take off his head.

16:10 And the king said, What have I to do with you, you sons of Zeruiah? so let him curse, because *Yehovah* has said to him, Curse David. Who shall then say, Why have you done so?

16:11 And David said to Abishai, and to all his servants, Behold, my son, which came forth of my bowels, seeks my life: how much more now may this Benjamite do it? let him alone, and let him curse; for *Yehovah* has bidden him.

16:12 It may be that *Yehovah* will look on my affliction, and that *Yehovah* will requite me good for his cursing this day.

16:13 And as David and his men went by the way, Shimei went along on the hill's side over against him, and cursed as he went, and threw stones at him, and cast dust.

16:14 And the king, and all the people that were with him, came weary, and refreshed themselves there.

16:15 And Absalom, and all the people the men of Israel, came to Jerusalem, and Ahithophel with him.

16:16 And it came to pass, when Hushai the Archite, David's friend, was come to Absalom, that Hushai said to Absalom, God save the king, God save the king.

16:17 And Absalom said to Hushai, Is this your kindness to your friend? why went you not with your friend?

16:18 And Hushai said to Absalom, No; but whom *Yehovah*, and this people, and all the men of Israel, choose, his will I be, and with him will I abide.

16:19 And again, whom should I serve? should I not serve in the presence of his son? as I have served in your father's presence, so will I be in your presence.

16:20 Then said Absalom to Ahithophel, Give counsel among you what we shall do.

16:21 And Ahithophel said to Absalom, Go in to your father's concubines, which he has left to keep the house; and all Israel shall hear that you are abhorred of your father: then shall the hands of all that are with you be strong.

16:22 So they spread Absalom a tent on the top of the house; and Absalom went in to his father's concubines in the sight of all Israel.

16:23 And the counsel of Ahithophel, which he counceled in those days, was as if a man had inquired at the oracle of God: so was all the counsel of Ahithophel both with David and with Absalom.

2 Samuel – Chapter 17

17:1 Moreover Ahithophel said to Absalom, Let me now choose out twelve thousand men, and I will arise and pursue after David this night:

17:2 And I will come on him while he is weary and weak handed, and will make him afraid: and all the people that are with him shall flee; and I will smite the king only:

17:3 And I will bring back all the people to you: the man whom you seek is as if all returned: so all the people shall be in peace.

17:4 And the saying pleased Absalom well, and all the elders of Israel.

17:5 Then said Absalom, Call now Hushai the Archite also, and let us hear likewise what he said.

17:6 And when Hushai was come to Absalom, Absalom spoke to him, saying, Ahithophel has spoken after this manner: shall we do after his saying? if not; speak you.

17:7 And Hushai said to Absalom, The counsel that Ahithophel has given is not good at this time.

17:8 For, said Hushai, you know your father and his men, that they be mighty men, and they be chafed in their minds, as a bear robbed of her whelps in the field: and your father is a man of war, and will not lodge with the people.

17:9 Behold, he is hid now in some pit, or in some other place: and it will come to pass, when some of them be overthrown at the first, that whoever hears it will say, There is a slaughter among the people that follow Absalom.

17:10 And he also that is valiant, whose heart is as the heart of a lion, shall utterly melt: for all Israel knows that your father is a mighty man, and they which be with him are valiant men.

17:11 Therefore I counsel that all Israel be generally gathered to you, from Dan even to Beersheba, as the sand that is by the sea for multitude; and that you go to battle in your own person.

17:12 So shall we come on him in some place where he shall be found, and we will light on him as the dew falls on the ground: and of him and of all the men that are with him there shall not be left so much as one.

17:13 Moreover, if he be gotten into a city, then shall all Israel bring ropes to that city, and we will draw it into the river, until there be not one small stone found there.

17:14 And Absalom and all the men of Israel said, The counsel of Hushai the Archite is better than the counsel of Ahithophel. For *Yehovah* had appointed to defeat the good counsel of Ahithophel, to the intent that *Yehovah* might bring evil on Absalom.

17:15 Then said Hushai to Zadok and to Abiathar the priests, Thus and thus did Ahithophel counsel Absalom and the elders of Israel; and thus and thus have I counceled.

17:16 Now therefore send quickly, and tell David, saying, Lodge not this night in the plains of the wilderness, but speedily pass over; lest the king be swallowed up, and all the people that are with him.

17:17 Now Jonathan and Ahimaaz stayed by Enrogel; for they might not be seen to come into the city: and a wench went and told them; and they went and told king David.

17:18 Nevertheless a lad saw them, and told Absalom: but they went both of them away quickly, and came to a man's house in Bahurim, which had a well in his court; where they went down.

17:19 And the woman took and spread a covering over the well's mouth, and spread ground *grain* thereon; and the thing was not known.

17:20 And when Absalom's servants came to the woman to the house, they said, Where is Ahimaaz and Jonathan? And the woman said to them, They be gone over the brook of water. And when they had sought and could not find them, they returned to Jerusalem.

17:21 And it came to pass, after they were departed, that they came up out of the well, and went and told king David, and said to David, Arise, and pass quickly over the water: for thus has Ahithophel counceled against you.

17:22 Then David arose, and all the people that were with him, and they passed over Jordan: by the morning light there lacked not one of them that was not gone over Jordan.

17:23 And when Ahithophel saw that his counsel was not followed, he saddled his ass, and arose, and got him home to his house, to his city, and put his household in order, and hanged himself, and died, and was buried in the sepulcher of his father.

17:24 Then David came to Mahanaim. And Absalom passed over Jordan, he and all the men of Israel with him.

17:25 And Absalom made Amasa captain of the army instead of Joab: which Amasa was a man's son, whose name was Ithra an Israelite, that went in to Abigail the daughter of Nahash, sister to Zeruiah Joab's mother.

17:26 So Israel and Absalom pitched in the land of Gilead.

17:27 And it came to pass, when David was come to Mahanaim, that Shobi the son of Nahash of Rabbah of the children of Ammon, and Machir the son of Ammiel of Lodebar, and Barzillai the Gileadite of Rogelim,

17:28 Brought beds, and basins, and earthen vessels, and wheat, and barley, and flour, and parched *grain*, and beans, and lentils, and parched vegetables,

17:29 And honey, and butter, and sheep, and cheese of cows, for David, and for the people that were with him, to eat: for they said, The people is hungry, and weary, and thirsty, in the wilderness.

2 Samuel – Chapter 18

18:1 And David numbered the people that were with him, and set captains of thousands, and captains of hundreds over them.

18:2 And David sent forth a third part of the people under the hand of Joab, and a third part under the hand of Abishai the son of Zeruiah, Joab's brother, and a third part under the hand of Ittai the Gittite. And the king said to the people, I will surely go forth with you myself also.

18:3 But the people answered, You shall not go forth: for if we flee away, they will not care for us; neither if half of us die, will they care for us: but now you are worth ten thousand of us: therefore now it is better that you succor us out of the city.

18:4 And the king said to them, What seems you best I will do. And the king stood by the gate side, and all the people came out by hundreds and by thousands.

18:5 And the king commanded Joab and Abishai and Ittai, saying, Deal gently for my sake with the young man, even with Absalom. And all the people heard when the king gave all the captains charge concerning Absalom.

18:6 So the people went out into the field against Israel: and the battle was in the wood of Ephraim;

18:7 Where the people of Israel were slain before the servants of David, and there was there a great slaughter that day of twenty thousand men.

18:8 For the battle was there scattered over the face of all the country: and the wood devoured more people that day than the sword devoured.

18:9 And Absalom met the servants of David. And Absalom rode on a mule, and the mule went under the thick boughs of a great oak, and his head caught hold of the oak, and he was taken up between the heaven and the earth; and the mule that was under him went away.

18:10 And a certain man saw it, and told Joab, and said, Behold, I saw Absalom hanged in an oak.

18:11 And Joab said to the man that told him, And, behold, you saw him, and why did you not smite him there to the ground? and I would have given you ten shekels of silver, and a girdle.

18:12 And the man said to Joab, Though I should receive a thousand shekels of silver in my hand, yet would I not put forth my hand against the king's son: for in our hearing the king charged you and Abishai and Ittai, saying, Beware that none touch the young man Absalom.

18:13 Otherwise I should have worked falsehood against my own life: for there is no matter hid from the king, and you yourself would have set yourself against me.

18:14 Then said Joab, I may not tarry thus with you. And he took three darts in his hand, and thrust them through the heart of Absalom, while he was yet alive in the middle of the oak.

18:15 And ten young men that bore Joab's armor compassed about and smote Absalom, and slew him.

18:16 And Joab blew the trumpet, and the people returned from pursuing after Israel: for Joab held back the people.

18:17 And they took Absalom, and cast him into a great pit in the wood, and laid a very great heap of stones on him: and all Israel fled everyone to his tent.

18:18 Now Absalom in his lifetime had taken and reared up for himself a pillar, which is in the king's dale: for he said, I have no son to keep my name in remembrance: and he called the pillar after his own name: and it is called to this day, Absalom's place.

18:19 Then said Ahimaaz the son of Zadok, Let me now run, and bear the king tidings, how that *Yehovah* has avenged him of his enemies.

18:20 And Joab said to him, You shall not bear tidings this day, but you shall bear tidings another day: but this day you shall bear no tidings, because the king's son is dead.

18:21 Then said Joab to Cushy, Go tell the king what you have seen. And Cushy bowed himself to Joab, and ran.

18:22 Then said Ahimaaz the son of Zadok yet again to Joab, But howsoever, let me, I pray you, also run after Cushy. And Joab said, Why will you run, my son, seeing that you have no tidings ready?

18:23 But howsoever, said he, let me run. And he said to him, Run. Then Ahimaaz ran by the way of the plain, and overran Cushy.

18:24 And David sat between the two gates: and the watchman went up to the roof over the gate to the wall, and lifted up his eyes, and looked, and behold a man running alone.

18:25 And the watchman cried, and told the king. And the king said, If he be alone, there is tidings in his mouth. And he came apace, and drew near.

18:26 And the watchman saw another man running: and the watchman called to the porter, and said, Behold another man running alone. And the king said, He also brings tidings.

18:27 And the watchman said, Me thinks the running of the foremost is like the running of Ahimaaz the son of Zadok. And the king said, He is a good man, and comes with good tidings.

18:28 And Ahimaaz called, and said to the king, All is well. And he fell down to the earth on his face before the king, and said, Blessed be *Yehovah* your God, which has delivered up the men that lifted up their hand against my lord the king.

18:29 And the king said, Is the young man Absalom safe? And Ahimaaz answered, When Joab sent the king's servant, and me your servant, I saw a great tumult, but I knew not what it was.

18:30 And the king said to him, Turn aside, and stand here. And he turned aside, and stood still.

18:31 And, behold, Cushy came; and Cushy said, Tidings, my lord the king: for *Yehovah* has avenged you this day of all them that rose up against you.

18:32 And the king said to Cushy, Is the young man Absalom safe? And Cushy answered, The enemies of my lord the king, and all that rise against you to do you hurt, be as that young man is.

18:33 And the king was much moved, and went up to the chamber over the gate, and wept: and as he went, thus he said, O my son Absalom, my son, my son Absalom! would God I had died for you, O Absalom, my son, my son!

2 Samuel – Chapter 19

19:1 And it was told Joab, Behold, the king weeps and mourns for Absalom.

19:2 And the victory that day was turned into mourning to all the people: for the people heard say that day how the king was grieved for his son.

19:3 And the people got them by stealth that day into the city, as people being ashamed steal away when they flee in battle.

19:4 But the king covered his face, and the king cried with a loud voice, O my son Absalom, O Absalom, my son, my son!

19:5 And Joab came into the house to the king, and said, You have shamed this day the faces of all your servants, which this day have saved your life, and the lives of your sons and of your daughters, and the lives of your wives, and the lives of your concubines;

19:6 In that you love your enemies, and hate your friends. For you have declared this day, that you regard neither princes nor servants: for this day I perceive, that if Absalom had lived, and all we had died this day, then it had pleased you well.

19:7 Now therefore arise, go forth, and speak comfortably to your servants: for I swear by *Yehovah*, if you go not forth, there will not tarry one with you this night: and that will be worse to you than all the evil that befell you from your youth until now.

19:8 Then the king arose, and sat in the gate. And they told to all the people, saying, Behold, the king does sit in the gate. And all the people came before the king: for Israel had fled every man to his tent.

19:9 And all the people were at strife throughout all the tribes of Israel, saying, The king saved us out of the hand of our enemies, and he delivered us out of the hand of the Philistines; and now he is fled out of the land for Absalom.

19:10 And Absalom, whom we anointed over us, is dead in battle. Now therefore why speak you not a word of bringing the king back?

19:11 And king David sent to Zadok and to Abiathar the priests, saying, Speak to the elders of Judah, saying, Why are you the last to bring the king back to his house? seeing the speech of all Israel is come to the king, even to his house.

19:12 You are my brothers, you are my bones and my flesh: why then are you the last to bring back the king?

19:13 And say you to Amasa, Are you not of my bone, and of my flesh? God do so to me, and more also, if you be not captain of the army before me continually in the room of Joab.

19:14 And he bowed the heart of all the men of Judah, even as the heart of one man; so that they sent this word to the king, Return you, and all your servants.

19:15 So the king returned, and came to Jordan. And Judah came to Gilgal, to go to meet the king, to conduct the king over Jordan.

19:16 And Shimei the son of Gera, a Benjamite, which was of Bahurim, hurried and came down with the men of Judah to meet king David.

19:17 And there were a thousand men of Benjamin with him, and Ziba the servant of the house of Saul, and his fifteen sons and his twenty servants with him; and they went over Jordan before the king.

19:18 And there went over a ferry boat to carry over the king's household, and to do what he thought good. And Shimei the son of Gera fell down before the king, as he was come over Jordan;

19:19 And said to the king, Let not my lord impute iniquity to me, neither do you remember that which your servant did perversely the day that my lord the king went out of Jerusalem, that the king should take it to his heart.

19:20 For your servant does know that I have sinned: therefore, behold, I am come the first this day of all the house of Joseph to go down to meet my lord the king.

19:21 But Abishai the son of Zeruiah answered and said, Shall not Shimei be put to death for this, because he cursed *Yehovah's* anointed?

19:22 And David said, What have I to do with you, you sons of Zeruiah, that you should this day be adversaries to me? shall there any man be put to death this day in Israel? for do not I know that I am this day king over Israel?

19:23 Therefore the king said to Shimei, You shall not die. And the king swore to him.

19:24 And Mephibosheth the son of Saul came down to meet the king, and had neither dressed his feet, nor trimmed his beard, nor washed his clothes, from the day the king departed until the day he came again in peace.

19:25 And it came to pass, when he was come to Jerusalem to meet the king, that the king said to him, Why went not you with me, Mephibosheth?

19:26 And he answered, My lord, O king, my servant deceived me: for your servant said, I will saddle me an ass, that I may ride thereon, and go to the king; because your servant is lame.

19:27 And he has slandered your servant to my lord the king; but my lord the king is as an angel of God: do therefore what is good in your eyes.

19:28 For all of my father's house were but dead men before my lord the king: yet did you set your servant among them that did eat at your own table. What right therefore have I yet to cry anymore to the king?

19:29 And the king said to him, Why speak you anymore of your matters? I have said, You and Ziba divide the land.

19:30 And Mephibosheth said to the king, Yes, let him take all, for as much as my lord the king is come again in peace to his own house.

19:31 And Barzillai the Gileadite came down from Rogelim, and went over Jordan with the king, to conduct him over Jordan.

19:32 Now Barzillai was a very aged man, even fourscore years old: and he had provided the king of sustenance while he lay at Mahanaim; for he was a very great man.

19:33 And the king said to Barzillai, Come you over with me, and I will feed you with me in Jerusalem.

19:34 And Barzillai said to the king, How long have I to live, that I should go up with the king to Jerusalem?

19:35 I am this day fourscore years old: and can I discern between good and evil? can your servant taste what I eat or what I drink? can I hear anymore the voice of singing men and singing women? why then should your servant be yet a burden to my lord the king?

19:36 Your servant will go a little way over Jordan with the king: and why should the king recompense it me with such a reward?

19:37 Let your servant, I pray you, turn back again, that I may die in my own city, and be buried by the grave of my father and of my mother. But behold your servant Chimham; let him go over with my lord the king; and do to him what shall seem good to you.

19:38 And the king answered, Chimham shall go over with me, and I will do to him that which shall seem good to you: and whatever you shall require of me, that will I do for you.

19:39 And all the people went over Jordan. And when the king was come over, the king kissed Barzillai, and blessed him; and he returned to his own place.

19:40 Then the king went on to Gilgal, and Chimham went on with him: and all the people of Judah conducted the king, and also half the people of Israel.

19:41 And, behold, all the men of Israel came to the king, and said to the king, Why have our brothers the men of Judah stolen you away, and have brought the king, and his household, and all David's men with him, over Jordan?

19:42 And all the men of Judah answered the men of Israel, Because the king is near of kin to us: why then be you angry for this matter? have we eaten at all of the king's cost? or has he given us any gift?

19:43 And the men of Israel answered the men of Judah, and said, We have ten parts in the king, and we have also more right in David than you: why then did you despise us, that our advice should not be first had in bringing back our king? And the words of the men of Judah were fiercer than the words of the men of Israel.

2 Samuel – Chapter 20

20:1 And there happened to be there a man of Belial, whose name was Sheba, the son of Bichri, a Benjamite: and he blew a trumpet, and said, We have no part in David, neither have we inheritance in the son of Jesse: every man to his tents, O Israel.

20:2 So every man of Israel went up from after David, and followed Sheba the son of Bichri: but the men of Judah joined to their king, from Jordan even to Jerusalem.

20:3 And David came to his house at Jerusalem; and the king took the ten women his concubines, whom he had left to keep the house, and put them in ward, and fed them, but went not in to them. So they were shut up to the day of their death, living in widowhood.

20:4 Then said the king to Amasa, Assemble me the men of Judah within three days, and be you here present.

20:5 So Amasa went to assemble the men of Judah: but he tarried longer than the set time which he had appointed him.

20:6 And David said to Abishai, Now shall Sheba the son of Bichri do us more harm than did Absalom: take you your lord's servants, and pursue after him, lest he get him fenced cities, and escape us.

20:7 And there went out after him Joab's men, and the Cherethites, and the Pelethites, and all the mighty men: and they went out of Jerusalem, to pursue after Sheba the son of Bichri.

20:8 When they were at the great stone which is in Gibeon, Amasa went before them. And Joab's garment that he had put on was girded to him, and on it a girdle with a sword fastened on his loins in the sheath; and as he went forth it fell out.

20:9 And Joab said to Amasa, Are you in health, my brother? And Joab took Amasa by the beard with the right hand to kiss him.

20:10 But Amasa took no heed to the sword that was in Joab's hand: so he smote him therewith in the fifth rib, and shed out his bowels to the ground, and struck him not again; and he died. So Joab and Abishai his brother pursued after Sheba the son of Bichri.

20:11 And one of Joab's men stood by him, and said, He that favors Joab, and he that is for David, let him go after Joab.

20:12 And Amasa wallowed in blood in the middle of the highway. And when the man saw that all the people stood still, he removed Amasa out of the highway into the field, and cast a cloth on him, when he saw that everyone that came by him stood still.

20:13 When he was removed out of the highway, all the people went on after Joab, to pursue after Sheba the son of Bichri.

20:14 And he went through all the tribes of Israel to Abel, and to Bethmaachah, and all the Berites: and they were gathered together, and went also after him.

20:15 And they came and besieged him in Abel of Bethmaachah, and they cast up a bank against the city, and it stood in the trench: and all the people that were with Joab battered the wall, to throw it down.

20:16 Then cried a wise woman out of the city, Hear, hear; say, I pray you, to Joab, Come near here, that I may speak with you.

20:17 And when he was come near to her, the woman said, Are you Joab? And he answered, I am he. Then she said to him, Hear the words of your handmaid. And he answered, I do hear.

20:18 Then she spoke, saying, They were known to speak in old time, saying, They shall surely ask counsel at Abel: and so they ended the matter.

20:19 I am one of them that are peaceable and faithful in Israel: you seek to destroy a city and a mother in Israel: why will you swallow up the inheritance of *Yehovah*?

20:20 And Joab answered and said, Far be it, far be it from me, that I should swallow up or destroy.

20:21 The matter is not so: but a man of mount Ephraim, Sheba the son of Bichri by name, has lifted up his hand against the king, even against David: deliver him only, and I will depart from the city. And the woman said to Joab, Behold, his head shall be thrown to you over the wall.

20:22 Then the woman went to all the people in her wisdom. And they cut off the head of Sheba the son of Bichri, and cast it out to Joab. And he blew a trumpet, and they retired from the city, every man to his tent. And Joab returned to Jerusalem to the king.

20:23 Now Joab was over all the army of Israel: and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada was over the Cherethites and over the Pelethites:

20:24 And Adoram was over the tribute: and Jehoshaphat the son of Ahilud was recorder:

20:25 And Sheva was scribe: and Zadok and Abiathar were the priests:

20:26 And Ira also the Jairite was a chief ruler about David.

21:1 Then there was a famine in the days of David three years, year after year; and David inquired of *Yehovah*. And *Yehovah* answered, It is for Saul, and for his bloody house, because he slew the Gibeonites.

2 Samuel – Chapter 21

21:2 And the king called the Gibeonites, and said to them; (now the Gibeonites were not of the children of Israel, but of the remnant of the Amorites; and the children of Israel had sworn to them: and Saul sought to slay them in his zeal to the children of Israel and Judah.)

21:3 Why David said to the Gibeonites, What shall I do for you? and with which shall I make the atonement, that you may bless the inheritance of *Yehovah*?

21:4 And the Gibeonites said to him, We will have no silver nor gold of Saul, nor of his house; neither for us shall you kill any man in Israel. And he said, What you shall say, that will I do for you.

21:5 And they answered the king, The man that consumed us, and that devised against us that we should be destroyed from remaining in any of the coasts of Israel,

21:6 Let seven men of his sons be delivered to us, and we will hang them up to *Yehovah* in Gibeah of Saul, whom *Yehovah* did choose. And the king said, I will give them.

21:7 But the king spared Mephibosheth, the son of Jonathan the son of Saul, because of *Yehovah*'s oath that was between them, between David and Jonathan the son of Saul.

21:8 But the king took the two sons of Rizpah the daughter of Aiah, whom she bore to Saul, Armoni and Mephibosheth; and the five sons of Michal the daughter of Saul, whom she brought up for Adriel the son of Barzillai the Meholathite:

21:9 And he delivered them into the hands of the Gibeonites, and they hanged them in the hill before *Yehovah*: and they fell all seven together, and were put to death in the days of harvest, in the first days, in the beginning of barley harvest.

21:10 And Rizpah the daughter of Aiah took sackcloth, and spread it for her on the rock, from the beginning of harvest until water dropped on them out of heaven, and suffered neither the birds of the air to rest on them by day, nor the beasts of the field by night.

21:11 And it was told David what Rizpah the daughter of Aiah, the concubine of Saul, had done.

21:12 And David went and took the bones of Saul and the bones of Jonathan his son from the men of Jabeshgilead, which had stolen them from the street of Bethshan, where the Philistines had hanged them, when the Philistines had slain Saul in Gilboa:

21:13 And he brought up from there the bones of Saul and the bones of Jonathan his son; and they gathered the bones of them that were hanged.

21:14 And the bones of Saul and Jonathan his son buried they in the country of Benjamin in Zelah, in the sepulcher of Kish his father: and they performed all that the king commanded. And after that God was entreated for the land.

21:15 Moreover the Philistines had yet war again with Israel; and David went down, and his servants with him, and fought against the Philistines: and David waxed faint.

21:16 And Ishbibenob, which was of the sons of the giant, the weight of whose spear weighed three hundred shekels of brass in weight, he being girded with a new sword, thought to have slain David.

21:17 But Abishai the son of Zeruiah succored him, and smote the Philistine, and killed him. Then the men of David swore to him, saying, You shall go no more out with us to battle, that you quench not the light of Israel.

21:18 And it came to pass after this, that there was again a battle with the Philistines at Gob: then Sibbechai the Hushathite slew Saph, which was of the sons of the giant.

21:19 And there was again a battle in Gob with the Philistines, where Elhanan the son of Jaareoregim, a Bethlehemite, slew the brother of Goliath the Gittite, the staff of whose spear was like a weaver's beam.

21:20 And there was yet a battle in Gath, where was a man of great stature, that had on every hand six fingers, and on every foot six toes, four and twenty in number; and he also was born to the giant.

21:21 And when he defied Israel, Jonathan the son of Shimeah the brother of David slew him.

21:22 These four were born to the giant in Gath, and fell by the hand of David, and by the hand of his servants.

2 Samuel – Chapter 22

22:1 And David spoke to *Yehovah* the words of this song in the day that *Yehovah* had delivered him out of the hand of all his enemies, and out of the hand of Saul:

22:2 And he said, *Yehovah* is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer;

22:3 The God of my rock; in him will I trust: he is my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my high tower, and my refuge, my savior; you save me from violence.

22:4 I will call on *Yehovah*, who is worthy to be praised: so shall I be saved from my enemies.

22:5 When the waves of death compassed me, the floods of ungodly men made me afraid;

22:6 The sorrows of *sheol* compassed me about; the snares of death prevented me;

22:7 In my distress I called on *Yehovah*, and cried to my God: and he did hear my voice out of his temple, and my cry did enter into his ears.

22:8 Then the earth shook and trembled; the foundations of heaven moved and shook, because he was *angry*.

22:9 There went up a smoke out of his nostrils, and fire out of his mouth devoured: coals were kindled by it.

22:10 He bowed the heavens also, and came down; and darkness was under his feet.

22:11 And he rode on a cherub, and did fly: and he was seen on the wings of the wind.

22:12 And he made darkness pavilions round about him, dark waters, and thick clouds of the skies.

22:13 Through the brightness before him were coals of fire kindled.

22:14 *Yehovah* thundered from heaven, and the most High uttered his voice.

22:15 And he sent out arrows, and scattered them; lightning, and discomfited them.

22:16 And the channels of the sea appeared, the foundations of the world were discovered, at the rebuking of *Yehovah*, at the blast of the breath of his nostrils.

22:17 He sent from above, he took me; he drew me out of many waters;

22:18 He delivered me from my strong enemy, and from them that hated me: for they were too strong for me.

22:19 They prevented me in the day of my calamity: but *Yehovah* was my stay.

22:20 He brought me forth also into a large place: he delivered me, because he delighted in me.

22:21 *Yehovah* rewarded me according to my righteousness: according to the cleanness of my hands has he recompensed me.

22:22 For I have kept the ways of *Yehovah*, and have not wickedly departed from my God.

22:23 For all his judgments were before me: and as for his statutes, I did not depart from them.

22:24 I was also upright before him, and have kept myself from my iniquity.

22:25 Therefore *Yehovah* has recompensed me according to my righteousness; according to my cleanness in his eye sight.

22:26 With the merciful you will show yourself merciful, and with the upright man you will show yourself upright.

22:27 With the pure you will show yourself pure; and with the fraudulent you will show yourself unsavory.

22:28 And the afflicted people you will save: but your eyes are on the haughty, that you may bring them down.

22:29 For you are my lamp, *O YEHOVAH*: and *Yehovah* will lighten my darkness.

22:30 For by you I have run through a troop: by my God have I leaped over a wall.

22:31 As for God, his way is perfect; the word of *Yehovah* is tried: he is a buckler to all them that trust in him.

22:32 For who is God, save *Yehovah*? and who is a rock, save our God?

22:33 God is my strength and power: and he makes my way perfect.

22:34 He makes my feet like hinds' feet: and sets me on my high places.

22:35 He teaches my hands to war; so that a bow of steel is broken by my arms.

22:36 You have also given me the shield of your salvation: and your gentleness has made me great.

22:37 You have enlarged my steps under me; so that my feet did not slip.

22:38 I have pursued my enemies, and destroyed them; and turned not again until I had consumed them.

22:39 And I have consumed them, and wounded them, that they could not arise: yes, they are fallen under my feet.

22:40 For you have girded me with strength to battle: them that rose up against me have you subdued under me.

22:41 You have also given me the necks of my enemies, that I might destroy them that hate me.

22:42 They looked, but there was none to save; even to *Yehovah*, but he answered them not.

22:43 Then did I beat them as small as the dust of the earth, I did stamp them as the mire of the street, and did spread them abroad.

22:44 You also have delivered me from the strivings of my people, you have kept me to be head of the heathen: a people which I knew not shall serve me.

22:45 Strangers shall submit themselves to me: as soon as they hear, they shall be obedient to me.

22:46 Strangers shall fade away, and they shall be afraid out of their close places.

22:47 *Yehovah* lives; and blessed be my rock; and exalted be the God of the rock of my salvation.

22:48 It is God that avenges me, and that brings down the people under me.

22:49 And that brings me forth from my enemies: you also have lifted me up on high above them that rose up against me: you have delivered me from the violent man.

22:50 Therefore I will give thanks to you, *O YEHOVAH*, among the heathen, and I will sing praises to your name.

22:51 He is the tower of salvation for his king: and shows mercy to his anointed, to David, and to his seed forever more.

2 Samuel – Chapter 23

23:1 Now these be the last words of David. David the son of Jesse said, and the man who was raised up on high, the anointed of the God of Jacob, and the sweet psalmist of Israel, said,

23:2 The Spirit of *Yehovah* spoke by me, and his word was in my tongue.

23:3 The God of Israel said, the Rock of Israel spoke to me, He that rules over men must be just, ruling in the fear of God.

23:4 And he shall be as the light of the morning, when the sun rises, even a morning without clouds; as the tender grass springing out of the earth by clear shining after rain.

23:5 Although my house be not so with God; yet he has made with me an everlasting covenant, ordered in all things, and sure: for this is all my salvation, and all my desire, although he make it not to grow.

23:6 But the sons of Belial shall be all of them as thorns thrust away, because they cannot be taken with hands:

23:7 But the man that shall touch them must be fenced with iron and the staff of a spear; and they shall be utterly burned with fire in the same place.

23:8 These be the names of the mighty men whom David had: The Tachmonite that sat in the seat, chief among the captains; the same was Adino the Eznite: he lift up his spear against eight hundred, whom he slew at one time.

23:9 And after him was Eleazar the son of Dodo the Ahohite, one of the three mighty men with David, when they defied the Philistines that were there gathered together to battle, and the men of Israel were gone away:

23:10 He arose, and smote the Philistines until his hand was weary, and his hand stuck to the sword: and *Yehovah* worked a great victory that day; and the people returned after him only to *plunder*.

23:11 And after him was Shammah the son of Agee the Hararite. And the Philistines were gathered together into a troop, where was a piece of ground full of lentils: and the people fled from the Philistines.

23:12 But he stood in the middle of the ground, and defended it, and slew the Philistines: and *Yehovah* worked a great victory.

23:13 And three of the thirty chief went down, and came to David in the harvest time to the cave of Adullam: and the troop of the Philistines pitched in the valley of Rephaim.

23:14 And David was then in a hold, and the garrison of the Philistines was then in Bethlehem.

23:15 And David longed, and said, Oh that one would give me drink of the water of the well of Bethlehem, which is by the gate!

23:16 And the three mighty men broke through the army of the Philistines, and drew water out of the well of Bethlehem, that was by the gate, and took it, and brought it to David: nevertheless he would not drink, but poured it out to *Yehovah*.

23:17 And he said, Be it far from me, *O YEHOVAH*, that I should do this: is not this the blood of the men that went in jeopardy of their lives? therefore he would not drink it. These things did these three mighty men.

23:18 And Abishai, the brother of Joab, the son of Zeruah, was chief among three. And he lifted up his spear against three hundred, and slew them, and had the name among three.

23:19 Was he not most honorable of three? therefore he was their captain: however, he attained not to the first three.

23:20 And Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, the son of a valiant man, of Kabzeel, who had done many acts, he slew two lion like men of Moab: he went down also and slew a lion in the middle of a pit in time of snow:

23:21 And he slew an Egyptian, a goodly man: and the Egyptian had a spear in his hand; but he went down to him with a staff, and plucked the spear out of the Egyptian's hand, and slew him with his own spear.

23:22 These things did Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, and had the name among three mighty men.

23:23 He was more honorable than the thirty, but he attained not to the first three. And David set him over his guard.

23:24 Asahel the brother of Joab was one of the thirty; Elhanan the son of Dodo of Bethlehem,

23:25 Shammah the Harodite, Elikah the Harodite,

23:26 Helez the Paltite, Ira the son of Ikkesh the Tekoite,

23:27 Abiezer the Anethothite, Mebunnai the Hushathite,

23:28 Zalmon the Ahohite, Maharai the Netophathite,

23:29 Heleb the son of Baanah, a Netophathite, Ittai the son of Ribai out of Gibeah of the children of Benjamin,

23:30 Benaiah the Pirathonite, Hiddai of the brooks of Gaash,

23:31 Abialbon the Arbathite, Azmaveth the Barhumite,

23:32 Eliahba the Shaalbonite, of the sons of Jashen, Jonathan,

23:33 Shammah the Hararite, Ahiam the son of Sharar the Hararite,

23:34 Eliphelet the son of Ahasbai, the son of the Maachathite, Eliam the son of Ahithophel the Gilonite,

23:35 Hezrai the Carmelite, Paarai the Arbite,

23:36 Igal the son of Nathan of Zobah, Bani the Gadite,

23:37 Zelek the Ammonite, Nahari the Beerothite, armor bearer to Joab the son of Zeruah,

23:38 Ira an Ithrite, Gareb an Ithrite,

23:39 Uriah the Hittite: thirty and seven in all.

2 Samuel – Chapter 24

24:1 And again the anger of *Yehovah* was kindled against Israel, and he moved David against them to say, Go, number Israel and Judah.

24:2 For the king said to Joab the captain of the army, which was with him, Go now through all the tribes of Israel, from Dan even to Beersheba, and number you the people, that I may know the number of the people.

24:3 And Joab said to the king, Now *Yehovah* your God add to the people, how many soever they be, a hundred times, and that the eyes of my lord the king may see it: but why does my lord the king delight in this thing?

24:4 Notwithstanding the king's word prevailed against Joab, and against the captains of the army. And Joab and the captains of the army went out from the presence of the king, to number the people of Israel.

24:5 And they passed over Jordan, and pitched in Aroer, on the right side of the city that lies in the middle of the river of Gad, and toward Jazer:

24:6 Then they came to Gilead, and to the land of Tahtimhodshi; and they came to Danjaan, and about to Zidon,

24:7 And came to the strong hold of Tyre, and to all the cities of the Hivites, and of the Canaanites: and they went out to the south of Judah, even to Beersheba.

24:8 So when they had gone through all the land, they came to Jerusalem at the end of nine months and twenty days.

24:9 And Joab gave up the sum of the number of the people to the king: and there were in Israel eight hundred thousand valiant men that drew the sword; and the men of Judah were five hundred thousand men.

24:10 And David's heart smote him after that he had numbered the people. And David said to *Yehovah*, I have sinned greatly in that I have done: and now, I beseech you, *O YEHOVAH*, take away the iniquity of your servant; for I have done very foolishly.

24:11 For when David was up in the morning, the word of *Yehovah* came to the prophet Gad, David's seer, saying,

24:12 Go and say to David, Thus said *Yehovah*, I offer you three things; choose you one of them, that I may do it to you.

24:13 So Gad came to David, and told him, and said to him, Shall seven years of famine come to you in your land? or will you flee three months before your enemies, while they pursue you? or that there be three days' pestilence in your land? now advise, and see what answer I shall return to him that sent me.

24:14 And David said to Gad, I am in a great strait: let us fall now into the hand of *Yehovah*; for his mercies are great: and let me not fall into the hand of man.

24:15 So *Yehovah* sent a pestilence on Israel from the morning even to the time appointed: and there died of the people from Dan even to Beersheba seventy thousand men.

24:16 And when the angel stretched out his hand on Jerusalem to destroy it, *Yehovah* repented him of the evil, and said to the angel that destroyed the people, It is enough: stay now your hand. And the angel of *Yehovah* was by the threshing place of Araunah the Jebusite.

24:17 And David spoke to *Yehovah* when he saw the angel that smote the people, and said, See, I have sinned, and I have done wickedly: but these sheep, what have they done? let your hand, I pray you, be against me, and against my father's house.

24:18 And Gad came that day to David, and said to him, Go up, raise an altar to *Yehovah* in the threshing floor of Araunah the Jebusite.

24:19 And David, according to the saying of Gad, went up as *Yehovah* commanded.

24:20 And Araunah looked, and saw the king and his servants coming on toward him: and Araunah went out, and bowed himself before the king on his face on the ground.

24:21 And Araunah said, Why is my lord the king come to his servant? And David said, To buy the threshing floor of you, to build an altar to *Yehovah*, that the plague may be stayed from the people.

24:22 And Araunah said to David, Let my lord the king take and offer up what seems good to him: behold, here be oxen for burnt sacrifice, and threshing instruments and other instruments of the oxen for wood.

24:23 All these things did Araunah, as a king, give to the king. And Araunah said to the king, *Yehovah* your God accept you.

24:24 And the king said to Araunah, No; but I will surely buy it of you at a price: neither will I offer burnt offerings to *Yehovah* my God of that which does cost me nothing. So David bought the threshing floor and the oxen for fifty shekels of silver.

24:25 And David built there an altar to *Yehovah*, and offered burnt offerings and peace offerings. So *Yehovah* was entreated for the land, and the plague was stayed from Israel.

Prophets of the Old Testament

Aaron	Exodus 4:14 to Numbers 33:39
Abigail (F)	1 Samuel 25:1-25:42
Abraham	Genesis 11:26 to Genesis 25:10
Ahiyah	1 Kings 11:29-30, 1 Kings 12:15, 1 Kings 14:2-18
Amaziah	Amos 7:2
Amos	Book of Amos
Asaph	Psalms 78:2, 2 Chron 29:30
Azariah	2 Chronicles 15
Balaam	Numbers 22:8
Baruch	Jeremiah (Chapters 32,36,43,45)
Daniel	Book of Daniel
David	2 Samuel 16:1 to 1 Kings 2:11
Deborah (F)	Judges 4:1-5:31
Eli	1 Samuel 1:9-4:18
Eliezer	2 Chronicles 20:37
Elijah	1 Kings 17:1-21, 2 Kings 1:10-2:15
Elisha	1 Kings 19:16-19, 2 Kings 2:1-13:21
Elkanah	1 Samuel 1:1-2:20
Esther (F)	Book of Esther
Ezekiel	Book of Ezekiel
Gad	1 Samuel 22:5, 2 Samuel 24:11-19, 1 Chron 21:9-21
Habakkuk	Book of Habakkuk
Haggai	Book of Haggai
Hanani	2 Chronicles 16:7
Hannah (F)	1 Samuel 1:1-2:21
Heman	1 Chronicles 25:5
Hosea	Book of Hosea
Huldah (F)	2 Kings 22:14-20
Iddo	2 Chron 9:29, 2 Chron 12:15, 2 Chron 13:22
Isaac	Genesis 21:1 to Genesis 35:29
Isaiah	Book of Isaiah
Jacob	Genesis 25:21 to Genesis 49:33
Jahaziel	2 Chronicles 20:14

Prophets of the Old Testament – Continued

Jeduthun	2 Chronicles 35:15
Jehu	1 Kings 16:1-7, 2 Chron 19:2, 2 Chron 20:34
Jeremiah	Book of Jeremiah
Joel	Book of Joel
Jonah	Book of Jonah
Joshua	Exo (17,24,32,33) Num (11,13,14,27) Deut (1,3,31)
Malachi	Book of Malachi
Micah	Book of Micah
Michaiah	1 Kings 22:8-28, 2 Chron 18:7-27
Miriam (F)	Exo 15:20-21, Num 12:1-12, Num 20:1
Mordecai	Book of Esther
Moses	Exo 2:1 to Deut 34:5
Nahum	Book of Nahum
Nathan	2 Samuel 7:2-17, 2 Samuel 12:1-25
Noah	Genesis 5:32 to Genesis 10:1
Obadiah	1 Kings 18, Book of Obadiah
Oded	2 Chronicles 15:8
Phinehas	Exo 6:25, Num 25:7-25, Num 31:6, Josh 22:13
Samuel	1 Samuel 1:1 to 1 Samuel 25:1
Sarah (F)	Genesis 11:29 to Genesis 23:20
Seraiah	Jeremiah 51:61-64
Shemaiah	1 Kings 12:22-24, 2 Chron 11:2-4, 2 Chron 12:5-15
Solomon	2 Samuel 12:24, 1 Kings 1:10-11:43
Uriah	Jeremiah 26:20-23
Zadok	2 Samuel 15:27
Zechariah	Book of Zechariah
Zephaniah	Book of Zephaniah

Book of 1 Kings

Melachim A (Book of the Kingdoms 3)

1 Kings – Chapter 1

1:1 Now king David was old and stricken in years; and they covered him with clothes, but he got no heat.

1:2 Why his servants said to him, Let there be sought for my lord the king a young *maiden*: 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 get heat.

1:3 So they sought for a fair damsel throughout all the coasts of Israel, and found Abishag a Shunammite, and brought her to the king.

1:4 And the damsel was very fair, and cherished the king, and ministered to him: but the king knew her not.

1:5 Then Adonijah the son of Haggith exalted himself, saying, I will be king: and he prepared him chariots and horsemen, and fifty men to run before him.

1:6 And his father had not displeased him at any time in saying, Why have you done so? and he also was a very goodly man; and his mother bore him after Absalom.

1:7 And he conferred with Joab the son of Zeruah, and with Abiathar the priest: and they following Adonijah helped him.

1:8 But Zadok the priest, and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, and Nathan the prophet, and Shimei, and Rei, and the mighty men which belonged to David, were not with Adonijah.

1:9 And Adonijah slew 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:

1:10 But Nathan the prophet, and Benaiah, and the mighty men, and Solomon his brother, he called not.

1:11 Why Nathan spoke to Bathsheba the mother of Solomon, saying, Have you not heard that Adonijah the son of Haggith does reign, and David our lord knows it not?

1:12 Now therefore come, let me, I pray you, give you counsel, that you may save your own life, and the life of your son Solomon.

1:13 Go and get you in to king David, and say to him, Did not you, my lord, O king, swear to your handmaid, saying, Assuredly Solomon your son shall reign after me, and he shall sit on my throne? why then does Adonijah reign?

1:14 Behold, while you yet talk there with the king, I also will come in after you, and confirm your words.

1:15 And Bathsheba went in to the king into the chamber: and the king was very old; and Abishag the Shunammite ministered to the king.

1:16 And Bathsheba bowed, and did obeisance to the king. And the king said, What would you?

1:17 And she said to him, My lord, you swore by *Yehovah* your God to your handmaid, saying, Assuredly Solomon your son shall reign after me, and he shall sit on my throne.

1:18 And now, behold, Adonijah reigns; and now, my lord the king, you know it not:

1:19 And he has slain 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 has he not called.

1:20 And you, my lord, O king, the eyes of all Israel are on you, that you should tell them who shall sit on the throne of my lord the king after him.

1:21 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.

1:22 And, see, while she yet talked with the king, Nathan the prophet also came in.

1:23 And they told the king, saying, Behold Nathan the prophet. And when he was come in before the king, he bowed himself before the king with his face to the ground.

1:24 And Nathan said, My lord, O king, have you said, Adonijah shall reign after me, and he shall sit on my throne?

1:25 For he is gone down this day, and has slain 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, behold, they eat and drink before him, and say, God save king Adonijah.

1:26 But me, even me your servant, and Zadok the priest, and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, and your servant Solomon, has he not called.

1:27 Is this thing done by my lord the king, and you have not showed it to your servant, who should sit on the throne of my lord the king after him?

1:28 Then king David answered and said, Call me Bathsheba. And she came into the king's presence, and stood before the king.

1:29 And the king swore, and said, As *Yehovah* lives, that has redeemed my soul out of all distress,

1:30 Even as I swore to you by *Yehovah* God of Israel, saying, Assuredly Solomon your son shall reign after me, and he shall sit on my throne in my stead; even so will I certainly do this day.

1:31 Then Bathsheba bowed with her face to the earth, and did reverence to the king, and said, Let my lord king David live forever.

1:32 And king David said, Call me Zadok the priest, and Nathan the prophet, and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada. And they came before the king.

1:33 The king also said to them, Take with you the servants of your lord, and cause Solomon my son to ride on my own mule, and bring him down to Gihon:

1:34 And let Zadok the priest and Nathan the prophet anoint him there king over Israel: and blow you with the trumpet, and say, God save king Solomon.

1:35 Then you shall come up after him, that he may come and sit on my throne; for he shall be king in my stead: and I have appointed him to be ruler over Israel and over Judah.

1:36 And Benaiah the son of Jehoiada answered the king, and said, Amen: *Yehovah* God of my lord the king say so too.

1:37 As *Yehovah* has been with my lord the king, even so be he with Solomon, and make his throne greater than the throne of my lord king David.

1:38 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 on king David's mule, and brought him to Gihon.

1:39 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.

1:40 And all the people came up after him, and the people piped with pipes, and rejoiced with great joy, so that the earth rent with the sound of them.

1:41 And Adonijah and all the guests that were with him heard it as they had made an end of eating. And when Joab heard the sound of the trumpet, he said, Why is this noise of the city being in an uproar?

1:42 And while he yet spoke, behold, Jonathan the son of Abiathar the priest came; and Adonijah said to him, Come in; for you are a valiant man, and bring good tidings.

1:43 And Jonathan answered and said to Adonijah, Truly our lord king David has made Solomon king.

1:44 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 on the king's mule:

1:45 And Zadok the priest and Nathan the prophet have anointed him king in Gihon: and they are come up from there rejoicing, so that the city rang again. This is the noise that you have heard.

1:46 And also Solomon sits on the throne of the kingdom.

1:47 And moreover 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 on the bed.

1:48 And also thus said the king, Blessed be *Yehovah* God of Israel, which has given one to sit on my throne this day, my eyes even seeing it.

1:49 And all the guests that were with Adonijah were afraid, and rose up, and went every man his way.

1:50 And Adonijah feared because of Solomon, and arose, and went, and caught hold on the horns of the altar.

1:51 And it was told Solomon, saying, Behold, Adonijah fears king Solomon: for, see, he has caught hold on the horns of the altar, saying, Let king Solomon swear to me today that he will not slay his servant with the sword.

1:52 And Solomon said, If he will show himself a worthy man, there shall not a hair of him fall to the earth: but if wickedness shall be found in him, he shall die.

1:53 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.

1 Kings – Chapter 2

2:1 Now the days of David drew near that he should die; and he charged Solomon his son, saying,

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

2:3 And keep the charge of *Yehovah* your God, to walk in his ways, to keep his statutes, and his commandments, and his judgments, and his testimonies, as it is written in the law of Moses, that you may prosper in all that you do, and wherever you turn yourself:

2:4 That *Yehovah* 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, there shall not fail you (said he) a man on the throne of Israel.

2:5 Moreover you know also what Joab the son of Zeruijah 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 slew, and shed the blood of war in peace, and put the blood of war on his girdle that was about his loins, and in his shoes that were on his feet.

2:6 Do therefore according to your wisdom, and let not his hoar head go down to the grave in peace.

2:7 But show kindness to the sons of Barzillai the Gileadite, and let them be of those that eat at your table: for so they came to me when I fled because of Absalom your brother.

2:8 And, behold, you have with you Shimei the son of Gera, a Benjamite of Bahurim, which cursed me with a grievous curse in the day when I went to Mahanaim: but he came down to meet me at Jordan, and I swore to him by *Yehovah*, saying, I will not put you to death with the sword.

2:9 Now therefore hold him not guiltless: for you are a wise man, and know what you should do to him; but his hoar head bring you down to the grave with blood.

2:10 So David slept with his fathers, and was buried in the city of David.

2:11 And the days that David reigned over Israel were forty years: seven years reigned he in Hebron, and thirty and three years reigned he in Jerusalem.

2:12 Then sat Solomon on the throne of David his father; and his kingdom was established greatly.

2:13 And Adonijah the son of Haggith came to Bathsheba the mother of Solomon. And she said, Come you peaceably? And he said, Peaceably.

2:14 He said moreover, I have somewhat to say to you. And she said, Say on.

2:15 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 is turned about, and is become my brother's: for it was his from *Yehovah*.

2:16 And now I ask one petition of you, deny me not. And she said to him, Say on.

2:17 And he said, Speak, I pray you, to Solomon the king, (for he will not say you no,) that he give me Abishag the Shunammite to wife.

2:18 And Bathsheba said, Well; I will speak for you to the king.

2:19 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.

2:20 Then she said, I desire one small petition of you; I pray you, say me not no. And the king said to her, Ask on, my mother: for I will not say you no.

2:21 And she said, Let Abishag the Shunammite be given to Adonijah your brother to wife.

2:22 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; for he is my elder brother; even for him, and for Abiathar the priest, and for Joab the son of Zeruiah.

2:23 Then king Solomon swore by *Yehovah*, saying, God do so to me, and more also, if Adonijah have not spoken this word against his own life.

2:24 Now therefore, as *Yehovah* lives, which 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.

2:25 And king Solomon sent by the hand of Benaiah the son of Jehoiada; and he fell on him that he died.

2:26 And to Abiathar the priest said the king, Get you to Anathoth, to your own fields; for you are worthy of death: but I will not at this time put you to death, because you bore the ark of *Yehovah* God before David my

father, and because you have been afflicted in all the ways my father was afflicted.

2:27 So Solomon thrust out Abiathar from being priest to *Yehovah*; that he might fulfill the word of *Yehovah*, which he spoke concerning the house of Eli in Shiloh.

2:28 Then tidings came to Joab: for Joab had turned after Adonijah, though he turned not after Absalom. And Joab fled to the tabernacle of *Yehovah*, and caught hold on the horns of the altar.

2:29 And it was told king Solomon that Joab was fled to the tabernacle of *Yehovah*; and, behold, he is by the altar. Then Solomon sent Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, saying, Go, fall on him.

2:30 And Benaiah came to the tabernacle of *Yehovah*, and said to him, Thus said the king, Come forth. And he said, No; but I will die here. And Benaiah brought the king word again, saying, Thus said Joab, and thus he answered me.

2:31 And the king said to him, Do as he has said, and fall on him, and bury him; that you may take away the innocent blood, which Joab shed, from me, and from the house of my father.

2:32 And *Yehovah* shall return his blood on his own head, who fell on two men more righteous and better than he, and slew them with the sword, my father David not knowing, as to Abner the son of Ner, captain of the army of Israel, and Amasa the son of Jether, captain of the army of Judah.

2:33 Their blood shall therefore return on the head of Joab, and on the head of his seed forever: but on David, and on his seed, and on his house, and on his throne, shall there be peace forever from *Yehovah*.

2:34 So Benaiah the son of Jehoiada went up, and fell on him, and slew him: and he was buried in his own house in the wilderness.

2:35 And the king put Benaiah the son of Jehoiada in his room over the army: and Zadok the priest did the king put in the room of Abiathar.

2:36 And the king sent and called for Shimei, and said to him, Build you a house in Jerusalem, and dwell there, and go not forth there anywhere.

2:37 For 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 on your own head.

2:38 And Shimei said to the king, The saying is good: as my lord the king has said, so will your servant do. And Shimei dwelled in Jerusalem many days.

2:39 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, Behold, your servants be in Gath.

2:40 And Shimei arose, and saddled his ass, and went to Gath to Achish to seek his servants: and Shimei went, and brought his servants from Gath.

2:41 And it was told Solomon that Shimei had gone from Jerusalem to Gath, and was come again.

2:42 And the king sent and called for Shimei, and said to him, Did I not make you to swear by *Yehovah*, 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.

2:43 Why then have you not kept the oath of *Yehovah*, and the commandment that I have charged you with?

2:44 The king said moreover to Shimei, You know all the wickedness which your heart is privy to, that you did to David my father: therefore *Yehovah* shall return your wickedness on your own head;

2:45 And king Solomon shall be blessed, and the throne of David shall be established before *Yehovah* forever.

2:46 So the king commanded Benaiah the son of Jehoiada; which went out, and fell on him, that he died. And the kingdom was established in the hand of Solomon.

1 Kings – Chapter 3

3:1 And Solomon made affinity with Pharaoh king of Egypt, and took Pharaoh's daughter, and brought her into the city of David, until he had made an end of building his own house, and the house of *Yehovah*, and the wall of Jerusalem round about.

3:2 Only the people sacrificed in high places, because there was no house built to the name of *Yehovah*, until those days.

3:3 And Solomon loved *Yehovah*, walking in the statutes of David his father: only he sacrificed and burnt incense in high places.

3:4 And the king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there; for that was the great high place: a thousand burnt offerings did Solomon offer on that altar.

3:5 In Gibeon *Yehovah* appeared to Solomon in a dream by night: and God said, Ask what I shall give you.

3:6 And Solomon said, You have showed to your servant David my father great mercy, according as he walked before you in truth, and in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart with you; and you have kept for him this great kindness, that you have given him a son to sit on his throne, as it is this day.

3:7 And now, *O YEHOVAH* my God, you have made your servant king instead of David my father: and I am but a little child: I know not how to go out or come in.

3:8 And your servant is in the middle of your people which you have chosen, a great people, that cannot be numbered nor counted for multitude.

3:9 Give therefore your servant an understanding heart to judge your people, that I may discern between good and bad: for who is able to judge this your so great a people?

3:10 And the speech pleased *Yehovah*, that Solomon had asked this thing.

3:11 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;

3:12 Behold, I have done according to your words: see, I have given you a wise and an understanding heart; so that there was none like you before you, neither after you shall any arise like to you.

3:13 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 to you all your days.

3:14 And if you will walk in my ways, to keep my statutes and my commandments, as your father David did walk, then I will lengthen your days.

3:15 And Solomon awoke; and, behold, it was a dream. And he came to Jerusalem, and stood before the ark of the covenant of *Yehovah*, and offered up burnt offerings, and offered peace offerings, and made a feast to all his servants.

3:16 Then came there two women, that were harlots, to the king, and stood before him.

3:17 And the one woman said, O my lord, I and this woman dwell in one house; and I was delivered of a child with her in the house.

3:18 And it came to pass the third day after that I was delivered, that this woman was delivered also: and we were together; there was no stranger with us in the house, save we two in the house.

3:19 And this woman's child died in the night; because she overlaid it.

3:20 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.

3:21 And when I rose in the morning to give my child suck, behold, it was dead: but when I had considered it in the morning, behold, it was not my son, which I did bear.

3:22 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. Thus they spoke before the king.

3:23 Then said the king, The one said, This is my son that lives, and your son is the dead: and the other said, No; but your son is the dead, and my son is the living.

3:24 And the king said, Bring me a sword. And they brought a sword before the king.

3:25 And the king said, Divide the living child in two, and give half to the one, and half to the other.

3:26 Then spoke the woman whose the living child was to the king, for her bowels yearned on her son, and she said, O my lord, give her the living child, and in no wise slay it. But the other said, Let it be neither my nor yours, but divide it.

3:27 Then the king answered and said, Give her the living child, and in no wise slay it: she is the mother.

3:28 And all Israel heard of the judgment which the king had judged; and they feared the king: for they saw that the wisdom of God was in him, to do judgment.

1 Kings – Chapter 4

4:1 So king Solomon was king over all Israel.

4:2 And these were the princes which he had; Azariah the son of Zadok the priest,

4:3 Elihoreph and Ahiah, the sons of Shisha, scribes; Jehoshaphat the son of Ahilud, the recorder.

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

4:5 And Azariah the son of Nathan was over the officers: and Zabud the son of Nathan was principal officer, and the king's friend:

4:6 And Ahishar was over the household: and Adoniram the son of Abda was over the tribute.

4:7 And Solomon had twelve officers over all Israel, which provided provisions for the king and his household: each man his month in a year made provision.

4:8 And these are their names: The son of Hur, in mount Ephraim:

4:9 The son of Dekar, in Makaz, and in Shaalbim, and Bethshemesh, and Elonbethhanan:

4:10 The son of Hesed, in Aruboth; to him pertained Sochoh, and all the land of Hephher:

4:11 The son of Abinadab, in all the region of Dor; which had Taphath the daughter of Solomon to wife:

4:12 Baana the son of Ahilud; to him pertained Taanach and Megiddo, and all Bethshean, which is by Zartanah beneath Jezreel, from Bethshean to Abelmeholah, even to the place that is beyond Jokneam:

4:13 The son of Geber, in Ramothgilead; to him pertained the towns of Jair the son of Manasseh, which are in Gilead; to him also pertained the region of Argob, which is in Bashan, three score great cities with walls and brazen bars:

4:14 Ahinadab the son of Iddo had Mahanaim:

4:15 Ahimaaz was in Naphtali; he also took Basmath the daughter of Solomon to wife:

4:16 Baanah the son of Hushai was in Asher and in Aloth:

4:17 Jehoshaphat the son of Paruah, in Issachar:

4:18 Shimei the son of Elah, in Benjamin:

4:19 Geber the son of Uri was in the country of Gilead, in the country of Sihon king of the Amorites, and of Og king of Bashan; and he was the only officer which was in the land.

4:20 Judah and Israel were many, as the sand which is by the sea in multitude, eating and drinking, and making merry.

4:21 And Solomon reigned over all kingdoms from the river to the land of the Philistines, and to the border of Egypt: they brought presents, and served Solomon all the days of his life.

4:22 And Solomon's provision for one day was thirty measures of fine flour, and three score measures of meal,

4:23 Ten fat oxen, and twenty oxen out of the pastures, and a hundred sheep, beside harts, and roebucks, and fallow deer, and fatted fowl.

4:24 For he had dominion over all the region on this side the river, from Tiphseh even to Azzah, over all the kings on this side the river: and he had peace on all sides round about him.

4:25 And Judah and Israel dwelled safely, every man under his vine and under his fig tree, from Dan even to Beersheba, all the days of Solomon.

4:26 And Solomon had forty thousand stalls of horses for his chariots, and twelve thousand horsemen.

4:27 And those officers provided food for king Solomon, and for all that came to king Solomon's table, every man in his month: they lacked nothing.

4:28 Barley also and straw for the horses and dromedaries brought they to the place where the officers were, every man according to his charge.

4:29 And God gave Solomon wisdom and understanding exceeding much, and largeness of heart, even as the sand that is on the sea shore.

4:30 And Solomon's wisdom excelled the wisdom of all the children of the east country, and all the wisdom of Egypt.

4:31 For he was wiser than all men; than Ethan the Ezrahite, and Heman, and Chalcol, and Darda, the sons of Mahol: and his fame was in all nations round about.

4:32 And he spoke three thousand proverbs: and his songs were a thousand and five.

4:33 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 fowl, and of creeping things, and of fishes.

4:34 And there came of all people to hear the wisdom of Solomon, from all kings of the earth, which had heard of his wisdom.

1 Kings – Chapter 5

5:1 And Hiram king of Tyre sent his servants to Solomon; for he had heard that they had anointed him king in the room of his father: for Hiram was ever a lover of David.

5:2 And Solomon sent to Hiram, saying,

5:3 You know how that David my father could not build a house to the name of *Yehovah* his God for the wars which were about him on every side, until *Yehovah* put them under the soles of his feet.

5:4 But now *Yehovah* my God has given me rest on every side, so that there is neither adversary nor evil result.

5:5 And, behold, I purpose to build a house to the name of *Yehovah* my God, as *Yehovah* spoke to David my father, saying, Your son, whom I will set on your throne in your room, he shall build a house to my name.

5:6 Now therefore command you that they hew me cedar trees out of Lebanon; and my servants shall be with your servants: and to you will I give hire for your servants according to all that you shall appoint: for you know that there is not among us any that can skill to hew timber like to the Sidonians.

5:7 And it came to pass, when Hiram heard the words of Solomon, that he rejoiced greatly, and said, Blessed be *Yehovah* this day, which has given to David a wise son over this great people.

5:8 And Hiram sent to Solomon, saying, I have considered the things which you sent to me for: and I will do all your desire concerning timber of cedar, and concerning timber of fir.

5:9 My servants shall bring them down from Lebanon to the sea: and I will convey them by sea in floats to the place that you shall appoint 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.

5:10 So Hiram gave Solomon cedar trees and fir trees according to all his desire.

5:11 And Solomon gave Hiram twenty thousand measures of wheat for food to his household, and twenty measures of pure oil: thus gave Solomon to Hiram year by year.

5:12 And *Yehovah* gave Solomon wisdom, as he promised him: and there was peace between Hiram and Solomon; and they two made a league together.

5:13 And king Solomon raised a levy out of all Israel; and the levy was thirty thousand men.

5:14 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 levy.

5:15 And Solomon had three score and ten thousand that bore burdens, and fourscore thousand hewers in the mountains;

5:16 Beside the chief of Solomon's officers which were over the work, three thousand and three hundred, which ruled over the people that worked in the work.

5:17 And the king commanded, and they brought great stones, costly stones, and hewed stones, to lay the foundation of the house.

5:18 And Solomon's builders and Hiram's builders did hew them, and the stone squarers: so they prepared timber and stones to build the house.

1 Kings – Chapter 6

6:1 And it came to pass in the four hundred and eightieth year after the children of Israel were come out of the land of Egypt, in the fourth year of Solomon's reign over Israel, in the month Zif, which is the second month, that he began to build the house of *Yehovah*.

6:2 And the house which king Solomon built for *Yehovah*, the length was three score cubits, and the breadth twenty cubits, and the height thirty cubits.

6:3 And the porch before the temple of the house, twenty cubits was the length, according to the breadth of the house; and ten cubits was the breadth before the house.

6:4 And for the house he made windows of narrow lights.

6:5 And against the wall of the house he built chambers round about, against the walls of the house round about, both of the temple and of the oracle: and he made chambers round about:

6:6 The nethermost chamber was five cubits broad, and the middle was six cubits broad, and the third was seven cubits broad: for without in the wall of the house he made narrowed rests round about, that the beams should not be fastened in the walls of the house.

6:7 And the house, when it was in building, was built of stone made ready before it was brought there: so that there was neither hammer nor ax nor any tool of iron heard in the house, while it was in building.

6:8 The door for the middle chamber was in the right side of the house: and they went up with winding stairs into the middle chamber, and out of the middle into the third.

6:9 So he built the house, and finished it; and covered the house with beams and boards of cedar.

6:10 And then he built chambers against all the house, five cubits high: and they rested on the house with timber of cedar.

6:11 And the word of *Yehovah* came to Solomon, saying,

6:12 Concerning this house which you are in building, if you will walk in my statutes, and execute my judgments, and keep all my commandments to walk in them; then will I perform my word with you, which I spoke to David your father:

6:13 And I will dwell among the children of Israel, and will not forsake my people Israel.

6:14 So Solomon built the house, and finished it.

6:15 And he built the walls of the house within with boards of cedar, both the floor of the house, and the walls of the ceiling: and he covered them on the inside with wood, and covered the floor of the house with planks of fir.

6:16 And he built twenty cubits on the sides of the house, both the floor and the walls with boards of cedar: he even built them for it within, even for the oracle, even for the most holy place.

6:17 And the house, that is, the temple before it, was forty cubits long.

6:18 And the cedar of the house within was carved with knops and open flowers: all was cedar; there was no stone seen.

6:19 And the oracle he prepared in the house within, to set there the ark of the covenant of *Yehovah*.

6:20 And the oracle in the forepart was twenty cubits in length, and twenty cubits in breadth, and twenty cubits in the height: and he overlaid it with pure gold; and so covered the altar which was of cedar.

6:21 So Solomon overlaid the house within with pure gold: and he made a partition by the chains of gold before the oracle; and he overlaid it with gold.

6:22 And the whole house he overlaid with gold, until he had finished all the house: also the whole altar that was by the oracle he overlaid with gold.

6:23 And within the oracle he made two cherubim of olive tree, each ten cubits high.

6:24 And five cubits was the one wing of the cherub, and five cubits the other wing of the cherub: from the uttermost part of the one wing to the uttermost part of the other were ten cubits.

6:25 And the other cherub was ten cubits: both the cherubim were of one measure and one size.

6:26 The height of the one cherub was ten cubits, and so was it of the other cherub.

6:27 And he set the cherubim within the inner house: and they stretched forth the wings of the cherubim, 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 middle of the house.

6:28 And he overlaid the cherubim with gold.

6:29 And he carved all the walls of the house round about with carved figures of cherubim and palm trees and open flowers, within and without.

6:30 And the floors of the house he overlaid with gold, within and without.

6:31 And for the entering of the oracle he made doors of olive tree: the lintel and side posts were a fifth part of the wall.

6:32 The two doors also were of olive tree; and he carved on them carvings of cherubim and palm trees and open flowers, and overlaid them with gold, and spread gold on the cherubim, and on the palm trees.

6:33 So also made he for the door of the temple posts of olive tree, a fourth part of the wall.

6:34 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.

6:35 And he carved thereon cherubim and palm trees and open flowers: and covered them with gold fitted on the carved work.

6:36 And he built the inner court with three rows of hewed stone, and a row of cedar beams.

6:37 In the fourth year was the foundation of the house of *Yehovah* laid, in the month Zif:

6:38 And in the eleventh year, in the month Bul, which is the eighth month, was the house finished throughout all the parts, and according to all the fashion of it. So was he seven years in building it.

1 Kings – Chapter 7

7:1 But Solomon was building his own house thirteen years, and he finished all his house.

7:2 He built also the house of the forest of Lebanon; the length of it was a hundred cubits, and the breadth fifty cubits, and the height thirty cubits, on four rows of cedar pillars, with cedar beams on the pillars.

7:3 And it was covered with cedar above on the beams, that lay on forty five pillars, fifteen in a row.

7:4 And there were windows in three rows, and light was against light in three ranks.

7:5 And all the doors and posts were square, with the windows: and light was against light in three ranks.

7:6 And he made a porch of pillars; the length of it was fifty cubits, and the breadth thirty cubits: and the porch was before them: and the other pillars and the thick beam were before them.

7:7 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.

7:8 And his house where he dwelled had another court within the porch, which was of the like work. Solomon made also a house for Pharaoh's daughter, whom he had taken to wife, like to this porch.

7:9 All these were of costly stones, according to the measures of hewed stones, sawed with saws, within and without, even from the foundation to the coping, and so on the outside toward the great court.

7:10 And the foundation was of costly stones, even great stones, stones of ten cubits, and stones of eight cubits.

7:11 And above were costly stones, after the measures of hewed stones, and cedars.

7:12 And the great court round about was with three rows of hewed stones, and a row of cedar beams, both for the inner court of the house of *Yehovah*, and for the porch of the house.

7:13 And king Solomon sent for Hiram from out of Tyre.

7:14 He was a widow's son of the tribe of Naphtali, and his father was a man of Tyre, a worker in brass: and he was filled with wisdom, and understanding, and cunning to work all works in brass. And he came to king Solomon, and worked all his work.

7:15 For he cast two pillars of brass, of eighteen cubits high apiece: and a line of twelve cubits did compass either of them about.

7:16 And he made two capitals of molten brass, to set on the tops of the pillars: the height of the one capital was five cubits, and the height of the other capital was five cubits:

7:17 And nets of checker work, and wreaths of chain work, for the capitals which were on the top of the pillars; seven for the one capital, and seven for the other capital.

7:18 And he made the pillars, and two rows round about on the one network, to cover the capitals that were on the top, with pomegranates: and so did he for the other capital.

7:19 And the capitals that were on the top of the pillars were of lily work in the porch, four cubits.

7:20 And the capitals on the two pillars had pomegranates also above, over against the belly which was by the network: and the pomegranates were two hundred in rows round about on the other capital.

7:21 And he set up the pillars in the porch of the temple: and he set up the right pillar, and called the name Jachin: and he set up the left pillar, and called the name of it Boaz.

7:22 And on the top of the pillars was lily work: so was the work of the pillars finished.

7:23 And he made a molten sea, ten cubits from the one brim to the other: it was round all about, and his height was five cubits: and a line of thirty cubits did compass it round about.

7:24 And under the brim of it round about there were knops compassing it, ten in a cubit, compassing the sea round about: the knops were cast in two rows, when it was cast.

7:25 It stood on twelve oxen, three looking toward the north, and three looking toward the west, and three looking toward the south, and three looking toward the east: and the sea was set above on them, and all their hinder parts were inward.

7:26 And it was a hand breadth thick, and the brim was worked like the brim of a cup, with flowers of lilies: it contained two thousand baths.

7:27 And he made ten bases of brass; four cubits was the length of one base, and four cubits the breadth of it, and three cubits the height of it.

7:28 And the work of the bases was on this manner: they had borders, and the borders were between the ledges:

7:29 And on the borders that were between the ledges were lions, oxen, and cherubim: and on the ledges there was a base above: and beneath the lions and oxen were certain additions made of thin work.

7:30 And every base had four brazen wheels, and plates of brass: and the four corners had supports: under the laver were supports molten, at the side of every addition.

7:31 And the mouth of it within the capital and above was a cubit: but the mouth was round after the work of the base, a cubit and a half: and also on the mouth of it were engravings with their borders, foursquare, not round.

7:32 And under the borders were four wheels; and the axletrees of the wheels were joined to the base: and the height of a wheel was a cubit and half a cubit.

7:33 And the work of the wheels was like the work of a chariot wheel: their axletrees, and their naves, and their felloes, and their spokes, were all molten.

7:34 And there were four supports to the four corners of one base: and the supports were of the very base itself.

7:35 And in the top of the base was there a round compass of half a cubit high: and on the top of the base the ledges and the borders were of the same.

7:36 For on the plates of the ledges, and on the borders, he engraved cherubim, lions, and palm trees, according to the proportion of everyone, and additions round about.

7:37 After this manner he made the ten bases: all of them had one casting, one measure, and one size.

7:38 Then made he ten lavers of brass: one laver contained forty baths: and every laver was four cubits: and on everyone of the ten bases one laver.

7:39 And he put five bases on the right side of the house, and five on the left side of the house: and he set the sea on the right side of the house eastward over against the south.

7:40 And Hiram made the lavers, and the shovels, and the basins. So Hiram made an end of doing all the work that he made king Solomon for the house of *Yehovah*:

7:41 The two pillars, and the two bowls of the capitals that were on the top of the two pillars; and the two networks, to cover the two bowls of the capitals which were on the top of the pillars;

7:42 And four hundred pomegranates for the two networks, even two rows of pomegranates for one network, to cover the two bowls of the capitals that were on the pillars;

7:43 And the ten bases, and ten lavers on the bases;

7:44 And one sea, and twelve oxen under the sea;

7:45 And the pots, and the shovels, and the basins: and all these vessels, which Hiram made to king Solomon for the house of *Yehovah*, were of bright brass.

7:46 In the plain of Jordan did the king cast them, in the clay ground between Succoth and Zarthan.

7:47 And Solomon left all the vessels unweighed, because they were exceeding many: neither was the weight of the brass found out.

7:48 And Solomon made all the vessels that pertained to the house of *Yehovah*: the altar of gold, and the table of gold, whereupon the show bread was,

7:49 And the candlesticks of pure gold, five on the right side, and five on the left, before the oracle, with the flowers, and the lamps, and the tongs of gold,

7:50 And the bowls, and the snuffers, and the basins, and the spoons, and the censers of pure gold; and the hinges of gold, both for the doors of the inner house, the most holy place, and for the doors of the house, as to all of the temple.

7:51 So was ended all the work that king Solomon made for the house of *Yehovah*. And Solomon brought in the things which David his father had dedicated; even the silver, and the gold, and the vessels, did he put among the treasures of the house of *Yehovah*.

1 Kings – Chapter 8

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 *Yehovah* out of the city of David, which is Zion.

8:2 And all the men of Israel assembled themselves to king Solomon at the feast in the month Ethanim, which is the seventh month.

8:3 And all the elders of Israel came, and the priests took up the ark.

8:4 And they brought up the ark of *Yehovah*, and the tabernacle of the congregation, and all the holy vessels that were in the tabernacle, even those did the priests and the Levites bring up.

8:5 And king Solomon, and all the congregation of Israel, that were assembled to him, were with him before the ark, sacrificing sheep and oxen, that could not be told nor numbered for multitude.

8:6 And the priests brought in the ark of the covenant of *Yehovah* to his place, into the oracle of the house, to the most holy place, even under the wings of the cherubim.

8:7 For the cherubim spread forth their two wings over the place of the ark, and the cherubim covered the ark and the staves above.

8:8 And they drew out the staves, that the ends of the staves were seen out in the holy place before the oracle, and they were not seen without: and there they are to this day.

8:9 There was nothing in the ark save the two tables of stone, which Moses put there at Horeb, when *Yehovah* made a covenant with the children of Israel, when they came out of the land of Egypt.

8:10 And it came to pass, when the priests were come out of the holy place, that the cloud filled the house of *Yehovah*,

8:11 So that the priests could not stand to minister because of the cloud: for the glory of *Yehovah* had filled the house of *Yehovah*.

8:12 Then spoke Solomon, *Yehovah* said that he would dwell in the thick darkness.

8:13 I have surely built you a house to dwell in, a settled place for you to abide in forever.

8:14 And the king turned his face about, and blessed all the congregation of Israel: (and all the congregation of Israel stood;)

8:15 And he said, Blessed be *Yehovah* God of Israel, which spoke with his mouth to David my father, and has with his hand fulfilled it, saying,

8:16 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, that my name might be in it; but I chose David to be over my people Israel.

8:17 And it was in the heart of David my father to build a house for the name of *Yehovah* God of Israel.

8:18 And *Yehovah* said to David my father, Whereas it was in your heart to build a house to my name, you did well that it was in your heart.

8:19 Nevertheless you shall not build the house; but your son that shall come forth out of your loins, he shall build the house to my name.

8:20 And *Yehovah* has performed his word that he spoke, and I am risen up in the room of David my father, and sit on the throne of Israel, as *Yehovah* promised, and have built a house for the name of *Yehovah* God of Israel.

8:21 And I have set there a place for the ark, in which is the covenant of *Yehovah*, which he made with our fathers, when he brought them out of the land of Egypt.

8:22 And Solomon stood before the altar of *Yehovah* in the presence of all the congregation of Israel, and spread forth his hands toward heaven:

8:23 And he said, *YEHOVAH* God of Israel, there is no God like you, in heaven above, or on earth beneath, who keep covenant and mercy with your servants that walk before you with all their heart:

8:24 Who have kept with your servant David my father that you promised him: you spoke also with your mouth, and have fulfilled it with your hand, as it is this day.

8:25 Therefore now, *YEHOVAH* God of Israel, keep with your servant David my father that you promised him, saying, There shall not fail you a man in my sight to sit on the throne of Israel; so that your children take heed to their way, that they walk before me as you have walked before me.

8:26 And now, O God of Israel, let your word, I pray you, be verified, which you spoke to your servant David my father.

8:27 But will God indeed dwell on the earth? behold, the heaven and heaven of heavens cannot contain you; how much less this house that I have built?

8:28 Yet have you respect to the prayer of your servant, and to his supplication, *O YEHOVAH* my God, to listen to the cry and to the prayer, which your servant prays before you to day:

8:29 That your eyes may be open toward this house night and day, even toward the place of which you have said, My name shall be there: that you may listen to the prayer which your servant shall make toward this place.

8:30 And listen you to the supplication of your servant, and of your people Israel, when they shall pray toward this place: and hear you in heaven your dwelling place: and when you hear, forgive.

8:31 If any man trespass against his neighbor, and an oath be laid on him to cause him to swear, and the oath come before your altar in this house:

8:32 Then hear you in heaven, and do, and judge your servants, condemning the wicked, to bring his way on his head; and justifying the righteous, to give him according to his righteousness.

8:33 When your people Israel be smitten down before the enemy, because they have sinned against you, and shall turn again to you, and confess your name, and pray, and make supplication to you in this house:

8:34 Then hear you in heaven, and forgive the sin of your people Israel, and bring them again to the land which you gave to their fathers.

8:35 When heaven is shut up, and there is no rain, because they have sinned against you; if they pray toward this place, and confess your name, and turn from their sin, when you afflict them:

8:36 Then hear you 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 on your land, which you have given to your people for an inheritance.

8:37 If there be in the land famine, if there be pestilence, blasting, mildew, locust, or if there be caterpillar; if their enemy besiege them in the land of their cities; whatever plague, whatever sickness there be;

8:38 What prayer and supplication soever be made by any man, or by all your people Israel, which shall know every man the plague of his own heart, and spread forth his hands toward this house:

8:39 Then hear you in heaven your dwelling place, and forgive, and do, and give to every man according to his ways, whose heart you know; (for you, even you only, know the hearts of all the children of men;)

8:40 That they may fear you all the days that they live in the land which you gave to our fathers.

8:41 Moreover concerning a stranger, that is not of your people Israel, but comes out of a far country for your name's sake;

8:42 (For they shall hear of your great name, and of your strong hand, and of your stretched out arm;) when he shall come and pray toward this house;

8:43 Hear you in heaven your dwelling place, 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 do your people Israel; and that they may know that this house, which I have built, is called by your name.

8:44 If your people go out to battle against their enemy, wherever you shall send them, and shall pray to *Yehovah* toward the city which you have chosen, and toward the house that I have built for your name:

8:45 Then hear you in heaven their prayer and their supplication, and maintain their cause.

8:46 If they sin against you, (for there is no man that sins not,) and you be 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;

8:47 Yet if they shall bethink themselves in the land where they were carried captives, and repent, and make supplication to you in the land of them that carried them captives, saying, We have sinned, and have done perversely, we have committed wickedness;

8:48 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 toward their land, which you gave to their fathers, the city which you have chosen, and the house which I have built for your name:

8:49 Then hear you their prayer and their supplication in heaven your dwelling place, and maintain their cause,

8:50 And forgive your people that have sinned against you, and all their transgressions in which they have transgressed against you, and give them compassion before them who carried them captive, that they may have compassion on them:

8:51 For they be your people, and your inheritance, which you brought forth out of Egypt, from the middle of the furnace of iron:

8:52 That your eyes may be open to the supplication of your servant, and to the supplication of your people Israel, to listen to them in all that they call for to you.

8:53 For you did separate 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 fathers out of Egypt, *O YEHOVAH* God.

8:54 And it was so, that when Solomon had made an end of praying all this prayer and supplication to *Yehovah*, he arose from before the altar of *Yehovah*, from kneeling on his knees with his hands spread up to heaven.

8:55 And he stood, and blessed all the congregation of Israel with a loud voice, saying,

8:56 Blessed be *Yehovah*, that 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.

8:57 *Yehovah* our God be with us, as he was with our fathers: let him not leave us, nor forsake us:

8:58 That he may incline our hearts to him, to walk in all his ways, and to keep his commandments, and his statutes, and his judgments, which he commanded our fathers.

8:59 And let these my words, with which I have made supplication before *Yehovah*, be near to *Yehovah* 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:

8:60 That all the people of the earth may know that *Yehovah* is God, and that there is none else.

8:61 Let your heart therefore be perfect with *Yehovah* our God, to walk in his statutes, and to keep his commandments, as at this day.

8:62 And the king, and all Israel with him, offered sacrifice before *Yehovah*.

8:63 And Solomon offered a sacrifice of peace offerings, which he offered to *Yehovah*, two and twenty thousand oxen, and a hundred and twenty thousand sheep. So the king and all the children of Israel dedicated the house of *Yehovah*.

8:64 The same day did the king hallow the middle of the court that was before the house of *Yehovah*: for there he offered burnt offerings, and meat offerings, and the fat of the peace offerings: because the brazen altar that was before *Yehovah* was too little to receive the burnt offerings, and meat offerings, and the fat of the peace offerings.

8:65 And at that time Solomon held a feast, and all Israel with him, a great congregation, from the entering in of Hamath to the river of Egypt, before *Yehovah* our God, seven days and seven days, even fourteen days.

8:66 On the eighth day he sent the people away: and they blessed the king, and went to their tents joyful and glad of heart for all the goodness that *Yehovah* had done for David his servant, and for Israel his people.

1 Kings – Chapter 9

9:1 And it came to pass, when Solomon had finished the building of the house of *Yehovah*, and the king's house, and all Solomon's desire which he was pleased to do,

9:2 That *Yehovah* appeared to Solomon the second time, as he had appeared to him at Gibeon.

9:3 And *Yehovah* said to him, I have heard your prayer and your supplication, that you have made before me: I have hallowed this house, which you have built, to put my name there forever; and my eyes and my heart shall be there perpetually.

9:4 And if you will walk before me, as David your father walked, in integrity of heart, and in uprightness, to do according to all that I have commanded you, and will keep my statutes and my judgments:

9:5 Then I will establish the throne of your kingdom on Israel forever, as I promised to David your father, saying, There shall not fail you a man on the throne of Israel.

9:6 But if you shall at all turn from following me, you or your children, and will not keep my commandments and my statutes which I have set before you, but go and serve other gods, and worship them:

9:7 Then will I cut off Israel out of the land which I have given them; and this house, which I have hallowed for my name, will I cast out of my sight; and Israel shall be a proverb and a byword among all people:

9:8 And at this house, which is high, everyone that passes by it shall be astonished, and shall hiss; and they shall say, Why has *Yehovah* done thus to this land, and to this house?

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

9:10 And it came to pass at the end of twenty years, when Solomon had built the two houses, the house of *Yehovah*, and the king's house,

9:11 (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.

9:12 And Hiram came out from Tyre to see the cities which Solomon had given him; and they pleased him not.

9:13 And he said, What cities are these which you have given me, my brother? And he called them the land of Cabul to this day.

9:14 And Hiram sent to the king six score talents of gold.

9:15 And this is the reason of the levy which king Solomon raised; for to build the house of *Yehovah*, and his own house, and Millo, and the wall of Jerusalem, and Hazor, and Megiddo, and Gezer.

9:16 For Pharaoh king of Egypt had gone up, and taken Gezer, and burnt it with fire, and slain the Canaanites that dwelled in the city, and given it for a present to his daughter, Solomon's wife.

9:17 And Solomon built Gezer, and Bethhoron the nether,

9:18 And Baalath, and Tadmor in the wilderness, in the land,

9:19 And all the cities of store that Solomon had, and cities for his chariots, and cities for his horsemen, and that which Solomon desired to build in Jerusalem, and in Lebanon, and in all the land of his dominion.

9:20 And all the people that were left of the Amorites, Hittites, Perizzites, Hivites, and Jebusites, which were not of the children of Israel,

9:21 Their children that were left after them in the land, whom the children of Israel also were not able utterly to destroy, on those did Solomon levy a tribute of slavery to this day.

9:22 But of the children of Israel did Solomon make no slaves: but they were men of war, and his servants, and his princes, and his captains, and rulers of his chariots, and his horsemen.

9:23 These were the chief of the officers that were over Solomon's work, five hundred and fifty, which bore rule over the people that worked in the work.

9:24 But Pharaoh's daughter came up out of the city of David to her house which Solomon had built for her: then did he build Millo.

9:25 And three times in a year did Solomon offer burnt offerings and peace offerings on the altar which he built to *Yehovah*, and he burnt incense on the altar that was before *Yehovah*. So he finished the house.

9:26 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.

9:27 And Hiram sent in the navy his servants, shipmen that had knowledge of the sea, with the servants of Solomon.

9:28 And they came to Ophir, and gathered from there gold, four hundred and twenty talents, and brought it to king Solomon.

1 Kings – Chapter 10

10:1 And when the queen of Sheba heard of the fame of Solomon concerning the name of *Yehovah*, she came to prove him with hard questions.

10:2 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 was come to Solomon, she communed with him of all that was in her heart.

10:3 And Solomon told her all her questions: there was not anything hid from the king, which he told her not.

10:4 And when the queen of Sheba had seen all Solomon's wisdom, and the house that he had built,

10:5 And the meat of his table, and the sitting of his servants, and the attendance of his ministers, and their apparel, and his cupbearers, and his ascent by which he went up to the house of *Yehovah*; there was no more spirit in her.

10:6 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.

10:7 However, I believed not the words, until I came, and my eyes had seen it: and, behold, the half was not told me: your wisdom and prosperity exceeds the fame which I heard.

10:8 Happy are your men, happy are these your servants, which stand continually before you, and that hear your wisdom.

10:9 Blessed be *Yehovah* your God, which delighted in you, to set you on the throne of Israel: because *Yehovah* loved Israel forever, therefore made he you king, to do judgment and justice.

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

10:11 And the navy also of Hiram, that brought gold from Ophir, brought in from Ophir great plenty of almug trees, and precious stones.

10:12 And the king made of the almug trees pillars for the house of *Yehovah*, and for the king's house, harps also and psalteries for singers: there came no such almug trees, nor were seen to this day.

10:13 And king Solomon gave to the queen of Sheba all her desire, whatever she asked, beside that which Solomon gave her of his royal bounty. So she turned and went to her own country, she and her servants.

10:14 Now the weight of gold that came to Solomon in one year was six hundred three score and six talents of gold,

10:15 Beside that he had of the merchants, and of the traffic of the spice merchants, and of all the kings of Arabia, and of the governors of the country.

10:16 And king Solomon made two hundred targets of beaten gold: six hundred shekels of gold went to one target.

10:17 And he made three hundred shields of beaten gold; three pound of gold went to one shield: and the king put them in the house of the forest of Lebanon.

10:18 Moreover the king made a great throne of ivory, and overlaid it with the best gold.

10:19 The throne had six steps, and the top of the throne was round behind: and there were stays on either side on the place of the seat, and two lions stood beside the stays.

10:20 And twelve lions stood there on the one side and on the other on the six steps: there was not the like made in any kingdom.

10:21 And all king Solomon's drinking vessels were of gold, and all the vessels of the house of the forest of Lebanon were of pure gold; none were of silver: it was nothing accounted of in the days of Solomon.

10:22 For the king had at sea a navy of Tarshish with the navy of Hiram: once in three years came the navy of Tarshish, bringing gold, and silver, ivory, and apes, and peacocks.

10:23 So king Solomon exceeded all the kings of the earth for riches and for wisdom.

10:24 And all the earth sought to Solomon, to hear his wisdom, which God had put in his heart.

10:25 And they brought every man his present, vessels of silver, and vessels of gold, and garments, and armor, and spices, horses, and mules, a rate year by year.

10:26 And Solomon gathered together chariots and horsemen: and he had a thousand and four hundred chariots, and twelve thousand horsemen, whom he bestowed in the cities for chariots, and with the king at Jerusalem.

10:27 And the king made silver to be in Jerusalem as stones, and cedars made he to be as the sycomore trees that are in the vale, for abundance.

10:28 And Solomon had horses brought out of Egypt, and linen yarn: the king's merchants received the linen yarn at a price.

10:29 And a chariot came up and went out of Egypt for six hundred shekels of silver, and a horse for a hundred and fifty: and so for all the kings of the Hittites, and for the kings of Syria, did they bring them out by their means.

1 Kings – Chapter 11

11:1 But king Solomon loved many strange women, together with the daughter of Pharaoh, women of the Moabites, Ammonites, Edomites, Zidonians, and Hittites:

11:2 Of the nations concerning which *Yehovah* said to the children of Israel, You shall not go in to them, neither shall they come in to you: for surely they will turn away your heart after their gods: Solomon joined to these in love.

11:3 And he had seven hundred wives, princesses, and three hundred concubines: and his wives turned away his heart.

11:4 For it came to pass, when Solomon was old, that his wives turned away his heart after other gods: and his heart was not perfect with *Yehovah* his God, as was the heart of David his father.

11:5 For Solomon went after Ashtoreth the goddess of the Zidonians, and after Milcom the abomination of the Ammonites.

11:6 And Solomon did evil in the sight of *Yehovah*, and went not fully after *Yehovah*, as did David his father.

11:7 Then did Solomon build 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.

11:8 And likewise did he for all his strange wives, which burnt incense and sacrificed to their gods.

11:9 And *Yehovah* was angry with Solomon, because his heart was turned from *Yehovah* God of Israel, which had appeared to him twice,

11:10 And had commanded him concerning this thing, that he should not go after other gods: but he kept not that which *Yehovah* commanded.

11:11 Why *Yehovah* said to Solomon, For as much as this is done of you, and you have not kept my covenant and my statutes, which I have commanded you, I will surely rend the kingdom from you, and will give it to your servant.

11:12 Notwithstanding in your days I will not do it for David your father's sake: but I will rend it out of the hand of your son.

11:13 However, I will not rend 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.

11:14 And *Yehovah* stirred up an adversary to Solomon, Hadad the Edomite: he was of the king's seed in Edom.

11:15 For it came to pass, when David was in Edom, and Joab the captain of the army was gone up to bury the slain, after he had smitten every male in Edom;

11:16 (For six months did Joab remain there with all Israel, until he had cut off every male in Edom:)

11:17 That Hadad fled, he and certain Edomites of his father's servants with him, to go into Egypt; Hadad being yet a little child.

11:18 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; which gave him a house, and appointed him provisions, and gave him land.

11:19 And Hadad found great favor in the sight of Pharaoh, so that he gave him to wife the sister of his own wife, the sister of Tahpenes the queen.

11:20 And the sister of Tahpenes bore him Genubath his son, whom Tahpenes weaned in Pharaoh's house: and Genubath was in Pharaoh's household among the sons of Pharaoh.

11:21 And when Hadad heard in Egypt that David slept with his fathers, and that Joab the captain of the army was dead, Hadad said to Pharaoh, Let me depart, that I may go to my own country.

11:22 Then Pharaoh said to him, But what have you lacked with me, that, behold, you seek to go to your own country? And he answered, Nothing: however, let me go in any wise.

11:23 And God stirred him up another adversary, Rezon the son of Eliadah, which fled from his lord Hadadezer king of Zobah:

11:24 And he gathered men to him, and became captain over a band, when David slew them of Zobah: and they went to Damascus, and dwelled in it, and reigned in Damascus.

11:25 And he was an adversary to Israel all the days of Solomon, beside the mischief that Hadad did: and he abhorred Israel, and reigned over Syria.

11:26 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.

11:27 And this was the cause that he lifted up his hand against the king: Solomon built Millo, and repaired the breaches of the city of David his father.

11:28 And the man Jeroboam was a mighty man of valor: and Solomon seeing the young man that he was industrious, he made him ruler over all the charge of the house of Joseph.

11:29 And it came to pass at that time when Jeroboam went out of Jerusalem, that the prophet Ahijah the Shilonite found him in the way; and he had clad himself with a new garment; and they two were alone in the field:

11:30 And Ahijah caught the new garment that was on him, and rent it in twelve pieces:

11:31 And he said to Jeroboam, Take you ten pieces: for thus said *Yehovah*, the God of Israel, Behold, I will rend the kingdom out of the hand of Solomon, and will give ten tribes to you:

11:32 (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:)

11:33 Because that they have forsaken me, and have worshipped 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 statutes and my judgments, as did David his father.

11:34 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 statutes:

11:35 But I will take the kingdom out of his son's hand, and will give it to you, even ten tribes.

11:36 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 me to put my name there.

11:37 And I will take you, and you shall reign according to all that your soul desires, and shall be king over Israel.

11:38 And it shall be, if you will listen to all that I command you, and will walk in my ways, and do that is right in my sight, to keep my statutes and

my commandments, as David my servant did; that I will be with you, and build you a sure house, as I built for David, and will give Israel to you.

11:39 And I will for this afflict the seed of David, but not forever.

11:40 Solomon sought therefore to kill Jeroboam. And Jeroboam arose, and fled into Egypt, to Shishak king of Egypt, and was in Egypt until the death of Solomon.

11:41 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?

11:42 And the time that Solomon reigned in Jerusalem over all Israel was forty years.

11:43 And Solomon slept with his fathers, and was buried in the city of David his father: and Rehoboam his son reigned in his stead.

1 Kings – Chapter 12

12:1 And Rehoboam went to Shechem: for all Israel were come to Shechem to make him king.

12:2 And it came to pass, when Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who was yet in Egypt, heard of it, (for he was fled from the presence of king Solomon, and Jeroboam dwelled in Egypt;)

12:3 That they sent and called him. And Jeroboam and all the congregation of Israel came, and spoke to Rehoboam, saying,

12:4 Your father made our yoke grievous: now therefore make you the grievous service of your father, and his heavy yoke which he put on us, lighter, and we will serve you.

12:5 And he said to them, Depart yet for three days, then come again to me. And the people departed.

12:6 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?

12:7 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.

12:8 But he forsook the counsel of the old men, which they had given him, and consulted with the young men that were grown up with him, and which stood before him:

12:9 And he said to them, What counsel give you that we may answer this people, who have spoken to me, saying, Make the yoke which your father did put on us lighter?

12:10 And the young men that were grown up with him spoke to him, saying, Thus shall you speak to this people that spoke to you, saying, Your father made our yoke heavy, but make you it lighter to us; thus shall you say to them, My little finger shall be thicker than my father's loins.

12:11 And now whereas my father did lade you with a heavy yoke, I will add to your yoke: my father has chastised you with whips, but I will chastise you with scorpions.

12:12 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.

12:13 And the king answered the people roughly, and forsook the old men's counsel that they gave him;

12:14 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.

12:15 Why the king listened not to the people; for the cause was from *Yehovah*, that he might perform his saying, which *Yehovah* spoke by Ahijah the Shilonite to Jeroboam the son of Nebat.

12:16 So when all Israel saw that the king listened not to them, the people answered the king, saying, What portion have we in David? neither have we inheritance in the son of Jesse: to your tents, O Israel: now see to your own house, David. So Israel departed to their tents.

12:17 But as for the children of Israel which dwelled in the cities of Judah, Rehoboam reigned over them.

12:18 Then king Rehoboam sent Adoram, who was over the tribute; and all Israel stoned him with stones, that he died. Therefore king Rehoboam made speed to get him up to his chariot, to flee to Jerusalem.

12:19 So Israel rebelled against the house of David to this day.

12:20 And it came to pass, when all Israel heard that Jeroboam was come again, that they sent and called him to the congregation, and made him king over all Israel: there was none that followed the house of David, but the tribe of Judah only.

12:21 And when Rehoboam was come to Jerusalem, he assembled all the house of Judah, with the tribe of Benjamin, a hundred and fourscore thousand chosen men, which were warriors, to fight against the house of Israel, to bring the kingdom again to Rehoboam the son of Solomon.

12:22 But the word of God came to Shemaiah the man of God, saying,

12:23 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,

12:24 Thus said *Yehovah*, You shall not go up, nor fight against your brothers the children of Israel: return every man to his house; for this thing is from me. They listened therefore to the word of *Yehovah*, and returned to depart, according to the word of *Yehovah*.

12:25 Then Jeroboam built Shechem in mount Ephraim, and dwelled in it; and went out from there, and built Penuel.

12:26 And Jeroboam said in his heart, Now shall the kingdom return to the house of David:

12:27 If this people go up to do sacrifice in the house of *Yehovah* at Jerusalem, then shall the heart of this people turn again to their lord, even to Rehoboam king of Judah, and they shall kill me, and go again to Rehoboam king of Judah.

12:28 Whereupon 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: behold your gods, O Israel, which brought you up out of the land of Egypt.

12:29 And he set the one in Bethel, and the other put he in Dan.

12:30 And this thing became a sin: for the people went to worship before the one, even to Dan.

12:31 And he made a house of high places, and made priests of the lowest of the people, which were not of the sons of Levi.

12:32 And Jeroboam ordained a feast in the eighth month, on the fifteenth day of the month, like to the feast that is in Judah, and he offered on 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.

12:33 So he offered on the altar which he had made in Bethel the fifteenth day of the eighth month, even in the month which he had devised of his own heart; and ordained a feast to the children of Israel: and he offered on the altar, and burnt incense.

1 Kings – Chapter 13

13:1 And, behold, there came a man of God out of Judah by the word of *Yehovah* to Bethel: and Jeroboam stood by the altar to burn incense.

13:2 And he cried against the altar in the word of *Yehovah*, and said, O altar, altar, thus said *Yehovah*; Behold, a child shall be born to the house of David, Josiah by name; and on you shall he offer the priests of the high places that burn incense on you, and men's bones shall be burnt on you.

13:3 And he gave a sign the same day, saying, This is the sign which *Yehovah* has spoken; Behold, the altar shall be rent, and the ashes that are on it shall be poured out.

13:4 And it came to pass, when king Jeroboam heard the saying of the man of God, which had cried against the altar in Bethel, that he put forth his hand from the altar, saying, Lay hold on him. And his hand, which he put forth against him, dried up, so that he could not pull it in again to him.

13:5 The altar also was rent, and the ashes poured out from the altar, according to the sign which the man of God had given by the word of *Yehovah*.

13:6 And the king answered and said to the man of God, Entreat now the face of *Yehovah* your God, and pray for me, that my hand may be restored me again. And the man of God sought *Yehovah*, and the king's hand was restored him again, and became as it was before.

13:7 And the king said to the man of God, Come home with me, and refresh yourself, and I will give you a reward.

13:8 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:

13:9 For so was it charged me by the word of *Yehovah*, saying, Eat no bread, nor drink water, nor turn again by the same way that you came.

13:10 So he went another way, and returned not by the way that he came to Bethel.

13:11 Now there dwelled 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, them they told also to their father.

13:12 And their father said to them, What way went he? For his sons had seen what way the man of God went, which came from Judah.

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

13:14 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 that came from Judah? And he said, I am.

13:15 Then he said to him, Come home with me, and eat bread.

13:16 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:

13:17 For it was said to me by the word of *Yehovah*, You shall eat no bread nor drink water there, nor turn again to go by the way that you came.

13:18 He said to him, I am a prophet also as you are; and an angel spoke to me by the word of *Yehovah*, saying, Bring him back with you into your house, that he may eat bread and drink water. But he lied to him.

13:19 So he went back with him, and did eat bread in his house, and drank water.

13:20 And it came to pass, as they sat at the table, that the word of *Yehovah* came to the prophet that brought him back:

13:21 And he cried to the man of God that came from Judah, saying, Thus said *Yehovah*, For as much as you have disobeyed the mouth of *Yehovah*, and have not kept the commandment which *Yehovah* your God commanded you,

13:22 But came back, and have eaten bread and drunk water in the place, of the which *Yehovah* did say to you, Eat no bread, and drink no water; your carcass shall not come to the sepulcher of your fathers.

13:23 And it came to pass, after he had eaten bread, and after he had drunk, that he saddled for him the ass, for the prophet whom he had brought back.

13:24 And when he was gone, a lion met him by the way, and slew him: and his carcass was cast in the way, and the ass stood by it, the lion also stood by the carcass.

13:25 And, behold, men passed by, and saw the carcass cast in the way, and the lion standing by the carcass: and they came and told it in the city where the old prophet dwelled.

13:26 And when the prophet that brought him back from the way heard of it, he said, It is the man of God, who was disobedient to the word of *Yehovah*: therefore *Yehovah* has delivered him to the lion, which has torn him, and slain him, according to the word of *Yehovah*, which he spoke to him.

13:27 And he spoke to his sons, saying, Saddle me the ass. And they saddled him.

13:28 And he went and found his carcass cast in the way, and the ass and the lion standing by the carcass: the lion had not eaten the carcass, nor torn the ass.

13:29 And the prophet took up the carcass of the man of God, and laid it on the ass, and brought it back: and the old prophet came to the city, to mourn and to bury him.

13:30 And he laid his carcass in his own grave; and they mourned over him, saying, Alas, my brother!

13:31 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 sepulcher in which the man of God is buried; lay my bones beside his bones:

13:32 For the saying which he cried by the word of *Yehovah* 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.

13:33 After this thing Jeroboam returned not from his evil way, but made again of the lowest of the people priests of the high places: whoever would, he consecrated him, and he became one of the priests of the high places.

13:34 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.

1 Kings – Chapter 14

14:1 At that time Abijah the son of Jeroboam fell sick.

14:2 And Jeroboam said to his wife, Arise, I pray you, and disguise yourself, that you be not known to be the wife of Jeroboam; and get you to Shiloh: behold, there is Ahijah the prophet, which told me that I should be king over this people.

14:3 And take with you ten loaves, and cracknels, and a cruse of honey, and go to him: he shall tell you what shall become of the child.

14:4 And Jeroboam's wife did so, and arose, and went to Shiloh, and came to the house of Ahijah. But Ahijah could not see; for his eyes were set by reason of his age.

14:5 And *Yehovah* said to Ahijah, Behold, the wife of Jeroboam comes to ask a thing of you for her son; for he is sick: thus and thus shall you say to her: for it shall be, when she comes in, that she shall feign herself to be another woman.

14:6 And it was so, when Ahijah heard the sound of her feet, as she came in at the door, that he said, Come in, you wife of Jeroboam; why feign you yourself to be another? for I am sent to you with heavy tidings.

14:7 Go, tell Jeroboam, Thus said *Yehovah* God of Israel, For as much as I exalted you from among the people, and made you prince over my people Israel,

14:8 And rent the kingdom away from the house of David, and gave it you: and yet you have not been as my servant David, who kept my commandments, and who followed me with all his heart, to do that only which was right in my eyes;

14:9 But have done evil above all that were before you: for you have gone and made you other gods, and molten images, to provoke me to anger, and have cast me behind your back:

14:10 Therefore, behold, I will bring evil on the house of Jeroboam, and will cut off from Jeroboam him that urinates against the wall, and him that is shut up and left in Israel, and will take away the remnant of the house of Jeroboam, as a man takes away dung, till it be all gone.

14:11 Him that dies of Jeroboam in the city shall the dogs eat; and him that dies in the field shall the fowls of the air eat: for *Yehovah* has spoken it.

14:12 Arise you therefore, get you to your own house: and when your feet enter into the city, the child shall die.

14:13 And all Israel shall mourn for him, and bury him: for he only of Jeroboam shall come to the grave, because in him there is found some good thing toward *Yehovah* God of Israel in the house of Jeroboam.

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

14:15 For *Yehovah* shall smite Israel, as a reed is shaken in the water, and he shall root up Israel out of this good land, which he gave to their fathers, and shall scatter them beyond the river, because they have made their groves, provoking *Yehovah* to anger.

14:16 And he shall give Israel up because of the sins of Jeroboam, who did sin, and who made Israel to sin.

14:17 And Jeroboam's wife arose, and departed, and came to Tirzah: and when she came to the threshold of the door, the child died;

14:18 And they buried him; and all Israel mourned for him, according to the word of *Yehovah*, which he spoke by the hand of his servant Ahijah the prophet.

14:19 And the rest of the acts of Jeroboam, how he warred, and how he reigned, behold, they are written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel.

14:20 And the days which Jeroboam reigned were two and twenty years: and he slept with his fathers, and Nadab his son reigned in his stead.

14:21 And Rehoboam the son of Solomon reigned in Judah. Rehoboam was forty and one years old when he began to reign, and he reigned seventeen years in Jerusalem, the city which *Yehovah* did choose out of all the tribes of Israel, to put his name there. And his mother's name was Naamah an Ammonitess.

14:22 And Judah did evil in the sight of *Yehovah*, and they provoked him to jealousy with their sins which they had committed, above all that their fathers had done.

14:23 For they also built them high places, and images, and groves, on every high hill, and under every green tree.

14:24 And there were also sodomites in the land: and they did according to all the abominations of the nations which *Yehovah* cast out before the children of Israel.

14:25 And it came to pass in the fifth year of king Rehoboam, that Shishak king of Egypt came up against Jerusalem:

14:26 And he took away the treasures of the house of *Yehovah*, and the treasures of the king's house; he even took away all: and he took away all the shields of gold which Solomon had made.

14:27 And king Rehoboam made in their stead brazen shields, and committed them to the hands of the chief of the guard, which kept the door of the king's house.

14:28 And it was so, when the king went into the house of *Yehovah*, that the guard bore them, and brought them back into the guard chamber.

14:29 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?

14:30 And there was war between Rehoboam and Jeroboam all their days.

14:31 And Rehoboam slept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the city of David. And his mother's name was Naamah an Ammonitess. And Abijam his son reigned in his stead.

1 Kings – Chapter 15

15:1 Now in the eighteenth year of king Jeroboam the son of Nebat reigned Abijam over Judah.

15:2 Three years reigned he in Jerusalem. and his mother's name was Maachah, the daughter of Abishalom.

15:3 And he walked in all the sins of his father, which he had done before him: and his heart was not perfect with *Yehovah* his God, as the heart of David his father.

15:4 Nevertheless for David's sake did *Yehovah* his God give him a lamp in Jerusalem, to set up his son after him, and to establish Jerusalem:

15:5 Because David did that which was right in the eyes of *Yehovah*, and turned not aside from anything that he commanded him all the days of his life, save only in the matter of Uriah the Hittite.

15:6 And there was war between Rehoboam and Jeroboam all the days of his life.

15:7 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.

15:8 And Abijam slept with his fathers; and they buried him in the city of David: and Asa his son reigned in his stead.

15:9 And in the twentieth year of Jeroboam king of Israel reigned Asa over Judah.

15:10 And forty and one years reigned he in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Maachah, the daughter of Abishalom.

15:11 And Asa did that which was right in the eyes of *Yehovah*, as did David his father.

15:12 And he took away the sodomites out of the land, and removed all the idols that his fathers had made.

15:13 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.

15:14 But the high places were not removed: nevertheless Asa's heart was perfect with *Yehovah* all his days.

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

15:16 And there was war between Asa and Baasha king of Israel all their days.

15:17 And Baasha king of Israel went up against Judah, and built Ramah, that he might not suffer any to go out or come in to Asa king of Judah.

15:18 Then Asa took all the silver and the gold that were left in the treasures of the house of *Yehovah*, and the treasures of the king's house, and delivered them into the hand of his servants: and king Asa sent them to Benhadad, the son of Tabrimon, the son of Hezion, king of Syria, that dwelled at Damascus, saying,

15:19 There is a league between me and you, and between my father and your father: behold, I have sent to you a present of silver and gold; come and break your league with Baasha king of Israel, that he may depart from me.

15:20 So Benhadad listened to king Asa, and sent the captains of the *armies* which he had against the cities of Israel, and smote Ijon, and Dan, and Abelmethmaachah, and all Cinneroth, with all the land of Naphtali.

15:21 And it came to pass, when Baasha heard of it, that he left off building of Ramah, and dwelled in Tirzah.

15:22 Then king Asa made a proclamation throughout all Judah; none was exempted: and they took away the stones of Ramah, and the timber in it, with which Baasha had built; and king Asa built with them Geba of Benjamin, and Mizpah.

15:23 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.

15:24 And Asa slept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the city of David his father: and Jehoshaphat his son reigned in his stead.

15:25 And Nadab the son of Jeroboam began to reign over Israel in the second year of Asa king of Judah, and reigned over Israel two years.

15:26 And he did evil in the sight of *Yehovah*, and walked in the way of his father, and in his sin with which he made Israel to sin.

15:27 And Baasha the son of Ahijah, of the house of Issachar, conspired against him; and Baasha smote him at Gibbethon, which belonged to the Philistines; for Nadab and all Israel laid siege to Gibbethon.

15:28 Even in the third year of Asa king of Judah did Baasha slay him, and reigned in his stead.

15:29 And it came to pass, when he reigned, that he smote all the house of Jeroboam; he left not to Jeroboam any that breathed, until he had destroyed him, according to the saying of *Yehovah*, which he spoke by his servant Ahijah the Shilonite:

15:30 Because of the sins of Jeroboam which he sinned, and which he made Israel sin, by his provocation with which he provoked *Yehovah* God of Israel to anger.

15:31 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?

15:32 And there was war between Asa and Baasha king of Israel all their days.

15:33 In the third year of Asa king of Judah began Baasha the son of Ahijah to reign over all Israel in Tirzah, twenty and four years.

15:34 And he did evil in the sight of *Yehovah*, and walked in the way of Jeroboam, and in his sin with which he made Israel to sin.

1 Kings – Chapter 16

16:1 Then the word of *Yehovah* came to Jehu the son of Hanani against Baasha, saying,

16:2 For as much as 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 made my people Israel to sin, to provoke me to anger with their sins;

16:3 Behold, 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.

16:4 Him that dies of Baasha in the city shall the dogs eat; and him that dies of his in the fields shall the fowls of the air eat.

16:5 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?

16:6 So Baasha slept with his fathers, and was buried in Tirzah: and Elah his son reigned in his stead.

16:7 And also by the hand of the prophet Jehu the son of Hanani came the word of *Yehovah* against Baasha, and against his house, even for all the evil that he did in the sight of *Yehovah*, in provoking him to anger with the work of his hands, in being like the house of Jeroboam; and because he killed him.

16:8 In the twenty and sixth year of Asa king of Judah began Elah the son of Baasha to reign over Israel in Tirzah, two years.

16:9 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.

16:10 And Zimri went in and smote him, and killed him, in the twenty and seventh year of Asa king of Judah, and reigned in his stead.

16:11 And it came to pass, when he began to reign, as soon as he sat on his throne, that he slew all the house of Baasha: he left him not one that urinates against a wall, neither of his kinfolks, nor of his friends.

16:12 Thus did Zimri destroy all the house of Baasha, according to the word of *Yehovah*, which he spoke against Baasha by Jehu the prophet.

16:13 For all the sins of Baasha, and the sins of Elah his son, by which they sinned, and by which they made Israel to sin, in provoking *Yehovah* God of Israel to anger with their vanities.

16:14 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?

16:15 In the twenty and seventh year of Asa king of Judah did Zimri reign seven days in Tirzah. And the people were encamped against Gibbethon, which belonged to the Philistines.

16:16 And the people that were encamped heard say, Zimri has conspired, and has also slain the king: why all Israel made Omri, the captain of the army, king over Israel that day in the camp.

16:17 And Omri went up from Gibbethon, and all Israel with him, and they besieged Tirzah.

16:18 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.

16:19 For his sins which he sinned in doing evil in the sight of *Yehovah*, in walking in the way of Jeroboam, and in his sin which he did, to make Israel to sin.

16:20 Now the rest of the acts of Zimri, and his treason that he worked, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel?

16:21 Then were the people of Israel divided into two parts: half of the people followed Tibni the son of Ginath, to make him king; and half followed Omri.

16:22 But the people that followed Omri prevailed against the people that followed Tibni the son of Ginath: so Tibni died, and Omri reigned.

16:23 In the thirty and first year of Asa king of Judah began Omri to reign over Israel, twelve years: six years reigned he in Tirzah.

16:24 And he bought the hill Samaria of Shemer for two talents of silver, and built on the hill, and called the name of the city which he built, after the name of Shemer, owner of the hill, Samaria.

16:25 But Omri worked evil in the eyes of *Yehovah*, and did worse than all that were before him.

16:26 For he walked in all the way of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, and in his sin with which he made Israel to sin, to provoke *Yehovah* God of Israel to anger with their vanities.

16:27 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?

16:28 So Omri slept with his fathers, and was buried in Samaria: and Ahab his son reigned in his stead.

16:29 And in the thirty and eighth year of Asa king of Judah began Ahab the son of Omri to reign over Israel: and Ahab the son of Omri reigned over Israel in Samaria twenty and two years.

16:30 And Ahab the son of Omri did evil in the sight of *Yehovah* above all that were before him.

16:31 And it came to pass, as if it had been a light thing for him to walk in the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, that he took to wife Jezebel the daughter of Ethbaal king of the Zidonians, and went and served Baal, and worshipped him.

16:32 And he reared up an altar for Baal in the house of Baal, which he had built in Samaria.

16:33 And Ahab made a grove; and Ahab did more to provoke *Yehovah* God of Israel to anger than all the kings of Israel that were before him.

16:34 In his days did Hiel the Bethelite build Jericho: he laid the city foundation in Abiram his firstborn, and set up the gates in his youngest son Segub, according to the word of *Yehovah*, which he spoke by Joshua the son of Nun.

1 Kings – Chapter 17

17:1 And Elijah the Tishbite, who was of the inhabitants of Gilead, said to Ahab, As *Yehovah* God of Israel lives, before whom I stand, there shall not be dew nor rain these years, but according to my word.

17:2 And the word of *Yehovah* came to him, saying,

17:3 Get you hence, and turn you eastward, and hide yourself by the brook Cherith, that is before Jordan.

17:4 And it shall be, that you shall drink of the brook; and I have commanded the ravens to feed you there.

17:5 So he went and did according to the word of *Yehovah*: for he went and dwelled by the brook Cherith, that is before Jordan.

17:6 And the ravens brought him bread and flesh in the morning, and bread and flesh in the evening; and he drank of the brook.

17:7 And it came to pass after a while, that the brook dried up, because there had been no rain in the land.

17:8 And the word of *Yehovah* came to him, saying,

17:9 Arise, get you to Zarephath, which belongs to Zidon, and dwell there: behold, I have commanded a widow woman there to sustain you.

17:10 So he arose and went to Zarephath. And when he came to the gate of the city, behold, the widow woman was there gathering of sticks: and he called to her, and said, bring me, I pray you, a little water in a vessel, that I may drink.

17:11 And as she was going to get it, he called to her, and said, Bring me, I pray you, a morsel of bread in your hand.

17:12 And she said, As *Yehovah* your God lives, I have not a cake, but a handful of meal in a barrel, and a little oil in a cruse: and, behold, I am gathering two sticks, that I may go in and dress it for me and my son, that we may eat it, and die.

17:13 And Elijah said to her, Fear not; go and do as you have said: but make me a little cake first, and bring it to me, and after make for you and for your son.

17:14 For thus said *Yehovah* God of Israel, The barrel of meal shall not waste, neither shall the cruse of oil fail, until the day that *Yehovah* sends rain on the earth.

17:15 And she went and did according to the saying of Elijah: and she, and he, and her house, did eat many days.

17:16 And the barrel of meal wasted not, neither did the cruse of oil fail, according to the word of *Yehovah*, which he spoke by Elijah.

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

17:18 And she said to Elijah, What have I to do with you, O you man of God? are you come to me to call my sin to remembrance, and to slay my son?

17:19 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 on his own bed.

17:20 And he cried to *Yehovah*, and said, O *YEHOVAH* my God, have you also brought evil on the widow with whom I sojourn, by slaying her son?

17:21 And he stretched himself on the child three times, and cried to *Yehovah*, and said, O *YEHOVAH* my God, I pray you, let this child's soul come into him again.

17:22 And *Yehovah* heard the voice of Elijah; and the soul of the child came into him again, and he revived.

17:23 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.

17:24 And the woman said to Elijah, Now by this I know that you are a man of God, and that the word of *Yehovah* in your mouth is truth.

1 Kings – Chapter 18

18:1 And it came to pass after many days, that the word of *Yehovah* came to Elijah in the third year, saying, Go, show yourself to Ahab; and I will send rain on the earth.

18:2 And Elijah went to show himself to Ahab. And there was a sore famine in Samaria.

18:3 And Ahab called Obadiah, which was the governor of his house. (Now Obadiah feared *Yehovah* greatly:

18:4 For it was so, when Jezebel cut off the prophets of *Yehovah*, that Obadiah took a hundred prophets, and hid them by fifty in a cave, and fed them with bread and water.)

18:5 And Ahab said to Obadiah, Go into the land, to all fountains of water, and to all brooks: peradventure we may find grass to save the horses and mules alive, that we lose not all the beasts.

18:6 So they divided the land between them to pass throughout it: Ahab went one way by himself, and Obadiah went another way by himself.

18:7 And as Obadiah was in the way, behold, Elijah met him: and he knew him, and fell on his face, and said, Are you that my lord Elijah?

18:8 And he answered him, I am: go, tell your lord, Behold, Elijah is here.

18:9 And he said, What have I sinned, that you would deliver your servant into the hand of Ahab, to slay me?

18:10 As *Yehovah* 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 found you not.

18:11 And now you say, Go, tell your lord, Behold, Elijah is here.

18:12 And it shall come to pass, as soon as I am gone from you, that the Spirit of *Yehovah* shall carry you where I know not; and so when I come and tell Ahab, and he cannot find you, he shall slay me: but I your servant fear *Yehovah* from my youth.

18:13 Was it not told my lord what I did when Jezebel slew the prophets of *Yehovah*, how I hid a hundred men of *Yehovah's* prophets by fifty in a cave, and fed them with bread and water?

18:14 And now you say, Go, tell your lord, Behold, Elijah is here: and he shall slay me.

18:15 And Elijah said, As *Yehovah God of Armies* lives, before whom I stand, I will surely show myself to him to day.

18:16 So Obadiah went to meet Ahab, and told him: and Ahab went to meet Elijah.

18:17 And it came to pass, when Ahab saw Elijah, that Ahab said to him, Are you he that troubles Israel?

18:18 And he answered, I have not troubled Israel; but you, and your father's house, in that you have forsaken the commandments of *Yehovah*, and you have followed Baalim.

18:19 Now therefore send, and gather to me all Israel to mount Carmel, and the prophets of Baal four hundred and fifty, and the prophets of the groves four hundred, which eat at Jezebel's table.

18:20 So Ahab sent to all the children of Israel, and gathered the prophets together to mount Carmel.

18:21 And Elijah came to all the people, and said, How long halt you between two opinions? if *Yehovah* be God, follow him: but if Baal, then follow him. And the people answered him not a word.

18:22 Then said Elijah to the people, I, even I only, remain a prophet of *Yehovah*; but Baal's prophets are four hundred and fifty men.

18:23 Let them therefore give us two bullocks; and let them choose one bullock for themselves, and cut it in pieces, and lay it on wood, and put no fire under: and I will dress the other bullock, and lay it on wood, and put no fire under:

18:24 And call you on the name of your gods, and I will call on the name of *Yehovah*: and the God that answers by fire, let him be God. And all the people answered and said, It is well spoken.

18:25 And Elijah said to the prophets of Baal, Choose you one bullock for yourselves, and dress it first; for you are many; and call on the name of your gods, but put no fire under.

18:26 And they took the bullock which was given them, and they dressed it, and called on the name of Baal from morning even until noon, saying, O Baal, hear us. But there was no voice, nor any that answered. And they leaped on the altar which was made.

18:27 And it came to pass at noon, that Elijah mocked them, and said, Cry aloud: for he is a god; either he is talking, or he is pursuing, or he is in a journey, or peradventure he sleeps, and must be awaked.

18:28 And they cried aloud, and cut themselves after their manner with knives and lancets, till the blood gushed out on them.

18:29 And it came to pass, when midday was past, and they prophesied until the time of the offering of the evening sacrifice, that there was neither voice, nor any to answer, nor any that regarded.

18:30 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 *Yehovah* that was broken down.

18:31 And Elijah took twelve stones, according to the number of the tribes of the sons of Jacob, to whom the word of *Yehovah* came, saying, Israel shall be your name:

18:32 And with the stones he built an altar in the name of *Yehovah*: and he made a trench about the altar, as great as would contain two measures of seed.

18:33 And he put the wood in order, and cut the bullock in pieces, and laid him on the wood, and said, Fill four barrels with water, and pour it on the burnt sacrifice, and on the wood.

18:34 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.

18:35 And the water ran round about the altar; and he filled the trench also with water.

18:36 And it came to pass at the time of the offering of the evening sacrifice, that Elijah the prophet came near, and said, *YEHOWAH* 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.

18:37 Hear me, *O YEHOVAH*, hear me, that this people may know that you are *Yehovah* God, and that you have turned their heart back again.

18:38 Then the fire of *Yehovah* 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.

18:39 And when all the people saw it, they fell on their faces: and they said, *Yehovah*, he is the God; *Yehovah*, he is the God.

18:40 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 slew them there.

18:41 And Elijah said to Ahab, Get you up, eat and drink; for there is a sound of abundance of rain.

18:42 So Ahab went up to eat and to drink. And Elijah went up to the top of Carmel; and he cast himself down on the earth, and put his face between his knees,

18:43 And said to his servant, Go up now, look toward the sea. And he went up, and looked, and said, There is nothing. And he said, Go again seven times.

18:44 And it came to pass at the seventh time, that he said, Behold, there rises a little cloud out of the sea, like a man's hand. And he said, Go up, say to Ahab, Prepare your chariot, and get you down that the rain stop you not.

18:45 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.

18:46 And the hand of *Yehovah* was on Elijah; and he girded up his loins, and ran before Ahab to the entrance of Jezreel.

1 Kings – Chapter 19

19:1 And Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and with how he had slain all the prophets with the sword.

19:2 Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, So let the gods do to me, and more also, if I make not your life as the life of one of them by tomorrow about this time.

19:3 And when he saw that, he arose, and went for his life, and came to Beersheba, which belongs to Judah, and left his servant there.

19:4 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 YEHOVAH*, take away my life; for I am not better than my fathers.

19:5 And as he lay and slept under a juniper tree, behold, then an angel touched him, and said to him, Arise and eat.

19:6 And he looked, and, behold, there was a cake baked on the coals, and a cruse of water at his head. And he did eat and drink, and laid him down again.

19:7 And the angel of *Yehovah* came again the second time, and touched him, and said, Arise and eat; because the journey is too great for you.

19:8 And he arose, and did eat and drink, and went in the strength of that meat forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God.

19:9 And he came upon a cave, and lodged there; and, behold, the word of *Yehovah* came to him, and he said to him, What do you here, Elijah?

19:10 And he said, I have been very jealous for *Yehovah God of Armies*: for the children of Israel have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and slain your prophets with the sword; and I, even I only, am left; and they seek my life, to take it away.

19:11 And he said, Go forth, and stand on the mount before *Yehovah*. And, behold, *Yehovah* passed by, and a great and strong wind rent the mountains, and broke in pieces the rocks before *Yehovah*; but *Yehovah* was not in the wind: and after the wind an earthquake; but *Yehovah* was not in the earthquake:

19:12 And after the earthquake a fire; but *Yehovah* was not in the fire: and after the fire a still small voice.

19:13 And it was so, when Elijah heard it, that he wrapped his face in his mantle, and went out, and stood in the entering in of the cave. And, behold, there came a voice to him, and said, What do you here, Elijah?

19:14 And he said, I have been very jealous for *Yehovah God of Armies*: because the children of Israel have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and slain your prophets with the sword; and I, even I only, am left; and they seek my life, to take it away.

19:15 And *Yehovah* said to him, Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus: and when you come, anoint Hazael to be king over Syria:

19:16 And Jehu the son of Nimshi shall you anoint to be king over Israel: and Elisha the son of Shaphat of Abelmeholah shall you anoint to be prophet in your room.

19:17 And it shall come to pass, that him that escapes the sword of Hazael shall Jehu slay: and him that escapes from the sword of Jehu shall Elisha slay.

19:18 Yet I have left me seven thousand in Israel, all the knees which have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth which has not kissed him.

19:19 So he departed 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 on him.

19:20 And he left the oxen, and ran after Elijah, and said, Let me, I pray you, kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow you. And he said to him, Go back again: for what have I done to you?

19:21 And he returned back from him, and took a yoke of oxen, and slew them, and boiled their flesh with the instruments of the oxen, and gave to the people, and they did eat. Then he arose, and went after Elijah, and ministered to him.

1 Kings – Chapter 20

20:1 And Benhadad the king of Syria gathered all his army together: and there were thirty and two kings with him, and horses, and chariots; and he went up and besieged Samaria, and warred against it.

20:2 And he sent messengers to Ahab king of Israel into the city, and said to him, Thus said Benhadad,

20:3 Your silver and your gold is mine; your wives also and your children, even the best, are mine.

20:4 And the king of Israel answered and said, My lord, O king, according to your saying, I am yours, and all that I have.

20:5 And the messengers came again, and said, Thus speaks Benhadad, saying, Although I have sent to you, saying, You shall deliver me your silver, and your gold, and your wives, and your children;

20:6 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.

20:7 Then the king of Israel called all the elders of the land, and said, Mark, I pray you, and see how this man seeks mischief: for he sent to me for my wives, and for my children, and for my silver, and for my gold; and I denied him not.

20:8 And all the elders and all the people said to him, Listen not to him, nor consent.

20:9 Why he said to the messengers of Benhadad, Tell my lord the king, All that you did send 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.

20:10 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 that follow me.

20:11 And the king of Israel answered and said, Tell him, Let not him that girds on his harness boast himself as he that puts it off.

20:12 And it came to pass, when Ben-hadad 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.

20:13 And, behold, there came a prophet to Ahab king of Israel, saying, Thus said *Yehovah*, Have you seen all this great multitude? behold, I will deliver it into your hand this day; and you shall know that I am *Yehovah*.

20:14 And Ahab said, By whom? And he said, Thus said *Yehovah*, Even by the young men of the lords of the provinces. Then he said, Who shall order the battle? And he answered, You.

20:15 Then he numbered the young men of the lords 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.

20:16 And they went out at noon. But Benhadad was drinking himself drunk in the pavilions, he and the kings, the thirty and two kings that helped him.

20:17 And the young men of the lords of the provinces went out first; and Benhadad sent out, and they told him, saying, There are men come out of Samaria.

20:18 And he said, Whether they be come out for peace, take them alive; or whether they be come out for war, take them alive.

20:19 So these young men of the lords of the provinces came out of the city, and the army which followed them.

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

20:21 And the king of Israel went out, and smote the horses and chariots, and slew the Syrians with a great slaughter.

20:22 And the prophet came to the king of Israel, and said to him, Go, strengthen yourself, and mark, and see what you do: for at the return of the year the king of Syria will come up against you.

20:23 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.

20:24 And do this thing, Take the kings away, every man out of his place, and put captains in their rooms:

20:25 And number you an army, like the army that you have lost, horse for horse, and chariot for chariot: and we will fight against them in the plain, and surely we shall be stronger than they. And he listened to their voice, and did so.

20:26 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.

20:27 And the children of Israel were numbered, and were all present, and went against them: and the children of Israel pitched before them like two little flocks of kids; but the Syrians filled the country.

20:28 And there came a man of God, and spoke to the king of Israel, and said, Thus said *Yehovah*, Because the Syrians have said, *Yehovah* is God of the hills, but he is not God of the valleys, therefore will I deliver all this great multitude into your hand, and you shall know that I am *Yehovah*.

20:29 And they pitched one over against the other seven days. And so it was, that in the seventh day the battle was joined: and the children of Israel slew of the Syrians a hundred thousand footmen in one day.

20:30 But the rest fled to Aphek, into the city; and there a wall fell on twenty and seven thousand of the men that were left. And Benhadad fled, and came into the city, into an inner chamber.

20:31 And his servants said to him, Behold now, we have heard that the kings of the house of Israel are merciful kings: let us, I pray you, put sackcloth on our loins, and ropes on our heads, and go out to the king of Israel: peradventure he will save your life.

20:32 So they girded sackcloth on their loins, and put ropes on their heads, and came to the king of Israel, and said, Your servant Benhadad said, I pray you, let me live. And he said, Is he yet alive? he is my brother.

20:33 Now the men did diligently observe whether anything would come from him, and did hastily catch it: and they said, Your brother Benhadad. Then he said, Go you, bring him. Then Benhadad came forth to him; and he caused him to come up into the chariot.

20:34 And Ben-hadad said to him, The cities, which my father took from your father, I will restore; and you shall make streets for you in Damascus, as my father made in Samaria. Then said Ahab, I will send you away with this covenant. So he made a covenant with him, and sent him away.

20:35 And a certain man of the sons of the prophets said to his neighbor in the word of *Yehovah*, Smite me, I pray you. And the man refused to smite him.

20:36 Then said he to him, Because you have not obeyed the voice of *Yehovah*, behold, as soon as you are departed from me, a lion shall slay you. And as soon as he was departed from him, a lion found him, and slew him.

20:37 Then he found another man, and said, Smite me, I pray you. And the man smote him, so that in smiting he wounded him.

20:38 So the prophet departed, and waited for the king by the way, and disguised himself with ashes on his face.

20:39 And as the king passed by, he cried to the king: and he said, Your servant went out into the middle of the battle; and, behold, a man turned aside, and brought a man to me, and said, Keep this man: if by any means he be missing, then shall your life be for his life, or else you shall pay a talent of silver.

20:40 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; yourself have decided it.

20:41 And he hurried, and took the ashes away from his face; and the king of Israel discerned him that he was of the prophets.

20:42 And he said to him, Thus said *Yehovah*, Because you have let go out of your hand a man whom I appointed to utter destruction, therefore your life shall go for his life, and your people for his people.

20:43 And the king of Israel went to his house heavy and displeased, and came to Samaria.

1 Kings – Chapter 21

21:1 And it came to pass after these things, that Naboth the Jezreelite had a vineyard, which was in Jezreel, hard by the palace of Ahab king of Samaria.

21:2 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: and I will give you for it a better vineyard than it; or, if it seem good to you, I will give you the worth of it in money.

21:3 And Naboth said to Ahab, *Yehovah* forbid it me, that I should give the inheritance of my fathers to you.

21:4 And Ahab came into his house heavy and displeased because of the word which Naboth the Jezreelite had spoken to him: for he had said, I will not give you the inheritance of my fathers. And he laid him down on his bed, and turned away his face, and would eat no bread.

21:5 But Jezebel his wife came to him, and said to him, Why is your spirit so sad, that you eat no bread?

21:6 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 please you, I will give you another vineyard for it: and he answered, I will not give you my vineyard.

21:7 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.

21:8 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 that were in his city, dwelling with Naboth.

21:9 And she wrote in the letters, saying, Proclaim a fast, and set Naboth on high among the people:

21:10 And set two men, sons of Belial, before him, to bear witness against him, saying, You did blaspheme God and the king. And then carry him out, and stone him, that he may die.

21:11 And the men of his city, even the elders and the nobles who were the inhabitants in his city, did as Jezebel had sent to them, and as it was written in the letters which she had sent to them.

21:12 They proclaimed a fast, and set Naboth on high among the people.

21:13 And there came in two men, children of Belial, and sat before him: and the men of Belial witnessed against him, even against Naboth, in the presence of the people, saying, Naboth did blaspheme God and the king. Then they carried him forth out of the city, and stoned him with stones, that he died.

21:14 Then they sent to Jezebel, saying, Naboth is stoned, and is dead.

21:15 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 you for money: for Naboth is not alive, but dead.

21:16 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.

21:17 And the word of *Yehovah* came to Elijah the Tishbite, saying,

21:18 Arise, go down to meet Ahab king of Israel, which is in Samaria: behold, he is in the vineyard of Naboth, where he is gone down to possess it.

21:19 And you shall speak to him, saying, Thus said *Yehovah*, Have you killed, and also taken possession? And you shall speak to him, saying, Thus said *Yehovah*, In the place where dogs licked the blood of Naboth shall dogs lick your blood, even yours.

21:20 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 *Yehovah*.

21:21 Behold, I will bring evil on you, and will take away your posterity, and will cut off from Ahab him that urinates against the wall, and him that is shut up and left in Israel,

21:22 And will make your house like the house of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, and like the house of Baasha the son of Ahijah, for the provocation with which you have provoked me to anger, and made Israel to sin.

21:23 And of Jezebel also spoke *Yehovah*, saying, The dogs shall eat Jezebel by the wall of Jezreel.

21:24 Him that dies of Ahab in the city the dogs shall eat; and him that dies in the field shall the fowls of the air eat.

21:25 But there was none like to Ahab, which did sell himself to work wickedness in the sight of *Yehovah*, whom Jezebel his wife stirred up.

21:26 And he did very abominably in following idols, according to all things as did the Amorites, whom *Yehovah* cast out before the children of Israel.

21:27 And it came to pass, when Ahab heard those words, that he rent his clothes, and put sackcloth on his flesh, and fasted, and lay in sackcloth, and went softly.

21:28 And the word of *Yehovah* came to Elijah the Tishbite, saying,

21:29 See you 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 will I bring the evil on his house.

1 Kings – Chapter 22

22:1 And they continued three years without war between Syria and Israel.

22:2 And it came to pass in the third year, that Jehoshaphat the king of Judah came down to the king of Israel.

22:3 And the king of Israel said to his servants, Know you that Ramoth in Gilead is ours, and we be still, and take it not out of the hand of the king of Syria?

22:4 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.

22:5 And Jehoshaphat said to the king of Israel, Inquire, I pray you, at the word of *Yehovah* to day.

22:6 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; for *Yehovah* shall deliver it into the hand of the king.

22:7 And Jehoshaphat said, Is there not here a prophet of *Yehovah* besides, that we might inquire of him?

22:8 And the king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat, There is yet one man, Micaiah the son of Imlah, by whom we may inquire of *Yehovah*: but I hate him; for he does not prophesy good concerning me, but evil. And Jehoshaphat said, Let not the king say so.

22:9 Then the king of Israel called an officer, and said, Hasten here Micaiah the son of Imlah.

22:10 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.

22:11 And Zedekiah the son of Chenaanah made him horns of iron: and he said, Thus said *Yehovah*, With these shall you push the Syrians, until you have consumed them.

22:12 And all the prophets prophesied so, saying, Go up to Ramothgilead, and prosper: for *Yehovah* shall deliver it into the king's hand.

22:13 And the messenger that was gone to call Micaiah spoke to him, saying, Behold now, the words of the prophets declare good to the king with one mouth: let your word, I pray you, be like the word of one of them, and speak that which is good.

22:14 And Micaiah said, As *Yehovah* lives, what *Yehovah* said to me, that will I speak.

22:15 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: for *Yehovah* shall deliver it into the hand of the king.

22:16 And the king said to him, How many times shall I adjure you that you tell me nothing but that which is true in the name of *Yehovah*?

22:17 And he said, I saw all Israel scattered on the hills, as sheep that have not a shepherd: and *Yehovah* said, These have no master: let them return every man to his house in peace.

22:18 And the king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat, Did I not tell you that he would prophesy no good concerning me, but evil?

22:19 And he said, Hear you therefore the word of *Yehovah*: I saw *Yehovah* sitting on his throne, and all the host of heaven standing by him on his right hand and on his left.

22:20 And *Yehovah* 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.

22:21 And there came forth a spirit, and stood before *Yehovah*, and said, I will persuade him.

22:22 And *Yehovah* said to him, With which? 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.

22:23 Now therefore, behold, *Yehovah* has put a lying spirit in the mouth of all these your prophets, and *Yehovah* has spoken evil concerning you.

22:24 But Zedekiah the son of Chenaanah went near, and smote Micaiah on the cheek, and said, Which way went the Spirit of *Yehovah* from me to speak to you?

22:25 And Micaiah said, Behold, you shall see in that day, when you shall go into an inner chamber to hide yourself.

22:26 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;

22:27 And say, Thus said the king, Put this fellow in the prison, and feed him with bread of affliction and with water of affliction, until I come in peace.

22:28 And Micaiah said, If you return at all in peace, *Yehovah* has not spoken by me. And he said, Listen, O people, everyone of you.

22:29 So the king of Israel and Jehoshaphat the king of Judah went up to Ramothgilead.

22:30 And the king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat, I will disguise myself, and enter into the battle; but put you on your robes. And the king of Israel disguised himself, and went into the battle.

22:31 But the king of Syria commanded his thirty and two captains that had rule over his chariots, saying, Fight neither with small nor great, save only with the king of Israel.

22:32 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.

22:33 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.

22:34 And a certain man drew a bow at a venture, and smote the king of Israel between the joints of the harness: why he said to the driver of his chariot, Turn your hand, and carry me out of the army; for I am wounded.

22:35 And the battle increased that day: and the king was stayed up in his chariot against the Syrians, and died at even: and the blood ran out of the wound into the middle of the chariot.

22:36 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.

22:37 So the king died, and was brought to Samaria; and they buried the king in Samaria.

22:38 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 *Yehovah* which he spoke.

22:39 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?

22:40 So Ahab slept with his fathers; and Ahaziah his son reigned in his stead.

22:41 And Jehoshaphat the son of Asa began to reign over Judah in the fourth year of Ahab king of Israel.

22:42 Jehoshaphat was thirty and five years old when he began to reign; and he reigned twenty and five years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Azubah the daughter of Shilhi.

22:43 And he walked in all the ways of Asa his father; he turned not aside from it, doing that which was right in the eyes of *Yehovah*: nevertheless the high places were not taken away; for the people offered and burnt incense yet in the high places.

22:44 And Jehoshaphat made peace with the king of Israel.

22:45 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?

22:46 And the remnant of the sodomites, which remained in the days of his father Asa, he took out of the land.

22:47 There was then no king in Edom: a deputy was king.

22:48 Jehoshaphat made ships of Tarshish to go to Ophir for gold: but they went not; for the ships were broken at Eziongeber.

22:49 Then said Ahaziah the son of Ahab to Jehoshaphat, Let my servants go with your servants in the ships. But Jehoshaphat would not.

22:50 And Jehoshaphat slept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the city of David his father: and Jehoram his son reigned in his stead.

22:51 Ahaziah the son of Ahab began to reign over Israel in Samaria the seventeenth year of Jehoshaphat king of Judah, and reigned two years over Israel.

22:52 And he did evil in the sight of *Yehovah*, and walked in the way of his father, and in the way of his mother, and in the way of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who made Israel to sin:

22:53 For he served Baal, and worshipped him, and provoked to anger *Yehovah* God of Israel, according to all that his father had done.

Book of 2 Kings

Melachim B (Book of the Kingdoms 4)

2 Kings – Chapter 1

1:1 Then Moab rebelled against Israel after the death of Ahab.

1:2 And Ahaziah fell down through a lattice in his upper chamber that was in Samaria, and was sick: and he sent messengers, and said to them, Go, inquire of Baalzebub the god of Ekron whether I shall recover of this disease.

1:3 But the angel of *Yehovah* said to Elijah the Tishbite, Arise, go up to meet the messengers of the king of Samaria, and say to them, Is it not because there is not a God in Israel, that you go to inquire of Baalzebub the god of Ekron?

1:4 Now therefore thus said *Yehovah*, You shall not come down from that bed on which you are gone up, but shall surely die. And Elijah departed.

1:5 And when the messengers turned back to him, he said to them, Why are you now turned back?

1:6 And they said to him, There came a man up to meet us, and said to us, Go, turn again to the king that sent you, and say to him, Thus said *Yehovah*, Is it not because there is not a God in Israel, that you send to inquire of Baalzebub the god of Ekron? therefore you shall not come down from that bed on which you are gone up, but shall surely die.

1:7 And he said to them, What manner of man was he which came up to meet you, and told you these words?

1:8 And they answered him, He was a hairy man, and girt with a girdle of leather about his loins. And he said, It is Elijah the Tishbite.

1:9 Then the king sent to him a captain of fifty with his fifty. And he went up to him: and, behold, he sat on the top of a hill. And he spoke to him, You man of God, the king has said, Come down.

1:10 And Elijah answered and said to the captain of fifty, If I be a man of God, then let fire come down from heaven, and consume you and your fifty. And there came down fire from heaven, and consumed him and his fifty.

1:11 Again also he sent to him another captain of fifty with his fifty. And he answered and said to him, O man of God, thus has the king said, Come down quickly.

1:12 And Elijah answered and said to them, If I be a man of God, let fire come down from heaven, and consume you and your fifty. And the fire of God came down from heaven, and consumed him and his fifty.

1:13 And he sent again a captain of the third fifty with his fifty. And the third captain of fifty went up, and came and fell on his knees before Elijah, and sought him, and said to him, O man of God, I pray you, let my life, and the life of these fifty your servants, be precious in your sight.

1:14 Behold, there came fire down from heaven, and burnt up the two captains of the former fifties with their fifties: therefore let my life now be precious in your sight.

1:15 And the angel of *Yehovah* said to Elijah, Go down with him: be not afraid of him. And he arose, and went down with him to the king.

1:16 And he said to him, Thus said *Yehovah*, For as much as you have sent messengers to inquire of Baalzebub the god of Ekron, is it not because there is no God in Israel to inquire of his word? therefore you shall not come down off that bed on which you are gone up, but shall surely die.

1:17 So he died according to the word of *Yehovah* which Elijah had spoken. And Jehoram reigned in his stead in the second year of Jehoram the son of Jehoshaphat king of Judah; because he had no son.

1:18 Now the rest of the acts of Ahaziah which he did, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel?

2 Kings – Chapter 2

2:1 And it came to pass, when *Yehovah* would take up Elijah into heaven by a whirlwind, that Elijah went with Elisha from Gilgal.

2:2 And Elijah said to Elisha, Tarry here, I pray you; for *Yehovah* has sent me to Bethel. And Elisha said to him, As *Yehovah* lives, and as your soul lives, I will not leave you. So they went down to Bethel.

2:3 And the sons of the prophets that were at Bethel came forth to Elisha, and said to him, Know you that *Yehovah* will take away your master from your head to day? And he said, Yes, I know it; hold you your peace.

2:4 And Elijah said to him, Elisha, tarry here, I pray you; for *Yehovah* has sent me to Jericho. And he said, As *Yehovah* lives, and as your soul lives, I will not leave you. So they came to Jericho.

2:5 And the sons of the prophets that were at Jericho came to Elisha, and said to him, Know you that *Yehovah* will take away your master from your head to day? And he answered, Yes, I know it; hold you your peace.

2:6 And Elijah said to him, Tarry, I pray you, here; for *Yehovah* has sent me to Jordan. And he said, As *Yehovah* lives, and as your soul lives, I will not leave you. And they two went on.

2:7 And fifty men of the sons of the prophets went, and stood to view afar off: and they two stood by Jordan.

2:8 And Elijah took his mantle, and wrapped it together, and smote the waters, and they were divided here and there, so that they two went over on dry ground.

2:9 And it came to pass, when they were gone over, that Elijah said to Elisha, Ask what I shall do for you, before I be taken away from you. And Elisha said, I pray you, let a double portion of your spirit be on me.

2:10 And he said, You have asked a hard thing: nevertheless, if you see me when I am taken from you, it shall be so to you; but if not, it shall not be so.

2:11 And it came to pass, as they still went on, and talked, that, behold, there appeared a chariot of fire, and horses of fire, and parted them both asunder; and Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven.

2:12 And Elisha saw it, and he cried, My father, my father, the chariot of Israel, and their horsemen. And he saw him no more: and he took hold of his own clothes, and rent them in two pieces.

2:13 He took up also the mantle of Elijah that fell from him, and went back, and stood by the bank of Jordan;

2:14 And he took the mantle of Elijah that fell from him, and smote the waters, and said, Where is *Yehovah* God of Elijah? and when he also had smitten the waters, they parted here and there: and Elisha went over.

2:15 And when the sons of the prophets which were to view at Jericho saw him, they said, The spirit of Elijah does rest on Elisha. And they came to meet him, and bowed themselves to the ground before him.

2:16 And they said to him, Behold now, there be with your servants fifty strong men; let them go, we pray you, and seek your master: lest peradventure the Spirit of *Yehovah* has taken him up, and cast him on some mountain, or into some valley. And he said, You shall not send.

2:17 And when they urged him till he was ashamed, he said, Send. They sent therefore fifty men; and they sought three days, but found him not.

2:18 And when they came again to him, (for he tarried at Jericho,) he said to them, Did I not say to you, Go not?

2:19 And the men of the city said to Elisha, Behold, I pray you, the situation of this city is pleasant, as my lord sees: but the water is naught, and the ground barren.

2:20 And he said, Bring me a new cruse, and put salt in it. And they brought it to him.

2:21 And he went forth to the spring of the waters, and cast the salt in there, and said, Thus said *Yehovah*, I have healed these waters; there shall not be from there anymore death or barren land.

2:22 So the waters were healed to this day, according to the saying of Elisha which he spoke.

2:23 And he went up from there to Bethel: and as he was going up by the way, there came forth little children out of the city, and mocked him, and said to him, Go up, you bald head; go up, you bald head.

2:24 And he turned back, and looked on them, and cursed them in the name of *Yehovah*. And there came forth two she bears out of the wood, and tare forty and two children of them.

2:25 And he went from there to mount Carmel, and from there he returned to Samaria.

2 Kings – Chapter 3

3:1 Now Jehoram the son of Ahab began to reign over Israel in Samaria the eighteenth year of Jehoshaphat king of Judah, and reigned twelve years.

3:2 And he worked evil in the sight of *Yehovah*; but not like his father, and like his mother: for he put away the image of Baal that his father had made.

3:3 Nevertheless he joined to the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, which made Israel to sin; he departed not therefrom.

3:4 And Mesha king of Moab was a sheep master, and rendered to the king of Israel a hundred thousand lambs, and a hundred thousand rams, with the wool.

3:5 But it came to pass, when Ahab was dead, that the king of Moab rebelled against the king of Israel.

3:6 And king Jehoram went out of Samaria the same time, and numbered all Israel.

3:7 And he went and sent to Jehoshaphat the king of Judah, saying, The king of Moab has rebelled against me: will you go with me against Moab to battle? And he said, I will go up: I am as you are, my people as your people, and my horses as your horses.

3:8 And he said, Which way shall we go up? And he answered, The way through the wilderness of Edom.

3:9 So the king of Israel went, and the king of Judah, and the king of Edom: and they made a compass of seven days' journey: and there was no water for the army, and for the cattle that followed them.

3:10 And the king of Israel said, Alas! that *Yehovah* has called these three kings together, to deliver them into the hand of Moab!

3:11 But Jehoshaphat said, Is there not here a prophet of *Yehovah*, that we may inquire of *Yehovah* by him? And one of the king of Israel's servants answered and said, Here is Elisha the son of Shaphat, which poured water on the hands of Elijah.

3:12 And Jehoshaphat said, The word of *Yehovah* is with him. So the king of Israel and Jehoshaphat and the king of Edom went down to him.

3:13 And Elisha said to the king of Israel, What have I to do with you? get you to the prophets of your father, and to the prophets of your mother. And the king of Israel said to him, No: for *Yehovah* has called these three kings together, to deliver them into the hand of Moab.

3:14 And Elisha said, As *Yehovah God of Armies* lives, before whom I stand, surely, were it not that I regard the presence of Jehoshaphat the king of Judah, I would not look toward you, nor see you.

3:15 But now bring me a minstrel. And it came to pass, when the minstrel played, that the hand of *Yehovah* came on him.

3:16 And he said, Thus said *Yehovah*, Make this valley full of ditches.

3:17 For thus said *Yehovah*, You shall not see wind, neither shall you see rain; yet that valley shall be filled with water, that you may drink, both you, and your cattle, and your beasts.

3:18 And this is but a light thing in the sight of *Yehovah*: he will deliver the Moabites also into your hand.

3:19 And you shall smite every fenced city, and every choice city, and shall fell every good tree, and stop all wells of water, and mar every good piece of land with stones.

3:20 And it came to pass in the morning, when the meat offering was offered, that, behold, there came water by the way of Edom, and the country was filled with water.

3:21 And when all the Moabites heard that the kings were come up to fight against them, they gathered all that were able to put on armor, and upward, and stood in the border.

3:22 And they rose up early in the morning, and the sun shone on the water, and the Moabites saw the water on the other side as red as blood:

3:23 And they said, This is blood: the kings are surely slain, and they have smitten one another: now therefore, Moab, to the spoils.

3:24 And when they came to the camp of Israel, the Israelites rose up and smote the Moabites, so that they fled before them: but they went forward smiting the Moabites, even in their country.

3:25 And they beat down the cities, and on every good piece of land cast every man his stone, and filled it; and they stopped all the wells of water, and felled all the good trees: only in Kirharaseth left they the stones; however, the slingers went about it, and smote it.

3:26 And when the king of Moab saw that the battle was too sore for him, he took with him seven hundred men that drew swords, to break through even to the king of Edom: but they could not.

3:27 Then he took his oldest son that should have reigned in his stead, and offered him for a burnt offering on the wall. And there was great indignation against Israel: and they departed from him, and returned to their own land.

2 Kings – Chapter 4

4:1 Now there cried a certain woman of the wives of the sons of the prophets to Elisha, saying, Your servant my husband is dead; and you know

that your servant did fear *Yehovah*: and the creditor is come to take to him my two sons to be slaves.

4:2 And Elisha said to her, What shall I do for you? tell me, what have you in the house? And she said, Your handmaid has not anything in the house, save a pot of oil.

4:3 Then he said, Go, borrow you vessels abroad of all your neighbors, even empty vessels; borrow not a few.

4:4 And when you are come in, you shall shut the door on you and on your sons, and shall pour out into all those vessels, and you shall set aside that which is full.

4:5 So she went from him, and shut the door on her and on her sons, who brought the vessels to her; and she poured out.

4:6 And it came to pass, when the vessels were full, that she said to her son, Bring me yet a vessel. And he said to her, There is not a vessel more. And the oil stayed.

4:7 Then she came and told the man of God. And he said, Go, sell the oil, and pay your debt, and live you and your children of the rest.

4:8 And it fell on a day, that Elisha passed to Shunem, where was a great woman; and she constrained him to eat bread. And so it was, that as oft as he passed by, he turned in there to eat bread.

4:9 And she said to her husband, Behold now, I perceive that this is a holy man of God, which passes by us continually.

4:10 Let us make a little chamber, I pray you, on the wall; and let us set for him there a bed, and a table, and a stool, and a candlestick: and it shall be, when he comes to us, that he shall turn in there.

4:11 And it fell on a day, that he came there, and he turned into the chamber, and lay there.

4:12 And he said to Gehazi his servant, Call this Shunammite. And when he had called her, she stood before him.

4:13 And he said to him, Say now to her, Behold, you have been careful for us with all this care; what is to be done for you? would you be spoken for to the king, or to the captain of the army? And she answered, I dwell among my own people.

4:14 And he said, What then is to be done for her? And Gehazi answered, Truly she has no child, and her husband is old.

4:15 And he said, Call her. And when he had called her, she stood in the door.

4:16 And he said, About this season, according to the time of life, you shall embrace a son. And she said, No, my lord, you man of God, do not lie to your handmaid.

4:17 And the woman conceived, and bore a son at that season that Elisha had said to her, according to the time of life.

4:18 And when the child was grown, it fell on a day, that he went out to his father to the reapers.

4:19 And he said to his father, My head, my head. And he said to a lad, Carry him to his mother.

4:20 And when he had taken him, and brought him to his mother, he sat on her knees till noon, and then died.

4:21 And she went up, and laid him on the bed of the man of God, and shut the door on him, and went out.

4:22 And she called to her husband, and said, Send me, I pray you, one of the young men, and one of the asses, that I may run to the man of God, and come again.

4:23 And he said, Why will you go to him to day? it is neither new moon, nor sabbath. And she said, It shall be well.

4:24 Then she saddled an ass, and said to her servant, Drive, and go forward; slack not your riding for me, except I bid you.

4:25 So she went and came to the man of God to mount Carmel. And it came to pass, when the man of God saw her afar off, that he said to Gehazi his servant, Behold, yonder is that Shunammite:

4:26 Run now, I pray you, to meet her, and say to her, Is it well with you? is it well with your husband? is it well with the child? And she answered, It is well:

4:27 And when she came to the man of God to the hill, she caught him by the feet: but Gehazi came near to thrust her away. And the man of God said, Let her alone; for her soul is vexed within her: and *Yehovah* has hid it from me, and has not told me.

4:28 Then she said, Did I desire a son of my lord? did I not say, Do not deceive me?

4:29 Then he said to Gehazi, Gird up your loins, and take my staff in your hand, and go your way: if you meet any man, salute him not; and if any salute you, answer him not again: and lay my staff on the face of the child.

4:30 And the mother of the child said, As *Yehovah* lives, and as your soul lives, I will not leave you. And he arose, and followed her.

4:31 And Gehazi passed on before them, and laid the staff on the face of the child; but there was neither voice, nor hearing. Why he went again to meet him, and told him, saying, The child is not awaked.

4:32 And when Elisha was come into the house, behold, the child was dead, and laid on his bed.

4:33 He went in therefore, and shut the door on them two, and prayed to *Yehovah*.

4:34 And he went up, and lay on the child, and put his mouth on his mouth, and his eyes on his eyes, and his hands on his hands: and stretched himself on the child; and the flesh of the child waxed warm.

4:35 Then he returned, and walked in the house to and fro; and went up, and stretched himself on him: and the child sneezed seven times, and the child opened his eyes.

4:36 And he called Gehazi, and said, Call this Shunammite. So he called her. And when she was come in to him, he said, Take up your son.

4:37 Then she went in, and fell at his feet, and bowed herself to the ground, and took up her son, and went out.

4:38 And Elisha came again to Gilgal: and there was a dearth in the land; and the sons of the prophets were sitting before him: and he said to his servant, Set on the great pot, and seethe pottage for the sons of the prophets.

4:39 And one went out into the field to gather herbs, and found a wild vine, and gathered wild gourds until his lap was full, and came and shred them into the pot of pottage: for they knew them not.

4:40 So they poured out for the men to eat. And it came to pass, as they were eating of the pottage, that they cried out, and said, O you man of God, there is death in the pot. And they could not eat of it.

4:41 But he said, Then bring meal. And he cast it into the pot; and he said, Pour out for the people, that they may eat. And there was no harm in the pot.

4:42 And there came a man from Baalshalisha, and brought the man of God bread of the first fruits, twenty loaves of barley, and full *heads of grain* in his bag. And he said, Give to the people, that they may eat.

4:43 And his servant said, What, should I set this before a hundred men? He said again, Give the people, that they may eat: for thus said *Yehovah*, They shall eat, and shall leave some.

4:44 So he set it before them, and they did eat, and had some left, according to the word of *Yehovah*.

2 Kings – Chapter 5

5:1 Now Naaman, captain of the army of the king of Syria, was a great man with his master, and honorable, because by him *Yehovah* had given deliverance to Syria: he was also a mighty man in valor, but he was a leper.

5:2 And the Syrians had gone out by companies, and had brought away captive out of the land of Israel a little maid; and she waited on Naaman's wife.

5:3 And she said to her mistress, Would God my lord were with the prophet that is in Samaria! for he would recover him of his leprosy.

5:4 And one went in, and told his lord, saying, Thus and thus said the maid that is of the land of Israel.

5:5 And the king of Syria said, Go to, go, and I will send a letter to the king of Israel. And he departed, and took with him ten talents of silver, and six thousand pieces of gold, and ten changes of raiment.

5:6 And he brought the letter to the king of Israel, saying, Now when this letter is come to you, behold, I have therewith sent Naaman my servant to you, that you may recover him of his leprosy.

5:7 And it came to pass, when the king of Israel had read the letter, that he rent his clothes, and said, Am I God, to kill and to make alive, that this man does send to me to recover a man of his leprosy? why consider, I pray you, and see how he seeks a quarrel against me.

5:8 And it was so, when Elisha the man of God had heard that the king of Israel had rent his clothes, that he sent to the king, saying, Why have you rent your clothes? let him come now to me, and he shall know that there is a prophet in Israel.

5:9 So Naaman came with his horses and with his chariot, and stood at the door of the house of Elisha.

5:10 And Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, Go and wash in Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall come again to you, and you shall be clean.

5:11 But Naaman was *angry*, and went away, and said, Behold, I thought, He will surely come out to me, and stand, and call on the name of *Yehovah* his God, and strike his hand over the place, and recover the leper.

5:12 Are not Abana and Pharpar, rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? may I not wash in them, and be clean? So he turned and went away in a rage.

5:13 And his servants came near, and spoke to him, and said, My father, if the prophet had bid you do some great thing, would you not have done it? how much rather then, when he said to you, Wash, and be clean?

5:14 Then went he down, and dipped himself seven times in Jordan, according to the saying of the man of God: and his flesh came again like to the flesh of a little child, and he was clean.

5:15 And he returned to the man of God, he and all his company, and came, and stood before him: and he said, Behold, now I know that there is no God in all the earth, but in Israel: now therefore, I pray you, take a blessing of your servant.

5:16 But he said, As *Yehovah* lives, before whom I stand, I will receive none. And he urged him to take it; but he refused.

5:17 And Naaman said, Shall there not then, I pray you, be given to your servant two mules' burden of earth? for your servant will from now on offer neither burnt offering nor sacrifice to other gods, but to *Yehovah*.

5:18 In this thing *Yehovah* pardon your servant, that when my master goes into the house of Rimmon to worship there, and he leans on my hand, and I bow myself in the house of Rimmon: when I bow down myself in the house of Rimmon, *Yehovah* pardon your servant in this thing.

5:19 And he said to him, Go in peace. So he departed from him a little way.

5:20 But Gehazi, the servant of Elisha the man of God, said, Behold, my master has spared Naaman this Syrian, in not receiving at his hands that which he brought: but, as *Yehovah* lives, I will run after him, and take somewhat of him.

5:21 So Gehazi followed after Naaman. And when Naaman saw him running after him, he lighted down from the chariot to meet him, and said, Is all well?

5:22 And he said, All is well. My master has sent me, saying, Behold, even now there be come to me from mount Ephraim two young men of the sons of the prophets: give them, I pray you, a talent of silver, and two changes of garments.

5:23 And Naaman said, Be content, take two talents. And he urged him, and bound two talents of silver in two bags, with two changes of garments, and laid them on two of his servants; and they bore them before him.

5:24 And when he came to the tower, he took them from their hand, and bestowed them in the house: and he let the men go, and they departed.

5:25 But he went in, and stood before his master. And Elisha said to him, From where come you, Gehazi? And he said, Your servant went no where.

5:26 And he said to him, Went not my heart with you, when the man turned again from his chariot to meet you? Is it a time to receive money, and to receive garments, and olive groves, and vineyards, and sheep, and oxen, and menservants, and maidservants?

5:27 The leprosy therefore of Naaman shall stick to you, and to your seed forever. And he went out from his presence a leper as white as snow.

2 Kings – Chapter 6

6:1 And the sons of the prophets said to Elisha, Behold now, the place where we dwell with you is too strait for us.

6:2 Let us go, we pray you, to Jordan, and take there every man a beam, and let us make us a place there, where we may dwell. And he answered, Go you.

6:3 And one said, Be content, I pray you, and go with your servants. And he answered, I will go.

6:4 So he went with them. And when they came to Jordan, they cut down wood.

6:5 But as one was felling a beam, the ax head fell into the water: and he cried, and said, Alas, master! for it was borrowed.

6:6 And the man of God said, Where fell it? And he showed him the place. And he cut down a stick, and cast it in there; and the iron did swim.

6:7 Therefore said he, Take it up to you. And he put out his hand, and took it.

6:8 Then the king of Syria warred against Israel, and took counsel with his servants, saying, In such and such a place shall be my camp.

6:9 And the man of God sent to the king of Israel, saying, Beware that you pass not such a place; for there the Syrians are come down.

6:10 And the king of Israel sent to the place which the man of God told him and warned him of, and saved himself there, not once nor twice.

6:11 Therefore the heart of the king of Syria was sore troubled for this thing; and he called his servants, and said to them, Will you not show me which of us is for the king of Israel?

6:12 And one of his servants said, None, my lord, O king: but Elisha, the prophet that is in Israel, tells the king of Israel the words that you speak in your bedchamber.

6:13 And he said, Go and spy where he is, that I may send and bring him. And it was told him, saying, Behold, he is in Dothan.

6:14 Therefore he sent horses, and chariots, and a great army: and they came by night, and compassed the city about.

6:15 And when the servant of the man of God was risen early, and gone forth, behold, a army compassed the city both with horses and chariots. And his servant said to him, Alas, my master! how shall we do?

6:16 And he answered, Fear not: for they that be with us are more than they that be with them.

6:17 And Elisha prayed, and said, *YEHOVAH*, I pray you, open his eyes, that he may see. And *Yehovah* opened the eyes of the young man; and he saw: and, behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire round about Elisha.

6:18 And when they came down to him, Elisha prayed to *Yehovah*, and said, Smite this people, I pray you, with blindness. And he smote them with blindness according to the word of Elisha.

6:19 And Elisha said to them, This is not the way, neither is this the city: follow me, and I will bring you to the man whom you seek. But he led them to Samaria.

6:20 And it came to pass, when they were come into Samaria, that Elisha said, *YEHOVAH*, open the eyes of these men, that they may see. And *Yehovah* opened their eyes, and they saw; and, behold, they were in the middle of Samaria.

6:21 And the king of Israel said to Elisha, when he saw them, My father, shall I smite them? shall I smite them?

6:22 And he answered, You shall not smite them: would you smite those whom you have taken captive with your sword and with your bow? set bread and water before them, that they may eat and drink, and go to their master.

6:23 And he prepared great provision for them: and when they had eaten and drunk, he sent them away, and they went to their master. So the bands of Syria came no more into the land of Israel.

6:24 And it came to pass after this, that Benhadad king of Syria gathered all his army, and went up, and besieged Samaria.

6:25 And there was a great famine in Samaria: and, behold, they besieged it, until an ass's head was sold for fourscore pieces of silver, and the fourth part of a cab of dove's dung for five pieces of silver.

6:26 And as the king of Israel was passing by on the wall, there cried a woman to him, saying, Help, my lord, O king.

6:27 And he said, If *Yehovah* do not help you, from where shall I help you? out of the barn floor, or out of the wine press?

6:28 And the king said to her, What ails you? And she answered, This woman said to me, Give your son, that we may eat him to day, and we will eat my son tomorrow.

6:29 So we boiled my son, and did eat him: and I said to her on the next day, Give your son, that we may eat him: and she has hid her son.

6:30 And it came to pass, when the king heard the words of the woman, that he rent his clothes; and he passed by on the wall, and the people looked, and, behold, he had sackcloth within on his flesh.

6:31 Then he said, God do so and more also to me, if the head of Elisha the son of Shaphat shall stand on him this day.

6:32 But Elisha sat in his house, and the elders sat with him; and the king sent a man from before him: but ere the messenger came to him, he said to the elders, See you how this son of a murderer has sent to take away my head? look, when the messenger comes, shut the door, and hold him fast at the door: is not the sound of his master's feet behind him?

6:33 And while he yet talked with them, behold, the messenger came down to him: and he said, Behold, this evil is of *Yehovah*; what should I wait for *Yehovah* any longer?

2 Kings – Chapter 7

7:1 Then Elisha said, Hear you the word of *Yehovah*; Thus said *Yehovah*, Tomorrow about this time shall a measure of fine flour be sold for a shekel, and two measures of barley for a shekel, in the gate of Samaria.

7:2 Then a lord on whose hand the king leaned answered the man of God, and said, Behold, if *Yehovah* would make windows in heaven, might this thing be? And he said, Behold, you shall see it with your eyes, but shall not eat of it.

7:3 And there were four leprous men at the entering in of the gate: and they said one to another, Why sit we here until we die?

7:4 If we say, We will enter into the city, then the famine is in the city, and we shall die there: and if we sit still here, we die also. Now therefore come, and let us fall to the army of the Syrians: if they save us alive, we shall live; and if they kill us, we shall but die.

7:5 And they rose up in the twilight, to go to the camp of the Syrians: and when they were come to the uttermost part of the camp of Syria, behold, there was no man there.

7:6 For *Yehovah* had made the army of the Syrians to hear a noise of chariots, and a noise of horses, even the noise of a great army: and they said one to another, See, the king of Israel has hired against us the kings of the Hittites, and the kings of the Egyptians, to come on us.

7:7 Why they arose and fled in the twilight, and left their tents, and their horses, and their asses, even the camp as it was, and fled for their life.

7:8 And when these lepers came to the uttermost part of the camp, they went into one tent, and did eat and drink, and carried there silver, and gold, and raiment, and went and hid it; and came again, and entered into another tent, and carried there also, and went and hid it.

7:9 Then they said one to another, We do not well: this day is a day of good tidings, and we hold our peace: if we tarry till the morning light, some mischief will come on us: now therefore come, that we may go and tell the king's household.

7:10 So they came and called to the porter of the city: and they told them, saying, We came to the camp of the Syrians, and, behold, there was no man there, neither voice of man, but horses tied, and asses tied, and the tents as they were.

7:11 And he called the porters; and they told it to the king's house within.

7:12 And the king arose in the night, and said to his servants, I will now show you what the Syrians have done to us. They know that we be hungry; therefore are they gone out of the camp to hide themselves in the field, saying, When they come out of the city, we shall catch them alive, and get into the city.

7:13 And one of his servants answered and said, Let some take, I pray you, five of the horses that remain, which are left in the city, (behold, they are as all the multitude of Israel that are left in it: behold, I say, they are even as all the multitude of the Israelites that are consumed;) and let us send and see.

7:14 They took therefore two chariot horses; and the king sent after the army of the Syrians, saying, Go and see.

7:15 And they went after them to Jordan: and, see, all the way was full of garments and vessels, which the Syrians had cast away in their haste. And the messengers returned, and told the king.

7:16 And the people went out, and *plundered* the tents of the Syrians. So a measure of fine flour was sold for a shekel, and two measures of barley for a shekel, according to the word of *Yehovah*.

7:17 And the king appointed the lord on whose hand he leaned to have the charge of the gate: and the people stepped on him in the gate, and he died, as the man of God had said, who spoke when the king came down to him.

7:18 And it came to pass as the man of God had spoken to the king, saying, Two measures of barley for a shekel, and a measure of fine flour for a shekel, shall be tomorrow about this time in the gate of Samaria:

7:19 And that lord answered the man of God, and said, Now, behold, if *Yehovah* should make windows in heaven, might such a thing be? And he said, Behold, you shall see it with your eyes, but shall not eat of it.

7:20 And so it fell out to him: for the people stepped on him in the gate, and he died.

2 Kings – Chapter 8

8:1 Then spoke Elisha to the woman, whose son he had restored to life, saying, Arise, and go you and your household, and sojourn wherever you can sojourn: for *Yehovah* has called for a famine; and it shall also come on the land seven years.

8:2 And the woman arose, and did after the saying of the man of God: and she went with her household, and sojourned in the land of the Philistines seven years.

8:3 And it came to pass at the seven years' end, that the woman returned out of the land of the Philistines: and she went forth to cry to the king for her house and for her land.

8:4 And the king talked with Gehazi the servant of the man of God, saying, Tell me, I pray you, all the great things that Elisha has done.

8:5 And it came to pass, as he was telling the king how he had restored a dead body to life, that, behold, the woman, whose son he had restored to life, cried to the king for her house and for her land. And Gehazi said, My lord, O king, this is the woman, and this is her son, whom Elisha restored to life.

8:6 And when the king asked the woman, she told him. So the king appointed to her a certain officer, saying, Restore all that was hers, and all the fruits of the field since the day that she left the land, even until now.

8:7 And Elisha came to Damascus; and Benhadad the king of Syria was sick; and it was told him, saying, The man of God is come here.

8:8 And the king said to Hazael, Take a present in your hand, and go, meet the man of God, and inquire of *Yehovah* by him, saying, Shall I recover of this disease?

8:9 So Hazael went to meet him, and took a present with him, even of every good thing of Damascus, forty camels' burden, and came and stood before him, and said, Your son Benhadad king of Syria has sent me to you, saying, Shall I recover of this disease?

8:10 And Elisha said to him, Go, say to him, You may certainly recover: however, *Yehovah* has showed me that he shall surely die.

8:11 And he settled his countenance steadfastly, until he was ashamed: and the man of God wept.

8:12 And Hazael said, Why weeps my lord? And he answered, Because I know the evil that you will do to the children of Israel: their strong holds will you set on fire, and their young men will you slay with the sword, and will dash their children, and rip up their women with child.

8:13 And Hazael said, But what, is your servant a dog, that he should do this great thing? And Elisha answered, *Yehovah* has showed me that you shall be king over Syria.

8:14 So he departed from Elisha, and came to his master; who said to him, What said Elisha to you? And he answered, He told me that you should surely recover.

8:15 And it came to pass the next day, that he took a thick cloth, and dipped it in water, and spread it on his face, so that he died: and Hazael reigned in his stead.

8:16 And in the fifth year of Joram the son of Ahab king of Israel, Jehoshaphat being then king of Judah, Jehoram the son of Je hoshaphat king of Judah began to reign.

8:17 Thirty and two years old was he when he began to reign; and he reigned eight years in Jerusalem.

8:18 And he walked in the way of the kings of Israel, as did the house of Ahab: for the daughter of Ahab was his wife: and he did evil in the sight of *Yehovah*.

8:19 Yet *Yehovah* would not destroy Judah for David his servant's sake, as he promised him to give him always a light, and to his children.

8:20 In his days Edom revolted from under the hand of Judah, and made a king over themselves.

8:21 So Joram went over to Zair, and all the chariots with him: and he rose by night, and smote the Edomites which compassed him about, and the captains of the chariots: and the people fled into their tents.

8:22 Yet Edom revolted from under the hand of Judah to this day. Then Libnah revolted at the same time.

8:23 And the rest of the acts of Joram, and all that he did, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah?

8:24 And Joram slept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the city of David: and Ahaziah his son reigned in his stead.

8:25 In the twelfth year of Joram the son of Ahab king of Israel did Ahaziah the son of Jehoram king of Judah begin to reign.

8:26 Two and twenty years old was Ahaziah when he began to reign; and he reigned one year in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Athaliah, the daughter of Omri king of Israel.

8:27 And he walked in the way of the house of Ahab, and did evil in the sight of *Yehovah*, as did the house of Ahab: for he was the son in law of the house of Ahab.

8:28 And he went with Joram the son of Ahab to the war against Hazael king of Syria in Ramothgilead; and the Syrians wounded Joram.

8:29 And king Joram went back to be healed in Jezreel of the wounds which the Syrians had given him at Ramah, when he fought against Hazael king of Syria. And Ahaziah the son of Jehoram king of Judah went down to see Joram the son of Ahab in Jezreel, because he was sick.

2 Kings – Chapter 9

9:1 And Elisha the prophet called one of the children of the prophets, and said to him, Gird up your loins, and take this box of oil in your hand, and go to Ramothgilead:

9:2 And when you come there, look out there Jehu the son of Jehoshaphat the son of Nimshi, and go in, and make him arise up from among his brothers, and carry him to an inner chamber;

9:3 Then take the box of oil, and pour it on his head, and say, Thus said *Yehovah*, I have anointed you king over Israel. Then open the door, and flee, and tarry not.

9:4 So the young man, even the young man the prophet, went to Ramothgilead.

9:5 And when he came, behold, the captains of the army were sitting; and he said, I have an errand to you, O captain. And Jehu said, To which of all us? And he said, To you, O captain.

9:6 And he arose, and went into the house; and he poured the oil on his head, and said to him, Thus said *Yehovah* God of Israel, I have anointed you king over the people of *Yehovah*, even over Israel.

9:7 And you shall smite the house of Ahab your master, that I may avenge the blood of my servants the prophets, and the blood of all the servants of *Yehovah*, at the hand of Jezebel.

9:8 For the whole house of Ahab shall perish: and I will cut off from Ahab him that urinates against the wall, and him that is shut up and left in Israel:

9:9 And I will make the house of Ahab like the house of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, and like the house of Baasha the son of Ahijah:

9:10 And the dogs shall eat Jezebel in the portion of Jezreel, and there shall be none to bury her. And he opened the door, and fled.

9:11 Then Jehu came forth to the servants of his lord: and one said to him, Is all well? why came this mad fellow to you? And he said to them, You know the man, and his communication.

9:12 And they said, It is false; tell us now. And he said, Thus and thus spoke he to me, saying, Thus said *Yehovah*, I have anointed you king over Israel.

9:13 Then they hurried, and took every man his garment, and put it under him on the top of the stairs, and blew with trumpets, saying, Jehu is king.

9:14 So Jehu the son of Jehoshaphat the son of Nimshi conspired against Joram. (Now Joram had kept Ramothgilead, he and all Israel, because of Hazael king of Syria.

9:15 But king Joram was returned to be healed in Jezreel of the wounds which the Syrians had given him, when he fought with Hazael king of Syria.) And Jehu said, If it be your minds, then let none go forth nor escape out of the city to go to tell it in Jezreel.

9:16 So Jehu rode in a chariot, and went to Jezreel; for Joram lay there. And Ahaziah king of Judah was come down to see Joram.

9:17 And there stood a watchman on the tower in Jezreel, and he spied the company of Jehu as he came, and said, I see a company. And Joram said, Take a horseman, and send to meet them, and let him say, Is it peace?

9:18 So there went one on horseback to meet him, and said, Thus said the king, Is it peace? And Jehu said, What have you to do with peace? turn you behind me. And the watchman told, saying, The messenger came to them, but he comes not again.

9:19 Then he sent out a second on horseback, which came to them, and said, Thus said the king, Is it peace? And Jehu answered, What have you to do with peace? turn you behind me.

9:20 And the watchman told, saying, He came even to them, and comes not again: and the driving is like the driving of Jehu the son of Nimshi; for he drives furiously.

9:21 And Joram said, Make ready. And his chariot was made ready. And Joram king of Israel and Ahaziah king of Judah went out, each in his chariot, and they went out against Jehu, and met him in the portion of Naboth the Jezreelite.

9:22 And it came to pass, when Joram saw Jehu, that he said, Is it peace, Jehu? And he answered, What peace, so long as the prostitutions of your mother Jezebel and her witchcrafts are so many?

9:23 And Joram turned his hands, and fled, and said to Ahaziah, There is treachery, O Ahaziah.

9:24 And Jehu drew a bow with his full strength, and smote Jehoram between his arms, and the arrow went out at his heart, and he sunk down in his chariot.

9:25 Then said Jehu to Bidkar his captain, Take up, and cast him in the portion of the field of Naboth the Jezreelite: for remember how that, when I and you rode together after Ahab his father, *Yehovah* laid this burden on him;

9:26 Surely I have seen yesterday the blood of Naboth, and the blood of his sons, said *Yehovah*; and I will requite you in this plat, said *Yehovah*. Now therefore take and cast him into the plat of ground, according to the word of *Yehovah*.

9:27 But when Ahaziah the king of Judah saw this, he fled by the way of the garden house. And Jehu followed after him, and said, Smite him also in the chariot. And they did so at the going up to Gur, which is by Ibleam. And he fled to Megiddo, and died there.

9:28 And his servants carried him in a chariot to Jerusalem, and buried him in his sepulcher with his fathers in the city of David.

9:29 And in the eleventh year of Joram the son of Ahab began Ahaziah to reign over Judah.

9:30 And when Jehu was come to Jezreel, Jezebel heard of it; and she painted her face, and tired her head, and looked out at a window.

9:31 And as Jehu entered in at the gate, she said, Had Zimri peace, who slew his master?

9:32 And he lifted up his face to the window, and said, Who is on my side? who? And there looked out to him two or three eunuchs.

9:33 And he said, Throw her down. So they threw her down: and some of her blood was sprinkled on the wall, and on the horses: and he stepped her under foot.

9:34 And when he was come in, he did eat and drink, and said, Go, see now this cursed woman, and bury her: for she is a king's daughter.

9:35 And they went to bury her: but they found no more of her than the skull, and the feet, and the palms of her hands.

9:36 Why they came again, and told him. And he said, This is the word of *Yehovah*, which he spoke by his servant Elijah the Tishbite, saying, In the portion of Jezreel shall dogs eat the flesh of Jezebel:

9:37 And the carcass of Jezebel shall be as dung on the face of the field in the portion of Jezreel; so that they shall not say, This is Jezebel.

2 Kings – Chapter 10

10:1 And Ahab had seventy sons in Samaria. And Jehu wrote letters, and sent to Samaria, to the rulers of Jezreel, to the elders, and to them that brought up Ahab's children, saying,

10:2 Now as soon as this letter comes to you, seeing your master's sons are with you, and there are with you chariots and horses, a fenced city also, and armor;

10:3 Look even out the best and meet of your master's sons, and set him on his father's throne, and fight for your master's house.

10:4 But they were exceedingly afraid, and said, Behold, two kings stood not before him: how then shall we stand?

10:5 And he that was over the house, and he that was over the city, the elders also, and the bringers up of the children, sent to Jehu, saying, We are your servants, and will do all that you shall bid us; we will not make any king: do you that which is good in your eyes.

10:6 Then he wrote a letter the second time to them, saying, If you be mine, and if you will listen to my voice, take you the heads of the men your master's sons, and come to me to Jezreel by tomorrow this time. Now the king's sons, being seventy persons, were with the great men of the city, which brought them up.

10:7 And it came to pass, when the letter came to them, that they took the king's sons, and slew seventy persons, and put their heads in baskets, and sent him them to Jezreel.

10:8 And there came a messenger, and told him, saying, They have brought the heads of the king's sons. And he said, Lay you them in two heaps at the entering in of the gate until the morning.

10:9 And it came to pass in the morning, that he went out, and stood, and said to all the people, You be righteous: behold, I conspired against my master, and slew him: but who slew all these?

10:10 Know now that there shall fall to the earth nothing of the word of *Yehovah*, which *Yehovah* spoke concerning the house of Ahab: for *Yehovah* has done that which he spoke by his servant Elijah.

10:11 So Jehu slew all that remained of the house of Ahab in Jezreel, and all his great men, and his kinfolks, and his priests, until he left him none remaining.

10:12 And he arose and departed, and came to Samaria. And as he was at the shearing house in the way,

10:13 Jehu met with the brothers of Ahaziah king of Judah, and said, Who are you? And they answered, We are the brothers of Ahaziah; and we go down to salute the children of the king and the children of the queen.

10:14 And he said, Take them alive. And they took them alive, and slew them at the pit of the shearing house, even two and forty men; neither left he any of them.

10:15 And when he was departed there, he lighted on Jehonadab the son of Rechab coming to meet him: and he saluted him, and said to him, Is your heart right, as my heart is with your heart? And Jehonadab answered, It is. If it be, give me your hand. And he gave him his hand; and he took him up to him into the chariot.

10:16 And he said, Come with me, and see my zeal for *Yehovah*. So they made him ride in his chariot.

10:17 And when he came to Samaria, he slew all that remained to Ahab in Samaria, till he had destroyed him, according to the saying of *Yehovah*, which he spoke to Elijah.

10:18 And Jehu gathered all the people together, and said to them, Ahab served Baal a little; but Jehu shall serve him much.

10:19 Now therefore call to me all the prophets of Baal, all his servants, and all his priests; let none be wanting: for I have a great sacrifice to do to Baal; whoever shall be wanting, he shall not live. But Jehu did it in subtlety, to the intent that he might destroy the worshippers of Baal.

10:20 And Jehu said, Proclaim a solemn assembly for Baal. And they proclaimed it.

10:21 And Jehu sent through all Israel: and all the worshippers of Baal came, so that there was not a man left that came not. And they came into the house of Baal; and the house of Baal was full from one end to another.

10:22 And he said to him that was over the vestry, Bring forth vestments for all the worshippers of Baal. And he brought them forth vestments.

10:23 And Jehu went, and Jehonadab the son of Rechab, into the house of Baal, and said to the worshippers of Baal, Search, and look that there be here with you none of the servants of *Yehovah*, but the worshippers of Baal only.

10:24 And when they went in to offer sacrifices and burnt offerings, Jehu appointed fourscore men without, and said, If any of the men whom I have brought into your hands escape, he that lets him go, his life shall be for the life of him.

10:25 And it came to pass, as soon as he had made an end of offering the burnt offering, that Jehu said to the guard and to the captains, Go in, and slay them; let none come forth. And they smote them with the edge of the sword; and the guard and the captains cast them out, and went to the city of the house of Baal.

10:26 And they brought forth the images out of the house of Baal, and burned them.

10:27 And they broke down the image of Baal, and broke down the house of Baal, and made it a draught house to this day.

10:28 Thus Jehu destroyed Baal out of Israel.

10:29 However, from the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who made Israel to sin, Jehu departed not from after them, regarding the golden calves that were in Bethel, and that were in Dan.

10:30 And *Yehovah* said to Jehu, Because you have done well in executing that which is right in my eyes, and have done to the house of Ahab according to all that was in my heart, your children of the fourth generation shall sit on the throne of Israel.

10:31 But Jehu took no heed to walk in the law of *Yehovah* God of Israel with all his heart: for he departed not from the sins of Jeroboam, which made Israel to sin.

10:32 In those days *Yehovah* began to cut Israel short: and Hazael smote them in all the coasts of Israel;

10:33 From Jordan eastward, all the land of Gilead, the Gadites, and the Reubenites, and the Manassites, from Aroer, which is by the river Arnon, even Gilead and Bashan.

10:34 Now the rest of the acts of Jehu, and all that he did, and all his might, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel?

10:35 And Jehu slept with his fathers: and they buried him in Samaria. And Jehoahaz his son reigned in his stead.

10:36 And the time that Jehu reigned over Israel in Samaria was twenty and eight years.

2 Kings – Chapter 11

11:1 And when Athaliah the mother of Ahaziah saw that her son was dead, she arose and destroyed all the seed royal.

11:2 But Jehosheba, the daughter of king Joram, sister of Ahaziah, took Joash the son of Ahaziah, and stole him from among the king's sons which were slain; and they hid him, even him and his nurse, in the bedchamber from Athaliah, so that he was not slain.

11:3 And he was with her hid in the house of *Yehovah* six years. And Athaliah did reign over the land.

11:4 And the seventh year Jehoiada sent and gathered the rulers over hundreds, with the captains and the guard, and brought them to him into the house of *Yehovah*, and made a covenant with them, and took an oath of them in the house of *Yehovah*, and showed them the king's son.

11:5 And he commanded them, saying, This is the thing that you shall do; A third part of you that enter in on the sabbath shall even be keepers of the watch of the king's house;

11:6 And a third part shall be at the gate of Sur; and a third part at the gate behind the guard: so shall you keep the watch of the house, that it be not broken down.

11:7 And two parts of all you that go forth on the sabbath, even they shall keep the watch of the house of *Yehovah* about the king.

11:8 And you shall compass the king round about, every man with his weapons in his hand: and he that comes within the ranges, let him be slain: and be you with the king as he goes out and as he comes in.

11:9 And the captains over the hundreds did according to all things that Jehoiada the priest commanded: and they took every man his men that were to come in on the sabbath, with them that should go out on the sabbath, and came to Jehoiada the priest.

11:10 And to the captains over hundreds did the priest give king David's spears and shields, that were in the temple of *Yehovah*.

11:11 And the guard stood, every man with his weapons in his hand, round about the king, from the right corner of the temple to the left corner of the temple, along by the altar and the temple.

11:12 And he brought forth the king's son, and put the crown on him, and gave him the testimony; and they made him king, and anointed him; and they clapped their hands, and said, God save the king.

11:13 And when Athaliah heard the noise of the guard and of the people, she came to the people into the temple of *Yehovah*.

11:14 And when she looked, behold, the king stood by a pillar, as the manner was, and the princes and the trumpeters by the king, and all the people of the land rejoiced, and blew with trumpets: and Athaliah rent her clothes, and cried, Treason, Treason.

11:15 But Jehoiada the priest commanded the captains of the hundreds, the officers of the army, and said to them, Have her forth without the ranges: and him that follows her kill with the sword. For the priest had said, Let her not be slain in the house of *Yehovah*.

11:16 And they laid hands on her; and she went by the way by the which the horses came into the king's house: and there was she slain.

11:17 And Jehoiada made a covenant between *Yehovah* and the king and the people, that they should be *Yehovah's* people; between the king also and the people.

11:18 And all the people of the land went into the house of Baal, and broke it down; his altars and his images broke they in pieces thoroughly, and slew Mattan the priest of Baal before the altars. And the priest appointed officers over the house of *Yehovah*.

11:19 And he took the rulers over hundreds, and the captains, and the guard, and all the people of the land; and they brought down the king from the house of *Yehovah*, and came by the way of the gate of the guard to the king's house. And he sat on the throne of the kings.

11:20 And all the people of the land rejoiced, and the city was in quiet: and they slew Athaliah with the sword beside the king's house.

11:21 Seven years old was Jehoash when he began to reign.

2 Kings – Chapter 12

12:1 In the seventh year of Jehu Jehoash began to reign; and forty years reigned he in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Zibiah of Beersheba.

12:2 And Jehoash did that which was right in the sight of *Yehovah* all his days in which Jehoiada the priest instructed him.

12:3 But the high places were not taken away: the people still sacrificed and burnt incense in the high places.

12:4 And Jehoash said to the priests, All the money of the dedicated things that is brought into the house of *Yehovah*, even the money of everyone that passes the account, the money that every man is set at, and all the money that comes into any man's heart to bring into the house of *Yehovah*,

12:5 Let the priests take it to them, every man of his acquaintance: and let them repair the breaches of the house, wherever any breach shall be found.

12:6 But it was so, that in the three and twentieth year of king Jehoash the priests had not repaired the breaches of the house.

12:7 Then king Jehoash called for Jehoiada the priest, and the other priests, and said to them, Why repair you not the breaches of the house? now therefore receive no more money of your acquaintance, but deliver it for the breaches of the house.

12:8 And the priests consented to receive no more money of the people, neither to repair the breaches of the house.

12:9 But Jehoiada the priest took a chest, and bored a hole in the lid of it, and set it beside the altar, on the right side as one comes into the house of *Yehovah*: and the priests that kept the door put in it all the money that was brought into the house of *Yehovah*.

12:10 And it was so, when they saw that there was much money in the chest, that the king's scribe and the high priest came up, and they put up in bags, and told the money that was found in the house of *Yehovah*.

12:11 And they gave the money, being told, into the hands of them that did the work, that had the oversight of the house of *Yehovah*: and they laid it out to the carpenters and builders, that worked on the house of *Yehovah*,

12:12 And to masons, and hewers of stone, and to buy timber and hewed stone to repair the breaches of the house of *Yehovah*, and for all that was laid out for the house to repair it.

12:13 However, there were not made for the house of *Yehovah* bowls of silver, snuffers, basins, trumpets, any vessels of gold, or vessels of silver, of the money that was brought into the house of *Yehovah*:

12:14 But they gave that to the workmen, and repaired therewith the house of *Yehovah*.

12:15 Moreover they reckoned not with the men, into whose hand they delivered the money to be bestowed on workmen: for they dealt faithfully.

12:16 The trespass money and sin money was not brought into the house of *Yehovah*: it was the priests'.

12:17 Then Hazael king of Syria went up, and fought against Gath, and took it: and Hazael set his face to go up to Jerusalem.

12:18 And Jehoash king of Judah took all the hallowed things that Jehoshaphat, and Jehoram, and Ahaziah, his fathers, kings of Judah, had dedicated, and his own hallowed things, and all the gold that was found in the treasures of the house of *Yehovah*, and in the king's house, and sent it to Hazael king of Syria: and he went away from Jerusalem.

12:19 And the rest of the acts of Joash, and all that he did, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah?

12:20 And his servants arose, and made a conspiracy, and slew Joash in the house of Millo, which goes down to Silla.

12:21 For Jozachar the son of Shimeath, and Jehozabad the son of Shomer, his servants, smote him, and he died; and they buried him with his fathers in the city of David: and Amaziah his son reigned in his stead.

2 Kings – Chapter 13

13:1 In the three and twentieth year of Joash the son of Ahaziah king of Judah Jehoahaz the son of Jehu began to reign over Israel in Samaria, and reigned seventeen years.

13:2 And he did that which was evil in the sight of *Yehovah*, and followed the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, which made Israel to sin; he departed not therefrom.

13:3 And the anger of *Yehovah* was kindled against Israel, and he delivered them into the hand of Hazael king of Syria, and into the hand of Benhadad the son of Hazael, all their days.

13:4 And Jehoahaz sought *Yehovah*, and *Yehovah* listened to him: for he saw the oppression of Israel, because the king of Syria oppressed them.

13:5 (And *Yehovah* gave Israel a savior, so that they went out from under the hand of the Syrians: and the children of Israel dwelled in their tents, as beforetime.

13:6 Nevertheless they departed not from the sins of the house of Jeroboam, who made Israel sin, but walked in it: and there remained the grove also in Samaria.)

13:7 Neither did he leave of the people to Jehoahaz but fifty horsemen, and ten chariots, and ten thousand footmen; for the king of Syria had destroyed them, and had made them like the dust by threshing.

13:8 Now the rest of the acts of Jehoahaz, and all that he did, and his might, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel?

13:9 And Jehoahaz slept with his fathers; and they buried him in Samaria: and Joash his son reigned in his stead.

13:10 In the thirty and seventh year of Joash king of Judah began Jehoash the son of Jehoahaz to reign over Israel in Samaria, and reigned sixteen years.

13:11 And he did that which was evil in the sight of *Yehovah*; he departed not from all the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who made Israel sin: but he walked in it.

13:12 And the rest of the acts of Joash, and all that he did, and his might with which he fought against Amaziah king of Judah, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel?

13:13 And Joash slept with his fathers; and Jeroboam sat on his throne: and Joash was buried in Samaria with the kings of Israel.

13:14 Now Elisha was fallen sick of his sickness whereof he died. And Joash the king of Israel came down to him, and wept over his face, and said, O my father, my father, the chariot of Israel, and their horsemen.

13:15 And Elisha said to him, Take bow and arrows. And he took to him bow and arrows.

13:16 And he said to the king of Israel, Put your hand on the bow. And he put his hand on it: and Elisha put his hands on the king's hands.

13:17 And he said, Open the window eastward. And he opened it. Then Elisha said, Shoot. And he shot. And he said, The arrow of *Yehovah's* deliverance, and the arrow of deliverance from Syria: for you shall smite the Syrians in Aphek, till you have consumed them.

13:18 And he said, Take the arrows. And he took them. And he said to the king of Israel, Smite on the ground. And he smote thrice, and stayed.

13:19 And the man of God was *angry* with him, and said, You should have smitten five or six times; then had you smitten Syria till you had consumed it: whereas now you shall smite Syria but thrice.

13:20 And Elisha died, and they buried him. And the bands of the Moabites invaded the land at the coming in of the year.

13:21 And it came to pass, as they were burying a man, that, behold, they spied a band of men; and they cast the man into the sepulcher of Elisha: and when the man was let down, and touched the bones of Elisha, he revived, and stood up on his feet.

13:22 But Hazael king of Syria oppressed Israel all the days of Jehoahaz.

13:23 And *Yehovah* was gracious to them, and had compassion on them, and had respect to them, because of his covenant with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and would not destroy them, neither cast he them from his presence as yet.

13:24 So Hazael king of Syria died; and Benhadad his son reigned in his stead.

13:25 And Jehoash the son of Jehoahaz took again out of the hand of Benhadad the son of Hazael the cities, which he had taken out of the hand of Jehoahaz his father by war. Three times did Joash beat him, and recovered the cities of Israel.

2 Kings – Chapter 14

14:1 In the second year of Joash son of Jehoahaz king of Israel reigned Amaziah the son of Joash king of Judah.

14:2 He was twenty and five years old when he began to reign, and reigned twenty and nine years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Jehoaddan of Jerusalem.

14:3 And he did that which was right in the sight of *Yehovah*, yet not like David his father: he did according to all things as Joash his father did.

14:4 However, the high places were not taken away: as yet the people did sacrifice and burnt incense on the high places.

14:5 And it came to pass, as soon as the kingdom was confirmed in his hand, that he slew his servants which had slain the king his father.

14:6 But the children of the murderers he slew not: according to that which is written in the book of the law of Moses, in which *Yehovah* commanded, saying, The fathers shall not be put to death for the children, nor the children be put to death for the fathers; but every man shall be put to death for his own sin.

14:7 He slew of Edom in the valley of salt ten thousand, and took Selah by war, and called the name of it Joktheel to this day.

14:8 Then Amaziah sent messengers to Jehoash, the son of Jehoahaz son of Jehu, king of Israel, saying, Come, let us look one another in the face.

14:9 And Jehoash the king of Israel sent to Amaziah king of Judah, saying, The thistle that was in Lebanon sent to the cedar that was in Lebanon, saying, Give your daughter to my son to wife: and there passed by a wild beast that was in Lebanon, and stepped down the thistle.

14:10 You have indeed smitten Edom, and your heart has lifted you up: glory of this, and tarry at home: for why should you meddle to your hurt, that you should fall, even you, and Judah with you?

14:11 But Amaziah would not hear. Therefore Jehoash king of Israel went up; and he and Amaziah king of Judah looked one another in the face at Bethshemesh, which belongs to Judah.

14:12 And Judah was put to the worse before Israel; and they fled every man to their tents.

14:13 And Jehoash king of Israel took Amaziah king of Judah, the son of Jehoash the son of Ahaziah, at Bethshemesh, and came to Jerusalem, and broke down the wall of Jerusalem from the gate of Ephraim to the corner gate, four hundred cubits.

14:14 And he took all the gold and silver, and all the vessels that were found in the house of *Yehovah*, and in the treasures of the king's house, and hostages, and returned to Samaria.

14:15 Now the rest of the acts of Jehoash which he did, and his might, and how he fought with Amaziah king of Judah, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel?

14:16 And Jehoash slept with his fathers, and was buried in Samaria with the kings of Israel; and Jeroboam his son reigned in his stead.

14:17 And Amaziah the son of Joash king of Judah lived after the death of Jehoash son of Jehoahaz king of Israel fifteen years.

14:18 And the rest of the acts of Amaziah, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah?

14:19 Now they made a conspiracy against him in Jerusalem: and he fled to Lachish; but they sent after him to Lachish, and slew him there.

14:20 And they brought him on horses: and he was buried at Jerusalem with his fathers in the city of David.

14:21 And all the people of Judah took Azariah, which was sixteen years old, and made him king instead of his father Amaziah.

14:22 He built Elath, and restored it to Judah, after that the king slept with his fathers.

14:23 In the fifteenth year of Amaziah the son of Joash king of Judah Jeroboam the son of Joash king of Israel began to reign in Samaria, and reigned forty and one years.

14:24 And he did that which was evil in the sight of *Yehovah*: he departed not from all the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who made Israel to sin.

14:25 He restored the coast of Israel from the entering of Hamath to the sea of the plain, according to the word of *Yehovah* God of Israel, which he spoke by the hand of his servant Jonah, the son of Amittai, the prophet, which was of Gathhepher.

14:26 For *Yehovah* saw the affliction of Israel, that it was very bitter: for there was not any shut up, nor any left, nor any helper for Israel.

14:27 And *Yehovah* said not that he would blot out the name of Israel from under heaven: but he saved them by the hand of Jeroboam the son of Joash.

14:28 Now the rest of the acts of Jeroboam, and all that he did, and his might, how he warred, and how he recovered Damascus, and Hamath, which belonged to Judah, for Israel, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel?

14:29 And Jeroboam slept with his fathers, even with the kings of Israel; and Zachariah his son reigned in his stead.

2 Kings – Chapter 15

15:1 In the twenty and seventh year of Jeroboam king of Israel began Azariah son of Amaziah king of Judah to reign.

15:2 Sixteen years old was he when he began to reign, and he reigned two and fifty years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Jecholiah of Jerusalem.

15:3 And he did that which was right in the sight of *Yehovah*, according to all that his father Amaziah had done;

15:4 Save that the high places were not removed: the people sacrificed and burnt incense still on the high places.

15:5 And *Yehovah* smote the king, so that he was a leper to the day of his death, and dwelled in a several house. And Jotham the king's son was over the house, judging the people of the land.

15:6 And the rest of the acts of Azariah, and all that he did, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah?

15:7 So Azariah slept with his fathers; and they buried him with his fathers in the city of David: and Jotham his son reigned in his stead.

15:8 In the thirty and eighth year of Azariah king of Judah did Zachariah the son of Jeroboam reign over Israel in Samaria six months.

15:9 And he did that which was evil in the sight of *Yehovah*, as his fathers had done: he departed not from the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who made Israel to sin.

15:10 And Shallum the son of Jabesh conspired against him, and smote him before the people, and slew him, and reigned in his stead.

15:11 And the rest of the acts of Zachariah, behold, they are written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel.

15:12 This was the word of *Yehovah* which he spoke to Jehu, saying, Your sons shall sit on the throne of Israel to the fourth generation. And so it came to pass.

15:13 Shallum the son of Jabesh began to reign in the nine and thirtieth year of Uzziah king of Judah; and he reigned a full month in Samaria.

15:14 For Menahem the son of Gadi went up from Tirzah, and came to Samaria, and smote Shallum the son of Jabesh in Samaria, and slew him, and reigned in his stead.

15:15 And the rest of the acts of Shallum, and his conspiracy which he made, behold, they are written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel.

15:16 Then Menahem smote Tiphsah, and all that were in it, and their coasts from Tirzah: because they opened not to him, therefore he smote it; and all the women in it that were with child he ripped up.

15:17 In the nine and thirtieth year of Azariah king of Judah began Menahem the son of Gadi to reign over Israel, and reigned ten years in Samaria.

15:18 And he did that which was evil in the sight of *Yehovah*: he departed not all his days from the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who made Israel to sin.

15:19 And Pul the king of Assyria came against the land: and Menahem gave Pul a thousand talents of silver, that his hand might be with him to confirm the kingdom in his hand.

15:20 And Menahem exacted the money of Israel, even of all the mighty men of wealth, of each man fifty shekels of silver, to give to the king of Assyria. So the king of Assyria turned back, and stayed not there in the land.

15:21 And the rest of the acts of Menahem, and all that he did, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel?

15:22 And Menahem slept with his fathers; and Pekahiah his son reigned in his stead.

15:23 In the fiftieth year of Azariah king of Judah Pekahiah the son of Menahem began to reign over Israel in Samaria, and reigned two years.

15:24 And he did that which was evil in the sight of *Yehovah*: he departed not from the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who made Israel to sin.

15:25 But Pekah the son of Remaliah, a captain of his, conspired against him, and smote him in Samaria, in the palace of the king's house, with Argob and Arieah, and with him fifty men of the Gileadites: and he killed him, and reigned in his room.

15:26 And the rest of the acts of Pekahiah, and all that he did, behold, they are written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel.

15:27 In the two and fiftieth year of Azariah king of Judah Pekah the son of Remaliah began to reign over Israel in Samaria, and reigned twenty years.

15:28 And he did that which was evil in the sight of *Yehovah*: he departed not from the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who made Israel to sin.

15:29 In the days of Pekah king of Israel came Tiglathpileser king of Assyria, and took Ijon, and Abelbethmaachah, and Janoah, and Kedesh, and Hazor, and Gilead, and Galilee, all the land of Naphtali, and carried them captive to Assyria.

15:30 And Hoshea the son of Elah made a conspiracy against Pekah the son of Remaliah, and smote him, and slew him, and reigned in his stead, in the twentieth year of Jotham the son of Uzziah.

15:31 And the rest of the acts of Pekah, and all that he did, behold, they are written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel.

15:32 In the second year of Pekah the son of Remaliah king of Israel began Jotham the son of Uzziah king of Judah to reign.

15:33 Five and twenty years old was he when he began to reign, and he reigned sixteen years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Jerusha, the daughter of Zadok.

15:34 And he did that which was right in the sight of *Yehovah*: he did according to all that his father Uzziah had done.

15:35 However, the high places were not removed: the people sacrificed and burned incense still in the high places. He built the higher gate of the house of *Yehovah*.

15:36 Now the rest of the acts of Jotham, and all that he did, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah?

15:37 In those days *Yehovah* began to send against Judah Rezin the king of Syria, and Pekah the son of Remaliah.

15:38 And Jotham slept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the city of David his father: and Ahaz his son reigned in his stead.

2 Kings – Chapter 16

16:1 In the seventeenth year of Pekah the son of Remaliah Ahaz the son of Jotham king of Judah began to reign.

16:2 Twenty years old was Ahaz when he began to reign, and reigned sixteen years in Jerusalem, and did not that which was right in the sight of *Yehovah* his God, like David his father.

16:3 But he walked in the way of the kings of Israel, yes, and made his son to pass through the fire, according to the abominations of the heathen, whom *Yehovah* cast out from before the children of Israel.

16:4 And he sacrificed and burnt incense in the high places, and on the hills, and under every green tree.

16:5 Then Rezin king of Syria and Pekah son of Remaliah king of Israel came up to Jerusalem to war: and they besieged Ahaz, but could not overcome him.

16:6 At that time Rezin king of Syria recovered Elath to Syria, and drove the *Hebrews* from Elath: and the Syrians came to Elath, and dwelled there to this day.

16:7 So Ahaz sent messengers to Tiglathpileser king of Assyria, saying, I am your servant and your son: come up, and save me out of the hand of the king of Syria, and out of the hand of the king of Israel, which rise up against me.

16:8 And Ahaz took the silver and gold that was found in the house of *Yehovah*, and in the treasures of the king's house, and sent it for a present to the king of Assyria.

16:9 And the king of Assyria listened to him: for the king of Assyria went up against Damascus, and took it, and carried the people of it captive to Kir, and slew Rezin.

16:10 And king Ahaz went to Damascus to meet Tiglathpileser king of Assyria, and saw an altar that was at Damascus: and king Ahaz sent to Urijah the priest the fashion of the altar, and the pattern of it, according to all their workmanship.

16:11 And Urijah the priest built an altar according to all that king Ahaz had sent from Damascus: so Urijah the priest made it against king Ahaz came from Damascus.

16:12 And when the king was come from Damascus, the king saw the altar: and the king approached to the altar, and offered thereon.

16:13 And he burnt his burnt offering and his meat offering, and poured his drink offering, and sprinkled the blood of his peace offerings, on the altar.

16:14 And he brought also the brazen altar, which was before *Yehovah*, from the forefront of the house, from between the altar and the house of *Yehovah*, and put it on the north side of the altar.

16:15 And king Ahaz commanded Urijah the priest, saying, On the great altar burn the morning burnt offering, and the evening meat offering, and the king's burnt sacrifice, and his meat offering, with the burnt offering of all the people of the land, and their meat offering, and their drink offerings; and sprinkle on it all the blood of the burnt offering, and all the blood of the sacrifice: and the brazen altar shall be for me to inquire by.

16:16 Thus did Urijah the priest, according to all that king Ahaz commanded.

16:17 And king Ahaz cut off the borders of the bases, and removed the laver from off them; and took down the sea from off the brazen oxen that were under it, and put it on the pavement of stones.

16:18 And the covert for the sabbath that they had built in the house, and the king's entry without, turned he from the house of *Yehovah* for the king of Assyria.

16:19 Now the rest of the acts of Ahaz which he did, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah?

16:20 And Ahaz slept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the city of David: and Hezekiah his son reigned in his stead.

2 Kings – Chapter 17

17:1 In the twelfth year of Ahaz king of Judah began Hoshea the son of Elah to reign in Samaria over Israel nine years.

17:2 And he did that which was evil in the sight of *Yehovah*, but not as the kings of Israel that were before him.

17:3 Against him came up Shalmaneser king of Assyria; and Hoshea became his servant, and gave him presents.

17:4 And the king of Assyria found conspiracy in Hoshea: for he had sent messengers to So king of Egypt, and brought no present to the king of Assyria, as he had done year by year: therefore the king of Assyria shut him up, and bound him in prison.

17:5 Then the king of Assyria came up throughout all the land, and went up to Samaria, and besieged it three years.

17:6 In the ninth year of Hoshea the king of Assyria took Samaria, and carried Israel away into Assyria, and placed them in Halah and in Habor by the river of Gozan, and in the cities of the Medes.

17:7 For so it was, that the children of Israel had sinned against *Yehovah* their God, which had brought them up out of the land of Egypt, from under the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt, and had feared other gods,

17:8 And walked in the statutes of the heathen, whom *Yehovah* cast out from before the children of Israel, and of the kings of Israel, which they had made.

17:9 And the children of Israel did secretly those things that were not right against *Yehovah* their God, and they built them high places in all their cities, from the tower of the watchmen to the fenced city.

17:10 And they set them up images and groves in every high hill, and under every green tree:

17:11 And there they burnt incense in all the high places, as did the heathen whom *Yehovah* carried away before them; and worked wicked things to provoke *Yehovah* to anger:

17:12 For they served idols, whereof *Yehovah* had said to them, You shall not do this thing.

17:13 Yet *Yehovah* testified against Israel, and against Judah, by all the prophets, and by all the seers, saying, Turn you from your evil ways, and keep my commandments and my statutes, according to all the law which I commanded your fathers, and which I sent to you by my servants the prophets.

17:14 Notwithstanding they would not hear, but hardened their necks, like to the neck of their fathers, that did not believe in *Yehovah* their God.

17:15 And they rejected his statutes, and his covenant that he made with their fathers, and his testimonies which he testified against them; and they followed vanity, and became vain, and went after the heathen that were round about them, concerning whom *Yehovah* had charged them, that they should not do like them.

17:16 And they left all the commandments of *Yehovah* their God, and made them molten images, even two calves, and made a grove, and worshipped all the host of heaven, and served Baal.

17:17 And they caused their sons and their daughters to pass through the fire, and used divination and enchantments, and sold themselves to do evil in the sight of *Yehovah*, to provoke him to anger.

17:18 Therefore *Yehovah* was very angry with Israel, and removed them out of his sight: there was none left but the tribe of Judah only.

17:19 Also Judah kept not the commandments of *Yehovah* their God, but walked in the statutes of Israel which they made.

17:20 And *Yehovah* rejected all the seed of Israel, and afflicted them, and delivered them into the hand of *plunderers*, until he had cast them out of his sight.

17:21 For he rent Israel from the house of David; and they made Jeroboam the son of Nebat king: and Jeroboam drove Israel from following *Yehovah*, and made them sin a great sin.

17:22 For the children of Israel walked in all the sins of Jeroboam which he did; they departed not from them;

17:23 Until *Yehovah* removed Israel out of his sight, as he had said by all his servants the prophets. So was Israel carried away out of their own land to Assyria to this day.

17:24 And the king of Assyria brought men from Babylon, and from Cuthah, and from Ava, and from Hamath, and from Sepharvaim, and placed them in the cities of Samaria instead of the children of Israel: and they possessed Samaria, and dwelled in their cities.

17:25 And so it was at the beginning of their dwelling there, that they feared not *Yehovah*: therefore *Yehovah* sent lions among them, which slew some of them.

17:26 Why they spoke to the king of Assyria, saying, The nations which you have removed, and placed in the cities of Samaria, know not the manner of the God of the land: therefore he has sent lions among them, and, behold, they slay them, because they know not the manner of the God of the land.

17:27 Then the king of Assyria commanded, saying, Carry one of the priests whom you brought from there; and let them go and dwell there, and let him teach them the manner of the God of the land.

17:28 Then one of the priests whom they had carried away from Samaria came and dwelled in Bethel, and taught them how they should fear *Yehovah*.

17:29 However, every nation made gods of their own, and put them in the houses of the high places which the Samaritans had made, every nation in their cities in which they dwelled.

17:30 And the men of Babylon made Succothbenoth, and the men of Cuth made Nergal, and the men of Hamath made Ashima,

17:31 And the Avites made Nibhaz and Tartak, and the Sepharvites burnt their children in fire to Adrammelech and Anammelech, the gods of Sepharvaim.

17:32 So they feared *Yehovah*, and made to themselves of the lowest of them priests of the high places, which sacrificed for them in the houses of the high places.

17:33 They feared *Yehovah*, and served their own gods, after the manner of the nations whom they carried away from there.

17:34 To this day they do after the former manners: they fear not *Yehovah*, neither do they after their statutes, or after their ordinances, or after the law and commandment which *Yehovah* commanded the children of Jacob, whom he named Israel;

17:35 With whom *Yehovah* had made a covenant, and charged them, saying, You shall not fear other gods, nor bow yourselves to them, nor serve them, nor sacrifice to them:

17:36 But *Yehovah*, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt with great power and a stretched out arm, him shall you fear, and him shall you worship, and to him shall you do sacrifice.

17:37 And the statutes, and the ordinances, and the law, and the commandment, which he wrote for you, you shall observe to do forever more; and you shall not fear other gods.

17:38 And the covenant that I have made with you you shall not forget; neither shall you fear other gods.

17:39 But *Yehovah* your God you shall fear; and he shall deliver you out of the hand of all your enemies.

17:40 However, they did not listen, but they did after their former manner.

17:41 So these nations feared *Yehovah*, and served their graven images, both their children, and their children's children: as did their fathers, so do they to this day.

2 Kings – Chapter 18

18:1 Now it came to pass in the third year of Hoshea son of Elah king of Israel, that Hezekiah the son of Ahaz king of Judah began to reign.

18:2 Twenty and five years old was he when he began to reign; and he reigned twenty and nine years in Jerusalem. His mother's name also was Abi, the daughter of Zachariah.

18:3 And he did that which was right in the sight of *Yehovah*, according to all that David his father did.

18:4 He removed the high places, and broke the images, and cut down the groves, and broke in pieces the brazen serpent that Moses had made: for to those days the children of Israel did burn incense to it: and he called it Nehushtan.

18:5 He trusted in *Yehovah* God of Israel; so that after him was none like him among all the kings of Judah, nor any that were before him.

18:6 For he held to *Yehovah*, and departed not from following him, but kept his commandments, which *Yehovah* commanded Moses.

18:7 And *Yehovah* was with him; and he prospered wherever he went forth: and he rebelled against the king of Assyria, and served him not.

18:8 He smote the Philistines, even to Gaza, and their borders, from the tower of the watchmen to the fenced city.

18:9 And it came to pass in the fourth year of king Hezekiah, which was the seventh year of Hoshea son of Elah king of Israel, that Shalmaneser king of Assyria came up against Samaria, and besieged it.

18:10 And at the end of three years they took it: even in the sixth year of Hezekiah, that is in the ninth year of Hoshea king of Israel, Samaria was taken.

18:11 And the king of Assyria did carry away Israel to Assyria, and put them in Halah and in Habor by the river of Gozan, and in the cities of the Medes:

18:12 Because they obeyed not the voice of *Yehovah* their God, but transgressed his covenant, and all that Moses the servant of *Yehovah* commanded, and would not hear them, nor do them.

18:13 Now in the fourteenth year of king Hezekiah did Sennacherib king of Assyria come up against all the fenced cities of Judah, and took them.

18:14 And Hezekiah king of Judah sent to the king of Assyria to Lachish, saying, I have offended; return from me: that which you put on me will I bear. And the king of Assyria appointed to Hezekiah king of Judah three hundred talents of silver and thirty talents of gold.

18:15 And Hezekiah gave him all the silver that was found in the house of *Yehovah*, and in the treasures of the king's house.

18:16 At that time did Hezekiah cut off the gold from the doors of the temple of *Yehovah*, and from the pillars which Hezekiah king of Judah had overlaid, and gave it to the king of Assyria.

18:17 And the king of Assyria sent Tartan and Rabsaris and Rabshakeh from Lachish to king Hezekiah with a great army against Jerusalem. And they went up and came to Jerusalem. And when they were come up, they came and stood by the conduit of the upper pool, which is in the highway of the fuller's field.

18:18 And when they had called to the king, there came out to them Eliakim the son of Hilkiah, which was over the household, and Shebna the scribe, and Joah the son of Asaph the recorder.

18:19 And Rabshakeh said to them, Speak you now to Hezekiah, Thus said the great king, the king of Assyria, What confidence is this in which you trust?

18:20 You say, (but they are but vain words,) I have counsel and strength for the war. Now on whom do you trust, that you rebel against me?

18:21 Now, behold, you trust on the staff of this bruised reed, even on Egypt, on which if a man lean, it will go into his hand, and pierce it: so is Pharaoh king of Egypt to all that trust on him.

18:22 But if you say to me, We trust in *Yehovah* our God: is not that he, whose high places and whose altars Hezekiah has taken away, and has said to Judah and Jerusalem, You shall worship before this altar in Jerusalem?

18:23 Now therefore, I pray you, give pledges to my lord the king of Assyria, and I will deliver you two thousand horses, if you be able on your part to set riders on them.

18:24 How then will you turn away the face of one captain of the least of my master's servants, and put your trust on Egypt for chariots and for horsemen?

18:25 Am I now come up without *Yehovah* against this place to destroy it? *Yehovah* said to me, Go up against this land, and destroy it.

18:26 Then said Eliakim the son of Hilkiah, and Shebna, and Joah, to Rabshakeh, Speak, I pray you, to your servants in the Syrian language; for we understand it: and talk not with us in the *Hebrews'* language in the ears of the people that are on the wall.

18:27 But Rabshakeh said to them, Has my master sent me to your master, and to you, to speak these words? has he not sent me to the men which sit on the wall, that they may eat their own dung, and drink their own urine with you?

18:28 Then Rabshakeh stood and cried with a loud voice in the *Hebrews'* language, and spoke, saying, Hear the word of the great king, the king of Assyria:

18:29 Thus said the king, Let not Hezekiah deceive you: for he shall not be able to deliver you out of his hand:

18:30 Neither let Hezekiah make you trust in *Yehovah*, saying, *Yehovah* will surely deliver us, and this city shall not be delivered into the hand of the king of Assyria.

18:31 Listen not to Hezekiah: for thus said the king of Assyria, Make an agreement with me by a present, and come out to me, and then eat you every man of his own vine, and everyone of his fig tree, and drink you everyone the waters of his cistern:

18:32 Until I come and take you away to a land like your own land, a land of *grain* and wine, a land of bread and vineyards, a land of oil olive and of honey, that you may live, and not die: and listen not to Hezekiah, when he persuades you, saying, *Yehovah* will deliver us.

18:33 Has any of the gods of the nations delivered at all his land out of the hand of the king of Assyria?

18:34 Where are the gods of Hamath, and of Arpad? where are the gods of Sepharvaim, Hena, and Ivah? have they delivered Samaria out of my hand?

18:35 Who are they among all the gods of the countries, that have delivered their country out of my hand, that *Yehovah* should deliver Jerusalem out of my hand?

18:36 But the people held their peace, and answered him not a word: for the king's commandment was, saying, Answer him not.

18:37 Then came Eliakim the son of Hilkiah, which was over the household, and Shebna the scribe, and Joah the son of Asaph the recorder, to Hezekiah with their clothes rent, and told him the words of Rabshakeh.

2 Kings – Chapter 19

19:1 And it came to pass, when king Hezekiah heard it, that he rent his clothes, and covered himself with sackcloth, and went into the house of *Yehovah*.

19:2 And he sent Eliakim, which was over the household, and Shebna the scribe, and the elders of the priests, covered with sackcloth, to Isaiah the prophet the son of Amoz.

19:3 And they said to him, Thus said Hezekiah, This day is a day of trouble, and of rebuke, and blasphemy; for the children are come to the birth, and there is not strength to bring forth.

19:4 It may be *Yehovah* your God will hear all the words of Rabshakeh, whom the king of Assyria his master has sent to reproach the living God; and will reprove the words which *Yehovah* your God has heard: why lift up your prayer for the remnant that are left.

19:5 So the servants of king Hezekiah came to Isaiah.

19:6 And Isaiah said to them, Thus shall you say to your master, Thus said *Yehovah*, Be not afraid of the words which you have heard, with which the servants of the king of Assyria have blasphemed me.

19:7 Behold, I will send a blast on him, and he shall hear a rumor, and shall return to his own land; and I will cause him to fall by the sword in his own land.

19:8 So Rabshakeh returned, and found the king of Assyria warring against Libnah: for he had heard that he was departed from Lachish.

19:9 And when he heard say of Tirhakah king of Ethiopia, Behold, he is come out to fight against you: he sent messengers again to Hezekiah, saying,

19:10 Thus shall you speak to Hezekiah king of Judah, saying, Let not your God in whom you trust deceive you, saying, Jerusalem shall not be delivered into the hand of the king of Assyria.

19:11 Behold, you have heard what the kings of Assyria have done to all lands, by destroying them utterly: and shall you be delivered?

19:12 Have the gods of the nations delivered them which my fathers have destroyed; as Gozan, and Haran, and Rezep, and the children of Eden which were in Thelasar?

19:13 Where is the king of Hamath, and the king of Arpad, and the king of the city of Sepharvaim, of Hena, and Ivah?

19:14 And Hezekiah received the letter of the hand of the messengers, and read it: and Hezekiah went up into the house of *Yehovah*, and spread it before *Yehovah*.

19:15 And Hezekiah prayed before *Yehovah*, and said, *O YEHOUAH* God of Israel, which dwell between the cherubim, you are the God, even you alone, of all the kingdoms of the earth; you have made heaven and earth.

19:16 *YEHOUAH*, bow down your ear, and hear: open, *YEHOUAH*, your eyes, and see: and hear the words of Sennacherib, which has sent him to reproach the living God.

19:17 Of a truth, *YEHOUAH*, the kings of Assyria have destroyed the nations and their lands,

19:18 And have cast their gods into the fire: for they were no gods, but the work of men's hands, wood and stone: therefore they have destroyed them.

19:19 Now therefore, *O YEHOWAH* our God, I beseech you, save you us out of his hand, that all the kingdoms of the earth may know that you are *Yehovah* God, even you only.

19:20 Then Isaiah the son of Amoz sent to Hezekiah, saying, Thus said *Yehovah* God of Israel, That which you have prayed to me against Sennacherib king of Assyria I have heard.

19:21 This is the word that *Yehovah* has spoken concerning him; The virgin, the daughter of Zion has despised you, and laughed you to scorn; the daughter of Jerusalem has shaken her head at you.

19:22 Whom have you reproached and blasphemed? and against whom have you exalted your voice, and lifted up your eyes on high? even against the Holy One of Israel.

19:23 By your messengers you have reproached *Yehovah*, and have said, With the multitude of my chariots I am come up to the height of the mountains, to the sides of Lebanon, and will cut down the tall cedar trees, and the choice fir trees: and I will enter into the lodgings of his borders, and into the forest of his Carmel.

19:24 I have dig and drunk strange waters, and with the sole of my feet have I dried up all the rivers of besieged places.

19:25 Have you not heard long ago how I have done it, and of ancient times that I have formed it? now have I brought it to pass, that you should be to lay waste fenced cities into ruinous heaps.

19:26 Therefore their inhabitants were of small power, they were dismayed and confounded; they were as the grass of the field, and as the green herb, as the grass on the house tops, and as *grain* blasted before it be grown up.

19:27 But I know your stayed, and your going out, and your coming in, and your rage against me.

19:28 Because your rage against me and your tumult is come up into my ears, therefore I will put my hook in your nose, and my bridle in your lips, and I will turn you back by the way by which you came.

19:29 And this shall be a sign to you, You shall eat this year such things as grow of themselves, and in the second year that which springs of the same; and in the third year sow you, and reap, and plant vineyards, and eat the fruits.

19:30 And the remnant that is escaped of the house of Judah shall yet again take root downward, and bear fruit upward.

19:31 For out of Jerusalem shall go forth a remnant, and they that escape out of mount Zion: the zeal of *Yehovah God of Armies* shall do this.

19:32 Therefore thus said *Yehovah* concerning the king of Assyria, He shall not come into this city, nor shoot an arrow there, nor come before it with shield, nor cast a bank against it.

19:33 By the way that he came, by the same shall he return, and shall not come into this city, said *Yehovah*.

19:34 For I will defend this city, to save it, for my own sake, and for my servant David's sake.

19:35 And it came to pass that night, that the angel of *Yehovah* went out, and smote in the camp of the Assyrians a hundred fourscore and five thousand: and when they arose early in the morning, behold, they were all dead corpses.

19:36 So Sennacherib king of Assyria departed, and went and returned, and dwelled at Nineveh.

19:37 And it came to pass, as he was worshipping in the house of Nisroch his god, that Adrammelech and Sharezer his sons smote him with the sword: and they escaped into the land of Armenia. And Esarhaddon his son reigned in his stead.

2 Kings – Chapter 20

20:1 In those days was Hezekiah sick to death. And the prophet Isaiah the son of Amoz came to him, and said to him, Thus said *Yehovah*, Set your house in order; for you shall die, and not live.

20:2 Then he turned his face to the wall, and prayed to *Yehovah*, saying,

20:3 I beseech you, *O YEHOVAH*, remember now how I have walked before you in truth and with a perfect heart, and have done that which is good in your sight. And Hezekiah wept sore.

20:4 And it came to pass, before Isaiah was gone out into the middle court, that the word of *Yehovah* came to him, saying,

20:5 Turn again, and tell Hezekiah the captain of my people, Thus said *Yehovah*, the God of David your father, I have heard your prayer, I have seen your tears: behold, I will heal you: on the third day you shall go up to the house of *Yehovah*.

20:6 And I will add to your days fifteen years; and I will deliver you and this city out of the hand of the king of Assyria; and I will defend this city for my own sake, and for my servant David's sake.

20:7 And Isaiah said, Take a lump of figs. And they took and laid it on the boil, and he recovered.

20:8 And Hezekiah said to Isaiah, What shall be the sign that *Yehovah* will heal me, and that I shall go up into the house of *Yehovah* the third day?

20:9 And Isaiah said, This sign shall you have of *Yehovah*, that *Yehovah* will do the thing that he has spoken: shall the shadow go forward ten degrees, or go back ten degrees?

20:10 And Hezekiah answered, It is a light thing for the shadow to go down ten degrees: no, but let the shadow return backward ten degrees.

20:11 And Isaiah the prophet cried to *Yehovah*: and he brought the shadow ten degrees backward, by which it had gone down in the dial of Ahaz.

20:12 At that time Berodachbaladan, the son of Baladan, king of Babylon, sent letters and a present to Hezekiah: for he had heard that Hezekiah had been sick.

20:13 And Hezekiah listened to them, and showed them all the house of his precious things, the silver, and the gold, and the spices, and the precious ointment, and all the house of his armor, and all that was found in his treasures: there was nothing in his house, nor in all his dominion, that Hezekiah showed them not.

20:14 Then came Isaiah the prophet to king Hezekiah, and said to him, What said these men? and from from where came they to you? And Hezekiah said, They are come from a far country, even from Babylon.

20:15 And he said, What have they seen in your house? And Hezekiah answered, All the things that are in my house have they seen: there is nothing among my treasures that I have not showed them.

20:16 And Isaiah said to Hezekiah, Hear the word of *Yehovah*.

20:17 Behold, the days come, that all that is in your house, and that which your fathers have laid up in store to this day, shall be carried into Babylon: nothing shall be left, said *Yehovah*.

20:18 And of your sons that shall issue from you, which you shall beget, shall they take away; and they shall be eunuchs in the palace of the king of Babylon.

20:19 Then said Hezekiah to Isaiah, Good is the word of *Yehovah* which you have spoken. And he said, Is it not good, if peace and truth be in my days?

20:20 And the rest of the acts of Hezekiah, and all his might, and how he made a pool, and a conduit, and brought water into the city, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah?

20:21 And Hezekiah slept with his fathers: and Manasseh his son reigned in his stead.

2 Kings – Chapter 21

21:1 Manasseh was twelve years old when he began to reign, and reigned fifty and five years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Hephzibah.

21:2 And he did that which was evil in the sight of *Yehovah*, after the abominations of the heathen, whom *Yehovah* cast out before the children of Israel.

21:3 For he built up again the high places which Hezekiah his father had destroyed; and he reared up altars for Baal, and made a grove, as did Ahab king of Israel; and worshipped all the host of heaven, and served them.

21:4 And he built altars in the house of *Yehovah*, of which *Yehovah* said, In Jerusalem will I put my name.

21:5 And he built altars for all the host of heaven in the two courts of the house of *Yehovah*.

21:6 And he made his son pass through the fire, and observed times, and used enchantments, and dealt with familiar spirits and wizards: he worked much wickedness in the sight of *Yehovah*, to provoke him to anger.

21:7 And he set a graven image of the grove that he had made in the house, of which *Yehovah* said to David, and to Solomon his son, In this house, and in Jerusalem, which I have chosen out of all tribes of Israel, will I put my name forever:

21:8 Neither will I make the feet of Israel move anymore out of the land which I gave their fathers; only if they will observe to do according to all that I have commanded them, and according to all the law that my servant Moses commanded them.

21:9 But they listened not: and Manasseh seduced them to do more evil than did the nations whom *Yehovah* destroyed before the children of Israel.

21:10 And *Yehovah* spoke by his servants the prophets, saying,

21:11 Because Manasseh king of Judah has done these abominations, and has done wickedly above all that the Amorites did, which were before him, and has made Judah also to sin with his idols:

21:12 Therefore thus said *Yehovah* God of Israel, Behold, I am bringing such evil on Jerusalem and Judah, that whoever hears of it, both his ears shall tingle.

21:13 And I will stretch over Jerusalem the line of Samaria, and the plummet of the house of Ahab: and I will wipe Jerusalem as a man wipes a dish, wiping it, and turning it upside down.

21:14 And I will forsake the remnant of my inheritance, and deliver them into the hand of their enemies; and they shall become a prey and spoils to all their enemies;

21:15 Because they have done that which was evil in my sight, and have provoked me to anger, since the day their fathers came forth out of Egypt, even to this day.

21:16 Moreover Manasseh shed innocent blood very much, till he had filled Jerusalem from one end to another; beside his sin with which he made Judah to sin, in doing that which was evil in the sight of *Yehovah*.

21:17 Now the rest of the acts of Manasseh, and all that he did, and his sin that he sinned, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah?

21:18 And Manasseh slept with his fathers, and was buried in the garden of his own house, in the garden of Uzza: and Amon his son reigned in his stead.

21:19 Amon was twenty and two years old when he began to reign, and he reigned two years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Meshullemeth, the daughter of Haruz of Jotbah.

21:20 And he did that which was evil in the sight of *Yehovah*, as his father Manasseh did.

21:21 And he walked in all the way that his father walked in, and served the idols that his father served, and worshipped them:

21:22 And he forsook *Yehovah* God of his fathers, and walked not in the way of *Yehovah*.

21:23 And the servants of Amon conspired against him, and slew the king in his own house.

21:24 And the people of the land slew all them that had conspired against king Amon; and the people of the land made Josiah his son king in his stead.

21:25 Now the rest of the acts of Amon which he did, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah?

21:26 And he was buried in his sepulcher in the garden of Uzza: and Josiah his son reigned in his stead.

2 Kings – Chapter 22

22:1 Josiah was eight years old when he began to reign, and he reigned thirty and one years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Jedidah, the daughter of Adaiah of Boscath.

22:2 And he did that which was right in the sight of *Yehovah*, and walked in all the way of David his father, and turned not aside to the right hand or to the left.

22:3 And it came to pass in the eighteenth year of king Josiah, that the king sent Shaphan the son of Azaliah, the son of Meshullam, the scribe, to the house of *Yehovah*, saying,

22:4 Go up to Hilkiyah the high priest, that he may sum the silver which is brought into the house of *Yehovah*, which the keepers of the door have gathered of the people:

22:5 And let them deliver it into the hand of the doers of the work, that have the oversight of the house of *Yehovah*: and let them give it to the doers of the work which is in the house of *Yehovah*, to repair the breaches of the house,

22:6 To carpenters, and builders, and masons, and to buy timber and hewn stone to repair the house.

22:7 However, there was no reckoning made with them of the money that was delivered into their hand, because they dealt faithfully.

22:8 And Hilkiyah the high priest said to Shaphan the scribe, I have found the book of the law in the house of *Yehovah*. And Hilkiyah gave the book to Shaphan, and he read it.

22:9 And Shaphan the scribe came to the king, and brought the king word again, and said, Your servants have gathered the money that was found in the house, and have delivered it into the hand of them that do the work, that have the oversight of the house of *Yehovah*.

22:10 And Shaphan the scribe showed the king, saying, Hilkiah the priest has delivered me a book. And Shaphan read it before the king.

22:11 And it came to pass, when the king had heard the words of the book of the law, that he rent his clothes.

22:12 And the king commanded Hilkiah the priest, and Ahikam the son of Shaphan, and Achbor the son of Michaiah, and Shaphan the scribe, and Asahiah a servant of the king's, saying,

22:13 Go you, inquire of *Yehovah* for me, and for the people, and for all Judah, concerning the words of this book that is found: for great is the wrath of *Yehovah* that is kindled against us, because our fathers have not listened to the words of this book, to do according to all that which is written concerning us.

22:14 So Hilkiah the priest, and Ahikam, and Achbor, and Shaphan, and Asahiah, went to Huldah the prophetess, the wife of Shallum the son of Tikvah, the son of Harhas, keeper of the wardrobe; (now she dwelled in Jerusalem in the college;) and they communed with her.

22:15 And she said to them, Thus said *Yehovah* God of Israel, Tell the man that sent you to me,

22:16 Thus said *Yehovah*, Behold, I will bring evil on this place, and on the inhabitants of it, even all the words of the book which the king of Judah has read:

22:17 Because they have forsaken me, and have burned incense to other gods, that they might provoke me to anger with all the works of their hands; therefore my wrath shall be kindled against this place, and shall not be quenched.

22:18 But to the king of Judah which sent you to inquire of *Yehovah*, thus shall you say to him, Thus said *Yehovah* God of Israel, As touching the words which you have heard;

22:19 Because your heart was tender, and you have humbled yourself before *Yehovah*, when you heard what I spoke against this place, and against the inhabitants, that they should become a desolation and a curse, and have rent your clothes, and wept before me; I also have heard you, said *Yehovah*.

22:20 Behold therefore, I will gather you to your fathers, and you shall be gathered into your grave in peace; and your eyes shall not see all the evil which I will bring on this place. And they brought the king word again.

2 Kings – Chapter 23

23:1 And the king sent, and they gathered to him all the elders of Judah and of Jerusalem.

23:2 And the king went up into the house of *Yehovah*, and all the men of Judah and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem with him, and the priests, and the prophets, and all the people, both small and great: and he read in their ears all

the words of the book of the covenant which was found in the house of *Yehovah*.

23:3 And the king stood by a pillar, and made a covenant before *Yehovah*, to walk after *Yehovah*, and to keep his commandments and his testimonies and his statutes with all their heart and all their soul, to perform the words of this covenant that were written in this book. And all the people stood to the covenant.

23:4 And the king commanded Hilkiah the high priest, and the priests of the second order, and the keepers of the door, to bring forth out of the temple of *Yehovah* all the vessels that were made for Baal, and for the grove, and for all the host of heaven: and he burned them without Jerusalem in the fields of Kidron, and carried the ashes of them to Bethel.

23:5 And he put down the idolatrous priests, whom the kings of Judah had ordained to burn incense in the high places in the cities of Judah, and in the places round about Jerusalem; them also that burned incense to Baal, to the sun, and to the moon, and to the planets, and to all the host of heaven.

23:6 And he brought out the grove from the house of *Yehovah*, without Jerusalem, to the brook Kidron, and burned it at the brook Kidron, and stamped it small to powder, and cast the powder on the graves of the children of the people.

23:7 And he broke down the houses of the sodomites, that were by the house of *Yehovah*, where the women wove hangings for the grove.

23:8 And he brought all the priests out of the cities of Judah, and defiled the high places where the priests had burned incense, from Geba to Beersheba, and broke down the high places of the gates that were in the entering in of the gate of Joshua the governor of the city, which were on a man's left hand at the gate of the city.

23:9 Nevertheless the priests of the high places came not up to the altar of *Yehovah* in Jerusalem, but they did eat of the unleavened bread among their brothers.

23:10 And he defiled Topheth, which is in the valley of the children of Hinnom, that no man might make his son or his daughter to pass through the fire to Molech.

23:11 And he took away the horses that the kings of Judah had given to the sun, at the entering in of the house of *Yehovah*, by the chamber of Nathanmelech the chamberlain, which was in the suburbs, and burned the chariots of the sun with fire.

23:12 And the altars that were on the top of the upper chamber of Ahaz, which the kings of Judah had made, and the altars which Manasseh had made in the two courts of the house of *Yehovah*, did the king beat down, and broke them down from there, and cast the dust of them into the brook Kidron.

23:13 And the high places that were before Jerusalem, which were on the right hand of the mount of corruption, which Solomon the king of Israel

had built for Ashtoreth the abomination of the Zidonians, and for Chemosh the abomination of the Moabites, and for Milcom the abomination of the children of Ammon, did the king defile.

23:14 And he broke in pieces the images, and cut down the groves, and filled their places with the bones of men.

23:15 Moreover the altar that was at Bethel, and the high place which Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who made Israel to sin, had made, both that altar and the high place he broke down, and burned the high place, and stamped it small to powder, and burned the grove.

23:16 And as Josiah turned himself, he spied the sepulchers that were there in the mount, and sent, and took the bones out of the sepulchers, and burned them on the altar, and polluted it, according to the word of *Yehovah* which the man of God proclaimed, who proclaimed these words.

23:17 Then he said, What title is that that I see? And the men of the city told him, It is the sepulcher of the man of God, which came from Judah, and proclaimed these things that you have done against the altar of Bethel.

23:18 And he said, Let him alone; let no man move his bones. So they let his bones alone, with the bones of the prophet that came out of Samaria.

23:19 And all the houses also of the high places that were in the cities of Samaria, which the kings of Israel had made to provoke *Yehovah* to anger, Josiah took away, and did to them according to all the acts that he had done in Bethel.

23:20 And he slew all the priests of the high places that were there on the altars, and burned men's bones on them, and returned to Jerusalem.

23:21 And the king commanded all the people, saying, Keep the *pesach* to *Yehovah* your God, as it is written in the book of this covenant.

23:22 Surely there was not held such a *pesach* from the days of the judges that judged Israel, nor in all the days of the kings of Israel, nor of the kings of Judah;

23:23 But in the eighteenth year of king Josiah, in which this *pesach* was held to *Yehovah* in Jerusalem.

23:24 Moreover the workers with familiar spirits, and the wizards, and the images, and the idols, and all the abominations that were spied in the land of Judah and in Jerusalem, did Josiah put away, that he might perform the words of the law which were written in the book that Hilkiyah the priest found in the house of *Yehovah*.

23:25 And like to him was there no king before him, that turned to *Yehovah* with all his heart, and with all his soul, and with all his might, according to all the law of Moses; neither after him arose there any like him.

23:26 Notwithstanding *Yehovah* turned not from the fierceness of his great wrath, with which his anger was kindled against Judah, because of all the provocations that Manasseh had provoked him with.

23:27 And *Yehovah* said, I will remove Judah also out of my sight, as I have removed Israel, and will cast off this city Jerusalem which I have chosen, and the house of which I said, My name shall be there.

23:28 Now the rest of the acts of Josiah, and all that he did, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah?

23:29 In his days Pharaohnechoh king of Egypt went up against the king of Assyria to the river Euphrates: and king Josiah went against him; and he slew him at Megiddo, when he had seen him.

23:30 And his servants carried him in a chariot dead from Megiddo, and brought him to Jerusalem, and buried him in his own sepulcher. And the people of the land took Jehoahaz the son of Josiah, and anointed him, and made him king in his father's stead.

23:31 Jehoahaz was twenty and three years old when he began to reign; and he reigned three months in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Hamutal, the daughter of Jeremiah of Libnah.

23:32 And he did that which was evil in the sight of *Yehovah*, according to all that his fathers had done.

23:33 And Pharaohnechoh put him in bands at Riblah in the land of Hamath, that he might not reign in Jerusalem; and put the land to a tribute of a hundred talents of silver, and a talent of gold.

23:34 And Pharaohnechoh made Eliakim the son of Josiah king in the room of Josiah his father, and turned his name to Jehoiakim, and took Jehoahaz away: and he came to Egypt, and died there.

23:35 And Jehoiakim gave the silver and the gold to Pharaoh; but he taxed the land to give the money according to the commandment of Pharaoh: he exacted the silver and the gold of the people of the land, of everyone according to his taxation, to give it to Pharaohnechoh.

23:36 Jehoiakim was twenty and five years old when he began to reign; and he reigned eleven years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Zebudah, the daughter of Pedaiah of Rumah.

23:37 And he did that which was evil in the sight of *Yehovah*, according to all that his fathers had done.

2 Kings – Chapter 24

24:1 In his days Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came up, and Jehoiakim became his servant three years: then he turned and rebelled against him.

24:2 And *Yehovah* sent against him bands of the Chaldees, and bands of the Syrians, and bands of the Moabites, and bands of the children of Ammon, and sent them against Judah to destroy it, according to the word of *Yehovah*, which he spoke by his servants the prophets.

24:3 Surely at the commandment of *Yehovah* came this on Judah, to remove them out of his sight, for the sins of Manasseh, according to all that he did;

24:4 And also for the innocent blood that he shed: for he filled Jerusalem with innocent blood; which *Yehovah* would not pardon.

24:5 Now the rest of the acts of Jehoiakim, and all that he did, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah?

24:6 So Jehoiakim slept with his fathers: and Jehoiachin his son reigned in his stead.

24:7 And the king of Egypt came not again anymore out of his land: for the king of Babylon had taken from the river of Egypt to the river Euphrates all that pertained to the king of Egypt.

24:8 Jehoiachin was eighteen years old when he began to reign, and he reigned in Jerusalem three months. And his mother's name was Nehushta, the daughter of Elnathan of Jerusalem.

24:9 And he did that which was evil in the sight of *Yehovah*, according to all that his father had done.

24:10 At that time the servants of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came up against Jerusalem, and the city was besieged.

24:11 And Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came against the city, and his servants did besiege it.

24:12 And Jehoiachin the king of Judah went out to the king of Babylon, he, and his mother, and his servants, and his princes, and his officers: and the king of Babylon took him in the eighth year of his reign.

24:13 And he carried out there all the treasures of the house of *Yehovah*, and the treasures of the king's house, and cut in pieces all the vessels of gold which Solomon king of Israel had made in the temple of *Yehovah*, as *Yehovah* had said.

24:14 And he carried away all Jerusalem, and all the princes, and all the mighty men of valor, even ten thousand captives, and all the craftsmen and smiths: none remained, save the poorest sort of the people of the land.

24:15 And he carried away Jehoiachin to Babylon, and the king's mother, and the king's wives, and his officers, and the mighty of the land, those carried he into captivity from Jerusalem to Babylon.

24:16 And all the men of might, even seven thousand, and craftsmen and smiths a thousand, all that were strong and apt for war, even them the king of Babylon brought captive to Babylon.

24:17 And the king of Babylon made Mattaniah his father's brother king in his stead, and changed his name to Zedekiah.

24:18 Zedekiah was twenty and one years old when he began to reign, and he reigned eleven years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Hamutal, the daughter of Jeremiah of Libnah.

24:19 And he did that which was evil in the sight of *Yehovah*, according to all that Jehoiakim had done.

24:20 For through the anger of *Yehovah* it came to pass in Jerusalem and Judah, until he had cast them out from his presence, that Zedekiah rebelled against the king of Babylon.

2 Kings – Chapter 25

25:1 And it came to pass in the ninth year of his reign, in the tenth month, in the tenth day of the month, that Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came, he, and all his army, against Jerusalem, and pitched against it; and they built forts against it round about.

25:2 And the city was besieged to the eleventh year of king Zedekiah.

25:3 And on the ninth day of the fourth month the famine prevailed in the city, and there was no bread for the people of the land.

25:4 And the city was broken up, and all the men of war fled by night by the way of the gate between two walls, which is by the king's garden: (now the Chaldees were against the city round about:) and the king went the way toward the plain.

25:5 And the army of the Chaldees pursued after the king, and overtook him in the plains of Jericho: and all his army were scattered from him.

25:6 So they took the king, and brought him up to the king of Babylon to Riblah; and they gave judgment on him.

25:7 And they slew the sons of Zedekiah before his eyes, and put out the eyes of Zedekiah, and bound him with fetters of brass, and carried him to Babylon.

25:8 And in the fifth month, on the seventh day of the month, which is the nineteenth year of king Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, came Nebuzaradan, captain of the guard, a servant of the king of Babylon, to Jerusalem:

25:9 And he burnt the house of *Yehovah*, and the king's house, and all the houses of Jerusalem, and every great man's house burnt he with fire.

25:10 And all the army of the Chaldees, that were with the captain of the guard, broke down the walls of Jerusalem round about.

25:11 Now the rest of the people that were left in the city, and the fugitives that fell away to the king of Babylon, with the remnant of the multitude, did Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard carry away.

25:12 But the captain of the guard left of the door of the poor of the land to be vinedressers and farmers.

25:13 And the pillars of brass that were in the house of *Yehovah*, and the bases, and the brazen sea that was in the house of *Yehovah*, did the Chaldees break in pieces, and carried the brass of them to Babylon.

25:14 And the pots, and the shovels, and the snuffers, and the spoons, and all the vessels of brass with which they ministered, took they away.

25:15 And the fire pans, and the bowls, and such things as were of gold, in gold, and of silver, in silver, the captain of the guard took away.

25:16 The two pillars, one sea, and the bases which Solomon had made for the house of *Yehovah*; the brass of all these vessels was without weight.

25:17 The height of the one pillar was eighteen cubits, and the capital on it was brass: and the height of the capital three cubits; and the wreathen work, and pomegranates on the capital round about, all of brass: and like to these had the second pillar with wreathen work.

25:18 And the captain of the guard took Seraiah the chief priest, and Zephaniah the second priest, and the three keepers of the door:

25:19 And out of the city he took an officer that was set over the men of war, and five men of them that were in the king's presence, which were found in the city, and the principal scribe of the army, which mustered the people of the land, and three score men of the people of the land that were found in the city:

25:20 And Nebuzaradan captain of the guard took these, and brought them to the king of Babylon to Riblah:

25:21 And the king of Babylon smote them, and slew them at Riblah in the land of Hamath. So Judah was carried away out of their land.

25:22 And as for the people that remained in the land of Judah, whom Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon had left, even over them he made Gedaliah the son of Ahikam, the son of Shaphan, ruler.

25:23 And when all the captains of the *armies*, they and their men, heard that the king of Babylon had made Gedaliah governor, there came to Gedaliah to Mizpah, even Ishmael the son of Nethaniah, and Johanan the son of Careah, and Seraiah the son of Tanhumeth the Netophathite, and Jaazaniah the son of a Maachathite, they and their men.

25:24 And Gedaliah swore to them, and to their men, and said to them, Fear not to be the servants of the Chaldees: dwell in the land, and serve the king of Babylon; and it shall be well with you.

25:25 But it came to pass in the seventh month, that Ishmael the son of Nethaniah, the son of Elishama, of the seed royal, came, and ten men with him, and smote Gedaliah, that he died, and the *Hebrews* and the Chaldees that were with him at Mizpah.

25:26 And all the people, both small and great, and the captains of the *armies*, arose, and came to Egypt: for they were afraid of the Chaldees.

25:27 And it came to pass in the seven and thirtieth year of the captivity of Jehoiachin king of Judah, in the twelfth month, on the seven and twentieth day of the month, that Amel-marduk king of Babylon in the year that he began to reign did lift up the head of Jehoiachin king of Judah out of prison;

25:28 And he spoke kindly to him, and set his throne above the throne of the kings that were with him in Babylon;

25:29 And changed his prison garments: and he did eat bread continually before him all the days of his life.

25:30 And his allowance was a continual allowance given him of the king, a daily rate for every day, all the days of his life.

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Book of Isaiah

Yisheyah (Yehovah is Salvation)

Isaiah – Chapter 1

1:1 The vision of Isaiah the son of Amoz, which he saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah.

1:2 Hear, O heavens, and give ear, O earth: for *Yehovah* has spoken, I have nourished and brought up children, and they have rebelled against me.

1:3 The ox knows his owner, and the ass his master's crib: but Israel does not know, my people does not consider.

1:4 Ah sinful nation, a people laden with iniquity, a seed of evildoers, children that are corrupters: they have forsaken *Yehovah*, they have provoked the Holy One of Israel to anger, they are gone away backward.

1:5 Why should you be stricken any more? you will revolt more and more: the whole head is sick, and the whole heart faint.

1:6 From the sole of the foot even to the head there is no soundness in it; but wounds, and bruises, and putrefying sores: they have not been closed, neither bound up, neither mollified with ointment.

1:7 Your country is desolate, your cities are burned with fire: your land, strangers devour it in your presence, and it is desolate, as overthrown by strangers.

1:8 And the daughter of Zion is left as a cottage in a vineyard, as a lodge in a garden of cucumbers, as a besieged city.

1:9 Except *Yehovah God of Armies* had left to us a very small remnant, we should have been as Sodom, and we should have been like to Gomorrah.

1:10 Hear the word of *Yehovah*, you rulers of Sodom; give ear to the law of our God, you people of Gomorrah.

1:11 To what purpose is the multitude of your sacrifices to me? said *Yehovah*: I am full of the burnt offerings of rams, and the fat of fed beasts; and I delight not in the blood of bullocks, or of lambs, or of he goats.

1:12 When you come to appear before me, who has required this at your hand, to tread my courts?

1:13 Bring no more vain oblations; incense is an abomination to me; the new moons and sabbaths, the calling of assemblies, I cannot away with; it is iniquity, even the solemn meeting.

1:14 Your new moons and your appointed feasts my soul hates: they are a trouble to me; I am weary to bear them.

1:15 And when you spread forth your hands, I will hide my eyes from you: yes, when you make many prayers, I will not hear: your hands are full of blood.

1:16 Wash you, make you clean; put away the evil of your doings from before my eyes; cease to do evil;

1:17 Learn to do well; seek judgment, relieve the oppressed, judge the fatherless, plead for the widow.

1:18 Come now, and let us reason together, said *Yehovah*: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.

1:19 If you be willing and obedient, you shall eat the good of the land:

1:20 But if you refuse and rebel, you shall be devoured with the sword: for the mouth of *Yehovah* has spoken it.

1:21 How is the faithful city become a harlot! it was full of judgment; righteousness lodged in it; but now murderers.

1:22 Your silver is become dross, your wine mixed with water:

1:23 Your princes are rebellious, and companions of thieves: everyone loves gifts, and follows after rewards: they judge not the fatherless, neither does the cause of the widow come to them.

1:24 Therefore said *Yehovah*, *Yehovah God of Armies*, the mighty One of Israel, Ah, I will ease me of my adversaries, and avenge me of my enemies:

1:25 And I will turn my hand on you, and purely purge away your dross, and take away all your tin:

1:26 And I will restore your judges as at the first, and your counsellors as at the beginning: afterward you shall be called, The city of righteousness, the faithful city.

1:27 Zion shall be redeemed with judgment, and her converts with righteousness.

1:28 And the destruction of the transgressors and of the sinners shall be together, and they that forsake *Yehovah* shall be consumed.

1:29 For they shall be ashamed of the oaks which you have desired, and you shall be confounded for the gardens that you have chosen.

1:30 For you shall be as an oak whose leaf fades, and as a garden that has no water.

1:31 And the strong shall be as wick, and the maker of it as a spark, and they shall both burn together, and none shall quench them.

Isaiah – Chapter 2

2:1 The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

2:2 And it shall come to pass in the last days, that the mountain of *Yehovah*'s house shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow to it.

2:3 And many people shall go and say, Come you, and let us go up to the mountain of *Yehovah*, to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of *Yehovah* from Jerusalem.

2:4 And he shall judge among the nations, and shall rebuke many people: and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks: nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

2:5 O house of Jacob, come you, and let us walk in the light of *Yehovah*.

2:6 Therefore you have forsaken your people the house of Jacob, because they be replenished from the east, and are soothsayers like the Philistines, and they please themselves in the children of strangers.

2:7 Their land also is full of silver and gold, neither is there any end of their treasures; their land is also full of horses, neither is there any end of their chariots:

2:8 Their land also is full of idols; they worship the work of their own hands, that which their own fingers have made:

2:9 And the mean man bows down, and the great man humbles himself: therefore forgive them not.

2:10 Enter into the rock, and hide you in the dust, for fear of *Yehovah*, and for the glory of his majesty.

2:11 The lofty looks of man shall be humbled, and the haughtiness of men shall be bowed down, and *Yehovah* alone shall be exalted in that day.

2:12 For the day of *Yehovah God of Armies* shall be on everyone that is proud and lofty, and on everyone that is lifted up; and he shall be brought low:

2:13 And on all the cedars of Lebanon, that are high and lifted up, and on all the oaks of Bashan,

2:14 And on all the high mountains, and on all the hills that are lifted up,

2:15 And on every high tower, and on every fenced wall,

2:16 And on all the ships of Tarshish, and on all pleasant pictures.

2:17 And the loftiness of man shall be bowed down, and the haughtiness of men shall be made low: and *Yehovah* alone shall be exalted in that day.

2:18 And the idols he shall utterly abolish.

2:19 And they shall go into the holes of the rocks, and into the caves of the earth, for fear of *Yehovah*, and for the glory of his majesty, when he rises to shake terribly the earth.

2:20 In that day a man shall cast his idols of silver, and his idols of gold, which they made each one for himself to worship, to the moles and to the bats;

2:21 To go into the clefts of the rocks, and into the tops of the ragged rocks, for fear of *Yehovah*, and for the glory of his majesty, when he rises to shake terribly the earth.

2:22 Cease you from man, whose breath is in his nostrils: for where is he to be accounted of ?

Isaiah – Chapter 3

3:1 For, behold, *Yehovah*, *Yehovah God of Armies*, does take away from Jerusalem and from Judah the stay and the staff, the whole stay of bread, and the whole stay of water.

3:2 The mighty man, and the man of war, the judge, and the prophet, and the prudent, and the ancient,

3:3 The captain of fifty, and the honorable man, and the counselor, and the cunning artificer, and the eloquent orator.

3:4 And I will give children to be their princes, and babes shall rule over them.

3:5 And the people shall be oppressed, everyone by another, and everyone by his neighbor: the child shall behave himself proudly against the ancient, and the base against the honorable.

3:6 When a man shall take hold of his brother of the house of his father, saying, You have clothing, be you our ruler, and let this ruin be under your hand:

3:7 In that day shall he swear, saying, I will not be a healer; for in my house is neither bread nor clothing: make me not a ruler of the people.

3:8 For Jerusalem is ruined, and Judah is fallen: because their tongue and their doings are against *Yehovah*, to provoke the eyes of his glory.

3:9 The show of their countenance does witness against them; and they declare their sin as Sodom, they hide it not. Woe to their soul! for they have rewarded evil to themselves.

3:10 Say you to the righteous, that it shall be well with him: for they shall eat the fruit of their doings.

3:11 Woe to the wicked! it shall be ill with him: for the reward of his hands shall be given him.

3:12 As for my people, children are their oppressors, and women rule over them. O my people, they which lead you cause you to err, and destroy the way of your paths.

3:13 *Yehovah* stands up to plead, and stands to judge the people.

3:14 *Yehovah* will enter into judgment with the ancients of his people, and their princes: for you have eaten up the vineyard; the spoils of the poor is in your houses.

3:15 What mean you that you beat my people to pieces, and grind the faces of the poor? said *Yehovah* GOD of *Armies*.

3:16 Moreover *Yehovah* said, Because the daughters of Zion are haughty, and walk with stretched forth necks and wanton eyes, walking and mincing as they go, and making a tinkling with their feet:

3:17 Therefore *Yehovah* will smite with a scab the crown of the head of the daughters of Zion, and *Yehovah* will discover their secret parts.

3:18 In that day *Yehovah* will take away the bravery of their tinkling ornaments about their feet, and their cauls, and their round tires like the moon,

3:19 The chains, and the bracelets, and the mufflers,

3:20 The bonnets, and the ornaments of the legs, and the headbands, and the tablets, and the earrings,

3:21 The rings, and nose jewels,

3:22 The changeable suits of apparel, and the mantles, and the wimples, and the crisping pins,

3:23 The glasses, and the fine linen, and the hoods, and the veils.

3:24 And it shall come to pass, that instead of sweet smell there shall be stink; and instead of a girdle a rent; and instead of well set hair baldness; and instead of a stomacher a girding of sackcloth; and burning instead of beauty.

3:25 Your men shall fall by the sword, and your mighty in the war.

3:26 And her gates shall lament and mourn; and she being desolate shall sit on the ground.

Isaiah – Chapter 4

4:1 And in that day seven women shall take hold of one man, saying, We will eat our own bread, and wear our own apparel: only let us be called by your name, to take away our reproach.

4:2 In that day shall the branch of *Yehovah* be beautiful and glorious, and the fruit of the earth shall be excellent and comely for them that are escaped of Israel.

4:3 And it shall come to pass, that he that is left in Zion, and he that remains in Jerusalem, shall be called holy, even everyone that is written among the living in Jerusalem:

4:4 When *Yehovah* shall have washed away the filth of the daughters of Zion, and shall have purged the blood of Jerusalem from the middle by the spirit of judgment, and by the spirit of burning.

4:5 And *Yehovah* will create on every dwelling place of mount Zion, and on her assemblies, a cloud and smoke by day, and the shining of a flaming fire by night: for on all the glory shall be a defense.

4:6 And there shall be a tabernacle for a shadow in the day time from the heat, and for a place of refuge, and for a covert from storm and from rain.

Isaiah – Chapter 5

5:1 Now will I sing to my well beloved a song of my beloved touching his vineyard. My well beloved has a vineyard in a very fruitful hill:

5:2 And he fenced it, and gathered out the stones of it, and planted it with the choicest vine, and built a tower in the middle of it, and also made a wine press in it: and he looked that it should bring forth grapes, and it brought forth wild grapes.

5:3 And now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem, and men of Judah, judge, I pray you, between me and my vineyard.

5:4 What could have been done more to my vineyard, that I have not done in it? why, when I looked that it should bring forth grapes, brought it forth wild grapes?

5:5 And now go to; I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard: I will take away the hedge, and it shall be eaten up; and will break down the wall, and it shall be trodden down:

5:6 And I will lay it waste: it shall not be pruned, nor dig; but there shall come up briars and thorns: I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain on it.

5:7 For the vineyard of *Yehovah God of Armies* is the house of Israel, and the men of Judah his pleasant plant: and he looked for judgment, but behold oppression; for righteousness, but behold a cry.

5:8 Woe to them that join house to house, that lay field to field, till there be no place, that they may be placed alone in the middle of the earth!

5:9 In my ears said *Yehovah God of Armies*, Of a truth many houses shall be desolate, even great and fair, without inhabitant.

5:10 Yes, ten acres of vineyard shall yield one bath, and the seed of a homer shall yield an ephah.

5:11 Woe to them that rise up early in the morning, that they may follow strong drink; that continue until night, till wine inflame them!

5:12 And the harp, and the viol, the tabret, and pipe, and wine, are in their feasts: but they regard not the work of *Yehovah*, neither consider the operation of his hands.

5:13 Therefore my people are gone into captivity, because they have no knowledge: and their honorable men are famished, and their multitude dried up with thirst.

5:14 Therefore *sheol* has enlarged herself, and opened her mouth without measure: and their glory, and their multitude, and their pomp, and he that rejoices, shall descend into it.

5:15 And the mean man shall be brought down, and the mighty man shall be humbled, and the eyes of the lofty shall be humbled:

5:16 But *Yehovah God of Armies* shall be exalted in judgment, and God that is holy shall be sanctified in righteousness.

5:17 Then shall the lambs feed after their manner, and the waste places of the fat ones shall strangers eat.

5:18 Woe to them that draw iniquity with cords of vanity, and sin as it were with a cart rope:

5:19 That say, Let him make speed, and hasten his work, that we may see it: and let the counsel of the Holy One of Israel draw near and come, that we may know it!

5:20 Woe to them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!

5:21 Woe to them that are wise in their own eyes, and prudent in their own sight!

5:22 Woe to them that are mighty to drink wine, and men of strength to mingle strong drink:

5:23 Which justify the wicked for reward, and take away the righteousness of the righteous from him!

5:24 Therefore as the fire devours the stubble, and the flame consumes the chaff, so their root shall be as rottenness, and their blossom shall go up as dust: because they have cast away the law of *Yehovah God of Armies*, and despised the word of the Holy One of Israel.

5:25 Therefore is the anger of *Yehovah* kindled against his people, and he has stretched forth his hand against them, and has smitten them: and the hills did tremble, and their carcasses were torn in the middle of the streets. For all this his anger is not turned away, but his hand is stretched out still.

5:26 And he will lift up an ensign to the nations from far, and will hiss to them from the end of the earth: and, behold, they shall come with speed swiftly:

5:27 None shall be weary nor stumble among them; none shall slumber nor sleep; neither shall the girdle of their loins be loosened, nor the lace of their shoes be broken:

5:28 Whose arrows are sharp, and all their bows bent, their horses' hoofs shall be counted like flint, and their wheels like a whirlwind:

5:29 Their roaring shall be like a lion, they shall roar like young lions: yes, they shall roar, and lay hold of the prey, and shall carry it away safe, and none shall deliver it.

5:30 And in that day they shall roar against them like the roaring of the sea: and if one look to the land, behold darkness and sorrow, and the light is darkened in the heavens.

Isaiah – Chapter 6

6:1 In the year that king Uzziah died I saw also *Yehovah* sitting on a throne, high and lifted up, and his train filled the temple.

6:2 Above it stood the seraphim: each one had six wings; with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he did fly.

6:3 And one cried to another, and said, Holy, holy, holy, is *Yehovah God of Armies*: the whole earth is full of his glory.

6:4 And the posts of the door moved at the voice of him that cried, and the house was filled with smoke.

6:5 Then said I, Woe is me! for I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the middle of a people of unclean lips: for my eyes have seen the King, *Yehovah God of Armies*.

6:6 Then flew one of the seraphim to me, having a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with the tongs from off the altar:

6:7 And he laid it on my mouth, and said, See, this has touched your lips; and your iniquity is taken away, and your sin purged.

6:8 Also I heard the voice of *Yehovah*, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I; send me.

6:9 And he said, Go, and tell this people, Hear you indeed, but understand not; and see you indeed, but perceive not.

6:10 Make the heart of this people fat, and make their ears heavy, and shut their eyes; lest they see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their heart, and convert, and be healed.

6:11 Then said I, Lord, how long? And he answered, Until the cities be wasted without inhabitant, and the houses without man, and the land be utterly desolate,

6:12 And *Yehovah* have removed men far away, and there be a great forsaking in the middle of the land.

6:13 But yet in it shall be a tenth, and it shall return, and shall be eaten: as a teil tree, and as an oak, whose substance is in them, when they cast their leaves: so the holy seed shall be the substance.

Isaiah – Chapter 7

7:1 And it came to pass in the days of Ahaz the son of Jotham, the son of Uzziah, king of Judah, that Rezin the king of Syria, and Pekah the son of Remaliah, king of Israel, went up toward Jerusalem to war against it, but could not prevail against it.

7:2 And it was told the house of David, saying, Syria is confederate with Ephraim. And his heart was moved, and the heart of his people, as the trees of the wood are moved with the wind.

7:3 Then said *Yehovah* to Isaiah, Go forth now to meet Ahaz, you, and Shearjashub your son, at the end of the conduit of the upper pool in the highway of the fuller's field;

7:4 And say to him, Take heed, and be quiet; fear not, neither be fainthearted for the two tails of these smoking firebrands, for the fierce anger of Rezin with Syria, and of the son of Remaliah.

7:5 Because Syria, Ephraim, and the son of Remaliah, have taken evil counsel against you, saying,

7:6 Let us go up against Judah, and vex it, and let us make a breach in it for us, and set a king in the middle of it, even the son of Tabeal:

7:7 Thus said *Yehovah* GOD, It shall not stand, neither shall it come to pass.

7:8 For the head of Syria is Damascus, and the head of Damascus is Rezin; and within three score and five years shall Ephraim be broken, that it be not a people.

7:9 And the head of Ephraim is Samaria, and the head of Samaria is Remaliah's son. If you will not believe, surely you shall not be established.

7:10 Moreover *Yehovah* spoke again to Ahaz, saying,

7:11 Ask you a sign of *Yehovah* your God; ask it either in the depth, or in the height above.

7:12 But Ahaz said, I will not ask, neither will I tempt *Yehovah*.

7:13 And he said, Hear you now, O house of David; Is it a small thing for you to weary men, but will you weary my God also?

7:14 Therefore *Yehovah* himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.

7:15 Butter and honey shall he eat, that he may know to refuse the evil, and choose the good.

7:16 For before the child shall know to refuse the evil, and choose the good, the land that you abhor shall be forsaken of both her kings.

7:17 *Yehovah* shall bring on you, and on your people, and on your father's house, days that have not come, from the day that Ephraim departed from Judah; even the king of Assyria.

7:18 And it shall come to pass in that day, that *Yehovah* shall hiss for the fly that is in the uttermost part of the rivers of Egypt, and for the bee that is in the land of Assyria.

7:19 And they shall come, and shall rest all of them in the desolate valleys, and in the holes of the rocks, and on all thorns, and on all bushes.

7:20 In the same day shall *Yehovah* shave with a razor that is hired, namely, by them beyond the river, by the king of Assyria, the head, and the hair of the feet: and it shall also consume the beard.

7:21 And it shall come to pass in that day, that a man shall nourish a young cow, and two sheep;

7:22 And it shall come to pass, for the abundance of milk that they shall give he shall eat butter: for butter and honey shall everyone eat that is left in the land.

7:23 And it shall come to pass in that day, that every place shall be, where there were a thousand vines at a thousand silver coins, it shall even be for briers and thorns.

7:24 With arrows and with bows shall men come there; because all the land shall become briers and thorns.

7:25 And on all hills that shall be dug with the mattock, there shall not come there the fear of briars and thorns: but it shall be for the sending forth of oxen, and for the treading of lesser cattle.

Isaiah – Chapter 8

8:1 Moreover *Yehovah* said to me, Take you a great roll, and write in it with a man's pen concerning Mahershalalhashbaz.

8:2 And I took to me faithful witnesses to record, Uriah the priest, and Zechariah the son of Jeberechiah.

8:3 And I went to the prophetess; and she conceived, and bore a son. Then said *Yehovah* to me, Call his name Mahershalalhashbaz.

8:4 For before the child shall have knowledge to cry, My father, and my mother, the riches of Damascus and the spoils of Samaria shall be taken away before the king of Assyria.

8:5 *Yehovah* spoke also to me again, saying,

8:6 For as much as this people refuses the waters of Shiloah that go softly, and rejoice in Rezin and Remaliah's son;

8:7 Now therefore, behold, *Yehovah* brings up on them the waters of the river, strong and many, even the king of Assyria, and all his glory: and he shall come up over all his channels, and go over all his banks:

8:8 And he shall pass through Judah; he shall overflow and go over, he shall reach even to the neck; and the stretching out of his wings shall fill the breadth of your land, O Immanuel.

8:9 Associate yourselves, O you people, and you shall be broken in pieces; and give ear, all you of far countries: gird yourselves, and you shall be broken in pieces; gird yourselves, and you shall be broken in pieces.

8:10 Take counsel together, and it shall come to nothing; speak the word, and it shall not stand: for God is with us.

8:11 For *Yehovah* spoke thus to me with a strong hand, and instructed me that I should not walk in the way of this people, saying,

8:12 Say you not, A confederacy, to all them to whom this people shall say, A confederacy; neither fear you their fear, nor be afraid.

8:13 Sanctify *Yehovah God of Armies* himself; and let him be your fear, and let him be your dread.

8:14 And he shall be for a sanctuary; but for a stone of stumbling and for a rock of offense to both the houses of Israel, for a gin and for a snare to the inhabitants of Jerusalem.

8:15 And many among them shall stumble, and fall, and be broken, and be snared, and be taken.

8:16 Bind up the testimony, seal the law among my disciples.

8:17 And I will wait on *Yehovah*, that hides his face from the house of Jacob, and I will look for him.

8:18 Behold, I and the children whom *Yehovah* has given me are for signs and for wonders in Israel from *Yehovah God of Armies*, which dwells in mount Zion.

8:19 And when they shall say to you, Seek to them that have familiar spirits, and to wizards that peep, and that mutter: should not a people seek to their God? for the living to the dead?

8:20 To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them.

8:21 And they shall pass through it, hardly bestead and hungry: and it shall come to pass, that when they shall be hungry, they shall fret themselves, and curse their king and their God, and look upward.

8:22 And they shall look to the earth; and behold trouble and darkness, dimness of anguish; and they shall be driven to darkness.

Isaiah – Chapter 9

9:1 Nevertheless the dimness shall not be such as was in her vexation, when at the first he lightly afflicted the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, and afterward did more grievously afflict her by the way of the sea, beyond Jordan, in Galilee of the nations.

9:2 The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light: they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, on them has the light shined.

9:3 You have multiplied the nation, and not increased the joy: they joy before you according to the joy in harvest, and as men rejoice when they divide the spoils.

9:4 For you have broken the yoke of his burden, and the staff of his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, as in the day of Midian.

9:5 For every battle of the warrior is with confused noise, and garments rolled in blood; but this shall be with burning and fuel of fire.

9:6 For to us a child is born, to us a son is given: and the government shall be on his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

9:7 Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, on the throne of David, and on his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from now on even forever. The zeal of *Yehovah God of Armies* will perform this.

9:8 *Yehovah* sent a word into Jacob, and it has lighted on Israel.

9:9 And all the people shall know, even Ephraim and the inhabitant of Samaria, that say in the pride and stoutness of heart,

9:10 The bricks are fallen down, but we will build with hewn stones: the sycomores are cut down, but we will change them into cedars.

9:11 Therefore *Yehovah* shall set up the adversaries of Rezin against him, and join his enemies together;

9:12 The Syrians before, and the Philistines behind; and they shall devour Israel with open mouth. For all this his anger is not turned away, but his hand is stretched out still.

9:13 For the people turns not to him that smites them, neither do they seek *Yehovah God of Armies*.

9:14 Therefore *Yehovah* will cut off from Israel head and tail, branch and rush, in one day.

9:15 The ancient and honorable, he is the head; and the prophet that teaches lies, he is the tail.

9:16 For the leaders of this people cause them to err; and they that are led of them are destroyed.

9:17 Therefore *Yehovah* shall have no joy in their young men, neither shall have mercy on their fatherless and widows: for everyone is a hypocrite and an evildoer, and every mouth speaks folly. For all this his anger is not turned away, but his hand is stretched out still.

9:18 For wickedness burns as the fire: it shall devour the briars and thorns, and shall kindle in the thickets of the forest, and they shall mount up like the lifting up of smoke.

9:19 Through the wrath of *Yehovah God of Armies* is the land darkened, and the people shall be as the fuel of the fire: no man shall spare his brother.

9:20 And he shall snatch on the right hand, and be hungry; and he shall eat on the left hand, and they shall not be satisfied: they shall eat every man the flesh of his own arm:

9:21 Manasseh, Ephraim; and Ephraim, Manasseh: and they together shall be against Judah. For all this his anger is not turned away, but his hand is stretched out still.

Isaiah – Chapter 10

10:1 Woe to them that decree unrighteous decrees, and that write grievousness which they have prescribed;

10:2 To turn aside the needy from judgment, and to take away the right from the poor of my people, that widows may be their prey, and that they may rob the fatherless!

10:3 And what will you do in the day of visitation, and in the desolation which shall come from far? to whom will you flee for help? and where will you leave your glory?

10:4 Without me they shall bow down under the prisoners, and they shall fall under the slain. For all this his anger is not turned away, but his hand is stretched out still.

10:5 O Assyrian, the rod of my anger, and the staff in their hand is my indignation.

10:6 I will send him against a hypocritical nation, and against the people of my wrath will I give him a charge, to take the spoils, and to take the prey, and to tread them down like the mire of the streets.

10:7 However, he means not so, neither does his heart think so; but it is in his heart to destroy and cut off nations not a few.

10:8 For he said, Are not my princes altogether kings?

10:9 Is not Calno as Carchemish? is not Hamath as Arpad? is not Samaria as Damascus?

10:10 As my hand has found the kingdoms of the idols, and whose graven images did excel them of Jerusalem and of Samaria;

10:11 Shall I not, as I have done to Samaria and her idols, so do to Jerusalem and her idols?

10:12 Why it shall come to pass, that when *Yehovah* has performed his whole work on mount Zion and on Jerusalem, I will punish the fruit of the stout heart of the king of Assyria, and the glory of his high looks.

10:13 For he said, By the strength of my hand I have done it, and by my wisdom; for I am prudent: and I have removed the bounds of the people, and have robbed their treasures, and I have put down the inhabitants like a valiant man:

10:14 And my hand has found as a nest the riches of the people: and as one gathers eggs that are left, have I gathered all the earth; and there was none that moved the wing, or opened the mouth, or peeped.

10:15 Shall the ax boast itself against him that hews therewith? or shall the saw magnify itself against him that shakes it? as if the rod should shake itself against them that lift it up, or as if the staff should lift up itself, as if it were no wood.

10:16 Therefore shall *Yehovah*, *Yehovah God of Armies*, send among his fat ones leanness; and under his glory he shall kindle a burning like the burning of a fire.

10:17 And the light of Israel shall be for a fire, and his Holy One for a flame: and it shall burn and devour his thorns and his briers in one day;

10:18 And shall consume the glory of his forest, and of his fruitful field, both soul and body: and they shall be as when a standard-bearer faints.

10:19 And the rest of the trees of his forest shall be few, that a child may write them.

10:20 And it shall come to pass in that day, that the remnant of Israel, and such as are escaped of the house of Jacob, shall no more again stay on him that smote them; but shall stay on *Yehovah*, the Holy One of Israel, in truth.

10:21 The remnant shall return, even the remnant of Jacob, to the mighty God.

10:22 For though your people Israel be as the sand of the sea, yet a remnant of them shall return: the consumption decreed shall overflow with righteousness.

10:23 For *Yehovah* GOD of *Armies* shall make a consumption, even determined, in the middle of all the land.

10:24 Therefore thus said *Yehovah* GOD of *Armies*, O my people that dwell in Zion, be not afraid of the Assyrian: he shall smite you with a rod, and shall lift up his staff against you, after the manner of Egypt.

10:25 For yet a very little while, and the indignation shall cease, and my anger in their destruction.

10:26 And *Yehovah* God of *Armies* shall stir up a whip for him according to the slaughter of Midian at the rock of Oreb: and as his rod was on the sea, so shall he lift it up after the manner of Egypt.

10:27 And it shall come to pass in that day, that his burden shall be taken away from off your shoulder, and his yoke from off your neck, and the yoke shall be destroyed because of the anointing.

10:28 He is come to Aiath, he is passed to Migron; at Michmash he has laid up his carriages:

10:29 They are gone over the passage: they have taken up their lodging at Geba; Ramah is afraid; Gibeah of Saul is fled.

10:30 Lift up your voice, O daughter of Gallim: cause it to be heard to Laish, O poor Anathoth.

10:31 Madmenah is removed; the inhabitants of Gebim gather themselves to flee.

10:32 As yet shall he remain at Nob that day: he shall shake his hand against the mount of the daughter of Zion, the hill of Jerusalem.

10:33 Behold, *Yehovah*, *Yehovah* God of *Armies*, shall lop the bough with terror: and the high ones of stature shall be hewn down, and the haughty shall be humbled.

10:34 And he shall cut down the thickets of the forest with iron, and Lebanon shall fall by a mighty one.

Isaiah – Chapter 11

11:1 And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots:

11:2 And the spirit of *Yehovah* shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of *Yehovah*;

11:3 And shall make him of quick understanding in the fear of *Yehovah*: and he shall not judge after the sight of his eyes, neither reprove after the hearing of his ears:

11:4 But with righteousness shall he judge the poor, and reprove with equity for the meek of the earth: and he shall smite the earth: with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips shall he slay the wicked.

11:5 And righteousness shall be the girdle of his loins, and faithfulness the girdle of his reins.

11:6 The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatted calf together; and a little child shall lead them.

11:7 And the cow and the bear shall feed; their young ones shall lie down together: and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

11:8 And the sucking child shall play on the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the cockatrice' den.

11:9 They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain: for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of *Yehovah*, as the waters cover the sea.

11:10 And in that day there shall be a root of Jesse, which shall stand for an ensign of the people; to it shall the Gentiles seek: and his rest shall be glorious.

11:11 And it shall come to pass in that day, that *Yehovah* shall set his hand again the second time to recover the remnant of his people, which shall be left, from Assyria, and from Egypt, and from Pathros, and from Cush, and from Elam, and from Shinar, and from Hamath, and from the islands of the sea.

11:12 And he shall set up an ensign for the nations, and shall assemble the outcasts of Israel, and gather together the dispersed of Judah from the four corners of the earth.

11:13 The envy also of Ephraim shall depart, and the adversaries of Judah shall be cut off: Ephraim shall not envy Judah, and Judah shall not vex Ephraim.

11:14 But they shall fly on the shoulders of the Philistines toward the west; they shall *plunder* them of the east together: they shall lay their hand on Edom and Moab; and the children of Ammon shall obey them.

11:15 And *Yehovah* shall utterly destroy the tongue of the Egyptian sea; and with his mighty wind shall he shake his hand over the river, and shall smite it in the seven streams, and make men go over with dry sandals.

11:16 And there shall be a highway for the remnant of his people, which shall be left, from Assyria; like as it was to Israel in the day that he came up out of the land of Egypt.

Isaiah – Chapter 12

12:1 And in that day you shall say, *O YEHOVAH*, I will praise you: though you were angry with me, your anger is turned away, and you comforted me.

12:2 Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and not be afraid: for *Yehovah* JEHOVAH is my strength and my song; he also is become my salvation.

12:3 Therefore with joy shall you draw water out of the wells of salvation.

12:4 And in that day shall you say, Praise *Yehovah*, call on his name, declare his doings among the people, make mention that his name is exalted.

12:5 Sing to *Yehovah*; for he has done excellent things: this is known in all the earth.

12:6 Cry out and shout, you inhabitant of Zion: for great is the Holy One of Israel in the middle of you.

Isaiah – Chapter 13

13:1 The burden of Babylon, which Isaiah the son of Amoz did see.

13:2 Lift you up a banner on the high mountain, exalt the voice to them, shake the hand, that they may go into the gates of the nobles.

13:3 I have commanded my sanctified ones, I have also called my mighty ones for my anger, even them that rejoice in my highness.

13:4 The noise of a multitude in the mountains, like as of a great people; a tumultuous noise of the kingdoms of nations gathered together: *Yehovah God of Armies* musters the army of the battle.

13:5 They come from a far country, from the end of heaven, even *Yehovah*, and the weapons of his indignation, to destroy the whole land.

13:6 Howl you; for the day of *Yehovah* is at hand; it shall come as a destruction from the Almighty.

13:7 Therefore shall all hands be faint, and every man's heart shall melt:

13:8 And they shall be afraid: pangs and sorrows shall take hold of them; they shall be in pain as a woman that travails: they shall be amazed one at another; their faces shall be as flames.

13:9 Behold, the day of *Yehovah* comes, cruel both with wrath and fierce anger, to lay the land desolate: and he shall destroy the sinners out of it.

13:10 For the stars of heaven and the constellations shall not give their light: the sun shall be darkened in his going forth, and the moon shall not cause her light to shine.

13:11 And I will punish the world for their evil, and the wicked for their iniquity; and I will cause the arrogance of the proud to cease, and will lay low the haughtiness of the terrible.

13:12 I will make a man more precious than fine gold; even a man than the golden wedge of Ophir.

13:13 Therefore I will shake the heavens, and the earth shall remove out of her place, in the wrath of *Yehovah God of Armies*, and in the day of his fierce anger.

13:14 And it shall be as the chased roe, and as a sheep that no man takes up: they shall every man turn to his own people, and flee everyone into his own land.

13:15 Everyone that is found shall be thrust through; and everyone that is joined to them shall fall by the sword.

13:16 Their children also shall be dashed to pieces before their eyes; their houses shall be *plundered*, and their wives ravished.

13:17 Behold, I will stir up the Medes against them, which shall not regard silver; and as for gold, they shall not delight in it.

13:18 Their bows also shall dash the young men to pieces; and they shall have no pity on the fruit of the womb; their eyes shall not spare children.

13:19 And Babylon, the glory of kingdoms, the beauty of the Chaldees' excellency, shall be as when God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah.

13:20 It shall never be inhabited, neither shall it be dwelled in from generation to generation: neither shall the Arabian pitch tent there; neither shall the shepherds make their fold there.

13:21 But wild beasts of the desert shall lie there; and their houses shall be full of doleful creatures; and owls shall dwell there, and satyrs shall dance there.

13:22 And the wild beasts of the islands shall cry in their desolate houses, and dragons in their pleasant palaces: and her time is near to come, and her days shall not be prolonged.

Isaiah – Chapter 14

14:1 For *Yehovah* will have mercy on Jacob, and will yet choose Israel, and set them in their own land: and the strangers shall be joined with them, and they shall join to the house of Jacob.

14:2 And the people shall take them, and bring them to their place: and the house of Israel shall possess them in the land of *Yehovah* for servants and handmaids: and they shall take them captives, whose captives they were; and they shall rule over their oppressors.

14:3 And it shall come to pass in the day that *Yehovah* shall give you rest from your sorrow, and from your fear, and from the hard bondage in which you were made to serve,

14:4 That you shall take up this proverb against the king of Babylon, and say, How has the oppressor ceased! the golden city ceased!

14:5 *Yehovah* has broken the staff of the wicked, and the scepter of the rulers.

14:6 He who smote the people in wrath with a continual stroke, he that ruled the nations in anger, is persecuted, and none hinders.

14:7 The whole earth is at rest, and is quiet: they break forth into singing.

14:8 Yes, the fir trees rejoice at you, and the cedars of Lebanon, saying, Since you are laid down, no feller is come up against us.

14:9 *Sheol* from beneath is moved for you to meet you at your coming: it stirs up the dead for you, even all the chief ones of the earth; it has raised up from their thrones all the kings of the nations.

14:10 All they shall speak and say to you, Are you also become weak as we? are you become like to us?

14:11 Your pomp is brought down to the grave, and the noise of your viols: the worm is spread under you, and the worms cover you.

14:12 How are you fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how are you cut down to the ground, which did weaken the nations!

14:13 For you have said in your heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also on the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north:

14:14 I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High.

14:15 Yet you shall be brought down to *sheol*, to the sides of the pit.

14:16 They that see you shall narrowly look on you, and consider you, saying, Is this the man that made the earth to tremble, that did shake kingdoms;

14:17 That made the world as a wilderness, and destroyed the cities; that opened not the house of his prisoners?

14:18 All the kings of the nations, even all of them, lie in glory, everyone in his own house.

14:19 But you are cast out of your grave like an abominable branch, and as the raiment of those that are slain, thrust through with a sword, that go down to the stones of the pit; as a carcass trodden under feet.

14:20 You shall not be joined with them in burial, because you have destroyed your land, and slain your people: the seed of evildoers shall never be renowned.

14:21 Prepare slaughter for his children for the iniquity of their fathers; that they do not rise, nor possess the land, nor fill the face of the world with cities.

14:22 For I will rise up against them, said *Yehovah God of Armies*, and cut off from Babylon the name, and remnant, and son, and nephew, said *Yehovah*.

14:23 I will also make it a possession for the bittern, and pools of water: and I will sweep it with the besom of destruction, said *Yehovah God of Armies*.

14:24 *Yehovah God of Armies* has sworn, saying, Surely as I have thought, so shall it come to pass; and as I have purposed, so shall it stand:

14:25 That I will break the Assyrian in my land, and on my mountains tread him under foot: then shall his yoke depart from off them, and his burden depart from off their shoulders.

14:26 This is the purpose that is purposed on the whole earth: and this is the hand that is stretched out on all the nations.

14:27 For *Yehovah God of Armies* has purposed, and who shall cancel it? and his hand is stretched out, and who shall turn it back?

14:28 In the year that king Ahaz died was this burden.

14:29 Rejoice not you, whole Palestina, because the rod of him that smote you is broken: for out of the serpent's root shall come forth a cockatrice, and his fruit shall be a fiery flying serpent.

14:30 And the firstborn of the poor shall feed, and the needy shall lie down in safety: and I will kill your root with famine, and he shall slay your remnant.

14:31 Howl, O gate; cry, O city; you, whole Palestina, are dissolved: for there shall come from the north a smoke, and none shall be alone in his appointed times.

14:32 What shall one then answer the messengers of the nation? That *Yehovah* has founded Zion, and the poor of his people shall trust in it.

Isaiah – Chapter 15

15:1 The burden of Moab. Because in the night Ar of Moab is laid waste, and brought to silence; because in the night Kir of Moab is laid waste, and brought to silence;

15:2 He is gone up to Bajith, and to Dibon, the high places, to weep: Moab shall howl over Nebo, and over Medeba: on all their heads shall be baldness, and every beard cut off.

15:3 In their streets they shall gird themselves with sackcloth: on the tops of their houses, and in their streets, everyone shall howl, weeping abundantly.

15:4 And Heshbon shall cry, and Elealeh: their voice shall be heard even to Jahaz: therefore the armed soldiers of Moab shall cry out; his life shall be grievous to him.

15:5 My heart shall cry out for Moab; his fugitives shall flee to Zoar, a heifer of three years old: for by the mounting up of Luhith with weeping shall they go it up; for in the way of Horonaim they shall raise up a cry of destruction.

15:6 For the waters of Nimrim shall be desolate: for the hay is withered away, the grass fails, there is no green thing.

15:7 Therefore the abundance they have gotten, and that which they have laid up, shall they carry away to the brook of the willows.

15:8 For the cry is gone round about the borders of Moab; the howling to Eglaim, and the howling to Beerelim.

15:9 For the waters of Dimon shall be full of blood: for I will bring more on Dimon, lions on him that escapes of Moab, and on the remnant of the land.

Isaiah – Chapter 16

16:1 Send you the lamb to the ruler of the land from Sela to the wilderness, to the mount of the daughter of Zion.

16:2 For it shall be, that, as a wandering bird cast out of the nest, so the daughters of Moab shall be at the fords of Arnon.

16:3 Take counsel, execute judgment; make your shadow as the night in the middle of the noonday; hide the outcasts; denude not him that wanders.

16:4 Let my outcasts dwell with you, Moab; be you a covert to them from the face of the spoiler: for the extortionist is at an end, the spoiler ceases, the oppressors are consumed out of the land.

16:5 And in mercy shall the throne be established: and he shall sit on it in truth in the tabernacle of David, judging, and seeking judgment, and hastening righteousness.

16:6 We have heard of the pride of Moab; he is very proud: even of his haughtiness, and his pride, and his wrath: but his lies shall not be so.

16:7 Therefore shall Moab howl for Moab, everyone shall howl: for the foundations of Kirhareth shall you mourn; surely they are stricken.

16:8 For the fields of Heshbon languish, and the vine of Sibmah: lords of the heathen have broken down the principal plants, they are come even to Jazer, they wandered through the wilderness: her branches are stretched out, they are gone over the sea.

16:9 Therefore I will mourn with the weeping of Jazer the vine of Sibmah: I will water you with my tears, O Heshbon, and Elealeh: for the shouting for your summer fruits and for your harvest is fallen.

16:10 And gladness is taken away, and joy out of the plentiful field; and in the vineyards there shall be no singing, neither shall there be shouting: the treaders shall tread out no wine in their presses; I have made their vintage shouting to cease.

16:11 Why my bowels shall sound like a harp for Moab, and my inward parts for Kirharesh.

16:12 And it shall come to pass, when it is seen that Moab is weary on the high place, that he shall come to his sanctuary to pray; but he shall not prevail.

16:13 This is the word that *Yehovah* has spoken concerning Moab since that time.

16:14 But now *Yehovah* has spoken, saying, Within three years, as the years of a hireling, and the glory of Moab shall be contemned, with all that great multitude; and the remnant shall be very small and feeble.

Isaiah – Chapter 17

17:1 The burden of Damascus. Behold, Damascus is taken away from being a city, and it shall be a ruinous heap.

17:2 The cities of Aroer are forsaken: they shall be for flocks, which shall lie down, and none shall make them afraid.

17:3 The fortress also shall cease from Ephraim, and the kingdom from Damascus, and the remnant of Syria: they shall be as the glory of the children of Israel, said *Yehovah God of Armies*.

17:4 And in that day it shall come to pass, that the glory of Jacob shall be made thin, and the fatness of his flesh shall wax lean.

17:5 And it shall be as when the harvestman gathers the *grain*, and reaps the heads with his arm; and it shall be as he that gathers heads in the valley of Rephaim.

17:6 Yet gleaning grapes shall be left in it, as the shaking of an olive tree, two or three berries in the top of the uppermost bough, four or five in the outmost fruitful branches, said *Yehovah* God of Israel.

17:7 At that day shall a man look to his Maker, and his eyes shall have respect to the Holy One of Israel.

17:8 And he shall not look to the altars, the work of his hands, neither shall respect that which his fingers have made, either the groves, or the images.

17:9 In that day shall his strong cities be as a forsaken bough, and an uppermost branch, which they left because of the children of Israel: and there shall be desolation.

17:10 Because you have forgotten the God of your salvation, and have not been mindful of the rock of your strength, therefore shall you plant pleasant plants, and shall set it with strange slips:

17:11 In the day shall you make your plant to grow, and in the morning shall you make your seed to flourish: but the harvest shall be a heap in the day of grief and of desperate sorrow.

17:12 Woe to the multitude of many people, which make a noise like the noise of the seas; and to the rushing of nations, that make a rushing like the rushing of mighty waters!

17:13 The nations shall rush like the rushing of many waters: but God shall rebuke them, and they shall flee far off, and shall be chased as the chaff of the mountains before the wind, and like a rolling thing before the whirlwind.

17:14 And behold at evening trouble; and before the morning he is not. This is the portion of them that *plunder* us, and the lot of them that rob us.

Isaiah – Chapter 18

18:1 Woe to the land shadowing with wings, which is beyond the rivers of Ethiopia:

18:2 That sends ambassadors by the sea, even in vessels of bulrushes on the waters, saying, Go, you swift messengers, to a nation scattered and peeled, to a people terrible from their beginning till now; a nation meted out and trodden down, whose land the rivers have spoiled!

18:3 All you inhabitants of the world, and dwellers on the earth, see you, when he lifts up an ensign on the mountains; and when he blows a trumpet, hear you.

18:4 For so *Yehovah* said to me, I will take my rest, and I will consider in my dwelling place like a clear heat on herbs, and like a cloud of dew in the heat of harvest.

18:5 For before the harvest, when the bud is perfect, and the sour grape is ripening in the flower, he shall both cut off the sprigs with pruning hooks, and take away and cut down the branches.

18:6 They shall be left together to the fowls of the mountains, and to the beasts of the earth: and the fowls shall summer on them, and all the beasts of the earth shall winter on them.

18:7 In that time shall the present be brought to *Yehovah God of Armies* of a people scattered and peeled, and from a people terrible from their beginning till now; a nation meted out and trodden under foot, whose land the rivers have spoiled, to the place of the name of *Yehovah God of Armies*, the mount Zion.

Isaiah – Chapter 19

19:1 The burden of Egypt. Behold, *Yehovah* rides on a swift cloud, and shall come into Egypt: and the idols of Egypt shall be moved at his presence, and the heart of Egypt shall melt in the middle of it.

19:2 And I will set the Egyptians against the Egyptians: and they shall fight everyone against his brother, and everyone against his neighbor; city against city, and kingdom against kingdom.

19:3 And the spirit of Egypt shall fail in the middle; and I will destroy their counsel: and they shall seek to the idols, and to the charmers, and to them that have familiar spirits, and to the wizards.

19:4 And the Egyptians will I give over into the hand of a cruel lord; and a fierce king shall rule over them, said *Yehovah God of Armies*.

19:5 And the waters shall fail from the sea, and the river shall be wasted and dried up.

19:6 And they shall turn the rivers far away; and the brooks of defense shall be emptied and dried up: the reeds and flags shall wither.

19:7 The paper reeds by the brooks, by the mouth of the brooks, and every thing sown by the brooks, shall wither, be driven away, and be no more.

19:8 The fishers also shall mourn, and all they that cast angle into the brooks shall lament, and they that spread nets on the waters shall languish.

19:9 Moreover they that work in fine flax, and they that weave networks, shall be confounded.

19:10 And they shall be broken in their purposes, all that make sluices and ponds for fish.

19:11 Surely the princes of Zoan are fools, the counsel of the wise counsellors of Pharaoh is become brutish: how say you to Pharaoh, I am the son of the wise, the son of ancient kings?

19:12 Where are they? where are your wise men? and let them tell you now, and let them know what *Yehovah God of Armies* has purposed on Egypt.

19:13 The princes of Zoan are become fools, the princes of Noph are deceived; they have also seduced Egypt, even they that are the stay of the tribes.

19:14 *Yehovah* has mingled a perverse spirit in the middle: and they have caused Egypt to err in every work, as a drunken man staggers in his vomit.

19:15 Neither shall there be any work for Egypt, which the head or tail, branch or rush, may do.

19:16 In that day shall Egypt be like to women: and it shall be afraid and fear because of the shaking of the hand of *Yehovah God of Armies*, which he shakes over it.

19:17 And the land of Judah shall be a terror to Egypt, everyone that makes mention of it shall be afraid in himself, because of the counsel of *Yehovah God of Armies*, which he has determined against it.

19:18 In that day shall five cities in the land of Egypt speak the language of Canaan, and swear to *Yehovah God of Armies*; one shall be called, The city of destruction.

19:19 In that day shall there be an altar to *Yehovah* in the middle of the land of Egypt, and a pillar at the border to *Yehovah*.

19:20 And it shall be for a sign and for a witness to *Yehovah God of Armies* in the land of Egypt: for they shall cry to *Yehovah* because of the oppressors, and he shall send them a savior, and a great one, and he shall deliver them.

19:21 And *Yehovah* shall be known to Egypt, and the Egyptians shall know *Yehovah* in that day, and shall do sacrifice and oblation; yes, they shall vow a vow to *Yehovah*, and perform it.

19:22 And *Yehovah* shall smite Egypt: he shall smite and heal it: and they shall return even to *Yehovah*, and he shall be entreated of them, and shall heal them.

19:23 In that day shall there be a highway out of Egypt to Assyria, and the Assyrian shall come into Egypt, and the Egyptian into Assyria, and the Egyptians shall serve with the Assyrians.

19:24 In that day shall Israel be the third with Egypt and with Assyria, even a blessing in the middle of the land:

19:25 Whom *Yehovah God of Armies* shall bless, saying, Blessed be Egypt my people, and Assyria the work of my hands, and Israel my inheritance.

Isaiah – Chapter 20

20:1 In the year that Tartan came to Ashdod, (when Sargon the king of Assyria sent him,) and fought against Ashdod, and took it;

20:2 At the same time spoke *Yehovah* by Isaiah the son of Amoz, saying, Go and loosen the sackcloth from off your loins, and put off your shoe from your foot. And he did so, walking naked and barefoot.

20:3 And *Yehovah* said, Like as my servant Isaiah has walked naked and barefoot three years for a sign and wonder on Egypt and on Ethiopia;

20:4 So shall the king of Assyria lead away the Egyptians prisoners, and the Ethiopians captives, young and old, naked and barefoot, even with their buttocks uncovered, to the shame of Egypt.

20:5 And they shall be afraid and ashamed of Ethiopia their expectation, and of Egypt their glory.

20:6 And the inhabitant of this isle shall say in that day, Behold, such is our expectation, where we flee for help to be delivered from the king of Assyria: and how shall we escape?

Isaiah – Chapter 21

21:1 The burden of the desert of the sea. As whirlwinds in the south pass through; so it comes from the desert, from a terrible land.

21:2 A grievous vision is declared to me; the treacherous dealer deals treacherously, and the *plunderer plunders*. Go up, O Elam: besiege, O Media; all of the sighing have I made to cease.

21:3 Therefore are my loins filled with pain: pangs have taken hold on me, as the pangs of a woman that travails: I was bowed down at the hearing of it; I was dismayed at the seeing of it.

21:4 My heart panted, fearfulness affrighted me: the night of my pleasure has he turned into fear to me.

21:5 Prepare the table, watch in the watchtower, eat, drink: arise, you princes, and anoint the shield.

21:6 For thus has *Yehovah* said to me, Go, set a watchman, let him declare what he sees.

21:7 And he saw a chariot with a couple of horsemen, a chariot of asses, and a chariot of camels; and he listened diligently with much heed:

21:8 And he cried, A lion: My lord, I stand continually on the watchtower in the daytime, and I am set in my ward whole nights:

21:9 And, behold, here comes a chariot of men, with a couple of horsemen. And he answered and said, Babylon is fallen, is fallen; and all the graven images of her gods he has broken to the ground.

21:10 O my threshing, and the *grain* of my floor: that which I have heard of *Yehovah God of Armies*, the God of Israel, have I declared to you.

21:11 The burden of Dumah. He calls to me out of Seir, Watchman, what of the night? Watchman, what of the night?

21:12 The watchman said, The morning comes, and also the night: if you will inquire, inquire you: return, come.

21:13 The burden on Arabia. In the forest in Arabia shall you lodge, O you traveling companies of Dedanim.

21:14 The inhabitants of the land of Tema brought water to him that was thirsty, they prevented with their bread him that fled.

21:15 For they fled from the swords, from the drawn sword, and from the bent bow, and from the grievousness of war.

21:16 For thus has *Yehovah* said to me, Within a year, according to the years of a hireling, and all the glory of Kedar shall fail:

21:17 And the residue of the number of archers, the mighty men of the children of Kedar, shall be diminished: for *Yehovah* God of Israel has spoken it.

Isaiah – Chapter 22

22:1 The burden of the valley of vision. What ails you now, that you are wholly gone up to the housetops?

22:2 You that are full of stirs, a tumultuous city, joyous city: your slain men are not slain with the sword, nor dead in battle.

22:3 All your rulers are fled together, they are bound by the archers: all that are found in you are bound together, which have fled from far.

22:4 Therefore said I, Look away from me; I will weep bitterly, labor not to comfort me, because of the *plundering* of the daughter of my people.

22:5 For it is a day of trouble, and of treading down, and of perplexity by *Yehovah* GOD of *Armies* in the valley of vision, breaking down the walls, and of crying to the mountains.

22:6 And Elam bore the quiver with chariots of men and horsemen, and Kir uncovered the shield.

22:7 And it shall come to pass, that your choicest valleys shall be full of chariots, and the horsemen shall set themselves in array at the gate.

22:8 And he discovered the covering of Judah, and you did look in that day to the armor of the house of the forest.

22:9 You have seen also the breaches of the city of David, that they are many: and you gathered together the waters of the lower pool.

22:10 And you have numbered the houses of Jerusalem, and the houses have you broken down to fortify the wall.

22:11 You made also a ditch between the two walls for the water of the old pool: but you have not looked to the maker, neither had respect to him that fashioned it long ago.

22:12 And in that day did *Yehovah* GOD of *Armies* call to weeping, and to mourning, and to baldness, and to girding with sackcloth:

22:13 And behold joy and gladness, slaying oxen, and killing sheep, eating flesh, and drinking wine: let us eat and drink; for tomorrow we shall die.

22:14 And it was revealed in my ears by *Yehovah God of Armies*, Surely this iniquity shall not be purged from you till you die, said *Yehovah* GOD of *Armies*.

22:15 Thus said *Yehovah* GOD of *Armies*, Go, get you to this treasurer, even to Shebna, which is over the house, and say,

22:16 What have you here? and whom have you here, that you have hewed you out a sepulcher here, as he that hews him out a sepulcher on high, and that engraves a habitation for himself in a rock?

22:17 Behold, *Yehovah* will carry you away with a mighty captivity, and will surely cover you.

22:18 He will surely violently turn and toss you like a ball into a large country: there shall you die, and there the chariots of your glory shall be the shame of your lord's house.

22:19 And I will drive you from your station, and from your state shall he pull you down.

22:20 And it shall come to pass in that day, that I will call my servant Eliakim the son of Hilkiah:

22:21 And I will clothe him with your robe, and strengthen him with your girdle, and I will commit your government into his hand: and he shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and to the house of Judah.

22:22 And the key of the house of David will I lay on his shoulder; so he shall open, and none shall shut; and he shall shut, and none shall open.

22:23 And I will fasten him as a nail in a sure place; and he shall be for a glorious throne to his father's house.

22:24 And they shall hang on him all the glory of his father's house, the offspring and the issue, all vessels of small quantity, from the vessels of cups, even to all the vessels of flagons.

22:25 In that day, said *Yehovah God of Armies*, shall the nail that is fastened in the sure place be removed, and be cut down, and fall; and the burden that was on it shall be cut off: for *Yehovah* has spoken it.

Isaiah – Chapter 23

23:1 The burden of Tyre. Howl, you ships of Tarshish; for it is laid waste, so that there is no house, no entering in: from the land of Chittim it is revealed to them.

23:2 Be still, you inhabitants of the isle; you whom the merchants of Zidon, that pass over the sea, have replenished.

23:3 And by great waters the seed of Sihor, the harvest of the river, is her revenue; and she is a mart of nations.

23:4 Be you ashamed, O Zidon: for the sea has spoken, even the strength of the sea, saying, I travail not, nor bring forth children, neither do I nourish up young men, nor bring up *maidens*.

23:5 As at the report concerning Egypt, so shall they be sorely pained at the report of Tyre.

23:6 Pass you over to Tarshish; howl, you inhabitants of the isle.

23:7 Is this your joyous city, whose antiquity is of ancient days? her own feet shall carry her afar off to sojourn.

23:8 Who has taken this counsel against Tyre, the crowning city, whose merchants are princes, whose traffickers are the honorable of the earth?

23:9 *Yehovah God of Armies* has purposed it, to stain the pride of all glory, and to bring into contempt all the honorable of the earth.

23:10 Pass through your land as a river, O daughter of Tarshish: there is no more strength.

23:11 He stretched out his hand over the sea, he shook the kingdoms: *Yehovah* has given a commandment against the merchant city, to destroy their strongholds.

23:12 And he said, You shall no more rejoice, O you oppressed virgin, daughter of Zidon: arise, pass over to Chittim; there also shall you have no rest.

23:13 Behold the land of the Chaldeans; this people was not, till the Assyrian founded it for them that dwell in the wilderness: they set up the towers, they raised up the palaces; and he brought it to ruin.

23:14 Howl, you ships of Tarshish: for your strength is laid waste.

23:15 And it shall come to pass in that day, that Tyre shall be forgotten seventy years, according to the days of one king: after the end of seventy years shall Tyre sing as a harlot.

23:16 Take a harp, go about the city, you harlot that have been forgotten; make sweet melody, sing many songs, that you may be remembered.

23:17 And it shall come to pass after the end of seventy years, that *Yehovah* will visit Tyre, and she shall turn to her hire, and shall commit fornication with all the kingdoms of the world on the face of the earth.

23:18 And her merchandise and her hire shall be holiness to *Yehovah*: it shall not be treasured nor laid up; for her merchandise shall be for them that dwell before *Yehovah*, to eat sufficiently, and for durable clothing.

Isaiah – Chapter 24

24:1 Behold, *Yehovah* makes the earth empty, and makes it waste, and turns it upside down, and scatters abroad the inhabitants.

24:2 And it shall be, as with the people, so with the priest; as with the servant, so with his master; as with the maid, so with her mistress; as with the buyer, so with the seller; as with the lender, so with the borrower; as with the taker of usury, so with the giver of usury to him.

24:3 The land shall be utterly emptied, and utterly *plundered*: for *Yehovah* has spoken this word.

24:4 The earth mourns and fades away, the world languishes and fades away, the haughty people of the earth do languish.

24:5 The earth also is defiled under the inhabitants; because they have transgressed the laws, changed the ordinance, broken the everlasting covenant.

24:6 Therefore has the curse devoured the earth, and they that dwell in it are desolate: therefore the inhabitants of the earth are burned, and few men left.

24:7 The new wine mourns, the vine languishes, all the merry hearted do sigh.

24:8 The mirth of tabrets ceases, the noise of them that rejoice ends, the joy of the harp ceases.

24:9 They shall not drink wine with a song; strong drink shall be bitter to them that drink it.

24:10 The city of confusion is broken down: every house is shut up, that no man may come in.

24:11 There is a crying for wine in the streets; all joy is darkened, the mirth of the land is gone.

24:12 In the city is left desolation, and the gate is smitten with destruction.

24:13 When thus it shall be in the middle of the land among the people, there shall be as the shaking of an olive tree, and as the gleaning grapes when the vintage is done.

24:14 They shall lift up their voice, they shall sing for the majesty of *Yehovah*, they shall cry aloud from the sea.

24:15 Why glorify you *Yehovah* in the fires, even the name of *Yehovah* God of Israel in the isles of the sea.

24:16 From the uttermost part of the earth have we heard songs, even glory to the righteous. But I said, My leanness, my leanness, woe to me! the treacherous dealers have dealt treacherously; yes, the treacherous dealers have dealt very treacherously.

24:17 Fear, and the pit, and the snare, are on you, O inhabitant of the earth.

24:18 And it shall come to pass, that he who flees from the noise of the fear shall fall into the pit; and he that comes up out of the middle of the pit shall be taken in the snare: for the windows from on high are open, and the foundations of the earth do shake.

24:19 The earth is utterly broken down, the earth is *completely* dissolved, the earth is moved exceedingly.

24:20 The earth shall reel to and fro like a drunkard, and shall be removed like a cottage; and the transgression shall be heavy on it; and it shall fall, and not rise again.

24:21 And it shall come to pass in that day, that *Yehovah* shall punish the army of the high ones that are on high, and the kings of the earth on the earth.

24:22 And they shall be gathered together, as prisoners are gathered in the pit, and shall be shut up in the prison, and after many days shall they be visited.

24:23 Then the moon shall be confounded, and the sun ashamed, when *Yehovah God of Armies* shall reign in mount Zion, and in Jerusalem, and before his ancients gloriously.

Isaiah – Chapter 25

25:1 O *Yehovah*, you are my God; I will exalt you, I will praise your name; for you have done wonderful things; your counsels of old are faithfulness and truth.

25:2 For you have made of a city a heap; of a defended city a ruin: a palace of strangers to be no city; it shall never be built.

25:3 Therefore shall the strong people glorify you, the city of the terrible nations shall fear you.

25:4 For you have been a strength to the poor, a strength to the needy in his distress, a refuge from the storm, a shadow from the heat, when the blast of the terrible ones is as a storm against the wall.

25:5 You shall bring down the noise of strangers, as the heat in a dry place; even the heat with the shadow of a cloud: the branch of the terrible ones shall be brought low.

25:6 And in this mountain shall *Yehovah God of Armies* make to all people a feast of fat things, a feast of wines on the lees, of fat things full of marrow, of wines on the lees well refined.

25:7 And he will destroy in this mountain the face of the covering cast over all people, and the veil that is spread over all nations.

25:8 He will swallow up death in victory; and *Yehovah* GOD will wipe away tears from off all faces; and the rebuke of his people shall he take away from off all the earth: for *Yehovah* has spoken it.

25:9 And it shall be said in that day, See, this is our God; we have waited for him, and he will save us: this is *Yehovah*; we have waited for him, we will be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

25:10 For in this mountain shall the hand of *Yehovah* rest, and Moab shall be trodden down under him, even as straw is trodden down for the dunghill.

25:11 And he shall spread forth his hands in the middle of them, as he that swims spreads forth his hands to swim: and he shall bring down their pride together with the spoils of their hands.

25:12 And the fortress of the high fort of your walls shall he bring down, lay low, and bring to the ground, even to the dust.

Isaiah – Chapter 26

26:1 In that day shall this song be sung in the land of Judah; We have a strong city; salvation will God appoint for walls and bulwarks.

26:2 Open you the gates, that the righteous nation which keeps the truth may enter in.

26:3 You will keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on you: because he trusts in you.

26:4 Trust you in *Yehovah* forever: for in *Yehovah* JEHOVAH is everlasting strength:

26:5 For he brings down them that dwell on high; the lofty city, he lays it low; he lays it low, even to the ground; he brings it even to the dust.

26:6 The foot shall tread it down, even the feet of the poor, and the steps of the needy.

26:7 The way of the just is uprightness: you, most upright, do weigh the path of the just.

26:8 Yes, in the way of your judgments, *O YEHOVAH*, have we waited for you; the desire of our soul is to your name, and to the remembrance of you.

26:9 With my soul have I desired you in the night; yes, with my spirit within me will I seek you early: for when your judgments are in the earth, the inhabitants of the world will learn righteousness.

26:10 Let favor be showed to the wicked, yet will he not learn righteousness: in the land of uprightness will he deal unjustly, and will not behold the majesty of *Yehovah*.

26:11 *YEHOVAH*, when your hand is lifted up, they will not see: but they shall see, and be ashamed for their envy at the people; yes, the fire of your enemies shall devour them.

26:12 *YEHOVAH*, you will ordain peace for us: for you also have worked all our works in us.

26:13 *O YEHOVAH* our God, other lords beside you have had dominion over us: but by you only will we make mention of your name.

26:14 They are dead, they shall not live; they are deceased, they shall not rise: therefore have you visited and destroyed them, and made all their memory to perish.

26:15 You have increased the nation, *O YEHOVAH*, you have increased the nation: you are glorified: you had removed it far to all the ends of the earth.

26:16 *YEHOVAH*, in trouble have they visited you, they poured out a prayer when your chastening was on them.

26:17 Like as a woman with child, that draws near the time of her delivery, is in pain, and cries out in her pangs; so have we been in your sight, *O YEHOVAH*.

26:18 We have been with child, we have been in pain, we have as it were brought forth wind; we have not worked any deliverance in the earth; neither have the inhabitants of the world fallen.

26:19 Your dead men shall live, together with my dead body shall they arise. Awake and sing, you that dwell in dust: for your dew is as the dew of herbs, and the earth shall cast out the dead.

26:20 Come, my people, enter you into your chambers, and shut your doors about you: hide yourself as it were for a little moment, until the indignation be over.

26:21 For, behold, *Yehovah* comes out of his place to punish the inhabitants of the earth for their iniquity: the earth also shall disclose her blood, and shall no more cover her slain.

Isaiah – Chapter 27

27:1 In that day *Yehovah* with his sore and great and strong sword shall punish leviathan the piercing serpent, even leviathan that crooked serpent; and he shall slay the dragon that is in the sea.

27:2 In that day sing you to her, A vineyard of red wine.

27:3 I *Yehovah* do keep it; I will water it every moment: lest any hurt it, I will keep it night and day.

27:4 Fury is not in me: who would set the briers and thorns against me in battle? I would go through them, I would burn them together.

27:5 Or let him take hold of my strength, that he may make peace with me; and he shall make peace with me.

27:6 He shall cause them that come of Jacob to take root: Israel shall blossom and bud, and fill the face of the world with fruit.

27:7 Has he smitten him, as he smote those that smote him? or is he slain according to the slaughter of them that are slain by him?

27:8 In measure, when it shoots forth, you will debate with it: he stays his rough wind in the day of the east wind.

27:9 By this therefore shall the iniquity of Jacob be purged; and this is all the fruit to take away his sin; when he makes all the stones of the altar as chalkstones that are beaten in sunder, the groves and images shall not stand up.

27:10 Yet the defended city shall be desolate, and the habitation forsaken, and left like a wilderness: there shall the calf feed, and there shall he lie down, and consume the branches.

27:11 When the boughs are withered, they shall be broken off: the women come, and set them on fire: for it is a people of no understanding: therefore he that made them will not have mercy on them, and he that formed them will show them no favor.

27:12 And it shall come to pass in that day, that *Yehovah* shall beat off from the channel of the river to the stream of Egypt, and you shall be gathered one by one, O you children of Israel.

27:13 And it shall come to pass in that day, that the great trumpet shall be blown, and they shall come which were ready to perish in the land of Assyria, and the outcasts in the land of Egypt, and shall worship *Yehovah* in the holy mount at Jerusalem.

Isaiah – Chapter 28

28:1 Woe to the crown of pride, to the drunkards of Ephraim, whose glorious beauty is a fading flower, which are on the head of the fat valleys of them that are overcome with wine!

28:2 Behold, *Yehovah* has a mighty and strong one, which as a tempest of hail and a destroying storm, as a flood of mighty waters overflowing, shall cast down to the earth with the hand.

28:3 The crown of pride, the drunkards of Ephraim, shall be trodden under feet:

28:4 And the glorious beauty, which is on the head of the fat valley, shall be a fading flower, and as the hasty fruit before the summer; which when he that looks on it sees, while it is yet in his hand he eats it up.

28:5 In that day shall *Yehovah God of Armies* be for a crown of glory, and for a diadem of beauty, to the residue of his people,

28:6 And for a spirit of judgment to him that sits in judgment, and for strength to them that turn the battle to the gate.

28:7 But they also have erred through wine, and through strong drink are out of the way; the priest and the prophet have erred through strong drink, they are swallowed up of wine, they are out of the way through strong drink; they err in vision, they stumble in judgment.

28:8 For all tables are full of vomit and filthiness, so that there is no place clean.

28:9 Whom shall he teach knowledge? and whom shall he make to understand doctrine? them that are weaned from the milk, and drawn from the breasts.

28:10 For precept must be on precept, precept on precept; line on line, line on line; here a little, and there a little:

28:11 For with stammering lips and another tongue will he speak to this people.

28:12 To whom he said, This is the rest with which you may cause the weary to rest; and this is the refreshing: yet they would not hear.

28:13 But the word of *Yehovah* was to them precept on precept, precept on precept; line on line, line on line; here a little, and there a little; that they might go, and fall backward, and be broken, and snared, and taken.

28:14 Why hear the word of *Yehovah*, you scornful men, that rule this people which is in Jerusalem.

28:15 Because you have said, We have made a covenant with death, and with *sheol* are we at agreement; when the overflowing whip shall pass through, it shall not come to us: for we have made lies our refuge, and under falsehood have we hid ourselves:

28:16 Therefore thus said *Yehovah* GOD, Behold, I lay in Zion for a foundation a stone, a tried stone, a precious corner stone, a sure foundation: he that believes shall not make haste.

28:17 Judgment also will I lay to the line, and righteousness to the plummet: and the hail shall sweep away the refuge of lies, and the waters shall overflow the hiding place.

28:18 And your covenant with death shall be disannulled, and your agreement with *sheol* shall not stand; when the overflowing whip shall pass through, then you shall be trodden down by it.

28:19 From the time that it goes forth it shall take you: for morning by morning shall it pass over, by day and by night: and it shall be a vexation only to understand the report.

28:20 For the bed is shorter than that a man can stretch himself on it: and the covering narrower than that he can wrap himself in it.

28:21 For *Yehovah* shall rise up as in mount Perazim, he shall be *angry* as in the valley of Gibeon, that he may do his work, his strange work; and bring to pass his act, his strange act.

28:22 Now therefore be you not mockers, lest your bands be made strong: for I have heard from *Yehovah* GOD of *Armies* a consumption, even determined on the whole earth.

28:23 Give you ear, and hear my voice; listen, and hear my speech.

28:24 Does the plowman plow all day to sow? does he open and break the clods of his ground?

28:25 When he has made plain the face of the ground, does he not cast abroad the fitches, and scatter the cummin, and cast in the principal wheat and the appointed barley and the rye in their place?

28:26 For his God does instruct him to discretion, and does teach him.

28:27 For the fitches are not threshed with a threshing instrument, neither is a cart wheel turned about on the cummin; but the fitches are beaten out with a staff, and the cummin with a rod.

28:28 Bread *grain* is bruised; because he will not ever be threshing it, nor break it with the wheel of his cart, nor bruise it with his horsemen.

28:29 This also comes forth from *Yehovah God of Armies*, which is wonderful in counsel, and excellent in working.

Isaiah – Chapter 29

29:1 Woe to Ariel, to Ariel, the city where David dwelled! add you year to year; let them kill sacrifices.

29:2 Yet I will distress Ariel, and there shall be heaviness and sorrow: and it shall be to me as Ariel.

29:3 And I will camp against you round about, and will lay siege against you with a mount, and I will raise forts against you.

29:4 And you shall be brought down, and shall speak out of the ground, and your speech shall be low out of the dust, and your voice shall be, as of one that has a familiar spirit, out of the ground, and your speech shall whisper out of the dust.

29:5 Moreover the multitude of your strangers shall be like small dust, and the multitude of the terrible ones shall be as chaff that passes away: yes, it shall be at an instant suddenly.

29:6 You shall be visited of *Yehovah God of Armies* with thunder, and with earthquake, and great noise, with storm and tempest, and the flame of devouring fire.

29:7 And the multitude of all the nations that fight against Ariel, even all that fight against her and her fortification, and that distress her, shall be as a dream of a night vision.

29:8 It shall even be as when a hungry man dreams, and, behold, he eats; but he wakes, and his soul is empty: or as when a thirsty man dreams, and, behold, he drinks; but he wakes, and, behold, he is faint, and his soul has appetite: so shall the multitude of all the nations be, that fight against mount Zion.

29:9 Stay yourselves, and wonder; cry you out, and cry: they are drunken, but not with wine; they stagger, but not with strong drink.

29:10 For *Yehovah* has poured out on you the spirit of deep sleep, and has closed your eyes: the prophets and your rulers, the seers has he covered.

29:11 And the vision of all is become to you as the words of a book that is sealed, which men deliver to one that is learned, saying, Read this, I pray you: and he said, I cannot; for it is sealed:

29:12 And the book is delivered to him that is not learned, saying, Read this, I pray you: and he said, I am not learned.

29:13 Why *Yehovah* said, For as much as this people draw near me with their mouth, and with their lips do honor me, but have removed their heart far from me, and their fear toward me is taught by the precept of men:

29:14 Therefore, behold, I will proceed to do a marvelous work among this people, even a marvelous work and a wonder: for the wisdom of their wise men shall perish, and the understanding of their prudent men shall be hid.

29:15 Woe to them that seek deep to hide their counsel from *Yehovah*, and their works are in the dark, and they say, Who sees us? and who knows us?

29:16 Surely your turning of things upside down shall be esteemed as the potter's clay: for shall the work say of him that made it, He made me not? or shall the thing framed say of him that framed it, He had no understanding?

29:17 Is it not yet a very little while, and Lebanon shall be turned into a fruitful field, and the fruitful field shall be esteemed as a forest?

29:18 And in that day shall the deaf hear the words of the book, and the eyes of the blind shall see out of obscurity, and out of darkness.

29:19 The meek also shall increase their joy in *Yehovah*, and the poor among men shall rejoice in the Holy One of Israel.

29:20 For the terrible one is brought to nothing, and the scorner is consumed, and all that watch for iniquity are cut off:

29:21 That make a man an offender for a word, and lay a snare for him that reproves in the gate, and turn aside the just for a thing of nothing.

29:22 Therefore thus said *Yehovah*, who redeemed Abraham, concerning the house of Jacob, Jacob shall not now be ashamed, neither shall his face now wax pale.

29:23 But when he sees his children, the work of my hands, in the middle of him, they shall sanctify my name, and sanctify the Holy One of Jacob, and shall fear the God of Israel.

29:24 They also that erred in spirit shall come to understanding, and they that murmured shall learn doctrine.

Isaiah – Chapter 30

30:1 Woe to the rebellious children, said *Yehovah*, that take counsel, but not of me; and that cover with a covering, but not of my spirit, that they may add sin to sin:

30:2 That walk to go down into Egypt, and have not asked at my mouth; to strengthen themselves in the strength of Pharaoh, and to trust in the shadow of Egypt!

30:3 Therefore shall the strength of Pharaoh be your shame, and the trust in the shadow of Egypt your confusion.

30:4 For his princes were at Zoan, and his ambassadors came to Hanes.

30:5 They were all ashamed of a people that could not profit them, nor be a help nor profit, but a shame, and also a reproach.

30:6 The burden of the beasts of the south: into the land of trouble and anguish, from where come the young and old lion, the viper and fiery flying serpent, they will carry their riches on the shoulders of young asses, and their treasures on the bunches of camels, to a people that shall not profit them.

30:7 For the Egyptians shall help in vain, and to no purpose: therefore have I cried concerning this, Their strength is to sit still.

30:8 Now go, write it before them in a table, and note it in a book, that it may be for the time to come forever and ever:

30:9 That this is a rebellious people, lying children, children that will not hear the law of *Yehovah*:

30:10 Which say to the seers, See not; and to the prophets, Prophecy not to us right things, speak to us smooth things, prophecy deceits:

30:11 Get you out of the way, turn aside out of the path, cause the Holy One of Israel to cease from before us.

30:12 Why thus said the Holy One of Israel, Because you despise this word, and trust in oppression and perverseness, and stay thereon:

30:13 Therefore this iniquity shall be to you as a breach ready to fall, swelling out in a high wall, whose breaking comes suddenly at an instant.

30:14 And he shall break it as the breaking of the potters' vessel that is broken in pieces; he shall not spare: so that there shall not be found in the bursting of it a shard to take fire from the hearth, or to take water with out of the pit.

30:15 For thus said *Yehovah* GOD, the Holy One of Israel; In returning and rest shall you be saved; in quietness and in confidence shall be your strength: and you would not.

30:16 But you said, No; for we will flee on horses; therefore shall you flee: and, We will ride on the swift; therefore shall they that pursue you be swift.

30:17 One thousand shall flee at the rebuke of one; at the rebuke of five shall you flee: till you be left as a beacon on the top of a mountain, and as an ensign on a hill.

30:18 And therefore will *Yehovah* wait, that he may be gracious to you, and therefore will he be exalted, that he may have mercy on you: for *Yehovah* is a God of judgment: blessed are all they that wait for him.

30:19 For the people shall dwell in Zion at Jerusalem: you shall weep no more: he will be very gracious to you at the voice of your cry; when he shall hear it, he will answer you.

30:20 And though *Yehovah* give you the bread of adversity, and the water of affliction, yet shall not your teachers be removed into a corner any more, but your eyes shall see your teachers:

30:21 And your ears shall hear a word behind you, saying, This is the way, walk you in it, when you turn to the right hand, and when you turn to the left.

30:22 You shall defile also the covering of your graven images of silver, and the ornament of your molten images of gold: you shall cast them away as a menstruous cloth; you shall say to it, Get you hence.

30:23 Then shall he give the rain of your seed, that you shall sow the ground with; and bread of the increase of the earth, and it shall be fat and plenteous: in that day shall your cattle feed in large pastures.

30:24 The oxen likewise and the young asses that ear the ground shall eat clean provender, which has been winnowed with the shovel and with the fan.

30:25 And there shall be on every high mountain, and on every high hill, rivers and streams of waters in the day of the great slaughter, when the towers fall.

30:26 Moreover the light of the moon shall be as the light of the sun, and the light of the sun shall be sevenfold, as the light of seven days, in the day that *Yehovah* binds up the breach of his people, and heals the stroke of their wound.

30:27 Behold, the name of *Yehovah* comes from far, burning with his anger, and the burden is heavy: his lips are full of indignation, and his tongue as a devouring fire:

30:28 And his breath, as an overflowing stream, shall reach to the middle of the neck, to sift the nations with the sieve of vanity: and there shall be a bridle in the jaws of the people, causing them to err.

30:29 You shall have a song, as in the night when a holy solemnity is kept; and gladness of heart, as when one goes with a pipe to come into the mountain of *Yehovah*, to the mighty One of Israel.

30:30 And *Yehovah* shall cause his glorious voice to be heard, and shall show the lighting down of his arm, with the indignation of his anger, and with the flame of a devouring fire, with scattering, and tempest, and hailstones.

30:31 For through the voice of *Yehovah* shall the Assyrian be beaten down, which smote with a rod.

30:32 And in every place where the grounded staff shall pass, which *Yehovah* shall lay on him, it shall be with tabrets and harps: and in battles of shaking will he fight with it.

30:33 For Tophet is ordained of old; yes, for the king it is prepared; he has made it deep and large: the pile of it is fire and much wood; the breath of *Yehovah*, like a stream of brimstone, does kindle it.

Isaiah – Chapter 31

31:1 Woe to them that go down to Egypt for help; and stay on horses, and trust in chariots, because they are many; and in horsemen, because they are very strong; but they look not to the Holy One of Israel, neither seek *Yehovah*!

31:2 Yet he also is wise, and will bring evil, and will not call back his words: but will arise against the house of the evildoers, and against the help of them that work iniquity.

31:3 Now the Egyptians are men, and not God; and their horses flesh, and not spirit. When *Yehovah* shall stretch out his hand, both he that helps shall fall, and he that is helped shall fall down, and they all shall fail together.

31:4 For thus has *Yehovah* spoken to me, Like as the lion and the young lion roaring on his prey, when a multitude of shepherds is called forth against him, he will not be afraid of their voice, nor abase himself for the noise of them: so shall *Yehovah God of Armies* come down to fight for mount Zion, and for the hill.

31:5 As birds flying, so will *Yehovah God of Armies* defend Jerusalem; defending also he will deliver it; and passing over he will preserve it.

31:6 Turn you to him from whom the children of Israel have deeply revolted.

31:7 For in that day every man shall cast away his idols of silver, and his idols of gold, which your own hands have made to you for a sin.

31:8 Then shall the Assyrian fall with the sword, not of a mighty man; and the sword, not of a mean man, shall devour him: but he shall flee from the sword, and his young men shall be discomfited.

31:9 And he shall pass over to his strong hold for fear, and his princes shall be afraid of the ensign, said *Yehovah*, whose fire is in Zion, and his furnace in Jerusalem.

Isaiah – Chapter 32

32:1 Behold, a king shall reign in righteousness, and princes shall rule in judgment.

32:2 And a man shall be as a hiding place from the wind, and a covert from the tempest; as rivers of water in a dry place, as the shadow of a great rock in a weary land.

32:3 And the eyes of them that see shall not be dim, and the ears of them that hear shall listen.

32:4 The heart also of the rash shall understand knowledge, and the tongue of the stammerers shall be ready to speak plainly.

32:5 The vile person shall be no more called liberal, nor the miser said to be bountiful.

32:6 For the vile person will speak villainy, and his heart will work iniquity, to practice hypocrisy, and to utter error against *Yehovah*, to make empty the soul of the hungry, and he will cause the drink of the thirsty to fail.

32:7 The instruments also of the miser are evil: he devises wicked devices to destroy the poor with lying words, even when the needy speaks right.

32:8 But the liberal devises liberal things; and by liberal things shall he stand.

32:9 Rise up, you women that are at ease; hear my voice, you careless daughters; give ear to my speech.

32:10 Many days and years shall you be troubled, you careless women: for the vintage shall fail, the gathering shall not come.

32:11 Tremble, you women that are at ease; be troubled, you careless ones: strip you, and make you bare, and gird sackcloth on your loins.

32:12 They shall lament for the teats, for the pleasant fields, for the fruitful vine.

32:13 On the land of my people shall come up thorns and briers; yes, on all the houses of joy in the joyous city:

32:14 Because the palaces shall be forsaken; the multitude of the city shall be left; the forts and towers shall be for dens forever, a joy of wild asses, a pasture of flocks;

32:15 Until the spirit be poured on us from on high, and the wilderness be a fruitful field, and the fruitful field be counted for a forest.

32:16 Then judgment shall dwell in the wilderness, and righteousness remain in the fruitful field.

32:17 And the work of righteousness shall be peace; and the effect of righteousness quietness and assurance forever.

32:18 And my people shall dwell in a peaceable habitation, and in sure dwellings, and in quiet resting places;

32:19 When it shall hail, coming down on the forest; and the city shall be low in a low place.

32:20 Blessed are you that sow beside all waters, that send forth there the feet of the ox and the ass.

Isaiah – Chapter 33

33:1 Woe to you that *plunder*, and you were not *plundered*; and deal treacherously, and they dealt not treacherously with you! when you shall cease to *plunder*, you shall be *plundered*; and when you shall make an end to deal treacherously, they shall deal treacherously with you.

33:2 *O YEHOWAH*, be gracious to us; we have waited for you: be your arm every morning, our salvation also in the time of trouble.

33:3 At the noise of the tumult the people fled; at the lifting up of yourself the nations were scattered.

33:4 And your spoils shall be gathered like the gathering of the caterpillar: as the running to and fro of locusts shall he run on them.

33:5 *Yehovah* is exalted; for he dwells on high: he has filled Zion with judgment and righteousness.

33:6 And wisdom and knowledge shall be the stability of your times, and strength of salvation: the fear of *Yehovah* is his treasure.

33:7 Behold, their valiant ones shall cry without: the ambassadors of peace shall weep bitterly.

33:8 The highways lie waste, the wayfaring man ceases: he has broken the covenant, he has despised the cities, he regards no man.

33:9 The earth mourns and languishes: Lebanon is ashamed and hewn down: Sharon is like a wilderness; and Bashan and Carmel shake off their fruits.

33:10 Now will I rise, said *Yehovah*; now will I be exalted; now will I lift up myself.

33:11 You shall conceive chaff, you shall bring forth stubble: your breath, as fire, shall devour you.

33:12 And the people shall be as the burnings of lime: as thorns cut up shall they be burned in the fire.

33:13 Hear, you that are far off, what I have done; and, you that are near, acknowledge my might.

33:14 The sinners in Zion are afraid; fearfulness has surprised the hypocrites. Who among us shall dwell with the devouring fire? who among us shall dwell with everlasting burnings?

33:15 He that walks righteously, and speaks uprightly; he that despises the gain of oppressions, that shakes his hands from holding of bribes, that stops his ears from hearing of blood, and shuts his eyes from seeing evil;

33:16 He shall dwell on high: his place of defense shall be the munitions of rocks: bread shall be given him; his waters shall be sure.

33:17 Your eyes shall see the king in his beauty: they shall behold the land that is very far off.

33:18 Your heart shall meditate terror. Where is the scribe? where is the receiver? where is he that counted the towers?

33:19 You shall not see a fierce people, a people of a deeper speech than you can perceive; of a stammering tongue, that you can not understand.

33:20 Look on Zion, the city of our solemnities: your eyes shall see Jerusalem a quiet habitation, a tabernacle that shall not be taken down; not one of the stakes shall ever be removed, neither shall any of the cords be broken.

33:21 But there the glorious *YEHOVAH* will be to us a place of broad rivers and streams; in which shall go no galley with oars, neither shall gallant ship pass thereby.

33:22 For *Yehovah* is our judge, *Yehovah* is our lawgiver, *Yehovah* is our king; he will save us.

33:23 Your tacklings are loosened; they could not well strengthen their mast, they could not spread the sail: then is the prey of great spoils divided; the lame take the prey.

33:24 And the inhabitant shall not say, I am sick: the people that dwell in it shall be forgiven their iniquity.

Isaiah – Chapter 34

34:1 Come near, you nations, to hear; and listen, you people: let the earth hear, and all that is in it; the world, and all things that come forth of it.

34:2 For the indignation of *Yehovah* is on all nations, and his fury on all their *Armies*: he has utterly destroyed them, he has delivered them to the slaughter.

34:3 Their slain also shall be cast out, and their stink shall come up out of their carcasses, and the mountains shall be melted with their blood.

34:4 And all the host of heaven shall be dissolved, and the heavens shall be rolled together as a scroll: and all their host shall fall down, as the leaf falls off from the vine, and as a falling fig from the fig tree.

34:5 For my sword shall be bathed in heaven: behold, it shall come down on Idumea, and on the people of my curse, to judgment.

34:6 The sword of *Yehovah* is filled with blood, it is made fat with fatness, and with the blood of lambs and goats, with the fat of the kidneys of rams: for *Yehovah* has a sacrifice in Bozrah, and a great slaughter in the land of Idumea.

34:7 And the unicorns shall come down with them, and the bullocks with the bulls; and their land shall be soaked with blood, and their dust made fat with fatness.

34:8 For it is the day of *Yehovah's* vengeance, and the year of recompenses for the controversy of Zion.

34:9 And the streams shall be turned into pitch, and the dust of it into brimstone, and the land shall become burning pitch.

34:10 It shall not be quenched night nor day; the smoke shall go up forever: from generation to generation it shall lie waste; none shall pass through it forever and ever.

34:11 But the cormorant and the bittern shall possess it; the owl also and the raven shall dwell in it: and he shall stretch out on it the line of confusion, and the stones of emptiness.

34:12 They shall call for the nobles to the kingdom, but none shall be there, and all her princes shall be nothing.

34:13 And thorns shall come up in her palaces, nettles and brambles in the fortresses: and it shall be a habitation of dragons, and a court for owls.

34:14 The wild beasts of the desert shall also meet with the wild beasts of the island, and the satyr shall cry to his fellow; the screech owl also shall rest there, and find for herself a place of rest.

34:15 There shall the great owl make her nest, and lay, and hatch, and gather under her shadow: there shall the vultures also be gathered, everyone with her mate.

34:16 Seek you out of the book of *Yehovah*, and read: no one of these shall fail, none shall want her mate: for my mouth it has commanded, and his spirit it has gathered them.

34:17 And he has cast the lot for them, and his hand has divided it to them by line: they shall possess it forever, from generation to generation shall they dwell in it.

Isaiah – Chapter 35

35:1 The wilderness and the solitary place shall be glad for them; and the desert shall rejoice, and blossom as the rose.

35:2 It shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice even with joy and singing: the glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the excellency of Carmel and Sharon, they shall see the glory of *Yehovah*, and the excellency of our God.

35:3 Strengthen you the weak hands, and confirm the feeble knees.

35:4 Say to them that are of a fearful heart, Be strong, fear not: behold, your God will come with vengeance, even God with a recompense; he will come and save you.

35:5 Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped.

35:6 Then shall the lame man leap as a hart, and the tongue of the dumb sing: for in the wilderness shall waters break out, and streams in the desert.

35:7 And the parched ground shall become a pool, and the thirsty land springs of water: in the habitation of dragons, where each lay, shall be grass with reeds and rushes.

35:8 And a highway shall be there, and a way, and it shall be called The way of holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it; but it shall be for those: the wayfaring men, though fools, shall not err in it.

35:9 No lion shall be there, nor any ravenous beast shall go up thereon, it shall not be found there; but the redeemed shall walk there:

35:10 And the ransomed of *Yehovah* shall return, and come to Zion with songs and everlasting joy on their heads: they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

Isaiah – Chapter 36

36:1 Now it came to pass in the fourteenth year of king Hezekiah, that Sennacherib king of Assyria came up against all the defended cities of Judah, and took them.

36:2 And the king of Assyria sent Rabshakeh from Lachish to Jerusalem to king Hezekiah with a great army. And he stood by the conduit of the upper pool in the highway of the fuller's field.

36:3 Then came forth to him Eliakim, Hilkiyah's son, which was over the house, and Shebna the scribe, and Joah, Asaph's son, the recorder.

36:4 And Rabshakeh said to them, Say you now to Hezekiah, Thus said the great king, the king of Assyria, What confidence is this in which you trust?

36:5 I say, say you, (but they are but vain words) I have counsel and strength for war: now on whom do you trust, that you rebel against me?

36:6 See, you trust in the staff of this broken reed, on Egypt; where on if a man lean, it will go into his hand, and pierce it: so is Pharaoh king of Egypt to all that trust in him.

36:7 But if you say to me, We trust in *Yehovah* our God: is it not he, whose high places and whose altars Hezekiah has taken away, and said to Judah and to Jerusalem, You shall worship before this altar?

36:8 Now therefore give pledges, I pray you, to my master the king of Assyria, and I will give you two thousand horses, if you be able on your part to set riders on them.

36:9 How then will you turn away the face of one captain of the least of my master's servants, and put your trust on Egypt for chariots and for horsemen?

36:10 And am I now come up without *Yehovah* against this land to destroy it? *Yehovah* said to me, Go up against this land, and destroy it.

36:11 Then said Eliakim and Shebna and Joah to Rabshakeh, Speak, I pray you, to your servants in the Syrian language; for we understand it: and speak not to us in the *Hebrews'* language, in the ears of the people that are on the wall.

36:12 But Rabshakeh said, Has my master sent me to your master and to you to speak these words? has he not sent me to the men that sit on the wall, that they may eat their own dung, and drink their own urine with you?

36:13 Then Rabshakeh stood, and cried with a loud voice in the *Hebrews'* language, and said, Hear you the words of the great king, the king of Assyria.

36:14 Thus said the king, Let not Hezekiah deceive you: for he shall not be able to deliver you.

36:15 Neither let Hezekiah make you trust in *Yehovah*, saying, *Yehovah* will surely deliver us: this city shall not be delivered into the hand of the king of Assyria.

36:16 Listen not to Hezekiah: for thus said the king of Assyria, Make an agreement with me by a present, and come out to me: and eat you everyone of his vine, and everyone of his fig tree, and drink you everyone the waters of his own cistern;

36:17 Until I come and take you away to a land like your own land, a land of *grain* and wine, a land of bread and vineyards.

36:18 Beware lest Hezekiah persuade you, saying, *Yehovah* will deliver us. Has any of the gods of the nations delivered his land out of the hand of the king of Assyria?

36:19 Where are the gods of Hamath and Arphad? where are the gods of Sepharvaim? and have they delivered Samaria out of my hand?

36:20 Who are they among all the gods of these lands, that have delivered their land out of my hand, that *Yehovah* should deliver Jerusalem out of my hand?

36:21 But they held their peace, and answered him not a word: for the king's commandment was, saying, Answer him not.

36:22 Then came Eliakim, the son of Hilkiah, that was over the household, and Shebna the scribe, and Joah, the son of Asaph, the recorder, to Hezekiah with their clothes rent, and told him the words of Rabshakeh.

Isaiah – Chapter 37

37:1 And it came to pass, when king Hezekiah heard it, that he rent his clothes, and covered himself with sackcloth, and went into the house of *Yehovah*.

37:2 And he sent Eliakim, who was over the household, and Shebna the scribe, and the elders of the priests covered with sackcloth, to Isaiah the prophet the son of Amoz.

37:3 And they said to him, Thus said Hezekiah, This day is a day of trouble, and of rebuke, and of blasphemy: for the children are come to the birth, and there is not strength to bring forth.

37:4 It may be *Yehovah* your God will hear the words of Rabshakeh, whom the king of Assyria his master has sent to reproach the living God, and will reprove the words which *Yehovah* your God has heard: why lift up your prayer for the remnant that is left.

37:5 So the servants of king Hezekiah came to Isaiah.

37:6 And Isaiah said to them, Thus shall you say to your master, Thus said *Yehovah*, Be not afraid of the words that you have heard, with which the servants of the king of Assyria have blasphemed me.

37:7 Behold, I will send a blast on him, and he shall hear a rumor, and return to his own land; and I will cause him to fall by the sword in his own land.

37:8 So Rabshakeh returned, and found the king of Assyria warring against Libnah: for he had heard that he was departed from Lachish.

37:9 And he heard say concerning Tirhakah king of Ethiopia, He is come forth to make war with you. And when he heard it, he sent messengers to Hezekiah, saying,

37:10 Thus shall you speak to Hezekiah king of Judah, saying, Let not your God, in whom you trust, deceive you, saying, Jerusalem shall not be given into the hand of the king of Assyria.

37:11 Behold, you have heard what the kings of Assyria have done to all lands by destroying them utterly; and shall you be delivered?

37:12 Have the gods of the nations delivered them which my fathers have destroyed, as Gozan, and Haran, and Rezeph, and the children of Eden which were in Telassar?

37:13 Where is the king of Hamath, and the king of Arphad, and the king of the city of Sepharvaim, Hena, and Ivah?

37:14 And Hezekiah received the letter from the hand of the messengers, and read it: and Hezekiah went up to the house of *Yehovah*, and spread it before *Yehovah*.

37:15 And Hezekiah prayed to *Yehovah*, saying,

37:16 *O YEHOVAH God of Armies*, God of Israel, that dwell between the cherubim, you are the God, even you alone, of all the kingdoms of the earth: you have made heaven and earth.

37:17 Incline your ear, *O YEHOVAH*, and hear; open your eyes, *O YEHOVAH*, and see: and hear all the words of Sennacherib, which has sent to reproach the living God.

37:18 Of a truth, *YEHOVAH*, the kings of Assyria have laid waste all the nations, and their countries,

37:19 And have cast their gods into the fire: for they were no gods, but the work of men's hands, wood and stone: therefore they have destroyed them.

37:20 Now therefore, *O YEHOVAH* our God, save us from his hand, that all the kingdoms of the earth may know that you are *Yehovah*, even you only.

37:21 Then Isaiah the son of Amoz sent to Hezekiah, saying, Thus said *Yehovah* God of Israel, Whereas you have prayed to me against Sennacherib king of Assyria:

37:22 This is the word which *Yehovah* has spoken concerning him; The virgin, the daughter of Zion, has despised you, and laughed you to scorn; the daughter of Jerusalem has shaken her head at you.

37:23 Whom have you reproached and blasphemed? and against whom have you exalted your voice, and lifted up your eyes on high? even against the Holy One of Israel.

37:24 By your servants have you reproached *Yehovah*, and have said, By the multitude of my chariots am I come up to the height of the mountains, to the sides of Lebanon; and I will cut down the tall cedars, and the choice fir trees: and I will enter into the height of his border, and the forest of his Carmel.

37:25 I have dig, and drunk water; and with the sole of my feet have I dried up all the rivers of the besieged places.

37:26 Have you not heard long ago, how I have done it; and of ancient times, that I have formed it? now have I brought it to pass, that you should be to lay waste defended cities into ruinous heaps.

37:27 Therefore their inhabitants were of small power, they were dismayed and confounded: they were as the grass of the field, and as the green herb, as the grass on the housetops, and as *grain* blasted before it be grown up.

37:28 But I know your stayed, and your going out, and your coming in, and your rage against me.

37:29 Because your rage against me, and your tumult, is come up into my ears, therefore will I put my hook in your nose, and my bridle in your lips, and I will turn you back by the way by which you came.

37:30 And this shall be a sign to you, You shall eat this year such as grows of itself; and the second year that which springs of the same: and in the third year sow you, and reap, and plant vineyards, and eat the fruit.

37:31 And the remnant that is escaped of the house of Judah shall again take root downward, and bear fruit upward:

37:32 For out of Jerusalem shall go forth a remnant, and they that escape out of mount Zion: the zeal of *Yehovah God of Armies* shall do this.

37:33 Therefore thus said *Yehovah* concerning the king of Assyria, He shall not come into this city, nor shoot an arrow there, nor come before it with shields, nor cast a bank against it.

37:34 By the way that he came, by the same shall he return, and shall not come into this city, said *Yehovah*.

37:35 For I will defend this city to save it for my own sake, and for my servant David's sake.

37:36 Then the angel of *Yehovah* went forth, and smote in the camp of the Assyrians a hundred and fourscore and five thousand: and when they arose early in the morning, behold, they were all dead corpses.

37:37 So Sennacherib king of Assyria departed, and went and returned, and dwelled at Nineveh.

37:38 And it came to pass, as he was worshipping in the house of Nisroch his god, that Adrammelech and Sharezer his sons smote him with the sword; and they escaped into the land of Armenia: and Esarhaddon his son reigned in his stead.

Isaiah – Chapter 38

38:1 In those days was Hezekiah sick to death. And Isaiah the prophet the son of Amoz came to him, and said to him, Thus said *Yehovah*, Set your house in order: for you shall die, and not live.

38:2 Then Hezekiah turned his face toward the wall, and prayed to *Yehovah*,

38:3 And said, Remember now, *O YEHOVAH*, I beseech you, how I have walked before you in truth and with a perfect heart, and have done that which is good in your sight. And Hezekiah wept sore.

38:4 Then came the word of *Yehovah* to Isaiah, saying,

38:5 Go, and say to Hezekiah, Thus said *Yehovah*, the God of David your father, I have heard your prayer, I have seen your tears: behold, I will add to your days fifteen years.

38:6 And I will deliver you and this city out of the hand of the king of Assyria: and I will defend this city.

38:7 And this shall be a sign to you from *Yehovah*, that *Yehovah* will do this thing that he has spoken;

38:8 Behold, I will bring again the shadow of the degrees, which is gone down in the sun dial of Ahaz, ten degrees backward. So the sun returned ten degrees, by which degrees it was gone down.

38:9 The writing of Hezekiah king of Judah, when he had been sick, and was recovered of his sickness:

38:10 I said in the cutting off of my days, I shall go to the gates of the grave: I am deprived of the residue of my years.

38:11 I said, I shall not see *Yehovah*, even *Yehovah*, in the land of the living: I shall behold man no more with the inhabitants of the world.

38:12 My age is departed, and is removed from me as a shepherd's tent: I have cut off like a weaver my life: he will cut me off with pining sickness: from day even tonight will you make an end of me.

38:13 I reckoned till morning, that, as a lion, so will he break all my bones: from day even tonight will you make an end of me.

38:14 Like a crane or a swallow, so did I chatter: I did mourn as a dove: my eyes fail with looking upward: *O YEHOVAH*, I am oppressed; undertake for me.

38:15 What shall I say? he has both spoken to me, and himself has done it: I shall go softly all my years in the bitterness of my soul.

38:16 *O YEHOVAH*, by these things men live, and in all these things is the life of my spirit: so will you recover me, and make me to live.

38:17 Behold, for peace I had great bitterness: but you have in love to my soul delivered it from the pit of corruption: for you have cast all my sins behind your back.

38:18 For the grave cannot praise you, death can not celebrate you: they that go down into the pit cannot hope for your truth.

38:19 The living, the living, he shall praise you, as I do this day: the father to the children shall make known your truth.

38:20 *Yehovah* was ready to save me: therefore we will sing my songs to the stringed instruments all the days of our life in the house of *Yehovah*.

38:21 For Isaiah had said, Let them take a lump of figs, and lay it for a plaster on the boil, and he shall recover.

38:22 Hezekiah also had said, What is the sign that I shall go up to the house of *Yehovah*?

Isaiah – Chapter 39

39:1 At that time Merodach-baladan, the son of Baladan, king of Babylon, sent letters and a present to Hezekiah: for he had heard that he had been sick, and was recovered.

39:2 And Hezekiah was glad of them, and showed them the house of his precious things, the silver, and the gold, and the spices, and the precious ointment, and all the house of his armor, and all that was found in his treasures: there was nothing in his house, nor in all his dominion, that Hezekiah showed them not.

39:3 Then came Isaiah the prophet to king Hezekiah, and said to him, What said these men? and from where came they to you? And Hezekiah said, They are come from a far country to me, even from Babylon.

39:4 Then said he, What have they seen in your house? And Hezekiah answered, All that is in my house have they seen: there is nothing among my treasures that I have not showed them.

39:5 Then said Isaiah to Hezekiah, Hear the word of *Yehovah God of Armies*:

39:6 Behold, the days come, that all that is in your house, and that which your fathers have laid up in store until this day, shall be carried to Babylon: nothing shall be left, said *Yehovah*.

39:7 And of your sons that shall issue from you, which you shall beget, shall they take away; and they shall be eunuchs in the palace of the king of Babylon.

39:8 Then said Hezekiah to Isaiah, Good is the word of *Yehovah* which you have spoken. He said moreover, For there shall be peace and truth in my days.

Isaiah – Chapter 40

40:1 Comfort you, comfort you my people, said your God.

40:2 Speak you comfortably to Jerusalem, and cry to her, that her warfare is accomplished, that her iniquity is pardoned: for she has received of *Yehovah's* hand double for all her sins.

40:3 The voice of him that cries in the wilderness, Prepare you the way of *Yehovah*, make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

40:4 Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill shall be made low: and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough places plain:

40:5 And the glory of *Yehovah* shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together: for the mouth of *Yehovah* has spoken it.

40:6 The voice said, Cry. And he said, What shall I cry? All flesh is grass, and all the goodness is as the flower of the field:

40:7 The grass wither, the flower fades: because the spirit of *Yehovah* blows on it: surely the people is grass.

40:8 The grass wither, the flower fades: but the word of our God shall stand forever.

40:9 O Zion, that bring good tidings, get you up into the high mountain; O Jerusalem, that bring good tidings, lift up your voice with strength; lift it up, be not afraid; say to the cities of Judah, Behold your God!

40:10 Behold, *Yehovah* GOD will come with strong hand, and his arm shall rule for him: behold, his reward is with him, and his work before him.

40:11 He shall feed his flock like a shepherd: he shall gather the lambs with his arm, and carry them in his bosom, and shall gently lead those that are with young.

40:12 Who has measured the waters in the hollow of his hand, and meted out heaven with the span, and comprehended the dust of the earth in a measure, and weighed the mountains in scales, and the hills in a balance?

40:13 Who has directed the Spirit of *Yehovah*, or being his counselor has taught him?

40:14 With whom took he counsel, and who instructed him, and taught him in the path of judgment, and taught him knowledge, and showed to him the way of understanding?

40:15 Behold, the nations are as a drop of a bucket, and are counted as the small dust of the balance: behold, he takes up the isles as a very little thing.

40:16 And Lebanon is not sufficient to burn, nor the beasts sufficient for a burnt offering.

40:17 All nations before him are as nothing; and they are counted to him less than nothing, and vanity.

40:18 To whom then will you liken God? or what likeness will you compare to him?

40:19 The workman melts a graven image, and the goldsmith spreads it over with gold, and casts silver chains.

40:20 He that is so impoverished that he has no oblation chooses a tree that will not rot; he seeks to him a cunning workman to prepare a graven image, that shall not be moved.

40:21 Have you not known? have you not heard? has it not been told you from the beginning? have you not understood from the foundations of the earth?

40:22 It is he that sits on the circle of the earth, and the inhabitants are as grasshoppers; that stretches out the heavens as a curtain, and spreads them out as a tent to dwell in:

40:23 That brings the princes to nothing; he makes the judges of the earth as vanity.

40:24 Yes, they shall not be planted; yes, they shall not be sown: yes, their stock shall not take root in the earth: and he shall also blow on them, and they shall wither, and the whirlwind shall take them away as stubble.

40:25 To whom then will you liken me, or shall I be equal? said the Holy One.

40:26 Lift up your eyes on high, and behold who has created these things, that brings out their host by number: he calls them all by names by the greatness of his might, for that he is strong in power; not one fails.

40:27 Why say you, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, My way is hid from *Yehovah*, and my judgment is passed over from my God?

40:28 Have you not known? have you not heard, that the everlasting God, *Yehovah*, the Creator of the ends of the earth, faints not, neither is weary? there is no searching of his understanding.

40:29 He gives power to the faint; and to them that have no might he increases strength.

40:30 Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall:

40:31 But they that wait on *Yehovah* shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.

Isaiah – Chapter 41

41:1 Keep silence before me, O islands; and let the people renew their strength: let them come near; then let them speak: let us come near together to judgment.

41:2 Who raised up the righteous man from the east, called him to his foot, gave the nations before him, and made him rule over kings? he gave them as the dust to his sword, and as driven stubble to his bow.

41:3 He pursued them, and passed safely; even by the way that he had not gone with his feet.

41:4 Who has worked and done it, calling the generations from the beginning? I *Yehovah*, the first, and with the last; I am he.

41:5 The isles saw it, and feared; the ends of the earth were afraid, drew near, and came.

41:6 They helped everyone his neighbor; and everyone said to his brother, Be of good courage.

41:7 So the carpenter encouraged the goldsmith, and he that smoothes with the hammer him that smote the anvil, saying, It is ready for the soldering: and he fastened it with nails, that it should not be moved.

41:8 But you, Israel, are my servant, Jacob whom I have chosen, the seed of Abraham my friend.

41:9 You whom I have taken from the ends of the earth, and called you from the chief men, and said to you, You are my servant; I have chosen you, and not cast you away.

41:10 Fear you not; for I am with you: be not dismayed; for I am your God: I will strengthen you; yes, I will help you; yes, I will uphold you with the right hand of my righteousness.

41:11 Behold, all they that were incensed against you shall be ashamed and confounded: they shall be as nothing; and they that strive with you shall perish.

41:12 You shall seek them, and shall not find them, even them that contended with you: they that war against you shall be as nothing, and as a thing of nothing.

41:13 For I *Yehovah* your God will hold your right hand, saying to you, Fear not; I will help you.

41:14 Fear not, you worm Jacob, and you men of Israel; I will help you, said *Yehovah*, and your redeemer, the Holy One of Israel.

41:15 Behold, I will make you a new sharp threshing instrument having teeth: you shall thresh the mountains, and beat them small, and shall make the hills as chaff.

41:16 You shall fan them, and the wind shall carry them away, and the whirlwind shall scatter them: and you shall rejoice in *Yehovah*, and shall glory in the Holy One of Israel.

41:17 When the poor and needy seek water, and there is none, and their tongue fails for thirst, I *Yehovah* will hear them, I the God of Israel will not forsake them.

41:18 I will open rivers in high places, and fountains in the middle of the valleys: I will make the wilderness a pool of water, and the dry land springs of water.

41:19 I will plant in the wilderness the cedar, the shittah tree, and the myrtle, and the oil tree; I will set in the desert the fir tree, and the pine, and the box tree together:

41:20 That they may see, and know, and consider, and understand together, that the hand of *Yehovah* has done this, and the Holy One of Israel has created it.

41:21 Produce your cause, said *Yehovah*; bring forth your strong reasons, said the King of Jacob.

41:22 Let them bring them forth, and show us what shall happen: let them show the former things, what they be, that we may consider them, and know the latter end of them; or declare us things for to come.

41:23 Show the things that are to come hereafter, that we may know that you are gods: yes, do good, or do evil, that we may be dismayed, and behold it together.

41:24 Behold, you are of nothing, and your work of nothing: an abomination is he that chooses you.

41:25 I have raised up one from the north, and he shall come: from the rising of the sun shall he call on my name: and he shall come on princes as on mortar, and as the potter treads clay.

41:26 Who has declared from the beginning, that we may know? and beforetime, that we may say, He is righteous? yes, there is none that shows, yes, there is none that declares, yes, there is none that hears your words.

41:27 The first shall say to Zion, Behold, behold them: and I will give to Jerusalem one that brings good tidings.

41:28 For I beheld, and there was no man; even among them, and there was no counselor, that, when I asked of them, could answer a word.

41:29 Behold, they are all vanity; their works are nothing: their molten images are wind and confusion.

Isaiah – Chapter 42

42:1 Behold my servant, whom I uphold; my elect, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit on him: he shall bring forth judgment to the Gentiles.

42:2 He shall not cry, nor lift up, nor cause his voice to be heard in the street.

42:3 A bruised reed shall he not break, and the smoking flax shall he not quench: he shall bring forth judgment to truth.

42:4 He shall not fail nor be discouraged, till he have set judgment in the earth: and the isles shall wait for his law.

42:5 Thus said God *Yehovah*, he that created the heavens, and stretched them out; he that spread forth the earth, and that which comes out of it; he that gives breath to the people on it, and spirit to them that walk in it:

42:6 I *Yehovah* have called you in righteousness, and will hold your hand, and will keep you, and give you for a covenant of the people, for a light of the Gentiles;

42:7 To open the blind eyes, to bring out the prisoners from the prison, and them that sit in darkness out of the prison house.

42:8 I am *Yehovah*: that is my name: and my glory will I not give to another, neither my praise to graven images.

42:9 Behold, the former things are come to pass, and new things do I declare: before they spring forth I tell you of them.

42:10 Sing to *Yehovah* a new song, and his praise from the end of the earth, you that go down to the sea, and all that is in it; the isles, and their inhabitants.

42:11 Let the wilderness and the cities lift up their voice, the villages that Kedar does inhabit: let the inhabitants of the rock sing, let them shout from the top of the mountains.

42:12 Let them give glory to *Yehovah*, and declare his praise in the islands.

42:13 *Yehovah* shall go forth as a mighty man, he shall stir up jealousy like a man of war: he shall cry, yes, roar; he shall prevail against his enemies.

42:14 I have long time held my peace; I have been still, and refrained myself: now will I cry like a travailing woman; I will destroy and devour at once.

42:15 I will make waste mountains and hills, and dry up all their herbs; and I will make the rivers islands, and I will dry up the pools.

42:16 And I will bring the blind by a way that they knew not; I will lead them in paths that they have not known: I will make darkness light before them, and crooked things straight. These things will I do to them, and not forsake them.

42:17 They shall be turned back, they shall be greatly ashamed, that trust in graven images, that say to the molten images, You are our gods.

42:18 Hear, you deaf; and look, you blind, that you may see.

42:19 Who is blind, but my servant? or deaf, as my messenger that I sent? who is blind as he that is perfect, and blind as *Yehovah's* servant?

42:20 Seeing many things, but you observe not; opening the ears, but he hears not.

42:21 *Yehovah* is well pleased for his righteousness' sake; he will magnify the law, and make it honorable.

42:22 But this is a people robbed and *plundered*; they are all of them snared in holes, and they are hid in prison houses: they are for a prey, and none delivers; for spoils, and none said, Restore.

42:23 Who among you will give ear to this? who will listen and hear for the time to come?

42:24 Who gave Jacob for spoils, and Israel to the robbers? did not *Yehovah*, he against whom we have sinned? for they would not walk in his ways, neither were they obedient to his law.

42:25 Therefore he has poured on him the fury of his anger, and the strength of battle: and it has set him on fire round about, yet he knew not; and it burned him, yet he laid it not to heart.

Isaiah – Chapter 43

43:1 But now thus said *Yehovah* that created you, O Jacob, and he that formed you, O Israel, Fear not: for I have redeemed you, I have called you by your name; you are mine.

43:2 When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow you: when you walk through the fire, you shall not be burned; neither shall the flame kindle on you.

43:3 For I am *Yehovah* your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior: I gave Egypt for your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba for you.

43:4 Since you were precious in my sight, you have been honorable, and I have loved you: therefore will I give men for you, and people for your life.

43:5 Fear not: for I am with you: I will bring your seed from the east, and gather you from the west;

43:6 I will say to the north, Give up; and to the south, Keep not back: bring my sons from far, and my daughters from the ends of the earth;

43:7 Even everyone that is called by my name: for I have created him for my glory, I have formed him; yes, I have made him.

43:8 Bring forth the blind people that have eyes, and the deaf that have ears.

43:9 Let all the nations be gathered together, and let the people be assembled: who among them can declare this, and show us former things? let them bring forth their witnesses, that they may be justified: or let them hear, and say, It is truth.

43:10 You are my witnesses, said *Yehovah*, and my servant whom I have chosen: that you may know and believe me, and understand that I am he: before me there was no God formed, neither shall there be after me.

43:11 I, even I, am *Yehovah*; and beside me there is no savior.

43:12 I have declared, and have saved, and I have showed, when there was no strange god among you: therefore you are my witnesses, said *Yehovah*, that I am God.

43:13 Yes, before the day was I am he; and there is none that can deliver out of my hand: I will work, and who shall let it?

43:14 Thus said *Yehovah*, your redeemer, the Holy One of Israel; For your sake I have sent to Babylon, and have brought down all their nobles, and the Chaldeans, whose cry is in the ships.

43:15 I am *Yehovah*, your Holy One, the creator of Israel, your King.

43:16 Thus said *Yehovah*, which makes a way in the sea, and a path in the mighty waters;

43:17 Which brings forth the chariot and horse, the army and the power; they shall lie down together, they shall not rise: they are extinct, they are quenched as wick.

43:18 Remember you not the former things, neither consider the things of old.

43:19 Behold, I will do a new thing; now it shall spring forth; shall you not know it? I will even make a way in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert.

43:20 The beast of the field shall honor me, the dragons and the owls: because I give waters in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert, to give drink to my people, my chosen.

43:21 This people have I formed for myself; they shall show forth my praise.

43:22 But you have not called on me, O Jacob; but you have been weary of me, O Israel.

43:23 You have not brought me the small cattle of your burnt offerings; neither have you honored me with your sacrifices. I have not caused you to serve with an offering, nor wearied you with incense.

43:24 You have bought me no sweet cane with money, neither have you filled me with the fat of your sacrifices: but you have made me to serve with your sins, you have wearied me with your iniquities.

43:25 I, even I, am he that blots out your transgressions for my own sake, and will not remember your sins.

43:26 Put me in remembrance: let us plead together: declare you, that you may be justified.

43:27 Your first father has sinned, and your teachers have transgressed against me.

43:28 Therefore I have profaned the princes of the sanctuary, and have given Jacob to the curse, and Israel to reproaches.

Isaiah – Chapter 44

44:1 Yet now hear, O Jacob my servant; and Israel, whom I have chosen:

44:2 Thus said *Yehovah* that made you, and formed you from the womb, which will help you; Fear not, O Jacob, my servant; and you, Jesurun, whom I have chosen.

44:3 For I will pour water on him that is thirsty, and floods on the dry ground: I will pour my spirit on your seed, and my blessing on your offspring:

44:4 And they shall spring up as among the grass, as willows by the water courses.

44:5 One shall say, I am *Yehovah's*; and another shall call himself by the name of Jacob; and another shall subscribe with his hand to *Yehovah*, and surname himself by the name of Israel.

44:6 Thus said *Yehovah* the King of Israel, and his redeemer *Yehovah God of Armies*; I am the first, and I am the last; and beside me there is no God.

44:7 And who, as I, shall call, and shall declare it, and set it in order for me, since I appointed the ancient people? and the things that are coming, and shall come, let them show to them.

44:8 Fear you not, neither be afraid: have not I told you from that time, and have declared it? you are even my witnesses. Is there a God beside me? yes, there is no God; I know not any.

44:9 They that make a graven image are all of them vanity; and their delectable things shall not profit; and they are their own witnesses; they see not, nor know; that they may be ashamed.

44:10 Who has formed a god, or molten a graven image that is profitable for nothing?

44:11 Behold, all his fellows shall be ashamed: and the workmen, they are of men: let them all be gathered together, let them stand up; yet they shall fear, and they shall be ashamed together.

44:12 The smith with the tongs both works in the coals, and fashions it with hammers, and works it with the strength of his arms: yes, he is hungry, and his strength fails: he drinks no water, and is faint.

44:13 The carpenter stretches out his rule; he marks it out with a line; he fits it with planes, and he marks it out with the compass, and makes it after the figure of a man, according to the beauty of a man; that it may remain in the house.

44:14 He hews him down cedars, and takes the cypress and the oak, which he strengthens for himself among the trees of the forest: he plants an ash, and the rain does nourish it.

44:15 Then shall it be for a man to burn: for he will take and warm himself; yes, he kindles it, and bakes bread; yes, he makes a god, and worships it; he makes it a graven image, and falls down to it.

44:16 He burns a part in the fire; with part he eats flesh; he cooks roast, and is satisfied: yes, he warms himself, and said, Aha, I am warm, I have seen the fire:

44:17 And with the residue he makes a god, even his graven image: he falls down to it, and worships it, and prays to it, and said, Deliver me; for you are my god.

44:18 They have not known nor understood: for he has shut their eyes, that they cannot see; and their hearts, that they cannot understand.

44:19 And none considers in his heart, neither is there knowledge nor understanding to say, I have burned part of it in the fire; yes, also I have baked bread on the coals; I have roasted flesh, and eaten it: and shall I make the residue of it an abomination? shall I fall down to the stock of a tree?

44:20 He feeds on ashes: a deceived heart has turned him aside, that he cannot deliver his soul, nor say, Is there not a lie in my right hand?

44:21 Remember these, O Jacob and Israel; for you are my servant: I have formed you; you are my servant: O Israel, you shall not be forgotten of me.

44:22 I have blotted out, as a thick cloud, your transgressions, and, as a cloud, your sins: return to me; for I have redeemed you.

44:23 Sing, O you heavens; for *Yehovah* has done it: shout, you lower parts of the earth: break forth into singing, you mountains, O forest, and every tree in it: for *Yehovah* has redeemed Jacob, and glorified himself in Israel.

44:24 Thus said *Yehovah*, your redeemer, and he that formed you from the womb, I am *Yehovah* that makes all things; that stretches forth the heavens alone; that spreads abroad the earth by myself;

44:25 That frustrates the tokens of the liars, and makes diviners mad; that turns wise men backward, and makes their knowledge foolish;

44:26 That confirms the word of his servant, and performs the counsel of his messengers; that said to Jerusalem, You shall be inhabited; and to the cities of Judah, You shall be built, and I will raise up the decayed places:

44:27 That said to the deep, Be dry, and I will dry up your rivers:

44:28 That said of Cyrus, He is my shepherd, and shall perform all my pleasure: even saying to Jerusalem, You shall be built; and to the temple, Your foundation shall be laid.

Isaiah – Chapter 45

45:1 Thus said *Yehovah* to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have held, to subdue nations before him; and I will loosen the loins of kings, to open before him the two leaved gates; and the gates shall not be shut;

45:2 I will go before you, and make the crooked places straight: I will break in pieces the gates of brass, and cut in sunder the bars of iron:

45:3 And I will give you the treasures of darkness, and hidden riches of secret places, that you may know that I, *Yehovah*, which call you by your name, am the God of Israel.

45:4 For Jacob my servant's sake, and Israel my elect, I have even called you by your name: I have surnamed you, though you have not known me.

45:5 I am *Yehovah*, and there is none else, there is no God beside me: I girded you, though you have not known me:

45:6 That they may know from the rising of the sun, and from the west, that there is none beside me. I am *Yehovah*, and there is none else.

45:7 I form the light, and create darkness: I make peace, and create evil: I *Yehovah* do all these things.

45:8 Drop down, you heavens, from above, and let the skies pour down righteousness: let the earth open, and let them bring forth salvation, and let righteousness spring up together; I *Yehovah* have created it.

45:9 Woe to him that strives with his Maker! Let the potsherd strive with the potsherds of the earth. Shall the clay say to him that fashions it, What make you? or your work, He has no hands?

45:10 Woe to him that said to his father, What beget you? or to the woman, What have you brought forth?

45:11 Thus said *Yehovah*, the Holy One of Israel, and his Maker, Ask me of things to come concerning my sons, and concerning the work of my hands command you me.

45:12 I have made the earth, and created man on it: I, even my hands, have stretched out the heavens, and all their host have I commanded.

45:13 I have raised him up in righteousness, and I will direct all his ways: he shall build my city, and he shall let go my captives, not for price nor reward, said *Yehovah God of Armies*.

45:14 Thus said *Yehovah*, The labor of Egypt, and merchandise of Ethiopia and of the Sabeans, men of stature, shall come over to you, and they shall be yours: they shall come after you; in chains they shall come over, and they shall fall down to you, they shall make supplication to you, saying, Surely God is in you; and there is none else, there is no God.

45:15 Truly you are a God that hides yourself, O God of Israel, the Savior.

45:16 They shall be ashamed, and also confounded, all of them: they shall go to confusion together that are makers of idols.

45:17 But Israel shall be saved in *Yehovah* with an everlasting salvation: you shall not be ashamed nor confounded world without end.

45:18 For thus said *Yehovah* that created the heavens; God himself that formed the earth and made it; he has established it, he created it not in vain, he formed it to be inhabited: I am *Yehovah*; and there is none else.

45:19 I have not spoken in secret, in a dark place of the earth: I said not to the seed of Jacob, Seek you me in vain: I *Yehovah* speak righteousness, I declare things that are right.

45:20 Assemble yourselves and come; draw near together, you that are escaped of the nations: they have no knowledge that set up the wood of their graven image, and pray to a god that cannot save.

45:21 Tell you, and bring them near; yes, let them take counsel together: who has declared this from ancient time? who has told it from that time? have not I *Yehovah*? and there is no God else beside me; a just God and a Savior; there is none beside me.

45:22 Look to me, and be you saved, all the ends of the earth: for I am God, and there is none else.

45:23 I have sworn by myself, the word is gone out of my mouth in righteousness, and shall not return, That to me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear.

45:24 Surely, shall one say, in *Yehovah* have I righteousness and strength: even to him shall men come; and all that are incensed against him shall be ashamed.

45:25 In *Yehovah* shall all the seed of Israel be justified, and shall glory.

Isaiah – Chapter 46

46:1 Bel bows down, Nebo stoops, their idols were on the beasts, and on the cattle: your carriages were heavy laden; they are a burden to the weary beast.

46:2 They stoop, they bow down together; they could not deliver the burden, but themselves are gone into captivity.

46:3 Listen to me, O house of Jacob, and all the remnant of the house of Israel, which are borne by me from the belly, which are carried from the womb:

46:4 And even to your old age I am he; and even to hoar hairs will I carry you: I have made, and I will bear; even I will carry, and will deliver you.

46:5 To whom will you liken me, and make me equal, and compare me, that we may be like?

46:6 They lavish gold out of the bag, and weigh silver in the balance, and hire a goldsmith; and he makes it a god: they fall down, yes, they worship.

46:7 They bear him on the shoulder, they carry him, and set him in his place, and he stands; from his place shall he not remove: yes, one shall cry to him, yet can he not answer, nor save him out of his trouble.

46:8 Remember this, and show yourselves men: bring it again to mind, O you transgressors.

46:9 Remember the former things of old: for I am God, and there is none else; I am God, and there is none like me,

46:10 Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure:

46:11 Calling a ravenous bird from the east, the man that executes my counsel from a far country: yes, I have spoken it, I will also bring it to pass; I have purposed it, I will also do it.

46:12 Listen to me, you stouthearted, that are far from righteousness:

46:13 I bring near my righteousness; it shall not be far off, and my salvation shall not tarry: and I will place salvation in Zion for Israel my glory.

Isaiah – Chapter 47

47:1 Come down, and sit in the dust, O virgin, daughter of Babylon, sit on the ground: there is no throne, O daughter of the Chaldeans: for you shall no more be called tender and delicate.

47:2 Take the millstones, and grind meal: uncover your locks, make bare the leg, uncover the thigh, pass over the rivers.

47:3 Your nakedness shall be uncovered, yes, your shame shall be seen: I will take vengeance, and I will not meet you as a man.

47:4 As for our redeemer, *Yehovah God of Armies* is his name, the Holy One of Israel.

47:5 Sit you silent, and get you into darkness, O daughter of the Chaldeans: for you shall no more be called, The lady of kingdoms.

47:6 I was wroth with my people, I have polluted my inheritance, and given them into your hand: you did show them no mercy; on the ancient have you very heavily laid your yoke.

47:7 And you said, I shall be a lady forever: so that you did not lay these things to your heart, neither did remember the latter end of it.

47:8 Therefore hear now this, you that are given to pleasures, that dwell carelessly, that say in your heart, I am, and none else beside me; I shall not sit as a widow, neither shall I know the loss of children:

47:9 But these two things shall come to you in a moment in one day, the loss of children, and widowhood: they shall come on you in their perfection for the multitude of your sorceries, and for the great abundance of your enchantments.

47:10 For you have trusted in your wickedness: you have said, None sees me. Your wisdom and your knowledge, it has perverted you; and you have said in your heart, I am, and none else beside me.

47:11 Therefore shall evil come on you; you shall not know from where it rises: and mischief shall fall on you; you shall not be able to put it off: and desolation shall come on you suddenly, which you shall not know.

47:12 Stand now with your enchantments, and with the multitude of your sorceries, in which you have labored from your youth; if so be you shall be able to profit, if so be you may prevail.

47:13 You are wearied in the multitude of your counsels. Let now the astrologers, the stargazers, the monthly prognosticators, stand up, and save you from these things that shall come on you.

47:14 Behold, they shall be as stubble; the fire shall burn them; they shall not deliver themselves from the power of the flame: there shall not be a coal to warm at, nor fire to sit before it.

47:15 Thus shall they be to you with whom you have labored, even your merchants, from your youth: they shall wander everyone to his quarter; none shall save you.

Isaiah – Chapter 48

48:1 Hear you this, O house of Jacob, which are called by the name of Israel, and are come forth out of the waters of Judah, which swear by the name of *Yehovah*, and make mention of the God of Israel, but not in truth, nor in righteousness.

48:2 For they call themselves of the holy city, and stay themselves on the God of Israel; *Yehovah God of Armies* is his name.

48:3 I have declared the former things from the beginning; and they went forth out of my mouth, and I showed them; I did them suddenly, and they came to pass.

48:4 Because I knew that you are obstinate, and your neck is an iron sinew, and your brow brass;

48:5 I have even from the beginning declared it to you; before it came to pass I showed it you: lest you should say, My idol has done them, and my graven image, and my molten image, has commanded them.

48:6 You have heard, see all this; and will not you declare it? I have showed you new things from this time, even hidden things, and you did not know them.

48:7 They are created now, and not from the beginning; even before the day when you heard them not; lest you should say, Behold, I knew them.

48:8 Yes, you heard not; yes, you knew not; yes, from that time that your ear was not opened: for I knew that you would deal very treacherously, and were called a transgressor from the womb.

48:9 For my name's sake will I defer my anger, and for my praise will I refrain for you, that I cut you not off.

48:10 Behold, I have refined you, but not with silver; I have chosen you in the furnace of affliction.

48:11 For my own sake, even for my own sake, will I do it: for how should my name be polluted? and I will not give my glory to another.

48:12 Listen to me, O Jacob and Israel, my called; I am he; I am the first, I also am the last.

48:13 My hand also has laid the foundation of the earth, and my right hand has spanned the heavens: when I call to them, they stand up together.

48:14 All you, assemble yourselves, and hear; which among them has declared these things? *Yehovah* has loved him: he will do his pleasure on Babylon, and his arm shall be on the Chaldeans.

48:15 I, even I, have spoken; yes, I have called him: I have brought him, and he shall make his way prosperous.

48:16 Come you near to me, hear you this; I have not spoken in secret from the beginning; from the time that it was, there am I: and now *Yehovah* GOD, and his Spirit, has sent me.

48:17 Thus said *Yehovah*, your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel; I am *Yehovah* your God which teaches you to profit, which leads you by the way that you should go.

48:18 O that you had listened to my commandments! then had your peace been as a river, and your righteousness as the waves of the sea:

48:19 Your seed also had been as the sand, and the offspring of your bowels like the gravel; his name should not have been cut off nor destroyed from before me.

48:20 Go you forth of Babylon, flee you from the Chaldeans, with a voice of singing declare you, tell this, utter it even to the end of the earth; say you, *Yehovah* has redeemed his servant Jacob.

48:21 And they thirsted not when he led them through the deserts: he caused the waters to flow out of the rock for them: he split the rock also, and the waters gushed out.

48:22 There is no peace, said *Yehovah*, to the wicked.

Isaiah – Chapter 49

49:1 Listen, O isles, to me; and listen, you people, from far; *Yehovah* has called me from the womb; from the bowels of my mother has he made mention of my name.

49:2 And he has made my mouth like a sharp sword; in the shadow of his hand has he hid me, and made me a polished shaft; in his quiver has he hid me;

49:3 And said to me, You are my servant, O Israel, in whom I will be glorified.

49:4 Then I said, I have labored in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing, and in vain: yet surely my judgment is with *Yehovah*, and my work with my God.

49:5 And now, said *Yehovah* that formed me from the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob again to him, Though Israel be not gathered, yet shall I be glorious in the eyes of *Yehovah*, and my God shall be my strength.

49:6 And he said, It is a light thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob, and to restore the preserved of Israel: I will also give you for a light to the Gentiles, that you may be my salvation to the end of the earth.

49:7 Thus said *Yehovah*, the Redeemer of Israel, and his Holy One, to him whom man despises, to him whom the nation abhors, to a servant of rulers, Kings shall see and arise, princes also shall worship, because of *Yehovah* that is faithful, and the Holy One of Israel, and he shall choose you.

49:8 Thus said *Yehovah*, In an acceptable time have I heard you, and in a day of salvation have I helped you: and I will preserve you, and give you for a covenant of the people, to establish the earth, to cause to inherit the desolate heritages;

49:9 That you may say to the prisoners, Go forth; to them that are in darkness, Show yourselves. They shall feed in the ways, and their pastures shall be in all high places.

49:10 They shall not hunger nor thirst; neither shall the heat nor sun smite them: for he that has mercy on them shall lead them, even by the springs of water shall he guide them.

49:11 And I will make all my mountains a way, and my highways shall be exalted.

49:12 Behold, these shall come from far: and, see, these from the north and from the west; and these from the land of Sinim.

49:13 Sing, O heavens; and be joyful, O earth; and break forth into singing, O mountains: for *Yehovah* has comforted his people, and will have mercy on his afflicted.

49:14 But Zion said, *Yehovah* has forsaken me, and my Lord has forgotten me.

49:15 Can a woman forget her sucking child, that she should not have compassion on the son of her womb? yes, they may forget, yet will I not forget you.

49:16 Behold, I have graven you on the palms of my hands; your walls are continually before me.

49:17 Your children shall make haste; your destroyers and they that made you waste shall go forth of you.

49:18 Lift up your eyes round about, and behold: all these gather themselves together, and come to you. As I live, said *Yehovah*, you shall surely clothe you with them all, as with an ornament, and bind them on you, as a bride does.

49:19 For your waste and your desolate places, and the land of your destruction, shall even now be too narrow by reason of the inhabitants, and they that swallowed you up shall be far away.

49:20 The children which you shall have, after you have lost the other, shall say again in your ears, The place is too strait for me: give place to me that I may dwell.

49:21 Then shall you say in your heart, Who has begotten me these, seeing I have lost my children, and am desolate, a captive, and removing to and fro? and who has brought up these? Behold, I was left alone; these, where had they been?

49:22 Thus said *Yehovah* GOD, Behold, I will lift up my hand to the Gentiles, and set up my standard to the people: and they shall bring your sons in their arms, and your daughters shall be carried on their shoulders.

49:23 And kings shall be your nursing fathers, and their queens your nursing mothers: they shall bow down to you with their face toward the earth, and lick up the dust of your feet; and you shall know that I am *Yehovah*: for they shall not be ashamed that wait for me.

49:24 Shall the prey be taken from the mighty, or the lawful captive delivered?

49:25 But thus said *Yehovah*, Even the captives of the mighty shall be taken away, and the prey of the terrible shall be delivered: for I will contend with him that contends with you, and I will save your children.

49:26 And I will feed them that oppress you with their own flesh; and they shall be drunken with their own blood, as with sweet wine: and all flesh shall know that I *Yehovah* am your Savior and your Redeemer, the mighty One of Jacob.

Isaiah – Chapter 50

50:1 Thus said *Yehovah*, Where is the bill of your mother's divorce, whom I have put away? or which of my creditors is it to whom I have sold you? Behold, for your iniquities have you sold yourselves, and for your transgressions is your mother put away.

50:2 Why, when I came, was there no man? when I called, was there none to answer? Is my hand shortened at all, that it cannot redeem? or have I no power to deliver? behold, at my rebuke I dry up the sea, I make the rivers a wilderness: their fish stinks, because there is no water, and dies for thirst.

50:3 I clothe the heavens with blackness, and I make sackcloth their covering.

50:4 *Yehovah* GOD has given me the tongue of the learned, that I should know how to speak a word in season to him that is weary: he wakens morning by morning, he wakens my ear to hear as the learned.

50:5 *Yehovah* GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, neither turned away back.

50:6 I gave my back to the smiters, and my cheeks to them that plucked off the hair: I hid not my face from shame and spitting.

50:7 For *Yehovah* GOD will help me; therefore shall I not be confounded: therefore have I set my face like a flint, and I know that I shall not be ashamed.

50:8 He is near that justifies me; who will contend with me? let us stand together: who is my adversary? let him come near to me.

50:9 Behold, *Yehovah* GOD will help me; who is he that shall condemn me? see, they all shall wax old as a garment; the moth shall eat them up.

50:10 Who is among you that fears *Yehovah*, that obeys the voice of his servant, that walks in darkness, and has no light? let him trust in the name of *Yehovah*, and stay on his God.

50:11 Behold, all you that kindle a fire, that compass yourselves about with sparks: walk in the light of your fire, and in the sparks that you have kindled. This shall you have of my hand; you shall lie down in sorrow.

Isaiah – Chapter 51

51:1 Listen to me, you that follow after righteousness, you that seek *Yehovah*: look to the rock from where you are hewn, and to the hole of the pit from where you are dig.

51:2 Look to Abraham your father, and to Sarah that bore you: for I called him alone, and blessed him, and increased him.

51:3 For *Yehovah* shall comfort Zion: he will comfort all her waste places; and he will make her wilderness like Eden, and her desert like the garden of *Yehovah*; joy and gladness shall be found in it, thanksgiving, and the voice of melody.

51:4 Listen to me, my people; and give ear to me, O my nation: for a law shall proceed from me, and I will make my judgment to rest for a light of the people.

51:5 My righteousness is near; my salvation is gone forth, and my arms shall judge the people; the isles shall wait on me, and on my arm shall they trust.

51:6 Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look on the earth beneath: for the heavens shall vanish away like smoke, and the earth shall wax old like a garment, and they that dwell in it shall die in like manner: but my salvation shall be forever, and my righteousness shall not be abolished.

51:7 Listen to me, you that know righteousness, the people in whose heart is my law; fear you not the reproach of men, neither be you afraid of their revilings.

51:8 For the moth shall eat them up like a garment, and the worm shall eat them like wool: but my righteousness shall be forever, and my salvation from generation to generation.

51:9 Awake, awake, put on strength, O arm of *Yehovah*; awake, as in the ancient days, in the generations of old. Are you not it that has cut Rahab, and wounded the dragon?

51:10 Are you not it which has dried the sea, the waters of the great deep; that has made the depths of the sea a way for the ransomed to pass over?

51:11 Therefore the redeemed of *Yehovah* shall return, and come with singing to Zion; and everlasting joy shall be on their head: they shall obtain gladness and joy; and sorrow and mourning shall flee away.

51:12 I, even I, am he that comforts you: who are you, that you should be afraid of a man that shall die, and of the son of man which shall be made as grass;

51:13 And forget *Yehovah* your maker, that has stretched forth the heavens, and laid the foundations of the earth; and have feared continually every day because of the fury of the oppressor, as if he were ready to destroy? and where is the fury of the oppressor?

51:14 The captive exile hastens that he may be loosened, and that he should not die in the pit, nor that his bread should fail.

51:15 But I am *Yehovah* your God, that divided the sea, whose waves roared: *Yehovah God of Armies* is his name.

51:16 And I have put my words in your mouth, and I have covered you in the shadow of my hand, that I may plant the heavens, and lay the foundations of the earth, and say to Zion, You are my people.

51:17 Awake, awake, stand up, O Jerusalem, which have drunk at the hand of *Yehovah* the cup of his fury; you have drunken the dregs of the cup of trembling, and wrung them out.

51:18 There is none to guide her among all the sons whom she has brought forth; neither is there any that takes her by the hand of all the sons that she has brought up.

51:19 These two things are come to you; who shall be sorry for you? desolation, and destruction, and the famine, and the sword: by whom shall I comfort you?

51:20 Your sons have fainted, they lie at the head of all the streets, as a wild bull in a net: they are full of the fury of *Yehovah*, the rebuke of your God.

51:21 Therefore hear now this, you afflicted, and drunken, but not with wine:

51:22 Thus said your Lord *Yehovah*, and your God that pleads the cause of his people, Behold, I have taken out of your hand the cup of trembling, even the dregs of the cup of my fury; you shall no more drink it again:

51:23 But I will put it into the hand of them that afflict you; which have said to your soul, Bow down, that we may go over: and you have laid your body as the ground, and as the street, to them that went over.

Isaiah – Chapter 52

52:1 Awake, awake; put on your strength, O Zion; put on your beautiful garments, O Jerusalem, the holy city: for from now on there shall no more come into you the uncircumcised and the unclean.

52:2 Shake yourself from the dust; arise, and sit down, O Jerusalem: loosen yourself from the bands of your neck, O captive daughter of Zion.

52:3 For thus said *Yehovah*, You have sold yourselves for nothing; and you shall be redeemed without money.

52:4 For thus said *Yehovah* GOD, My people went down aforetime into Egypt to sojourn there; and the Assyrian oppressed them without cause.

52:5 Now therefore, what have I here, said *Yehovah*, that my people is taken away for nothing? they that rule over them make them to howl, said *Yehovah*; and my name continually every day is blasphemed.

52:6 Therefore my people shall know my name: therefore they shall know in that day that I am he that does speak: behold, it is I.

52:7 How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of him that brings good tidings, that publishes peace; that brings good tidings of good, that publishes salvation; that said to Zion, Your God reigns!

52:8 Your watchmen shall lift up the voice; with the voice together shall they sing: for they shall see eye to eye, when *Yehovah* shall bring again Zion.

52:9 Break forth into joy, sing together, you waste places of Jerusalem: for *Yehovah* has comforted his people, he has redeemed Jerusalem.

52:10 *Yehovah* has made bare his holy arm in the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

52:11 Depart you, depart you, go you out from there, touch no unclean thing; go you out of the middle of her; be you clean, that bear the vessels of *Yehovah*.

52:12 For you shall not go out with haste, nor go by flight: for *Yehovah* will go before you; and the God of Israel will be your rear guard.

52:13 Behold, my servant shall deal prudently, he shall be exalted and extolled, and be very high.

52:14 As many were astonished at you; his visage was so marred more than any man, and his form more than the sons of men:

52:15 So shall he sprinkle many nations; the kings shall shut their mouths at him: for that which had not been told them shall they see; and that which they had not heard shall they consider.

Isaiah – Chapter 53

53:1 Who has believed our report? and to whom is the arm of *Yehovah* revealed?

53:2 For he shall grow up before him as a tender plant, and as a root out of a dry ground: he has no form nor comeliness; and when we shall see him, there is no beauty that we should desire him.

53:3 He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

53:4 Surely he has borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted.

53:5 But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was on him; and with his stripes we are healed.

53:6 All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned everyone to his own way; and *Yehovah* has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

53:7 He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he opens not his mouth.

53:8 He was taken from prison and from judgment: and who shall declare his generation? for he was cut off out of the land of the living: for the transgression of my people was he stricken.

53:9 And he made his grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death; because he had done no violence, neither was any deceit in his mouth.

53:10 Yet it pleased *Yehovah* to bruise him; he has put him to grief: when you shall make his soul an offering for sin, he shall see his seed, he shall prolong his days, and the pleasure of *Yehovah* shall prosper in his hand.

53:11 He shall see of the travail of his soul, and shall be satisfied: by his knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many; for he shall bear their iniquities.

53:12 Therefore will I divide him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoils with the strong; because he has poured out his soul to death: and he was numbered with the transgressors; and he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

Isaiah – Chapter 54

54:1 Sing, O barren, you that did not bear; break forth into singing, and cry aloud, you that did not travail with child: for more are the children of the desolate than the children of the married wife, said *Yehovah*.

54:2 Enlarge the place of your tent, and let them stretch forth the curtains of your habitations: spare not, lengthen your cords, and strengthen your stakes;

54:3 For you shall break forth on the right hand and on the left; and your seed shall inherit the Gentiles, and make the desolate cities to be inhabited.

54:4 Fear not; for you shall not be ashamed: neither be you confounded; for you shall not be put to shame: for you shall forget the shame of your youth, and shall not remember the reproach of your widowhood any more.

54:5 For your Maker is your husband; *Yehovah God of Armies* is his name; and your Redeemer the Holy One of Israel; The God of the whole earth shall he be called.

54:6 For *Yehovah* has called you as a woman forsaken and grieved in spirit, and a wife of youth, when you were refused, said your God.

54:7 For a small moment have I forsaken you; but with great mercies will I gather you.

54:8 In a little wrath I hid my face from you for a moment; but with everlasting kindness will I have mercy on you, said *Yehovah* your Redeemer.

54:9 For this is as the waters of Noah to me: for as I have sworn that the waters of Noah should no more go over the earth; so have I sworn that I would not be *angry* with you, nor rebuke you.

54:10 For the mountains shall depart, and the hills be removed; but my kindness shall not depart from you, neither shall the covenant of my peace be removed, said *Yehovah* that has mercy on you.

54:11 O you afflicted, tossed with tempest, and not comforted, behold, I will lay your stones with fair colors, and lay your foundations with sapphires.

54:12 And I will make your windows of agates, and your gates of carbuncles, and all your borders of pleasant stones.

54:13 And all your children shall be taught of *Yehovah*; and great shall be the peace of your children.

54:14 In righteousness shall you be established: you shall be far from oppression; for you shall not fear: and from terror; for it shall not come near you.

54:15 Behold, they shall surely gather together, but not by me: whoever shall gather together against you shall fall for your sake.

54:16 Behold, I have created the smith that blows the coals in the fire, and that brings forth an instrument for his work; and I have created the waster to destroy.

54:17 No weapon that is formed against you shall prosper; and every tongue that shall rise against you in judgment you shall condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of *Yehovah*, and their righteousness is of me, said *Yehovah*.

Isaiah – Chapter 55

55:1 Come, everyone that thirsts, come you to the waters, and he that has no money; come you, buy, and eat; yes, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.

55:2 Why do you spend money for that which is not bread? and your labor for that which satisfies not? listen diligently to me, and eat you that which is good, and let your soul delight itself in fatness.

55:3 Incline your ear, and come to me: hear, and your soul shall live; and I will make an everlasting covenant with you, even the sure mercies of David.

55:4 Behold, I have given him for a witness to the people, a leader and commander to the people.

55:5 Behold, you shall call a nation that you know not, and nations that knew not you shall run to you because of *Yehovah* your God, and for the Holy One of Israel; for he has glorified you.

55:6 Seek you *Yehovah* while he may be found, call you on him while he is near:

55:7 Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return to *Yehovah*, and he will have mercy on him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

55:8 For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, said *Yehovah*.

55:9 For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.

55:10 For as the rain comes down, and the snow from heaven, and returns not there, but waters the earth, and makes it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater:

55:11 So shall my word be that goes forth out of my mouth: it shall not return to me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.

55:12 For you shall go out with joy, and be led forth with peace: the mountains and the hills shall break forth before you into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

55:13 Instead of the thorn shall come up the fir tree, and instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle tree: and it shall be to *Yehovah* for a name, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

Isaiah – Chapter 56

56:1 Thus said *Yehovah*, Keep you judgment, and do justice: for my salvation is near to come, and my righteousness to be revealed.

56:2 Blessed is the man that does this, and the son of man that lays hold on it; that keeps the sabbath from polluting it, and keeps his hand from doing any evil.

56:3 Neither let the son of the stranger, that has joined himself to *Yehovah*, speak, saying, *Yehovah* has utterly separated me from his people: neither let the eunuch say, Behold, I am a dry tree.

56:4 For thus said *Yehovah* to the eunuchs that keep my sabbaths, and choose the things that please me, and take hold of my covenant;

56:5 Even to them will I give in my house and within my walls a place and a name better than of sons and of daughters: I will give them an everlasting name, that shall not be cut off.

56:6 Also the sons of the stranger, that join themselves to *Yehovah*, to serve him, and to love the name of *Yehovah*, to be his servants, everyone that keeps the sabbath from polluting it, and takes hold of my covenant;

56:7 Even them will I bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer: their burnt offerings and their sacrifices shall be accepted on my altar; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all people.

56:8 *Yehovah* GOD, which gathers the outcasts of Israel said, Yet will I gather others to him, beside those that are gathered to him.

56:9 All you beasts of the field, come to devour, yes, all you beasts in the forest.

56:10 His watchmen are blind: they are all ignorant, they are all dumb dogs, they cannot bark; sleeping, lying down, loving to slumber.

56:11 Yes, they are greedy dogs which can never have enough, and they are shepherds that cannot understand: they all look to their own way, everyone for his gain, from his quarter.

56:12 Come you, say they, I will provide wine, and we will fill ourselves with strong drink; and tomorrow shall be as this day, and much more abundant.

Isaiah – Chapter 57

57:1 The righteous perishes, and no man lays it to heart: and merciful men are taken away, none considering that the righteous is taken away from the evil to come.

57:2 He shall enter into peace: they shall rest in their beds, each one walking in his uprightness.

57:3 But draw near here, you sons of the sorceress, the seed of the adulterer and the whore.

57:4 Against whom do you sport yourselves? against whom make you a wide mouth, and draw out the tongue? are you not children of transgression, a seed of falsehood.

57:5 Enflaming yourselves with idols under every green tree, slaying the children in the valleys under the clefts of the rocks?

57:6 Among the smooth stones of the stream is your portion; they, they are your lot: even to them have you poured a drink offering, you have offered a meat offering. Should I receive comfort in these?

57:7 On a lofty and high mountain have you set your bed: even there went you up to offer sacrifice.

57:8 Behind the doors also and the posts have you set up your remembrance: for you have discovered yourself to another than me, and are gone up; you have enlarged your bed, and made you a covenant with them; you loved their bed where you saw it.

57:9 And you went to the king with ointment, and did increase your perfumes, and did send your messengers far off, and did debase yourself even to *sheol*.

57:10 You are wearied in the greatness of your way; yet said you not, There is no hope: you have found the life of your hand; therefore you were not grieved.

57:11 And of whom have you been afraid or feared, that you have lied, and have not remembered me, nor laid it to your heart? have not I held my peace even of old, and you fear me not?

57:12 I will declare your righteousness, and your works; for they shall not profit you.

57:13 When you cry, let your companies deliver you; but the wind shall carry them all away; vanity shall take them: but he that puts his trust in me shall possess the land, and shall inherit my holy mountain;

57:14 And shall say, Cast you up, cast you up, prepare the way, take up the stumbling block out of the way of my people.

57:15 For thus said the high and lofty One that inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy; I dwell in the high and holy place, with him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones.

57:16 For I will not contend forever, neither will I be always *angry*: for the spirit should fail before me, and the souls which I have made.

57:17 For the iniquity of his covetousness was I *angry*, and smote him: I hid me, and was *angry*, and he went on frowardly in the way of his heart.

57:18 I have seen his ways, and will heal him: I will lead him also, and restore comforts to him and to his mourners.

57:19 I create the fruit of the lips; Peace, peace to him that is far off, and to him that is near, said *Yehovah*; and I will heal him.

57:20 But the wicked are like the troubled sea, when it cannot rest, whose waters cast up mire and dirt.

57:21 There is no peace, said my God, to the wicked.

Isaiah – Chapter 58

58:1 Cry aloud, spare not, lift up your voice like a trumpet, and show my people their transgression, and the house of Jacob their sins.

58:2 Yet they seek me daily, and delight to know my ways, as a nation that did righteousness, and forsook not the ordinance of their God: they ask of me the ordinances of justice; they take delight in approaching to God.

58:3 Why have we fasted, say they, and you see not? why have we afflicted our soul, and you take no knowledge? Behold, in the day of your fast you find pleasure, and exact all your labors.

58:4 Behold, you fast for strife and debate, and to smite with the fist of wickedness: you shall not fast as you do this day, to make your voice to be heard on high.

58:5 Is it such a fast that I have chosen? a day for a man to afflict his soul? is it to bow down his head as a bulrush, and to spread sackcloth and ashes under him? will you call this a fast, and an acceptable day to *Yehovah*?

58:6 Is not this the fast that I have chosen? to loosen the bands of wickedness, to undo the heavy burdens, and to let the oppressed go free, and that you break every yoke?

58:7 Is it not to deal your bread to the hungry, and that you bring the poor that are cast out to your house? when you see the naked, that you cover him; and that you hide not yourself from your own flesh?

58:8 Then shall your light break forth as the morning, and your health shall spring forth speedily: and your righteousness shall go before you; the glory of *Yehovah* shall be your rear guard.

58:9 Then shall you call, and *Yehovah* shall answer; you shall cry, and he shall say, Here I am. If you take away from the middle of you the yoke, the putting forth of the finger, and speaking vanity;

58:10 And if you draw out your soul to the hungry, and satisfy the afflicted soul; then shall your light rise in obscurity, and your darkness be as the noon day:

58:11 And *Yehovah* shall guide you continually, and satisfy your soul in drought, and make fat your bones: and you shall be like a watered garden, and like a spring of water, whose waters fail not.

58:12 And they that shall be of you shall build the old waste places: you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; and you shall be called, The repairer of the breach, The restorer of paths to dwell in.

58:13 If you turn away your foot from the sabbath, from doing your pleasure on my holy day; and call the sabbath a delight, the holy of *Yehovah*, honorable; and shall honor him, not doing your own ways, nor finding your own pleasure, nor speaking your own words:

58:14 Then shall you delight yourself in *Yehovah*; and I will cause you to ride on the high places of the earth, and feed you with the heritage of Jacob your father: for the mouth of *Yehovah* has spoken it.

Isaiah – Chapter 59

59:1 Behold, *Yehovah's* hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither his ear heavy, that it cannot hear:

59:2 But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear.

59:3 For your hands are defiled with blood, and your fingers with iniquity; your lips have spoken lies, your tongue has muttered perverseness.

59:4 None calls for justice, nor any pleads for truth: they trust in vanity, and speak lies; they conceive mischief, and bring forth iniquity.

59:5 They hatch cockatrice' eggs, and weave the spider's web: he that eats of their eggs dies, and that which is crushed breaks out into a viper.

59:6 Their webs shall not become garments, neither shall they cover themselves with their works: their works are works of iniquity, and the act of violence is in their hands.

59:7 Their feet run to evil, and they make haste to shed innocent blood: their thoughts are thoughts of iniquity; wasting and destruction are in their paths.

59:8 The way of peace they know not; and there is no judgment in their goings: they have made them crooked paths: whoever goes in it shall not know peace.

59:9 Therefore is judgment far from us, neither does justice overtake us: we wait for light, but behold obscurity; for brightness, but we walk in darkness.

59:10 We grope for the wall like the blind, and we grope as if we had no eyes: we stumble at noon day as in the night; we are in desolate places as dead men.

59:11 We roar all like bears, and mourn sore like doves: we look for judgment, but there is none; for salvation, but it is far off from us.

59:12 For our transgressions are multiplied before you, and our sins testify against us: for our transgressions are with us; and as for our iniquities, we know them;

59:13 In transgressing and lying against *Yehovah*, and departing away from our God, speaking oppression and revolt, conceiving and uttering from the heart words of falsehood.

59:14 And judgment is turned away backward, and justice stands afar off: for truth is fallen in the street, and equity cannot enter.

59:15 Yes, truth fails; and he that departs from evil makes himself a prey: and *Yehovah* saw it, and it displeased him that there was no judgment.

59:16 And he saw that there was no man, and wondered that there was no intercessor: therefore his arm brought salvation to him; and his righteousness, it sustained him.

59:17 For he put on righteousness as a breastplate, and a helmet of salvation on his head; and he put on the garments of vengeance for clothing, and was clad with zeal as a cloak.

59:18 According to their deeds, accordingly he will repay, fury to his adversaries, recompense to his enemies; to the islands he will repay recompense.

59:19 So shall they fear the name of *Yehovah* from the west, and his glory from the rising of the sun. When the enemy shall come in like a flood, the Spirit of *Yehovah* shall lift up a standard against him.

59:20 And the Redeemer shall come to Zion, and to them that turn from transgression in Jacob, said *Yehovah*.

59:21 As for me, this is my covenant with them, said *Yehovah*; My spirit that is on you, and my words which I have put in your mouth, shall not depart out of your mouth, nor out of the mouth of your seed, nor out of the mouth of your seed's seed, said *Yehovah*, from now on and forever.

Isaiah – Chapter 60

60:1 Arise, shine; for your light is come, and the glory of *Yehovah* is risen on you.

60:2 For, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people: but *Yehovah* shall arise on you, and his glory shall be seen on you.

60:3 And the Gentiles shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising.

60:4 Lift up your eyes round about, and see: all they gather themselves together, they come to you: your sons shall come from far, and your daughters shall be nursed at your side.

60:5 Then you shall see, and flow together, and your heart shall fear, and be enlarged; because the abundance of the sea shall be converted to you, the forces of the Gentiles shall come to you.

60:6 The multitude of camels shall cover you, the dromedaries of Midian and Ephah; all they from Sheba shall come: they shall bring gold and incense; and they shall show forth the praises of *Yehovah*.

60:7 All the flocks of Kedar shall be gathered together to you, the rams of Nebaioth shall minister to you: they shall come up with acceptance on my altar, and I will glorify the house of my glory.

60:8 Who are these that fly as a cloud, and as the doves to their windows?

60:9 Surely the isles shall wait for me, and the ships of Tarshish first, to bring your sons from far, their silver and their gold with them, to the name of *Yehovah* your God, and to the Holy One of Israel, because he has glorified you.

60:10 And the sons of strangers shall build up your walls, and their kings shall minister to you: for in my wrath I smote you, but in my favor have I had mercy on you.

60:11 Therefore your gates shall be open continually; they shall not be shut day nor night; that men may bring to you the forces of the Gentiles, and that their kings may be brought.

60:12 For the nation and kingdom that will not serve you shall perish; yes, those nations shall be utterly wasted.

60:13 The glory of Lebanon shall come to you, the fir tree, the pine tree, and the box together, to beautify the place of my sanctuary; and I will make the place of my feet glorious.

60:14 The sons also of them that afflicted you shall come bending to you; and all they that despised you shall bow themselves down at the soles of your feet; and they shall call you; The city of *Yehovah*, The Zion of the Holy One of Israel.

60:15 Whereas you has been forsaken and hated, so that no man went through you, I will make you an eternal excellency, a joy of many generations.

60:16 You shall also suck the milk of the Gentiles, and shall suck the breast of kings: and you shall know that I *Yehovah* am your Savior and your Redeemer, the mighty One of Jacob.

60:17 For brass I will bring gold, and for iron I will bring silver, and for wood brass, and for stones iron: I will also make your officers peace, and your exactors righteousness.

60:18 Violence shall no more be heard in your land, wasting nor destruction within your borders; but you shall call your walls Salvation, and your gates Praise.

60:19 The sun shall be no more your light by day; neither for brightness shall the moon give light to you: but *Yehovah* shall be to you an everlasting light, and your God your glory.

60:20 Your sun shall no more go down; neither shall your moon withdraw itself: for *Yehovah* shall be your everlasting light, and the days of your mourning shall be ended.

60:21 Your people also shall be all righteous: they shall inherit the land forever, the branch of my planting, the work of my hands, that I may be glorified.

60:22 A little one shall become a thousand, and a small one a strong nation: I *Yehovah* will hasten it in his time.

Isaiah – Chapter 61

61:1 The Spirit of *Yehovah* GOD is on me; because *Yehovah* has anointed me to preach good tidings to the meek; he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound;

61:2 To proclaim the acceptable year of *Yehovah*, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all that mourn;

61:3 To appoint to them that mourn in Zion, to give to them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of *Yehovah*, that he might be glorified.

61:4 And they shall build the old wastes, they shall raise up the former desolations, and they shall repair the waste cities, the desolations of many generations.

61:5 And strangers shall stand and feed your flocks, and the sons of the alien shall be your plowmen and your vinedressers.

61:6 But you shall be named the Priests of *Yehovah*: men shall call you the Ministers of our God: you shall eat the riches of the Gentiles, and in their glory shall you boast yourselves.

61:7 For your shame you shall have double; and for confusion they shall rejoice in their portion: therefore in their land they shall possess the double: everlasting joy shall be to them.

61:8 For I *Yehovah* love judgment, I hate robbery for burnt offering; and I will direct their work in truth, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them.

61:9 And their seed shall be known among the Gentiles, and their offspring among the people: all that see them shall acknowledge them, that they are the seed which *Yehovah* has blessed.

61:10 I will greatly rejoice in *Yehovah*, my soul shall be joyful in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with ornaments, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

61:11 For as the earth brings forth her bud, and as the garden causes the things that are sown in it to spring forth; so *Yehovah* GOD will cause righteousness and praise to spring forth before all the nations.

Isaiah – Chapter 62

62:1 For Zion's sake will I not hold my peace, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until the righteousness goes forth as brightness, and the salvation as a lamp that burns.

62:2 And the Gentiles shall see your righteousness, and all kings your glory: and you shall be called by a new name, which the mouth of *Yehovah* shall name.

62:3 You shall also be a crown of glory in the hand of *Yehovah*, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

62:4 You shall no more be termed Forsaken; neither shall your land anymore be termed Desolate: but you shall be called Hephzibah, and your land Beulah: for *Yehovah* delights in you, and your land shall be married.

62:5 For as a young man marries a *maiden*, so shall your sons marry you: and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.

62:6 I have set watchmen on your walls, O Jerusalem, which shall never hold their peace day nor night: you that make mention of *Yehovah*, keep not silence,

62:7 And give him no rest, till he establish, and till he make Jerusalem a praise in the earth.

62:8 *Yehovah* has sworn by his right hand, and by the arm of his strength, Surely I will no more give your *grain* to be meat for your enemies; and the sons of the stranger shall not drink your wine, for the which you have labored:

62:9 But they that have gathered it shall eat it, and praise *Yehovah*; and they that have brought it together shall drink it in the courts of my holiness.

62:10 Go through, go through the gates; prepare you the way of the people; cast up, cast up the highway; gather out the stones; lift up a standard for the people.

62:11 Behold, *Yehovah* has proclaimed to the end of the world, Say you to the daughter of Zion, Behold, your salvation comes; behold, his reward is with him, and his work before him.

62:12 And they shall call them, The holy people, The redeemed of *Yehovah*: and you shall be called, Sought out, A city not forsaken.

Isaiah – Chapter 63

63:1 Who is this that comes from Edom, with dyed garments from Bozrah? this that is glorious in his apparel, traveling in the greatness of his strength? I that speak in righteousness, mighty to save.

63:2 Why are you red in your apparel, and your garments like him that treads in the winefat?

63:3 I have trodden the wine press alone; and of the people there was none with me: for I will tread them in my anger, and trample them in my fury; and their blood shall be sprinkled on my garments, and I will stain all my raiment.

63:4 For the day of vengeance is in my heart, and the year of my redeemed is come.

63:5 And I looked, and there was none to help; and I wondered that there was none to uphold: therefore my own arm brought salvation to me; and my fury, it upheld me.

63:6 And I will tread down the people in my anger, and make them drunk in my fury, and I will bring down their strength to the earth.

63:7 I will mention the loving kindnesses of *Yehovah*, and the praises of *Yehovah*, according to all that *Yehovah* has bestowed on us, and the great goodness toward the house of Israel, which he has bestowed on them according to his mercies, and according to the multitude of his loving kindnesses.

63:8 For he said, Surely they are my people, children that will not lie: so he was their Savior.

63:9 In all their affliction he was afflicted, and the angel of his presence saved them: in his love and in his pity he redeemed them; and he bore them, and carried them all the days of old.

63:10 But they rebelled, and vexed his holy Spirit: therefore he was turned to be their enemy, and he fought against them.

63:11 Then he remembered the days of old, Moses, and his people, saying, Where is he that brought them up out of the sea with the shepherd of his flock? where is he that put his holy Spirit within him?

63:12 That led them by the right hand of Moses with his glorious arm, dividing the water before them, to make himself an everlasting name?

63:13 That led them through the deep, as a horse in the wilderness, that they should not stumble?

63:14 As a beast goes down into the valley, the Spirit of *Yehovah* caused him to rest: so did you lead your people, to make yourself a glorious name.

63:15 Look down from heaven, and behold from the habitation of your holiness and of your glory: where is your zeal and your strength, the sounding of your bowels and of your mercies toward me? are they restrained?

63:16 Doubtless you are our father, though Abraham be ignorant of us, and Israel acknowledge us not: you, *O YEHOVAH*, are our father, our redeemer; your name is from everlasting.

63:17 *O YEHOVAH*, why have you made us to err from your ways, and hardened our heart from your fear? Return for your servants' sake, the tribes of your inheritance.

63:18 The people of your holiness have possessed it but a little while: our adversaries have trodden down your sanctuary.

63:19 We are yours: you never bore rule over them; they were not called by your name.

Isaiah – Chapter 64

64:1 Oh that you would rend the heavens, that you would come down, that the mountains might flow down at your presence,

64:2 As when the melting fire burns, the fire causes the waters to boil, to make your name known to your adversaries, that the nations may tremble at your presence!

64:3 When you did terrible things which we looked not for, you came down, the mountains flowed down at your presence.

64:4 For since the beginning of the world men have not heard, nor perceived by the ear, neither has the eye seen, O God, beside you, what he has prepared for him that waits for him.

64:5 You meet him that rejoices and works righteousness, those that remember you in your ways: behold, you are *angry*; for we have sinned: in those is continuance, and we shall be saved.

64:6 But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away.

64:7 And there is none that calls on your name, that stirs up himself to take hold of you: for you have hid your face from us, and have consumed us, because of our iniquities.

64:8 But now, *O YEHOVAH*, you are our father; we are the clay, and you our potter; and we all are the work of your hand.

64:9 Be not *angry*, *O YEHOVAH*, neither remember iniquity forever: behold, see, we beseech you, we are all your people.

64:10 Your holy cities are a wilderness, Zion is a wilderness, Jerusalem a desolation.

64:11 Our holy and our beautiful house, where our fathers praised you, is burned up with fire: and all our pleasant things are laid waste.

64:12 Will you refrain yourself for these things, *O YEHOVAH*? will you hold your peace, and afflict us very sore?

Isaiah – Chapter 65

65:1 I am sought of them that asked not for me; I am found of them that sought me not: I said, Behold me, behold me, to a nation that was not called by my name.

65:2 I have spread out my hands all the day to a rebellious people, which walks in a way that was not good, after their own thoughts;

65:3 A people that provokes me to anger continually to my face; that sacrifices in gardens, and burns incense on altars of brick;

65:4 Which remain among the graves, and lodge in the monuments, which eat swine's flesh, and broth of abominable things is in their vessels;

65:5 Which say, Stand by yourself, come not near to me; for I am holier than you. These are a smoke in my nose, a fire that burns all the day.

65:6 Behold, it is written before me: I will not keep silence, but will recompense, even recompense into their bosom,

65:7 Your iniquities, and the iniquities of your fathers together, said *Yehovah*, which have burned incense on the mountains, and blasphemed me on the hills: therefore will I measure their former work into their bosom.

65:8 Thus said *Yehovah*, As the new wine is found in the cluster, and one said, Destroy it not; for a blessing is in it: so will I do for my servants' sakes, that I may not destroy them all.

65:9 And I will bring forth a seed out of Jacob, and out of Judah an inheritor of my mountains: and my elect shall inherit it, and my servants shall dwell there.

65:10 And Sharon shall be a fold of flocks, and the valley of Achor a place for the herds to lie down in, for my people that have sought me.

65:11 But you are they that forsake *Yehovah*, that forget my holy mountain, that prepare a table for that troop, and that furnish the drink offering to that number.

65:12 Therefore will I number you to the sword, and you shall all bow down to the slaughter: because when I called, you did not answer; when I spoke, you did not hear; but did evil before my eyes, and did choose that in which I delighted not.

65:13 Therefore thus said *Yehovah* GOD, Behold, my servants shall eat, but you shall be hungry: behold, my servants shall drink, but you shall be thirsty: behold, my servants shall rejoice, but you shall be ashamed:

65:14 Behold, my servants shall sing for joy of heart, but you shall cry for sorrow of heart, and shall howl for vexation of spirit.

65:15 And you shall leave your name for a curse to my chosen: for *Yehovah* GOD shall slay you, and call his servants by another name:

65:16 That he who blesses himself in the earth shall bless himself in the God of truth; and he that swears in the earth shall swear by the God of truth; because the former troubles are forgotten, and because they are hid from my eyes.

65:17 For, behold, I create new heavens and a new earth: and the former shall not be remembered, nor come into mind.

65:18 But be you glad and rejoice forever in that which I create: for, behold, I create Jerusalem a rejoicing, and her people a joy.

65:19 And I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and joy in my people: and the voice of weeping shall be no more heard in her, nor the voice of crying.

65:20 There shall be no more there an infant of days, nor an old man that has not filled his days: for the child shall die a hundred years old; but the sinner being a hundred years old shall be accursed.

65:21 And they shall build houses, and inhabit them; and they shall plant vineyards, and eat the fruit of them.

65:22 They shall not build, and another inhabit; they shall not plant, and another eat: for as the days of a tree are the days of my people, and my elect shall long enjoy the work of their hands.

65:23 They shall not labor in vain, nor bring forth for trouble; for they are the seed of the blessed of *Yehovah*, and their offspring with them.

65:24 And it shall come to pass, that before they call, I will answer; and while they are yet speaking, I will hear.

65:25 The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, and the lion shall eat straw like the bullock: and dust shall be the serpent's meat. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain, said *Yehovah*.

Isaiah – Chapter 66

66:1 Thus said *Yehovah*, The heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool: where is the house that you build to me? and where is the place of my rest?

66:2 For all those things has my hand made, and all those things have been, said *Yehovah*: but to this man will I look, even to him that is poor and of a contrite spirit, and trembles at my word.

66:3 He that kills an ox is as if he slew a man; he that sacrifices a lamb, as if he cut off a dog's neck; he that offers an oblation, as if he offered swine's blood; he that burns incense, as if he blessed an idol.

Yes, they have chosen their own ways, and their soul delights in their abominations.

66:4 I also will choose their delusions, and will bring their fears on them; because when I called, none did answer; when I spoke, they did not hear: but they did evil before my eyes, and chose that in which I delighted not.

66:5 Hear the word of *Yehovah*, you that tremble at his word; Your brothers that hated you, that cast you out for my name's sake, said, Let *Yehovah* be glorified: but he shall appear to your joy, and they shall be ashamed.

66:6 A voice of noise from the city, a voice from the temple, a voice of *Yehovah* that renders recompense to his enemies.

66:7 Before she travailed, she brought forth; before her pain came, she was delivered of a man child.

66:8 Who has heard such a thing? who has seen such things? Shall the earth be made to bring forth in one day? or shall a nation be born at once? for as soon as Zion travailed, she brought forth her children.

66:9 Shall I bring to the birth, and not cause to bring forth? said *Yehovah*: shall I cause to bring forth, and shut the womb? said your God.

66:10 Rejoice you with Jerusalem, and be glad with her, all you that love her: rejoice for joy with her, all you that mourn for her:

66:11 That you may suck, and be satisfied with the breasts of her consolations; that you may milk out, and be delighted with the abundance of her glory.

66:12 For thus said *Yehovah*, Behold, I will extend peace to her like a river, and the glory of the Gentiles like a flowing stream: then shall you suck, you shall be borne on her sides, and be dandled on her knees.

66:13 As one whom his mother comforts, so will I comfort you; and you shall be comforted in Jerusalem.

66:14 And when you see this, your heart shall rejoice, and your bones shall flourish like an herb: and the hand of *Yehovah* shall be known toward his servants, and his indignation toward his enemies.

66:15 For, behold, *Yehovah* will come with fire, and with his chariots like a whirlwind, to render his anger with fury, and his rebuke with flames of fire.

66:16 For by fire and by his sword will *Yehovah* plead with all flesh: and the slain of *Yehovah* shall be many.

66:17 They that sanctify themselves, and purify themselves in the gardens behind one tree in the middle, eating swine's flesh, and the abomination, and the mouse, shall be consumed together, said *Yehovah*.

66:18 For I know their works and their thoughts: it shall come, that I will gather all nations and tongues; and they shall come, and see my glory.

66:19 And I will set a sign among them, and I will send those that escape of them to the nations, to Tarshish, Pul, and Lud, that draw the bow, to Tubal, and Javan, to the isles afar off, that have not heard my fame, neither have seen my glory; and they shall declare my glory among the Gentiles.

66:20 And they shall bring all your brothers for an offering to *Yehovah* out of all nations on horses, and in chariots, and in litters, and on mules, and on swift beasts, to my holy mountain Jerusalem, said *Yehovah*, as the children of Israel bring an offering in a clean vessel into the house of *Yehovah*.

66:21 And I will also take of them for priests and for Levites, said *Yehovah*.

66:22 For as the new heavens and the new earth, which I will make, shall remain before me, said *Yehovah*, so shall your seed and your name remain.

66:23 And it shall come to pass, that from one new moon to another, and from one sabbath to another, shall all flesh come to worship before me, said *Yehovah*.

66:24 And they shall go forth, and look on the carcasses of the men that have transgressed against me: for their worm shall not die, neither shall their fire be quenched; and they shall be an abhorring to all flesh.

Book of Jeremiah

Yermiyah (Yehovah Establishes)

Jeremiah – Chapter 1

1:1 The words of Jeremiah the son of Hilkiah, of the priests that were in Anathoth in the land of Benjamin:

1:2 To whom the word of *Yehovah* came in the days of Josiah the son of Amon king of Judah, in the thirteenth year of his reign.

1:3 It came also in the days of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah king of Judah, to the end of the eleventh year of Zedekiah the son of Josiah king of Judah, to the carrying away of Jerusalem captive in the fifth month.

1:4 Then the word of *Yehovah* came to me, saying,

1:5 Before I formed you in the womb I knew you; and before you came forth out of the womb I sanctified you, and I ordained you a prophet to the nations.

1:6 Then said I, Ah, Lord GOD! behold, I cannot speak: for I am a child.

1:7 But *Yehovah* said to me, Say not, I am a child: for you shall go to all that I shall send you, and whatever I command you you shall speak.

1:8 Be not afraid of their faces: for I am with you to deliver you, said *Yehovah*.

1:9 Then *Yehovah* put forth his hand, and touched my mouth. And *Yehovah* said to me, Behold, I have put my words in your mouth.

1:10 See, I have this day set you over the nations and over the kingdoms, to root out, and to pull down, and to destroy, and to throw down, to build, and to plant.

1:11 Moreover the word of *Yehovah* came to me, saying, Jeremiah, what see you? And I said, I see a rod of an almond tree.

1:12 Then said *Yehovah* to me, You have well seen: for I will hasten my word to perform it.

1:13 And the word of *Yehovah* came to me the second time, saying, What see you? And I said, I see a seething pot; and the face of it is toward the north.

1:14 Then *Yehovah* said to me, Out of the north an evil shall break forth on all the inhabitants of the land.

1:15 For, see, I will call all the families of the kingdoms of the north, said *Yehovah*; and they shall come, and they shall set everyone his throne at the entering of the gates of Jerusalem, and against all the walls round about, and against all the cities of Judah.

1:16 And I will utter my judgments against them touching all their wickedness, who have forsaken me, and have burned incense to other gods, and worshipped the works of their own hands.

1:17 You therefore gird up your loins, and arise, and speak to them all that I command you: be not dismayed at their faces, lest I confound you before them.

1:18 For, behold, I have made you this day a defended city, and an iron pillar, and brazen walls against the whole land, against the kings of Judah, against the princes, against the priests, and against the people of the land.

1:19 And they shall fight against you; but they shall not prevail against you; for I am with you, said *Yehovah*, to deliver you.

Jeremiah – Chapter 2

2:1 Moreover the word of *Yehovah* came to me, saying,

2:2 Go and cry in the ears of Jerusalem, saying, Thus said *Yehovah*; I remember you, the kindness of your youth, the love of your espousals, when you went after me in the wilderness, in a land that was not sown.

2:3 Israel was holiness to *Yehovah*, and the first fruits of his increase: all that devour him shall offend; evil shall come on them, said *Yehovah*.

2:4 Hear you the word of *Yehovah*, O house of Jacob, and all the families of the house of Israel:

2:5 Thus said *Yehovah*, What iniquity have your fathers found in me, that they are gone far from me, and have walked after vanity, and are become vain?

2:6 Neither said they, Where is *Yehovah* that brought us up out of the land of Egypt, that led us through the wilderness, through a land of deserts and of pits, through a land of drought, and of the shadow of death, through a land that no man passed through, and where no man dwelled?

2:7 And I brought you into a plentiful country, to eat the fruit of it and the goodness of it; but when you entered, you defiled my land, and made my heritage an abomination.

2:8 The priests said not, Where is *Yehovah*? and they that handle the law knew me not: the *rulers* also transgressed against me, and the prophets prophesied by Baal, and walked after things that do not profit.

2:9 Why I will yet plead with you, said *Yehovah*, and with your children's children will I plead.

2:10 For pass over the isles of Chittim, and see; and send to Kedar, and consider diligently, and see if there be such a thing.

2:11 Has a nation changed their gods, which are yet no gods? but my people have changed their glory for that which does not profit.

2:12 Be astonished, O you heavens, at this, and be horribly afraid, be you very desolate, said *Yehovah*.

2:13 For my people have committed two evils; they have forsaken me the fountain of living waters, and hewed them out cisterns, broken cisterns, that can hold no water.

2:14 Is Israel a servant? is he a home born slave? why is he *plundered*?

2:15 The young lions roared on him, and yelled, and they made his land waste: his cities are burned without inhabitant.

2:16 Also the children of Noph and Tahapanes have broken the crown of your head.

2:17 Have you not procured this to yourself, in that you have forsaken *Yehovah* your God, when he led you by the way?

2:18 And now what have you to do in the way of Egypt, to drink the waters of Sihor? or what have you to do in the way of Assyria, to drink the waters of the river?

2:19 Your own wickedness shall correct you, and your backslidings shall reprove you: know therefore and see that it is an evil thing and bitter, that you have forsaken *Yehovah* your God, and that my fear is not in you, said *Yehovah* GOD of *Armies*.

2:20 For of old time I have broken your yoke, and burst your bands; and you said, I will not transgress; when on every high hill and under every green tree you wander, playing the harlot.

2:21 Yet I had planted you a noble vine, wholly a right seed: how then are you turned into the degenerate plant of a strange vine to me?

2:22 For though you wash you with nitre, and take you much soap, yet your iniquity is marked before me, said *Yehovah* GOD.

2:23 How can you say, I am not polluted, I have not gone after Baalim? see your way in the valley, know what you have done: you are a swift dromedary traversing her ways;

2:24 A wild ass used to the wilderness, that snuffs up the wind at her pleasure; in her occasion who can turn her away? all they that seek her will not weary themselves; in her month they shall find her.

2:25 Withhold your foot from being unshod, and your throat from thirst: but you said, There is no hope: no; for I have loved strangers, and after them will I go.

2:26 As the thief is ashamed when he is found, so is the house of Israel ashamed; they, their kings, their princes, and their priests, and their prophets.

2:27 Saying to a stock, You are my father; and to a stone, You have brought me forth: for they have turned their back to me, and not their face: but in the time of their trouble they will say, Arise, and save us.

2:28 But where are your gods that you have made you? let them arise, if they can save you in the time of your trouble: for according to the number of your cities are your gods, O Judah.

2:29 Why will you plead with me? you all have transgressed against me, said *Yehovah*.

2:30 In vain have I smitten your children; they received no correction: your own sword has devoured your prophets, like a destroying lion.

2:31 O generation, see you the word of *Yehovah*. Have I been a wilderness to Israel? a land of darkness? why say my people, We are lords; we will come no more to you?

2:32 Can a maid forget her ornaments, or a bride her attire? yet my people have forgotten me days without number.

2:33 Why trim you your way to seek love? therefore have you also taught the wicked ones your ways.

2:34 Also in your skirts is found the blood of the souls of the poor innocents: I have not found it by secret search, but on all these.

2:35 Yet you say, Because I am innocent, surely his anger shall turn from me. Behold, I will plead with you, because you say, I have not sinned.

2:36 Why gad you about so much to change your way? you also shall be ashamed of Egypt, as you were ashamed of Assyria.

2:37 Yes, you shall go forth from him, and your hands on your head: for *Yehovah* has rejected your confidences, and you shall not prosper in them.

Jeremiah – Chapter 3

3:1 They say, If a man put away his wife, and she go from him, and become another man's, shall he return to her again? shall not that land be greatly polluted? but you have played the harlot with many lovers; yet return again to me, said *Yehovah*.

3:2 Lift up your eyes to the high places, and see where you have not been lien with. In the ways have you sat for them, as the Arabian in the wilderness; and you have polluted the land with your prostitutions and with your wickedness.

3:3 Therefore the showers have been withheld, and there has been no latter rain; and you had a whore's forehead, you refused to be ashamed.

3:4 Will you not from this time cry to me, My father, you are the guide of my youth?

3:5 Will he reserve his anger forever? will he keep it to the end? Behold, you have spoken and done evil things as you could.

3:6 *Yehovah* said also to me in the days of Josiah the king, Have you seen that which backsliding Israel has done? she is gone up on every high mountain and under every green tree, and there has played the harlot.

3:7 And I said after she had done all these things, Turn you to me. But she returned not. And her treacherous sister Judah saw it.

3:8 And I saw, when for all the causes whereby backsliding Israel committed adultery I had put her away, and given her a bill of divorce; yet her treacherous sister Judah feared not, but went and played the harlot also.

3:9 And it came to pass through the lightness of her prostitution, that she defiled the land, and committed adultery with stones and with stocks.

3:10 And yet for all this her treacherous sister Judah has not turned to me with her whole heart, but feignedly, said *Yehovah*.

3:11 And *Yehovah* said to me, The backsliding Israel has justified herself more than treacherous Judah.

3:12 Go and proclaim these words toward the north, and say, Return, you backsliding Israel, said *Yehovah*; and I will not cause my anger to fall on you: for I am merciful, said *Yehovah*, and I will not keep anger forever.

3:13 Only acknowledge your iniquity, that you have transgressed against *Yehovah* your God, and have scattered your ways to the strangers under every green tree, and you have not obeyed my voice, said *Yehovah*.

3:14 Turn, O backsliding children, said *Yehovah*; for I am married to you: and I will take you one of a city, and two of a family, and I will bring you to Zion:

3:15 And I will give you *shepherds* according to my heart, which shall feed you with knowledge and understanding.

3:16 And it shall come to pass, when you be multiplied and increased in the land, in those days, said *Yehovah*, they shall say no more, The ark of the covenant of *Yehovah*: neither shall it come to mind: neither shall they remember it; neither shall they visit it; neither shall that be done any more.

3:17 At that time they shall call Jerusalem the throne of *Yehovah*; and all the nations shall be gathered to it, to the name of *Yehovah*, to Jerusalem: neither shall they walk anymore after the imagination of their evil heart.

3:18 In those days the house of Judah shall walk with the house of Israel, and they shall come together out of the land of the north to the land that I have given for an inheritance to your fathers.

3:19 But I said, How shall I put you among the children, and give you a pleasant land, a goodly heritage of the *armies* of nations? and I said, You shall call me, My father; and shall not turn away from me.

3:20 Surely as a wife treacherously departs from her husband, so have you dealt treacherously with me, O house of Israel, said *Yehovah*.

3:21 A voice was heard on the high places, weeping and supplications of the children of Israel: for they have perverted their way, and they have forgotten *Yehovah* their God.

3:22 Return, you backsliding children, and I will heal your backslidings. Behold, we come to you; for you are *Yehovah* our God.

3:23 Truly in vain is salvation hoped for from the hills, and from the multitude of mountains: truly in *Yehovah* our God is the salvation of Israel.

3:24 For shame has devoured the labor of our fathers from our youth; their flocks and their herds, their sons and their daughters.

3:25 We lie down in our shame, and our confusion covers us: for we have sinned against *Yehovah* our God, we and our fathers, from our youth even to this day, and have not obeyed the voice of *Yehovah* our God.

Jeremiah – Chapter 4

4:1 If you will return, O Israel, said *Yehovah*, return to me: and if you will put away your abominations out of my sight, then shall you not remove.

4:2 And you shall swear, *Yehovah* lives, in truth, in judgment, and in righteousness; and the nations shall bless themselves in him, and in him shall they glory.

4:3 For thus said *Yehovah* to the men of Judah and Jerusalem, Break up your fallow ground, and sow not among thorns.

4:4 Circumcise yourselves to *Yehovah*, and take away the foreskins of your heart, you men of Judah and inhabitants of Jerusalem: lest my fury come forth like fire, and burn that none can quench it, because of the evil of your doings.

4:5 Declare you in Judah, and publish in Jerusalem; and say, Blow you the trumpet in the land: cry, gather together, and say, Assemble yourselves, and let us go into the defended cities.

4:6 Set up the standard toward Zion: retire, stay not: for I will bring evil from the north, and a great destruction.

4:7 The lion is come up from his thicket, and the destroyer of the Gentiles is on his way; he is gone forth from his place to make your land desolate; and your cities shall be laid waste, without an inhabitant.

4:8 For this gird you with sackcloth, lament and howl: for the fierce anger of *Yehovah* is not turned back from us.

4:9 And it shall come to pass at that day, said *Yehovah*, that the heart of the king shall perish, and the heart of the princes; and the priests shall be astonished, and the prophets shall wonder.

4:10 Then said I, Ah, Lord GOD! surely you have greatly deceived this people and Jerusalem, saying, You shall have peace; whereas the sword reaches to the soul.

4:11 At that time shall it be said to this people and to Jerusalem, A dry wind of the high places in the wilderness toward the daughter of my people, not to fan, nor to cleanse,

4:12 Even a full wind from those places shall come to me: now also will I give sentence against them.

4:13 Behold, he shall come up as clouds, and his chariots shall be as a whirlwind: his horses are swifter than eagles. Woe to us! for we are *plundered*.

4:14 O Jerusalem, wash your heart from wickedness, that you may be saved. How long shall your vain thoughts lodge within you?

4:15 For a voice declares from Dan, and publishes affliction from mount Ephraim.

4:16 Make you mention to the nations; behold, publish against Jerusalem, that watchers come from a far country, and give out their voice against the cities of Judah.

4:17 As keepers of a field, are they against her round about; because she has been rebellious against me, said *Yehovah*.

4:18 Your way and your doings have procured these things to you; this is your wickedness, because it is bitter, because it reaches to your heart.

4:19 My bowels, my bowels! I am pained at my very heart; my heart makes a noise in me; I cannot hold my peace, because you have heard, O my soul, the sound of the trumpet, the alarm of war.

4:20 Destruction on destruction is cried; for the whole land is *plundered*: suddenly are my tents *plundered*, and my curtains in a moment.

4:21 How long shall I see the standard, and hear the sound of the trumpet?

4:22 For my people is foolish, they have not known me; they are silly children, and they have no understanding: they are wise to do evil, but to do good they have no knowledge.

4:23 I beheld the earth, and, see, it was without form, and void; and the heavens, and they had no light.

4:24 I beheld the mountains, and, see, they trembled, and all the hills moved lightly.

4:25 I beheld, and, see, there was no man, and all the birds of the heavens were fled.

4:26 I beheld, and, see, the fruitful place was a wilderness, and all the cities were broken down at the presence of *Yehovah*, and by his fierce anger.

4:27 For thus has *Yehovah* said, The whole land shall be desolate; yet will I not make a full end.

4:28 For this shall the earth mourn, and the heavens above be black; because I have spoken it, I have purposed it, and will not repent, neither will I turn back from it.

4:29 The whole city shall flee for the noise of the horsemen and bowmen; they shall go into thickets, and climb up on the rocks: every city shall be forsaken, and not a man dwell in it.

4:30 And when you are *plundered*, what will you do? Though you clothe yourself with crimson, though you deck you with ornaments of gold, though you rend your face with painting, in vain shall you make yourself fair; your lovers will despise you, they will seek your life.

4:31 For I have heard a voice as of a woman in travail, and the anguish as of her that brings forth her first child, the voice of the daughter of Zion, that mourns herself, that spreads her hands, saying, Woe is me now! for my soul is wearied because of murderers.

Jeremiah – Chapter 5

5:1 Run you to and fro through the streets of Jerusalem, and see now, and know, and seek in the broad places, if you can find a man, if there be any that executes judgment, that seeks the truth; and I will pardon it.

5:2 And though they say, *Yehovah* lives; surely they swear falsely.

5:3 O *YEHOVAH*, are not your eyes on the truth? you have stricken them, but they have not grieved; you have consumed them, but they have refused to receive correction: they have made their faces harder than a rock; they have refused to return.

5:4 Therefore I said, Surely these are poor; they are foolish: for they know not the way of *Yehovah*, nor the judgment of their God.

5:5 I will get me to the great men, and will speak to them; for they have known the way of *Yehovah*, and the judgment of their God: but these have altogether broken the yoke, and burst the bonds.

5:6 Why a lion out of the forest shall slay them, and a wolf of the evenings shall *plunder* them, a leopard shall watch over their cities: everyone that goes out there shall be torn in pieces: because their transgressions are many, and their backslidings are increased.

5:7 How shall I pardon you for this? your children have forsaken me, and sworn by them that are no gods: when I had fed them to the full, they then committed adultery, and assembled themselves by troops in the harlots' houses.

5:8 They were as fed horses in the morning: everyone neighed after his neighbor's wife.

5:9 Shall I not visit for these things? said *Yehovah*: and shall not my soul be avenged on such a nation as this?

5:10 Go you up on her walls, and destroy; but make not a full end: take away her battlements; for they are not *Yehovah*'s.

5:11 For the house of Israel and the house of Judah have dealt very treacherously against me, said *Yehovah*.

5:12 They have belied *Yehovah*, and said, It is not he; neither shall evil come on us; neither shall we see sword nor famine:

5:13 And the prophets shall become wind, and the word is not in them: thus shall it be done to them.

5:14 Why thus said *Yehovah* God of *Armies*, Because you speak this word, behold, I will make my words in your mouth fire, and this people wood, and it shall devour them.

5:15 See, I will bring a nation on you from far, O house of Israel, said *Yehovah*: it is a mighty nation, it is an ancient nation, a nation whose language you know not, neither understand what they say.

5:16 Their quiver is as an open sepulcher, they are all mighty men.

5:17 And they shall eat up your harvest, and your bread, which your sons and your daughters should eat: they shall eat up your flocks and your herds: they shall eat up your vines and your fig trees: they shall impoverish your fenced cities, in which you trusted, with the sword.

5:18 Nevertheless in those days, said *Yehovah*, I will not make a full end with you.

5:19 And it shall come to pass, when you shall say, Why does *Yehovah* our God all these things to us? then shall you answer them, Like as you have forsaken me, and served strange gods in your land, so shall you serve strangers in a land that is not your's.

5:20 Declare this in the house of Jacob, and publish it in Judah, saying,

5:21 Hear now this, O foolish people, and without understanding; which have eyes, and see not; which have ears, and hear not:

5:22 Fear you not me? said *Yehovah*: will you not tremble at my presence, which have placed the sand for the bound of the sea by a perpetual decree, that it cannot pass it: and though the waves toss themselves, yet can they not prevail; though they roar, yet can they not pass over it?

5:23 But this people has a revolting and a rebellious heart; they are revolted and gone.

5:24 Neither say they in their heart, Let us now fear *Yehovah* our God, that gives rain, both the former and the latter, in his season: he reserves to us the appointed weeks of the harvest.

5:25 Your iniquities have turned away these things, and your sins have withheld good things from you.

5:26 For among my people are found wicked men: they lay wait, as he that sets snares; they set a trap, they catch men.

5:27 As a cage is full of birds, so are their houses full of deceit: therefore they are become great, and waxen rich.

5:28 They are waxen fat, they shine: yes, they overpass the deeds of the wicked: they judge not the cause, the cause of the fatherless, yet they prosper; and the right of the needy do they not judge.

5:29 Shall I not visit for these things? said *Yehovah*: shall not my soul be avenged on such a nation as this?

5:30 A wonderful and horrible thing is committed in the land;

5:31 The prophets prophesy falsely, and the priests bear rule by their means; and my people love to have it so: and what will you do in the end?

Jeremiah – Chapter 6

6:1 O you children of Benjamin, gather yourselves to flee out of the middle of Jerusalem, and blow the trumpet in Tekoa, and set up a sign of fire in Bethhaccerem: for evil appears out of the north, and great destruction.

6:2 I have likened the daughter of Zion to a comely and delicate woman.

6:3 The shepherds with their flocks shall come to her; they shall pitch their tents against her round about; they shall feed everyone in his place.

6:4 Prepare you war against her; arise, and let us go up at noon. Woe to us! for the day goes away, for the shadows of the evening are stretched out.

6:5 Arise, and let us go by night, and let us destroy her palaces.

6:6 For thus has *Yehovah God of Armies* said, Hew you down trees, and cast a mount against Jerusalem: this is the city to be visited; she is wholly oppression in the middle of her.

6:7 As a fountain casts out her waters, so she casts out her wickedness: violence and *plunder* is heard in her; before me continually is grief and wounds.

6:8 Be you instructed, O Jerusalem, lest my soul depart from you; lest I make you desolate, a land not inhabited.

6:9 Thus said *Yehovah God of Armies*, They shall thoroughly glean the remnant of Israel as a vine: turn back your hand as a grape gatherer into the baskets.

6:10 To whom shall I speak, and give warning, that they may hear? behold, their ear is uncircumcised, and they cannot listen: behold, the word of *Yehovah* is to them a reproach; they have no delight in it.

6:11 Therefore I am full of the fury of *Yehovah*; I am weary with holding in: I will pour it out on the children abroad, and on the assembly of young men together: for even the husband with the wife shall be taken, the aged with him that is full of days.

6:12 And their houses shall be turned to others, with their fields and wives together: for I will stretch out my hand on the inhabitants of the land, said *Yehovah*.

6:13 For from the least of them even to the greatest of them everyone is given to covetousness; and from the prophet even to the priest everyone deals falsely.

6:14 They have healed also the hurt of the daughter of my people slightly, saying, Peace, peace; when there is no peace.

6:15 Were they ashamed when they had committed abomination? no, they were not at all ashamed, neither could they blush: therefore they shall fall among them that fall: at the time that I visit them they shall be cast down, said *Yehovah*.

6:16 Thus said *Yehovah*, Stand you in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk in it, and you shall find rest for your souls. But they said, We will not walk in it.

6:17 Also I set watchmen over you, saying, Listen to the sound of the trumpet. But they said, We will not listen.

6:18 Therefore hear, you nations, and know, O congregation, what is among them.

6:19 Hear, O earth: behold, I will bring evil on this people, even the fruit of their thoughts, because they have not listened to my words, nor to my law, but rejected it.

6:20 To what purpose comes there to me incense from Sheba, and the sweet cane from a far country? your burnt offerings are not acceptable, nor your sacrifices sweet to me.

6:21 Therefore thus said *Yehovah*, Behold, I will lay stumbling blocks before this people, and the fathers and the sons together shall fall on them; the neighbor and his friend shall perish.

6:22 Thus said *Yehovah*, Behold, a people comes from the north country, and a great nation shall be raised from the sides of the earth.

6:23 They shall lay hold on bow and spear; they are cruel, and have no mercy; their voice roars like the sea; and they ride on horses, set in array as men for war against you, O daughter of Zion.

6:24 We have heard of their fame: our hands wax feeble: anguish has taken hold of us, and pain, as of a woman in travail.

6:25 Go not forth into the field, nor walk by the way; for the sword of the enemy and fear is on every side.

6:26 O daughter of my people, gird you with sackcloth, and wallow yourself in ashes: make you mourning, as for an only son, most bitter lamentation: for the *plunderer* shall suddenly come on us.

6:27 I have set you for a tower and a fortress among my people, that you may know and try their way.

6:28 They are all grievous rebels, walking with slanders: they are brass and iron; they are all corrupters.

6:29 The bellows are burned, the lead is consumed of the fire; the founder melts in vain: for the wicked are not plucked away.

6:30 Reprobate silver shall men call them, because *Yehovah* has rejected them.

Jeremiah – Chapter 7

7:1 The word that came to Jeremiah from *Yehovah*, saying,

7:2 Stand in the gate of *Yehovah's* house, and proclaim there this word, and say, Hear the word of *Yehovah*, all you of Judah, that enter in at these gates to worship *Yehovah*.

7:3 Thus said *Yehovah God of Armies*, the God of Israel, Amend your ways and your doings, and I will cause you to dwell in this place.

7:4 Trust you not in lying words, saying, The temple of *Yehovah*, The temple of *Yehovah*, The temple of *Yehovah*, are these.

7:5 For if you thoroughly amend your ways and your doings; if you thoroughly execute judgment between a man and his neighbor;

7:6 If you oppress not the stranger, the fatherless, and the widow, and shed not innocent blood in this place, neither walk after other gods to your hurt:

7:7 Then will I cause you to dwell in this place, in the land that I gave to your fathers, forever and ever.

7:8 Behold, you trust in lying words, that cannot profit.

7:9 Will you steal, murder, and commit adultery, and swear falsely, and burn incense to Baal, and walk after other gods whom you know not;

7:10 And come and stand before me in this house, which is called by my name, and say, We are delivered to do all these abominations?

7:11 Is this house, which is called by my name, become a den of robbers in your eyes? Behold, even I have seen it, said *Yehovah*.

7:12 But go you now to my place which was in Shiloh, where I set my name at the first, and see what I did to it for the wickedness of my people Israel.

7:13 And now, because you have done all these works, said *Yehovah*, and I spoke to you, rising up early and speaking, but you heard not; and I called you, but you answered not;

7:14 Therefore will I do to this house, which is called by my name, in which you trust, and to the place which I gave to you and to your fathers, as I have done to Shiloh.

7:15 And I will cast you out of my sight, as I have cast out all your brothers, even the whole seed of Ephraim.

7:16 Therefore pray not you for this people, neither lift up cry nor prayer for them, neither make intercession to me: for I will not hear you.

7:17 See you not what they do in the cities of Judah and in the streets of Jerusalem?

7:18 The children gather wood, and the fathers kindle the fire, and the women knead their dough, to make cakes to the queen of heaven, and to pour out drink offerings to other gods, that they may provoke me to anger.

7:19 Do they provoke me to anger? said *Yehovah*: do they not provoke themselves to the confusion of their own faces?

7:20 Therefore thus said *Yehovah* GOD; Behold, my anger and my fury shall be poured out on this place, on man, and on beast, and on the trees of the field, and on the fruit of the ground; and it shall burn, and shall not be quenched.

7:21 Thus said *Yehovah God of Armies*, the God of Israel; Put your burnt offerings to your sacrifices, and eat flesh.

7:22 For I spoke not to your fathers, nor commanded them in the day that I brought them out of the land of Egypt, concerning burnt offerings or sacrifices:

7:23 But this thing commanded I them, saying, Obey my voice, and I will be your God, and you shall be my people: and walk you in all the ways that I have commanded you, that it may be well to you.

7:24 But they listened not, nor inclined their ear, but walked in the counsels and in the imagination of their evil heart, and went backward, and not forward.

7:25 Since the day that your fathers came forth out of the land of Egypt to this day I have even sent to you all my servants the prophets, daily rising up early and sending them:

7:26 Yet they listened not to me, nor inclined their ear, but hardened their neck: they did worse than their fathers.

7:27 Therefore you shall speak all these words to them; but they will not listen to you: you shall also call to them; but they will not answer you.

7:28 But you shall say to them, This is a nation that obeys not the voice of *Yehovah* their God, nor receives correction: truth is perished, and is cut off from their mouth.

7:29 Cut off your hair, O Jerusalem, and cast it away, and take up a lamentation on high places; for *Yehovah* has rejected and forsaken the generation of his wrath.

7:30 For the children of Judah have done evil in my sight, said *Yehovah*: they have set their abominations in the house which is called by my name, to pollute it.

7:31 And they have built the high places of Tophet, which is in the valley of the son of Hinnom, to burn their sons and their daughters in the fire; which I commanded them not, neither came it into my heart.

7:32 Therefore, behold, the days come, said *Yehovah*, that it shall no more be called Tophet, nor the valley of the son of Hinnom, but the valley of slaughter: for they shall bury in Tophet, till there be no place.

7:33 And the carcasses of this people shall be meat for the fowls of the heaven, and for the beasts of the earth; and none shall fray them away.

7:34 Then will I cause to cease from the cities of Judah, and from the streets of Jerusalem, the voice of mirth, and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom, and the voice of the bride: for the land shall be desolate.

Jeremiah – Chapter 8

8:1 At that time, said *Yehovah*, they shall bring out the bones of the kings of Judah, and the bones of his princes, and the bones of the priests, and the bones of the prophets, and the bones of the inhabitants of Jerusalem, out of their graves:

8:2 And they shall spread them before the sun, and the moon, and all the host of heaven, whom they have loved, and whom they have served, and after whom they have walked, and whom they have sought, and whom they have

worshipped: they shall not be gathered, nor be buried; they shall be for dung on the face of the earth.

8:3 And death shall be chosen rather than life by all the residue of them that remain of this evil family, which remain in all the places where I have driven them, said *Yehovah God of Armies*.

8:4 Moreover you shall say to them, Thus said *Yehovah*; Shall they fall, and not arise? shall he turn away, and not return?

8:5 Why then is this people of Jerusalem slid back by a perpetual backsliding? they hold fast deceit, they refuse to return.

8:6 I listened and heard, but they spoke not aright: no man repented him of his wickedness, saying, What have I done? everyone turned to his course, as the horse rushes into the battle.

8:7 Yes, the stork in the heaven knows her appointed times; and the turtle and the crane and the swallow observe the time of their coming; but my people know not the judgment of *Yehovah*.

8:8 How do you say, We are wise, and the law of *Yehovah* is with us? See, certainly in vain made he it; the pen of the scribes is in vain.

8:9 The wise men are ashamed, they are dismayed and taken: see, they have rejected the word of *Yehovah*; and what wisdom is in them?

8:10 Therefore will I give their wives to others, and their fields to them that shall inherit them: for everyone from the least even to the greatest is given to covetousness, from the prophet even to the priest everyone deals falsely.

8:11 For they have healed the hurt of the daughter of my people slightly, saying, Peace, peace; when there is no peace.

8:12 Were they ashamed when they had committed abomination? no, they were not at all ashamed, neither could they blush: therefore shall they fall among them that fall: in the time of their visitation they shall be cast down, said *Yehovah*.

8:13 I will surely consume them, said *Yehovah*: there shall be no grapes on the vine, nor figs on the fig tree, and the leaf shall fade; and the things that I have given them shall pass away from them.

8:14 Why do we sit still? assemble yourselves, and let us enter into the defended cities, and let us be silent there: for *Yehovah* our God has put us to silence, and given us water of gall to drink, because we have sinned against *Yehovah*.

8:15 We looked for peace, but no good came; and for a time of health, and behold trouble!

8:16 The snorting of his horses was heard from Dan: the whole land trembled at the sound of the neighing of his strong ones; for they are come, and have devoured the land, and all that is in it; the city, and those that dwell in it.

8:17 For, behold, I will send serpents, cockatrices, among you, which will not be charmed, and they shall bite you, said *Yehovah*.

8:18 When I would comfort myself against sorrow, my heart is faint in me.

8:19 Behold the voice of the cry of the daughter of my people because of them that dwell in a far country: Is not *Yehovah* in Zion? is not her king in her? Why have they provoked me to anger with their graven images, and with strange vanities?

8:20 The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved.

8:21 For the hurt of the daughter of my people am I hurt; I am black; astonishment has taken hold on me.

8:22 Is there no balm in Gilead; is there no physician there? why then is not the health of the daughter of my people recovered?

Jeremiah – Chapter 9

9:1 Oh that my head were waters, and my eyes a fountain of tears, that I might weep day and night for the slain of the daughter of my people!

9:2 Oh that I had in the wilderness a lodging place of wayfaring men; that I might leave my people, and go from them! for they be all adulterers, an assembly of treacherous men.

9:3 And they bend their tongues like their bow for lies: but they are not valiant for the truth on the earth; for they proceed from evil to evil, and they know not me, said *Yehovah*.

9:4 Take you heed everyone of his neighbor, and trust you not in any brother: for every brother will utterly supplant, and every neighbor will walk with slanders.

9:5 And they will deceive everyone his neighbor, and will not speak the truth: they have taught their tongue to speak lies, and weary themselves to commit iniquity.

9:6 Your habitation is in the middle of deceit; through deceit they refuse to know me, said *Yehovah*.

9:7 Therefore thus said *Yehovah God of Armies*, Behold, I will melt them, and try them; for how shall I do for the daughter of my people?

9:8 Their tongue is as an arrow shot out; it speaks deceit: one speaks peaceably to his neighbor with his mouth, but in heart he lays his wait.

9:9 Shall I not visit them for these things? said *Yehovah*: shall not my soul be avenged on such a nation as this?

9:10 For the mountains will I take up a weeping and wailing, and for the habitations of the wilderness a lamentation, because they are burned up, so that none can pass through them; neither can men hear the voice of the cattle; both the fowl of the heavens and the beast are fled; they are gone.

9:11 And I will make Jerusalem heaps, and a den of dragons; and I will make the cities of Judah desolate, without an inhabitant.

9:12 Who is the wise man, that may understand this? and who is he to whom the mouth of *Yehovah* has spoken, that he may declare it, for what the land perishes and is burned up like a wilderness, that none passes through?

9:13 And *Yehovah* said, Because they have forsaken my law which I set before them, and have not obeyed my voice, neither walked in it;

9:14 But have walked after the imagination of their own heart, and after Baalim, which their fathers taught them:

9:15 Therefore thus said *Yehovah God of Armies*, the God of Israel; Behold, I will feed them, even this people, with wormwood, and give them water of gall to drink.

9:16 I will scatter them also among the heathen, whom neither they nor their fathers have known: and I will send a sword after them, till I have consumed them.

9:17 Thus said *Yehovah God of Armies*, Consider you, and call for the mourning women, that they may come; and send for cunning women, that they may come:

9:18 And let them make haste, and take up a wailing for us, that our eyes may run down with tears, and our eyelids gush out with waters.

9:19 For a voice of wailing is heard out of Zion, How are we *plundered!* we are greatly confounded, because we have forsaken the land, because our dwellings have cast us out.

9:20 Yet hear the word of *Yehovah*, O you women, and let your ear receive the word of his mouth, and teach your daughters wailing, and everyone her neighbor lamentation.

9:21 For death is come up into our windows, and is entered into our palaces, to cut off the children from without, and the young men from the streets.

9:22 Speak, Thus said *Yehovah*, Even the carcasses of men shall fall as dung on the open field, and as the handful after the harvestman, and none shall gather them.

9:23 Thus said *Yehovah*, Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom, neither let the mighty man glory in his might, let not the rich man glory in his riches:

9:24 But let him that glories glory in this, that he understands and knows me, that I am *Yehovah* which exercise loving kindness, judgment, and righteousness, in the earth: for in these things I delight, said *Yehovah*.

9:25 Behold, the days come, said *Yehovah*, that I will punish all them which are circumcised with the uncircumcised;

9:26 Egypt, and Judah, and Edom, and the children of Ammon, and Moab, and all that are in the utmost corners, that dwell in the wilderness: for all these nations are uncircumcised, and all the house of Israel are uncircumcised in the heart.

Jeremiah – Chapter 10

10:1 Hear you the word which *Yehovah* speaks to you, O house of Israel:

10:2 Thus said *Yehovah*, Learn not the way of the heathen, and be not dismayed at the signs of heaven; for the heathen are dismayed at them.

10:3 For the customs of the people are vain: for one cuts a tree out of the forest, the work of the hands of the workman, with the ax.

10:4 They deck it with silver and with gold; they fasten it with nails and with hammers, that it move not.

10:5 They are upright as the palm tree, but speak not: they must needs be borne, because they cannot go. Be not afraid of them; for they cannot do evil, neither also is it in them to do good.

10:6 For as much as there is none like to you, *O YEHOVAH*; you are great, and your name is great in might.

10:7 Who would not fear you, O King of nations? for to you does it appertain: for as much as among all the wise men of the nations, and in all their kingdoms, there is none like to you.

10:8 But they are altogether brutish and foolish: the stock is a doctrine of vanities.

10:9 Silver spread into plates is brought from Tarshish, and gold from Uphaz, the work of the workman, and of the hands of the founder: blue and purple is their clothing: they are all the work of cunning men.

10:10 But *Yehovah* is the true God, he is the living God, and an everlasting king: at his wrath the earth shall tremble, and the nations shall not be able to abide his indignation.

10:11 Thus shall you say to them, The gods that have not made the heavens and the earth, even they shall perish from the earth, and from under these heavens.

10:12 He has made the earth by his power, he has established the world by his wisdom, and has stretched out the heavens by his discretion.

10:13 When he utters his voice, there is a multitude of waters in the heavens, and he causes the vapors to ascend from the ends of the earth; he makes lightning with rain, and brings forth the wind out of his treasures.

10:14 Every man is brutish in his knowledge: every founder is confounded by the graven image: for his molten image is falsehood, and there is no breath in them.

10:15 They are vanity, and the work of errors: in the time of their visitation they shall perish.

10:16 The portion of Jacob is not like them: for he is the former of all things; and Israel is the rod of his inheritance: *Yehovah God of Armies* is his name.

10:17 Gather up your wares out of the land, O inhabitant of the fortress.

10:18 For thus said *Yehovah*, Behold, I will sling out the inhabitants of the land at this once, and will distress them, that they may find it so.

10:19 Woe is me for my hurt! my wound is grievous; but I said, Truly this is a grief, and I must bear it.

10:20 My tabernacle is *plundered*, and all my cords are broken: my children are gone forth of me, and they are not: there is none to stretch forth my tent any more, and to set up my curtains.

10:21 For the *shepherds* are become brutish, and have not sought *Yehovah*: therefore they shall not prosper, and all their flocks shall be scattered.

10:22 Behold, the noise of the bruit is come, and a great commotion out of the north country, to make the cities of Judah desolate, and a den of dragons.

10:23 *O YEHOVAH*, I know that the way of man is not in himself: it is not in man that walks to direct his steps.

10:24 *O YEHOVAH*, correct me, but with judgment; not in your anger, lest you bring me to nothing.

10:25 Pour out your fury on the heathen that know you not, and on the families that call not on your name: for they have eaten up Jacob, and devoured him, and consumed him, and have made his habitation desolate.

Jeremiah – Chapter 11

11:1 The word that came to Jeremiah from *Yehovah* saying,

11:2 Hear you the words of this covenant, and speak to the men of Judah, and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem;

11:3 And say you to them, Thus said *Yehovah* God of Israel; Cursed be the man that obeys not the words of this covenant,

11:4 Which I commanded your fathers in the day that I brought them forth out of the land of Egypt, from the iron furnace, saying, Obey my voice, and do them, according to all which I command you: so shall you be my people, and I will be your God:

11:5 That I may perform the oath which I have sworn to your fathers, to give them a land flowing with milk and honey, as it is this day. Then answered I, and said, So be it, *O YEHOVAH*.

11:6 Then *Yehovah* said to me, Proclaim all these words in the cities of Judah, and in the streets of Jerusalem, saying, Hear you the words of this covenant, and do them.

11:7 For I earnestly protested to your fathers in the day that I brought them up out of the land of Egypt, even to this day, rising early and protesting, saying, Obey my voice.

11:8 Yet they obeyed not, nor inclined their ear, but walked everyone in the imagination of their evil heart: therefore I will bring on them all the words of this covenant, which I commanded them to do: but they did them not.

11:9 And *Yehovah* said to me, A conspiracy is found among the men of Judah, and among the inhabitants of Jerusalem.

11:10 They are turned back to the iniquities of their forefathers, which refused to hear my words; and they went after other gods to serve them: the house of Israel and the house of Judah have broken my covenant which I made with their fathers.

11:11 Therefore thus said *Yehovah*, Behold, I will bring evil on them, which they shall not be able to escape; and though they shall cry to me, I will not listen to them.

11:12 Then shall the cities of Judah and inhabitants of Jerusalem go, and cry to the gods to whom they offer incense: but they shall not save them at all in the time of their trouble.

11:13 For according to the number of your cities were your gods, O Judah; and according to the number of the streets of Jerusalem have you set up altars to that shameful thing, even altars to burn incense to Baal.

11:14 Therefore pray not you for this people, neither lift up a cry or prayer for them: for I will not hear them in the time that they cry to me for their trouble.

11:15 What has my beloved to do in my house, seeing she has worked lewdness with many, and the holy flesh is passed from you? when you do evil, then you rejoice.

11:16 *Yehovah* called your name, A green olive tree, fair, and of goodly fruit: with the noise of a great tumult he has kindled fire on it, and the branches of it are broken.

11:17 For *Yehovah God of Armies*, that planted you, has pronounced evil against you, for the evil of the house of Israel and of the house of Judah, which they have done against themselves to provoke me to anger in offering incense to Baal.

11:18 And *Yehovah* has given me knowledge of it, and I know it: then you showed me their doings.

11:19 But I was like a lamb or an ox that is brought to the slaughter; and I knew not that they had devised devices against me, saying, Let us destroy the tree with the fruit of it, and let us cut him off from the land of the living, that his name may be no more remembered.

11:20 But, *O YEHOVAH God of Armies*, that judge righteously, that try the reins and the heart, let me see your vengeance on them: for to you have I revealed my cause.

11:21 Therefore thus said *Yehovah* of the men of Anathoth, that seek your life, saying, Prophecy not in the name of *Yehovah*, that you die not by our hand:

11:22 Therefore thus said *Yehovah God of Armies*, Behold, I will punish them: the young men shall die by the sword; their sons and their daughters shall die by famine:

11:23 And there shall be no remnant of them: for I will bring evil on the men of Anathoth, even the year of their visitation.

Jeremiah – Chapter 12

12:1 Righteous are you, *O YEHOVAH*, when I plead with you: yet let me talk with you of your judgments: Why does the way of the wicked prosper? why are all they happy that deal very treacherously?

12:2 You have planted them, yes, they have taken root: they grow, yes, they bring forth fruit: you are near in their mouth, and far from their reins.

12:3 But you, *O YEHOVAH*, know me: you have seen me, and tried my heart toward you: pull them out like sheep for the slaughter, and prepare them for the day of slaughter.

12:4 How long shall the land mourn, and the herbs of every field wither, for the wickedness of them that dwell in it? the beasts are consumed, and the birds; because they said, He shall not see our last end.

12:5 If you have run with the footmen, and they have wearied you, then how can you contend with horses? and if in the land of peace, in which you trusted, they wearied you, then how will you do in the swelling of Jordan?

12:6 For even your brothers, and the house of your father, even they have dealt treacherously with you; yes, they have called a multitude after you: believe them not, though they speak fair words to you.

12:7 I have forsaken my house, I have left my heritage; I have given the dearly beloved of my soul into the hand of her enemies.

12:8 My heritage is to me as a lion in the forest; it cries out against me: therefore have I hated it.

12:9 My heritage is to me as a speckled bird, the birds round about are against her; come you, assemble all the beasts of the field, come to devour.

12:10 Many *shepherds* have destroyed my vineyard, they have trodden my portion under foot, they have made my pleasant portion a desolate wilderness.

12:11 They have made it desolate, and being desolate it mourns to me; the whole land is made desolate, because no man lays it to heart.

12:12 The *plunderers* are come on all high places through the wilderness: for the sword of *Yehovah* shall devour from the one end of the land even to the other end of the land: no flesh shall have peace.

12:13 They have sown wheat, but shall reap thorns: they have put themselves to pain, but shall not profit: and they shall be ashamed of your revenues because of the fierce anger of *Yehovah*.

12:14 Thus said *Yehovah* against all my evil neighbors, that touch the inheritance which I have caused my people Israel to inherit; Behold, I will pluck them out of their land, and pluck out the house of Judah from among them.

12:15 And it shall come to pass, after that I have plucked them out I will return, and have compassion on them, and will bring them again, every man to his heritage, and every man to his land.

12:16 And it shall come to pass, if they will diligently learn the ways of my people, to swear by my name, *Yehovah* lives; as they taught my people to swear by Baal; then shall they be built in the middle of my people.

12:17 But if they will not obey, I will utterly pluck up and destroy that nation, said *Yehovah*.

Jeremiah – Chapter 13

13:1 Thus said *Yehovah* to me, Go and get you a linen girdle, and put it on your loins, and put it not in water.

13:2 So I got a girdle according to the word of *Yehovah*, and put it on my loins.

13:3 And the word of *Yehovah* came to me the second time, saying,

13:4 Take the girdle that you have got, which is on your loins, and arise, go to Euphrates, and hide it there in a hole of the rock.

13:5 So I went, and hid it by Euphrates, as *Yehovah* commanded me.

13:6 And it came to pass after many days, that *Yehovah* said to me, Arise, go to Euphrates, and take the girdle from there, which I commanded you to hide there.

13:7 Then I went to Euphrates, and dig, and took the girdle from the place where I had hid it: and, behold, the girdle was marred, it was profitable for nothing.

13:8 Then the word of *Yehovah* came to me, saying,

13:9 Thus said *Yehovah*, After this manner will I mar the pride of Judah, and the great pride of Jerusalem.

13:10 This evil people, which refuse to hear my words, which walk in the imagination of their heart, and walk after other gods, to serve them, and to worship them, shall even be as this girdle, which is good for nothing.

13:11 For as the girdle sticks to the loins of a man, so have I caused to stick to me the whole house of Israel and the whole house of Judah, said *Yehovah*; that they might be to me for a people, and for a name, and for a praise, and for a glory: but they would not hear.

13:12 Therefore you shall speak to them this word; Thus said *Yehovah* God of Israel, Every bottle shall be filled with wine: and they shall say to you, Do we not certainly know that every bottle shall be filled with wine?

13:13 Then shall you say to them, Thus said *Yehovah*, Behold, I will fill all the inhabitants of this land, even the kings that sit on David's throne, and the priests, and the prophets, and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, with drunkenness.

13:14 And I will dash them one against another, even the fathers and the sons together, said *Yehovah*: I will not pity, nor spare, nor have mercy, but destroy them.

13:15 Hear you, and give ear; be not proud: for *Yehovah* has spoken.

13:16 Give glory to *Yehovah* your God, before he cause darkness, and before your feet stumble on the dark mountains, and, while you look for light, he turn it into the shadow of death, and make it gross darkness.

13:17 But if you will not hear it, my soul shall weep in secret places for your pride; and my eye shall weep sore, and run down with tears, because *Yehovah's* flock is carried away captive.

13:18 Say to the king and to the queen, Humble yourselves, sit down: for your principalities shall come down, even the crown of your glory.

13:19 The cities of the south shall be shut up, and none shall open them: Judah shall be carried away captive all of it, it shall be wholly carried away captive.

13:20 Lift up your eyes, and behold them that come from the north: where is the flock that was given you, your beautiful flock?

13:21 What will you say when he shall punish you? for you have taught them to be captains, and as chief over you: shall not sorrows take you, as a woman in travail?

13:22 And if you say in your heart, Why come these things on me? For the greatness of your iniquity are your skirts discovered, and your heels made bare.

13:23 Can the Ethiopian change his skin, or the leopard his spots? then may you also do good, that are accustomed to do evil.

13:24 Therefore will I scatter them as the stubble that passes away by the wind of the wilderness.

13:25 This is your lot, the portion of your measures from me, said *Yehovah*; because you have forgotten me, and trusted in falsehood.

13:26 Therefore will I discover your skirts on your face, that your shame may appear.

13:27 I have seen your adulteries, and your neighings, the lewdness of your prostitution, and your abominations on the hills in the fields. Woe to you, O Jerusalem! will you not be made clean? when shall it once be?

Jeremiah – Chapter 14

14:1 The word of *Yehovah* that came to Jeremiah concerning the dearth.

14:2 Judah mourns, and their gates languish; they are black to the ground; and the cry of Jerusalem is gone up.

14:3 And their nobles have sent their little ones to the waters: they came to the pits, and found no water; they returned with their vessels empty; they were ashamed and confounded, and covered their heads.

14:4 Because the ground is beat down, for there was no rain in the earth, the plowmen were ashamed, they covered their heads.

14:5 Yes, the fallow-deer also calved in the field, and forsook it, because there was no grass.

14:6 And the wild asses did stand in the high places, they snuffed up the wind like dragons; their eyes did fail, because there was no grass.

14:7 *O YEHOVAH*, though our iniquities testify against us, do you it for your name's sake: for our backslidings are many; we have sinned against you.

14:8 *O* the hope of Israel, the savior in time of trouble, why should you be as a stranger in the land, and as a wayfaring man that turns aside to tarry for a night?

14:9 Why should you be as a man astonished, as a mighty man that cannot save? yet you, *O YEHOVAH*, are in the middle of us, and we are called by your name; leave us not.

14:10 Thus said *Yehovah* to this people, Thus have they loved to wander, they have not refrained their feet, therefore *Yehovah* does not accept them; he will now remember their iniquity, and visit their sins.

14:11 Then said *Yehovah* to me, Pray not for this people for their good.

14:12 When they fast, I will not hear their cry; and when they offer burnt offering and an oblation, I will not accept them: but I will consume them by the sword, and by the famine, and by the pestilence.

14:13 Then said I, Ah, Lord *GOD*! behold, the prophets say to them, You shall not see the sword, neither shall you have famine; but I will give you assured peace in this place.

14:14 Then *Yehovah* said to me, The prophets prophesy lies in my name: I sent them not, neither have I commanded them, neither spoke to them: they prophesy to you a false vision and divination, and a thing of nothing, and the deceit of their heart.

14:15 Therefore thus said *Yehovah* concerning the prophets that prophesy in my name, and I sent them not, yet they say, Sword and famine shall not be in this land; By sword and famine shall those prophets be consumed.

14:16 And the people to whom they prophesy shall be cast out in the streets of Jerusalem because of the famine and the sword; and they shall have none to bury them, them, their wives, nor their sons, nor their daughters: for I will pour their wickedness on them.

14:17 Therefore you shall say this word to them; Let my eyes run down with tears night and day, and let them not cease: for the virgin daughter of my people is broken with a great breach, with a very grievous blow.

14:18 If I go forth into the field, then behold the slain with the sword! and if I enter into the city, then behold them that are sick with famine! yes, both the prophet and the priest go about into a land that they know not.

14:19 Have you utterly rejected Judah? has your soul loathed Zion? why have you smitten us, and there is no healing for us? we looked for peace, and there is no good; and for the time of healing, and behold trouble!

14:20 We acknowledge, *O YEHOVAH*, our wickedness, and the iniquity of our fathers: for we have sinned against you.

14:21 Do not abhor us, for your name's sake, do not disgrace the throne of your glory: remember, break not your covenant with us.

14:22 Are there any among the vanities of the Gentiles that can cause rain? or can the heavens give showers? are not you he, *O YEHOVAH* our God? therefore we will wait on you: for you have made all these things.

Jeremiah – Chapter 15

15:1 Then said *Yehovah* to me, Though Moses and Samuel stood before me, yet my mind could not be toward this people: cast them out of my sight, and let them go forth.

15:2 And it shall come to pass, if they say to you, Where shall we go forth? then you shall tell them, Thus said *Yehovah*; Such as are for death, to death; and such as are for the sword, to the sword; and such as are for the famine, to the famine; and such as are for the captivity, to the captivity.

15:3 And I will appoint over them four kinds, said *Yehovah*: the sword to slay, and the dogs to tear, and the fowls of the heaven, and the beasts of the earth, to devour and destroy.

15:4 And I will cause them to be removed into all kingdoms of the earth, because of Manasseh the son of Hezekiah king of Judah, for that which he did in Jerusalem.

15:5 For who shall have pity on you, O Jerusalem? or who shall bemoan you? or who shall go aside to ask how you do?

15:6 You have forsaken me, said *Yehovah*, you are gone backward: therefore will I stretch out my hand against you, and destroy you; I am weary with repenting.

15:7 And I will fan them with a fan in the gates of the land; I will bereave them of children, I will destroy my people since they return not from their ways.

15:8 Their widows are increased to me above the sand of the seas: I have brought on them against the mother of the young men a *plunderer* at noon day: I have caused him to fall on it suddenly, and terrors on the city.

15:9 She that has borne seven languishes: she has given up the *spirit*; her sun is gone down while it was yet day: she has been ashamed and confounded: and the residue of them will I deliver to the sword before their enemies, said *Yehovah*.

15:10 Woe is me, my mother, that you have borne me a man of strife and a man of contention to the whole earth! I have neither lent on usury, nor men have lent to me on usury; yet everyone of them does curse me.

15:11 *Yehovah* said, Truly it shall be well with your remnant; truly I will cause the enemy to entreat you well in the time of evil and in the time of affliction.

15:12 Shall iron break the northern iron and the steel?

15:13 Your substance and your treasures will I give to the *plunderer* without price, and that for all your sins, even in all your borders.

15:14 And I will make you to pass with your enemies into a land which you know not: for a fire is kindled in my anger, which shall burn on you.

15:15 *O YEHOVAH*, you know: remember me, and visit me, and revenge me of my persecutors; take me not away in your long-suffering: know that for your sake I have suffered rebuke.

15:16 Your words were found, and I did eat them; and your word was to me the joy and rejoicing of my heart: for I am called by your name, *O YEHOVAH* God of *Armies*.

15:17 I sat not in the assembly of the mockers, nor rejoiced; I sat alone because of your hand: for you have filled me with indignation.

15:18 Why is my pain perpetual, and my wound incurable, which refuses to be healed? will you be altogether to me as a liar, and as waters that fail?

15:19 Therefore thus said *Yehovah*, If you return, then will I bring you again, and you shall stand before me: and if you take forth the precious from the vile, you shall be as my mouth: let them return to you; but return not you to them.

15:20 And I will make you to this people a fenced brazen wall: and they shall fight against you, but they shall not prevail against you: for I am with you to save you and to deliver you, said *Yehovah*.

15:21 And I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked, and I will redeem you out of the hand of the terrible.

Jeremiah – Chapter 16

16:1 The word of *Yehovah* came also to me, saying,

16:2 You shall not take you a wife, neither shall you have sons or daughters in this place.

16:3 For thus said *Yehovah* concerning the sons and concerning the daughters that are born in this place, and concerning their mothers that bore them, and concerning their fathers that begat them in this land;

16:4 They shall die of grievous deaths; they shall not be lamented; neither shall they be buried; but they shall be as dung on the face of the earth: and they shall be consumed by the sword, and by famine; and their carcasses shall be meat for the fowls of heaven, and for the beasts of the earth.

16:5 For thus said *Yehovah*, Enter not into the house of mourning, neither go to lament nor bemoan them: for I have taken away my peace from this people, said *Yehovah*, even loving kindness and mercies.

16:6 Both the great and the small shall die in this land: they shall not be buried, neither shall men lament for them, nor cut themselves, nor make themselves bald for them:

16:7 Neither shall men tear themselves for them in mourning, to comfort them for the dead; neither shall men give them the cup of consolation to drink for their father or for their mother.

16:8 You shall not also go into the house of feasting, to sit with them to eat and to drink.

16:9 For thus said *Yehovah God of Armies*, the God of Israel; Behold, I will cause to cease out of this place in your eyes, and in your days, the voice of mirth, and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom, and the voice of the bride.

16:10 And it shall come to pass, when you shall show this people all these words, and they shall say to you, Why has *Yehovah* pronounced all this great evil against us? or what is our iniquity? or what is our sin that we have committed against *Yehovah* our God?

16:11 Then shall you say to them, Because your fathers have forsaken me, said *Yehovah*, and have walked after other gods, and have served them, and have worshipped them, and have forsaken me, and have not kept my law;

16:12 And you have done worse than your fathers; for, behold, you walk everyone after the imagination of his evil heart, that they may not listen to me:

16:13 Therefore will I cast you out of this land into a land that you know not, neither you nor your fathers; and there shall you serve other gods day and night; where I will not show you favor.

16:14 Therefore, behold, the days come, said *Yehovah*, that it shall no more be said, *Yehovah* lives, that brought up the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt;

16:15 But, *Yehovah* lives, that brought up the children of Israel from the land of the north, and from all the lands where he had driven them: and I will bring them again into their land that I gave to their fathers.

16:16 Behold, I will send for many fishers, said *Yehovah*, and they shall fish them; and after will I send for many hunters, and they shall hunt them from every mountain, and from every hill, and out of the holes of the rocks.

16:17 For my eyes are on all their ways: they are not hid from my face, neither is their iniquity hid from my eyes.

16:18 And first I will recompense their iniquity and their sin double; because they have defiled my land, they have filled my inheritance with the carcasses of their detestable and abominable things.

16:19 *O YEHOVAH*, my strength, and my fortress, and my refuge in the day of affliction, the Gentiles shall come to you from the ends of the earth, and shall say, Surely our fathers have inherited lies, vanity, and things in which there is no profit.

16:20 Shall a man make gods to himself, and they are no gods?

16:21 Therefore, behold, I will this once cause them to know, I will cause them to know my hand and my might; and they shall know that my name is *Yehovah*.

Jeremiah – Chapter 17

17:1 The sin of Judah is written with a pen of iron, and with the point of a diamond: it is graven on the table of their heart, and on the horns of your altars;

17:2 Whilst their children remember their altars and their groves by the green trees on the high hills.

17:3 O my mountain in the field, I will give your substance and all your treasures to the plundere, and your high places for sin, throughout all your borders.

17:4 And you, even yourself, shall discontinue from your heritage that I gave you; and I will cause you to serve your enemies in the land which you know not: for you have kindled a fire in my anger, which shall burn forever.

17:5 Thus said *Yehovah*; Cursed be the man that trusts in man, and makes flesh his arm, and whose heart departs from *Yehovah*.

17:6 For he shall be like the desolate bush in the desert, and shall not see when good comes; but shall inhabit the parched places in the wilderness, in a salt land and not inhabited.

17:7 Blessed is the man that trusts in *Yehovah*, and whose hope *Yehovah* is.

17:8 For he shall be as a tree planted by the waters, and that spreads out her roots by the river, and shall not see when heat comes, but her leaf shall be green; and shall not be careful in the year of drought, neither shall cease from yielding fruit.

17:9 The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?

17:10 I *Yehovah* search the heart, I try the reins, even to give every man according to his ways, and according to the fruit of his doings.

17:11 As the partridge sits on eggs, and hatches them not; so he that gets riches, and not by right, shall leave them in the middle of his days, and at his end shall be a fool.

17:12 A glorious high throne from the beginning is the place of our sanctuary.

17:13 O *YEHOVAH*, the hope of Israel, all that forsake you shall be ashamed, and they that depart from me shall be written in the earth, because they have forsaken *Yehovah*, the fountain of living waters.

17:14 Heal me, O *YEHOVAH*, and I shall be healed; save me, and I shall be saved: for you are my praise.

17:15 Behold, they say to me, Where is the word of *Yehovah*? let it come now.

17:16 As for me, I have not hastened from being a *shepherd* to follow you: neither have I desired the woeful day; you know: that which came out of my lips was right before you.

17:17 Be not a terror to me: you are my hope in the day of evil.

17:18 Let them be confounded that persecute me, but let not me be confounded: let them be dismayed, but let not me be dismayed: bring on them the day of evil, and destroy them with double destruction.

17:19 Thus said *Yehovah* to me; Go and stand in the gate of the children of the people, whereby the kings of Judah come in, and by the which they go out, and in all the gates of Jerusalem;

17:20 And say to them, Hear you the word of *Yehovah*, you kings of Judah, and all Judah, and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, that enter in by these gates:

17:21 Thus said *Yehovah*; Take heed to yourselves, and bear no burden on the sabbath day, nor bring it in by the gates of Jerusalem;

17:22 Neither carry forth a burden out of your houses on the sabbath day, neither do you any work, but hallow you the sabbath day, as I commanded your fathers.

17:23 But they obeyed not, neither inclined their ear, but made their neck stiff, that they might not hear, nor receive instruction.

17:24 And it shall come to pass, if you diligently listen to me, said *Yehovah*, to bring in no burden through the gates of this city on the sabbath day, but hallow the sabbath day, to do no work in it;

17:25 Then shall there enter into the gates of this city kings and princes sitting on the throne of David, riding in chariots and on horses, they, and their princes, the men of Judah, and the inhabitants of Jerusalem: and this city shall remain forever.

17:26 And they shall come from the cities of Judah, and from the places about Jerusalem, and from the land of Benjamin, and from the plain, and from the mountains, and from the south, bringing burnt offerings, and sacrifices, and meat offerings, and incense, and bringing sacrifices of praise, to the house of *Yehovah*.

17:27 But if you will not listen to me to hallow the sabbath day, and not to bear a burden, even entering in at the gates of Jerusalem on the sabbath day; then will I kindle a fire in the gates, and it shall devour the palaces of Jerusalem, and it shall not be quenched.

Jeremiah – Chapter 18

18:1 The word which came to Jeremiah from *Yehovah*, saying,

18:2 Arise, and go down to the potter's house, and there I will cause you to hear my words.

18:3 Then I went down to the potter's house, and, behold, he worked a work on the wheels.

18:4 And the vessel that he made of clay was marred in the hand of the potter: so he made it again another vessel, as seemed good to the potter to make it.

18:5 Then the word of *Yehovah* came to me, saying,

18:6 O house of Israel, cannot I do with you as this potter? said *Yehovah*. Behold, as the clay is in the potter's hand, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel.

18:7 At what instant I shall speak concerning a nation, and concerning a kingdom, to pluck up, and to pull down, and to destroy it;

18:8 If that nation, against whom I have pronounced, turn from their evil, I will repent of the evil that I thought to do to them.

18:9 And at what instant I shall speak concerning a nation, and concerning a kingdom, to build and to plant it;

18:10 If it do evil in my sight, that it obey not my voice, then I will repent of the good, with which I said I would benefit them.

18:11 Now therefore go to, speak to the men of Judah, and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, saying, Thus said *Yehovah*; Behold, I frame evil against you, and devise a device against you: return you now everyone from his evil way, and make your ways and your doings good.

18:12 And they said, There is no hope: but we will walk after our own devices, and we will everyone do the imagination of his evil heart.

18:13 Therefore thus said *Yehovah*; Ask you now among the heathen, who has heard such things: the virgin of Israel has done a very horrible thing.

18:14 Will a man leave the snow of Lebanon which comes from the rock of the field? or shall the cold flowing waters that come from another place be forsaken?

18:15 Because my people has forgotten me, they have burned incense to vanity, and they have caused them to stumble in their ways from the ancient paths, to walk in paths, in a way not cast up;

18:16 To make their land desolate, and a perpetual hissing; everyone that passes thereby shall be astonished, and wag his head.

18:17 I will scatter them as with an east wind before the enemy; I will show them the back, and not the face, in the day of their calamity.

18:18 Then said they, Come and let us devise devices against Jeremiah; for the law shall not perish from the priest, nor counsel from the wise, nor the word from the prophet. Come, and let us smite him with the tongue, and let us not give heed to any of his words.

18:19 Give heed to me, *O YEHOVAH*, and listen to the voice of them that contend with me.

18:20 Shall evil be recompensed for good? for they have dig a pit for my soul. Remember that I stood before you to speak good for them, and to turn away your wrath from them.

18:21 Therefore deliver up their children to the famine, and pour out their blood by the force of the sword; and let their wives be bereaved of their children, and be widows; and let their men be put to death; let their young men be slain by the sword in battle.

18:22 Let a cry be heard from their houses, when you shall bring a troop suddenly on them: for they have dig a pit to take me, and hid snares for my feet.

18:23 Yet, *YEHOVAH*, you know all their counsel against me to slay me: forgive not their iniquity, neither blot out their sin from your sight, but let them be overthrown before you; deal thus with them in the time of your anger.

Jeremiah – Chapter 19

19:1 Thus said *Yehovah*, Go and get a potter's earthen bottle, and take of the ancients of the people, and of the ancients of the priests;

19:2 And go forth to the valley of the son of Hinnom, which is by the entry of the east gate, and proclaim there the words that I shall tell you,

19:3 And say, Hear you the word of *Yehovah*, O kings of Judah, and inhabitants of Jerusalem; Thus said *Yehovah God of Armies*, the God of Israel; Behold, I will bring evil on this place, the which whoever hears, his ears shall tingle.

19:4 Because they have forsaken me, and have estranged this place, and have burned incense in it to other gods, whom neither they nor their fathers have known, nor the kings of Judah, and have filled this place with the blood of innocents;

19:5 They have built also the high places of Baal, to burn their sons with fire for burnt offerings to Baal, which I commanded not, nor spoke it, neither came it into my mind:

19:6 Therefore, behold, the days come, said *Yehovah*, that this place shall no more be called Tophet, nor The valley of the son of Hinnom, but The valley of slaughter.

19:7 And I will make void the counsel of Judah and Jerusalem in this place; and I will cause them to fall by the sword before their enemies, and by the hands of them that seek their lives: and their carcasses will I give to be meat for the fowls of the heaven, and for the beasts of the earth.

19:8 And I will make this city desolate, and a hissing; everyone that passes thereby shall be astonished and hiss because of all the plagues.

19:9 And I will cause them to eat the flesh of their sons and the flesh of their daughters, and they shall eat everyone the flesh of his friend in the siege and narrow place, with which their enemies, and they that seek their lives, shall straiten them.

19:10 Then shall you break the bottle in the sight of the men that go with you,

19:11 And shall say to them, Thus said *Yehovah God of Armies*; Even so will I break this people and this city, as one breaks a potter's vessel, that cannot be made whole again: and they shall bury them in Tophet, till there be no place to bury.

19:12 Thus will I do to this place, said *Yehovah*, and to the inhabitants of it, and even make this city as Tophet:

19:13 And the houses of Jerusalem, and the houses of the kings of Judah, shall be defiled as the place of Tophet, because of all the houses on whose roofs they have burned incense to all the host of heaven, and have poured out drink offerings to other gods.

19:14 Then came Jeremiah from Tophet, where *Yehovah* had sent him to prophesy; and he stood in the court of *Yehovah's* house; and said to all the people,

19:15 Thus said *Yehovah God of Armies*, the God of Israel; Behold, I will bring on this city and on all her towns all the evil that I have pronounced against it, because they have hardened their necks, that they might not hear my words.

Jeremiah – Chapter 20

20:1 Now Pashur the son of Immer the priest, who was also chief governor in the house of *Yehovah*, heard that Jeremiah prophesied these things.

20:2 Then Pashur smote Jeremiah the prophet, and put him in the stocks that were in the high gate of Benjamin, which was by the house of *Yehovah*.

20:3 And it came to pass the next day, that Pashur brought forth Jeremiah out of the stocks. Then said Jeremiah to him, *Yehovah* has not called your name Pashur, but Magormissabib.

20:4 For thus said *Yehovah*, Behold, I will make you a terror to yourself, and to all your friends: and they shall fall by the sword of their enemies, and your eyes shall behold it: and I will give all Judah into the hand of the king of Babylon, and he shall carry them captive into Babylon, and shall slay them with the sword.

20:5 Moreover I will deliver all the strength of this city, and all the labors, and all the precious things, and all the treasures of the kings of Judah will I give into the hand of their enemies, which shall *plunder* them, and take them, and carry them to Babylon.

20:6 And you, Pashur, and all that dwell in your house shall go into captivity: and you shall come to Babylon, and there you shall die, and shall be buried there, you, and all your friends, to whom you have prophesied lies.

20:7 *O YEHOVAH*, you have deceived me, and I was deceived; you are stronger than I, and have prevailed: I am in derision daily, everyone mocks me.

20:8 For since I spoke, I cried out, I cried violence and destruction; because the word of *Yehovah* was made a reproach to me, and a derision, daily.

20:9 Then I said, I will not make mention of him, nor speak anymore in his name. But his word was in my heart as a burning fire shut up in my bones, and I was weary with forbearing, and I could not stay.

20:10 For I heard the defaming of many, fear on every side. Report, say they, and we will report it. All my familiars watched for my halting, saying, Peradventure he will be enticed, and we shall prevail against him, and we shall take our revenge on him.

20:11 But *Yehovah* is with me as a mighty terrible one: therefore my persecutors shall stumble, and they shall not prevail: they shall be greatly ashamed; for they shall not prosper: their everlasting confusion shall never be forgotten.

20:12 But, *O YEHOVAH God of Armies*, that try the righteous, and see the reins and the heart, let me see your vengeance on them: for to you have I opened my cause.

20:13 Sing to *Yehovah*, praise you *Yehovah*: for he has delivered the soul of the poor from the hand of evildoers.

20:14 Cursed be the day in which I was born: let not the day in which my mother bore me be blessed.

20:15 Cursed be the man who brought tidings to my father, saying, A man child is born to you; making him very glad.

20:16 And let that man be as the cities which *Yehovah* overthrew, and repented not: and let him hear the cry in the morning, and the shouting at noontide;

20:17 Because he slew me not from the womb; or that my mother might have been my grave, and her womb to be always great with me.

20:18 Why came I forth out of the womb to see labor and sorrow, that my days should be consumed with shame?

Jeremiah – Chapter 21

21:1 The word which came to Jeremiah from *Yehovah*, when king Zedekiah sent to him Pashur the son of Melchiah, and Zephaniah the son of Maaseiah the priest, saying,

21:2 Inquire, I pray you, of *Yehovah* for us; for Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon makes war against us; if so be that *Yehovah* will deal with us according to all his wondrous works, that he may go up from us.

21:3 Then said Jeremiah to them, Thus shall you say to Zedekiah:

21:4 Thus said *Yehovah* God of Israel; Behold, I will turn back the weapons of war that are in your hands, with which you fight against the king of Babylon, and against the Chaldeans, which besiege you without the walls, and I will assemble them into the middle of this city.

21:5 And I myself will fight against you with an outstretched hand and with a strong arm, even in anger, and in fury, and in great wrath.

21:6 And I will smite the inhabitants of this city, both man and beast: they shall die of a great pestilence.

21:7 And afterward, said *Yehovah*, I will deliver Zedekiah king of Judah, and his servants, and the people, and such as are left in this city from the pestilence, from the sword, and from the famine, into the hand of Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon, and into the hand of their enemies, and into the hand of those that seek their life: and he shall smite them with the edge of the sword; he shall not spare them, neither have pity, nor have mercy.

21:8 And to this people you shall say, Thus said *Yehovah*; Behold, I set before you the way of life, and the way of death.

21:9 He that stays in this city shall die by the sword, and by the famine, and by the pestilence: but he that goes out, and falls to the Chaldeans that besiege you, he shall live, and his life shall be to him for a prey.

21:10 For I have set my face against this city for evil, and not for good, said *Yehovah*: it shall be given into the hand of the king of Babylon, and he shall burn it with fire.

21:11 And touching the house of the king of Judah, say, Hear you the word of *Yehovah*;

21:12 O house of David, thus said *Yehovah*; Execute judgment in the morning, and deliver him that is *plundered* out of the hand of the oppressor, lest my fury go out like fire, and burn that none can quench it, because of the evil of your doings.

21:13 Behold, I am against you, O inhabitant of the valley, and rock of the plain, said *Yehovah*; which say, Who shall come down against us? or who shall enter into our habitations?

21:14 But I will punish you according to the fruit of your doings, said *Yehovah*: and I will kindle a fire in the forest, and it shall devour all things round about it.

Jeremiah – Chapter 22

22:1 Thus said *Yehovah*; Go down to the house of the king of Judah, and speak there this word,

22:2 And say, Hear the word of *Yehovah*, O king of Judah, that sit on the throne of David, you, and your servants, and your people that enter in by these gates:

22:3 Thus said *Yehovah*; Execute you judgment and righteousness, and deliver the *plundered* out of the hand of the oppressor: and do no wrong, do no violence to the stranger, the fatherless, nor the widow, neither shed innocent blood in this place.

22:4 For if you do this thing indeed, then shall there enter in by the gates of this house kings sitting on the throne of David, riding in chariots and on horses, he, and his servants, and his people.

22:5 But if you will not hear these words, I swear by myself, said *Yehovah*, that this house shall become a desolation.

22:6 For thus said *Yehovah* to the king's house of Judah; You are Gilead to me, and the head of Lebanon: yet surely I will make you a wilderness, and cities which are not inhabited.

22:7 And I will prepare destroyers against you, everyone with his weapons: and they shall cut down your choice cedars, and cast them into the fire.

22:8 And many nations shall pass by this city, and they shall say every man to his neighbor, Why has *Yehovah* done thus to this great city?

22:9 Then they shall answer, Because they have forsaken the covenant of *Yehovah* their God, and worshipped other gods, and served them.

22:10 Weep you not for the dead, neither bemoan him: but weep sore for him that goes away: for he shall return no more, nor see his native country.

22:11 For thus said *Yehovah* touching Shallum the son of Josiah king of Judah, which reigned instead of Josiah his father, which went forth out of this place; He shall not return there anymore:

22:12 But he shall die in the place where they have led him captive, and shall see this land no more.

22:13 Woe to him that builds his house by unrighteousness, and his chambers by wrong; that uses his neighbor's service without wages, and gives him not for his work;

22:14 That said, I will build me a wide house and large chambers, and cuts him out windows; and it is paneled with cedar, and painted with vermilion.

22:15 Shall you reign, because you close yourself in cedar? did not your father eat and drink, and do judgment and justice, and then it was well with him?

22:16 He judged the cause of the poor and needy; then it was well with him: was not this to know me? said *Yehovah*.

22:17 But your eyes and your heart are not but for your covetousness, and for to shed innocent blood, and for oppression, and for violence, to do it.

22:18 Therefore thus said *Yehovah* concerning Jehoiakim the son of Josiah king of Judah; They shall not lament for him, saying, Ah my brother! or, Ah sister! they shall not lament for him, saying, Ah lord! or, Ah his glory!

22:19 He shall be buried with the burial of an ass, drawn and cast forth beyond the gates of Jerusalem.

22:20 Go up to Lebanon, and cry; and lift up your voice in Bashan, and cry from the passages: for all your lovers are destroyed.

22:21 I spoke to you in your prosperity; but you said, I will not hear. This has been your manner from your youth, that you obeyed not my voice.

22:22 The wind shall eat up all your *rulers*, and your lovers shall go into captivity: surely then shall you be ashamed and confounded for all your wickedness.

22:23 O inhabitant of Lebanon, that make your nest in the cedars, how gracious shall you be when pangs come on you, the pain as of a woman in travail!

22:24 As I live, said *Yehovah*, though Coniah the son of Jehoiakim king of Judah were the signet on my right hand, yet would I pluck you there;

22:25 And I will give you into the hand of them that seek your life, and into the hand of them whose face you fear, even into the hand of Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon, and into the hand of the Chaldeans.

22:26 And I will cast you out, and your mother that bore you, into another country, where you were not born; and there shall you die.

22:27 But to the land whereunto they desire to return, there shall they not return.

22:28 Is this man Coniah a despised broken idol? is he a vessel in which is no pleasure? why are they cast out, he and his seed, and are cast into a land which they know not?

22:29 O earth, earth, earth, hear the word of *Yehovah*.

22:30 Thus said *Yehovah*, Write you this man childless, a man that shall not prosper in his days: for no man of his seed shall prosper, sitting on the throne of David, and ruling anymore in Judah.

Jeremiah – Chapter 23

23:1 Woe be to the *shepherds* that destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! said *Yehovah*.

23:2 Therefore thus said *Yehovah* God of Israel against the *shepherds* that feed my people; You have scattered my flock, and driven them away, and have not visited them: behold, I will visit on you the evil of your doings, said *Yehovah*.

23:3 And I will gather the remnant of my flock out of all countries where I have driven them, and will bring them again to their folds; and they shall be fruitful and increase.

23:4 And I will set up shepherds over them which shall feed them: and they shall fear no more, nor be dismayed, neither shall they be lacking, said *Yehovah*.

23:5 Behold, the days come, said *Yehovah*, that I will raise to David a righteous Branch, and a King shall reign and prosper, and shall execute judgment and justice in the earth.

23:6 In his days Judah shall be saved, and Israel shall dwell safely: and this is his name whereby he shall be called, **YEHOVAH OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS**.

23:7 Therefore, behold, the days come, said *Yehovah*, that they shall no more say, *Yehovah* lives, which brought up the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt;

23:8 But, *Yehovah* lives, which brought up and which led the seed of the house of Israel out of the north country, and from all countries where I had driven them; and they shall dwell in their own land.

23:9 My heart within me is broken because of the prophets; all my bones shake; I am like a drunken man, and like a man whom wine has overcome, because of *Yehovah*, and because of the words of his holiness.

23:10 For the land is full of adulterers; for because of swearing the land mourns; the pleasant places of the wilderness are dried up, and their course is evil, and their force is not right.

23:11 For both prophet and priest are profane; yes, in my house have I found their wickedness, said *Yehovah*.

23:12 Why their way shall be to them as slippery ways in the darkness: they shall be driven on, and fall in it: for I will bring evil on them, even the year of their visitation, said *Yehovah*.

23:13 And I have seen folly in the prophets of Samaria; they prophesied in Baal, and caused my people Israel to err.

23:14 I have seen also in the prophets of Jerusalem a horrible thing: they commit adultery, and walk in lies: they strengthen also the hands of evildoers, that none does return from his wickedness; they are all of them to me as Sodom, and the inhabitants as Gomorrah.

23:15 Therefore thus said *Yehovah God of Armies* concerning the prophets; Behold, I will feed them with wormwood, and make them drink the water of gall: for from the prophets of Jerusalem is profaneness gone forth into all the land.

23:16 Thus said *Yehovah God of Armies*, Listen not to the words of the prophets that prophesy to you: they make you vain: they speak a vision of their own heart, and not out of the mouth of *Yehovah*.

23:17 They say still to them that despise me, *Yehovah* has said, You shall have peace; and they say to everyone that walks after the imagination of his own heart, No evil shall come on you.

23:18 For who has stood in the counsel of *Yehovah*, and has perceived and heard his word? who has marked his word, and heard it?

23:19 Behold, a whirlwind of *Yehovah* is gone forth in fury, even a grievous whirlwind: it shall fall grievously on the head of the wicked.

23:20 The anger of *Yehovah* shall not return, until he have executed, and till he have performed the thoughts of his heart: in the latter days you shall consider it perfectly.

23:21 I have not sent these prophets, yet they ran: I have not spoken to them, yet they prophesied.

23:22 But if they had stood in my counsel, and had caused my people to hear my words, then they should have turned them from their evil way, and from the evil of their doings.

23:23 Am I a God at hand, said *Yehovah*, and not a God afar off?

23:24 Can any hide himself in secret places that I shall not see him? said *Yehovah*. Do not I fill heaven and earth? said *Yehovah*.

23:25 I have heard what the prophets said, that prophesy lies in my name, saying, I have dreamed, I have dreamed.

23:26 How long shall this be in the heart of the prophets that prophesy lies? yes, they are prophets of the deceit of their own heart;

23:27 Which think to cause my people to forget my name by their dreams which they tell every man to his neighbor, as their fathers have forgotten my name for Baal.

23:28 The prophet that has a dream, let him tell a dream; and he that has my word, let him speak my word faithfully. What is the chaff to the wheat? said *Yehovah*.

23:29 Is not my word like as a fire? said *Yehovah*; and like a hammer that breaks the rock in pieces?

23:30 Therefore, behold, I am against the prophets, said *Yehovah*, that steal my words everyone from his neighbor.

23:31 Behold, I am against the prophets, said *Yehovah*, that use their tongues, and say, He said.

23:32 Behold, I am against them that prophesy false dreams, said *Yehovah*, and do tell them, and cause my people to err by their lies, and by their lightness; yet I sent them not, nor commanded them: therefore they shall not profit this people at all, said *Yehovah*.

23:33 And when this people, or the prophet, or a priest, shall ask you, saying, What is the burden of *Yehovah*? you shall then say to them, What burden? I will even forsake you, said *Yehovah*.

23:34 And as for the prophet, and the priest, and the people, that shall say, The burden of *Yehovah*, I will even punish that man and his house.

23:35 Thus shall you say everyone to his neighbor, and everyone to his brother, What has *Yehovah* answered? and, What has *Yehovah* spoken?

23:36 And the burden of *Yehovah* shall you mention no more: for every man's word shall be his burden; for you have perverted the words of the living God, of *Yehovah God of Armies* our God.

23:37 Thus shall you say to the prophet, What has *Yehovah* answered you? and, What has *Yehovah* spoken?

23:38 But since you say, The burden of *Yehovah*; therefore thus said *Yehovah*; Because you say this word, The burden of *Yehovah*, and I have sent to you, saying, You shall not say, The burden of *Yehovah*;

23:39 Therefore, behold, I, even I, will utterly forget you, and I will forsake you, and the city that I gave you and your fathers, and cast you out of my presence:

23:40 And I will bring an everlasting reproach on you, and a perpetual shame, which shall not be forgotten.

Jeremiah – Chapter 24

24:1 *Yehovah* showed me, and, behold, two baskets of figs were set before the temple of *Yehovah*, after that Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon had carried away captive Jeconiah the son of Jehoiakim king of Judah, and the princes of Judah, with the carpenters and smiths, from Jerusalem, and had brought them to Babylon.

24:2 One basket had very good figs, even like the figs that are first ripe: and the other basket had very naughty figs, which could not be eaten, they were so bad.

24:3 Then said *Yehovah* to me, What see you, Jeremiah? And I said, Figs; the good figs, very good; and the evil, very evil, that cannot be eaten, they are so evil.

24:4 Again the word of *Yehovah* came to me, saying,

24:5 Thus said *Yehovah*, the God of Israel; Like these good figs, so will I acknowledge them that are carried away captive of Judah, whom I have sent out of this place into the land of the Chaldeans for their good.

24:6 For I will set my eyes on them for good, and I will bring them again to this land: and I will build them, and not pull them down; and I will plant them, and not pluck them up.

24:7 And I will give them a heart to know me, that I am *Yehovah*: and they shall be my people, and I will be their God: for they shall return to me with their whole heart.

24:8 And as the evil figs, which cannot be eaten, they are so evil; surely thus said *Yehovah*, So will I give Zedekiah the king of Judah, and his princes, and the residue of Jerusalem, that remain in this land, and them that dwell in the land of Egypt:

24:9 And I will deliver them to be removed into all the kingdoms of the earth for their hurt, to be a reproach and a proverb, a taunt and a curse, in all places where I shall drive them.

24:10 And I will send the sword, the famine, and the pestilence, among them, till they be consumed from off the land that I gave to them and to their fathers.

Jeremiah – Chapter 25

25:1 The word that came to Jeremiah concerning all the people of Judah in the fourth year of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah king of Judah, that was the first year of Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon;

25:2 The which Jeremiah the prophet spoke to all the people of Judah, and to all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, saying,

25:3 From the thirteenth year of Josiah the son of Amon king of Judah, even to this day, that is the three and twentieth year, the word of *Yehovah* has come to me, and I have spoken to you, rising early and speaking; but you have not listened.

25:4 And *Yehovah* has sent to you all his servants the prophets, rising early and sending them; but you have not listened, nor inclined your ear to hear.

25:5 They said, Turn you again now everyone from his evil way, and from the evil of your doings, and dwell in the land that *Yehovah* has given to you and to your fathers forever and ever:

25:6 And go not after other gods to serve them, and to worship them, and provoke me not to anger with the works of your hands; and I will do you no hurt.

25:7 Yet you have not listened to me, said *Yehovah*; that you might provoke me to anger with the works of your hands to your own hurt.

25:8 Therefore thus said *Yehovah God of Armies*; Because you have not heard my words,

25:9 Behold, I will send and take all the families of the north, said *Yehovah*, and Nebuchadrezzar the king of Babylon, my servant, and will bring them against this land, and against the inhabitants, and against all these nations round about, and will utterly destroy them, and make them an astonishment, and a hissing, and perpetual desolations.

25:10 Moreover I will take from them the voice of mirth, and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom, and the voice of the bride, the sound of the millstones, and the light of the candle.

25:11 And this whole land shall be a desolation, and an astonishment; and these nations shall serve the king of Babylon seventy years.

25:12 And it shall come to pass, when seventy years are accomplished, that I will punish the king of Babylon, and that nation, said *Yehovah*, for their iniquity, and the land of the Chaldeans, and will make it perpetual desolations.

25:13 And I will bring on that land all my words which I have pronounced against it, even all that is written in this book, which Jeremiah has prophesied against all the nations.

25:14 For many nations and great kings shall serve themselves of them also: and I will recompense them according to their deeds, and according to the works of their own hands.

25:15 For thus said *Yehovah God of Israel* to me; Take the wine cup of this fury at my hand, and cause all the nations, to whom I send you, to drink it.

25:16 And they shall drink, and be moved, and be mad, because of the sword that I will send among them.

25:17 Then took I the cup at *Yehovah's* hand, and made all the nations to drink, to whom *Yehovah* had sent me:

25:18 To Jerusalem, and the cities of Judah, and the kings, and the princes, to make them a desolation, an astonishment, a hissing, and a curse; as it is this day;

25:19 Pharaoh king of Egypt, and his servants, and his princes, and all his people;

25:20 And all the mingled people, and all the kings of the land of Uz, and all the kings of the land of the Philistines, and Ashkelon, and Azzah, and Ekron, and the remnant of Ashdod,

25:21 Edom, and Moab, and the children of Ammon,

25:22 And all the kings of Tyrus, and all the kings of Zidon, and the kings of the isles which are beyond the sea,

25:23 Dedan, and Tema, and Buz, and all that are in the utmost corners,

25:24 And all the kings of Arabia, and all the kings of the mingled people that dwell in the desert,

25:25 And all the kings of Zimri, and all the kings of Elam, and all the kings of the Medes,

25:26 And all the kings of the north, far and near, one with another, and all the kingdoms of the world, which are on the face of the earth: and the king of Sheshach shall drink after them.

25:27 Therefore you shall say to them, Thus said *Yehovah God of Armies*, the God of Israel; Drink you, and be drunken, and spew, and fall, and rise no more, because of the sword which I will send among you.

25:28 And it shall be, if they refuse to take the cup at your hand to drink, then shall you say to them, Thus said *Yehovah God of Armies*; You shall certainly drink.

25:29 For, see, I begin to bring evil on the city which is called by my name, and should you be utterly unpunished? You shall not be unpunished: for I will call for a sword on all the inhabitants of the earth, said *Yehovah God of Armies*.

25:30 Therefore prophesy you against them all these words, and say to them, *Yehovah* shall roar from on high, and utter his voice from his holy habitation; he shall mightily roar on his habitation; he shall give a shout, as they that tread the grapes, against all the inhabitants of the earth.

25:31 A noise shall come even to the ends of the earth; for *Yehovah* has a controversy with the nations, he will plead with all flesh; he will give them that are wicked to the sword, said *Yehovah*.

25:32 Thus said *Yehovah God of Armies*, Behold, evil shall go forth from nation to nation, and a great whirlwind shall be raised up from the coasts of the earth.

25:33 And the slain of *Yehovah* shall be at that day from one end of the earth even to the other end of the earth: they shall not be lamented, neither gathered, nor buried; they shall be dung on the ground.

25:34 Howl, you shepherds, and cry; and wallow yourselves in the ashes, you principal of the flock: for the days of your slaughter and of your dispersions are accomplished; and you shall fall like a pleasant vessel.

25:35 And the shepherds shall have no way to flee, nor the principal of the flock to escape.

25:36 A voice of the cry of the shepherds, and a howling of the principal of the flock, shall be heard: for *Yehovah* has spoiled their pasture.

25:37 And the peaceable habitations are cut down because of the fierce anger of *Yehovah*.

25:38 He has forsaken his covert, as the lion: for their land is desolate because of the fierceness of the oppressor, and because of his fierce anger.

Jeremiah – Chapter 26

26:1 In the beginning of the reign of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah king of Judah came this word from *Yehovah*, saying,

26:2 Thus said *Yehovah*; Stand in the court of *Yehovah's* house, and speak to all the cities of Judah, which come to worship in *Yehovah's* house, all the words that I command you to speak to them; diminish not a word:

26:3 If so be they will listen, and turn every man from his evil way, that I may repent me of the evil, which I purpose to do to them because of the evil of their doings.

26:4 And you shall say to them, Thus said *Yehovah*; If you will not listen to me, to walk in my law, which I have set before you,

26:5 To listen to the words of my servants the prophets, whom I sent to you, both rising up early, and sending them, but you have not listened;

26:6 Then will I make this house like Shiloh, and will make this city a curse to all the nations of the earth.

26:7 So the priests and the prophets and all the people heard Jeremiah speaking these words in the house of *Yehovah*.

26:8 Now it came to pass, when Jeremiah had made an end of speaking all that *Yehovah* had commanded him to speak to all the people, that the priests and the prophets and all the people took him, saying, You shall surely die.

26:9 Why have you prophesied in the name of *Yehovah*, saying, This house shall be like Shiloh, and this city shall be desolate without an inhabitant? And all the people were gathered against Jeremiah in the house of *Yehovah*.

26:10 When the princes of Judah heard these things, then they came up from the king's house to the house of *Yehovah*, and sat down in the entry of the new gate of *Yehovah's* house.

26:11 Then spoke the priests and the prophets to the princes and to all the people, saying, This man is worthy to die; for he has prophesied against this city, as you have heard with your ears.

26:12 Then spoke Jeremiah to all the princes and to all the people, saying, *Yehovah* sent me to prophesy against this house and against this city all the words that you have heard.

26:13 Therefore now amend your ways and your doings, and obey the voice of *Yehovah* your God; and *Yehovah* will repent him of the evil that he has pronounced against you.

26:14 As for me, behold, I am in your hand: do with me as seems good and meet to you.

26:15 But know you for certain, that if you put me to death, you shall surely bring innocent blood on yourselves, and on this city, and on the inhabitants of it: for of a truth *Yehovah* has sent me to you to speak all these words in your ears.

26:16 Then said the princes and all the people to the priests and to the prophets; This man is not worthy to die: for he has spoken to us in the name of *Yehovah* our God.

26:17 Then rose up certain of the elders of the land, and spoke to all the assembly of the people, saying,

26:18 Micah the Morasthite prophesied in the days of Hezekiah king of Judah, and spoke to all the people of Judah, saying, Thus said *Yehovah God of Armies*; Zion shall be plowed like a field, and Jerusalem shall become heaps, and the mountain of the house as the high places of a forest.

26:19 Did Hezekiah king of Judah and all Judah put him at all to death? did he not fear *Yehovah*, and sought *Yehovah*, and *Yehovah* repented him of the evil which he had pronounced against them? Thus might we procure great evil against our souls.

26:20 And there was also a man that prophesied in the name of *Yehovah*, Urijah the son of Shemaiah of Kirjathjearim, who prophesied against this city and against this land according to all the words of Jeremiah.

26:21 And when Jehoiakim the king, with all his mighty men, and all the princes, heard his words, the king sought to put him to death: but when Urijah heard it, he was afraid, and fled, and went into Egypt;

26:22 And Jehoiakim the king sent men into Egypt, namely, Elnathan the son of Achbor, and certain men with him into Egypt.

26:23 And they brought forth Urijah out of Egypt, and brought him to Jehoiakim the king; who slew him with the sword, and cast his dead body into the graves of the common people.

26:24 Nevertheless the hand of Ahikam the son of Shaphan was with Jeremiah, that they should not give him into the hand of the people to put him to death.

Jeremiah – Chapter 27

27:1 In the beginning of the reign of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah king of Judah came this word to Jeremiah from *Yehovah*, saying,

27:2 Thus said *Yehovah* to me; Make you bonds and yokes, and put them on your neck,

27:3 And send them to the king of Edom, and to the king of Moab, and to the king of the Ammonites, and to the king of Tyrus, and to the king of Zidon, by the hand of the messengers which come to Jerusalem to Zedekiah king of Judah;

27:4 And command them to say to their masters, Thus said *Yehovah God of Armies*, the God of Israel; Thus shall you say to your masters;

27:5 I have made the earth, the man and the beast that are on the ground, by my great power and by my outstretched arm, and have given it to whom it seemed meet to me.

27:6 And now have I given all these lands into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon, my servant; and the beasts of the field have I given him also to serve him.

27:7 And all nations shall serve him, and his son, and his son's son, until the very time of his land come: and then many nations and great kings shall serve themselves of him.

27:8 And it shall come to pass, that the nation and kingdom which will not serve the same Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon, and that will not put their neck under the yoke of the king of Babylon, that nation will I punish, said *Yehovah*, with the sword, and with the famine, and with the pestilence, until I have consumed them by his hand.

27:9 Therefore listen not you to your prophets, nor to your diviners, nor to your dreamers, nor to your enchanters, nor to your sorcerers, which speak to you, saying, You shall not serve the king of Babylon:

27:10 For they prophesy a lie to you, to remove you far from your land; and that I should drive you out, and you should perish.

27:11 But the nations that bring their neck under the yoke of the king of Babylon, and serve him, those will I let remain still in their own land, said *Yehovah*; and they shall till it, and dwell in it.

27:12 I spoke also to Zedekiah king of Judah according to all these words, saying, Bring your necks under the yoke of the king of Babylon, and serve him and his people, and live.

27:13 Why will you die, you and your people, by the sword, by the famine, and by the pestilence, as *Yehovah* has spoken against the nation that will not serve the king of Babylon?

27:14 Therefore listen not to the words of the prophets that speak to you, saying, You shall not serve the king of Babylon: for they prophesy a lie to you.

27:15 For I have not sent them, said *Yehovah*, yet they prophesy a lie in my name; that I might drive you out, and that you might perish, you, and the prophets that prophesy to you.

27:16 Also I spoke to the priests and to all this people, saying, Thus said *Yehovah*; Listen not to the words of your prophets that prophesy to you, saying, Behold, the vessels of *Yehovah's* house shall now shortly be brought again from Babylon: for they prophesy a lie to you.

27:17 Listen not to them; serve the king of Babylon, and live: why should this city be laid waste?

27:18 But if they be prophets, and if the word of *Yehovah* be with them, let them now make intercession to *Yehovah God of Armies*, that the vessels which are left in the house of *Yehovah*, and in the house of the king of Judah, and at Jerusalem, go not to Babylon.

27:19 For thus said *Yehovah God of Armies* concerning the pillars, and concerning the sea, and concerning the bases, and concerning the residue of the vessels that remain in this city.

27:20 Which Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon took not, when he carried away captive Jeconiah the son of Jehoiakim king of Judah from Jerusalem to Babylon, and all the nobles of Judah and Jerusalem;

27:21 Yes, thus said *Yehovah God of Armies*, the God of Israel, concerning the vessels that remain in the house of *Yehovah*, and in the house of the king of Judah and of Jerusalem;

27:22 They shall be carried to Babylon, and there shall they be until the day that I visit them, said *Yehovah*; then will I bring them up, and restore them to this place.

Jeremiah – Chapter 28

28:1 And it came to pass the same year, in the beginning of the reign of Zedekiah king of Judah, in the fourth year, and in the fifth month, that Hananiah the son of Azur the prophet, which was of Gibeon, spoke to me in the house of *Yehovah*, in the presence of the priests and of all the people, saying,

28:2 Thus speaks *Yehovah God of Armies*, the God of Israel, saying, I have broken the yoke of the king of Babylon.

28:3 Within two full years will I bring again into this place all the vessels of *Yehovah's* house, that Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon took away from this place, and carried them to Babylon:

28:4 And I will bring again to this place Jeconiah the son of Jehoiakim king of Judah, with all the captives of Judah, that went into Babylon, said *Yehovah*: for I will break the yoke of the king of Babylon.

28:5 Then the prophet Jeremiah said to the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests, and in the presence of all the people that stood in the house of *Yehovah*,

28:6 Even the prophet Jeremiah said, Amen: *Yehovah* do so: *Yehovah* perform your words which you have prophesied, to bring again the vessels of *Yehovah's* house, and all that is carried away captive, from Babylon into this place.

28:7 Nevertheless hear you now this word that I speak in your ears, and in the ears of all the people;

28:8 The prophets that have been before me and before you of old prophesied both against many countries, and against great kingdoms, of war, and of evil, and of pestilence.

28:9 The prophet which prophesies of peace, when the word of the prophet shall come to pass, then shall the prophet be known, that *Yehovah* has truly sent him.

28:10 Then Hananiah the prophet took the yoke from off the prophet Jeremiah's neck, and broke it.

28:11 And Hananiah spoke in the presence of all the people, saying, Thus said *Yehovah*; Even so will I break the yoke of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon from the neck of all nations within the space of two full years. And the prophet Jeremiah went his way.

28:12 Then the word of *Yehovah* came to Jeremiah the prophet, after that Hananiah the prophet had broken the yoke from off the neck of the prophet Jeremiah, saying,

28:13 Go and tell Hananiah, saying, Thus said *Yehovah*; You have broken the yokes of wood; but you shall make for them yokes of iron.

28:14 For thus said *Yehovah God of Armies*, the God of Israel; I have put a yoke of iron on the neck of all these nations, that they may serve Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon; and they shall serve him: and I have given him the beasts of the field also.

28:15 Then said the prophet Jeremiah to Hananiah the prophet, Hear now, Hananiah; *Yehovah* has not sent you; but you make this people to trust in a lie.

28:16 Therefore thus said *Yehovah*; Behold, I will cast you from off the face of the earth: this year you shall die, because you have taught rebellion against *Yehovah*.

28:17 So Hananiah the prophet died the same year in the seventh month.

Jeremiah – Chapter 29

29:1 Now these are the words of the letter that Jeremiah the prophet sent from Jerusalem to the residue of the elders which were carried away captives, and to the priests, and to the prophets, and to all the people whom Nebuchadnezzar had carried away captive from Jerusalem to Babylon;

29:2 (After that Jeconiah the king, and the queen, and the eunuchs, the princes of Judah and Jerusalem, and the carpenters, and the smiths, were departed from Jerusalem;)

29:3 By the hand of Elasah the son of Shaphan, and Gemariah the son of Hilkiah, (whom Zedekiah king of Judah sent to Babylon to Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon) saying,

29:4 Thus said *Yehovah God of Armies*, the God of Israel, to all that are carried away captives, whom I have caused to be carried away from Jerusalem to Babylon;

29:5 Build you houses, and dwell in them; and plant gardens, and eat the fruit of them;

29:6 Take you wives, and beget sons and daughters; and take wives for your sons, and give your daughters to husbands, that they may bear sons and daughters; that you may be increased there, and not diminished.

29:7 And seek the peace of the city where I have caused you to be carried away captives, and pray to *Yehovah* for it: for in the peace shall you have peace.

29:8 For thus said *Yehovah God of Armies*, the God of Israel; Let not your prophets and your diviners, that be in the middle of you, deceive you, neither listen to your dreams which you cause to be dreamed.

29:9 For they prophesy falsely to you in my name: I have not sent them, said *Yehovah*.

29:10 For thus said *Yehovah*, That after seventy years be accomplished at Babylon I will visit you, and perform my good word toward you, in causing you to return to this place.

29:11 For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, said *Yehovah*, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end.

29:12 Then shall you call on me, and you shall go and pray to me, and I will listen to you.

29:13 And you shall seek me, and find me, when you shall search for me with all your heart.

29:14 And I will be found of you, said *Yehovah*: and I will turn away your captivity, and I will gather you from all the nations, and from all the places where I have driven you, said *Yehovah*; and I will bring you again into the place from where I caused you to be carried away captive.

29:15 Because you have said, *Yehovah* has raised us up prophets in Babylon;

29:16 Know that thus said *Yehovah* of the king that sits on the throne of David, and of all the people that dwells in this city, and of your brothers that are not gone forth with you into captivity;

29:17 Thus said *Yehovah God of Armies*; Behold, I will send on them the sword, the famine, and the pestilence, and will make them like vile figs, that cannot be eaten, they are so evil.

29:18 And I will persecute them with the sword, with the famine, and with the pestilence, and will deliver them to be removed to all the kingdoms of the earth, to be a curse, and an astonishment, and a hissing, and a reproach, among all the nations where I have driven them:

29:19 Because they have not listened to my words, said *Yehovah*, which I sent to them by my servants the prophets, rising up early and sending them; but you would not hear, said *Yehovah*.

29:20 Hear you therefore the word of *Yehovah*, all you of the captivity, whom I have sent from Jerusalem to Babylon:

29:21 Thus said *Yehovah God of Armies*, the God of Israel, of Ahab the son of Kolaiah, and of Zedekiah the son of Maaseiah, which prophesy a lie to you in my name; Behold, I will deliver them into the hand of Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon; and he shall slay them before your eyes;

29:22 And of them shall be taken up a curse by all the captivity of Judah which are in Babylon, saying, *Yehovah* make you like Zedekiah and like Ahab, whom the king of Babylon roasted in the fire;

29:23 Because they have committed villainy in Israel, and have committed adultery with their neighbors' wives, and have spoken lying words in my name, which I have not commanded them; even I know, and am a witness, said *Yehovah*.

29:24 Thus shall you also speak to Shemaiah the Nehelamite, saying,

29:25 Thus speaks *Yehovah God of Armies*, the God of Israel, saying, Because you have sent letters in your name to all the people that are at Jerusalem, and to Zephaniah the son of Maaseiah the priest, and to all the priests, saying,

29:26 *Yehovah* has made you priest in the stead of Jehoiada the priest, that you should be officers in the house of *Yehovah*, for every man that is mad, and makes himself a prophet, that you should put him in prison, and in the stocks.

29:27 Now therefore why have you not reprov'd Jeremiah of Anathoth, which makes himself a prophet to you?

29:28 For therefore he sent to us in Babylon, saying, This captivity is long: build you houses, and dwell in them; and plant gardens, and eat the fruit of them.

29:29 And Zephaniah the priest read this letter in the ears of Jeremiah the prophet.

29:30 Then came the word of *Yehovah* to Jeremiah, saying,

29:31 Send to all them of the captivity, saying, Thus said *Yehovah* concerning Shemaiah the Nehelamite; Because that Shemaiah has prophesied to you, and I sent him not, and he caused you to trust in a lie:

29:32 Therefore thus said *Yehovah*; Behold, I will punish Shemaiah the Nehelamite, and his seed: he shall not have a man to dwell among this people; neither shall he behold the good that I will do for my people, said *Yehovah*; because he has taught rebellion against *Yehovah*.

Jeremiah – Chapter 30

30:1 The word that came to Jeremiah from *Yehovah*, saying,

30:2 Thus speaks *Yehovah* God of Israel, saying, Write you all the words that I have spoken to you in a book.

30:3 For, see, the days come, said *Yehovah*, that I will bring again the captivity of my people Israel and Judah, said *Yehovah*: and I will cause them to return to the land that I gave to their fathers, and they shall possess it.

30:4 And these are the words that *Yehovah* spoke concerning Israel and concerning Judah.

30:5 For thus said *Yehovah*; We have heard a voice of trembling, of fear, and not of peace.

30:6 Ask you now, and see whether a man does travail with child? why do I see every man with his hands on his loins, as a woman in travail, and all faces are turned into paleness?

30:7 Alas! for that day is great, so that none is like it: it is even the time of Jacob's trouble, but he shall be saved out of it.

30:8 For it shall come to pass in that day, said *Yehovah God of Armies*, that I will break his yoke from off your neck, and will burst your bonds, and strangers shall no more serve themselves of him:

30:9 But they shall serve *Yehovah* their God, and David their king, whom I will raise up to them.

30:10 Therefore fear you not, O my servant Jacob, said *Yehovah*; neither be dismayed, O Israel: for, see, I will save you from afar, and your seed from the land of their captivity; and Jacob shall return, and shall be in rest, and be quiet, and none shall make him afraid.

30:11 For I am with you, said *Yehovah*, to save you: though I make a full end of all nations where I have scattered you, yet I will not make a full end of you: but I will correct you in measure, and will not leave you altogether unpunished.

30:12 For thus said *Yehovah*, Your bruise is incurable, and your wound is grievous.

30:13 There is none to plead your cause, that you may be bound up: you have no healing medicines.

30:14 All your lovers have forgotten you; they seek you not; for I have wounded you with the wound of an enemy, with the chastisement of a cruel one, for the multitude of your iniquity; because your sins were increased.

30:15 Why cry you for your affliction? your sorrow is incurable for the multitude of your iniquity: because your sins were increased, I have done these things to you.

30:16 Therefore all they that devour you shall be devoured; and all your adversaries, everyone of them, shall go into captivity; and they that *plunder* you shall be spoils, and all that prey on you will I give for a prey.

30:17 For I will restore health to you, and I will heal you of your wounds, said *Yehovah*; because they called you an Outcast, saying, This is Zion, whom no man seeks after.

30:18 Thus said *Yehovah*; Behold, I will bring again the captivity of Jacob's tents, and have mercy on his dwelling places; and the city shall be built on her own heap, and the palace shall remain after the manner of it.

30:19 And out of them shall proceed thanksgiving and the voice of them that make merry: and I will multiply them, and they shall not be few; I will also glorify them, and they shall not be small.

30:20 Their children also shall be as aforetime, and their congregation shall be established before me, and I will punish all that oppress them.

30:21 And their nobles shall be of themselves, and their governor shall proceed from the middle of them; and I will cause him to draw near, and he shall approach to me: for who is this that engaged his heart to approach to me? said *Yehovah*.

30:22 And you shall be my people, and I will be your God.

30:23 Behold, the whirlwind of *Yehovah* goes forth with fury, a continuing whirlwind: it shall fall with pain on the head of the wicked.

30:24 The fierce anger of *Yehovah* shall not return, until he has done it, and until he have performed the intents of his heart: in the latter days you shall consider it.

Jeremiah – Chapter 31

31:1 At the same time, said *Yehovah*, will I be the God of all the families of Israel, and they shall be my people.

31:2 Thus said *Yehovah*, The people which were left of the sword found grace in the wilderness; even Israel, when I went to cause him to rest.

31:3 *Yehovah* has appeared of old to me, saying, Yes, I have loved you with an everlasting love: therefore with loving kindness have I drawn you.

31:4 Again I will build you, and you shall be built, O virgin of Israel: you shall again be adorned with your tabrets, and shall go forth in the dances of them that make merry.

31:5 You shall yet plant vines on the mountains of Samaria: the planters shall plant, and shall eat them as common things.

31:6 For there shall be a day, that the watchmen on the mount Ephraim shall cry, Arise you, and let us go up to Zion to *Yehovah* our God.

31:7 For thus said *Yehovah*; Sing with gladness for Jacob, and shout among the chief of the nations: publish you, praise you, and say, *O YEHOVAH*, save your people, the remnant of Israel.

31:8 Behold, I will bring them from the north country, and gather them from the coasts of the earth, and with them the blind and the lame, the woman with child and her that travails with child together: a great company shall return there.

31:9 They shall come with weeping, and with supplications will I lead them: I will cause them to walk by the rivers of waters in a straight way, in which they shall not stumble: for I am a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn.

31:10 Hear the word of *Yehovah*, O you nations, and declare it in the isles afar off, and say, He that scattered Israel will gather him, and keep him, as a shepherd does his flock.

31:11 For *Yehovah* has redeemed Jacob, and ransomed him from the hand of him that was stronger than he.

31:12 Therefore they shall come and sing in the height of Zion, and shall flow together to the goodness of *Yehovah*, for wheat, and for wine, and for oil, and for the young of the flock and of the herd: and their soul shall be as a watered garden; and they shall not sorrow anymore at all.

31:13 Then shall the *maidens* rejoice in the dance, both young men and old together: for I will turn their mourning into joy, and will comfort them, and make them rejoice from their sorrow.

31:14 And I will satiate the soul of the priests with fatness, and my people shall be satisfied with my goodness, said *Yehovah*.

31:15 Thus said *Yehovah*; A voice was heard in Ramah, lamentation, and bitter weeping; Rahel weeping for her children refused to be comforted for her children, because they were not.

31:16 Thus said *Yehovah*; Refrain your voice from weeping, and your eyes from tears: for your work shall be rewarded, said *Yehovah*; and they shall come again from the land of the enemy.

31:17 And there is hope in your end, said *Yehovah*, that your children shall come again to their own border.

31:18 I have surely heard Ephraim bemoaning himself thus; You have chastised me, and I was chastised, as a bullock unaccustomed to the yoke: turn you me, and I shall be turned; for you are *Yehovah* my God.

31:19 Surely after that I was turned, I repented; and after that I was instructed, I smote on my thigh: I was ashamed, yes, even confounded, because I did bear the reproach of my youth.

31:20 Is Ephraim my dear son? is he a pleasant child? for since I spoke against him, I do earnestly remember him still: therefore my bowels are troubled for him; I will surely have mercy on him, said *Yehovah*.

31:21 Set you up markers, make you high heaps: set your heart toward the highway, even the way which you went: turn again, O virgin of Israel, turn again to these your cities.

31:22 How long will you go about, O you backsliding daughter? for *Yehovah* has created a new thing in the earth, A woman shall compass a man.

31:23 Thus said *Yehovah God of Armies*, the God of Israel; As yet they shall use this speech in the land of Judah and in their cities, when I shall bring again their captivity; *Yehovah* bless you, O habitation of justice, and mountain of holiness.

31:24 And there shall dwell in Judah itself, and in all their cities together, farmers, and they that go forth with flocks.

31:25 For I have satiated the weary soul, and I have replenished every sorrowful soul.

31:26 On this I awaked, and beheld; and my sleep was sweet to me.

31:27 Behold, the days come, said *Yehovah*, that I will sow the house of Israel and the house of Judah with the seed of man, and with the seed of beast.

31:28 And it shall come to pass, that like as I have watched over them, to pluck up, and to break down, and to throw down, and to destroy, and to afflict; so will I watch over them, to build, and to plant, said *Yehovah*.

31:29 In those days they shall say no more, The fathers have eaten a sour grape, and the children's teeth are set on edge.

31:30 But everyone shall die for his own iniquity: every man that eats the sour grape, his teeth shall be set on edge.

31:31 Behold, the days come, said *Yehovah*, that I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah:

31:32 Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt; which my covenant they broke, although I was a husband to them, said *Yehovah*:

31:33 But this shall be the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; After those days, said *Yehovah*, I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their God, and they shall be my people.

31:34 And they shall teach no more every man his neighbor, and every man his brother, saying, Know *Yehovah*: for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest of them, said *Yehovah*: for I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.

31:35 Thus said *Yehovah*, which gives the sun for a light by day, and the ordinances of the moon and of the stars for a light by night, which divides the sea when the waves roar; *Yehovah God of Armies* is his name:

31:36 If those ordinances depart from before me, said *Yehovah*, then the seed of Israel also shall cease from being a nation before me forever.

31:37 Thus said *Yehovah*; If heaven above can be measured, and the foundations of the earth searched out beneath, I will also cast off all the seed of Israel for all that they have done, said *Yehovah*.

31:38 Behold, the days come, said *Yehovah*, that the city shall be built to *Yehovah* from the tower of Hananeel to the gate of the corner.

31:39 And the measuring line shall yet go forth over against it on the hill Gareb, and shall compass about to Goath.

31:40 And the whole valley of the dead bodies, and of the ashes, and all the fields to the brook of Kidron, to the corner of the horse gate toward the east, shall be holy to *Yehovah*; it shall not be plucked up, nor thrown down anymore forever.

Jeremiah – Chapter 32

32:1 The word that came to Jeremiah from *Yehovah* in the tenth year of Zedekiah king of Judah, which was the eighteenth year of Nebuchadrezzar.

32:2 For then the king of Babylon's army besieged Jerusalem: and Jeremiah the prophet was shut up in the court of the prison, which was in the king of Judah's house.

32:3 For Zedekiah king of Judah had shut him up, saying, Why do you prophesy, and say, Thus said *Yehovah*, Behold, I will give this city into the hand of the king of Babylon, and he shall take it;

32:4 And Zedekiah king of Judah shall not escape out of the hand of the Chaldeans, but shall surely be delivered into the hand of the king of Babylon, and shall speak with him mouth to mouth, and his eyes shall behold his eyes;

32:5 And he shall lead Zedekiah to Babylon, and there shall he be until I visit him, said *Yehovah*: though you fight with the Chaldeans, you shall not prosper.

32:6 And Jeremiah said, The word of *Yehovah* came to me, saying,

32:7 Behold, Hanameel the son of Shallum your uncle shall come to you saying, Buy you my field that is in Anathoth: for the right of redemption is your to buy it.

32:8 So Hanameel my uncle's son came to me in the court of the prison according to the word of *Yehovah*, and said to me, Buy my field, I pray you, that is in Anathoth, which is in the country of Benjamin: for the right of inheritance is yours, and the redemption is yours; buy it for yourself. Then I knew that this was the word of *Yehovah*.

32:9 And I bought the field of Hanameel my uncle's son, that was in Anathoth, and weighed him the money, even seventeen shekels of silver.

32:10 And I subscribed the evidence, and sealed it, and took witnesses, and weighed him the money in the balances.

32:11 So I took the evidence of the purchase, both that which was sealed according to the law and custom, and that which was open:

32:12 And I gave the evidence of the purchase to Baruch the son of Neriah, the son of Maaseiah, in the sight of Hanameel my uncle's son, and in the presence of the witnesses that subscribed the book of the purchase, before all the *Hebrews* that sat in the court of the prison.

32:13 And I charged Baruch before them, saying,

32:14 Thus said *Yehovah God of Armies*, the God of Israel; Take these evidences, this evidence of the purchase, both which is sealed, and this evidence which is open; and put them in an earthen vessel, that they may continue many days.

32:15 For thus said *Yehovah God of Armies*, the God of Israel; Houses and fields and vineyards shall be possessed again in this land.

32:16 Now when I had delivered the evidence of the purchase to Baruch the son of Neriah, I prayed to *Yehovah*, saying,

32:17 Ah Lord GOD! behold, you have made the heaven and the earth by your great power and stretched out arm, and there is nothing too hard for you:

32:18 You show loving kindness to thousands, and recompense the iniquity of the fathers into the bosom of their children after them: the Great, the Mighty God, *Yehovah God of Armies*, is his name,

32:19 Great in counsel, and mighty in work: for your eyes are open on all the ways of the sons of men: to give everyone according to his ways, and according to the fruit of his doings:

32:20 Which have set signs and wonders in the land of Egypt, even to this day, and in Israel, and among other men; and have made you a name, as at this day;

32:21 And have brought forth your people Israel out of the land of Egypt with signs, and with wonders, and with a strong hand, and with a stretched out arm, and with great terror;

32:22 And have given them this land, which you did swear to their fathers to give them, a land flowing with milk and honey;

32:23 And they came in, and possessed it; but they obeyed not your voice, neither walked in your law; they have done nothing of all that you commanded them to do: therefore you have caused all this evil to come on them:

32:24 Behold the mounts, they are come to the city to take it; and the city is given into the hand of the Chaldeans, that fight against it, because of the sword, and of the famine, and of the pestilence: and what you have spoken is come to pass; and, behold, you see it.

32:25 And you have said to me, O Lord GOD, Buy you the field for money, and take witnesses; for the city is given into the hand of the Chaldeans.

32:26 Then came the word of *Yehovah* to Jeremiah, saying,

32:27 Behold, I am *Yehovah*, the God of all flesh: is there anything too hard for me?

32:28 Therefore thus said *Yehovah*; Behold, I will give this city into the hand of the Chaldeans, and into the hand of Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon, and he shall take it:

32:29 And the Chaldeans, that fight against this city, shall come and set fire on this city, and burn it with the houses, on whose roofs they have offered incense to Baal, and poured out drink offerings to other gods, to provoke me to anger.

32:30 For the children of Israel and the children of Judah have only done evil before me from their youth: for the children of Israel have only provoked me to anger with the work of their hands, said *Yehovah*.

32:31 For this city has been to me as a provocation of my anger and of my fury from the day that they built it even to this day; that I should remove it from before my face,

32:32 Because of all the evil of the children of Israel and of the children of Judah, which they have done to provoke me to anger, they, their kings, their princes, their priests, and their prophets, and the men of Judah, and the inhabitants of Jerusalem.

32:33 And they have turned to me the back, and not the face: though I taught them, rising up early and teaching them, yet they have not listened to receive instruction.

32:34 But they set their abominations in the house, which is called by my name, to defile it.

32:35 And they built the high places of Baal, which are in the valley of the son of Hinnom, to cause their sons and their daughters to pass through the fire to Molech; which I commanded them not, neither came it into my mind, that they should do this abomination, to cause Judah to sin.

32:36 And now therefore thus said *Yehovah*, the God of Israel, concerning this city, whereof you say, It shall be delivered into the hand of the king of Babylon by the sword, and by the famine, and by the pestilence;

32:37 Behold, I will gather them out of all countries, where I have driven them in my anger, and in my fury, and in great wrath; and I will bring them again to this place, and I will cause them to dwell safely:

32:38 And they shall be my people, and I will be their God:

32:39 And I will give them one heart, and one way, that they may fear me forever, for the good of them, and of their children after them:

32:40 And I will make an everlasting covenant with them, that I will not turn away from them, to do them good; but I will put my fear in their hearts, that they shall not depart from me.

32:41 Yes, I will rejoice over them to do them good, and I will plant them in this land assuredly with my whole heart and with my whole soul.

32:42 For thus said *Yehovah*; Like as I have brought all this great evil on this people, so will I bring on them all the good that I have promised them.

32:43 And fields shall be bought in this land, whereof you say, It is desolate without man or beast; it is given into the hand of the Chaldeans.

32:44 Men shall buy fields for money, and subscribe evidences, and seal them, and take witnesses in the land of Benjamin, and in the places about Jerusalem, and in the cities of Judah, and in the cities of the mountains, and in the cities of the valley, and in the cities of the south: for I will cause their captivity to return, said *Yehovah*.

Jeremiah – Chapter 33

33:1 Moreover the word of *Yehovah* came to Jeremiah the second time, while he was yet shut up in the court of the prison, saying,

33:2 Thus said *Yehovah* the maker of all, *Yehovah* that formed it, to establish it; *Yehovah* is his name;

33:3 Call to me, and I will answer you, and show you great and mighty things, which you know not.

33:4 For thus said *Yehovah*, the God of Israel, concerning the houses of this city, and concerning the houses of the kings of Judah, which are thrown down by the mounts, and by the sword;

33:5 They come to fight with the Chaldeans, but it is to fill them with the dead bodies of men, whom I have slain in my anger and in my fury, and for all whose wickedness I have hid my face from this city.

33:6 Behold, I will bring it health and cure, and I will cure them, and will reveal to them the abundance of peace and truth.

33:7 And I will cause the captivity of Judah and the captivity of Israel to return, and will build them, as at the first.

33:8 And I will cleanse them from all their iniquity, whereby they have sinned against me; and I will pardon all their iniquities, whereby they have sinned, and whereby they have transgressed against me.

33:9 And it shall be to me a name of joy, a praise and an honor before all the nations of the earth, which shall hear all the good that I do to them: and they shall fear and tremble for all the goodness and for all the prosperity that I procure to it.

33:10 Thus said *Yehovah*; Again there shall be heard in this place, which you say shall be desolate without man and without beast, even in the cities of Judah, and in the streets of Jerusalem, that are desolate, without man, and without inhabitant, and without beast,

33:11 The voice of joy, and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom, and the voice of the bride, the voice of them that shall say, Praise *Yehovah God of Armies*: for *Yehovah* is good; for his mercy endures forever:

and of them that shall bring the sacrifice of praise into the house of *Yehovah*. For I will cause to return the captivity of the land, as at the first, said *Yehovah*.

33:12 Thus said *Yehovah God of Armies*; Again in this place, which is desolate without man and without beast, and in all the cities of it, shall be a habitation of shepherds causing their flocks to lie down.

33:13 In the cities of the mountains, in the cities of the vale, and in the cities of the south, and in the land of Benjamin, and in the places about Jerusalem, and in the cities of Judah, shall the flocks pass again under the hands of him that tells them, said *Yehovah*.

33:14 Behold, the days come, said *Yehovah*, that I will perform that good thing which I have promised to the house of Israel and to the house of Judah.

33:15 In those days, and at that time, will I cause the Branch of righteousness to grow up to David; and he shall execute judgment and righteousness in the land.

33:16 In those days shall Judah be saved, and Jerusalem shall dwell safely: and this is the name with which she shall be called, *Yehovah* our righteousness.

33:17 For thus said *Yehovah*; David shall never want a man to sit on the throne of the house of Israel;

33:18 Neither shall the priests the Levites want a man before me to offer burnt offerings, and to kindle meat offerings, and to do sacrifice continually.

33:19 And the word of *Yehovah* came to Jeremiah, saying,

33:20 Thus said *Yehovah*; If you can break my covenant of the day, and my covenant of the night, and that there should not be day and night in their season;

33:21 Then may also my covenant be broken with David my servant, that he should not have a son to reign on his throne; and with the Levites the priests, my ministers.

33:22 As the host of heaven cannot be numbered, neither the sand of the sea measured: so will I multiply the seed of David my servant, and the Levites that minister to me.

33:23 Moreover the word of *Yehovah* came to Jeremiah, saying,

33:24 Consider you not what this people have spoken, saying, The two families which *Yehovah* has chosen, he has even cast them off? thus they have despised my people, that they should be no more a nation before them.

33:25 Thus said *Yehovah*; If my covenant be not with day and night, and if I have not appointed the ordinances of heaven and earth;

33:26 Then will I cast away the seed of Jacob and David my servant, so that I will not take any of his seed to be rulers over the seed of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob: for I will cause their captivity to return, and have mercy on them.

Jeremiah – Chapter 34

34:1 The word which came to Jeremiah from *Yehovah*, when Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, and all his army, and all the kingdoms of the earth of his dominion, and all the people, fought against Jerusalem, and against all the other cities, saying,

34:2 Thus said *Yehovah*, the God of Israel; Go and speak to Zedekiah king of Judah, and tell him, Thus said *Yehovah*; Behold, I will give this city into the hand of the king of Babylon, and he shall burn it with fire:

34:3 And you shall not escape out of his hand, but shall surely be taken, and delivered into his hand; and your eyes shall behold the eyes of the king of Babylon, and he shall speak with you mouth to mouth, and you shall go to Babylon.

34:4 Yet hear the word of *Yehovah*, O Zedekiah king of Judah; Thus said *Yehovah* of you, You shall not die by the sword:

34:5 But you shall die in peace: and with the burnings of your fathers, the former kings which were before you, so shall they burn odors for you; and they will lament you, saying, Ah lord! for I have pronounced the word, said *Yehovah*.

34:6 Then Jeremiah the prophet spoke all these words to Zedekiah king of Judah in Jerusalem,

34:7 When the king of Babylon's army fought against Jerusalem, and against all the cities of Judah that were left, against Lachish, and against Azekah: for these defended cities remained of the cities of Judah.

34:8 This is the word that came to Jeremiah from *Yehovah*, after that the king Zedekiah had made a covenant with all the people which were at Jerusalem, to proclaim liberty to them;

34:9 That every man should let his manservant, and every man his maidservant, being a Hebrew or a Hebrewess, go free; that none should serve himself of them, or on a *Hebrew* his brother.

34:10 Now when all the princes, and all the people, which had entered into the covenant, heard that everyone should let his manservant, and everyone his maidservant, go free, that none should serve themselves of them any more, then they obeyed, and let them go.

34:11 But afterward they turned, and caused the servants and the handmaids, whom they had let go free, to return, and brought them into subjection for servants and for handmaids.

34:12 Therefore the word of *Yehovah* came to Jeremiah from *Yehovah*, saying,

34:13 Thus said *Yehovah*, the God of Israel; I made a covenant with your fathers in the day that I brought them forth out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slaves, saying,

34:14 At the end of seven years let you go every man his brother a Hebrew, which has been sold to you; and when he has served you six years, you shall let him go free from you: but your fathers listened not to me, neither inclined their ear.

34:15 And you were now turned, and had done right in my sight, in proclaiming liberty every man to his neighbor; and you had made a covenant before me in the house which is called by my name:

34:16 But you turned and polluted my name, and caused every man his servant, and every man his handmaid, whom he had set at liberty at their pleasure, to return, and brought them into subjection, to be to you for servants and for handmaids.

34:17 Therefore thus said *Yehovah*; You have not listened to me, in proclaiming liberty, everyone to his brother, and every man to his neighbor: behold, I proclaim a liberty for you, said *Yehovah*, to the sword, to the pestilence, and to the famine; and I will make you to be removed into all the kingdoms of the earth.

34:18 And I will give the men that have transgressed my covenant, which have not performed the words of the covenant which they had made before me, when they cut the calf in two, and passed between the parts of it,

34:19 The princes of Judah, and the princes of Jerusalem, the eunuchs, and the priests, and all the people of the land, which passed between the parts of the calf;

34:20 I will even give them into the hand of their enemies, and into the hand of them that seek their life: and their dead bodies shall be for meat to the fowls of the heaven, and to the beasts of the earth.

34:21 And Zedekiah king of Judah and his princes will I give into the hand of their enemies, and into the hand of them that seek their life, and into the hand of the king of Babylon's army, which are gone up from you.

34:22 Behold, I will command, said *Yehovah*, and cause them to return to this city; and they shall fight against it, and take it, and burn it with fire: and I will make the cities of Judah a desolation without an inhabitant.

Jeremiah – Chapter 35

35:1 The word which came to Jeremiah from *Yehovah* in the days of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah king of Judah, saying,

35:2 Go to the house of the Rechabites, and speak to them, and bring them into the house of *Yehovah*, into one of the chambers, and give them wine to drink.

35:3 Then I took Jaazaniah the son of Jeremiah, the son of Habaziah, and his brothers, and all his sons, and the whole house of the Rechabites;

35:4 And I brought them into the house of *Yehovah*, into the chamber of the sons of Hanan, the son of Igdaliah, a man of God, which was by the chamber of the princes, which was above the chamber of Maaseiah the son of Shallum, the keeper of the door:

35:5 And I set before the sons of the house of the Rechabites pots full of wine, and cups, and I said to them, Drink you wine.

35:6 But they said, We will drink no wine: for Jonadab the son of Rechab our father commanded us, saying, You shall drink no wine, neither you, nor your sons forever:

35:7 Neither shall you build house, nor sow seed, nor plant vineyard, nor have any: but all your days you shall dwell in tents; that you may live many days in the land where you be strangers.

35:8 Thus have we obeyed the voice of Jonadab the son of Rechab our father in all that he has charged us, to drink no wine all our days, we, our wives, our sons, nor our daughters;

35:9 Nor to build houses for us to dwell in: neither have we vineyard, nor field, nor seed:

35:10 But we have dwelled in tents, and have obeyed, and done according to all that Jonadab our father commanded us.

35:11 But it came to pass, when Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon came up into the land, that we said, Come, and let us go to Jerusalem for fear of the army of the Chaldeans, and for fear of the army of the Syrians: so we dwell at Jerusalem.

35:12 Then came the word of *Yehovah* to Jeremiah, saying,

35:13 Thus said *Yehovah God of Armies*, the God of Israel; Go and tell the men of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, Will you not receive instruction to listen to my words? said *Yehovah*.

35:14 The words of Jonadab the son of Rechab, that he commanded his sons not to drink wine, are performed; for to this day they drink none, but obey their father's commandment: notwithstanding I have spoken to you, rising early and speaking; but you listened not to me.

35:15 I have sent also to you all my servants the prophets, rising up early and sending them, saying, Return you now every man from his evil way, and amend your doings, and go not after other gods to serve them, and you shall dwell in the land which I have given to you and to your fathers: but you have not inclined your ear, nor listened to me.

35:16 Because the sons of Jonadab the son of Rechab have performed the commandment of their father, which he commanded them; but this people has not listened to me:

35:17 Therefore thus said *Yehovah God of armies*, the God of Israel; Behold, I will bring on Judah and on all the inhabitants of Jerusalem all the evil that I have pronounced against them: because I have spoken to them, but they have not heard; and I have called to them, but they have not answered.

35:18 And Jeremiah said to the house of the Rechabites, Thus said *Yehovah God of Armies*, the God of Israel; Because you have obeyed the commandment of Jonadab your father, and kept all his precepts, and done according to all that he has commanded you:

35:19 Therefore thus said *Yehovah God of Armies*, the God of Israel; Jonadab the son of Rechab shall not want a man to stand before me forever.

Jeremiah – Chapter 36

36:1 And it came to pass in the fourth year of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah king of Judah, that this word came to Jeremiah from *Yehovah*, saying,

36:2 Take you a roll of a book, and write in it all the words that I have spoken to you against Israel, and against Judah, and against all the nations, from the day I spoke to you, from the days of Josiah, even to this day.

36:3 It may be that the house of Judah will hear all the evil which I purpose to do to them; that they may return every man from his evil way; that I may forgive their iniquity and their sin.

36:4 Then Jeremiah called Baruch the son of Neriah: and Baruch wrote from the mouth of Jeremiah all the words of *Yehovah*, which he had spoken to him, on a roll of a book.

36:5 And Jeremiah commanded Baruch, saying, I am shut up; I cannot go into the house of *Yehovah*:

36:6 Therefore go you, and read in the roll, which you have written from my mouth, the words of *Yehovah* in the ears of the people in *Yehovah's* house on the fasting day: and also you shall read them in the ears of all Judah that come out of their cities.

36:7 It may be they will present their supplication before *Yehovah*, and will return everyone from his evil way: for great is the anger and the fury that *Yehovah* has pronounced against this people.

36:8 And Baruch the son of Neriah did according to all that Jeremiah the prophet commanded him, reading in the book the words of *Yehovah* in *Yehovah's* house.

36:9 And it came to pass in the fifth year of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah king of Judah, in the ninth month, that they proclaimed a fast before *Yehovah* to all the people in Jerusalem, and to all the people that came from the cities of Judah to Jerusalem.

36:10 Then read Baruch in the book the words of Jeremiah in the house of *Yehovah*, in the chamber of Gemariah the son of Shaphan the scribe, in the higher court, at the entry of the new gate of *Yehovah's* house, in the ears of all the people.

36:11 When Michaiah the son of Gemariah, the son of Shaphan, had heard out of the book all the words of *Yehovah*,

36:12 Then he went down into the king's house, into the scribe's chamber: and, see, all the princes sat there, even Elishama the scribe, and Delaiah the son of Shemaiah, and Elnathan the son of Achbor, and Gemariah the son of Shaphan, and Zedekiah the son of Hananiah, and all the princes.

36:13 Then Michaiah declared to them all the words that he had heard, when Baruch read the book in the ears of the people.

36:14 Therefore all the princes sent Jehudi the son of Nethaniah, the son of Shelemiah, the son of Cushi, to Baruch, saying, Take in your hand the roll in which you have read in the ears of the people, and come. So Baruch the son of Neriah took the roll in his hand, and came to them.

36:15 And they said to him, Sit down now, and read it in our ears. So Baruch read it in their ears.

36:16 Now it came to pass, when they had heard all the words, they were afraid both one and other, and said to Baruch, We will surely tell the king of all these words.

36:17 And they asked Baruch, saying, Tell us now, How did you write all these words at his mouth?

36:18 Then Baruch answered them, He pronounced all these words to me with his mouth, and I wrote them with ink in the book.

36:19 Then said the princes to Baruch, Go, hide you, you and Jeremiah; and let no man know where you be.

36:20 And they went in to the king into the court, but they laid up the roll in the chamber of Elishama the scribe, and told all the words in the ears of the king.

36:21 So the king sent Jehudi to bring the roll: and he took it out of Elishama the scribe's chamber. And Jehudi read it in the ears of the king, and in the ears of all the princes which stood beside the king.

36:22 Now the king sat in the winter house in the ninth month: and there was a fire on the hearth burning before him.

36:23 And it came to pass, that when Jehudi had read three or four leaves, he cut it with the penknife, and cast it into the fire that was on the hearth, until all the roll was consumed in the fire that was on the hearth.

36:24 Yet they were not afraid, nor rent their garments, neither the king, nor any of his servants that heard all these words.

36:25 Nevertheless Elnathan and Delaiah and Gemariah had made intercession to the king that he would not burn the roll: but he would not hear them.

36:26 But the king commanded Jerahmeel the son of Hammelech, and Seraiah the son of Azriel, and Shelemiah the son of Abdeel, to take Baruch the scribe and Jeremiah the prophet: but *Yehovah* hid them.

36:27 Then the word of *Yehovah* came to Jeremiah, after that the king had burned the roll, and the words which Baruch wrote at the mouth of Jeremiah, saying,

36:28 Take you again another roll, and write in it all the former words that were in the first roll, which Jehoiakim the king of Judah has burned.

36:29 And you shall say to Jehoiakim king of Judah, Thus said *Yehovah*; You have burned this roll, saying, Why have you written in it, saying, The king of Babylon shall certainly come and destroy this land, and shall cause to cease from there man and beast?

36:30 Therefore thus said *Yehovah* of Jehoiakim king of Judah; He shall have none to sit on the throne of David: and his dead body shall be cast out in the day to the heat, and in the night to the frost.

36:31 And I will punish him and his seed and his servants for their iniquity; and I will bring on them, and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and on the men of Judah, all the evil that I have pronounced against them; but they listened not.

36:32 Then took Jeremiah another roll, and gave it to Baruch the scribe, the son of Neriah; who wrote in it from the mouth of Jeremiah all the words of the book which Jehoiakim king of Judah had burned in the fire: and there were added besides to them many like words.

Jeremiah – Chapter 37

37:1 And king Zedekiah the son of Josiah reigned instead of Coniah the son of Jehoiakim, whom Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon made king in the land of Judah.

37:2 But neither he, nor his servants, nor the people of the land, did listen to the words of *Yehovah*, which he spoke by the prophet Jeremiah.

37:3 And Zedekiah the king sent Jehucal the son of Shelemiah and Zephaniah the son of Maaseiah the priest to the prophet Jeremiah, saying, Pray now to *Yehovah* our God for us.

37:4 Now Jeremiah came in and went out among the people: for they had not put him into prison.

37:5 Then Pharaoh's army was come forth out of Egypt: and when the Chaldeans that besieged Jerusalem heard tidings of them, they departed from Jerusalem.

37:6 Then came the word of *Yehovah* to the prophet Jeremiah saying,

37:7 Thus said *Yehovah*, the God of Israel; Thus shall you say to the king of Judah, that sent you to me to inquire of me; Behold, Pharaoh's army, which is come forth to help you, shall return to Egypt into their own land.

37:8 And the Chaldeans shall come again, and fight against this city, and take it, and burn it with fire.

37:9 Thus said *Yehovah*; Deceive not yourselves, saying, The Chaldeans shall surely depart from us: for they shall not depart.

37:10 For though you had smitten the whole army of the Chaldeans that fight against you, and there remained but wounded men among them, yet should they rise up every man in his tent, and burn this city with fire.

37:11 And it came to pass, that when the army of the Chaldeans was broken up from Jerusalem for fear of Pharaoh's army,

37:12 Then Jeremiah went forth out of Jerusalem to go into the land of Benjamin, to separate himself there in the middle of the people.

37:13 And when he was in the gate of Benjamin, a captain of the ward was there, whose name was Irijah, the son of Shelemiah, the son of Hananiah; and he took Jeremiah the prophet, saying, You fall away to the Chaldeans.

37:14 Then said Jeremiah, It is false; I fall not away to the Chaldeans. But he listened not to him: so Irijah took Jeremiah, and brought him to the princes.

37:15 Why the princes were *angry* with Jeremiah, and smote him, and put him in prison in the house of Jonathan the scribe: for they had made that the prison.

37:16 When Jeremiah was entered into the dungeon, and into the cabins, and Jeremiah had remained there many days;

37:17 Then Zedekiah the king sent, and took him out: and the king asked him secretly in his house, and said, Is there any word from *Yehovah*? And Jeremiah said, There is: for, said he, you shall be delivered into the hand of the king of Babylon.

37:18 Moreover Jeremiah said to king Zedekiah, What have I offended against you, or against your servants, or against this people, that you have put me in prison?

37:19 Where are now your prophets which prophesied to you, saying, The king of Babylon shall not come against you, nor against this land?

37:20 Therefore hear now, I pray you, O my lord the king: let my supplication, I pray you, be accepted before you; that you cause me not to return to the house of Jonathan the scribe, lest I die there.

37:21 Then Zedekiah the king commanded that they should commit Jeremiah into the court of the prison, and that they should give him daily a piece of bread out of the bakers' street, until all the bread in the city were spent. Thus Jeremiah remained in the court of the prison.

Jeremiah – Chapter 38

38:1 Then Shephatiah the son of Mattan, and Gedaliah the son of Pashur, and Jucal the son of Shelemiah, and Pashur the son of Malchiah, heard the words that Jeremiah had spoken to all the people, saying,

38:2 Thus said *Yehovah*, He that remains in this city shall die by the sword, by the famine, and by the pestilence: but he that goes forth to the Chaldeans shall live; for he shall have his life for a prey, and shall live.

38:3 Thus said *Yehovah*, This city shall surely be given into the hand of the king of Babylon's army, which shall take it.

38:4 Therefore the princes said to the king, We beseech you, let this man be put to death: for thus he weakens the hands of the men of war that remain in this city, and the hands of all the people, in speaking such words to them: for this man seeks not the welfare of this people, but the hurt.

38:5 Then Zedekiah the king said, Behold, he is in your hand: for the king is not he that can do anything against you.

38:6 Then took they Jeremiah, and cast him into the dungeon of Malchiah the son of Hammelech, that was in the court of the prison: and they let down Jeremiah with cords. And in the dungeon there was no water, but mire: so Jeremiah sunk in the mire.

38:7 Now when Ebedmelech the Ethiopian, one of the eunuchs which was in the king's house, heard that they had put Jeremiah in the dungeon; the king then sitting in the gate of Benjamin;

38:8 Ebedmelech went forth out of the king's house, and spoke to the king saying,

38:9 My lord the king, these men have done evil in all that they have done to Jeremiah the prophet, whom they have cast into the dungeon; and he is like to die for hunger in the place where he is: for there is no more bread in the city.

38:10 Then the king commanded Ebedmelech the Ethiopian, saying, Take from hence thirty men with you, and take up Jeremiah the prophet out of the dungeon, before he die.

38:11 So Ebedmelech took the men with him, and went into the house of the king under the treasury, and took there old cast clouts and old rotten rags, and let them down by cords into the dungeon to Jeremiah.

38:12 And Ebedmelech the Ethiopian said to Jeremiah, Put now these old cast clouts and rotten rags under your armholes under the cords. And Jeremiah did so.

38:13 So they drew up Jeremiah with cords, and took him up out of the dungeon: and Jeremiah remained in the court of the prison.

38:14 Then Zedekiah the king sent, and took Jeremiah the prophet to him into the third entry that is in the house of *Yehovah*: and the king said to Jeremiah, I will ask you a thing; hide nothing from me.

38:15 Then Jeremiah said to Zedekiah, If I declare it to you, will you not surely put me to death? and if I give you counsel, will you not listen to me?

38:16 So Zedekiah the king swore secretly to Jeremiah, saying, As *Yehovah* lives, that made us this soul, I will not put you to death, neither will I give you into the hand of these men that seek your life.

38:17 Then said Jeremiah to Zedekiah, Thus said *Yehovah*, the God of *armies*, the God of Israel; If you will assuredly go forth to the king of Babylon's princes, then your soul shall live, and this city shall not be burned with fire; and you shall live, and your house:

38:18 But if you will not go forth to the king of Babylon's princes, then shall this city be given into the hand of the Chaldeans, and they shall burn it with fire, and you shall not escape out of their hand.

38:19 And Zedekiah the king said to Jeremiah, I am afraid of the *Hebrews* that are fallen to the Chaldeans, lest they deliver me into their hand, and they mock me.

38:20 But Jeremiah said, They shall not deliver you. Obey, I beseech you, the voice of *Yehovah*, which I speak to you: so it shall be well to you, and your soul shall live.

38:21 But if you refuse to go forth, this is the word that *Yehovah* has showed me:

38:22 And, behold, all the women that are left in the king of Judah's house shall be brought forth to the king of Babylon's princes, and those women shall say, Your friends have set you on, and have prevailed against you: your feet are sunk in the mire, and they are turned away back.

38:23 So they shall bring out all your wives and your children to the Chaldeans: and you shall not escape out of their hand, but shall be taken by the hand of the king of Babylon: and you shall cause this city to be burned with fire.

38:24 Then said Zedekiah to Jeremiah, Let no man know of these words, and you shall not die.

38:25 But if the princes hear that I have talked with you, and they come to you, and say to you, Declare to us now what you have said to the king, hide it not from us, and we will not put you to death; also what the king said to you:

38:26 Then you shall say to them, I presented my supplication before the king, that he would not cause me to return to Jonathan's house, to die there.

38:27 Then came all the princes to Jeremiah, and asked him: and he told them according to all these words that the king had commanded. So they left off speaking with him; for the matter was not perceived.

38:28 So Jeremiah stayed in the court of the prison until the day that Jerusalem was taken: and he was there when Jerusalem was taken.

Jeremiah – Chapter 39

39:1 In the ninth year of Zedekiah king of Judah, in the tenth month, came Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon and all his army against Jerusalem, and they besieged it.

39:2 And in the eleventh year of Zedekiah, in the fourth month, the ninth day of the month, the city was broken up.

39:3 And all the princes of the king of Babylon came in, and sat in the middle gate, even Nergalsharezer, Samgarnebo, Sarsechim, Rabsaris, Nergalsharezer, Rabmag, with all the residue of the princes of the king of Babylon.

39:4 And it came to pass, that when Zedekiah the king of Judah saw them, and all the men of war, then they fled, and went forth out of the city by night, by the way of the king's garden, by the gate between the two walls: and he went out the way of the plain.

39:5 But the Chaldeans' army pursued after them, and overtook Zedekiah in the plains of Jericho: and when they had taken him, they brought him up to Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon to Riblah in the land of Hamath, where he gave judgment on him.

39:6 Then the king of Babylon slew the sons of Zedekiah in Riblah before his eyes: also the king of Babylon slew all the nobles of Judah.

39:7 Moreover he put out Zedekiah's eyes, and bound him with chains, to carry him to Babylon.

39:8 And the Chaldeans burned the king's house, and the houses of the people, with fire, and broke down the walls of Jerusalem.

39:9 Then Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard carried away captive into Babylon the remnant of the people that remained in the city, and those that fell away, that fell to him, with the rest of the people that remained.

39:10 But Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard left of the poor of the people, which had nothing, in the land of Judah, and gave them vineyards and fields at the same time.

39:11 Now Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon gave charge concerning Jeremiah to Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard, saying,

39:12 Take him, and look well to him, and do him no harm; but do to him even as he shall say to you.

39:13 So Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard sent, and Nebushasban, Rabsaris, and Nergalsharezer, Rabmag, and all the king of Babylon's princes;

39:14 Even they sent, and took Jeremiah out of the court of the prison, and committed him to Gedaliah the son of Ahikam the son of Shaphan, that he should carry him home: so he dwelled among the people.

39:15 Now the word of *Yehovah* came to Jeremiah, while he was shut up in the court of the prison, saying,

39:16 Go and speak to Ebedmelech the Ethiopian, saying, Thus said *Yehovah God of Armies*, the God of Israel; Behold, I will bring my words on this city for evil, and not for good; and they shall be accomplished in that day before you.

39:17 But I will deliver you in that day, said *Yehovah*: and you shall not be given into the hand of the men of whom you are afraid.

39:18 For I will surely deliver you, and you shall not fall by the sword, but your life shall be for a prey to you: because you have put your trust in me, said *Yehovah*.

Jeremiah – Chapter 40

40:1 The word that came to Jeremiah from *Yehovah*, after that Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard had let him go from Ramah, when he had taken him being bound in chains among all that were carried away captive of Jerusalem and Judah, which were carried away captive to Babylon.

40:2 And the captain of the guard took Jeremiah, and said to him, *Yehovah* your God has pronounced this evil on this place.

40:3 Now *Yehovah* has brought it, and done according as he has said: because you have sinned against *Yehovah*, and have not obeyed his voice, therefore this thing is come on you.

40:4 And now, behold, I loosen you this day from the chains which were on your hand. If it seem good to you to come with me into Babylon, come; and I will look well to you: but if it seem ill to you to come with me into Babylon, forbear: behold, all the land is before you: where it seems good and convenient for you to go, go there.

40:5 Now while he was not yet gone back, he said, Go back also to Gedaliah the son of Ahikam the son of Shaphan, whom the king of Babylon has made governor over the cities of Judah, and dwell with him among the people: or go wherever it seems convenient to you to go. So the captain of the guard gave him provisions and a reward, and let him go.

40:6 Then went Jeremiah to Gedaliah the son of Ahikam to Mizpah; and dwelled with him among the people that were left in the land.

40:7 Now when all the captains of the forces which were in the fields, even they and their men, heard that the king of Babylon had made Gedaliah the son of Ahikam governor in the land, and had committed to him men, and women, and children, and of the poor of the land, of them that were not carried away captive to Babylon;

40:8 Then they came to Gedaliah to Mizpah, even Ishmael the son of Nethaniah, and Johanan and Jonathan the sons of Kareah, and Seraiah the son of Tanhumeth, and the sons of Ephai the Netophathite, and Jezaniah the son of a Maachathite, they and their men.

40:9 And Gedaliah the son of Ahikam the son of Shaphan swore to them and to their men, saying, Fear not to serve the Chaldeans: dwell in the land, and serve the king of Babylon, and it shall be well with you.

40:10 As for me, behold, I will dwell at Mizpah, to serve the Chaldeans, which will come to us: but you, gather you wine, and summer fruits, and oil, and put them in your vessels, and dwell in your cities that you have taken.

40:11 Likewise when all the *Hebrews* that were in Moab, and among the Ammonites, and in Edom, and that were in all the countries, heard that the king of Babylon had left a remnant of Judah, and that he had set over them Gedaliah the son of Ahikam the son of Shaphan;

40:12 Even all the *Hebrews* returned out of all places where they were driven, and came to the land of Judah, to Gedaliah, to Mizpah, and gathered wine and summer fruits very much.

40:13 Moreover Johanan the son of Kareah, and all the captains of the forces that were in the fields, came to Gedaliah to Mizpah,

40:14 And said to him, Do you certainly know that Baalis the king of the Ammonites has sent Ishmael the son of Nethaniah to slay you? But Gedaliah the son of Ahikam believed them not.

40:15 Then Johanan the son of Kareah spoke to Gedaliah in Mizpah secretly saying, Let me go, I pray you, and I will slay Ishmael the son of Nethaniah, and no man shall know it: why should he slay you, that all the *Hebrews* which are gathered to you should be scattered, and the remnant in Judah perish?

40:16 But Gedaliah the son of Ahikam said to Johanan the son of Kareah, You shall not do this thing: for you speak falsely of Ishmael.

Jeremiah – Chapter 41

41:1 Now it came to pass in the seventh month, that Ishmael the son of Nethaniah the son of Elishama, of the seed royal, and the princes of the king, even ten men with him, came to Gedaliah the son of Ahikam to Mizpah; and there they did eat bread together in Mizpah.

41:2 Then arose Ishmael the son of Nethaniah, and the ten men that were with him, and smote Gedaliah the son of Ahikam the son of Shaphan with the sword, and slew him, whom the king of Babylon had made governor over the land.

41:3 Ishmael also slew all the *Hebrews* that were with him, even with Gedaliah, at Mizpah, and the Chaldeans that were found there, and the men of war.

41:4 And it came to pass the second day after he had slain Gedaliah, and no man knew it,

41:5 That there came certain from Shechem, from Shiloh, and from Samaria, even fourscore men, having their beards shaven, and their clothes rent, and having cut themselves, with offerings and incense in their hand, to bring them to the house of *Yehovah*.

41:6 And Ishmael the son of Nethaniah went forth from Mizpah to meet them, weeping all along as he went: and it came to pass, as he met them, he said to them, Come to Gedaliah the son of Ahikam.

41:7 And it was so, when they came into the middle of the city, that Ishmael the son of Nethaniah slew them, and cast them into the middle of the pit, he, and the men that were with him.

41:8 But ten men were found among them that said to Ishmael, Slay us not: for we have treasures in the field, of wheat, and of barley, and of oil, and of honey. So he declined, and slew them not among their brothers.

41:9 Now the pit in which Ishmael had cast all the dead bodies of the men, whom he had slain because of Gedaliah, was it which Asa the king had made for fear of Baasha king of Israel: and Ishmael the son of Nethaniah filled it with them that were slain.

41:10 Then Ishmael carried away captive all the residue of the people that were in Mizpah, even the king's daughters, and all the people that remained in Mizpah, whom Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard had committed to Gedaliah the son of Ahikam: and Ishmael the son of Nethaniah carried them away captive, and departed to go over to the Ammonites.

41:11 But when Johanan the son of Kareah, and all the captains of the forces that were with him, heard of all the evil that Ishmael the son of Nethaniah had done,

41:12 Then they took all the men, and went to fight with Ishmael the son of Nethaniah, and found him by the great waters that are in Gibeon.

41:13 Now it came to pass, that when all the people which were with Ishmael saw Johanan the son of Kareah, and all the captains of the forces that were with him, then they were glad.

41:14 So all the people that Ishmael had carried away captive from Mizpah cast about and returned, and went to Johanan the son of Kareah.

41:15 But Ishmael the son of Nethaniah escaped from Johanan with eight men, and went to the Ammonites.

41:16 Then took Johanan the son of Kareah, and all the captains of the forces that were with him, all the remnant of the people whom he had recovered from Ishmael the son of Nethaniah, from Mizpah, after that he had slain Gedaliah the son of Ahikam, even mighty men of war, and the women, and the children, and the eunuchs, whom he had brought again from Gibeon:

41:17 And they departed, and dwelled in the habitation of Chimham, which is by Bethlehem, to go to enter into Egypt,

41:18 Because of the Chaldeans: for they were afraid of them, because Ishmael the son of Nethaniah had slain Gedaliah the son of Ahikam, whom the king of Babylon made governor in the land.

Jeremiah – Chapter 42

42:1 Then all the captains of the forces, and Johanan the son of Kareah, and Jezaniah the son of Hoshaiah, and all the people from the least even to the greatest, came near,

42:2 And said to Jeremiah the prophet, Let, we beseech you, our supplication be accepted before you, and pray for us to *Yehovah* your God, even for all this remnant; (for we are left but a few of many, as your eyes do behold us:)

42:3 That *Yehovah* your God may show us the way in which we may walk, and the thing that we may do.

42:4 Then Jeremiah the prophet said to them, I have heard you; behold, I will pray to *Yehovah* your God according to your words; and it shall come to pass, that whatever thing *Yehovah* shall answer you, I will declare it to you; I will keep nothing back from you.

42:5 Then they said to Jeremiah, *Yehovah* be a true and faithful witness between us, if we do not even according to all things for the which *Yehovah* your God shall send you to us.

42:6 Whether it be good, or whether it be evil, we will obey the voice of *Yehovah* our God, to whom we send you; that it may be well with us, when we obey the voice of *Yehovah* our God.

42:7 And it came to pass after ten days, that the word of *Yehovah* came to Jeremiah.

42:8 Then called he Johanan the son of Kareah, and all the captains of the forces which were with him, and all the people from the least even to the greatest,

42:9 And said to them, Thus said *Yehovah*, the God of Israel, to whom you sent me to present your supplication before him;

42:10 If you will still abide in this land, then will I build you, and not pull you down, and I will plant you, and not pluck you up: for I repent me of the evil that I have done to you.

42:11 Be not afraid of the king of Babylon, of whom you are afraid; be not afraid of him, said *Yehovah*: for I am with you to save you, and to deliver you from his hand.

42:12 And I will show mercies to you, that he may have mercy on you, and cause you to return to your own land.

42:13 But if you say, We will not dwell in this land, neither obey the voice of *Yehovah* your God,

42:14 Saying, No; but we will go into the land of Egypt, where we shall see no war, nor hear the sound of the trumpet, nor have hunger of bread; and there will we dwell:

42:15 And now therefore hear the word of *Yehovah*, you remnant of Judah; Thus said *Yehovah God of Armies*, the God of Israel; If you wholly set your faces to enter into Egypt, and go to sojourn there;

42:16 Then it shall come to pass, that the sword, which you feared, shall overtake you there in the land of Egypt, and the famine, whereof you were afraid, shall follow close after you there in Egypt; and there you shall die.

42:17 So shall it be with all the men that set their faces to go into Egypt to sojourn there; they shall die by the sword, by the famine, and by the pestilence: and none of them shall remain or escape from the evil that I will bring on them.

42:18 For thus said *Yehovah God of Armies*, the God of Israel; As my anger and my fury has been poured forth on the inhabitants of Jerusalem; so shall my fury be poured forth on you, when you shall enter into Egypt: and you shall be an execration, and an astonishment, and a curse, and a reproach; and you shall see this place no more.

42:19 *Yehovah* has said concerning you, O you remnant of Judah; Go you not into Egypt: know certainly that I have admonished you this day.

42:20 For you dissembled in your hearts, when you sent me to *Yehovah* your God, saying, Pray for us to *Yehovah* our God; and according to all that *Yehovah* our God shall say, so declare to us, and we will do it.

42:21 And now I have this day declared it to you; but you have not obeyed the voice of *Yehovah* your God, nor anything for the which he has sent me to you.

42:22 Now therefore know certainly that you shall die by the sword, by the famine, and by the pestilence, in the place where you desire to go and to sojourn.

Jeremiah – Chapter 43

43:1 And it came to pass, that when Jeremiah had made an end of speaking to all the people all the words of *Yehovah* their God, for which *Yehovah* their God had sent him to them, even all these words,

43:2 Then spoke Azariah the son of Hoshaiah, and Johanan the son of Kareah, and all the proud men, saying to Jeremiah, You speak falsely: *Yehovah* our God has not sent you to say, Go not into Egypt to sojourn there:

43:3 But Baruch the son of Neriah sets you on against us, for to deliver us into the hand of the Chaldeans, that they might put us to death, and carry us away captives into Babylon.

43:4 So Johanan the son of Kareah, and all the captains of the forces, and all the people, obeyed not the voice of *Yehovah*, to dwell in the land of Judah.

43:5 But Johanan the son of Kareah, and all the captains of the forces, took all the remnant of Judah, that were returned from all nations, where they had been driven, to dwell in the land of Judah;

43:6 Even men, and women, and children, and the king's daughters, and every person that Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard had left with Gedaliah the son of Ahikam the son of Shaphan, and Jeremiah the prophet, and Baruch the son of Neriah.

43:7 So they came into the land of Egypt: for they obeyed not the voice of *Yehovah*: thus came they even to Tahpanhes.

43:8 Then came the word of *Yehovah* to Jeremiah in Tahpanhes, saying,
43:9 Take great stones in your hand, and hide them in the clay in the brick kiln, which is at the entry of Pharaoh's house in Tahpanhes, in the sight of the men of Judah;

43:10 And say to them, Thus said *Yehovah God of Armies*, the God of Israel; Behold, I will send and take Nebuchadrezzar the king of Babylon, my servant, and will set his throne on these stones that I have hid; and he shall spread his royal pavilion over them.

43:11 And when he comes, he shall smite the land of Egypt, and deliver such as are for death to death; and such as are for captivity to captivity; and such as are for the sword to the sword.

43:12 And I will kindle a fire in the houses of the gods of Egypt; and he shall burn them, and carry them away captives: and he shall array himself with the land of Egypt, as a shepherd puts on his garment; and he shall go forth from there in peace.

43:13 He shall break also the images of Bethshemesh, that is in the land of Egypt; and the houses of the gods of the Egyptians shall he burn with fire.

Jeremiah – Chapter 44

44:1 The word that came to Jeremiah concerning all the *Hebrews* which dwell in the land of Egypt, which dwell at Migdol, and at Tahpanhes, and at Noph, and in the country of Pathros, saying,

44:2 Thus said *Yehovah God of Armies*, the God of Israel; You have seen all the evil that I have brought on Jerusalem, and on all the cities of Judah; and, behold, this day they are a desolation, and no man dwells in it,

44:3 Because of their wickedness which they have committed to provoke me to anger, in that they went to burn incense, and to serve other gods, whom they knew not, neither they, you, nor your fathers.

44:4 However, I sent to you all my servants the prophets, rising early and sending them, saying, Oh, do not this abominable thing that I hate.

44:5 But they listened not, nor inclined their ear to turn from their wickedness, to burn no incense to other gods.

44:6 Why my fury and my anger was poured forth, and was kindled in the cities of Judah and in the streets of Jerusalem; and they are wasted and desolate, as at this day.

44:7 Therefore now thus said *Yehovah*, the God of *Armies*, the God of Israel; Why commit you this great evil against your souls, to cut off from you man and woman, child and suckling, out of Judah, to leave you none to remain;

44:8 In that you provoke me to wrath with the works of your hands, burning incense to other gods in the land of Egypt, where you be gone to dwell, that you might cut yourselves off, and that you might be a curse and a reproach among all the nations of the earth?

44:9 Have you forgotten the wickedness of your fathers, and the wickedness of the kings of Judah, and the wickedness of their wives, and your own wickedness, and the wickedness of your wives, which they have committed in the land of Judah, and in the streets of Jerusalem?

44:10 They are not humbled even to this day, neither have they feared, nor walked in my law, nor in my statutes, that I set before you and before your fathers.

44:11 Therefore thus said *Yehovah God of Armies*, the God of Israel; Behold, I will set my face against you for evil, and to cut off all Judah.

44:12 And I will take the remnant of Judah, that have set their faces to go into the land of Egypt to sojourn there, and they shall all be consumed, and fall in the land of Egypt; they shall even be consumed by the sword and by the famine: they shall die, from the least even to the greatest, by the sword and by the famine: and they shall be an execration, and an astonishment, and a curse, and a reproach.

44:13 For I will punish them that dwell in the land of Egypt, as I have punished Jerusalem, by the sword, by the famine, and by the pestilence:

44:14 So that none of the remnant of Judah, which are gone into the land of Egypt to sojourn there, shall escape or remain, that they should return into the land of Judah, to the which they have a desire to return to dwell there: for none shall return but such as shall escape.

44:15 Then all the men which knew that their wives had burned incense to other gods, and all the women that stood by, a great multitude, even all the people that dwelled in the land of Egypt, in Pathros, answered Jeremiah, saying,

44:16 As for the word that you have spoken to us in the name of *Yehovah*, we will not listen to you.

44:17 But we will certainly do whatever thing goes forth out of our own mouth, to burn incense to the queen of heaven, and to pour out drink offerings to her, as we have done, we, and our fathers, our kings, and our princes, in the cities of Judah, and in the streets of Jerusalem: for then had we plenty of provisions, and were well, and saw no evil.

44:18 But since we left off to burn incense to the queen of heaven, and to pour out drink offerings to her, we have wanted all things, and have been consumed by the sword and by the famine.

44:19 And when we burned incense to the queen of heaven, and poured out drink offerings to her, did we make her cakes to worship her, and pour out drink offerings to her, without our men?

44:20 Then Jeremiah said to all the people, to the men, and to the women, and to all the people which had given him that answer, saying,

44:21 The incense that you burned in the cities of Judah, and in the streets of Jerusalem, you, and your fathers, your kings, and your princes, and the people of the land, did not *Yehovah* remember them, and came it not into his mind?

44:22 So that *Yehovah* could no longer bear, because of the evil of your doings, and because of the abominations which you have committed; therefore is your land a desolation, and an astonishment, and a curse, without an inhabitant, as at this day.

44:23 Because you have burned incense, and because you have sinned against *Yehovah*, and have not obeyed the voice of *Yehovah*, nor walked in his law, nor in his statutes, nor in his testimonies; therefore this evil is happened to you, as at this day.

44:24 Moreover Jeremiah said to all the people, and to all the women, Hear the word of *Yehovah*, all Judah that are in the land of Egypt:

44:25 Thus said *Yehovah God of Armies*, the God of Israel, saying; You and your wives have both spoken with your mouths, and fulfilled with your hand, saying, We will surely perform our vows that we have vowed, to burn incense to the queen of heaven, and to pour out drink offerings to her: you will surely accomplish your vows, and surely perform your vows.

44:26 Therefore hear you the word of *Yehovah*, all Judah that dwell in the land of Egypt; Behold, I have sworn by my great name, said *Yehovah*, that my name shall no more be named in the mouth of any man of Judah in all the land of Egypt, saying, *Yehovah* GOD lives.

44:27 Behold, I will watch over them for evil, and not for good: and all the men of Judah that are in the land of Egypt shall be consumed by the sword and by the famine, until there be an end of them.

44:28 Yet a small number that escape the sword shall return out of the land of Egypt into the land of Judah, and all the remnant of Judah, that are gone into the land of Egypt to sojourn there, shall know whose words shall stand, mine, or their's.

44:29 And this shall be a sign to you, said *Yehovah*, that I will punish you in this place, that you may know that my words shall surely stand against you for evil:

44:30 Thus said *Yehovah*; Behold, I will give Pharaohhophra king of Egypt into the hand of his enemies, and into the hand of them that seek his life; as I gave Zedekiah king of Judah into the hand of Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon, his enemy, and that sought his life.

Jeremiah – Chapter 45

45:1 The word that Jeremiah the prophet spoke to Baruch the son of Neriah, when he had written these words in a book at the mouth of Jeremiah, in the fourth year of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah king of Judah, saying,

45:2 Thus said *Yehovah*, the God of Israel, to you, O Baruch:

45:3 You did say, Woe is me now! for *Yehovah* has added grief to my sorrow; I fainted in my sighing, and I find no rest.

45:4 Thus shall you say to him, *Yehovah* said thus; Behold, that which I have built will I break down, and that which I have planted I will pluck up, even this whole land.

45:5 And seek you great things for yourself? seek them not: for, behold, I will bring evil on all flesh, said *Yehovah*: but your life will I give to you for a prey in all places where you go.

Jeremiah – Chapter 46

46:1 The word of *Yehovah* which came to Jeremiah the prophet against the Gentiles;

46:2 Against Egypt, against the army of Pharaohnecho king of Egypt, which was by the river Euphrates in Carchemish, which Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon smote in the fourth year of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah king of Judah.

46:3 Order you the buckler and shield, and draw near to battle.

46:4 Harness the horses; and get up, you horsemen, and stand forth with your helmets; furbish the spears, and put on the brigandines.

46:5 Why have I seen them dismayed and turned away back? and their mighty ones are beaten down, and are fled apace, and look not back: for fear was round about, said *Yehovah*.

46:6 Let not the swift flee away, nor the mighty man escape; they shall stumble, and fall toward the north by the river Euphrates.

46:7 Who is this that comes up as a flood, whose waters are moved as the rivers?

46:8 Egypt rises up like a flood, and his waters are moved like the rivers; and he said, I will go up, and will cover the earth; I will destroy the city and their inhabitants.

46:9 Come up, you horses; and rage, you chariots; and let the mighty men come forth; the Ethiopians and the Libyans, that handle the shield; and the Lydians, that handle and bend the bow.

46:10 For this is the day of *Yehovah* GOD of *Armies*, a day of vengeance, that he may avenge him of his adversaries: and the sword shall devour, and it shall be satiate and made drunk with their blood: for *Yehovah* GOD of *Armies* has a sacrifice in the north country by the river Euphrates.

46:11 Go up into Gilead, and take balm, O virgin, the daughter of Egypt: in vain shall you use many medicines; for you shall not be cured.

46:12 The nations have heard of your shame, and your cry has filled the land: for the mighty man has stumbled against the mighty, and they are fallen both together.

46:13 The word that *Yehovah* spoke to Jeremiah the prophet, how Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon should come and smite the land of Egypt.

46:14 Declare you in Egypt, and publish in Migdol, and publish in Noph and in Tahpanhes: say you, Stand fast, and prepare you; for the sword shall devour round about you.

46:15 Why are your valiant men swept away? they stood not, because *Yehovah* did drive them.

46:16 He made many to fall, yes, one fell on another: and they said, Arise, and let us go again to our own people, and to the land of our nativity, from the oppressing sword.

46:17 They did cry there, Pharaoh king of Egypt is but a noise; he has passed the time appointed.

46:18 As I live, said the King, whose name is *Yehovah God of Armies*, Surely as Tabor is among the mountains, and as Carmel by the sea, so shall he come.

46:19 O you daughter dwelling in Egypt, furnish yourself to go into captivity: for Noph shall be waste and desolate without an inhabitant.

46:20 Egypt is like a very fair heifer, but destruction comes; it comes out of the north.

46:21 Also her hired men are in the middle of her like fatted bullocks; for they also are turned back, and are fled away together: they did not stand, because the day of their calamity was come on them, and the time of their visitation.

46:22 The voice of it shall go like a serpent; for they shall march with an army, and come against her with axes, as hewers of wood.

46:23 They shall cut down her forest, said *Yehovah*, though it cannot be searched; because they are more than the grasshoppers, and are innumerable.

46:24 The daughter of Egypt shall be confounded; she shall be delivered into the hand of the people of the north.

46:25 *Yehovah God of Armies*, the God of Israel, said; Behold, I will punish the multitude of No, and Pharaoh, and Egypt, with their gods, and their kings; even Pharaoh, and all them that trust in him:

46:26 And I will deliver them into the hand of those that seek their lives, and into the hand of Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon, and into the hand of his servants: and afterward it shall be inhabited, as in the days of old, said *Yehovah*.

46:27 But fear not you, O my servant Jacob, and be not dismayed, O Israel: for, behold, I will save you from afar off, and your seed from the land of their captivity; and Jacob shall return, and be in rest and at ease, and none shall make him afraid.

46:28 Fear you not, O Jacob my servant, said *Yehovah*: for I am with you; for I will make a full end of all the nations where I have driven you: but I will not make a full end of you, but correct you in measure; yet will I not leave you wholly unpunished.

Jeremiah – Chapter 47

47:1 The word of *Yehovah* that came to Jeremiah the prophet against the Philistines, before that Pharaoh smote Gaza.

47:2 Thus said *Yehovah*; Behold, waters rise up out of the north, and shall be an overflowing flood, and shall overflow the land, and all that is in it; the city, and them that dwell in it: then the men shall cry, and all the inhabitants of the land shall howl.

47:3 At the noise of the stamping of the hoofs of his strong horses, at the rushing of his chariots, and at the rumbling of his wheels, the fathers shall not look back to their children for feebleness of hands;

47:4 Because of the day that comes to *plunder* all the Philistines, and to cut off from Tyrus and Zidon every helper that remains: for *Yehovah* will *plunder* the Philistines, the remnant of the country of Caphtor.

47:5 Baldness is come on Gaza; Ashkelon is cut off with the remnant of their valley: how long will you cut yourself?

47:6 O you sword of *Yehovah*, how long will it be ere you be quiet? put up yourself into your scabbard, rest, and be still.

47:7 How can it be quiet, seeing *Yehovah* has given it a charge against Ashkelon, and against the sea shore? there has he appointed it.

Jeremiah – Chapter 48

48:1 Against Moab thus said *Yehovah God of Armies*, the God of Israel; Woe to Nebo! for it is *plundered*: Kiriathaim is confounded and taken: Misgab is confounded and dismayed.

48:2 There shall be no more praise of Moab: in Heshbon they have devised evil against it; come, and let us cut it off from being a nation. Also you shall be cut down, O Madmen; the sword shall pursue you.

48:3 A voice of crying shall be from Horonaim, *plundering* and great destruction.

48:4 Moab is destroyed; her little ones have caused a cry to be heard.

48:5 For in the going up of Luhith continual weeping shall go up; for in the going down of Horonaim the enemies have heard a cry of destruction.

48:6 Flee, save your lives, and be like the desolate bush in the wilderness.

48:7 For because you have trusted in your works and in your treasures, you shall also be taken: and Chemosh shall go forth into captivity with his priests and his princes together.

48:8 And the *plunderer* shall come on every city, and no city shall escape: the valley also shall perish, and the plain shall be destroyed, as *Yehovah* has spoken.

48:9 Give wings to Moab, that it may flee and get away: for their cities shall be desolate, without any to dwell in it.

48:10 Cursed be he that does the work of *Yehovah* deceitfully, and cursed be he that keeps back his sword from blood.

48:11 Moab has been at ease from his youth, and he has settled on his lees, and has not been emptied from vessel to vessel, neither has he gone into captivity: therefore his taste remained in him, and his scent is not changed.

48:12 Therefore, behold, the days come, said *Yehovah*, that I will send to him wanderers, that shall cause him to wander, and shall empty his vessels, and break their bottles.

48:13 And Moab shall be ashamed of Chemosh, as the house of Israel was ashamed of Bethel their confidence.

48:14 How say you, We are mighty and strong men for the war?

48:15 Moab is *plundered*, and gone up out of her cities, and his chosen young men are gone down to the slaughter, said the King, whose name is *Yehovah God of Armies*.

48:16 The calamity of Moab is near to come, and his affliction hastens fast.

48:17 All you that are about him, bemoan him; and all you that know his name, say, How is the strong staff broken, and the beautiful rod!

48:18 You daughter that do inhabit Dibon, come down from your glory, and sit in thirst; for the *plunderer* of Moab shall come on you, and he shall destroy your strong holds.

48:19 O inhabitant of Aroer, stand by the way, and espy; ask him that flees, and her that escapes, and say, What is done?

48:20 Moab is confounded; for it is broken down: howl and cry; tell you it in Arnon, that Moab is *plundered*,

48:21 And judgment is come on the plain country; on Holon, and on Jahazah, and on Mephaath,

48:22 And on Dibon, and on Nebo, and on Bethdiblathaim,

48:23 And on Kiriathaim, and on Bethgamul, and on Bethmeon,

48:24 And on Kerioth, and on Bozrah, and on all the cities of the land of Moab, far or near.

48:25 The horn of Moab is cut off, and his arm is broken, said *Yehovah*.

48:26 Make you him drunken: for he magnified himself against *Yehovah*: Moab also shall wallow in his vomit, and he also shall be in derision.

48:27 For was not Israel a derision to you? was he found among thieves? for since you spoke of him, you skipped for joy.

48:28 O you that dwell in Moab, leave the cities, and dwell in the rock, and be like the dove that makes her nest in the sides of the hole's mouth.

48:29 We have heard the pride of Moab, (he is exceeding proud) his loftiness, and his arrogance, and his pride, and the haughtiness of his heart.

48:30 I know his wrath, said *Yehovah*; but it shall not be so; his lies shall not so effect it.

48:31 Therefore will I howl for Moab, and I will cry out for all Moab; my heart shall mourn for the men of Kirheres.

48:32 O vine of Sibmah, I will weep for you with the weeping of Jazer: your plants are gone over the sea, they reach even to the sea of Jazer: the spoiler is fallen on your summer fruits and on your vintage.

48:33 And joy and gladness is taken from the plentiful field, and from the land of Moab, and I have caused wine to fail from the winepresses: none shall tread with shouting; their shouting shall be no shouting.

48:34 From the cry of Heshbon even to Elealeh, and even to Jahaz, have they uttered their voice, from Zoar even to Horonaim, as a heifer of three years old: for the waters also of Nimrim shall be desolate.

48:35 Moreover I will cause to cease in Moab, said *Yehovah*, him that offers in the high places, and him that burns incense to his gods.

48:36 Therefore my heart shall sound for Moab like pipes, and my heart shall sound like pipes for the men of Kirheres: because the riches that he has gotten are perished.

48:37 For every head shall be bald, and every beard clipped: on all the hands shall be cuttings, and on the loins sackcloth.

48:38 There shall be lamentation generally on all the housetops of Moab, and in their streets: for I have broken Moab like a vessel in which is no pleasure, said *Yehovah*.

48:39 They shall howl, saying, How is it broken down! how has Moab turned the back with shame! so shall Moab be a derision and a dismaying to all them about him.

48:40 For thus said *Yehovah*; Behold, he shall fly as an eagle, and shall spread his wings over Moab.

48:41 Kerioth is taken, and the strong holds are surprised, and the mighty men's hearts in Moab at that day shall be as the heart of a woman in her pangs.

48:42 And Moab shall be destroyed from being a people, because he has magnified himself against *Yehovah*.

48:43 Fear, and the pit, and the snare, shall be on you, O inhabitant of Moab, said *Yehovah*.

48:44 He that flees from the fear shall fall into the pit; and he that gets up out of the pit shall be taken in the snare: for I will bring on it, even on Moab, the year of their visitation, said *Yehovah*.

48:45 They that fled stood under the shadow of Heshbon because of the force: but a fire shall come forth out of Heshbon, and a flame from the middle of Sihon, and shall devour the corner of Moab, and the crown of the head of the tumultuous ones.

48:46 Woe be to you, O Moab! the people of Chemosh perishes: for your sons are taken captives, and your daughters captives.

48:47 Yet will I bring again the captivity of Moab in the latter days, said *Yehovah*. Thus far is the judgment of Moab.

Jeremiah – Chapter 49

49:1 Concerning the Ammonites, thus said *Yehovah*; Has Israel no sons? has he no heir? why then does their king inherit Gad, and his people dwell in his cities?

49:2 Therefore, behold, the days come, said *Yehovah*, that I will cause an alarm of war to be heard in Rabbah of the Ammonites; and it shall be a desolate heap, and her daughters shall be burned with fire: then shall Israel be heir to them that were his heirs, said *Yehovah*.

49:3 Howl, O Heshbon, for Ai is *plundered*: cry, you daughters of Rabbah, gird you with sackcloth; lament, and run to and fro by the hedges; for their king shall go into captivity, and his priests and his princes together.

49:4 Why glory you in the valleys, your flowing valley, O backsliding daughter? that trusted in her treasures, saying, Who shall come to me?

49:5 Behold, I will bring a fear on you, said *Yehovah* GOD of *Armies*, from all those that be about you; and you shall be driven out every man right forth; and none shall gather up him that wanders.

49:6 And afterward I will bring again the captivity of the children of Ammon, said *Yehovah*.

49:7 Concerning Edom, thus said *Yehovah God of Armies*; Is wisdom no more in Teman? is counsel perished from the prudent? is their wisdom vanished?

49:8 Flee you, turn back, dwell deep, O inhabitants of Dedan; for I will bring the calamity of Esau on him, the time that I will visit him.

49:9 If grape gatherers come to you, would they not leave some gleaning grapes? if thieves by night, they will destroy till they have enough.

49:10 But I have made Esau bare, I have uncovered his secret places, and he shall not be able to hide himself: his seed is *plundered*, and his brothers, and his neighbors, and he is not.

49:11 Leave your fatherless children, I will preserve them alive; and let your widows trust in me.

49:12 For thus said *Yehovah*; Behold, they whose judgment was not to drink of the cup have assuredly drunken; and are you he that shall altogether go unpunished? you shall not go unpunished, but you shall surely drink of it.

49:13 For I have sworn by myself, said *Yehovah*, that Bozrah shall become a desolation, a reproach, a waste, and a curse; and all their cities shall be perpetual wastes.

49:14 I have heard a rumor from *Yehovah*, and an ambassador is sent to the heathen, saying, Gather you together, and come against her, and rise up to the battle.

49:15 For, see, I will make you small among the heathen, and despised among men.

49:16 Your terribleness has deceived you, and the pride of your heart, O you that dwell in the clefts of the rock, that hold the height of the hill: though you should make your nest as high as the eagle, I will bring you down from there, said *Yehovah*.

49:17 Also Edom shall be a desolation: everyone that goes by it shall be astonished, and shall hiss at all their plagues.

49:18 As in the overthrow of Sodom and Gomorrah and their neighbor cities, said *Yehovah*, no man shall abide there, neither shall a son of man dwell in it.

49:19 Behold, he shall come up like a lion from the swelling of Jordan against the habitation of the strong: but I will suddenly make him run away from her: and who is a chosen man, that I may appoint over her? for who is like me? and who will appoint me the time? and who is that shepherd that will stand before me?

49:20 Therefore hear the counsel of *Yehovah*, that he has taken against Edom; and his purposes, that he has purposed against the inhabitants of Teman: Surely the least of the flock shall draw them out: surely he shall make their habitations desolate with them.

49:21 The earth is moved at the noise of their fall, at the cry their noise was heard in the Red sea.

49:22 Behold, he shall come up and fly as the eagle, and spread his wings over Bozrah: and at that day shall the heart of the mighty men of Edom be as the heart of a woman in her pangs.

49:23 Concerning Damascus. Hamath is confounded, and Arpad: for they have heard evil tidings: they are fainthearted; there is sorrow on the sea; it cannot be quiet.

49:24 Damascus is waxed feeble, and turns herself to flee, and fear has seized on her: anguish and sorrows have taken her, as a woman in travail.

49:25 How is the city of praise not left, the city of my joy!

49:26 Therefore her young men shall fall in her streets, and all the men of war shall be cut off in that day, said *Yehovah God of Armies*.

49:27 And I will kindle a fire in the wall of Damascus, and it shall consume the palaces of Benhadad.

49:28 Concerning Kedar, and concerning the kingdoms of Hazor, which Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon shall smite, thus said *Yehovah*; Arise you, go up to Kedar, and *plunder* the men of the east.

49:29 Their tents and their flocks shall they take away: they shall take to themselves their curtains, and all their vessels, and their camels; and they shall cry to them, Fear is on every side.

49:30 Flee, get you far off, dwell deep, O you inhabitants of Hazor, said *Yehovah*; for Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon has taken counsel against you, and has conceived a purpose against you.

49:31 Arise, get you up to the wealthy nation, that dwells without care, said *Yehovah*, which have neither gates nor bars, which dwell alone.

49:32 And their camels shall be a booty, and the multitude of their cattle spoils: and I will scatter into all winds them that are in the utmost corners; and I will bring their calamity from all sides, said *Yehovah*.

49:33 And Hazor shall be a dwelling for dragons, and a desolation forever: there shall no man abide there, nor any son of man dwell in it.

49:34 The word of *Yehovah* that came to Jeremiah the prophet against Elam in the beginning of the reign of Zedekiah king of Judah, saying,

49:35 Thus said *Yehovah God of Armies*; Behold, I will break the bow of Elam, the chief of their might.

49:36 And on Elam will I bring the four winds from the four quarters of heaven, and will scatter them toward all those winds; and there shall be no nation where the outcasts of Elam shall not come.

49:37 For I will cause Elam to be dismayed before their enemies, and before them that seek their life: and I will bring evil on them, even my fierce anger, said *Yehovah*; and I will send the sword after them, till I have consumed them:

49:38 And I will set my throne in Elam, and will destroy from there the king and the princes, said *Yehovah*.

49:39 But it shall come to pass in the latter days, that I will bring again the captivity of Elam, said *Yehovah*.

Jeremiah – Chapter 50

50:1 The word that *Yehovah* spoke against Babylon and against the land of the Chaldeans by Jeremiah the prophet.

50:2 Declare you among the nations, and publish, and set up a standard; publish, and conceal not: say, Babylon is taken, Bel is confounded, Merodach is broken in pieces; her idols are confounded, her images are broken in pieces.

50:3 For out of the north there comes up a nation against her, which shall make her land desolate, and none shall dwell in it: they shall remove, they shall depart, both man and beast.

50:4 In those days, and in that time, said *Yehovah*, the children of Israel shall come, they and the children of Judah together, going and weeping: they shall go, and seek *Yehovah* their God.

50:5 They shall ask the way to Zion with their faces turned to it, saying, Come, and let us join ourselves to *Yehovah* in a perpetual covenant that shall not be forgotten.

50:6 My people has been lost sheep: their shepherds have caused them to go astray, they have turned them away on the mountains: they have gone from mountain to hill, they have forgotten their resting place.

50:7 All that found them have devoured them: and their adversaries said, We offend not, because they have sinned against *Yehovah*, the habitation of justice, even *Yehovah*, the hope of their fathers.

50:8 Remove out of the middle of Babylon, and go forth out of the land of the Chaldeans, and be as the he goats before the flocks.

50:9 For, see, I will raise and cause to come up against Babylon an assembly of great nations from the north country: and they shall set themselves in array against her; from there she shall be taken: their arrows shall be as of a mighty expert man; none shall return in vain.

50:10 And Chaldea shall be spoils: all that *plunder* her shall be satisfied, said *Yehovah*.

50:11 Because you were glad, because you rejoiced, O you destroyers of my heritage, because you are grown fat as the heifer at grass, and bellow as bulls;

50:12 Your mother shall be sore confounded; she that bore you shall be ashamed: behold, the last of the nations shall be a wilderness, a dry land, and a desert.

50:13 Because of the wrath of *Yehovah* it shall not be inhabited, but it shall be wholly desolate: everyone that goes by Babylon shall be astonished, and hiss at all her plagues.

50:14 Put yourselves in array against Babylon round about: all you that bend the bow, shoot at her, spare no arrows: for she has sinned against *Yehovah*.

50:15 Shout against her round about: she has given her hand: her foundations are fallen, her walls are thrown down: for it is the vengeance of *Yehovah*: take vengeance on her; as she has done, do to her.

50:16 Cut off the sower from Babylon, and him that handles the sickle in the time of harvest: for fear of the oppressing sword they shall turn everyone to his people, and they shall flee everyone to his own land.

50:17 Israel is a scattered sheep; the lions have driven him away: first the king of Assyria has devoured him; and last this Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon has broken his bones.

50:18 Therefore thus said *Yehovah God of Armies*, the God of Israel; Behold, I will punish the king of Babylon and his land, as I have punished the king of Assyria.

50:19 And I will bring Israel again to his habitation, and he shall feed on Carmel and Bashan, and his soul shall be satisfied on mount Ephraim and Gilead.

50:20 In those days, and in that time, said *Yehovah*, the iniquity of Israel shall be sought for, and there shall be none; and the sins of Judah, and they shall not be found: for I will pardon them whom I reserve.

50:21 Go up against the land of Merathaim, even against it, and against the inhabitants of Pekod: waste and utterly destroy after them, said *Yehovah*, and do according to all that I have commanded you.

50:22 A sound of battle is in the land, and of great destruction.

50:23 How is the hammer of the whole earth cut asunder and broken! how is Babylon become a desolation among the nations!

50:24 I have laid a snare for you, and you are also taken, O Babylon, and you were not aware: you are found, and also caught, because you have striven against *Yehovah*.

50:25 *Yehovah* has opened his armory, and has brought forth the weapons of his indignation: for this is the work of *Yehovah GOD of Armies* in the land of the Chaldeans.

50:26 Come against her from the utmost border, open her storehouses: cast her up as heaps, and destroy her utterly: let nothing of her be left.

50:27 Slay all her bullocks; let them go down to the slaughter: woe to them! for their day is come, the time of their visitation.

50:28 The voice of them that flee and escape out of the land of Babylon, to declare in Zion the vengeance of *Yehovah* our God, the vengeance of his temple.

50:29 Call together the archers against Babylon: all you that bend the bow, camp against it round about; let no one escape: recompense her according to her work; according to all that she has done, do to her: for she has been proud against *Yehovah*, against the Holy One of Israel.

50:30 Therefore shall her young men fall in the streets, and all her men of war shall be cut off in that day, said *Yehovah*.

50:31 Behold, I am against you, O you most proud, said *Yehovah GOD of Armies*: for your day is come, the time that I will visit you.

50:32 And the most proud shall stumble and fall, and none shall raise him up: and I will kindle a fire in his cities, and it shall devour all round about him.

50:33 Thus said *Yehovah God of Armies*; The children of Israel and the children of Judah were oppressed together: and all that took them captives held them fast; they refused to let them go.

50:34 Their Redeemer is strong; *Yehovah God of Armies* is his name: he shall thoroughly plead their cause, that he may give rest to the land, and disquiet the inhabitants of Babylon.

50:35 A sword is on the Chaldeans, said *Yehovah*, and on the inhabitants of Babylon, and on her princes, and on her wise men.

50:36 A sword is on the liars; and they shall dote: a sword is on her mighty men; and they shall be dismayed.

50:37 A sword is on their horses, and on their chariots, and on all the mingled people that are in the middle of her; and they shall become as women: a sword is on her treasures; and they shall be robbed.

50:38 A drought is on her waters; and they shall be dried up: for it is the land of graven images, and they are mad on their idols.

50:39 Therefore the wild beasts of the desert with the wild beasts of the islands shall dwell there, and the owls shall dwell in it: and it shall be no more inhabited forever; neither shall it be dwelled in from generation to generation.

50:40 As God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah and their neighbor cities, said *Yehovah*; so shall no man abide there, neither shall any son of man dwell in it.

50:41 Behold, a people shall come from the north, and a great nation, and many kings shall be raised up from the coasts of the earth.

50:42 They shall hold the bow and the lance: they are cruel, and will not show mercy: their voice shall roar like the sea, and they shall ride on horses, everyone put in array, like a man to the battle, against you, O daughter of Babylon.

50:43 The king of Babylon has heard the report of them, and his hands waxed feeble: anguish took hold of him, and pangs as of a woman in travail.

50:44 Behold, he shall come up like a lion from the swelling of Jordan to the habitation of the strong: but I will make them suddenly run away from her: and who is a chosen man, that I may appoint over her? for who is like me? and who will appoint me the time? and who is that shepherd that will stand before me?

50:45 Therefore hear you the counsel of *Yehovah*, that he has taken against Babylon; and his purposes, that he has purposed against the land of the Chaldeans: Surely the least of the flock shall draw them out: surely he shall make their habitation desolate with them.

50:46 At the noise of the taking of Babylon the earth is moved, and the cry is heard among the nations.

Jeremiah – Chapter 51

51:1 Thus said *Yehovah*; Behold, I will raise up against Babylon, and against them that dwell in the middle of them that rise up against me, a destroying wind;

51:2 And will send to Babylon fanners, that shall fan her, and shall empty her land: for in the day of trouble they shall be against her round about.

51:3 Against him that bends let the archer bend his bow, and against him that lifts himself up in his brigandine: and spare you not her young men; destroy you utterly all her host.

51:4 Thus the slain shall fall in the land of the Chaldeans, and they that are thrust through in her streets.

51:5 For Israel has not been forsaken, nor Judah of his God, of *Yehovah God of Armies*; though their land was filled with sin against the Holy One of Israel.

51:6 Flee out of the middle of Babylon, and deliver every man his soul: be not cut off in her iniquity; for this is the time of *Yehovah's* vengeance; he will render to her a recompense.

51:7 Babylon has been a golden cup in *Yehovah's* hand, that made all the earth drunken: the nations have drunken of her wine; therefore the nations are mad.

51:8 Babylon is suddenly fallen and destroyed: howl for her; take balm for her pain, if so be she may be healed.

51:9 We would have healed Babylon, but she is not healed: forsake her, and let us go everyone into his own country: for her judgment reaches to heaven, and is lifted up even to the skies.

51:10 *Yehovah* has brought forth our righteousness: come, and let us declare in Zion the work of *Yehovah* our God.

51:11 Make bright the arrows; gather the shields: *Yehovah* has raised up the spirit of the kings of the Medes: for his device is against Babylon, to destroy it; because it is the vengeance of *Yehovah*, the vengeance of his temple.

51:12 Set up the standard on the walls of Babylon, make the watch strong, set up the watchmen, prepare the ambushes: for *Yehovah* has both devised and done that which he spoke against the inhabitants of Babylon.

51:13 O you that dwell on many waters, abundant in treasures, your end is come, and the measure of your covetousness.

51:14 *Yehovah God of Armies* has sworn by himself, saying, Surely I will fill you with men, as with caterpillars; and they shall lift up a shout against you.

51:15 He has made the earth by his power, he has established the world by his wisdom, and has stretched out the heaven by his understanding.

51:16 When he utters his voice, there is a multitude of waters in the heavens; and he causes the vapors to ascend from the ends of the earth: he makes lightning with rain, and brings forth the wind out of his treasures.

51:17 Every man is brutish by his knowledge; every founder is confounded by the graven image: for his molten image is falsehood, and there is no breath in them.

51:18 They are vanity, the work of errors: in the time of their visitation they shall perish.

51:19 The portion of Jacob is not like them; for he is the former of all things: and Israel is the rod of his inheritance: *Yehovah God of Armies* is his name.

51:20 You are my battle ax and weapons of war: for with you will I break in pieces the nations, and with you will I destroy kingdoms;

51:21 And with you will I break in pieces the horse and his rider; and with you will I break in pieces the chariot and his rider;

51:22 With you also will I break in pieces man and woman; and with you will I break in pieces old and young; and with you will I break in pieces the young man and the maid;

51:23 I will also break in pieces with you the shepherd and his flock; and with you will I break in pieces the farmer and his yoke of oxen; and with you will I break in pieces captains and rulers.

51:24 And I will render to Babylon and to all the inhabitants of Chaldea all their evil that they have done in Zion in your sight, said *Yehovah*.

51:25 Behold, I am against you, O destroying mountain, said *Yehovah*, which destroy all the earth: and I will stretch out my hand on you, and roll you down from the rocks, and will make you a burnt mountain.

51:26 And they shall not take of you a stone for a corner, nor a stone for foundations; but you shall be desolate forever, said *Yehovah*.

51:27 Set you up a standard in the land, blow the trumpet among the nations, prepare the nations against her, call together against her the kingdoms of Ararat, Minni, and Ashchenaz; appoint a captain against her; cause the horses to come up as the rough caterpillars.

51:28 Prepare against her the nations with the kings of the Medes, their captains, and all their rulers, and all the land of his dominion.

51:29 And the land shall tremble and sorrow: for every purpose of *Yehovah* shall be performed against Babylon, to make the land of Babylon a desolation without an inhabitant.

51:30 The mighty men of Babylon have declined to fight, they have remained in their holds: their might has failed; they became as women: they have burned her dwelling places; her bars are broken.

51:31 One post shall run to meet another, and one messenger to meet another, to show the king of Babylon that his city is taken at one end,

51:32 And that the passages are stopped, and the reeds they have burned with fire, and the men of war are affrighted.

51:33 For thus said *Yehovah God of Armies*, the God of Israel; The daughter of Babylon is like a threshing floor, it is time to thresh her: yet a little while, and the time of her harvest shall come.

51:34 Nebuchadrezzar the king of Babylon has devoured me, he has crushed me, he has made me an empty vessel, he has swallowed me up like a dragon, he has filled his belly with my delicacies, he has cast me out.

51:35 The violence done to me and to my flesh be on Babylon, shall the inhabitant of Zion say; and my blood on the inhabitants of Chaldea, shall Jerusalem say.

51:36 Therefore thus said *Yehovah*; Behold, I will plead your cause, and take vengeance for you; and I will dry up her sea, and make her springs dry.

51:37 And Babylon shall become heaps, a dwelling place for dragons, an astonishment, and a hissing, without an inhabitant.

51:38 They shall roar together like lions: they shall yell as lions' whelps.

51:39 In their heat I will make their feasts, and I will make them drunken, that they may rejoice, and sleep a perpetual sleep, and not wake, said *Yehovah*.

51:40 I will bring them down like lambs to the slaughter, like rams with he goats.

51:41 How is Sheshach taken! and how is the praise of the whole earth surprised! how is Babylon become an astonishment among the nations!

51:42 The sea is come up on Babylon: she is covered with the multitude of the waves.

51:43 Her cities are a desolation, a dry land, and a wilderness, a land in which no man dwells, neither does any son of man pass thereby.

51:44 And I will punish Bel in Babylon, and I will bring forth out of his mouth that which he has swallowed up: and the nations shall not flow together anymore to him: yes, the wall of Babylon shall fall.

51:45 My people, go you out of the middle of her, and deliver you every man his soul from the fierce anger of *Yehovah*.

51:46 And lest your heart faint, and you fear for the rumor that shall be heard in the land; a rumor shall both come one year, and after that in another year shall come a rumor, and violence in the land, ruler against ruler.

51:47 Therefore, behold, the days come, that I will do judgment on the graven images of Babylon: and her whole land shall be confounded, and all her slain shall fall in the middle of her.

51:48 Then the heaven and the earth, and all that is in it, shall sing for Babylon: for the *plunderers* shall come to her from the north, said *Yehovah*.

51:49 As Babylon has caused the slain of Israel to fall, so at Babylon shall fall the slain of all the earth.

51:50 You that have escaped the sword, go away, stand not still: remember *Yehovah* afar off, and let Jerusalem come into your mind.

51:51 We are confounded, because we have heard reproach: shame has covered our faces: for strangers are come into the sanctuaries of *Yehovah's* house.

51:52 Why, behold, the days come, said *Yehovah*, that I will do judgment on her graven images: and through all her land the wounded shall groan.

51:53 Though Babylon should mount up to heaven, and though she should fortify the height of her strength, yet from me shall *plunderers* come to her, said *Yehovah*.

51:54 A sound of a cry comes from Babylon, and great destruction from the land of the Chaldeans:

51:55 Because *Yehovah* has *plundered* Babylon, and destroyed out of her the great voice; when her waves do roar like great waters, a noise of their voice is uttered:

51:56 Because the *plunderer* is come on her, even on Babylon, and her mighty men are taken, everyone of their bows is broken: for *Yehovah* God of recompenses shall surely requite.

51:57 And I will make drunk her princes, and her wise men, her captains, and her rulers, and her mighty men: and they shall sleep a perpetual sleep, and not wake, said the King, whose name is *Yehovah God of Armies*.

51:58 Thus said *Yehovah God of Armies*; The broad walls of Babylon shall be utterly broken, and her high gates shall be burned with fire; and the people shall labor in vain, and the folk in the fire, and they shall be weary.

51:59 The word which Jeremiah the prophet commanded Seraiah the son of Neriah, the son of Maaseiah, when he went with Zedekiah the king of Judah into Babylon in the fourth year of his reign. And this Seraiah was a quiet prince.

51:60 So Jeremiah wrote in a book all the evil that should come on Babylon, even all these words that are written against Babylon.

51:61 And Jeremiah said to Seraiah, When you come to Babylon, and shall see, and shall read all these words;

51:62 Then shall you say, *O YEHOVAH*, you have spoken against this place, to cut it off, that none shall remain in it, neither man nor beast, but that it shall be desolate forever.

51:63 And it shall be, when you have made an end of reading this book, that you shall bind a stone to it, and cast it into the middle of Euphrates:

51:64 And you shall say, Thus shall Babylon sink, and shall not rise from the evil that I will bring on her: and they shall be weary. Thus far are the words of Jeremiah.

Jeremiah – Chapter 52

52:1 Zedekiah was one and twenty years old when he began to reign, and he reigned eleven years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Hamutal the daughter of Jeremiah of Libnah.

52:2 And he did that which was evil in the eyes of *Yehovah*, according to all that Jehoiakim had done.

52:3 For through the anger of *Yehovah* it came to pass in Jerusalem and Judah, till he had cast them out from his presence, that Zedekiah rebelled against the king of Babylon.

52:4 And it came to pass in the ninth year of his reign, in the tenth month, in the tenth day of the month, that Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon came, he and all his army, against Jerusalem, and pitched against it, and built forts against it round about.

52:5 So the city was besieged to the eleventh year of king Zedekiah.

52:6 And in the fourth month, in the ninth day of the month, the famine was sore in the city, so that there was no bread for the people of the land.

52:7 Then the city was broken up, and all the men of war fled, and went forth out of the city by night by the way of the gate between the two walls, which was by the king's garden; (now the Chaldeans were by the city round about:) and they went by the way of the plain.

52:8 But the army of the Chaldeans pursued after the king, and overtook Zedekiah in the plains of Jericho; and all his army was scattered from him.

52:9 Then they took the king, and carried him up to the king of Babylon to Riblah in the land of Hamath; where he gave judgment on him.

52:10 And the king of Babylon slew the sons of Zedekiah before his eyes: he slew also all the princes of Judah in Riblah.

52:11 Then he put out the eyes of Zedekiah; and the king of Babylon bound him in chains, and carried him to Babylon, and put him in prison till the day of his death.

52:12 Now in the fifth month, in the tenth day of the month, which was the nineteenth year of Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon, came Nebuzaradan, captain of the guard, which served the king of Babylon, into Jerusalem,

52:13 And burned the house of *Yehovah*, and the king's house; and all the houses of Jerusalem, and all the houses of the great men, burned he with fire:

52:14 And all the army of the Chaldeans, that were with the captain of the guard, broke down all the walls of Jerusalem round about.

52:15 Then Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard carried away captive certain of the poor of the people, and the residue of the people that remained in the city, and those that fell away, that fell to the king of Babylon, and the rest of the multitude.

52:16 But Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard left certain of the poor of the land for vinedressers and for farmers.

52:17 Also the pillars of brass that were in the house of *Yehovah*, and the bases, and the brazen sea that was in the house of *Yehovah*, the Chaldeans broke, and carried all the brass of them to Babylon.

52:18 The caldrons also, and the shovels, and the snuffers, and the bowls, and the spoons, and all the vessels of brass with which they ministered, took they away.

52:19 And the basins, and the fire pans, and the bowls, and the caldrons, and the candlesticks, and the spoons, and the cups; that which was of gold in gold, and that which was of silver in silver, took the captain of the guard away.

52:20 The two pillars, one sea, and twelve brazen bulls that were under the bases, which king Solomon had made in the house of *Yehovah*: the brass of all these vessels was without weight.

52:21 And concerning the pillars, the height of one pillar was eighteen cubits; and a fillet of twelve cubits did compass it; and the thickness was four fingers: it was hollow.

52:22 And a capital of brass was on it; and the height of one capital was five cubits, with network and pomegranates on the capitals round about, all of brass. The second pillar also and the pomegranates were like to these.

52:23 And there were ninety and six pomegranates on a side; and all the pomegranates on the network were a hundred round about.

52:24 And the captain of the guard took Seraiah the chief priest, and Zephaniah the second priest, and the three keepers of the door:

52:25 He took also out of the city an eunuch, which had the charge of the men of war; and seven men of them that were near the king's person, which were found in the city; and the principal scribe of the host, who mustered the people of the land; and three score men of the people of the land, that were found in the middle of the city.

52:26 So Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard took them, and brought them to the king of Babylon to Riblah.

52:27 And the king of Babylon smote them, and put them to death in Riblah in the land of Hamath. Thus Judah was carried away captive out of his own land.

52:28 This is the people whom Nebuchadrezzar carried away captive: in the seventh year three thousand *Hebrews* and three and twenty:

52:29 In the eighteenth year of Nebuchadrezzar he carried away captive from Jerusalem eight hundred thirty and two persons:

52:30 In the three and twentieth year of Nebuchadrezzar Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard carried away captive of the *Hebrews* seven hundred forty and five persons: all the persons were four thousand and six hundred.

52:31 And it came to pass in the seven and thirtieth year of the captivity of Jehoiachin king of Judah, in the twelfth month, in the five and twentieth day of the month, that Amel-marduk king of Babylon in the first year of his reign lifted up the head of Jehoiachin king of Judah, and brought him forth out of prison.

52:32 And spoke kindly to him, and set his throne above the throne of the kings that were with him in Babylon,

52:33 And changed his prison garments: and he did continually eat bread before him all the days of his life.

52:34 And for his diet, there was a continual diet given him of the king of Babylon, every day a portion until the day of his death, all the days of his life.

Book of Ezekiel

Yechezchial (Yehovah Strengthens)

Ezekiel – Chapter 1

1:1 Now it came to pass in the thirtieth year, in the fourth month, in the fifth day of the month, as I was among the captives by the river of Chebar, that the heavens were opened, and I saw visions of God.

1:2 In the fifth day of the month, which was the fifth year of king Jehoiachin's captivity,

1:3 The word of *Yehovah* came expressly to Ezekiel the priest, the son of Buzi, in the land of the Chaldeans by the river Chebar; and the hand of *Yehovah* was there on him.

1:4 And I looked, and, behold, a whirlwind came out of the north, a great cloud, and a fire enfolding itself, and a brightness was about it, and out of the middle of it as the color of amber, out of the middle of the fire.

1:5 Also out of the middle of it came the likeness of four living creatures. And this was their appearance; they had the likeness of a man.

1:6 And everyone had four faces, and everyone had four wings.

1:7 And their feet were straight feet; and the sole of their feet was like the sole of a calf's foot: and they sparkled like the color of burnished brass.

1:8 And they had the hands of a man under their wings on their four sides; and they four had their faces and their wings.

1:9 Their wings were joined one to another; they turned not when they went; they went everyone straight forward.

1:10 As for the likeness of their faces, they four had the face of a man, and the face of a lion, on the right side: and they four had the face of an ox on the left side; they four also had the face of an eagle.

1:11 Thus were their faces: and their wings were stretched upward; two wings of everyone were joined one to another, and two covered their bodies.

1:12 And they went everyone straight forward: where the spirit was to go, they went; and they turned not when they went.

1:13 As for the likeness of the living creatures, their appearance was like burning coals of fire, and like the appearance of lamps: it went up and down among the living creatures; and the fire was bright, and out of the fire went forth lightning.

1:14 And the living creatures ran and returned as the appearance of a flash of lightning.

1:15 Now as I beheld the living creatures, behold one wheel on the earth by the living creatures, with his four faces.

1:16 The appearance of the wheels and their work was like to the color of a beryl: and they four had one likeness: and their appearance and their work was as it were a wheel in the middle of a wheel.

1:17 When they went, they went on their four sides: and they turned not when they went.

1:18 As for their rings, they were so high that they were dreadful; and their rings were full of eyes round about them four.

1:19 And when the living creatures went, the wheels went by them: and when the living creatures were lifted up from the earth, the wheels were lifted up.

1:20 Wherever the spirit was to go, they went, there was their spirit to go; and the wheels were lifted up over against them: for the spirit of the living creature was in the wheels.

1:21 When those went, these went; and when those stood, these stood; and when those were lifted up from the earth, the wheels were lifted up over against them: for the spirit of the living creature was in the wheels.

1:22 And the likeness of the firmament on the heads of the living creature was as the color of the terrible crystal, stretched forth over their heads above.

1:23 And under the firmament were their wings straight, the one toward the other: everyone had two, which covered on this side, and everyone had two, which covered on that side, their bodies.

1:24 And when they went, I heard the noise of their wings, like the noise of great waters, as the voice of the Almighty, the voice of speech, as the noise of a host: when they stood, they let down their wings.

1:25 And there was a voice from the firmament that was over their heads, when they stood, and had let down their wings.

1:26 And above the firmament that was over their heads was the likeness of a throne, as the appearance of a sapphire stone: and on the likeness of the throne was the likeness as the appearance of a man above on it.

1:27 And I saw as the color of amber, as the appearance of fire round about within it, from the appearance of his loins even upward, and from the appearance of his loins even downward, I saw as it were the appearance of fire, and it had brightness round about.

1:28 As the appearance of the bow that is in the cloud in the day of rain, so was the appearance of the brightness round about. This was the appearance of the likeness of the glory of *Yehovah*. And when I saw it, I fell on my face, and I heard a voice of one that spoke.

Ezekiel – Chapter 2

2:1 And he said to me, Son of man, stand on your feet, and I will speak to you.

2:2 And the spirit entered into me when he spoke to me, and set me on my feet, that I heard him that spoke to me.

2:3 And he said to me, Son of man, I send you to the children of Israel, to a rebellious nation that has rebelled against me: they and their fathers have transgressed against me, even to this very day.

2:4 For they are impudent children and stiff hearted. I do send you to them; and you shall say to them, Thus said *Yehovah* GOD.

2:5 And they, whether they will hear, or whether they will forbear, (for they are a rebellious house,) yet shall know that there has been a prophet among them.

2:6 And you, son of man, be not afraid of them, neither be afraid of their words, though briars and thorns be with you, and you do dwell among scorpions: be not afraid of their words, nor be dismayed at their looks, though they be a rebellious house.

2:7 And you shall speak my words to them, whether they will hear, or whether they will forbear: for they are most rebellious.

2:8 But you, son of man, hear what I say to you; Be not you rebellious like that rebellious house: open your mouth, and eat that I give you.

2:9 And when I looked, behold, a hand was sent to me; and, see, a roll of a book was in it;

2:10 And he spread it before me; and it was written within and without: and there was written in it lamentations, and mourning, and woe.

Ezekiel – Chapter 3

3:1 Moreover he said to me, Son of man, eat that you find; eat this roll, and go speak to the house of Israel.

3:2 So I opened my mouth, and he caused me to eat that roll.

3:3 And he said to me, Son of man, cause your belly to eat, and fill your bowels with this roll that I give you. Then did I eat it; and it was in my mouth as honey for sweetness.

3:4 And he said to me, Son of man, go, get you to the house of Israel, and speak with my words to them.

3:5 For you are not sent to a people of a strange speech and of a hard language, but to the house of Israel;

3:6 Not to many people of a strange speech and of a hard language, whose words you can not understand. Surely, had I sent you to them, they would have listened to you.

3:7 But the house of Israel will not listen to you; for they will not listen to me: for all the house of Israel are impudent and hardhearted.

3:8 Behold, I have made your face strong against their faces, and your forehead strong against their foreheads.

3:9 As an adamant harder than flint have I made your forehead: fear them not, neither be dismayed at their looks, though they be a rebellious house.

3:10 Moreover he said to me, Son of man, all my words that I shall speak to you receive in your heart, and hear with your ears.

3:11 And go, get you to them of the captivity, to the children of your people, and speak to them, and tell them, Thus said *Yehovah* GOD; whether they will hear, or whether they will forbear.

3:12 Then the spirit took me up, and I heard behind me a voice of a great rushing, saying, Blessed be the glory of *Yehovah* from his place.

3:13 I heard also the noise of the wings of the living creatures that touched one another, and the noise of the wheels over against them, and a noise of a great rushing.

3:14 So the spirit lifted me up, and took me away, and I went in bitterness, in the heat of my spirit; but the hand of *Yehovah* was strong on me.

3:15 Then I came to them of the captivity at Telabib, that dwelled by the river of Chebar, and I sat where they sat, and remained there astonished among them seven days.

3:16 And it came to pass at the end of seven days, that the word of *Yehovah* came to me, saying,

3:17 Son of man, I have made you a watchman to the house of Israel: therefore hear the word at my mouth, and give them warning from me.

3:18 When I say to the wicked, You shall surely die; and you give him not warning, nor speak to warn the wicked from his wicked way, to save his life; the same wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at your hand.

3:19 Yet if you warn the wicked, and he turn not from his wickedness, nor from his wicked way, he shall die in his iniquity; but you have delivered your soul.

3:20 Again, When a righteous man does turn from his righteousness, and commit iniquity, and I lay a stumbling-block before him, he shall die: because you have not given him warning, he shall die in his sin, and his righteousness which he has done shall not be remembered; but his blood will I require at your hand.

3:21 Nevertheless if you warn the righteous man, that the righteous sin not, and he does not sin, he shall surely live, because he is warned; also you have delivered your soul.

3:22 And the hand of *Yehovah* was there on me; and he said to me, Arise, go forth into the plain, and I will there talk with you.

3:23 Then I arose, and went forth into the plain: and, behold, the glory of *Yehovah* stood there, as the glory which I saw by the river of Chebar: and I fell on my face.

3:24 Then the spirit entered into me, and set me on my feet, and spoke with me, and said to me, Go, shut yourself within your house.

3:25 But you, O son of man, behold, they shall put bands on you, and shall bind you with them, and you shall not go out among them:

3:26 And I will make your tongue sticks to the roof of your mouth, that you shall be dumb, and shall not be to them a reprover: for they are a rebellious house.

3:27 But when I speak with you, I will open your mouth, and you shall say to them, Thus said *Yehovah* GOD; He that hears, let him hear; and he that declines, let him forbear: for they are a rebellious house.

Ezekiel – Chapter 4

4:1 You also, son of man, take you a tile, and lay it before you, and portray on it the city, even Jerusalem:

4:2 And lay siege against it, and build a fort against it, and cast a mount against it; set the camp also against it, and set battering rams against it round about.

4:3 Moreover take you to you an iron pan, and set it for a wall of iron between you and the city: and set your face against it, and it shall be besieged, and you shall lay siege against it. This shall be a sign to the house of Israel.

4:4 Lie you also on your left side, and lay the iniquity of the house of Israel on it: according to the number of the days that you shall lie on it you shall bear their iniquity.

4:5 For I have laid on you the years of their iniquity, according to the number of the days, three hundred and ninety days: so shall you bear the iniquity of the house of Israel.

4:6 And when you have accomplished them, lie again on your right side, and you shall bear the iniquity of the house of Judah forty days: I have appointed you each day for a year.

4:7 Therefore you shall set your face toward the siege of Jerusalem, and your arm shall be uncovered, and you shall prophesy against it.

4:8 And, behold, I will lay bands on you, and you shall not turn you from one side to another, till you have ended the days of your siege.

4:9 Take you also to you wheat, and barley, and beans, and lentils, and millet, and fitches, and put them in one vessel, and make you bread of it, according to the number of the days that you shall lie on your side, three hundred and ninety days shall you eat of it.

4:10 And your meat which you shall eat shall be by weight, twenty shekels a day: from time to time shall you eat it.

4:11 You shall drink also water by measure, the sixth part of a hin: from time to time shall you drink.

4:12 And you shall eat it as barley cakes, and you shall bake it with dung that comes out of man, in their sight.

4:13 And *Yehovah* said, Even thus shall the children of Israel eat their defiled bread among the Gentiles, where I will drive them.

4:14 Then said I, Ah Lord GOD! behold, my soul has not been polluted: for from my youth up even till now have I not eaten of that which dies of itself, or is torn in pieces; neither came there abominable flesh into my mouth.

4:15 Then he said to me, See, I have given you cow's dung for man's dung, and you shall prepare your bread therewith.

4:16 Moreover he said to me, Son of man, behold, I will break the staff of bread in Jerusalem: and they shall eat bread by weight, and with care; and they shall drink water by measure, and with astonishment:

4:17 That they may want bread and water, and be astonished one with another, and consume away for their iniquity.

Ezekiel – Chapter 5

5:1 And you, son of man, take you a sharp knife, take you a barber's razor, and cause it to pass on your head and on your beard: then take you balances to weigh, and divide the hair.

5:2 You shall burn with fire a third part in the middle of the city, when the days of the siege are fulfilled: and you shall take a third part, and smite about it with a knife: and a third part you shall scatter in the wind; and I will draw out a sword after them.

5:3 You shall also take a few of them in number, and bind them in your skirts.

5:4 Then take of them again, and cast them into the middle of the fire, and burn them in the fire; for there shall a fire come forth into all the house of Israel.

5:5 Thus said *Yehovah* GOD; This is Jerusalem: I have set it in the middle of the nations and countries that are round about her.

5:6 And she has changed my judgments into wickedness more than the nations, and my statutes more than the countries that are round about her: for they have refused my judgments and my statutes, they have not walked in them.

5:7 Therefore thus said *Yehovah* GOD; Because you multiplied more than the nations that are round about you, and have not walked in my statutes, neither have kept my judgments, neither have done according to the judgments of the nations that are round about you;

5:8 Therefore thus said *Yehovah* GOD; Behold, I, even I, am against you, and will execute judgments in the middle of you in the sight of the nations.

5:9 And I will do in you that which I have not done, and whereunto I will not do anymore the like, because of all your abominations.

5:10 Therefore the fathers shall eat the sons in the middle of you, and the sons shall eat their fathers; and I will execute judgments in you, and the whole remnant of you will I scatter into all the winds.

5:11 Why, as I live, said *Yehovah* GOD; Surely, because you have defiled my sanctuary with all your detestable things, and with all your abominations, therefore will I also diminish you; neither shall my eye spare, neither will I have any pity.

5:12 A third part of you shall die with the pestilence, and with famine shall they be consumed in the middle of you: and a third part shall fall by the sword round about you; and I will scatter a third part into all the winds, and I will draw out a sword after them.

5:13 Thus shall my anger be accomplished, and I will cause my fury to rest on them, and I will be comforted: and they shall know that I *Yehovah* have spoken it in my zeal, when I have accomplished my fury in them.

5:14 Moreover I will make you waste, and a reproach among the nations that are round about you, in the sight of all that pass by.

5:15 So it shall be a reproach and a taunt, an instruction and an astonishment to the nations that are round about you, when I shall execute judgments in you in anger and in fury and in furious rebukes. I *Yehovah* have spoken it.

5:16 When I shall send on them the evil arrows of famine, which shall be for their destruction, and which I will send to destroy you: and I will increase the famine on you, and will break your staff of bread:

5:17 So will I send on you famine and evil beasts, and they shall bereave you: and pestilence and blood shall pass through you; and I will bring the sword on you. I *Yehovah* have spoken it.

Ezekiel – Chapter 6

6:1 And the word of *Yehovah* came to me, saying,

6:2 Son of man, set your face toward the mountains of Israel, and prophesy against them,

6:3 And say, You mountains of Israel, hear the word of *Yehovah* GOD; Thus said *Yehovah* GOD to the mountains, and to the hills, to the rivers, and to the valleys; Behold, I, even I, will bring a sword on you, and I will destroy your high places.

6:4 And your altars shall be desolate, and your images shall be broken: and I will cast down your slain men before your idols.

6:5 And I will lay the dead carcasses of the children of Israel before their idols; and I will scatter your bones round about your altars.

6:6 In all your dwelling places the cities shall be laid waste, and the high places shall be desolate; that your altars may be laid waste and made desolate, and your idols may be broken and cease, and your images may be cut down, and your works may be abolished.

6:7 And the slain shall fall in the middle of you, and you shall know that I am *Yehovah*.

6:8 Yet will I leave a remnant, that you may have some that shall escape the sword among the nations, when you shall be scattered through the countries.

6:9 And they that escape of you shall remember me among the nations where they shall be carried captives, because I am broken with their whorish heart, which has departed from me, and with their eyes, which go a whoring after their idols: and they shall loathe themselves for the evils which they have committed in all their abominations.

6:10 And they shall know that I am *Yehovah*, and that I have not said in vain that I would do this evil to them.

6:11 Thus said *Yehovah* GOD; Smite with your hand, and stamp with your foot, and say, Alas for all the evil abominations of the house of Israel! for they shall fall by the sword, by the famine, and by the pestilence.

6:12 He that is far off shall die of the pestilence; and he that is near shall fall by the sword; and he that remains and is besieged shall die by the famine: thus will I accomplish my fury on them.

6:13 Then shall you know that I am *Yehovah*, when their slain men shall be among their idols round about their altars, on every high hill, in all the tops of the mountains, and under every green tree, and under every thick oak, the place where they did offer sweet smell to all their idols.

6:14 So will I stretch out my hand on them, and make the land desolate, yes, more desolate than the wilderness toward Diblath, in all their habitations: and they shall know that I am *Yehovah*.

Ezekiel – Chapter 7

7:1 Moreover the word of *Yehovah* came to me, saying,

7:2 Also, you son of man, thus said *Yehovah* GOD to the land of Israel; An end, the end is come on the four corners of the land.

7:3 Now is the end come on you, and I will send my anger on you, and will judge you according to your ways, and will recompense on you all your abominations.

7:4 And my eye shall not spare you, neither will I have pity: but I will recompense your ways on you, and your abominations shall be in the middle of you: and you shall know that I am *Yehovah*.

7:5 Thus said *Yehovah* GOD; An evil, an only evil, behold, is come.

7:6 An end is come, the end is come: it watches for you; behold, it is come.

7:7 The morning is come to you, O you that dwell in the land: the time is come, the day of trouble is near, and not the sounding again of the mountains.

7:8 Now will I shortly pour out my fury on you, and accomplish my anger on you: and I will judge you according to your ways, and will recompense you for all your abominations.

7:9 And my eye shall not spare, neither will I have pity: I will recompense you according to your ways and your abominations that are in the middle of you; and you shall know that I am *Yehovah* that smites.

7:10 Behold the day, behold, it is come: the morning is gone forth; the rod has blossomed, pride has budded.

7:11 Violence is risen up into a rod of wickedness: none of them shall remain, nor of their multitude, nor of any of their's: neither shall there be wailing for them.

7:12 The time is come, the day draws near: let not the buyer rejoice, nor the seller mourn: for wrath is on all their multitude.

7:13 For the seller shall not return to that which is sold, although they were yet alive: for the vision is touching the whole multitude, which shall not return; neither shall any strengthen himself in the iniquity of his life.

7:14 They have blown the trumpet, even to make all ready; but none goes to the battle: for my wrath is on all the multitude.

7:15 The sword is without, and the pestilence and the famine within: he that is in the field shall die with the sword; and he that is in the city, famine and pestilence shall devour him.

7:16 But they that escape of them shall escape, and shall be on the mountains like doves of the valleys, all of them mourning, everyone for his iniquity.

7:17 All hands shall be feeble, and all knees shall be weak as water.

7:18 They shall also gird themselves with sackcloth, and horror shall cover them; and shame shall be on all faces, and baldness on all their heads.

7:19 They shall cast their silver in the streets, and their gold shall be removed: their silver and their gold shall not be able to deliver them in the day of the wrath of *Yehovah*: they shall not satisfy their souls, neither fill their bowels: because it is the stumbling block of their iniquity.

7:20 As for the beauty of his ornament, he set it in majesty: but they made the images of their abominations and of their detestable things in it: therefore have I set it far from them.

7:21 And I will give it into the hands of the strangers for a prey, and to the wicked of the earth for spoils; and they shall pollute it.

7:22 My face will I turn also from them, and they shall pollute my secret place: for the robbers shall enter into it, and defile it.

7:23 Make a chain: for the land is full of bloody crimes, and the city is full of violence.

7:24 Why I will bring the worst of the heathen, and they shall possess their houses: I will also make the pomp of the strong to cease; and their holy places shall be defiled.

7:25 Destruction comes; and they shall seek peace, and there shall be none.

7:26 Mischief shall come on mischief, and rumor shall be on rumor; then shall they seek a vision of the prophet; but the law shall perish from the priest, and counsel from the ancients.

7:27 The king shall mourn, and the prince shall be clothed with desolation, and the hands of the people of the land shall be troubled: I will do to them after their way, and according to their deserts will I judge them; and they shall know that I am *Yehovah*.

Ezekiel – Chapter 8

8:1 And it came to pass in the sixth year, in the sixth month, in the fifth day of the month, as I sat in my house, and the elders of Judah sat before me, that the hand of *Yehovah* GOD fell there on me.

8:2 Then I beheld, and see a likeness as the appearance of fire: from the appearance of his loins even downward, fire; and from his loins even upward, as the appearance of brightness, as the color of amber.

8:3 And he put forth the form of a hand, and took me by a lock of my head; and the spirit lifted me up between the earth and the heaven, and brought me in the visions of God to Jerusalem, to the door of the inner gate that looks toward the north; where was the seat of the image of jealousy, which provokes to jealousy.

8:4 And, behold, the glory of the God of Israel was there, according to the vision that I saw in the plain.

8:5 Then said he to me, Son of man, lift up your eyes now the way toward the north. So I lifted up my eyes the way toward the north, and behold northward at the gate of the altar this image of jealousy in the entry.

8:6 He said furthermore to me, Son of man, see you what they do? even the great abominations that the house of Israel commits here, that I should go far off from my sanctuary? but turn you yet again, and you shall see greater abominations.

8:7 And he brought me to the door of the court; and when I looked, behold a hole in the wall.

8:8 Then said he to me, Son of man, dig now in the wall: and when I had dig in the wall, behold a door.

8:9 And he said to me, Go in, and behold the wicked abominations that they do here.

8:10 So I went in and saw; and behold every form of creeping things, and abominable beasts, and all the idols of the house of Israel, portrayed on the wall round about.

8:11 And there stood before them seventy men of the ancients of the house of Israel, and in the middle of them stood Jaazaniah the son of Shaphan, with every man his censer in his hand; and a thick cloud of incense went up.

8:12 Then said he to me, Son of man, have you seen what the ancients of the house of Israel do in the dark, every man in the chambers of his imagery? for they say, *Yehovah* sees us not; *Yehovah* has forsaken the earth.

8:13 He said also to me, Turn you yet again, and you shall see greater abominations that they do.

8:14 Then he brought me to the door of the gate of *Yehovah's* house which was toward the north; and, behold, there sat women weeping for Tammuz.

8:15 Then said he to me, Have you seen this, O son of man? turn you yet again, and you shall see greater abominations than these.

8:16 And he brought me into the inner court of *Yehovah's* house, and, behold, at the door of the temple of *Yehovah*, between the porch and the altar, were about five and twenty men, with their backs toward the temple of *Yehovah*, and their faces toward the east; and they worshipped the sun toward the east.

8:17 Then he said to me, Have you seen this, O son of man? Is it a light thing to the house of Judah that they commit the abominations which they commit here? for they have filled the land with violence, and have returned to provoke me to anger: and, see, they put the branch to their nose.

8:18 Therefore will I also deal in fury: my eye shall not spare, neither will I have pity: and though they cry in my ears with a loud voice, yet will I not hear them.

Ezekiel – Chapter 9

9:1 He cried also in my ears with a loud voice, saying, Cause them that have charge over the city to draw near, even every man with his destroying weapon in his hand.

9:2 And, behold, six men came from the way of the higher gate, which lies toward the north, and every man a slaughter weapon in his hand; and one man among them was clothed with linen, with a writer's inkhorn by his side: and they went in, and stood beside the brazen altar.

9:3 And the glory of the God of Israel was gone up from the cherub, whereupon he was, to the threshold of the house. And he called to the man clothed with linen, which had the writer's inkhorn by his side;

9:4 And *Yehovah* said to him, Go through the middle of the city, through the middle of Jerusalem, and set a mark on the foreheads of the men that sigh and that cry for all the abominations that be done in the city.

9:5 And to the others he said in my hearing, Go you after him through the city, and smite: let not your eye spare, neither have you pity:

9:6 Slay utterly old and young, both maids, and little children, and women: but come not near any man on whom is the mark; and begin at my sanctuary. Then they began at the ancient men which were before the house.

9:7 And he said to them, Defile the house, and fill the courts with the slain: go you forth. And they went forth, and slew in the city.

9:8 And it came to pass, while they were slaying them, and I was left, that I fell on my face, and cried, and said, Ah Lord GOD! will you destroy all the residue of Israel in your pouring out of your fury on Jerusalem?

9:9 Then said he to me, The iniquity of the house of Israel and Judah is exceeding great, and the land is full of blood, and the city full of perverseness: for they say, *Yehovah* has forsaken the earth, and *Yehovah* sees not.

9:10 And as for me also, my eye shall not spare, neither will I have pity, but I will recompense their way on their head.

9:11 And, behold, the man clothed with linen, which had the inkhorn by his side, reported the matter, saying, I have done as you have commanded me.

Ezekiel – Chapter 10

10:1 Then I looked, and, behold, in the firmament that was above the head of the cherubim there appeared over them as it were a sapphire stone, as the appearance of the likeness of a throne.

10:2 And he spoke to the man clothed with linen, and said, Go in between the wheels, even under the cherub, and fill your hand with coals of fire from between the cherubim, and scatter them over the city. And he went in in my sight.

10:3 Now the cherubim stood on the right side of the house, when the man went in; and the cloud filled the inner court.

10:4 Then the glory of *Yehovah* went up from the cherub, and stood over the threshold of the house; and the house was filled with the cloud, and the court was full of the brightness of *Yehovah's* glory.

10:5 And the sound of the cherubims' wings was heard even to the outer court, as the voice of the Almighty God when he speaks.

10:6 And it came to pass, that when he had commanded the man clothed with linen, saying, Take fire from between the wheels, from between the cherubim; then he went in, and stood beside the wheels.

10:7 And one cherub stretched forth his hand from between the cherubim to the fire that was between the cherubim, and took of it, and put it into the hands of him that was clothed with linen: who took it, and went out.

10:8 And there appeared in the cherubim the form of a man's hand under their wings.

10:9 And when I looked, behold the four wheels by the cherubim, one wheel by one cherub, and another wheel by another cherub: and the appearance of the wheels was as the color of a beryl stone.

10:10 And as for their appearances, they four had one likeness, as if a wheel had been in the middle of a wheel.

10:11 When they went, they went on their four sides; they turned not as they went, but to the place where the head looked they followed it; they turned not as they went.

10:12 And their whole body, and their backs, and their hands, and their wings, and the wheels, were full of eyes round about, even the wheels that they four had.

10:13 As for the wheels, it was cried to them in my hearing, O wheel.

10:14 And everyone had four faces: the first face was the face of a cherub, and the second face was the face of a man, and the third the face of a lion, and the fourth the face of an eagle.

10:15 And the cherubim were lifted up. This is the living creature that I saw by the river of Chebar.

10:16 And when the cherubim went, the wheels went by them: and when the cherubim lifted up their wings to mount up from the earth, the same wheels also turned not from beside them.

10:17 When they stood, these stood; and when they were lifted up, these lifted up themselves also: for the spirit of the living creature was in them.

10:18 Then the glory of *Yehovah* departed from off the threshold of the house, and stood over the cherubim.

10:19 And the cherubim lifted up their wings, and mounted up from the earth in my sight: when they went out, the wheels also were beside them, and everyone stood at the door of the east gate of *Yehovah's* house; and the glory of the God of Israel was over them above.

10:20 This is the living creature that I saw under the God of Israel by the river of Chebar; and I knew that they were the cherubim.

10:21 Everyone had four faces apiece, and everyone four wings; and the likeness of the hands of a man was under their wings.

10:22 And the likeness of their faces was the same faces which I saw by the river of Chebar, their appearances and themselves: they went everyone straight forward.

Ezekiel – Chapter 11

11:1 Moreover the spirit lifted me up, and brought me to the east gate of *Yehovah's* house, which looks eastward: and behold at the door of the gate

five and twenty men; among whom I saw Jaazaniah the son of Azur, and Pelatiah the son of Benaiah, lords of the people.

11:2 Then said he to me, Son of man, these are the men that devise mischief, and give wicked counsel in this city:

11:3 Which say, It is not near; let us build houses: this city is the caldron, and we be the flesh.

11:4 Therefore prophesy against them, prophesy, O son of man.

11:5 And the Spirit of *Yehovah* fell on me, and said to me, Speak; Thus said *Yehovah*; Thus have you said, O house of Israel: for I know the things that come into your mind, everyone of them.

11:6 You have multiplied your slain in this city, and you have filled its streets with the slain.

11:7 Therefore thus said *Yehovah* GOD; Your slain whom you have laid in the middle of it, they are the flesh, and this city is the caldron: but I will bring you forth out of the middle of it.

11:8 You have feared the sword; and I will bring a sword on you, said *Yehovah* GOD.

11:9 And I will bring you out of the city, and deliver you into the hands of strangers, and will execute judgments among you.

11:10 You shall fall by the sword; I will judge you in the border of Israel; and you shall know that I am *Yehovah*.

11:11 This city shall not be your caldron, neither shall you be the flesh in the middle of it; but I will judge you in the border of Israel:

11:12 And you shall know that I am *Yehovah*: for you have not walked in my statutes, neither executed my judgments, but have done after the manners of the heathen that are round about you.

11:13 And it came to pass, when I prophesied, that Pelatiah the son of Benaiah died. Then fell I down on my face, and cried with a loud voice, and said, Ah Lord GOD! will you make a full end of the remnant of Israel?

11:14 Again the word of *Yehovah* came to me, saying,

11:15 Son of man, your brothers, even your brothers, the men of your kindred, and all the house of Israel wholly, are they to whom the inhabitants of Jerusalem have said, Get you far from *Yehovah*: to us is this land given in possession.

11:16 Therefore say, Thus said *Yehovah* GOD; Although I have cast them far off among the heathen, and although I have scattered them among the countries, yet will I be to them as a little sanctuary in the countries where they shall come.

11:17 Therefore say, Thus said *Yehovah* GOD; I will even gather you from the people, and assemble you out of the countries where you have been scattered, and I will give you the land of Israel.

11:18 And they shall come there, and they shall take away all the detestable things and all the abominations from there.

11:19 And I will give them one heart, and I will put a new spirit within you; and I will take the stony heart out of their flesh, and will give them a heart of flesh:

11:20 That they may walk in my statutes, and keep my ordinances, and do them: and they shall be my people, and I will be their God.

11:21 But as for them whose heart walks after the heart of their detestable things and their abominations, I will recompense their way on their own heads, said *Yehovah* GOD.

11:22 Then did the cherubim lift up their wings, and the wheels beside them; and the glory of the God of Israel was over them above.

11:23 And the glory of *Yehovah* went up from the middle of the city, and stood on the mountain which is on the east side of the city.

11:24 Afterwards the spirit took me up, and brought me in a vision by the Spirit of God into Chaldea, to them of the captivity. So the vision that I had seen went up from me.

11:25 Then I spoke to them of the captivity all the things that *Yehovah* had showed me.

Ezekiel – Chapter 12

12:1 The word of *Yehovah* also came to me, saying,

12:2 Son of man, you dwell in the middle of a rebellious house, which have eyes to see, and see not; they have ears to hear, and hear not: for they are a rebellious house.

12:3 Therefore, you son of man, prepare you stuff for removing, and remove by day in their sight; and you shall remove from your place to another place in their sight: it may be they will consider, though they be a rebellious house.

12:4 Then shall you bring forth your stuff by day in their sight, as stuff for removing: and you shall go forth at even in their sight, as they that go forth into captivity.

12:5 Dig you through the wall in their sight, and carry out thereby.

12:6 In their sight shall you bear it on your shoulders, and carry it forth in the twilight: you shall cover your face, that you see not the ground: for I have set you for a sign to the house of Israel.

12:7 And I did so as I was commanded: I brought forth my stuff by day, as stuff for captivity, and in the even I dig through the wall with my hand; I brought it forth in the twilight, and I bore it on my shoulder in their sight.

12:8 And in the morning came the word of *Yehovah* to me, saying,

12:9 Son of man, has not the house of Israel, the rebellious house, said to you, What do you?

12:10 Say you to them, Thus said *Yehovah* GOD; This burden concerns the prince in Jerusalem, and all the house of Israel that are among them.

12:11 Say, I am your sign: like as I have done, so shall it be done to them: they shall remove and go into captivity.

12:12 And the prince that is among them shall bear on his shoulder in the twilight, and shall go forth: they shall dig through the wall to carry out thereby: he shall cover his face, that he see not the ground with his eyes.

12:13 My net also will I spread on him, and he shall be taken in my snare: and I will bring him to Babylon to the land of the Chaldeans; yet shall he not see it, though he shall die there.

12:14 And I will scatter toward every wind all that are about him to help him, and all his bands; and I will draw out the sword after them.

12:15 And they shall know that I am *Yehovah*, when I shall scatter them among the nations, and disperse them in the countries.

12:16 But I will leave a few men of them from the sword, from the famine, and from the pestilence; that they may declare all their abominations among the heathen where they come; and they shall know that I am *Yehovah*.

12:17 Moreover the word of *Yehovah* came to me, saying,

12:18 Son of man, eat your bread with quaking, and drink your water with trembling and with carefulness;

12:19 And say to the people of the land, Thus said *Yehovah* GOD of the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and of the land of Israel; They shall eat their bread with carefulness, and drink their water with astonishment, that her land may be desolate from all that is in it, because of the violence of all them that dwell in it.

12:20 And the cities that are inhabited shall be laid waste, and the land shall be desolate; and you shall know that I am *Yehovah*.

12:21 And the word of *Yehovah* came to me, saying,

12:22 Son of man, what is that proverb that you have in the land of Israel, saying, The days are prolonged, and every vision fails?

12:23 Tell them therefore, Thus said *Yehovah* GOD; I will make this proverb to cease, and they shall no more use it as a proverb in Israel; but say to them, The days are at hand, and the effect of every vision.

12:24 For there shall be no more any vain vision nor flattering divination within the house of Israel.

12:25 For I am *Yehovah*: I will speak, and the word that I shall speak shall come to pass; it shall be no more prolonged: for in your days, O rebellious house, will I say the word, and will perform it, said *Yehovah* GOD.

12:26 Again the word of *Yehovah* came to me, saying,

12:27 Son of man, behold, they of the house of Israel say, The vision that he sees is for many days to come, and he prophesies of the times that are far off.

12:28 Therefore say to them, Thus said *Yehovah* GOD; There shall none of my words be prolonged any more, but the word which I have spoken shall be done, said *Yehovah* GOD.

Ezekiel – Chapter 13

13:1 And the word of *Yehovah* came to me, saying,

13:2 Son of man, prophesy against the prophets of Israel that prophesy, and say you to them that prophesy out of their own hearts, Hear you the word of *Yehovah*;

13:3 Thus said *Yehovah* GOD; Woe to the foolish prophets, that follow their own spirit, and have seen nothing!

13:4 O Israel, your prophets are like the foxes in the deserts.

13:5 You have not gone up into the gaps, neither made up the hedge for the house of Israel to stand in the battle in the day of *Yehovah*.

13:6 They have seen vanity and lying divination, saying, *Yehovah* said: and *Yehovah* has not sent them: and they have made others to hope that they would confirm the word.

13:7 Have you not seen a vain vision, and have you not spoken a lying divination, whereas you say, *Yehovah* said it; albeit I have not spoken?

13:8 Therefore thus said *Yehovah* GOD; Because you have spoken vanity, and seen lies, therefore, behold, I am against you, said *Yehovah* GOD.

13:9 And my hand shall be on the prophets that see vanity, and that divine lies: they shall not be in the assembly of my people, neither shall they be written in the writing of the house of Israel, neither shall they enter into the land of Israel; and you shall know that I am *Yehovah* GOD.

13:10 Because, even because they have seduced my people, saying, Peace; and there was no peace; and one built up a wall, and, see, others daubed it with untempered mortar:

13:11 Say to them which daub it with untempered mortar, that it shall fall: there shall be an overflowing shower; and you, O great hailstones, shall fall; and a stormy wind shall rend it.

13:12 See, when the wall is fallen, shall it not be said to you, Where is the daubing with which you have daubed it?

13:13 Therefore thus said *Yehovah* GOD; I will even rend it with a stormy wind in my fury; and there shall be an overflowing shower in my anger, and great hailstones in my fury to consume it.

13:14 So will I break down the wall that you have daubed with untempered mortar, and bring it down to the ground, so that the foundation shall be discovered, and it shall fall, and you shall be consumed in the middle of it: and you shall know that I am *Yehovah*.

13:15 Thus will I accomplish my wrath on the wall, and on them that have daubed it with untempered mortar, and will say to you, The wall is no more, neither they that daubed it;

13:16 To the prophets of Israel which prophesy concerning Jerusalem, and which see visions of peace for her, and there is no peace, said *Yehovah* GOD.

13:17 Likewise, you son of man, set your face against the daughters of your people, which prophesy out of their own heart; and prophesy you against them,

13:18 And say, Thus said *Yehovah* GOD; Woe to the women that sew pillows to all armholes, and make kerchiefs on the head of every stature to hunt souls! Will you hunt the souls of my people, and will you save the souls alive that come to you?

13:19 And will you pollute me among my people for handfuls of barley and for pieces of bread, to slay the souls that should not die, and to save the souls alive that should not live, by your lying to my people that hear your lies?

13:20 Why thus said *Yehovah* GOD; Behold, I am against your pillows, with which you there hunt the souls to make them fly, and I will tear them from your arms, and will let the souls go, even the souls that you hunt to make them fly.

13:21 Your kerchiefs also will I tear, and deliver my people out of your hand, and they shall be no more in your hand to be hunted; and you shall know that I am *Yehovah*.

13:22 Because with lies you have made the heart of the righteous sad, whom I have not made sad; and strengthened the hands of the wicked, that he should not return from his wicked way, by promising him life:

13:23 Therefore you shall see no more vanity, nor divine divinations: for I will deliver my people out of your hand: and you shall know that I am *Yehovah*.

Ezekiel – Chapter 14

14:1 Then came certain of the elders of Israel to me, and sat before me.

14:2 And the word of *Yehovah* came to me, saying,

14:3 Son of man, these men have set up their idols in their heart, and put the stumbling block of their iniquity before their face: should I be inquired of at all by them?

14:4 Therefore speak to them, and say to them, Thus said *Yehovah* GOD; Every man of the house of Israel that sets up his idols in his heart, and puts the stumbling block of his iniquity before his face, and comes to the prophet; I *Yehovah* will answer him that comes according to the multitude of his idols;

14:5 That I may take the house of Israel in their own heart, because they are all estranged from me through their idols.

14:6 Therefore say to the house of Israel, Thus said *Yehovah* GOD; Repent, and turn yourselves from your idols; and turn away your faces from all your abominations.

14:7 For everyone of the house of Israel, or of the stranger that sojourns in Israel, which separates himself from me, and sets up his idols in his heart, and puts the stumbling block of his iniquity before his face, and comes to a

prophet to inquire of him concerning me; I *Yehovah* will answer him by myself:

14:8 And I will set my face against that man, and will make him a sign and a proverb, and I will cut him off from the middle of my people; and you shall know that I am *Yehovah*.

14:9 And if the prophet be deceived when he has spoken a thing, I *Yehovah* have deceived that prophet, and I will stretch out my hand on him, and will destroy him from the middle of my people Israel.

14:10 And they shall bear the punishment of their iniquity: the punishment of the prophet shall be even as the punishment of him that seeks to him;

14:11 That the house of Israel may go no more astray from me, neither be polluted anymore with all their transgressions; but that they may be my people, and I may be their God, said *Yehovah* GOD.

14:12 The word of *Yehovah* came again to me, saying,

14:13 Son of man, when the land sins against me by trespassing grievously, then will I stretch out my hand on it, and will break the staff of the bread there, and will send famine on it, and will cut off man and beast from it:

14:14 Though these three men, Noah, Daniel, and Job, were in it, they should deliver but their own souls by their righteousness, said *Yehovah* GOD.

14:15 If I cause noisome beasts to pass through the land, and they spoil it, so that it be desolate, that no man may pass through because of the beasts:

14:16 Though these three men were in it, as I live, said *Yehovah* GOD, they shall deliver neither sons nor daughters; they only shall be delivered, but the land shall be desolate.

14:17 Or if I bring a sword on that land, and say, Sword, go through the land; so that I cut off man and beast from it:

14:18 Though these three men were in it, as I live, said *Yehovah* GOD, they shall deliver neither sons nor daughters, but they only shall be delivered themselves.

14:19 Or if I send a pestilence into that land, and pour out my fury on it in blood, to cut off from it man and beast:

14:20 Though Noah, Daniel, and Job were in it, as I live, said *Yehovah* GOD, they shall deliver neither son nor daughter; they shall but deliver their own souls by their righteousness.

14:21 For thus said *Yehovah* GOD; How much more when I send my four sore judgments on Jerusalem, the sword, and the famine, and the noisome beast, and the pestilence, to cut off from it man and beast?

14:22 Yet, behold, in it shall be left a remnant that shall be brought forth, both sons and daughters: behold, they shall come forth to you, and you shall see their way and their doings: and you shall be comforted concerning the evil

that I have brought on Jerusalem, even concerning all that I have brought on it.

14:23 And they shall comfort you, when you see their ways and their doings: and you shall know that I have not done without cause all that I have done in it, said *Yehovah* GOD.

Ezekiel – Chapter 15

15:1 And the word of *Yehovah* came to me, saying,

15:2 Son of man, what is the vine tree more than any tree, or than a branch which is among the trees of the forest?

15:3 Shall wood be taken from there to do any work? or will men take a pin of it to hang any vessel thereon?

15:4 Behold, it is cast into the fire for fuel; the fire devours both the ends of it, and the middle of it is burned. Is it meet for any work?

15:5 Behold, when it was whole, it was meet for no work: how much less shall it be meet yet for any work, when the fire has devoured it, and it is burned?

15:6 Therefore thus said *Yehovah* GOD; As the vine tree among the trees of the forest, which I have given to the fire for fuel, so will I give the inhabitants of Jerusalem.

15:7 And I will set my face against them; they shall go out from one fire, and another fire shall devour them; and you shall know that I am *Yehovah*, when I set my face against them.

15:8 And I will make the land desolate, because they have committed a trespass, said *Yehovah* GOD.

Ezekiel – Chapter 16

16:1 Again the word of *Yehovah* came to me, saying,

16:2 Son of man, cause Jerusalem to know her abominations,

16:3 And say, Thus said *Yehovah* GOD to Jerusalem; Your birth and your nativity is of the land of Canaan; your father was an Amorite, and your mother a Hittite.

16:4 And as for your nativity, in the day you were born your navel was not cut, neither were you washed in water to supple you; you were not salted at all, nor swaddled at all.

16:5 No eye pitied you, to do any of these to you, to have compassion on you; but you were cast out in the open field, to the loathing of your person, in the day that you were born.

16:6 And when I passed by you, and saw you polluted in your own blood, I said to you when you were in your blood, Live; yes, I said to you when you were in your blood, Live.

16:7 I have caused you to multiply as the bud of the field, and you have increased and waxen great, and you are come to excellent ornaments: your breasts are fashioned, and your hair is grown, whereas you were naked and bore.

16:8 Now when I passed by you, and looked on you, behold, your time was the time of love; and I spread my skirt over you, and covered your nakedness: yes, I swore to you, and entered into a covenant with you, said *Yehovah* GOD, and you became mine.

16:9 Then washed I you with water; yes, I thoroughly washed away your blood from you, and I anointed you with oil.

16:10 I clothed you also with broidered work, and shod you with badgers' skin, and I girded you about with fine linen, and I covered you with silk.

16:11 I decked you also with ornaments, and I put bracelets on your hands, and a chain on your neck.

16:12 And I put a jewel on your forehead, and earrings in your ears, and a beautiful crown on your head.

16:13 Thus were you decked with gold and silver; and your raiment was of fine linen, and silk, and broidered work; you did eat fine flour, and honey, and oil: and you were exceeding beautiful, and you did prosper into a kingdom.

16:14 And your renown went forth among the heathen for your beauty: for it was perfect through my comeliness, which I had put on you, said *Yehovah* GOD.

16:15 But you did trust in your own beauty, and played the harlot because of your renown, and poured out your fornications on everyone that passed by; his it was.

16:16 And of your garments you did take, and decked your high places with divers colors, and played the harlot thereupon: the like things shall not come, neither shall it be so.

16:17 You have also taken your fair jewels of my gold and of my silver, which I had given you, and made to yourself images of men, and did commit prostitution with them,

16:18 And took your broidered garments, and covered them: and you have set my oil and my incense before them.

16:19 My meat also which I gave you, fine flour, and oil, and honey, with which I fed you, you have even set it before them for a sweet smell: and thus it was, said *Yehovah* GOD.

16:20 Moreover you have taken your sons and your daughters, whom you have borne to me, and these have you sacrificed to them to be devoured. Is this of your prostitutions a small matter,

16:21 That you have slain my children, and delivered them to cause them to pass through the fire for them?

16:22 And in all your abominations and your prostitutions you have not remembered the days of your youth, when you were naked and bore, and were polluted in your blood.

16:23 And it came to pass after all your wickedness, (woe, woe to you! said *Yehovah* GOD;)

16:24 That you have also built to you an eminent place, and have made you a high place in every street.

16:25 You have built your high place at every head of the way, and have made your beauty to be abhorred, and have opened your feet to everyone that passed by, and multiplied your prostitutions.

16:26 You have also committed fornication with the Egyptians your neighbors, great of flesh; and have increased your prostitutions, to provoke me to anger.

16:27 Behold, therefore I have stretched out my hand over you, and have diminished your ordinary food, and delivered you to the will of them that hate you, the daughters of the Philistines, which are ashamed of your lewd way.

16:28 You have played the whore also with the Assyrians, because you were insatiable; yes, you have played the harlot with them, and yet could not be satisfied.

16:29 You have moreover multiplied your fornication in the land of Canaan to Chaldea; and yet you were not satisfied therewith.

16:30 How weak is your heart, said *Yehovah* GOD, seeing you do all these things, the work of an imperious whorish woman;

16:31 In that you build your eminent place in the head of every way, and make your high place in every street; and have not been as a harlot, in that you scorn hire;

16:32 But as a wife that commits adultery, which takes strangers instead of her husband!

16:33 They give gifts to all whores: but you give your gifts to all your lovers, and hire them, that they may come to you on every side for your prostitution.

16:34 And the contrary is in you from other women in your prostitutions, whereas no one follows you to commit prostitutions: and in that you give a reward, and no reward is given to you, therefore you are contrary.

16:35 Why, O harlot, hear the word of *Yehovah*:

16:36 Thus said *Yehovah* GOD; Because your filthiness was poured out, and your nakedness discovered through your prostitutions with your lovers, and with all the idols of your abominations, and by the blood of your children, which you did give to them;

16:37 Behold, therefore I will gather all your lovers, with whom you have taken pleasure, and all them that you have loved, with all them that you have hated; I will even gather them round about against you, and will discover your nakedness to them, that they may see all your nakedness.

16:38 And I will judge you, as women that break wedlock and shed blood are judged; and I will give you blood in fury and jealousy.

16:39 And I will also give you into their hand, and they shall throw down your eminent place, and shall break down your high places: they shall strip you also of your clothes, and shall take your fair jewels, and leave you naked and bare.

16:40 They shall also bring up a company against you, and they shall stone you with stones, and thrust you through with their swords.

16:41 And they shall burn your houses with fire, and execute judgments on you in the sight of many women: and I will cause you to cease from playing the harlot, and you also shall give no hire any more.

16:42 So will I make my fury toward you to rest, and my jealousy shall depart from you, and I will be quiet, and will be no more angry.

16:43 Because you have not remembered the days of your youth, but have fretted me in all these things; behold, therefore I also will recompense your way on your head, said *Yehovah* GOD: and you shall not commit this lewdness above all your abominations.

16:44 Behold, everyone that uses proverbs shall use this proverb against you, saying, As is the mother, so is her daughter.

16:45 You are your mother's daughter, that lothes her husband and her children; and you are the sister of your sisters, which loathed their husbands and their children: your mother was a Hittite, and your father an Amorite.

16:46 And your elder sister is Samaria, she and her daughters that dwell at your left hand: and your younger sister, that dwells at your right hand, is Sodom and her daughters.

16:47 Yet have you not walked after their ways, nor done after their abominations: but, as if that were a very little thing, you were corrupted more than they in all your ways.

16:48 As I live, said *Yehovah* GOD, Sodom your sister has not done, she nor her daughters, as you have done, you and your daughters.

16:49 Behold, this was the iniquity of your sister Sodom, pride, fullness of bread, and abundance of idleness was in her and in her daughters, neither did she strengthen the hand of the poor and needy.

16:50 And they were haughty, and committed abomination before me: therefore I took them away as I saw good.

16:51 Neither has Samaria committed half of your sins; but you have multiplied your abominations more than they, and have justified your sisters in all your abominations which you have done.

16:52 You also, which have judged your sisters, bear your own shame for your sins that you have committed more abominable than they: they are more righteous than you: yes, be you confounded also, and bear your shame, in that you have justified your sisters.

16:53 When I shall bring again their captivity, the captivity of Sodom and her daughters, and the captivity of Samaria and her daughters, then will I bring again the captivity of your captives in the middle of them:

16:54 That you may bear your own shame, and may be confounded in all that you have done, in that you are a comfort to them.

16:55 When your sisters, Sodom and her daughters, shall return to their former estate, and Samaria and her daughters shall return to their former estate, then you and your daughters shall return to your former estate.

16:56 For your sister Sodom was not mentioned by your mouth in the day of your pride,

16:57 Before your wickedness was discovered, as at the time of your reproach of the daughters of Syria, and all that are round about her, the daughters of the Philistines, which despise you round about.

16:58 You have borne your lewdness and your abominations, said *Yehovah*.

16:59 For thus said *Yehovah* GOD; I will even deal with you as you have done, which have despised the oath in breaking the covenant.

16:60 Nevertheless I will remember my covenant with you in the days of your youth, and I will establish to you an everlasting covenant.

16:61 Then you shall remember your ways, and be ashamed, when you shall receive your sisters, your elder and your younger: and I will give them to you for daughters, but not by your covenant.

16:62 And I will establish my covenant with you; and you shall know that I am *Yehovah*:

16:63 That you may remember, and be confounded, and never open your mouth anymore because of your shame, when I am pacified toward you for all that you have done, said *Yehovah* GOD.

Ezekiel – Chapter 17

17:1 And the word of *Yehovah* came to me, saying,

17:2 Son of man, put forth a riddle, and speak a parable to the house of Israel;

17:3 And say, Thus said *Yehovah* GOD; A great eagle with great wings, long winged, full of feathers, which had divers colors, came to Lebanon, and took the highest branch of the cedar:

17:4 He cropped off the top of his young twigs, and carried it into a land of traffic; he set it in a city of merchants.

17:5 He took also of the seed of the land, and planted it in a fruitful field; he placed it by great waters, and set it as a willow tree.

17:6 And it grew, and became a spreading vine of low stature, whose branches turned toward him, and the roots there were under him: so it became a vine, and brought forth branches, and shot forth sprigs.

17:7 There was also another great eagle with great wings and many feathers: and, behold, this vine did bend her roots toward him, and shot forth her branches toward him, that he might water it by the furrows of her plantation.

17:8 It was planted in a good soil by great waters, that it might bring forth branches, and that it might bear fruit, that it might be a goodly vine.

17:9 Say you, Thus said *Yehovah* GOD; Shall it prosper? shall he not pull up by the roots, and cut off the fruit there, that it wither? it shall wither in all the leaves of her spring, even without great power or many people to pluck it up by its roots.

17:10 Yes, behold, being planted, shall it prosper? shall it not utterly wither, when the east wind touches it? it shall wither in the furrows where it grew.

17:11 Moreover the word of *Yehovah* came to me, saying,

17:12 Say now to the rebellious house, Know you not what these things mean? tell them, Behold, the king of Babylon is come to Jerusalem, and has taken their king, and their princes, and led them with him to Babylon;

17:13 And has taken of the king's seed, and made a covenant with him, and has taken an oath of him: he has also taken the mighty of the land:

17:14 That the kingdom might be base, that it might not lift itself up, but that by keeping of his covenant it might stand.

17:15 But he rebelled against him in sending his ambassadors into Egypt, that they might give him horses and much people. Shall he prosper? shall he escape that does such things? or shall he break the covenant, and be delivered?

17:16 As I live, said *Yehovah* GOD, surely in the place where the king dwells that made him king, whose oath he despised, and whose covenant he broke, even with him in the middle of Babylon he shall die.

17:17 Neither shall Pharaoh with his mighty army and great company make for him in the war, by casting up mounts, and building forts, to cut off many persons:

17:18 Seeing he despised the oath by breaking the covenant, when, see, he had given his hand, and has done all these things, he shall not escape.

17:19 Therefore thus said *Yehovah* GOD; As I live, surely my oath that he has despised, and my covenant that he has broken, even it will I recompense on his own head.

17:20 And I will spread my net on him, and he shall be taken in my snare, and I will bring him to Babylon, and will plead with him there for his trespass that he has trespassed against me.

17:21 And all his fugitives with all his bands shall fall by the sword, and they that remain shall be scattered toward all winds: and you shall know that I *Yehovah* have spoken it.

17:22 Thus said *Yehovah* GOD; I will also take of the highest branch of the high cedar, and will set it; I will crop off from the top of his young twigs a tender one, and will plant it on a high mountain and eminent:

17:23 In the mountain of the height of Israel will I plant it: and it shall bring forth boughs, and bear fruit, and be a goodly cedar: and under it shall dwell all fowl of every wing; in the shadow of its branches shall they dwell.

17:24 And all the trees of the field shall know that I *Yehovah* have brought down the high tree, have exalted the low tree, have dried up the green tree, and have made the dry tree to flourish: I *Yehovah* have spoken and have done it.

Ezekiel – Chapter 18

18:1 The word of *Yehovah* came to me again, saying,

18:2 What mean you, that you use this proverb concerning the land of Israel, saying, The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge?

18:3 As I live, said *Yehovah* GOD, you shall not have occasion anymore to use this proverb in Israel.

18:4 Behold, all souls are mine; as the soul of the father, so also the soul of the son is mine: the soul that sins, it shall die.

18:5 But if a man be just, and do that which is lawful and right,

18:6 And has not eaten on the mountains, neither has lifted up his eyes to the idols of the house of Israel, neither has defiled his neighbor's wife, neither has come near to a menstruous woman,

18:7 And has not oppressed any, but has restored to the debtor his pledge, has *plundered* none by violence, has given his bread to the hungry, and has covered the naked with a garment;

18:8 He that has not given forth on usury, neither has taken any increase, that has withdrawn his hand from iniquity, has executed true judgment between man and man,

18:9 Has walked in my statutes, and has kept my judgments, to deal truly; he is just, he shall surely live, said *Yehovah* GOD.

18:10 If he beget a son that is a robber, a shedder of blood, and that does the like to anyone of these things,

18:11 And that does not any of those duties, but even has eaten on the mountains, and defiled his neighbor's wife,

18:12 Has oppressed the poor and needy, has *plundered* by violence, has not restored the pledge, and has lifted up his eyes to the idols, has committed abomination,

18:13 Has given forth on usury, and has taken increase: shall he then live? he shall not live: he has done all these abominations; he shall surely die; his blood shall be on him.

18:14 Now, see, if he beget a son, that sees all his father's sins which he has done, and considers, and does not such like,

18:15 That has not eaten on the mountains, neither has lifted up his eyes to the idols of the house of Israel, has not defiled his neighbor's wife,

18:16 Neither has oppressed any, has not withheld the pledge, neither has *plundered* by violence, but has given his bread to the hungry, and has covered the naked with a garment,

18:17 That has taken off his hand from the poor, that has not received usury nor increase, has executed my judgments, has walked in my statutes; he shall not die for the iniquity of his father, he shall surely live.

18:18 As for his father, because he cruelly oppressed, *plundered* his brother by violence, and did that which is not good among his people, see, even he shall die in his iniquity.

18:19 Yet say you, Why? does not the son bear the iniquity of the father? When the son has done that which is lawful and right, and has kept all my statutes, and has done them, he shall surely live.

18:20 The soul that sins, it shall die. The son shall not bear the iniquity of the father, neither shall the father bear the iniquity of the son: the righteousness of the righteous shall be on him, and the wickedness of the wicked shall be on him.

18:21 But if the wicked will turn from all his sins that he has committed, and keep all my statutes, and do that which is lawful and right, he shall surely live, he shall not die.

18:22 All his transgressions that he has committed, they shall not be mentioned to him: in his righteousness that he has done he shall live.

18:23 Have I any pleasure at all that the wicked should die? said *Yehovah* GOD: and not that he should return from his ways, and live?

18:24 But when the righteous turns away from his righteousness, and commits iniquity, and does according to all the abominations that the wicked man does, shall he live? All his righteousness that he has done shall not be mentioned: in his trespass that he has trespassed, and in his sin that he has sinned, in them shall he die.

18:25 Yet you say, The way of *Yehovah* is not equal. Hear now, O house of Israel; Is not my way equal? are not your ways unequal?

18:26 When a righteous man turns away from his righteousness, and commits iniquity, and dies in them; for his iniquity that he has done shall he die.

18:27 Again, when the wicked man turns away from his wickedness that he has committed, and does that which is lawful and right, he shall save his soul alive.

18:28 Because he considers, and turns away from all his transgressions that he has committed, he shall surely live, he shall not die.

18:29 Yet said the house of Israel, The way of *Yehovah* is not equal. O house of Israel, are not my ways equal? are not your ways unequal?

18:30 Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, everyone according to his ways, said *Yehovah* GOD. Repent, and turn yourselves from all your transgressions; so iniquity shall not be your ruin.

18:31 Cast away from you all your transgressions, whereby you have transgressed; and make you a new heart and a new spirit: for why will you die, O house of Israel?

18:32 For I have no pleasure in the death of him that dies, said *Yehovah* GOD: why turn yourselves, and live you.

Ezekiel – Chapter 19

19:1 Moreover take you up a lamentation for the princes of Israel,

19:2 And say, What is your mother? A lioness: she lay down among lions, she nourished her whelps among young lions.

19:3 And she brought up one of her whelps: it became a young lion, and it learned to catch the prey; it devoured men.

19:4 The nations also heard of him; he was taken in their pit, and they brought him with chains to the land of Egypt.

19:5 Now when she saw that she had waited, and her hope was lost, then she took another of her whelps, and made him a young lion.

19:6 And he went up and down among the lions, he became a young lion, and learned to catch the prey, and devoured men.

19:7 And he knew their desolate palaces, and he laid waste their cities; and the land was desolate, with its fullness, by the noise of his roaring.

19:8 Then the nations set against him on every side from the provinces, and spread their net over him: he was taken in their pit.

19:9 And they put him in ward in chains, and brought him to the king of Babylon: they brought him into holds, that his voice should no more be heard on the mountains of Israel.

19:10 Your mother is like a vine in your blood, planted by the waters: she was fruitful and full of branches by reason of many waters.

19:11 And she had strong rods for the scepters of them that bore rule, and her stature was exalted among the thick branches, and she appeared in her height with the multitude of her branches.

19:12 But she was plucked up in fury, she was cast down to the ground, and the east wind dried up her fruit: her strong rods were broken and withered; the fire consumed them.

19:13 And now she is planted in the wilderness, in a dry and thirsty ground.

19:14 And fire is gone out of a rod of her branches, which has devoured her fruit, so that she has no strong rod to be a scepter to rule. This is a lamentation, and shall be for a lamentation.

Ezekiel – Chapter 20

20:1 And it came to pass in the seventh year, in the fifth month, the tenth day of the month, that certain of the elders of Israel came to inquire of *Yehovah*, and sat before me.

20:2 Then came the word of *Yehovah* to me, saying,

20:3 Son of man, speak to the elders of Israel, and say to them, Thus said *Yehovah* GOD; Are you come to inquire of me? As I live, said *Yehovah* GOD, I will not be inquired of by you.

20:4 Will you judge them, son of man, will you judge them? cause them to know the abominations of their fathers:

20:5 And say to them, Thus said *Yehovah* GOD; In the day when I chose Israel, and lifted up my hand to the seed of the house of Jacob, and made myself known to them in the land of Egypt, when I lifted up my hand to them, saying, I am *Yehovah* your God;

20:6 In the day that I lifted up my hand to them, to bring them forth of the land of Egypt into a land that I had espied for them, flowing with milk and honey, which is the glory of all lands:

20:7 Then said I to them, Cast you away every man the abominations of his eyes, and defile not yourselves with the idols of Egypt: I am *Yehovah* your God.

20:8 But they rebelled against me, and would not listen to me: they did not every man cast away the abominations of their eyes, neither did they forsake the idols of Egypt: then I said, I will pour out my fury on them, to accomplish my anger against them in the middle of the land of Egypt.

20:9 But I worked for my name's sake, that it should not be polluted before the heathen, among whom they were, in whose sight I made myself known to them, in bringing them forth out of the land of Egypt.

20:10 Why I caused them to go forth out of the land of Egypt, and brought them into the wilderness.

20:11 And I gave them my statutes, and showed them my judgments, which if a man do, he shall even live in them.

20:12 Moreover also I gave them my sabbaths, to be a sign between me and them, that they might know that I am *Yehovah* that sanctify them.

20:13 But the house of Israel rebelled against me in the wilderness: they walked not in my statutes, and they despised my judgments, which if a man do, he shall even live in them; and my sabbaths they greatly polluted: then I said, I would pour out my fury on them in the wilderness, to consume them.

20:14 But I worked for my name's sake, that it should not be polluted before the heathen, in whose sight I brought them out.

20:15 Yet also I lifted up my hand to them in the wilderness, that I would not bring them into the land which I had given them, flowing with milk and honey, which is the glory of all lands;

20:16 Because they despised my judgments, and walked not in my statutes, but polluted my sabbaths: for their heart went after their idols.

20:17 Nevertheless my eye spared them from destroying them, neither did I make an end of them in the wilderness.

20:18 But I said to their children in the wilderness, Walk you not in the statutes of your fathers, neither observe their judgments, nor defile yourselves with their idols:

20:19 I am *Yehovah* your God; walk in my statutes, and keep my judgments, and do them;

20:20 And hallow my sabbaths; and they shall be a sign between me and you, that you may know that I am *Yehovah* your God.

20:21 Notwithstanding the children rebelled against me: they walked not in my statutes, neither kept my judgments to do them, which if a man do, he shall even live in them; they polluted my sabbaths: then I said, I would pour out my fury on them, to accomplish my anger against them in the wilderness.

20:22 Nevertheless I withdrew my hand, and worked for my name's sake, that it should not be polluted in the sight of the heathen, in whose sight I brought them forth.

20:23 I lifted up my hand to them also in the wilderness, that I would scatter them among the heathen, and disperse them through the countries;

20:24 Because they had not executed my judgments, but had despised my statutes, and had polluted my sabbaths, and their eyes were after their fathers' idols.

20:25 Why I gave them also statutes that were not good, and judgments whereby they should not live;

20:26 And I polluted them in their own gifts, in that they caused to pass through the fire all that opens the womb, that I might make them desolate, to the end that they might know that I am *Yehovah*.

20:27 Therefore, son of man, speak to the house of Israel, and say to them, Thus said *Yehovah* GOD; Yet in this your fathers have blasphemed me, in that they have committed a trespass against me.

20:28 For when I had brought them into the land, for the which I lifted up my hand to give it to them, then they saw every high hill, and all the thick trees, and they offered there their sacrifices, and there they presented the provocation of their offering: there also they made their sweet smell, and poured out there their drink offerings.

20:29 Then I said to them, What is the high place whereunto you go? And the name whereof is called Bamah to this day.

20:30 Why say to the house of Israel, Thus said *Yehovah* GOD; Are you polluted after the manner of your fathers? and commit you prostitution after their abominations?

20:31 For when you offer your gifts, when you make your sons to pass through the fire, you pollute yourselves with all your idols, even to this day: and shall I be inquired of by you, O house of Israel? As I live, said *Yehovah* GOD, I will not be inquired of by you.

20:32 And that which comes into your mind shall not be at all, that you say, We will be as the heathen, as the families of the countries, to serve wood and stone.

20:33 As I live, said *Yehovah* GOD, surely with a mighty hand, and with a stretched out arm, and with fury poured out, will I rule over you:

20:34 And I will bring you out from the people, and will gather you out of the countries in which you are scattered, with a mighty hand, and with a stretched out arm, and with fury poured out.

20:35 And I will bring you into the wilderness of the people, and there will I plead with you face to face.

20:36 Like as I pleaded with your fathers in the wilderness of the land of Egypt, so will I plead with you, said *Yehovah* GOD.

20:37 And I will cause you to pass under the rod, and I will bring you into the bond of the covenant:

20:38 And I will purge out from among you the rebels, and them that transgress against me: I will bring them forth out of the country where they sojourn, and they shall not enter into the land of Israel: and you shall know that I am *Yehovah*.

20:39 As for you, O house of Israel, thus said *Yehovah* GOD; Go you, serve you everyone his idols, and hereafter also, if you will not listen to me: but pollute you my holy name no more with your gifts, and with your idols.

20:40 For in my holy mountain, in the mountain of the height of Israel, said *Yehovah* GOD, there shall all the house of Israel, all of them in the land, serve me: there will I accept them, and there will I require your offerings, and the first fruits of your oblations, with all your holy things.

20:41 I will accept you with your sweet smell, when I bring you out from the people, and gather you out of the countries in which you have been scattered; and I will be sanctified in you before the heathen.

20:42 And you shall know that I am *Yehovah*, when I shall bring you into the land of Israel, into the country for the which I lifted up my hand to give it to your fathers.

20:43 And there shall you remember your ways, and all your doings, in which you have been defiled; and you shall loathe yourselves in your own sight for all your evils that you have committed.

20:44 And you shall know that I am *Yehovah* when I have worked with you for my name's sake, not according to your wicked ways, nor according to your corrupt doings, O you house of Israel, said *Yehovah* GOD.

20:45 Moreover the word of *Yehovah* came to me, saying,

20:46 Son of man, set your face toward the south, and drop your word toward the south, and prophesy against the forest of the south field;

20:47 And say to the forest of the south, Hear the word of *Yehovah*; Thus said *Yehovah* GOD; Behold, I will kindle a fire in you, and it shall devour every green tree in you, and every dry tree: the flaming flame shall not be quenched, and all faces from the south to the north shall be burned in it.

20:48 And all flesh shall see that I *Yehovah* have kindled it: it shall not be quenched.

20:49 Then said I, Ah Lord GOD! they say of me, Does he not speak parables?

Ezekiel – Chapter 21

21:1 And the word of *Yehovah* came to me, saying,

21:2 Son of man, set your face toward Jerusalem, and drop your word toward the holy places, and prophesy against the land of Israel,

21:3 And say to the land of Israel, Thus said *Yehovah*; Behold, I am against you, and will draw forth my sword out of his sheath, and will cut off from you the righteous and the wicked.

21:4 Seeing then that I will cut off from you the righteous and the wicked, therefore shall my sword go forth out of his sheath against all flesh from the south to the north:

21:5 That all flesh may know that I *Yehovah* have drawn forth my sword out of his sheath: it shall not return any more.

21:6 Sigh therefore, you son of man, with the breaking of your loins; and with bitterness sigh before their eyes.

21:7 And it shall be, when they say to you, Why sigh you? that you shall answer, For the tidings; because it comes: and every heart shall melt, and all hands shall be feeble, and every spirit shall faint, and all knees shall be weak as water: behold, it comes, and shall be brought to pass, said *Yehovah* GOD.

21:8 Again the word of *Yehovah* came to me, saying,

21:9 Son of man, prophesy, and say, Thus said *Yehovah*; Say, A sword, a sword is sharpened, and also furbished:

21:10 It is sharpened to make a sore slaughter; it is furbished that it may glitter: should we then make mirth? it scorns the rod of my son, as every tree.

21:11 And he has given it to be furbished, that it may be handled: this sword is sharpened, and it is furbished, to give it into the hand of the slayer.

21:12 Cry and howl, son of man: for it shall be on my people, it shall be on all the princes of Israel: terrors by reason of the sword shall be on my people: smite therefore on your thigh.

21:13 Because it is a trial, and what if the sword scorn even the rod? it shall be no more, said *Yehovah* GOD.

21:14 You therefore, son of man, prophesy, and smite your hands together. and let the sword be doubled the third time, the sword of the slain: it is the sword of the great men that are slain, which enters into their privy chambers.

21:15 I have set the point of the sword against all their gates, that their heart may faint, and their ruins be multiplied: ah! it is made bright, it is wrapped up for the slaughter.

21:16 Go you one way or other, either on the right hand, or on the left, wherever your face is set.

21:17 I will also smite my hands together, and I will cause my fury to rest: I *Yehovah* have said it.

21:18 The word of *Yehovah* came to me again, saying,

21:19 Also, you son of man, appoint you two ways, that the sword of the king of Babylon may come: both two shall come forth out of one land: and choose you a place, choose it at the head of the way to the city.

21:20 Appoint a way, that the sword may come to Rabbath of the Ammonites, and to Judah in Jerusalem the defended.

21:21 For the king of Babylon stood at the parting of the way, at the head of the two ways, to use divination: he made his arrows bright, he consulted with images, he looked in the liver.

21:22 At his right hand was the divination for Jerusalem, to appoint captains, to open the mouth in the slaughter, to lift up the voice with shouting, to appoint battering rams against the gates, to cast a mount, and to build a fort.

21:23 And it shall be to them as a false divination in their sight, to them that have sworn oaths: but he will call to remembrance the iniquity, that they may be taken.

21:24 Therefore thus said *Yehovah* GOD; Because you have made your iniquity to be remembered, in that your transgressions are discovered, so that in all your doings your sins do appear; because, I say, that you are come to remembrance, you shall be taken with the hand.

21:25 And you, profane wicked prince of Israel, whose day is come, when iniquity shall have an end,

21:26 Thus said *Yehovah* GOD; Remove the diadem, and take off the crown: this shall not be the same: exalt him that is low, and abase him that is high.

21:27 I will overturn, overturn, overturn, it: and it shall be no more, until he come whose right it is; and I will give it him.

21:28 And you, son of man, prophesy and say, Thus said *Yehovah* GOD concerning the Ammonites, and concerning their reproach; even say you, The sword, the sword is drawn: for the slaughter it is furbished, to consume because of the glittering:

21:29 Whiles they see vanity to you, whiles they divine a lie to you, to bring you on the necks of them that are slain, of the wicked, whose day is come, when their iniquity shall have an end.

21:30 Shall I cause it to return into his sheath? I will judge you in the place where you were created, in the land of your nativity.

21:31 And I will pour out my indignation on you, I will blow against you in the fire of my wrath, and deliver you into the hand of brutish men, and skillful to destroy.

21:32 You shall be for fuel to the fire; your blood shall be in the middle of the land; you shall be no more remembered: for I *Yehovah* have spoken it.

Ezekiel – Chapter 22

22:1 Moreover the word of *Yehovah* came to me, saying,

22:2 Now, you son of man, will you judge, will you judge the bloody city? yes, you shall show her all her abominations.

22:3 Then say you, Thus said *Yehovah* GOD, The city sheds blood in the middle of it, that her time may come, and makes idols against herself to defile herself.

22:4 You are become guilty in your blood that you have shed; and have defiled yourself in your idols which you have made; and you have caused your days to draw near, and are come even to your years: therefore have I made you a reproach to the heathen, and a mocking to all countries.

22:5 Those that be near, and those that be far from you, shall mock you, which are infamous and much vexed.

22:6 Behold, the princes of Israel, everyone were in you to their power to shed blood.

22:7 In you have they set light by father and mother: in the middle of you have they dealt by oppression with the stranger: in you have they vexed the fatherless and the widow.

22:8 You have despised my holy things, and have profaned my sabbaths.

22:9 In you are men that carry tales to shed blood: and in you they eat on the mountains: in the middle of you they commit lewdness.

22:10 In you have they discovered their fathers' nakedness: in you have they humbled her that was set apart for pollution.

22:11 And one has committed abomination with his neighbor's wife; and another has lewdly defiled his daughter in law; and another in you has humbled his sister, his father's daughter.

22:12 In you have they taken gifts to shed blood; you have taken usury and increase, and you have greedily gained of your neighbors by extortion, and have forgotten me, said *Yehovah* GOD.

22:13 Behold, therefore I have smitten my hand at your dishonest gain which you have made, and at your blood which has been in the middle of you.

22:14 Can your heart endure, or can your hands be strong, in the days that I shall deal with you? I *Yehovah* have spoken it, and will do it.

22:15 And I will scatter you among the heathen, and disperse you in the countries, and will consume your filthiness out of you.

22:16 And you shall take your inheritance in yourself in the sight of the heathen, and you shall know that I am *Yehovah*.

22:17 And the word of *Yehovah* came to me, saying,

22:18 Son of man, the house of Israel is to me become dross: all they are brass, and tin, and iron, and lead, in the middle of the furnace; they are even the dross of silver.

22:19 Therefore thus said *Yehovah* GOD; Because you are all become dross, behold, therefore I will gather you into the middle of Jerusalem.

22:20 As they gather silver, and brass, and iron, and lead, and tin, into the middle of the furnace, to blow the fire on it, to melt it; so will I gather you in my anger and in my fury, and I will leave you there, and melt you.

22:21 Yes, I will gather you, and blow on you in the fire of my wrath, and you shall be melted in the middle thereof.

22:22 As silver is melted in the middle of the furnace, so shall you be melted in the furnace; and you shall know that I, *Yehovah* have poured out my fury on you.

22:23 And the word of *Yehovah* came to me, saying,

22:24 Son of man, say to her, You are the land that is not cleansed, nor rained on in the day of indignation.

22:25 There is a conspiracy of her prophets in the land, like a roaring lion ravening the prey; they have devoured souls; they have taken the treasure and precious things; and they have made her many widows.

22:26 Her priests have violated my law, and have profaned my holy things: they have put no difference between the holy and profane, neither have they showed difference between the unclean and the clean, and have hid their eyes from my sabbaths, and I am profaned among them.

22:27 Her princes within are like wolves ravening the prey, to shed blood, and to destroy souls, to get dishonest gain.

22:28 And her prophets have daubed them with untempered mortar, seeing vanity, and divining lies to them, saying, Thus said *Yehovah* GOD, when *Yehovah* has not spoken.

22:29 The people of the land have used oppression, and exercised robbery, and have vexed the poor and needy: yes, they have oppressed the stranger wrongfully.

22:30 And I sought for a man among them, that should make up the hedge, and stand in the gap before me for the land, that I should not destroy it: but I found none.

22:31 Therefore have I poured out my indignation on them; I have consumed them with the fire of my wrath: their own way have I recompensed on their heads, said *Yehovah* GOD.

Ezekiel – Chapter 23

23:1 The word of *Yehovah* came again to me, saying,

23:2 Son of man, there were two women, the daughters of one mother:

23:3 And they committed prostitutions in Egypt; they committed prostitutions in their youth: there were their breasts pressed, and there they bruised the teats of their virginity.

23:4 And the names of them were Aholah the elder, and Aholibah her sister: and they were mine, and they bore sons and daughters. Thus were their names; Samaria is Aholah, and Jerusalem Aholibah.

23:5 And Aholah played the harlot when she was mine; and she doted on her lovers, on the Assyrians her neighbors,

23:6 Which were clothed with blue, captains and rulers, all of them desirable young men, horsemen riding on horses.

23:7 Thus she committed her prostitutions with them, with all them that were the chosen men of Assyria, and with all on whom she doted: with all their idols she defiled herself.

23:8 Neither left she her prostitutions brought from Egypt: for in her youth they lay with her, and they bruised the breasts of her virginity, and poured their prostitution on her.

23:9 Why I have delivered her into the hand of her lovers, into the hand of the Assyrians, on whom she doted.

23:10 These discovered her nakedness: they took her sons and her daughters, and slew her with the sword: and she became famous among women; for they had executed judgment on her.

23:11 And when her sister Aholibah saw this, she was more corrupt in her inordinate love than she, and in her prostitutions more than her sister in her prostitutions.

23:12 She doted on the Assyrians her neighbors, captains and rulers clothed most gorgeously, horsemen riding on horses, all of them desirable young men.

23:13 Then I saw that she was defiled, that they took both one way,

23:14 And that she increased her prostitutions: for when she saw men portrayed on the wall, the images of the Chaldeans portrayed with vermilion,

23:15 Girded with girdles on their loins, exceeding in dyed attire on their heads, all of them princes to look to, after the manner of the Babylonians of Chaldea, the land of their nativity:

23:16 And as soon as she saw them with her eyes, she doted on them, and sent messengers to them into Chaldea.

23:17 And the Babylonians came to her into the bed of love, and they defiled her with their prostitution, and she was polluted with them, and her mind was alienated from them.

23:18 So she discovered her prostitutions, and discovered her nakedness: then my mind was alienated from her, like as my mind was alienated from her sister.

23:19 Yet she multiplied her prostitutions, in calling to remembrance the days of her youth, in which she had played the harlot in the land of Egypt.

23:20 For she doted on their paramours, whose flesh is as the flesh of asses, and whose issue is like the issue of horses.

23:21 Thus you called to remembrance the lewdness of your youth, in bruising your teats by the Egyptians for the breasts of your youth.

23:22 Therefore, O Aholibah, thus said *Yehovah* GOD; Behold, I will raise up your lovers against you, from whom your mind is alienated, and I will bring them against you on every side;

23:23 The Babylonians, and all the Chaldeans, Pekod, and Shoa, and Koa, and all the Assyrians with them: all of them desirable young men, captains and rulers, great lords and renowned, all of them riding on horses.

23:24 And they shall come against you with chariots, wagons, and wheels, and with an assembly of people, which shall set against you buckler and shield and helmet round about: and I will set judgment before them, and they shall judge you according to their judgments.

23:25 And I will set my jealousy against you, and they shall deal furiously with you: they shall take away your nose and your ears; and your remnant shall fall by the sword: they shall take your sons and your daughters; and your residue shall be devoured by the fire.

23:26 They shall also strip you out of your clothes, and take away your fair jewels.

23:27 Thus will I make your lewdness to cease from you, and your prostitution brought from the land of Egypt: so that you shall not lift up your eyes to them, nor remember Egypt any more.

23:28 For thus said *Yehovah* GOD; Behold, I will deliver you into the hand of them whom you hate, into the hand of them from whom your mind is alienated:

23:29 And they shall deal with you hatefully, and shall take away all your labor, and shall leave you naked and bare: and the nakedness of your prostitutions shall be discovered, both your lewdness and your prostitutions.

23:30 I will do these things to you, because you have gone a whoring after the heathen, and because you are polluted with their idols.

23:31 You have walked in the way of your sister; therefore will I give her cup into your hand.

23:32 Thus said *Yehovah* GOD; You shall drink of your sister's cup deep and large: you shall be laughed to scorn and had in derision; it contains much.

23:33 You shall be filled with drunkenness and sorrow, with the cup of astonishment and desolation, with the cup of your sister Samaria.

23:34 You shall even drink it and suck it out, and you shall break its shards, and pluck off your own breasts: for I have spoken it, said *Yehovah* GOD.

23:35 Therefore thus said *Yehovah* GOD; Because you have forgotten me, and cast me behind your back, therefore bear you also your lewdness and your prostitutions.

23:36 *Yehovah* said moreover to me; Son of man, will you judge Aholah and Aholibah? yes, declare to them their abominations;

23:37 That they have committed adultery, and blood is in their hands, and with their idols have they committed adultery, and have also caused their sons, whom they bore to me, to pass for them through the fire, to devour them.

23:38 Moreover this they have done to me: they have defiled my sanctuary in the same day, and have profaned my sabbaths.

23:39 For when they had slain their children to their idols, then they came the same day into my sanctuary to profane it; and, see, thus have they done in the middle of my house.

23:40 And furthermore, that you have sent for men to come from far, to whom a messenger was sent; and, see, they came: for whom you did wash yourself, painted your eyes, and decked yourself with ornaments,

23:41 And sat on a stately bed, and a table prepared before it, whereupon you have set my incense and my oil.

23:42 And a voice of a multitude being at ease was with her: and with the men of the common sort were brought Sabeans from the wilderness, which put bracelets on their hands, and beautiful crowns on their heads.

23:43 Then said I to her that was old in adulteries, Will they now commit prostitutions with her, and she with them?

23:44 Yet they went in to her, as they go in to a woman that plays the harlot: so went they in to Aholah and to Aholibah, the lewd women.

23:45 And the righteous men, they shall judge them after the manner of adulteresses, and after the manner of women that shed blood; because they are adulteresses, and blood is in their hands.

23:46 For thus said *Yehovah* GOD; I will bring up a company on them, and will give them to be removed and *plundered*.

23:47 And the company shall stone them with stones, and dispatch them with their swords; they shall slay their sons and their daughters, and burn up their houses with fire.

23:48 Thus will I cause lewdness to cease out of the land, that all women may be taught not to do after your lewdness.

23:49 And they shall recompense your lewdness on you, and you shall bear the sins of your idols: and you shall know that I am *Yehovah* GOD.

Ezekiel – Chapter 24

24:1 Again in the ninth year, in the tenth month, in the tenth day of the month, the word of *Yehovah* came to me, saying,

24:2 Son of man, write you the name of the day, even of this same day: the king of Babylon set himself against Jerusalem this same day.

24:3 And utter a parable to the rebellious house, and say to them, Thus said *Yehovah* GOD; Set on a pot, set it on, and also pour water into it:

24:4 Gather all the pieces into it, even every good piece, the thigh, and the shoulder; fill it with the choice bones.

24:5 Take the choice of the flock, and burn also the bones under it, and make it boil well, and let them seethe the bones of it in it.

24:6 Why thus said *Yehovah* GOD; Woe to the bloody city, to the pot whose scum is in it, and whose scum is not gone out of it! bring it out piece by piece; let no lot fall on it.

24:7 For her blood is in the middle of her; she set it on the top of a rock; she poured it not on the ground, to cover it with dust;

24:8 That it might cause fury to come up to take vengeance; I have set her blood on the top of a rock, that it should not be covered.

24:9 Therefore thus said *Yehovah* GOD; Woe to the bloody city! I will even make the pile for fire great.

24:10 Heap on wood, kindle the fire, consume the flesh, and spice it well, and let the bones be burned.

24:11 Then set it empty on the coals, that the brass of it may be hot, and may burn, and that the filthiness of it may be molten in it, that the scum of it may be consumed.

24:12 She has wearied herself with lies, and her great scum went not forth out of her: her scum shall be in the fire.

24:13 In your filthiness is lewdness: because I have purged you, and you were not purged, you shall not be purged from your filthiness any more, till I have caused my fury to rest on you.

24:14 I *Yehovah* have spoken it: it shall come to pass, and I will do it; I will not go back, neither will I spare, neither will I repent; according to your ways, and according to your doings, shall they judge you, said *Yehovah* GOD.

24:15 Also the word of *Yehovah* came to me, saying,

24:16 Son of man, behold, I take away from you the desire of your eyes with a stroke: yet neither shall you mourn nor weep, neither shall your tears run down.

24:17 Forbear to cry, make no mourning for the dead, bind the tire of your head on you, and put on your shoes on your feet, and cover not your lips, and eat not the bread of men.

24:18 So I spoke to the people in the morning: and at even my wife died; and I did in the morning as I was commanded.

24:19 And the people said to me, Will you not tell us what these things are to us, that you do so?

24:20 Then I answered them, The word of *Yehovah* came to me, saying,

24:21 Speak to the house of Israel, Thus said *Yehovah* GOD; Behold, I will profane my sanctuary, the excellency of your strength, the desire of your eyes, and that which your soul pities; and your sons and your daughters whom you have left shall fall by the sword.

24:22 And you shall do as I have done: you shall not cover your lips, nor eat the bread of men.

24:23 And your tires shall be on your heads, and your shoes on your feet: you shall not mourn nor weep; but you shall pine away for your iniquities, and mourn one toward another.

24:24 Thus Ezekiel is to you a sign: according to all that he has done shall you do: and when this comes, you shall know that I am *Yehovah* GOD.

24:25 Also, you son of man, shall it not be in the day when I take from them their strength, the joy of their glory, the desire of their eyes, and that whereupon they set their minds, their sons and their daughters,

24:26 That he that escapes in that day shall come to you, to cause you to hear it with your ears?

24:27 In that day shall your mouth be opened to him which is escaped, and you shall speak, and be no more dumb: and you shall be a sign to them; and they shall know that I am *Yehovah*.

Ezekiel – Chapter 25

25:1 The word of *Yehovah* came again to me, saying,

25:2 Son of man, set your face against the Ammonites, and prophesy against them;

25:3 And say to the Ammonites, Hear the word of *Yehovah* GOD; Thus said *Yehovah* GOD; Because you said, Aha, against my sanctuary, when it was profaned; and against the land of Israel, when it was desolate; and against the house of Judah, when they went into captivity;

25:4 Behold, therefore I will deliver you to the men of the east for a possession, and they shall set their palaces in you, and make their dwellings in you: they shall eat your fruit, and they shall drink your milk.

25:5 And I will make Rabbah a stable for camels, and the Ammonites a couching place for flocks: and you shall know that I am *Yehovah*.

25:6 For thus said *Yehovah* GOD; Because you have clapped your hands, and stamped with the feet, and rejoiced in heart with all your despite against the land of Israel;

25:7 Behold, therefore I will stretch out my hand on you, and will deliver you for spoils to the heathen; and I will cut you off from the people, and I will cause you to perish out of the countries: I will destroy you; and you shall know that I am *Yehovah*.

25:8 Thus said *Yehovah* GOD; Because that Moab and Seir do say, Behold, the house of Judah is like to all the heathen;

25:9 Therefore, behold, I will open the side of Moab from the cities, from his cities which are on his frontiers, the glory of the country, Bethjeshimoth, Baalmeon, and Kiriathaim,

25:10 To the men of the east with the Ammonites, and will give them in possession, that the Ammonites may not be remembered among the nations.

25:11 And I will execute judgments on Moab; and they shall know that I am *Yehovah*.

25:12 Thus said *Yehovah* GOD; Because that Edom has dealt against the house of Judah by taking vengeance, and has greatly offended, and revenged himself on them;

25:13 Therefore thus said *Yehovah* GOD; I will also stretch out my hand on Edom, and will cut off man and beast from it; and I will make it desolate from Teman; and they of Dedan shall fall by the sword.

25:14 And I will lay my vengeance on Edom by the hand of my people Israel: and they shall do in Edom according to my anger and according to my fury; and they shall know my vengeance, said *Yehovah* GOD.

25:15 Thus said *Yehovah* GOD; Because the Philistines have dealt by revenge, and have taken vengeance with a spiteful heart, to destroy it for the old hatred;

25:16 Therefore thus said *Yehovah* GOD; Behold, I will stretch out my hand on the Philistines, and I will cut off the Cherethims, and destroy the remnant of the sea coast.

25:17 And I will execute great vengeance on them with furious rebukes; and they shall know that I am *Yehovah*, when I shall lay my vengeance on them.

Ezekiel – Chapter 26

26:1 And it came to pass in the eleventh year, in the first day of the month, that the word of *Yehovah* came to me, saying,

26:2 Son of man, because that Tyrus has said against Jerusalem, Aha, she is broken that was the gates of the people: she is turned to me: I shall be replenished, now she is laid waste:

26:3 Therefore thus said *Yehovah* GOD; Behold, I am against you, O Tyrus, and will cause many nations to come up against you, as the sea causes his waves to come up.

26:4 And they shall destroy the walls of Tyrus, and break down her towers: I will also scrape her dust from her, and make her like the top of a rock.

26:5 It shall be a place for the spreading of nets in the middle of the sea: for I have spoken it, said *Yehovah* GOD: and it shall become spoils to the nations.

26:6 And her daughters which are in the field shall be slain by the sword; and they shall know that I am *Yehovah*.

26:7 For thus said *Yehovah* GOD; Behold, I will bring on Tyrus Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon, a king of kings, from the north, with horses, and with chariots, and with horsemen, and companies, and much people.

26:8 He shall slay with the sword your daughters in the field: and he shall make a fort against you, and cast a mount against you, and lift up the buckler against you.

26:9 And he shall set engines of war against your walls, and with his axes he shall break down your towers.

26:10 By reason of the abundance of his horses their dust shall cover you: your walls shall shake at the noise of the horsemen, and of the wheels, and of the chariots, when he shall enter into your gates, as men enter into a city in which is made a breach.

26:11 With the hoofs of his horses shall he tread down all your streets: he shall slay your people by the sword, and your strong garrisons shall go down to the ground.

26:12 And they shall make spoils of your riches, and make a prey of your merchandise: and they shall break down your walls, and destroy your pleasant houses: and they shall lay your stones and your timber and your dust in the middle of the water.

26:13 And I will cause the noise of your songs to cease; and the sound of your harps shall be no more heard.

26:14 And I will make you like the top of a rock: you shall be a place to spread nets on; you shall be built no more: for I *Yehovah* have spoken it, said *Yehovah* GOD.

26:15 Thus said *Yehovah* GOD to Tyrus; Shall not the isles shake at the sound of your fall, when the wounded cry, when the slaughter is made in the middle of you?

26:16 Then all the princes of the sea shall come down from their thrones, and lay away their robes, and put off their broidered garments: they shall clothe themselves with trembling; they shall sit on the ground, and shall tremble at every moment, and be astonished at you.

26:17 And they shall take up a lamentation for you, and say to you, How are you destroyed, that were inhabited of seafaring men, the renowned city, which were strong in the sea, she and her inhabitants, which cause their terror to be on all that inhabit it!

26:18 Now shall the isles tremble in the day of your fall; yes, the isles that are in the sea shall be troubled at your departure.

26:19 For thus said *Yehovah* GOD; When I shall make you a desolate city, like the cities that are not inhabited; when I shall bring up the deep on you, and great waters shall cover you;

26:20 When I shall bring you down with them that descend into the pit, with the people of old time, and shall set you in the low parts of the earth, in places desolate of old, with them that go down to the pit, that you be not inhabited; and I shall set glory in the land of the living;

26:21 I will make you a terror, and you shall be no more: though you be sought for, yet shall you never be found again, said *Yehovah* GOD.

Ezekiel – Chapter 27

27:1 The word of *Yehovah* came again to me, saying,

27:2 Now, you son of man, take up a lamentation for Tyrus;

27:3 And say to Tyrus, O you that are situate at the entry of the sea, which are a merchant of the people for many isles, Thus said *Yehovah* GOD; O Tyrus, you have said, I am of perfect beauty.

27:4 Your borders are in the middle of the seas, your builders have perfected your beauty.

27:5 They have made all your ship boards of fir trees of Senir: they have taken cedars from Lebanon to make masts for you.

27:6 Of the oaks of Bashan have they made your oars; the company of the Ashurites have made your benches of ivory, brought out of the isles of Chittim.

27:7 Fine linen with broidered work from Egypt was that which you spread forth to be your sail; blue and purple from the isles of Elishah was that which covered you.

27:8 The inhabitants of Zidon and Arvad were your mariners: your wise men, O Tyrus, that were in you, were your pilots.

27:9 The ancients of Gebal and their wise men were in you your caulkers: all the ships of the sea with their mariners were in you to occupy your merchandise.

27:10 They of Persia and of Lud and of Phut were in your army, your men of war: they hanged the shield and helmet in you; they set forth your comeliness.

27:11 The men of Arvad with your army were on your walls round about, and the Gammadims were in your towers: they hanged their shields on your walls round about; they have made your beauty perfect.

27:12 Tarshish was your merchant by reason of the multitude of all kind of riches; with silver, iron, tin, and lead, they traded in your fairs.

27:13 Javan, Tubal, and Meshech, they were your merchants: they traded the persons of men and vessels of brass in your market.

27:14 They of the house of Togarmah traded in your fairs with horses and horsemen and mules.

27:15 The men of Dedan were your merchants; many isles were the merchandise of your hand: they brought you for a present horns of ivory and ebony.

27:16 Syria was your merchant by reason of the multitude of the wares of your making: they occupied in your fairs with emeralds, purple, and brodered work, and fine linen, and coral, and agate.

27:17 Judah, and the land of Israel, they were your merchants: they traded in your market wheat of Minnith, and Pannag, and honey, and oil, and balm.

27:18 Damascus was your merchant in the multitude of the wares of your making, for the multitude of all riches; in the wine of Helbon, and white wool.

27:19 Dan also and Javan going to and fro occupied in your fairs: bright iron, cassia, and calamus, were in your market.

27:20 Dedan was your merchant in precious clothes for chariots.

27:21 Arabia, and all the princes of Kedar, they occupied with you in lambs, and rams, and goats: in these were they your merchants.

27:22 The merchants of Sheba and Raamah, they were your merchants: they occupied in your fairs with chief of all spices, and with all precious stones, and gold.

27:23 Haran, and Canneh, and Eden, the merchants of Sheba, Asshur, and Chilmad, were your merchants.

27:24 These were your merchants in all sorts of things, in blue clothes, and brodered work, and in chests of rich apparel, bound with cords, and made of cedar, among your merchandise.

27:25 The ships of Tarshish did sing of you in your market: and you were replenished, and made very glorious in the middle of the seas.

27:26 Your rowers have brought you into great waters: the east wind has broken you in the middle of the seas.

27:27 Your riches, and your fairs, your merchandise, your mariners, and your pilots, your caulkers, and the occupiers of your merchandise, and all your men of war, that are in you, and in all your company which is in the middle of you, shall fall into the middle of the seas in the day of your ruin.

27:28 The suburbs shall shake at the sound of the cry of your pilots.

27:29 And all that handle the oar, the mariners, and all the pilots of the sea, shall come down from their ships, they shall stand on the land;

27:30 And shall cause their voice to be heard against you, and shall cry bitterly, and shall cast up dust on their heads, they shall wallow themselves in the ashes:

27:31 And they shall make themselves utterly bald for you, and gird them with sackcloth, and they shall weep for you with bitterness of heart and bitter wailing.

27:32 And in their wailing they shall take up a lamentation for you, and lament over you, saying, What city is like Tyrus, like the destroyed in the middle of the sea?

27:33 When your wares went forth out of the seas, you filled many people; you did enrich the kings of the earth with the multitude of your riches and of your merchandise.

27:34 In the time when you shall be broken by the seas in the depths of the waters your merchandise and all your company in the middle of you shall fall.

27:35 All the inhabitants of the isles shall be astonished at you, and their kings shall be sore afraid, they shall be troubled in their countenance.

27:36 The merchants among the people shall hiss at you; you shall be a terror, and never shall be any more.

Ezekiel – Chapter 28

28:1 The word of *Yehovah* came again to me, saying,

28:2 Son of man, say to the prince of Tyrus, Thus said *Yehovah* GOD; Because your heart is lifted up, and you have said, I am a God, I sit in the seat of God, in the middle of the seas; yet you are a man, and not God, though you set your heart as the heart of God:

28:3 Behold, you are wiser than Daniel; there is no secret that they can hide from you:

28:4 With your wisdom and with your understanding you have gotten you riches, and have gotten gold and silver into your treasures:

28:5 By your great wisdom and by your traffic have you increased your riches, and your heart is lifted up because of your riches:

28:6 Therefore thus said *Yehovah* GOD; Because you have set your heart as the heart of God;

28:7 Behold, therefore I will bring strangers on you, the terrible of the nations: and they shall draw their swords against the beauty of your wisdom, and they shall defile your brightness.

28:8 They shall bring you down to the pit, and you shall die the deaths of them that are slain in the middle of the seas.

28:9 Will you yet say before him that slays you, I am God? but you shall be a man, and no God, in the hand of him that slays you.

28:10 You shall die the deaths of the uncircumcised by the hand of strangers: for I have spoken it, said *Yehovah* GOD.

28:11 Moreover the word of *Yehovah* came to me, saying,

28:12 Son of man, take up a lamentation on the king of Tyrus, and say to him, Thus said *Yehovah* GOD; You seal up the sum, full of wisdom, and perfect in beauty.

28:13 You have been in Eden the garden of God; every precious stone was your covering, the sardius, topaz, and the diamond, the beryl, the onyx, and the jasper, the sapphire, the emerald, and the carbuncle, and gold: the workmanship of your tabrets and of your pipes was prepared in you in the day that you were created.

28:14 You are the anointed cherub that covers; and I have set you so: you were on the holy mountain of God; you have walked up and down in the middle of the stones of fire.

28:15 You were perfect in your ways from the day that you were created, till iniquity was found in you.

28:16 By the multitude of your merchandise they have filled the middle of you with violence, and you have sinned: therefore I will cast you as profane out of the mountain of God: and I will destroy you, O covering cherub, from the middle of the stones of fire.

28:17 Your heart was lifted up because of your beauty, you have corrupted your wisdom by reason of your brightness: I will cast you to the ground, I will lay you before kings, that they may behold you.

28:18 You have defiled your sanctuaries by the multitude of your iniquities, by the iniquity of your traffic; therefore will I bring forth a fire from the middle of you, it shall devour you, and I will bring you to ashes on the earth in the sight of all them that behold you.

28:19 All they that know you among the people shall be astonished at you: you shall be a terror, and never shall you be any more.

28:20 Again the word of *Yehovah* came to me, saying,

28:21 Son of man, set your face against Zidon, and prophesy against it,

28:22 And say, Thus said *Yehovah* GOD; Behold, I am against you, O Zidon; and I will be glorified in the middle of you: and they shall know that I am *Yehovah*, when I shall have executed judgments in her, and shall be sanctified in her.

28:23 For I will send into her pestilence, and blood into her streets; and the wounded shall be judged in the middle of her by the sword on her on every side; and they shall know that I am *Yehovah*.

28:24 And there shall be no more a pricking brier to the house of Israel, nor any grieving thorn of all that are round about them, that despised them; and they shall know that I am *Yehovah* GOD.

28:25 Thus said *Yehovah* GOD; When I shall have gathered the house of Israel from the people among whom they are scattered, and shall be sanctified in them in the sight of the heathen, then shall they dwell in their land that I have given to my servant Jacob.

28:26 And they shall dwell safely in it, and shall build houses, and plant vineyards; yes, they shall dwell with confidence, when I have executed judgments on all those that despise them round about them; and they shall know that I am *Yehovah* their God.

Ezekiel – Chapter 29

29:1 In the tenth year, in the tenth month, in the twelfth day of the month, the word of *Yehovah* came to me, saying,

29:2 Son of man, set your face against Pharaoh king of Egypt, and prophesy against him, and against all Egypt:

29:3 Speak, and say, Thus said *Yehovah* GOD; Behold, I am against you, Pharaoh king of Egypt, the great dragon that lies in the middle of his rivers, which has said, My river is my own, and I have made it for myself.

29:4 But I will put hooks in your jaws, and I will cause the fish of your rivers to stick to your scales, and I will bring you up out of the middle of your rivers, and all the fish of your rivers shall stick to your scales.

29:5 And I will leave you thrown into the wilderness, you and all the fish of your rivers: you shall fall on the open fields; you shall not be brought together, nor gathered: I have given you for meat to the beasts of the field and to the fowls of the heaven.

29:6 And all the inhabitants of Egypt shall know that I am *Yehovah*, because they have been a staff of reed to the house of Israel.

29:7 When they took hold of you by your hand, you did break, and rend all their shoulder: and when they leaned on you, you brake, and made all their loins to be at a stand.

29:8 Therefore thus said *Yehovah* GOD; Behold, I will bring a sword on you, and cut off man and beast out of you.

29:9 And the land of Egypt shall be desolate and waste; and they shall know that I am *Yehovah*: because he has said, The river is mine, and I have made it.

29:10 Behold, therefore I am against you, and against your rivers, and I will make the land of Egypt utterly waste and desolate, from the tower of Syene even to the border of Ethiopia.

29:11 No foot of man shall pass through it, nor foot of beast shall pass through it, neither shall it be inhabited forty years.

29:12 And I will make the land of Egypt desolate in the middle of the countries that are desolate, and her cities among the cities that are laid waste shall be desolate forty years: and I will scatter the Egyptians among the nations, and will disperse them through the countries.

29:13 Yet thus said *Yehovah* GOD; At the end of forty years will I gather the Egyptians from the people where they were scattered:

29:14 And I will bring again the captivity of Egypt, and will cause them to return into the land of Pathros, into the land of their habitation; and they shall be there a base kingdom.

29:15 It shall be the basest of the kingdoms; neither shall it exalt itself anymore above the nations: for I will diminish them, that they shall no more rule over the nations.

29:16 And it shall be no more the confidence of the house of Israel, which brings their iniquity to remembrance, when they shall look after them: but they shall know that I am *Yehovah* GOD.

29:17 And it came to pass in the seven and twentieth year, in the first month, in the first day of the month, the word of *Yehovah* came to me, saying,

29:18 Son of man, Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon caused his army to serve a great service against Tyrus: every head was made bald, and every shoulder was peeled: yet had he no wages, nor his army, for Tyrus, for the service that he had served against it:

29:19 Therefore thus said *Yehovah* GOD; Behold, I will give the land of Egypt to Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon; and he shall take her multitude, and take her spoils, and take her prey; and it shall be the wages for his army.

29:20 I have given him the land of Egypt for his labor with which he served against it, because they worked for me, said *Yehovah* GOD.

29:21 In that day will I cause the horn of the house of Israel to bud forth, and I will give you the opening of the mouth in the middle of them; and they shall know that I am *Yehovah*.

Ezekiel – Chapter 30

30:1 The word of *Yehovah* came again to me, saying,

30:2 Son of man, prophesy and say, Thus said *Yehovah* GOD; Howl you, Woe worth the day!

30:3 For the day is near, even the day of *Yehovah* is near, a cloudy day; it shall be the time of the heathen.

30:4 And the sword shall come on Egypt, and great pain shall be in Ethiopia, when the slain shall fall in Egypt, and they shall take away her multitude, and her foundations shall be broken down.

30:5 Ethiopia, and Libya, and Lydia, and all the mingled people, and Chub, and the men of the land that is in league, shall fall with them by the sword.

30:6 Thus said *Yehovah*; They also that uphold Egypt shall fall; and the pride of her power shall come down: from the tower of Syene shall they fall in it by the sword, said *Yehovah* GOD.

30:7 And they shall be desolate in the middle of the countries that are desolate, and her cities shall be in the middle of the cities that are wasted.

30:8 And they shall know that I am *Yehovah*, when I have set a fire in Egypt, and when all her helpers shall be destroyed.

30:9 In that day shall messengers go forth from me in ships to make the careless Ethiopians afraid, and great pain shall come on them, as in the day of Egypt: for, see, it comes.

30:10 Thus said *Yehovah* GOD; I will also make the multitude of Egypt to cease by the hand of Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon.

30:11 He and his people with him, the terrible of the nations, shall be brought to destroy the land: and they shall draw their swords against Egypt, and fill the land with the slain.

30:12 And I will make the rivers dry, and sell the land into the hand of the wicked: and I will make the land waste, and all that is in it, by the hand of strangers: I *Yehovah* have spoken it.

30:13 Thus said *Yehovah* GOD; I will also destroy the idols, and I will cause their images to cease out of Noph; and there shall be no more a prince of the land of Egypt: and I will put a fear in the land of Egypt.

30:14 And I will make Pathros desolate, and will set fire in Zoan, and will execute judgments in No.

30:15 And I will pour my fury on Sin, the strength of Egypt; and I will cut off the multitude of No.

30:16 And I will set fire in Egypt: Sin shall have great pain, and No shall be rent asunder, and Noph shall have distresses daily.

30:17 The young men of Aven and of Pibeseth shall fall by the sword: and these cities shall go into captivity.

30:18 At Tehaphnehes also the day shall be darkened, when I shall break there the yokes of Egypt: and the pomp of her strength shall cease in her: as for her, a cloud shall cover her, and her daughters shall go into captivity.

30:19 Thus will I execute judgments in Egypt: and they shall know that I am *Yehovah*.

30:20 And it came to pass in the eleventh year, in the first month, in the seventh day of the month, that the word of *Yehovah* came to me, saying,

30:21 Son of man, I have broken the arm of Pharaoh king of Egypt; and, see, it shall not be bound up to be healed, to put a roller to bind it, to make it strong to hold the sword.

30:22 Therefore thus said *Yehovah* GOD; Behold, I am against Pharaoh king of Egypt, and will break his arms, the strong, and that which was broken; and I will cause the sword to fall out of his hand.

30:23 And I will scatter the Egyptians among the nations, and will disperse them through the countries.

30:24 And I will strengthen the arms of the king of Babylon, and put my sword in his hand: but I will break Pharaoh's arms, and he shall groan before him with the groanings of a deadly wounded man.

30:25 But I will strengthen the arms of the king of Babylon, and the arms of Pharaoh shall fall down; and they shall know that I am *Yehovah*, when I shall put my sword into the hand of the king of Babylon, and he shall stretch it out on the land of Egypt.

30:26 And I will scatter the Egyptians among the nations, and disperse them among the countries; and they shall know that I am *Yehovah*.

Ezekiel – Chapter 31

31:1 And it came to pass in the eleventh year, in the third month, in the first day of the month, that the word of *Yehovah* came to me, saying,

31:2 Son of man, speak to Pharaoh king of Egypt, and to his multitude; Whom are you like in your greatness?

31:3 Behold, the Assyrian was a cedar in Lebanon with fair branches, and with a shadowing shroud, and of a high stature; and his top was among the thick boughs.

31:4 The waters made him great, the deep set him up on high with her rivers running round about his plants, and sent her little rivers to all the trees of the field.

31:5 Therefore his height was exalted above all the trees of the field, and his boughs were multiplied, and his branches became long because of the multitude of waters, when he shot forth.

31:6 All the fowls of heaven made their nests in his boughs, and under his branches did all the beasts of the field bring forth their young, and under his shadow dwelled all great nations.

31:7 Thus was he fair in his greatness, in the length of his branches: for his root was by great waters.

31:8 The cedars in the garden of God could not hide him: the fir trees were not like his boughs, and the chestnut trees were not like his branches; nor any tree in the garden of God was like to him in his beauty.

31:9 I have made him fair by the multitude of his branches: so that all the trees of Eden, that were in the garden of God, envied him.

31:10 Therefore thus said *Yehovah* GOD; Because you have lifted up yourself in height, and he has shot up his top among the thick boughs, and his heart is lifted up in his height;

31:11 I have therefore delivered him into the hand of the mighty one of the heathen; he shall surely deal with him: I have driven him out for his wickedness.

31:12 And strangers, the terrible of the nations, have cut him off, and have left him: on the mountains and in all the valleys his branches are fallen, and his boughs are broken by all the rivers of the land; and all the people of the earth are gone down from his shadow, and have left him.

31:13 On his ruin shall all the fowls of the heaven remain, and all the beasts of the field shall be on his branches:

31:14 To the end that none of all the trees by the waters exalt themselves for their height, neither shoot up their top among the thick boughs, neither their trees stand up in their height, all that drink water: for they are all delivered to death, to the nether parts of the earth, in the middle of the children of men, with them that go down to the pit.

31:15 Thus said *Yehovah* GOD; In the day when he went down to the grave I caused a mourning: I covered the deep for him, and I restrained the floods, and the great waters were stayed: and I caused Lebanon to mourn for him, and all the trees of the field fainted for him.

31:16 I made the nations to shake at the sound of his fall, when I cast him down to *sheol* with them that descend into the pit: and all the trees of Eden, the choice and best of Lebanon, all that drink water, shall be comforted in the nether parts of the earth.

31:17 They also went down into *sheol* with him to them that be slain with the sword; and they that were his arm, that dwelled under his shadow in the middle of the heathen.

31:18 To whom are you thus like in glory and in greatness among the trees of Eden? yet shall you be brought down with the trees of Eden to the nether parts of the earth: you shall lie in the middle of the uncircumcised with them that be slain by the sword. This is Pharaoh and all his multitude, said *Yehovah* GOD.

Ezekiel – Chapter 32

32:1 And it came to pass in the twelfth year, in the twelfth month, in the first day of the month, that the word of *Yehovah* came to me, saying,

32:2 Son of man, take up a lamentation for Pharaoh king of Egypt, and say to him, You are like a young lion of the nations, and you are as a whale in the seas: and you came forth with your rivers, and troubled the waters with your feet, and fouled their rivers.

32:3 Thus said *Yehovah* GOD; I will therefore spread out my net over you with a company of many people; and they shall bring you up in my net.

32:4 Then will I leave you on the land, I will cast you forth on the open field, and will cause all the fowls of the heaven to remain on you, and I will fill the beasts of the whole earth with you.

32:5 And I will lay your flesh on the mountains, and fill the valleys with your height.

32:6 I will also water with your blood the land in which you swim, even to the mountains; and the rivers shall be full of you.

32:7 And when I shall put you out, I will cover the heavens, and make their stars dark; I will cover the sun with a cloud, and the moon shall not give her light.

32:8 All the bright lights of heaven will I make dark over you, and set darkness on your land, said *Yehovah* GOD.

32:9 I will also vex the hearts of many people, when I shall bring your destruction among the nations, into the countries which you have not known.

32:10 Yes, I will make many people amazed at you, and their kings shall be horribly afraid for you, when I shall brandish my sword before them; and they shall tremble at every moment, every man for his own life, in the day of your fall.

32:11 For thus said *Yehovah* GOD; The sword of the king of Babylon shall come on you.

32:12 By the swords of the mighty will I cause your multitude to fall, the terrible of the nations, all of them: and they shall *plunder* the pomp of Egypt, and all their multitude shall be destroyed.

32:13 I will destroy also all their beasts from beside the great waters; neither shall the foot of man trouble them any more, nor the hoofs of beasts trouble them.

32:14 Then will I make their waters deep, and cause their rivers to run like oil, said *Yehovah* GOD.

32:15 When I shall make the land of Egypt desolate, and the country shall be destitute of that whereof it was full, when I shall smite all them that dwell in it, then shall they know that I am *Yehovah*.

32:16 This is the lamentation with which they shall lament her: the daughters of the nations shall lament her: they shall lament for her, even for Egypt, and for all her multitude, said *Yehovah* GOD.

32:17 It came to pass also in the twelfth year, in the fifteenth day of the month, that the word of *Yehovah* came to me, saying,

32:18 Son of man, wail for the multitude of Egypt, and cast them down, even her, and the daughters of the famous nations, to the nether parts of the earth, with them that go down into the pit.

32:19 Whom do you pass in beauty? go down, and be you laid with the uncircumcised.

32:20 They shall fall in the middle of them that are slain by the sword: she is delivered to the sword: draw her and all her multitudes.

32:21 The strong among the mighty shall speak to him out of the middle of *sheol* with them that help him: they are gone down, they lie uncircumcised, slain by the sword.

32:22 Asshur is there and all her company: his graves are about him: all of them slain, fallen by the sword:

32:23 Whose graves are set in the sides of the pit, and her company is round about her grave: all of them slain, fallen by the sword, which caused terror in the land of the living.

32:24 There is Elam and all her multitude round about her grave, all of them slain, fallen by the sword, which are gone down uncircumcised into the nether parts of the earth, which caused their terror in the land of the living; yet have they borne their shame with them that go down to the pit.

32:25 They have set her a bed in the middle of the slain with all her multitude: her graves are round about him: all of them uncircumcised, slain by the sword: though their terror was caused in the land of the living, yet have they borne their shame with them that go down to the pit: he is put in the middle of them that be slain.

32:26 There is Meshech, Tubal, and all her multitude: her graves are round about him: all of them uncircumcised, slain by the sword, though they caused their terror in the land of the living.

32:27 And they shall not lie with the mighty that are fallen of the uncircumcised, which are gone down to *sheol* with their weapons of war: and they have laid their swords under their heads, but their iniquities shall be on their bones, though they were the terror of the mighty in the land of the living.

32:28 Yes, you shall be broken in the middle of the uncircumcised, and shall lie with them that are slain with the sword.

32:29 There is Edom, her kings, and all her princes, which with their might are laid by them that were slain by the sword: they shall lie with the uncircumcised, and with them that go down to the pit.

32:30 There be the princes of the north, all of them, and all the Zidonians, which are gone down with the slain; with their terror they are ashamed of their might; and they lie uncircumcised with them that be slain by the sword, and bear their shame with them that go down to the pit.

32:31 Pharaoh shall see them, and shall be comforted over all his multitude, even Pharaoh and all his army slain by the sword, said *Yehovah* GOD.

32:32 For I have caused my terror in the land of the living: and he shall be laid in the middle of the uncircumcised with them that are slain with the sword, even Pharaoh and all his multitude, said *Yehovah* GOD.

Ezekiel – Chapter 33

33:1 Again the word of *Yehovah* came to me, saying,

33:2 Son of man, speak to the children of your people, and say to them, When I bring the sword on a land, if the people of the land take a man of their coasts, and set him for their watchman:

33:3 If when he sees the sword come on the land, he blow the trumpet, and warn the people;

33:4 Then whoever hears the sound of the trumpet, and takes not warning; if the sword come, and take him away, his blood shall be on his own head.

33:5 He heard the sound of the trumpet, and took not warning; his blood shall be on him. But he that takes warning shall deliver his soul.

33:6 But if the watchman see the sword come, and blow not the trumpet, and the people be not warned; if the sword come, and take any person from among them, he is taken away in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at the watchman's hand.

33:7 So you, O son of man, I have set you a watchman to the house of Israel; therefore you shall hear the word at my mouth, and warn them from me.

33:8 When I say to the wicked, O wicked man, you shall surely die; if you do not speak to warn the wicked from his way, that wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at your hand.

33:9 Nevertheless, if you warn the wicked of his way to turn from it; if he do not turn from his way, he shall die in his iniquity; but you have delivered your soul.

33:10 Therefore, O you son of man, speak to the house of Israel; Thus you speak, saying, If our transgressions and our sins be on us, and we pine away in them, how should we then live?

33:11 Say to them, As I live, said *Yehovah* GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked; but that the wicked turn from his way and live: turn you, turn you from your evil ways; for why will you die, O house of Israel?

33:12 Therefore, you son of man, say to the children of your people, The righteousness of the righteous shall not deliver him in the day of his transgression: as for the wickedness of the wicked, he shall not fall thereby in the day that he turns from his wickedness; neither shall the righteous be able to live for his righteousness in the day that he sins.

33:13 When I shall say to the righteous, that he shall surely live; if he trust to his own righteousness, and commit iniquity, all his righteousnesses shall not be remembered; but for his iniquity that he has committed, he shall die for it.

33:14 Again, when I say to the wicked, You shall surely die; if he turn from his sin, and do that which is lawful and right;

33:15 If the wicked restore the pledge, give again that he had robbed, walk in the statutes of life, without committing iniquity; he shall surely live, he shall not die.

33:16 None of his sins that he has committed shall be mentioned to him: he has done that which is lawful and right; he shall surely live.

33:17 Yet the children of your people say, The way of *Yehovah* is not equal: but as for them, their way is not equal.

33:18 When the righteous turns from his righteousness, and commits iniquity, he shall even die thereby.

33:19 But if the wicked turn from his wickedness, and do that which is lawful and right, he shall live thereby.

33:20 Yet you say, The way of *Yehovah* is not equal. O you house of Israel, I will judge you everyone after his ways.

33:21 And it came to pass in the twelfth year of our captivity, in the tenth month, in the fifth day of the month, that one that had escaped out of Jerusalem came to me, saying, The city is smitten.

33:22 Now the hand of *Yehovah* was on me in the evening, before he that was escaped came; and had opened my mouth, until he came to me in the morning; and my mouth was opened, and I was no more dumb.

33:23 Then the word of *Yehovah* came to me, saying,

33:24 Son of man, they that inhabit those wastes of the land of Israel speak, saying, Abraham was one, and he inherited the land: but we are many; the land is given us for inheritance.

33:25 Why say to them, Thus said *Yehovah* GOD; You eat with the blood, and lift up your eyes toward your idols, and shed blood: and shall you possess the land?

33:26 You stand on your sword, you work abomination, and you defile everyone his neighbor's wife: and shall you possess the land?

33:27 Say you thus to them, Thus said *Yehovah* GOD; As I live, surely they that are in the wastes shall fall by the sword, and him that is in the open field will I give to the beasts to be devoured, and they that be in the forts and in the caves shall die of the pestilence.

33:28 For I will lay the land most desolate, and the pomp of her strength shall cease; and the mountains of Israel shall be desolate, that none shall pass through.

33:29 Then shall they know that I am *Yehovah*, when I have laid the land most desolate because of all their abominations which they have committed.

33:30 Also, you son of man, the children of your people still are talking against you by the walls and in the doors of the houses, and speak one to another, everyone to his brother, saying, Come, I pray you, and hear what is the word that comes forth from *Yehovah*.

33:31 And they come to you as the people comes, and they sit before you as my people, and they hear your words, but they will not do them: for with their mouth they show much love, but their heart goes after their covetousness.

33:32 And, see, you are to them as a very lovely song of one that has a pleasant voice, and can play well on an instrument: for they hear your words, but they do them not.

33:33 And when this comes to pass, (see, it will come,) then shall they know that a prophet has been among them.

Ezekiel – Chapter 34

34:1 And the word of *Yehovah* came to me, saying,

34:2 Son of man, prophesy against the shepherds of Israel, prophesy, and say to them, Thus said *Yehovah* GOD to the shepherds; Woe be to the shepherds of Israel that do feed themselves! should not the shepherds feed the flocks?

34:3 You eat the fat, and you clothe you with the wool, you kill them that are fed: but you feed not the flock.

34:4 The diseased have you not strengthened, neither have you healed that which was sick, neither have you bound up that which was broken, neither have you brought again that which was driven away, neither have you sought that which was lost; but with force and with cruelty have you ruled them.

34:5 And they were scattered, because there is no shepherd: and they became meat to all the beasts of the field, when they were scattered.

34:6 My sheep wandered through all the mountains, and on every high hill: yes, my flock was scattered on all the face of the earth, and none did search or seek after them.

34:7 Therefore, you shepherds, hear the word of *Yehovah*;

34:8 As I live, said *Yehovah* GOD, surely because my flock became a prey, and my flock became meat to every beast of the field, because there was no shepherd, neither did my shepherds search for my flock, but the shepherds fed themselves, and fed not my flock;

34:9 Therefore, O you shepherds, hear the word of *Yehovah*;

34:10 Thus said *Yehovah* GOD; Behold, I am against the shepherds; and I will require my flock at their hand, and cause them to cease from feeding the flock; neither shall the shepherds feed themselves any more; for I will deliver my flock from their mouth, that they may not be meat for them.

34:11 For thus said *Yehovah* GOD; Behold, I, even I, will both search my sheep, and seek them out.

34:12 As a shepherd seeks out his flock in the day that he is among his sheep that are scattered; so will I seek out my sheep, and will deliver them out of all places where they have been scattered in the cloudy and dark day.

34:13 And I will bring them out from the people, and gather them from the countries, and will bring them to their own land, and feed them on the mountains of Israel by the rivers, and in all the inhabited places of the country.

34:14 I will feed them in a good pasture, and on the high mountains of Israel shall their fold be: there shall they lie in a good fold, and in a fat pasture shall they feed on the mountains of Israel.

34:15 I will feed my flock, and I will cause them to lie down, said *Yehovah* GOD.

34:16 I will seek that which was lost, and bring again that which was driven away, and will bind up that which was broken, and will strengthen that which was sick: but I will destroy the fat and the strong; I will feed them with judgment.

34:17 And as for you, O my flock, thus said *Yehovah* GOD; Behold, I judge between cattle and cattle, between the rams and the he goats.

34:18 Seems it a small thing to you to have eaten up the good pasture, but you must tread down with your feet the residue of your pastures? and to have drunk of the deep waters, but you must foul the residue with your feet?

34:19 And as for my flock, they eat that which you have trodden with your feet; and they drink that which you have fouled with your feet.

34:20 Therefore thus said *Yehovah* GOD to them; Behold, I, even I, will judge between the fat cattle and between the lean cattle.

34:21 Because you have thrust with side and with shoulder, and pushed all the diseased with your horns, till you have scattered them abroad;

34:22 Therefore will I save my flock, and they shall no more be a prey; and I will judge between cattle and cattle.

34:23 And I will set up one shepherd over them, and he shall feed them, even my servant David; he shall feed them, and he shall be their shepherd.

34:24 And I *Yehovah* will be their God, and my servant David a prince among them; I *Yehovah* have spoken it.

34:25 And I will make with them a covenant of peace, and will cause the evil beasts to cease out of the land: and they shall dwell safely in the wilderness, and sleep in the woods.

34:26 And I will make them and the places round about my hill a blessing; and I will cause the shower to come down in his season; there shall be showers of blessing.

34:27 And the tree of the field shall yield her fruit, and the earth shall yield her increase, and they shall be safe in their land, and shall know that I am *Yehovah*, when I have broken the bands of their yoke, and delivered them out of the hand of those that served themselves of them.

34:28 And they shall no more be a prey to the heathen, neither shall the beast of the land devour them; but they shall dwell safely, and none shall make them afraid.

34:29 And I will raise up for them a plant of renown, and they shall be no more consumed with hunger in the land, neither bear the shame of the heathen any more.

34:30 Thus shall they know that I *Yehovah* their God am with them, and that they, even the house of Israel, are my people, said *Yehovah* GOD.

34:31 And you my flock, the flock of my pasture, are men, and I am your God, said *Yehovah* GOD.

Ezekiel – Chapter 35

35:1 Moreover the word of *Yehovah* came to me, saying,

35:2 Son of man, set your face against mount Seir, and prophesy against it,

35:3 And say to it, Thus said *Yehovah* GOD; Behold, O mount Seir, I am against you, and I will stretch out my hand against you, and I will make you most desolate.

35:4 I will lay your cities waste, and you shall be desolate, and you shall know that I am *Yehovah*.

35:5 Because you have had a perpetual hatred, and have shed the blood of the children of Israel by the force of the sword in the time of their calamity, in the time that their iniquity had an end:

35:6 Therefore, as I live, said *Yehovah* GOD, I will prepare you to blood, and blood shall pursue you: since you have not hated blood, even blood shall pursue you.

35:7 Thus will I make mount Seir most desolate, and cut off from it him that passes out and him that returns.

35:8 And I will fill his mountains with his slain men: in your hills, and in your valleys, and in all your rivers, shall they fall that are slain with the sword.

35:9 I will make you perpetual desolations, and your cities shall not return: and you shall know that I am *Yehovah*.

35:10 Because you have said, These two nations and these two countries shall be mine, and we will possess it; whereas *Yehovah* was there:

35:11 Therefore, as I live, said *Yehovah* GOD, I will even do according to your anger, and according to your envy which you have used out of your hatred against them; and I will make myself known among them, when I have judged you.

35:12 And you shall know that I am *Yehovah*, and that I have heard all your blasphemies which you have spoken against the mountains of Israel, saying, They are laid desolate, they are given us to consume.

35:13 Thus with your mouth you have boasted against me, and have multiplied your words against me: I have heard them.

35:14 Thus said *Yehovah* GOD; When the whole earth rejoices, I will make you desolate.

35:15 As you did rejoice at the inheritance of the house of Israel, because it was desolate, so will I do to you: you shall be desolate, O mount Seir, and all Idumea, even all of it: and they shall know that I am *Yehovah*.

Ezekiel – Chapter 36

36:1 Also, you son of man, prophesy to the mountains of Israel, and say, You mountains of Israel, hear the word of *Yehovah*:

36:2 Thus said *Yehovah* GOD; Because the enemy has said against you, Aha, even the ancient high places are ours in possession:

36:3 Therefore prophesy and say, Thus said *Yehovah* GOD; Because they have made you desolate, and swallowed you up on every side, that you might be a possession to the residue of the heathen, and you are taken up in the lips of talkers, and are an infamy of the people:

36:4 Therefore, you mountains of Israel, hear the word of *Yehovah* GOD; Thus said *Yehovah* GOD to the mountains, and to the hills, to the rivers, and to the valleys, to the desolate wastes, and to the cities that are forsaken, which became a prey and derision to the residue of the heathen that are round about;

36:5 Therefore thus said *Yehovah* GOD; Surely in the fire of my jealousy have I spoken against the residue of the heathen, and against all Idumea, which have appointed my land into their possession with the joy of all their heart, with spiteful minds, to cast it out for a prey.

36:6 Prophesy therefore concerning the land of Israel, and say to the mountains, and to the hills, to the rivers, and to the valleys, Thus said *Yehovah* GOD; Behold, I have spoken in my jealousy and in my fury, because you have borne the shame of the heathen:

36:7 Therefore thus said *Yehovah* GOD; I have lifted up my hand, Surely the heathen that are about you, they shall bear their shame.

36:8 But you, O mountains of Israel, you shall shoot forth your branches, and yield your fruit to my people of Israel; for they are at hand to come.

36:9 For, behold, I am for you, and I will turn to you, and you shall be tilled and sown:

36:10 And I will multiply men on you, all the house of Israel, even all of it: and the cities shall be inhabited, and the wastes shall be built:

36:11 And I will multiply on you man and beast; and they shall increase and bring fruit: and I will settle you after your old estates, and will do better to you than at your beginnings: and you shall know that I am *Yehovah*.

36:12 Yes, I will cause men to walk on you, even my people Israel; and they shall possess you, and you shall be their inheritance, and you shall no more from now on bereave them of men.

36:13 Thus said *Yehovah* GOD; Because they say to you, You land devour up men, and have bereaved your nations:

36:14 Therefore you shall devour men no more, neither bereave your nations any more, said *Yehovah* GOD.

36:15 Neither will I cause men to hear in you the shame of the heathen any more, neither shall you bear the reproach of the people any more, neither shall you cause your nations to fall any more, said *Yehovah* GOD.

36:16 Moreover the word of *Yehovah* came to me, saying,

36:17 Son of man, when the house of Israel dwelled in their own land, they defiled it by their own way and by their doings: their way was before me as the uncleanness of a removed woman.

36:18 Why I poured my fury on them for the blood that they had shed on the land, and for their idols with which they had polluted it:

36:19 And I scattered them among the heathen, and they were dispersed through the countries: according to their way and according to their doings I judged them.

36:20 And when they entered to the heathen, where they went, they profaned my holy name, when they said to them, These are the people of *Yehovah*, and are gone forth out of his land.

36:21 But I had pity for my holy name, which the house of Israel had profaned among the heathen, where they went.

36:22 Therefore say to the house of Israel, thus said *Yehovah* GOD; I do not this for your sakes, O house of Israel, but for my holy name's sake, which you have profaned among the heathen, where you went

36:23 And I will sanctify my great name, which was profaned among the heathen, which you have profaned in the middle of them; and the heathen shall know that I am *Yehovah*, said *Yehovah* GOD, when I shall be sanctified in you before their eyes.

36:24 For I will take you from among the heathen, and gather you out of all countries, and will bring you into your own land.

36:25 Then will I sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean: from all your filthiness, and from all your idols, will I cleanse you.

36:26 A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you a heart of flesh.

36:27 And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and you shall keep my judgments, and do them.

36:28 And you shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers; and you shall be my people, and I will be your God.

36:29 I will also save you from all your uncleannesses: and I will call for the *grain*, and will increase it, and lay no famine on you.

36:30 And I will multiply the fruit of the tree, and the increase of the field, that you shall receive no more reproach of famine among the heathen.

36:31 Then shall you remember your own evil ways, and your doings that were not good, and shall loathe yourselves in your own sight for your iniquities and for your abominations.

36:32 Not for your sakes do I this, said *Yehovah* GOD, be it known to you: be ashamed and confounded for your own ways, O house of Israel.

36:33 Thus said *Yehovah* GOD; In the day that I shall have cleansed you from all your iniquities I will also cause you to dwell in the cities, and the wastes shall be built.

36:34 And the desolate land shall be tilled, whereas it lay desolate in the sight of all that passed by.

36:35 And they shall say, This land that was desolate is become like the garden of Eden; and the waste and desolate and ruined cities are become fenced, and are inhabited.

36:36 Then the heathen that are left round about you shall know that I *Yehovah* build the ruined places, and plant that that was desolate: I *Yehovah* have spoken it, and I will do it.

36:37 Thus said *Yehovah* GOD; I will yet for this be inquired of by the house of Israel, to do it for them; I will increase them with men like a flock.

36:38 As the holy flock, as the flock of Jerusalem in her solemn feasts; so shall the waste cities be filled with flocks of men: and they shall know that I am *Yehovah*.

Ezekiel – Chapter 37

37:1 The hand of *Yehovah* was on me, and carried me out in the spirit of *Yehovah*, and set me down in the middle of the valley which was full of bones,

37:2 And caused me to pass by them round about: and, behold, there were very many in the open valley; and, see, they were very dry.

37:3 And he said to me, Son of man, can these bones live? And I answered, O *Yehovah* GOD, you know.

37:4 Again he said to me, Prophecy on these bones, and say to them, O you dry bones, hear the word of *Yehovah*.

37:5 Thus said *Yehovah* GOD to these bones; Behold, I will cause breath to enter into you, and you shall live:

37:6 And I will lay sinews on you, and will bring up flesh on you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am *Yehovah*.

37:7 So I prophesied as I was commanded: and as I prophesied, there was a noise, and behold a shaking, and the bones came together, bone to his bone.

37:8 And when I beheld, see, the sinews and the flesh came up on them, and the skin covered them above: but there was no breath in them.

37:9 Then said he to me, Prophecy to the wind, prophesy, son of man, and say to the wind, Thus said *Yehovah* GOD; Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live.

37:10 So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood up on their feet, an exceeding great army.

37:11 Then he said to me, Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel: behold, they say, Our bones are dried, and our hope is lost: we are cut off for our parts.

37:12 Therefore prophesy and say to them, Thus said *Yehovah* GOD; Behold, O my people, I will open your graves, and cause you to come up out of your graves, and bring you into the land of Israel.

37:13 And you shall know that I am *Yehovah*, when I have opened your graves, O my people, and brought you up out of your graves,

37:14 And shall put my spirit in you, and you shall live, and I shall place you in your own land: then shall you know that I *Yehovah* have spoken it, and performed it, said *Yehovah*.

37:15 The word of *Yehovah* came again to me, saying,

37:16 Moreover, you son of man, take you one stick, and write on it, For Judah, and for the children of Israel his companions: then take another stick, and write on it, For Joseph, the stick of Ephraim and for all the house of Israel his companions:

37:17 And join them one to another into one stick; and they shall become one in your hand.

37:18 And when the children of your people shall speak to you, saying, Will you not show us what you mean by these?

37:19 Say to them, Thus said *Yehovah* GOD; Behold, I will take the stick of Joseph, which is in the hand of Ephraim, and the tribes of Israel his fellows, and will put them with him, even with the stick of Judah, and make them one stick, and they shall be one in my hand.

37:20 And the sticks where on you write shall be in your hand before their eyes.

37:21 And say to them, Thus said *Yehovah* GOD; Behold, I will take the children of Israel from among the heathen, where they be gone, and will gather them on every side, and bring them into their own land:

37:22 And I will make them one nation in the land on the mountains of Israel; and one king shall be king to them all: and they shall be no more two nations, neither shall they be divided into two kingdoms anymore at all.

37:23 Neither shall they defile themselves anymore with their idols, nor with their detestable things, nor with any of their transgressions: but I will save them out of all their dwelling places, in which they have sinned, and will cleanse them: so shall they be my people, and I will be their God.

37:24 And David my servant shall be king over them; and they all shall have one shepherd: they shall also walk in my judgments, and observe my statutes, and do them.

37:25 And they shall dwell in the land that I have given to Jacob my servant, in which your fathers have dwelled; and they shall dwell in it, even they, and their children, and their children's children forever: and my servant David shall be their prince forever.

37:26 Moreover I will make a covenant of peace with them; it shall be an everlasting covenant with them: and I will place them, and multiply them, and will set my sanctuary in the middle of them forever more.

37:27 My tabernacle also shall be with them: yes, I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

37:28 And the heathen shall know that I *Yehovah* do sanctify Israel, when my sanctuary shall be in the middle of them forever more.

Ezekiel – Chapter 38

38:1 And the word of *Yehovah* came to me, saying,

38:2 Son of man, set your face against Gog, the land of Magog, the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal, and prophesy against him,

38:3 And say, Thus said *Yehovah* GOD; Behold, I am against you, O Gog, the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal:

38:4 And I will turn you back, and put hooks into your jaws, and I will bring you forth, and all your army, horses and horsemen, all of them clothed with all sorts of armor, even a great company with bucklers and shields, all of them handling swords:

38:5 Persia, Ethiopia, and Libya with them; all of them with shield and helmet:

38:6 Gomer, and all his bands; the house of Togarmah of the north quarters, and all his bands: and many people with you.

38:7 Be you prepared, and prepare for yourself, you, and all your company that are assembled to you, and be you a guard to them.

38:8 After many days you shall be visited: in the latter years you shall come into the land that is brought back from the sword, and is gathered out of many people, against the mountains of Israel, which have been always waste: but it is brought forth out of the nations, and they shall dwell safely all of them.

38:9 You shall ascend and come like a storm, you shall be like a cloud to cover the land, you, and all your bands, and many people with you.

38:10 Thus said *Yehovah* GOD; It shall also come to pass, that at the same time shall things come into your mind, and you shall think an evil thought:

38:11 And you shall say, I will go up to the land of unwalled villages; I will go to them that are at rest, that dwell safely, all of them dwelling without walls, and having neither bars nor gates,

38:12 To take spoils, and to take a prey; to turn your hand on the desolate places that are now inhabited, and on the people that are gathered out of the nations, which have gotten cattle and goods, that dwell in the middle of the land.

38:13 Sheba, and Dedan, and the merchants of Tarshish, with all their young lions, shall say to you, Are you come to take spoils? have you gathered your company to take a prey? to carry away silver and gold, to take away cattle and goods, to take great spoils?

38:14 Therefore, son of man, prophesy and say to Gog, Thus said *Yehovah* GOD; In that day when my people of Israel dwells safely, shall you not know it?

38:15 And you shall come from your place out of the north parts, you, and many people with you, all of them riding on horses, a great company, and a mighty army:

38:16 And you shall come up against my people of Israel, as a cloud to cover the land; it shall be in the latter days, and I will bring you against my land, that the heathen may know me, when I shall be sanctified in you, O Gog, before their eyes.

38:17 Thus said *Yehovah* GOD; Are you he of whom I have spoken in old time by my servants the prophets of Israel, which prophesied in those days many years that I would bring you against them?

38:18 And it shall come to pass at the same time when Gog shall come against the land of Israel, said *Yehovah* GOD, that my fury shall come up in my face.

38:19 For in my jealousy and in the fire of my wrath have I spoken, Surely in that day there shall be a great shaking in the land of Israel;

38:20 So that the fishes of the sea, and the fowls of the heaven, and the beasts of the field, and all creeping things that creep on the earth, and all the men that are on the face of the earth, shall shake at my presence, and the mountains shall be thrown down, and the steep places shall fall, and every wall shall fall to the ground.

38:21 And I will call for a sword against him throughout all my mountains, said *Yehovah* GOD: every man's sword shall be against his brother.

38:22 And I will plead against him with pestilence and with blood; and I will rain on him, and on his bands, and on the many people that are with him, an overflowing rain, and great hailstones, fire, and brimstone.

38:23 Thus will I magnify myself, and sanctify myself; and I will be known in the eyes of many nations, and they shall know that I am *Yehovah*.

Ezekiel – Chapter 39

39:1 Therefore, you son of man, prophesy against Gog, and say, Thus said *Yehovah* GOD; Behold, I am against you, O Gog, the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal:

39:2 And I will turn you back, and leave but the sixth part of you, and will cause you to come up from the north parts, and will bring you on the mountains of Israel:

39:3 And I will smite your bow out of your left hand, and will cause your arrows to fall out of your right hand.

39:4 You shall fall on the mountains of Israel, you, and all your bands, and the people that is with you: I will give you to the ravenous birds of every sort, and to the beasts of the field to be devoured.

39:5 You shall fall on the open field: for I have spoken it, said *Yehovah* GOD.

39:6 And I will send a fire on Magog, and among them that dwell carelessly in the isles: and they shall know that I am *Yehovah*.

39:7 So will I make my holy name known in the middle of my people Israel; and I will not let them pollute my holy name any more: and the heathen shall know that I am *Yehovah*, the Holy One in Israel.

39:8 Behold, it is come, and it is done, said *Yehovah* GOD; this is the day whereof I have spoken.

39:9 And they that dwell in the cities of Israel shall go forth, and shall set on fire and burn the weapons, both the shields and the bucklers, the bows and the arrows, and the hand staves, and the spears, and they shall burn them with fire seven years:

39:10 So that they shall take no wood out of the field, neither cut down any out of the forests; for they shall burn the weapons with fire: and they shall *plunder* those that *plundered* them, and rob those that robbed them, said *Yehovah* GOD.

39:11 And it shall come to pass in that day, that I will give to Gog a place there of graves in Israel, the valley of the passengers on the east of the sea: and it shall stop the noses of the passengers: and there shall they bury Gog and all his multitude: and they shall call it The valley of Hamongog.

39:12 And seven months shall the house of Israel be burying of them, that they may cleanse the land.

39:13 Yes, all the people of the land shall bury them; and it shall be to them a renown the day that I shall be glorified, said *Yehovah* GOD.

39:14 And they shall sever out men of continual employment, passing through the land to bury with the passengers those that remain on the face of the earth, to cleanse it: after the end of seven months shall they search.

39:15 And the passengers that pass through the land, when any sees a man's bone, then shall he set up a sign by it, till the buriers have buried it in the valley of Hamongog.

39:16 And also the name of the city shall be Hamonah. Thus shall they cleanse the land.

39:17 And, you son of man, thus said *Yehovah* GOD; Speak to every feathered fowl, and to every beast of the field, Assemble yourselves, and come; gather yourselves on every side to my sacrifice that I do sacrifice for you, even a great sacrifice on the mountains of Israel, that you may eat flesh, and drink blood.

39:18 You shall eat the flesh of the mighty, and drink the blood of the princes of the earth, of rams, of lambs, and of goats, of bullocks, all of them fatted calves of Bashan.

39:19 And you shall eat fat till you be full, and drink blood till you be drunken, of my sacrifice which I have sacrificed for you.

39:20 Thus you shall be filled at my table with horses and chariots, with mighty men, and with all men of war, said *Yehovah* GOD.

39:21 And I will set my glory among the heathen, and all the heathen shall see my judgment that I have executed, and my hand that I have laid on them.

39:22 So the house of Israel shall know that I am *Yehovah* their God from that day and forward.

39:23 And the heathen shall know that the house of Israel went into captivity for their iniquity: because they trespassed against me, therefore hid I my face from them, and gave them into the hand of their enemies: so fell they all by the sword.

39:24 According to their uncleanness and according to their transgressions have I done to them, and hid my face from them.

39:25 Therefore thus said *Yehovah* GOD; Now will I bring again the captivity of Jacob, and have mercy on the whole house of Israel, and will be jealous for my holy name;

39:26 After that they have borne their shame, and all their trespasses whereby they have trespassed against me, when they dwelled safely in their land, and none made them afraid.

39:27 When I have brought them again from the people, and gathered them out of their enemies' lands, and am sanctified in them in the sight of many nations;

39:28 Then shall they know that I am *Yehovah* their God, which caused them to be led into captivity among the heathen: but I have gathered them to their own land, and have left none of them anymore there.

39:29 Neither will I hide my face anymore from them: for I have poured out my spirit on the house of Israel, said *Yehovah* GOD.

Ezekiel – Chapter 40

40:1 In the five and twentieth year of our captivity, in the beginning of the year, in the tenth day of the month, in the fourteenth year after that the city was smitten, in the selfsame day the hand of *Yehovah* was on me, and brought me there.

40:2 In the visions of God brought he me into the land of Israel, and set me on a very high mountain, by which was as the frame of a city on the south.

40:3 And he brought me there, and, behold, there was a man, whose appearance was like the appearance of brass, with a line of flax in his hand, and a measuring reed; and he stood in the gate.

40:4 And the man said to me, Son of man, behold with your eyes, and hear with your ears, and set your heart on all that I shall show you; for to the intent that I might show them to you are you brought here: declare all that you see to the house of Israel.

40:5 And behold a wall on the outside of the house round about, and in the man's hand a measuring reed of six cubits long by the cubit and a hand breadth: so he measured the breadth of the building, one reed; and the height, one reed.

40:6 Then came he to the gate which looks toward the east, and went up the stairs, and measured the threshold of the gate, which was one reed broad; and the other threshold of the gate, which was one reed broad.

40:7 And every little chamber was one reed long, and one reed broad; and between the little chambers were five cubits; and the threshold of the gate by the porch of the gate within was one reed.

40:8 He measured also the porch of the gate within, one reed.

40:9 Then measured he the porch of the gate, eight cubits; and the posts were two cubits; and the porch of the gate was inward.

40:10 And the little chambers of the gate eastward were three on this side, and three on that side; they three were of one measure: and the posts had one measure on this side and on that side.

40:11 And he measured the breadth of the entry of the gate, ten cubits; and the length of the gate, thirteen cubits.

40:12 The space also before the little chambers was one cubit on this side, and the space was one cubit on that side: and the little chambers were six cubits on this side, and six cubits on that side.

40:13 He measured then the gate from the roof of one little chamber to the roof of another: the breadth was five and twenty cubits, door against door.

40:14 He made also posts of three score cubits, even to the post of the court round about the gate.

40:15 And from the face of the gate of the entrance to the face of the porch of the inner gate were fifty cubits.

40:16 And there were narrow windows to the little chambers, and to their posts within the gate round about, and likewise to the arches: and windows were round about inward: and on each post were palm trees.

40:17 Then brought he me into the outward court, and, see, there were chambers, and a pavement made for the court round about: thirty chambers were on the pavement.

40:18 And the pavement by the side of the gates over against the length of the gates was the lower pavement.

40:19 Then he measured the breadth from the forefront of the lower gate to the forefront of the inner court without, a hundred cubits eastward and northward.

40:20 And the gate of the outward court that looked toward the north, he measured the length of it and the breadth of it.

40:21 And the little chambers were three on this side and three on that side; and the posts and the arches were after the measure of the first gate: the length of it was fifty cubits, and the breadth five and twenty cubits.

40:22 And their windows, and their arches, and their palm trees, were after the measure of the gate that looks toward the east; and they went up to it by seven steps; and the arches of it were before them.

40:23 And the gate of the inner court was over against the gate toward the north, and toward the east; and he measured from gate to gate a hundred cubits.

40:24 After that he brought me toward the south, and behold a gate toward the south: and he measured the posts of it and the arches of it according to these measures.

40:25 And there were windows in it and in the arches round about, like those windows: the length was fifty cubits, and the breadth five and twenty cubits.

40:26 And there were seven steps to go up to it, and the arches of it were before them: and it had palm trees, one on this side, and another on that side, on the posts.

40:27 And there was a gate in the inner court toward the south: and he measured from gate to gate toward the south a hundred cubits.

40:28 And he brought me to the inner court by the south gate: and he measured the south gate according to these measures;

40:29 And the little chambers, and the posts, and the arches, according to these measures: and there were windows in it and in the arches round about: it was fifty cubits long, and five and twenty cubits broad.

40:30 And the arches round about were five and twenty cubits long, and five cubits broad.

40:31 And the arches were toward the utter court; and palm trees were on the posts: and the going up to it had eight steps.

40:32 And he brought me into the inner court toward the east: and he measured the gate according to these measures.

40:33 And the little chambers, and the posts, and the arches, were according to these measures: and there were windows in them and in the arches round about: it was fifty cubits long, and five and twenty cubits broad.

40:34 And the arches were toward the outward court; and palm trees were on the posts on this side, and on that side: and the going up to it had eight steps.

40:35 And he brought me to the north gate, and measured it according to these measures;

40:36 The little chambers, the posts, and the arches of it, and the windows to it round about: the length was fifty cubits, and the breadth five and twenty cubits.

40:37 And the posts were toward the utter court; and palm trees were on the posts, on this side, and on that side: and the going up to it had eight steps.

40:38 And the chambers and the entries of it were by the posts of the gates, where they washed the burnt offering.

40:39 And in the porch of the gate were two tables on this side, and two tables on that side, to slay thereon the burnt offering and the sin offering and the trespass offering.

40:40 And at the side without, as one goes up to the entry of the north gate, were two tables; and on the other side, which was at the porch of the gate, were two tables.

40:41 Four tables were on this side, and four tables on that side, by the side of the gate; eight tables, whereupon they slew their sacrifices.

40:42 And the four tables were of hewn stone for the burnt offering, of a cubit and a half long, and a cubit and a half broad, and one cubit high: whereupon also they laid the instruments with which they slew the burnt offering and the sacrifice.

40:43 And within were hooks, a hand broad, fastened round about: and on the tables was the flesh of the offering.

40:44 And without the inner gate were the chambers of the singers in the inner court, which was at the side of the north gate; and their prospect was toward the south: one at the side of the east gate having the prospect toward the north.

40:45 And he said to me, This chamber, whose prospect is toward the south, is for the priests, the keepers of the charge of the house.

40:46 And the chamber whose prospect is toward the north is for the priests, the keepers of the charge of the altar: these are the sons of Zadok among the sons of Levi, which come near to *Yehovah* to minister to him.

40:47 So he measured the court, a hundred cubits long, and a hundred cubits broad, foursquare; and the altar that was before the house.

40:48 And he brought me to the porch of the house, and measured each post of the porch, five cubits on this side, and five cubits on that side: and the breadth of the gate was three cubits on this side, and three cubits on that side.

40:49 The length of the porch was twenty cubits, and the breadth eleven cubits, and he brought me by the steps whereby they went up to it: and there were pillars by the posts, one on this side, and another on that side.

Ezekiel – Chapter 41

41:1 Afterward he brought me to the temple, and measured the posts, six cubits broad on the one side, and six cubits broad on the other side, which was the breadth of the tabernacle.

41:2 And the breadth of the door was ten cubits; and the sides of the door were five cubits on the one side, and five cubits on the other side: and he measured the length of it forty cubits: and the breadth, twenty cubits.

41:3 Then went he inward, and measured the post of the door, two cubits; and the door, six cubits; and the breadth of the door, seven cubits.

41:4 So he measured the length, twenty cubits; and the breadth, twenty cubits, before the temple: and he said to me, This is the most holy place.

41:5 After he measured the wall of the house, six cubits; and the breadth of every side chamber, four cubits, round about the house on every side.

41:6 And the side chambers were three, one over another, and thirty in order; and they entered into the wall which was of the house for the side chambers round about, that they might have hold, but they had not hold in the wall of the house.

41:7 And there was an enlarging, and a winding about still upward to the side chambers: for the winding about of the house went still upward round about the house: therefore the breadth of the house was still upward, and so increased from the lowest chamber to the highest by the middle.

41:8 I saw also the height of the house round about: the foundations of the side chambers were a full reed of six great cubits.

41:9 The thickness of the wall, which was for the side chamber without, was five cubits: and that which was left was the place of the side chambers that were within.

41:10 And between the chambers was the width of twenty cubits round about the house on every side.

41:11 And the doors of the side chambers were toward the place that was left, one door toward the north, and another door toward the south: and the breadth of the place that was left was five cubits round about.

41:12 Now the building that was before the separate place at the end toward the west was seventy cubits broad; and the wall of the building was five cubits thick round about, and the length of it ninety cubits.

41:13 So he measured the house, a hundred cubits long; and the separate place, and the building with the walls, a hundred cubits long;

41:14 Also the breadth of the face of the house, and of the separate place toward the east, a hundred cubits.

41:15 And he measured the length of the building over against the separate place which was behind it, and the galleries were on the one side and on the other side, a hundred cubits, with the inner temple, and the porches of the court;

41:16 The door posts, and the narrow windows, and the galleries round about on their three stories, over against the door, paneled with wood round about, and from the ground up to the windows, and the windows were covered;

41:17 To that above the door, even to the inner house, and without, and by all the wall round about within and without, by measure.

41:18 And it was made with cherubim and palm trees, so that a palm tree was between a cherub and a cherub; and every cherub had two faces;

41:19 So that the face of a man was toward the palm tree on the one side, and the face of a young lion toward the palm tree on the other side: it was made through all the house round about.

41:20 From the ground to above the door were cherubim and palm trees made, and on the wall of the temple.

41:21 The posts of the temple were squared, and the face of the sanctuary; the appearance of the one as the appearance of the other.

41:22 The altar of wood was three cubits high, and the length of it two cubits; and the corners and the length and the walls, were of wood: and he said to me, This is the table that is before *Yehovah*.

41:23 And the temple and the sanctuary had two doors.

41:24 And the doors had two leaves apiece, two turning leaves; two leaves for the one door, and two leaves for the other door.

41:25 And there were made on them, on the doors of the temple, cherubim and palm trees, like as were made on the walls; and there were thick planks on the face of the porch without.

41:26 And there were narrow windows and palm trees on the one side and on the other side, on the sides of the porch, and on the side chambers of the house, and thick planks.

Ezekiel – Chapter 42

42:1 Then he brought me forth into the utter court, the way toward the north: and he brought me into the chamber that was over against the separate place, and which was before the building toward the north.

42:2 Before the length of a hundred cubits was the north door, and the breadth was fifty cubits.

42:3 Over against the twenty cubits which were for the inner court, and over against the pavement which was for the utter court, was gallery against gallery in three stories.

42:4 And before the chambers was a walk to ten cubits breadth inward, a way of one cubit; and their doors toward the north.

42:5 Now the upper chambers were shorter: for the galleries were higher than these, than the lower, and than the middlemost of the building.

42:6 For they were in three stories, but had not pillars as the pillars of the courts: therefore the building was straitened more than the lowest and the middlemost from the ground.

42:7 And the wall that was without over against the chambers, toward the utter court on the forepart of the chambers, the length of it was fifty cubits.

42:8 For the length of the chambers that were in the utter court was fifty cubits: and, see, before the temple were a hundred cubits.

42:9 And from under these chambers was the entry on the east side, as one goes into them from the utter court.

42:10 The chambers were in the thickness of the wall of the court toward the east, over against the separate place, and over against the building.

42:11 And the way before them was like the appearance of the chambers which were toward the north, as long as they, and as broad as they: and all their goings out were both according to their fashions, and according to their doors.

42:12 And according to the doors of the chambers that were toward the south was a door in the head of the way, even the way directly before the wall toward the east, as one enters into them.

42:13 Then said he to me, The north chambers and the south chambers, which are before the separate place, they be holy chambers, where the priests that approach to *Yehovah* shall eat the most holy things: there shall they lay the most holy things, and the meat offering, and the sin offering, and the trespass offering; for the place is holy.

42:14 When the priests enter in it, then shall they not go out of the holy place into the utter court, but there they shall lay their garments in which they minister; for they are holy; and shall put on other garments, and shall approach to those things which are for the people.

42:15 Now when he had made an end of measuring the inner house, he brought me forth toward the gate whose prospect is toward the east, and measured it round about.

42:16 He measured the east side with the measuring reed, five hundred reeds, with the measuring reed round about.

42:17 He measured the north side, five hundred reeds, with the measuring reed round about.

42:18 He measured the south side, five hundred reeds, with the measuring reed.

42:19 He turned about to the west side, and measured five hundred reeds with the measuring reed.

42:20 He measured it by the four sides: it had a wall round about, five hundred reeds long, and five hundred broad, to make a separation between the sanctuary and the profane place.

Ezekiel – Chapter 43

43:1 Afterward he brought me to the gate, even the gate that looks toward the east:

43:2 And, behold, the glory of the God of Israel came from the way of the east: and his voice was like a noise of many waters: and the earth shined with his glory.

43:3 And it was according to the appearance of the vision which I saw, even according to the vision that I saw when I came to destroy the city: and the visions were like the vision that I saw by the river Chebar; and I fell on my face.

43:4 And the glory of *Yehovah* came into the house by the way of the gate whose prospect is toward the east.

43:5 So the spirit took me up, and brought me into the inner court; and, behold, the glory of *Yehovah* filled the house.

43:6 And I heard him speaking to me out of the house; and the man stood by me.

43:7 And he said to me, Son of man, the place of my throne, and the place of the soles of my feet, where I will dwell in the middle of the children of Israel forever, and my holy name, shall the house of Israel no more defile, neither they, nor their kings, by their prostitution, nor by the carcasses of their kings in their high places.

43:8 In their setting of their threshold by my thresholds, and their post by my posts, and the wall between me and them, they have even defiled my holy name by their abominations that they have committed: why I have consumed them in my anger.

43:9 Now let them put away their prostitution, and the carcasses of their kings, far from me, and I will dwell in the middle of them forever.

43:10 You son of man, show the house to the house of Israel, that they may be ashamed of their iniquities: and let them measure the pattern.

43:11 And if they be ashamed of all that they have done, show them the form of the house, and the fashion of it, and the goings out, and the comings in, and all the forms and all the ordinances, and all the forms and all the laws: and write it in their sight, that they may keep the whole form and all the ordinances, and do them.

43:12 This is the law of the house; On the top of the mountain the whole limit round about shall be most holy. Behold, this is the law of the house.

43:13 And these are the measures of the altar after the cubits: The cubit is a cubit and a hand breadth; even the bottom shall be a cubit, and the breadth a cubit, and the border by the edge round about shall be a span: and this shall be the higher place of the altar.

43:14 And from the bottom on the ground even to the lower settle shall be two cubits, and the breadth one cubit; and from the lesser settle even to the greater settle shall be four cubits, and the breadth one cubit.

43:15 So the altar shall be four cubits; and from the altar and upward shall be four horns.

43:16 And the altar shall be twelve cubits long, twelve broad, square in the four sides.

43:17 And the settle shall be fourteen cubits long and fourteen broad in the four squares; and the border about it shall be half a cubit; and the bottom shall be a cubit about; and his stairs shall look toward the east.

43:18 And he said to me, Son of man, thus said *Yehovah* GOD; These are the ordinances of the altar in the day when they shall make it, to offer burnt offerings thereon, and to sprinkle blood thereon.

43:19 And you shall give to the priests the Levites that be of the seed of Zadok, which approach to me, to minister to me, said *Yehovah* GOD, a young bullock for a sin offering.

43:20 And you shall take of the blood of it, and put it on the four horns of it, and on the four corners of the settle, and on the border round about: thus shall you cleanse and purge it.

43:21 You shall take the bullock also of the sin offering, and he shall burn it in the appointed place of the house, without the sanctuary.

43:22 And on the second day you shall offer a kid of the goats without blemish for a sin offering; and they shall cleanse the altar, as they did cleanse it with the bullock.

43:23 When you have made an end of cleansing it, you shall offer a young bullock without blemish, and a ram out of the flock without blemish.

43:24 And you shall offer them before *Yehovah*, and the priests shall cast salt on them, and they shall offer them up for a burnt offering to *Yehovah*.

43:25 Seven days shall you prepare every day a goat for a sin offering: they shall also prepare a young bullock, and a ram out of the flock, without blemish.

43:26 Seven days shall they purge the altar and purify it; and they shall consecrate themselves.

43:27 And when these days are expired, it shall be, that on the eighth day, and so forward, the priests shall make your burnt offerings on the altar, and your peace offerings; and I will accept you, said *Yehovah* GOD.

Ezekiel – Chapter 44

44:1 Then he brought me back the way of the gate of the outward sanctuary which looks toward the east; and it was shut.

44:2 Then said *Yehovah* to me; This gate shall be shut, it shall not be opened, and no man shall enter in by it; because *Yehovah*, the God of Israel, has entered in by it, therefore it shall be shut.

44:3 It is for the prince; the prince, he shall sit in it to eat bread before *Yehovah*; he shall enter by the way of the porch of that gate, and shall go out by the way of the same.

44:4 Then brought he me the way of the north gate before the house: and I looked, and, behold, the glory of *Yehovah* filled the house of *Yehovah*: and I fell on my face.

44:5 And *Yehovah* said to me, Son of man, mark well, and behold with your eyes, and hear with your ears all that I say to you concerning all the ordinances of the house of *Yehovah*, and all the laws of it; and mark well the entering in of the house, with every going forth of the sanctuary.

44:6 And you shall say to the rebellious, even to the house of Israel, Thus said *Yehovah* GOD; O you house of Israel, let it suffice you of all your abominations,

44:7 In that you have brought into my sanctuary strangers, uncircumcised in heart, and uncircumcised in flesh, to be in my sanctuary, to pollute it, even my house, when you offer my bread, the fat and the blood, and they have broken my covenant because of all your abominations.

44:8 And you have not kept the charge of my holy things: but you have set keepers of my charge in my sanctuary for yourselves.

44:9 Thus said *Yehovah* GOD; No stranger, uncircumcised in heart, nor uncircumcised in flesh, shall enter into my sanctuary, of any stranger that is among the children of Israel.

44:10 And the Levites that are gone away far from me, when Israel went astray, which went astray away from me after their idols; they shall even bear their iniquity.

44:11 Yet they shall be ministers in my sanctuary, having charge at the gates of the house, and ministering to the house: they shall slay the burnt offering and the sacrifice for the people, and they shall stand before them to minister to them.

44:12 Because they ministered to them before their idols, and caused the house of Israel to fall into iniquity; therefore have I lifted up my hand against them, said *Yehovah* GOD, and they shall bear their iniquity.

44:13 And they shall not come near to me, to do the office of a priest to me, nor to come near to any of my holy things, in the most holy place: but they shall bear their shame, and their abominations which they have committed.

44:14 But I will make them keepers of the charge of the house, for all the services, and for all that shall be done in it.

44:15 But the priests the Levites, the sons of Zadok, that kept the charge of my sanctuary when the children of Israel went astray from me, they shall come near to me to minister to me, and they shall stand before me to offer to me the fat and the blood, said *Yehovah* GOD:

44:16 They shall enter into my sanctuary, and they shall come near to my table, to minister to me, and they shall keep my charge.

44:17 And it shall come to pass, that when they enter in at the gates of the inner court, they shall be clothed with linen garments; and no wool shall come on them, whiles they minister in the gates of the inner court, and within.

44:18 They shall have linen bonnets on their heads, and shall have linen breeches on their loins; they shall not gird themselves with anything that causes sweat.

44:19 And when they go forth into the utter court, even into the utter court to the people, they shall put off their garments in which they ministered, and lay them in the holy chambers, and they shall put on other garments; and they shall not sanctify the people with their garments.

44:20 Neither shall they shave their heads, nor suffer their locks to grow long; they shall only poll their heads.

44:21 Neither shall any priest drink wine, when they enter into the inner court.

44:22 Neither shall they take for their wives a widow, nor her that is put away: but they shall take maidens of the seed of the house of Israel, or a widow that had a priest before.

44:23 And they shall teach my people the difference between the holy and profane, and cause them to discern between the unclean and the clean.

44:24 And in controversy they shall stand in judgment; and they shall judge it according to my judgments: and they shall keep my laws and my statutes in all my assemblies; and they shall hallow my sabbaths.

44:25 And they shall come at no dead person to defile themselves: but for father, or for mother, or for son, or for daughter, for brother, or for sister that has had no husband, they may defile themselves.

44:26 And after he is cleansed, they shall reckon to him seven days.

44:27 And in the day that he goes into the sanctuary, to the inner court, to minister in the sanctuary, he shall offer his sin offering, said *Yehovah* GOD.

44:28 And it shall be to them for an inheritance: I am their inheritance: and you shall give them no possession in Israel: I am their possession.

44:29 They shall eat the meat offering, and the sin offering, and the trespass offering: and every dedicated thing in Israel shall be theirs.

44:30 And the first of all the first fruits of all things, and every oblation of all, of every sort of your oblations, shall be the priest's: you shall also give to the priest the first of your dough, that he may cause the blessing to rest in your house.

44:31 The priests shall not eat of anything that is dead of itself, or torn, whether it be fowl or beast.

Ezekiel – Chapter 45

45:1 Moreover, when you shall divide by lot the land for inheritance, you shall offer an oblation to *Yehovah*, a holy portion of the land: the length shall be the length of five and twenty thousand reeds, and the breadth shall be ten thousand. This shall be holy in all the borders and round about.

45:2 Of this there shall be for the sanctuary five hundred in length, with five hundred in breadth, square round about; and fifty cubits round about for the its suburbs.

45:3 And of this measure shall you measure the length of five and twenty thousand, and the breadth of ten thousand: and in it shall be the sanctuary and the most holy place.

45:4 The holy portion of the land shall be for the priests the ministers of the sanctuary, which shall come near to minister to *Yehovah*: and it shall be a place for their houses, and a holy place for the sanctuary.

45:5 And the five and twenty thousand of length, and the ten thousand of breadth shall also the Levites, the ministers of the house, have for themselves, for a possession for twenty chambers.

45:6 And you shall appoint the possession of the city five thousand broad, and five and twenty thousand long, over against the oblation of the holy portion: it shall be for the whole house of Israel.

45:7 And a portion shall be for the prince on the one side and on the other side of the oblation of the holy portion, and of the possession of the city, before the oblation of the holy portion, and before the possession of the city, from the west side westward, and from the east side eastward: and the length shall be over against one of the portions, from the west border to the east border.

45:8 In the land shall be his possession in Israel: and my princes shall no more oppress my people; and the rest of the land shall they give to the house of Israel according to their tribes.

45:9 Thus said *Yehovah* GOD; Let it suffice you, O princes of Israel: remove violence and *plunder*, and execute judgment and justice, take away your exactions from my people, said *Yehovah* GOD.

45:10 You shall have just balances, and a just ephah, and a just bath.

45:11 The ephah and the bath shall be of one measure, that the bath may contain the tenth part of a homer, and the ephah the tenth part of a homer: the measure of it shall be after the homer.

45:12 And the shekel shall be twenty gerahs: twenty shekels, five and twenty shekels, fifteen shekels, shall be your maneh.

45:13 This is the oblation that you shall offer; the sixth part of an ephah of a homer of wheat, and you shall give the sixth part of an ephah of a homer of barley:

45:14 Concerning the ordinance of oil, the bath of oil, you shall offer the tenth part of a bath out of the cor, which is a homer of ten baths; for ten baths are a homer:

45:15 And one lamb out of the flock, out of two hundred, out of the fat pastures of Israel; for a meat offering, and for a burnt offering, and for peace offerings, to make reconciliation for them, said *Yehovah* GOD.

45:16 All the people of the land shall give this oblation for the prince in Israel.

45:17 And it shall be the prince's part to give burnt offerings, and meat offerings, and drink offerings, in the feasts, and in the new moons, and in the sabbaths, in all solemnities of the house of Israel: he shall prepare the sin offering, and the meat offering, and the burnt offering, and the peace offerings, to make reconciliation for the house of Israel.

45:18 Thus said *Yehovah* GOD; In the first month, in the first day of the month, you shall take a young bullock without blemish, and cleanse the sanctuary:

45:19 And the priest shall take of the blood of the sin offering, and put it on the posts of the house, and on the four corners of the settle of the altar, and on the posts of the gate of the inner court.

45:20 And so you shall do the seventh day of the month for everyone that errs, and for him that is simple: so shall you reconcile the house.

45:21 In the first month, in the fourteenth day of the month, you shall have the passover, a feast of seven days; unleavened bread shall be eaten.

45:22 And on that day shall the prince prepare for himself and for all the people of the land a bullock for a sin offering.

45:23 And seven days of the feast he shall prepare a burnt offering to *Yehovah*, seven bullocks and seven rams without blemish daily the seven days; and a kid of the goats daily for a sin offering.

45:24 And he shall prepare a meat offering of an ephah for a bullock, and an ephah for a ram, and a hin of oil for an ephah.

45:25 In the seventh month, in the fifteenth day of the month, shall he do the like in the feast of the seven days, according to the sin offering, according to the burnt offering, and according to the meat offering, and according to the oil.

Ezekiel – Chapter 46

46:1 Thus said *Yehovah* GOD; The gate of the inner court that looks toward the east shall be shut the six working days; but on the sabbath it shall be opened, and in the day of the new moon it shall be opened.

46:2 And the prince shall enter by the way of the porch of that gate without, and shall stand by the post of the gate, and the priests shall prepare his burnt offering and his peace offerings, and he shall worship at the threshold of the gate: then he shall go forth; but the gate shall not be shut until the evening.

46:3 Likewise the people of the land shall worship at the door of this gate before *Yehovah* in the sabbaths and in the new moons.

46:4 And the burnt offering that the prince shall offer to *Yehovah* in the sabbath day shall be six lambs without blemish, and a ram without blemish.

46:5 And the meat offering shall be an ephah for a ram, and the meat offering for the lambs as he shall be able to give, and a hin of oil to an ephah.

46:6 And in the day of the new moon it shall be a young bullock without blemish, and six lambs, and a ram: they shall be without blemish.

46:7 And he shall prepare a meat offering, an ephah for a bullock, and an ephah for a ram, and for the lambs according as his hand shall attain to, and a hin of oil to an ephah.

46:8 And when the prince shall enter, he shall go in by the way of the porch of that gate, and he shall go forth by the way.

46:9 But when the people of the land shall come before *Yehovah* in the solemn feasts, he that enters in by the way of the north gate to worship shall go out by the way of the south gate; and he that enters by the way of the south gate shall go forth by the way of the north gate: he shall not return by the way of the gate whereby he came in, but shall go forth over against it.

46:10 And the prince in the middle of them, when they go in, shall go in; and when they go forth, shall go forth.

46:11 And in the feasts and in the solemnities the meat offering shall be an ephah to a bullock, and an ephah to a ram, and to the lambs as he is able to give, and a hin of oil to an ephah.

46:12 Now when the prince shall prepare a voluntary burnt offering or peace offerings voluntarily to *Yehovah*, one shall then open him the gate that looks toward the east, and he shall prepare his burnt offering and his peace offerings, as he did on the sabbath day: then he shall go forth; and after his going forth one shall shut the gate.

46:13 You shall daily prepare a burnt offering to *Yehovah* of a lamb of the first year without blemish: you shall prepare it every morning.

46:14 And you shall prepare a meat offering for it every morning, the sixth part of an ephah, and the third part of a hin of oil, to temper with the fine flour; a meat offering continually by a perpetual ordinance to *Yehovah*.

46:15 Thus shall they prepare the lamb, and the meat offering, and the oil, every morning for a continual burnt offering.

46:16 Thus said *Yehovah* GOD; If the prince give a gift to any of his sons, the inheritance of it shall be his sons'; it shall be their possession by inheritance.

46:17 But if he give a gift of his inheritance to one of his servants, then it shall be his to the year of liberty; after it shall return to the prince: but his inheritance shall be his sons' for them.

46:18 Moreover the prince shall not take of the people's inheritance by oppression, to thrust them out of their possession; but he shall give his sons inheritance out of his own possession: that my people be not scattered every man from his possession.

46:19 After he brought me through the entry, which was at the side of the gate, into the holy chambers of the priests, which looked toward the north: and, behold, there was a place on the two sides westward.

46:20 Then said he to me, This is the place where the priests shall boil the trespass offering and the sin offering, where they shall bake the meat offering; that they bear them not out into the utter court, to sanctify the people.

46:21 Then he brought me forth into the utter court, and caused me to pass by the four corners of the court; and, behold, in every corner of the court there was a court.

46:22 In the four corners of the court there were courts joined of forty cubits long and thirty broad: these four corners were of one measure.

46:23 And there was a row of building round about in them, round about them four, and it was made with boiling places under the rows round about.

46:24 Then said he to me, These are the places of them that boil, where the ministers of the house shall boil the sacrifice of the people.

Ezekiel – Chapter 47

47:1 Afterward he brought me again to the door of the house; and, behold, waters issued out from under the threshold of the house eastward: for the forefront of the house stood toward the east, and the waters came down from under from the right side of the house, at the south side of the altar.

47:2 Then brought he me out of the way of the gate northward, and led me about the way without to the utter gate by the way that looks eastward; and, behold, there ran out waters on the right side.

47:3 And when the man that had the line in his hand went forth eastward, he measured a thousand cubits, and he brought me through the waters; the waters were to the ankles.

47:4 Again he measured a thousand, and brought me through the waters; the waters were to the knees. Again he measured a thousand, and brought me through; the waters were to the loins.

47:5 Afterward he measured a thousand; and it was a river that I could not pass over: for the waters were risen, waters to swim in, a river that could not be passed over.

47:6 And he said to me, Son of man, have you seen this? Then he brought me, and caused me to return to the brink of the river.

47:7 Now when I had returned, behold, at the bank of the river were very many trees on the one side and on the other.

47:8 Then said he to me, These waters issue out toward the east country, and go down into the desert, and go into the sea: which being brought forth into the sea, the waters shall be healed.

47:9 And it shall come to pass, that every thing that lives, which moves, wherever the rivers shall come, shall live: and there shall be a very great multitude of fish, because these waters shall come: for they shall be healed; and everything shall live where the river comes.

47:10 And it shall come to pass, that the fishers shall stand on it from Engedi even to Eneglaim; they shall be a place to spread forth nets; their fish shall be according to their kinds, as the fish of the great sea, exceeding many.

47:11 But the miry places and the marshes shall not be healed; they shall be given to salt.

47:12 And by the river on the bank, on this side and on that side, shall grow all trees for meat, whose leaf shall not fade, neither shall the fruit of it be consumed: it shall bring forth new fruit according to his months, because their waters they issued out of the sanctuary: and the fruit of it shall be for meat, and the leaves for medicine.

47:13 Thus said *Yehovah* GOD; This shall be the border, whereby you shall inherit the land according to the twelve tribes of Israel: Joseph shall have two portions.

47:14 And you shall inherit it, one as well as another: concerning the which I lifted up my hand to give it to your fathers: and this land shall fall to you for inheritance.

47:15 And this shall be the border of the land toward the north side, from the great sea, the way of Hethlon, as men go to Zedad;

47:16 Hamath, Berothah, Sibram, which is between the border of Damascus and the border of Hamath; Hazarhatticon, which is by the coast of Hauran.

47:17 And the border from the sea shall be Hazarenan, the border of Damascus, and the north northward, and the border of Hamath. And this is the north side.

47:18 And the east side you shall measure from Hauran, and from Damascus, and from Gilead, and from the land of Israel by Jordan, from the border to the east sea. And this is the east side.

47:19 And the south side southward, from Tamar even to the waters of strife in Kadesh, the river to the great sea. And this is the south side southward.

47:20 The west side also shall be the great sea from the border, till a man come over against Hamath. This is the west side.

47:21 So shall you divide this land to you according to the tribes of Israel.

47:22 And it shall come to pass, that you shall divide it by lot for an inheritance to you, and to the strangers that sojourn among you, which shall beget children among you: and they shall be to you as born in the country among the children of Israel; they shall have inheritance with you among the tribes of Israel.

47:23 And it shall come to pass, that in what tribe the stranger sojourns, there shall you give him his inheritance, said *Yehovah* GOD.

Ezekiel – Chapter 48

48:1 Now these are the names of the tribes. From the north end to the coast of the way of Hethlon, as one goes to Hamath, Hazarenan, the border of Damascus northward, to the coast of Hamath; for these are his sides east and west; a portion for Dan.

48:2 And by the border of Dan, from the east side to the west side, a portion for Asher.

48:3 And by the border of Asher, from the east side even to the west side, a portion for Naphtali.

48:4 And by the border of Naphtali, from the east side to the west side, a portion for Manasseh.

48:5 And by the border of Manasseh, from the east side to the west side, a portion for Ephraim.

48:6 And by the border of Ephraim, from the east side even to the west side, a portion for Reuben.

48:7 And by the border of Reuben, from the east side to the west side, a portion for Judah.

48:8 And by the border of Judah, from the east side to the west side, shall be the offering which you shall offer of five and twenty thousand reeds in breadth, and in length as one of the other parts, from the east side to the west side: and the sanctuary shall be in the middle of it.

48:9 The oblation that you shall offer to *Yehovah* shall be of five and twenty thousand in length, and of ten thousand in breadth.

48:10 And for them, even for the priests, shall be this holy oblation; toward the north five and twenty thousand in length, and toward the west ten thousand in breadth, and toward the east ten thousand in breadth, and toward the south five and twenty thousand in length: and the sanctuary of *Yehovah* shall be in the middle of it.

48:11 It shall be for the priests that are sanctified of the sons of Zadok; which have kept my charge, which went not astray when the children of Israel went astray, as the Levites went astray.

48:12 And this oblation of the land that is offered shall be to them a thing most holy by the border of the Levites.

48:13 And over against the border of the priests the Levites shall have five and twenty thousand in length, and ten thousand in breadth: all the length shall be five and twenty thousand, and the breadth ten thousand.

48:14 And they shall not sell of it, neither exchange, nor alienate the first fruits of the land: for it is holy to *Yehovah*.

48:15 And the five thousand, that are left in the breadth over against the five and twenty thousand, shall be a profane place for the city, for dwelling, and for suburbs: and the city shall be in the middle of it.

48:16 And these shall be the measures of it; the north side four thousand and five hundred, and the south side four thousand and five hundred, and on the east side four thousand and five hundred, and the west side four thousand and five hundred.

48:17 And the suburbs of the city shall be toward the north two hundred and fifty, and toward the south two hundred and fifty, and toward the east two hundred and fifty, and toward the west two hundred and fifty.

48:18 And the residue in length over against the oblation of the holy portion shall be ten thousand eastward, and ten thousand westward: and it shall be over against the oblation of the holy portion; and the increase of it shall be for food to them that serve the city.

48:19 And they that serve the city shall serve it out of all the tribes of Israel.

48:20 All the oblation shall be five and twenty thousand by five and twenty thousand: you shall offer the holy oblation foursquare, with the possession of the city.

48:21 And the residue shall be for the prince, on the one side and on the other of the holy oblation, and of the possession of the city, over against the five and twenty thousand of the oblation toward the east border, and westward over against the five and twenty thousand toward the west border, over against the portions for the prince: and it shall be the holy oblation; and the sanctuary of the house shall be in the middle of it.

48:22 Moreover from the possession of the Levites, and from the possession of the city, being in the middle of that which is the prince's, between the border of Judah and the border of Benjamin, shall be for the prince.

48:23 As for the rest of the tribes, from the east side to the west side, Benjamin shall have a portion.

48:24 And by the border of Benjamin, from the east side to the west side, Simeon shall have a portion.

48:25 And by the border of Simeon, from the east side to the west side, Issachar a portion.

48:26 And by the border of Issachar, from the east side to the west side, Zebulun a portion.

48:27 And by the border of Zebulun, from the east side to the west side, Gad a portion.

48:28 And by the border of Gad, at the south side southward, the border shall be even from Tamar to the waters of strife in Kadesh, and to the river toward the great sea.

48:29 This is the land which you shall divide by lot to the tribes of Israel for inheritance, and these are their portions, said *Yehovah* GOD.

48:30 And these are the goings out of the city on the north side, four thousand and five hundred measures.

48:31 And the gates of the city shall be after the names of the tribes of Israel: three gates northward; one gate of Reuben, one gate of Judah, one gate of Levi.

48:32 And at the east side four thousand and five hundred: and three gates; and one gate of Joseph, one gate of Benjamin, one gate of Dan.

48:33 And at the south side four thousand and five hundred measures: and three gates; one gate of Simeon, one gate of Issachar, one gate of Zebulun.

48:34 At the west side four thousand and five hundred, with their three gates; one gate of Gad, one gate of Asher, one gate of Naphtali.

48:35 It was round about eighteen thousand measures: and the name of the city from that day shall be, *Yehovah* is there.

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Book of Hosea

Hoshea (Yehovah Saves)

Hosea – Chapter 1

1:1 The word of *Yehovah* that came to Hosea, the son of Beeri, in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah, and in the days of Jeroboam the son of Joash, king of Israel.

1:2 The beginning of the word of *Yehovah* by Hosea. And *Yehovah* said to Hosea, Go, take to you a wife of prostitutions and children of prostitutions: for the land has committed great prostitution, departing from *Yehovah*.

1:3 So he went and took Gomer the daughter of Diblaim; which conceived, and bore him a son.

1:4 And *Yehovah* said to him, Call his name Jezreel; for yet a little while, and I will avenge the blood of Jezreel on the house of Jehu, and will cause to cease the kingdom of the house of Israel.

1:5 And it shall come to pass at that day, that I will break the bow of Israel, in the valley of Jezreel.

1:6 And she conceived again, and bore a daughter. And God said to him, Call her name Loruhamah: for I will no more have mercy on the house of Israel; but I will utterly take them away.

1:7 But I will have mercy on the house of Judah, and will save them by *Yehovah* their God, and will not save them by bow, nor by sword, nor by battle, by horses, nor by horsemen.

1:8 Now when she had weaned Loruhamah, she conceived, and bore a son.

1:9 Then said God, Call his name Loammi: for you are not my people, and I will not be your God.

1:10 Yet the number of the children of Israel shall be as the sand of the sea, which cannot be measured nor numbered; and it shall come to pass, that in the place where it was said to them, You are not my people, there it shall be said to them, You are the sons of the living God.

1:11 Then shall the children of Judah and the children of Israel be gathered together, and appoint themselves one head, and they shall come up out of the land: for great shall be the day of Jezreel.

Hosea – Chapter 2

2:1 Say you to your brothers, Ammi; and to your sisters, Ruhamah.

2:2 Plead with your mother, plead: for she is not my wife, neither am I her husband: let her therefore put away her prostitutions out of her sight, and her adulteries from between her breasts;

2:3 Lest I strip her naked, and set her as in the day that she was born, and make her as a wilderness, and set her like a dry land, and slay her with thirst.

2:4 And I will not have mercy on her children; for they be the children of prostitutions.

2:5 For their mother has played the harlot: she that conceived them has done shamefully: for she said, I will go after my lovers, that give me my bread and my water, my wool and my flax, my oil and my drink.

2:6 Therefore, behold, I will hedge up your way with thorns, and make a wall, that she shall not find her paths.

2:7 And she shall follow after her lovers, but she shall not overtake them; and she shall seek them, but shall not find them: then shall she say, I will go and return to my first husband; for then was it better with me than now.

2:8 For she did not know that I gave her *grain*, and wine, and oil, and multiplied her silver and gold, which they prepared for Baal.

2:9 Therefore will I return, and take away my *grain* in its time, and my wine in its season, and will recover my wool and my flax given to cover her nakedness.

2:10 And now will I discover her lewdness in the sight of her lovers, and none shall deliver her out of my hand.

2:11 I will also cause all her mirth to cease, her feast days, her new moons, and her sabbaths, and all her solemn feasts.

2:12 And I will destroy her vines and her fig trees, whereof she has said, These are my rewards that my lovers have given me: and I will make them a forest, and the beasts of the field shall eat them.

2:13 And I will visit on her the days of Baalim, in which she burned incense to them, and she decked herself with her earrings and her jewels, and she went after her lovers, and forgot me, said *Yehovah*.

2:14 Therefore, behold, I will allure her, and bring her into the wilderness, and speak comfortably to her.

2:15 And I will give her her vineyards from there, and the valley of Achor for a door of hope: and she shall sing there, as in the days of her youth, and as in the day when she came up out of the land of Egypt.

2:16 And it shall be at that day, said *Yehovah*, that you shall call me Ishi; and shall call me no more Baali.

2:17 For I will take away the names of Baalim out of her mouth, and they shall no more be remembered by their name.

2:18 And in that day will I make a covenant for them with the beasts of the field and with the fowls of heaven, and with the creeping things of the ground: and I will break the bow and the sword and the battle out of the earth, and will make them to lie down safely.

2:19 And I will betroth you to me forever; yes, I will betroth you to me in righteousness, and in judgment, and in loving kindness, and in mercies.

2:20 I will even betroth you to me in faithfulness: and you shall know *Yehovah*.

2:21 And it shall come to pass in that day, I will hear, said *Yehovah*, I will hear the heavens, and they shall hear the earth;

2:22 And the earth shall hear the *grain*, and the wine, and the oil; and they shall hear Jezreel.

2:23 And I will sow her to me in the earth; and I will have mercy on her that had not obtained mercy; and I will say to them which were not my people, You are my people; and they shall say, You are my God.

Hosea – Chapter 3

3:1 Then said *Yehovah* to me, Go yet, love a woman beloved of her friend, yet an adulteress, according to the love of *Yehovah* toward the children of Israel, who look to other gods, and love flagons of wine.

3:2 So I bought her to me for fifteen pieces of silver, and for a homer of barley, and a half homer of barley:

3:3 And I said to her, You shall abide for me many days; you shall not play the harlot, and you shall not be for another man: so will I also be for you.

3:4 For the children of Israel shall abide many days without a king, and without a prince, and without a sacrifice, and without an image, and without an ephod, and without teraphim:

3:5 Afterward shall the children of Israel return, and seek *Yehovah* their God, and David their king; and shall fear *Yehovah* and his goodness in the latter days.

Hosea – Chapter 4

4:1 Hear the word of *Yehovah*, you children of Israel: for *Yehovah* has a controversy with the inhabitants of the land, because there is no truth, nor mercy, nor knowledge of God in the land.

4:2 By swearing, and lying, and killing, and stealing, and committing adultery, they break out, and blood touches blood.

4:3 Therefore shall the land mourn, and everyone that dwells in it shall languish, with the beasts of the field, and with the fowls of heaven; yes, the fishes of the sea also shall be taken away.

4:4 Yet let no man strive, nor reprove another: for your people are as they that strive with the priest.

4:5 Therefore shall you fall in the day, and the prophet also shall fall with you in the night, and I will destroy your mother.

4:6 My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because you have rejected knowledge, I will also reject you, that you shall be no priest to me: seeing you have forgotten the law of your God, I will also forget your children.

4:7 As they were increased, so they sinned against me: therefore will I change their glory into shame.

4:8 They eat up the sin of my people, and they set their heart on their iniquity.

4:9 And there shall be, like people, like priest: and I will punish them for their ways, and reward them their doings.

4:10 For they shall eat, and not have enough: they shall commit prostitution, and shall not increase: because they have left off to take heed to *Yehovah*.

4:11 Prostitution and wine and new wine take away the heart.

4:12 My people ask counsel at their stocks, and their staff declares to them: for the spirit of prostitutions has caused them to err, and they have gone a whoring from under their God.

4:13 They sacrifice on the tops of the mountains, and burn incense on the hills, under oaks and poplars and elms, because the shade is good: therefore your daughters shall commit prostitution, and your spouses shall commit adultery.

4:14 I will not punish your daughters when they commit prostitution, nor your spouses when they commit adultery: for themselves are separated with whores, and they sacrifice with harlots: therefore the people that does not understand shall fall.

4:15 Though you, Israel, play the harlot, yet let not Judah offend; and come not you to Gilgal, neither go you up to Bethaven, nor swear, *Yehovah* lives.

4:16 For Israel slides back as a backsliding heifer: now *Yehovah* will feed them as a lamb in a large place.

4:17 Ephraim is joined to idols: let him alone.

4:18 Their drink is sour: they have committed prostitution continually: her rulers with shame do love, Give you.

4:19 The wind has bound her up in her wings, and they shall be ashamed because of their sacrifices.

Hosea – Chapter 5

5:1 Hear you this, O priests; and listen, you house of Israel; and give you ear, O house of the king; for judgment is toward you, because you have been a snare on Mizpah, and a net spread on Tabor.

5:2 And the rebels are profound to make slaughter, though I have been a rebuker of them all.

5:3 I know Ephraim, and Israel is not hid from me: for now, O Ephraim, you commit prostitution, and Israel is defiled.

5:4 They will not frame their doings to turn to their God: for the spirit of prostitutions is in the middle of them, and they have not known *Yehovah*.

5:5 And the pride of Israel does testify to his face: therefore shall Israel and Ephraim fall in their iniquity: Judah also shall fall with them.

5:6 They shall go with their flocks and with their herds to seek *Yehovah*; but they shall not find him; he has withdrawn himself from them.

5:7 They have dealt treacherously against *Yehovah*: for they have begotten strange children: now shall a month devour them with their portions.

5:8 Blow you the cornet in Gibeah, and the trumpet in Ramah: cry aloud at Bethaven, after you, O Benjamin.

5:9 Ephraim shall be desolate in the day of rebuke: among the tribes of Israel have I made known that which shall surely be.

5:10 The princes of Judah were like them that remove the bound: therefore I will pour out my wrath on them like water.

5:11 Ephraim is oppressed and broken in judgment, because he willingly walked after the commandment.

5:12 Therefore will I be to Ephraim as a moth, and to the house of Judah as rottenness.

5:13 When Ephraim saw his sickness, and Judah saw his wound, then went Ephraim to the Assyrian, and sent to king Jareb: yet could he not heal you, nor cure you of your wound.

5:14 For I will be to Ephraim as a lion, and as a young lion to the house of Judah: I, even I, will tear and go away; I will take away, and none shall rescue him.

5:15 I will go and return to my place, till they acknowledge their offense, and seek my face: in their affliction they will seek me early.

Hosea – Chapter 6

6:1 Come, and let us return to *Yehovah*: for he has torn, and he will heal us; he has smitten, and he will bind us up.

6:2 After two days will he revive us: in the third day he will raise us up, and we shall live in his sight.

6:3 Then shall we know, if we follow on to know *Yehovah*: his going forth is prepared as the morning; and he shall come to us as the rain, as the latter and former rain to the earth.

6:4 O Ephraim, what shall I do to you? O Judah, what shall I do to you? for your goodness is as a morning cloud, and as the early dew it goes away.

6:5 Therefore have I hewed them by the prophets; I have slain them by the words of my mouth: and your judgments are as the light that goes forth.

6:6 For I desired mercy, and not sacrifice; and the knowledge of God more than burnt offerings.

6:7 But they like men have transgressed the covenant: there have they dealt treacherously against me.

6:8 Gilead is a city of them that work iniquity, and is polluted with blood.

6:9 And as troops of robbers wait for a man, so the company of priests murder in the way by consent: for they commit lewdness.

6:10 I have seen a horrible thing in the house of Israel: there is the prostitution of Ephraim, Israel is defiled.

6:11 Also, O Judah, he has set a harvest for you, when I returned the captivity of my people.

Hosea – Chapter 7

7:1 When I would have healed Israel, then the iniquity of Ephraim was discovered, and the wickedness of Samaria: for they commit falsehood; and the thief comes in, and the troop of robbers spoils without.

7:2 And they consider not in their hearts that I remember all their wickedness: now their own doings have beset them about; they are before my face.

7:3 They make the king glad with their wickedness, and the princes with their lies.

7:4 They are all adulterers, as an oven heated by the baker, who ceases from raising after he has kneaded the dough, until it be leavened.

7:5 In the day of our king the princes have made him sick with bottles of wine; he stretched out his hand with scorners.

7:6 For they have made ready their heart like an oven, whiles they lie in wait: their baker sleeps all the night; in the morning it burns as a flaming fire.

7:7 They are all hot as an oven, and have devoured their judges; all their kings are fallen: there is none among them that calls to me.

7:8 Ephraim, he has mixed himself among the people; Ephraim is a cake not turned.

7:9 Strangers have devoured his strength, and he knows it not: yes, gray hairs are here and there on him, yet he knows not.

7:10 And the pride of Israel testifies to his face: and they do not return to *Yehovah* their God, nor seek him for all this.

7:11 Ephraim also is like a silly dove without heart: they call to Egypt, they go to Assyria.

7:12 When they shall go, I will spread my net on them; I will bring them down as the fowls of the heaven; I will chastise them, as their congregation has heard.

7:13 Woe to them! for they have fled from me: destruction to them! because they have transgressed against me: though I have redeemed them, yet they have spoken lies against me.

7:14 And they have not cried to me with their heart, when they howled on their beds: they assemble themselves for *grain* and wine, and they rebel against me.

7:15 Though I have bound and strengthened their arms, yet do they imagine mischief against me.

7:16 They return, but not to the most High: they are like a deceitful bow: their princes shall fall by the sword for the rage of their tongue: this shall be their derision in the land of Egypt.

Hosea – Chapter 8

8:1 Set the trumpet to your mouth. He shall come as an eagle against the house of *Yehovah*, because they have transgressed my covenant, and trespassed against my law.

8:2 Israel shall cry to me, My God, we know you.

8:3 Israel has cast off the thing that is good: the enemy shall pursue him.

8:4 They have set up kings, but not by me: they have made princes, and I knew it not: of their silver and their gold have they made them idols, that they may be cut off.

8:5 Your calf, O Samaria, has cast you off; my anger is kindled against them: how long will it be ere they attain to innocence?

8:6 For from Israel was it also: the workman made it; therefore it is not God: but the calf of Samaria shall be broken in pieces.

8:7 For they have sown the wind, and they shall reap the whirlwind: it has no stalk; the bud shall yield no meal: if so be it yield, the strangers shall swallow it up.

8:8 Israel is swallowed up: now shall they be among the Gentiles as a vessel in which is no pleasure.

8:9 For they are gone up to Assyria, a wild ass alone by himself: Ephraim has hired lovers.

8:10 Yes, though they have hired among the nations, now will I gather them, and they shall sorrow a little for the burden of the king of princes.

8:11 Because Ephraim has made many altars to sin, altars shall be to him to sin.

8:12 I have written to him the great things of my law, but they were counted as a strange thing.

8:13 They sacrifice flesh for the sacrifices of my offerings, and eat it; but *Yehovah* accepts them not; now will he remember their iniquity, and visit their sins: they shall return to Egypt.

8:14 For Israel has forgotten his Maker, and builds temples; and Judah has multiplied fenced cities: but I will send a fire on his cities, and it shall devour their palaces.

Hosea – Chapter 9

9:1 Rejoice not, O Israel, for joy, as other people: for you have gone a whoring from your God, you have loved a reward on every *grain* floor.

9:2 The floor and the wine press shall not feed them, and the new wine shall fail in her.

9:3 They shall not dwell in *Yehovah's* land; but Ephraim shall return to Egypt, and they shall eat unclean things in Assyria.

9:4 They shall not offer wine offerings to *Yehovah*, neither shall they be pleasing to him: their sacrifices shall be to them as the bread of mourners; all that eat of it shall be polluted: for their bread for their soul shall not come into the house of *Yehovah*.

9:5 What will you do in the solemn day, and in the day of the feast of *Yehovah*?

9:6 For, see, they are gone because of destruction: Egypt shall gather them up, Memphis shall bury them: the pleasant places for their silver, nettles shall possess them: thorns shall be in their tabernacles.

9:7 The days of visitation are come, the days of recompense are come; Israel shall know it: the prophet is a fool, the spiritual man is mad, for the multitude of your iniquity, and the great hatred.

9:8 The watchman of Ephraim was with my God: but the prophet is a snare of a fowler in all his ways, and hatred in the house of his God.

9:9 They have deeply corrupted themselves, as in the days of Gibeah: therefore he will remember their iniquity, he will visit their sins.

9:10 I found Israel like grapes in the wilderness; I saw your fathers as the first ripe in the fig tree at her first time: but they went to Baalpeor, and separated themselves to that shame; and their abominations were according as they loved.

9:11 As for Ephraim, their glory shall fly away like a bird, from the birth, and from the womb, and from the conception.

9:12 Though they bring up their children, yet will I bereave them, that there shall not be a man left: yes, woe also to them when I depart from them!

9:13 Ephraim, as I saw Tyrus, is planted in a pleasant place: but Ephraim shall bring forth his children to the murderer.

9:14 Give them, *O YEHOVAH*: what will you give? give them a miscarrying womb and dry breasts.

9:15 All their wickedness is in Gilgal: for there I hated them: for the wickedness of their doings I will drive them out of my house, I will love them no more: all their princes are rebels.

9:16 Ephraim is smitten, their root is dried up, they shall bear no fruit: yes, though they bring forth, yet will I slay even the beloved fruit of their womb.

9:17 My God will cast them away, because they did not listen to him: and they shall be wanderers among the nations.

Hosea – Chapter 10

10:1 Israel is an empty vine, he brings forth fruit to himself: according to the multitude of his fruit he has increased the altars; according to the goodness of his land they have made goodly images.

10:2 Their heart is divided; now shall they be found faulty: he shall break down their altars, he shall spoil their images.

10:3 For now they shall say, We have no king, because we feared not *Yehovah*; what then should a king do to us?

10:4 They have spoken words, swearing falsely in making a covenant: thus judgment springs up as hemlock in the furrows of the field.

10:5 The inhabitants of Samaria shall fear because of the calves of Bethaven: for their people shall mourn over it, and their priests that rejoiced over it, for their glory, because it is departed from it.

10:6 It shall be also carried to Assyria for a present to king Jareb: Ephraim shall receive shame, and Israel shall be ashamed of his own counsel.

10:7 As for Samaria, her king is cut off as the foam on the water.

10:8 The high places also of Aven, the sin of Israel, shall be destroyed: the thorn and the thistle shall come up on their altars; and they shall say to the mountains, Cover us; and to the hills, Fall on us.

10:9 O Israel, you have sinned from the days of Gibeah: there they stood: the battle in Gibeah against the children of iniquity did not overtake them.

10:10 It is in my desire that I should chastise them; and the people shall be gathered against them, when they shall bind themselves in their two furrows.

10:11 And Ephraim is as a heifer that is taught, and loves to tread out the *grain*; but I passed over on her fair neck: I will make Ephraim to ride; Judah shall plow, and Jacob shall break his clods.

10:12 Sow to yourselves in righteousness, reap in mercy; break up your fallow ground: for it is time to seek *Yehovah*, till he come and rain righteousness on you.

10:13 You have plowed wickedness, you have reaped iniquity; you have eaten the fruit of lies: because you did trust in your way, in the multitude of your mighty men.

10:14 Therefore shall a tumult arise among your people, and all your fortresses shall be *plundered*, as Shalman *plundered* Betharbel in the day of battle: the mother was dashed in pieces on her children.

10:15 So shall Bethel do to you because of your great wickedness: in a morning shall the king of Israel utterly be cut off.

Hosea – Chapter 11

11:1 When Israel was a child, then I loved him, and called my son out of Egypt.

11:2 As they called them, so they went from them: they sacrificed to Baalim, and burned incense to graven images.

11:3 I taught Ephraim also to go, taking them by their arms; but they knew not that I healed them.

11:4 I drew them with cords of a man, with bands of love: and I was to them as they that take off the yoke on their jaws, and I laid meat to them.

11:5 He shall not return into the land of Egypt, and the Assyrian shall be his king, because they refused to return.

11:6 And the sword shall abide on his cities, and shall consume his branches, and devour them, because of their own counsels.

11:7 And my people are bent to backsliding from me: though they called them to the most High, none at all would exalt him.

11:8 How shall I give you up, Ephraim? how shall I deliver you, Israel? how shall I make you as Admah? how shall I set you as Zeboim? my heart is turned within me, my repentings are kindled together.

11:9 I will not execute the fierceness of my anger, I will not return to destroy Ephraim: for I am God, and not man; the Holy One in the middle of you: and I will not enter into the city.

11:10 They shall walk after *Yehovah*: he shall roar like a lion: when he shall roar, then the children shall tremble from the west.

11:11 They shall tremble as a bird out of Egypt, and as a dove out of the land of Assyria: and I will place them in their houses, said *Yehovah*.

11:12 Ephraim compasses me about with lies, and the house of Israel with deceit: but Judah yet rules with God, and is faithful with the saints.

Hosea – Chapter 12

12:1 Ephraim feeds on wind, and follows after the east wind: he daily increases lies and desolation; and they do make a covenant with the Assyrians, and oil is carried into Egypt.

12:2 *Yehovah* has also a controversy with Judah, and will punish Jacob according to his ways; according to his doings will he recompense him.

12:3 He took his brother by the heel in the womb, and by his strength he had power with God:

12:4 Yes, he had power over the angel, and prevailed: he wept, and made supplication to him: he found him in Bethel, and there he spoke with us;

12:5 Even *Yehovah* God of *Armies*; *Yehovah* is his memorial.

12:6 Therefore turn you to your God: keep mercy and judgment and wait on your God continually.

12:7 He is a merchant, the balances of deceit are in his hand: he loves to oppress.

12:8 And Ephraim said, Yet I am become rich, I have found me out substance: in all my labors they shall find no iniquity in me that were sin.

12:9 And I that am *Yehovah* your God from the land of Egypt will yet make you to dwell in tabernacles, as in the days of the solemn feast.

12:10 I have also spoken by the prophets, and I have multiplied visions, and used similitudes, by the ministry of the prophets.

12:11 Is there iniquity in Gilead? surely they are vanity: they sacrifice bullocks in Gilgal; yes, their altars are as heaps in the furrows of the fields.

12:12 And Jacob fled into the country of Syria, and Israel served for a wife, and for a wife he kept sheep.

12:13 And by a prophet *Yehovah* brought Israel out of Egypt, and by a prophet was he preserved.

12:14 Ephraim provoked him to anger most bitterly: therefore shall he leave his blood on him, and his reproach shall his *YEHOWAH* return to him.

Hosea – Chapter 13

13:1 When Ephraim spoke trembling, he exalted himself in Israel; but when he offended in Baal, he died.

13:2 And now they sin more and more, and have made them molten images of their silver, and idols according to their own understanding, all of it the work of the craftsmen: they say of them, Let the men that sacrifice kiss the calves.

13:3 Therefore they shall be as the morning cloud and as the early dew that passes away, as the chaff that is driven with the whirlwind out of the floor, and as the smoke out of the chimney.

13:4 Yet I am *Yehovah* your God from the land of Egypt, and you shall know no god but me: for there is no savior beside me.

13:5 I did know you in the wilderness, in the land of great drought.

13:6 According to their pasture, so were they filled; they were filled, and their heart was exalted; therefore have they forgotten me.

13:7 Therefore I will be to them as a lion: as a leopard by the way will I observe them:

13:8 I will meet them as a bear that is bereaved of her whelps, and will rend the lobe of their heart, and there will I devour them like a lion: the wild beast shall tear them.

13:9 O Israel, you have destroyed yourself; but in me is your help.

13:10 I will be your king: where is any other that may save you in all your cities? and your judges of whom you said, Give me a king and princes?

13:11 I gave you a king in my anger, and took him away in my wrath.

13:12 The iniquity of Ephraim is bound up; his sin is hid.

13:13 The sorrows of a travailing woman shall come on him: he is an unwise son; for he should not stay long in the place of the breaking forth of children.

13:14 I will ransom them from the power of the grave; I will redeem them from death: O death, I will be your plagues; O grave, I will be your destruction: repentance shall be hid from my eyes.

13:15 Though he be fruitful among his brothers, an east wind shall come, the wind of *Yehovah* shall come up from the wilderness, and his spring shall become dry, and his fountain shall be dried up: he shall *plunder* the treasure of all pleasant vessels.

13:16 Samaria shall become desolate; for she has rebelled against her God: they shall fall by the sword: their infants shall be dashed in pieces, and their women with child shall be ripped up.

Hosea – Chapter 14

14:1 O Israel, return to *Yehovah* your God; for you have fallen by your iniquity.

14:2 Take with you words, and turn to *Yehovah*: say to him, Take away all iniquity, and receive us graciously: so will we render the calves of our lips.

14:3 Asshur shall not save us; we will not ride on horses: neither will we say anymore to the work of our hands, You are our gods: for in you the fatherless finds mercy.

14:4 I will heal their backsliding, I will love them freely: for my anger is turned away from him.

14:5 I will be as the dew to Israel: he shall grow as the lily, and cast forth his roots as Lebanon.

14:6 His branches shall spread, and his beauty shall be as the olive tree, and his smell as Lebanon.

14:7 They that dwell under his shadow shall return; they shall revive as the *grain*, and grow as the vine: the scent of it shall be as the wine of Lebanon.

14:8 Ephraim shall say, What have I to do anymore with idols? I have heard him, and observed him: I am like a green fir tree. From me is your fruit found.

14:9 Who is wise, and he shall understand these things? prudent, and he shall know them? for the ways of *Yehovah* are right, and the just shall walk in them: but the transgressors shall fall in it.

Book of Joel

Yoel (Yehovah Is God)

Joel – Chapter 1

1:1 The word of *Yehovah* that came to Joel the son of Pethuel.

1:2 Hear this, you old men, and give ear, all you inhabitants of the land. Has this been in your days, or even in the days of your fathers?

1:3 Tell you your children of it, and let your children tell their children, and their children another generation.

1:4 That which the palmerworm has left has the locust eaten; and that which the locust has left has the cankerworm eaten; and that which the cankerworm has left has the caterpillar eaten.

1:5 Awake, you drunkards, and weep; and howl, all you drinkers of wine, because of the new wine; for it is cut off from your mouth.

1:6 For a nation is come up on my land, strong, and without number, whose teeth are the teeth of a lion, and he has the cheek teeth of a great lion.

1:7 He has laid my vine waste, and debarked my fig tree: he has made it clean bore, and cast it away; the branches of it are made white.

1:8 Lament like a *maiden* girded with sackcloth for the husband of her youth.

1:9 The meat offering and the drink offering is cut off from the house of *Yehovah*; the priests, *Yehovah's* ministers, mourn.

1:10 The field is wasted, the land mourns; for the *grain* is wasted: the new wine is dried up, the oil languishes.

1:11 Be you ashamed, O you farmers; howl, O you vinedressers, for the wheat and for the barley; because the harvest of the field is perished.

1:12 The vine is dried up, and the fig tree languishes; the pomegranate tree, the palm tree also, and the apple tree, even all the trees of the field, are withered: because joy is withered away from the sons of men.

1:13 Gird yourselves, and lament, you priests: howl, you ministers of the altar: come, lie all night in sackcloth, you ministers of my God: for the meat offering and the drink offering is withheld from the house of your God.

1:14 Sanctify you a fast, call a solemn assembly, gather the elders and all the inhabitants of the land into the house of *Yehovah* your God, and cry to *Yehovah*,

1:15 Alas for the day! for the day of *Yehovah* is at hand, and as a destruction from the Almighty shall it come.

1:16 Is not the meat cut off before our eyes, yes, joy and gladness from the house of our God?

1:17 The seed is rotten under their clods, the garners are laid desolate, the barns are broken down; for the *grain* is withered.

1:18 How do the beasts groan! the herds of cattle are perplexed, because they have no pasture; yes, the flocks of sheep are made desolate.

1:19 O *YEHOVAH*, to you will I cry: for the fire has devoured the pastures of the wilderness, and the flame has burned all the trees of the field.

1:20 The beasts of the field cry also to you: for the rivers of waters are dried up, and the fire has devoured the pastures of the wilderness.

Joel – Chapter 2

2:1 Blow you the trumpet in Zion, and sound an alarm in my holy mountain: let all the inhabitants of the land tremble: for the day of *Yehovah* comes, for it is near at hand;

2:2 A day of darkness and of gloominess, a day of clouds and of thick darkness, as the morning spread on the mountains: a great people and a strong; there has not been ever the like, neither shall be anymore after it, even to the years of many generations.

2:3 A fire devours before them; and behind them a flame burns: the land is as the garden of Eden before them, and behind them a desolate wilderness; yes, and nothing shall escape them.

2:4 The appearance of them is as the appearance of horses; and as horsemen, so shall they run.

2:5 Like the noise of chariots on the tops of mountains shall they leap, like the noise of a flame of fire that devours the stubble, as a strong people set in battle array.

2:6 Before their face the people shall be much pained: all faces shall gather blackness.

2:7 They shall run like mighty men; they shall climb the wall like men of war; and they shall march everyone on his ways, and they shall not break their ranks:

2:8 Neither shall one thrust another; they shall walk everyone in his path: and when they fall on the sword, they shall not be wounded.

2:9 They shall run to and fro in the city; they shall run on the wall, they shall climb up on the houses; they shall enter in at the windows like a thief.

2:10 The earth shall quake before them; the heavens shall tremble: the sun and the moon shall be dark, and the stars shall withdraw their shining:

2:11 And *Yehovah* shall utter his voice before his army: for his camp is very great: for he is strong that executes his word: for the day of *Yehovah* is great and very terrible; and who can abide it?

2:12 Therefore also now, said *Yehovah*, turn you even to me with all your heart, and with fasting, and with weeping, and with mourning:

2:13 And rend your heart, and not your garments, and turn to *Yehovah* your God: for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and repents him of the evil.

2:14 Who knows if he will return and repent, and leave a blessing behind him; even a meat offering and a drink offering to *Yehovah* your God?

2:15 Blow the trumpet in Zion, sanctify a fast, call a solemn assembly:

2:16 Gather the people, sanctify the congregation, assemble the elders, gather the children, and those that suck the breasts: let the bridegroom go forth of his chamber, and the bride out of her closet.

2:17 Let the priests, the ministers of *Yehovah*, weep between the porch and the altar, and let them say, Spare your people, *O YEHOVAH*, and give not your heritage to reproach, that the heathen should rule over them: why should they say among the people, Where is their God?

2:18 Then will *Yehovah* be jealous for his land, and pity his people.

2:19 Yes, *Yehovah* will answer and say to his people, Behold, I will send you *grain*, and wine, and oil, and you shall be satisfied therewith: and I will no more make you a reproach among the heathen:

2:20 But I will remove far off from you the northern army, and will drive him into a land barren and desolate, with his face toward the east sea, and his hinder part toward the utmost sea, and his stink shall come up, and his ill smell shall come up, because he has done great things.

2:21 Fear not, O land; be glad and rejoice: for *Yehovah* will do great things.

2:22 Be not afraid, you beasts of the field: for the pastures of the wilderness do spring, for the tree bears her fruit, the fig tree and the vine do yield their strength.

2:23 Be glad then, you children of Zion, and rejoice in *Yehovah* your God: for he has given you the former rain moderately, and he will cause to come down for you the rain, the former rain, and the latter rain in the first month.

2:24 And the floors shall be full of wheat, and the vats shall overflow with wine and oil.

2:25 And I will restore to you the years that the locust has eaten, the cankerworm, and the caterpillar, and the palmerworm, my great army which I sent among you.

2:26 And you shall eat in plenty, and be satisfied, and praise the name of *Yehovah* your God, that has dealt wondrously with you: and my people shall never be ashamed.

2:27 And you shall know that I am in the middle of Israel, and that I am *Yehovah* your God, and none else: and my people shall never be ashamed.

2:28 And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit on all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions:

2:29 And also on the servants and on the handmaids in those days will I pour out my spirit.

2:30 And I will show wonders in the heavens and in the earth, blood, and fire, and pillars of smoke.

2:31 The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the great and terrible day of *Yehovah* come.

2:32 And it shall come to pass, that whoever shall call on the name of *Yehovah* shall be delivered: for in mount Zion and in Jerusalem shall be deliverance, as *Yehovah* has said, and in the remnant whom *Yehovah* shall call.

Joel – Chapter 3

3:1 For, behold, in those days, and in that time, when I shall bring again the captivity of Judah and Jerusalem,

3:2 I will also gather all nations, and will bring them down into the valley of Jehoshaphat, and will plead with them there for my people and for my heritage Israel, whom they have scattered among the nations, and parted my land.

3:3 And they have cast lots for my people; and have given a boy for a harlot, and sold a girl for wine, that they might drink.

3:4 Yes, and what have you to do with me, O Tyre, and Zidon, and all the coasts of Palestine? will you render me a recompense? and if you recompense me, swiftly and speedily will I return your recompense on your own head;

3:5 Because you have taken my silver and my gold, and have carried into your temples my goodly pleasant things:

3:6 The children also of Judah and the children of Jerusalem have you sold to the Grecians, that you might remove them far from their border.

3:7 Behold, I will raise them out of the place where you have sold them, and will return your recompense on your own head:

3:8 And I will sell your sons and your daughters into the hand of the children of Judah, and they shall sell them to the Sabeans, to a people far off: for *Yehovah* has spoken it.

3:9 Proclaim you this among the Gentiles; Prepare war, wake up the mighty men, let all the men of war draw near; let them come up:

3:10 Beat your plowshares into swords and your pruning hooks into spears: let the weak say, I am strong.

3:11 Assemble yourselves, and come, all you heathen, and gather yourselves together round about: there cause your mighty ones to come down, ***O YEHOWAH.***

3:12 Let the heathen be wakened, and come up to the valley of Jehoshaphat: for there will I sit to judge all the heathen round about.

3:13 Put you in the sickle, for the harvest is ripe: come, get you down; for the press is full, the fats overflow; for their wickedness is great.

3:14 Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision: for the day of *Yehovah* is near in the valley of decision.

3:15 The sun and the moon shall be darkened, and the stars shall withdraw their shining.

3:16 *Yehovah* also shall roar out of Zion, and utter his voice from Jerusalem; and the heavens and the earth shall shake: but *Yehovah* will be the hope of his people, and the strength of the children of Israel.

3:17 So shall you know that I am *Yehovah* your God dwelling in Zion, my holy mountain: then shall Jerusalem be holy, and there shall no strangers pass through her any more.

3:18 And it shall come to pass in that day, that the mountains shall drop down new wine, and the hills shall flow with milk, and all the rivers of Judah shall flow with waters, and a fountain shall come forth out of the house of *Yehovah*, and shall water the valley of Shittim.

3:19 Egypt shall be a desolation, and Edom shall be a desolate wilderness, for the violence against the children of Judah, because they have shed innocent blood in their land.

3:20 But Judah shall dwell forever, and Jerusalem from generation to generation.

3:21 For I will cleanse their blood that I have not cleansed: for *Yehovah* dwells in Zion.

Book of Amos

Amos (Burden-Bearer)

Amos – Chapter 1

1:1 The words of Amos, who was among the herdsmen of Tekoa, which he saw concerning Israel in the days of Uzziah king of Judah, and in the days of Jeroboam the son of Joash king of Israel, two years before the earthquake.

1:2 And he said, *Yehovah* will roar from Zion, and utter his voice from Jerusalem; and the habitations of the shepherds shall mourn, and the top of Carmel shall wither.

1:3 Thus said *Yehovah*; For three transgressions of Damascus, and for four, I will not turn away the punishment of it; because they have threshed Gilead with threshing instruments of iron:

1:4 But I will send a fire into the house of Hazael, which shall devour the palaces of Benhadad.

1:5 I will break also the bar of Damascus, and cut off the inhabitant from the plain of Aven, and him that holds the scepter from the house of Eden: and the people of Syria shall go into captivity to Kir, said *Yehovah*.

1:6 Thus said *Yehovah*; For three transgressions of Gaza, and for four, I will not turn away the punishment of it; because they carried away captive the whole captivity, to deliver them up to Edom:

1:7 But I will send a fire on the wall of Gaza, which shall devour their palaces:

1:8 And I will cut off the inhabitant from Ashdod, and him that holds the scepter from Ashkelon, and I will turn my hand against Ekron: and the remnant of the Philistines shall perish, said *Yehovah* GOD.

1:9 Thus said *Yehovah*; For three transgressions of Tyrus, and for four, I will not turn away the punishment of it; because they delivered up the whole captivity to Edom, and remembered not the brotherly covenant:

1:10 But I will send a fire on the wall of Tyrus, which shall devour their palaces.

1:11 Thus said *Yehovah*; For three transgressions of Edom, and for four, I will not turn away the punishment of it; because he did pursue his brother with the sword, and did cast off all pity, and his anger did tear perpetually, and he kept his wrath forever:

1:12 But I will send a fire on Teman, which shall devour the palaces of Bozrah.

1:13 Thus said *Yehovah*; For three transgressions of the children of Ammon, and for four, I will not turn away the punishment of it; because they have ripped up the women with child of Gilead, that they might enlarge their border:

1:14 But I will kindle a fire in the wall of Rabbah, and it shall devour their palaces, with shouting in the day of battle, with a tempest in the day of the whirlwind:

1:15 And their king shall go into captivity, he and his princes together, said *Yehovah*.

Amos – Chapter 2

2:1 Thus said *Yehovah*; For three transgressions of Moab, and for four, I will not turn away the punishment of it; because he burned the bones of the king of Edom into lime:

2:2 But I will send a fire on Moab, and it shall devour the palaces of Kirioth: and Moab shall die with tumult, with shouting, and with the sound of the trumpet:

2:3 And I will cut off the judge from the middle of it, and will slay all their princes with him, said *Yehovah*.

2:4 Thus said *Yehovah*; For three transgressions of Judah, and for four, I will not turn away the punishment of it; because they have despised the law of *Yehovah*, and have not kept his commandments, and their lies caused them to err, after the which their fathers have walked:

2:5 But I will send a fire on Judah, and it shall devour the palaces of Jerusalem.

2:6 Thus said *Yehovah*; For three transgressions of Israel, and for four, I will not turn away the punishment of it; because they sold the righteous for silver, and the poor for a pair of shoes;

2:7 That pant after the dust of the earth on the head of the poor, and turn aside the way of the meek: and a man and his father will go in to the same maiden, to profane my holy name:

2:8 And they lay themselves down on clothes laid to pledge by every altar, and they drink the wine of the condemned in the house of their god.

2:9 Yet destroyed I the Amorite before them, whose height was like the height of the cedars, and he was strong as the oaks; yet I destroyed his fruit from above, and his roots from beneath.

2:10 Also I brought you up from the land of Egypt, and led you forty years through the wilderness, to possess the land of the Amorite.

2:11 And I raised up of your sons for prophets, and of your young men for Nazarites. Is it not even thus, O you children of Israel? said *Yehovah*.

2:12 But you gave the Nazarites wine to drink; and commanded the prophets, saying, Prophesy not.

2:13 Behold, I am pressed under you, as a cart is pressed that is full of sheaves.

2:14 Therefore the flight shall perish from the swift, and the strong shall not strengthen his force, neither shall the mighty deliver himself:

2:15 Neither shall he stand that handles the bow; and he that is swift of foot shall not deliver himself: neither shall he that rides the horse deliver himself.

2:16 And he that is courageous among the mighty shall flee away naked in that day, said *Yehovah*.

Amos – Chapter 3

3:1 Hear this word that *Yehovah* has spoken against you, O children of Israel, against the whole family which I brought up from the land of Egypt, saying,

3:2 You only have I known of all the families of the earth: therefore I will punish you for all your iniquities.

3:3 Can two walk together, except they be agreed?

3:4 Will a lion roar in the forest, when he has no prey? will a young lion cry out of his den, if he have taken nothing?

3:5 Can a bird fall in a snare on the earth, where no gin is for him? shall one take up a snare from the earth, and have taken nothing at all?

3:6 Shall a trumpet be blown in the city, and the people not be afraid? shall there be evil in a city, and *Yehovah* has not done it?

3:7 Surely *Yehovah* GOD will do nothing, but he reveals his secret to his servants the prophets.

3:8 The lion has roared, who will not fear? *Yehovah* GOD has spoken, who can but prophesy?

3:9 Publish in the palaces at Ashdod, and in the palaces in the land of Egypt, and say, Assemble yourselves on the mountains of Samaria, and behold the great tumults in the middle of it, and the oppressed among them.

3:10 For they know not to do right, said *Yehovah*, who stored up violence and robbery in their palaces.

3:11 Therefore thus said *Yehovah* GOD; An adversary there shall be even round about the land; and he shall bring down your strength from you, and your palaces shall be *plundered*.

3:12 Thus said *Yehovah*; As the shepherd takes out of the mouth of the lion two legs, or a piece of an ear; so shall the children of Israel be taken out that dwell in Samaria in the corner of a bed, and in Damascus in a couch.

3:13 Hear you, and testify in the house of Jacob, said *Yehovah* GOD, the God of *Armies*,

3:14 That in the day that I shall visit the transgressions of Israel on him I will also visit the altars of Bethel: and the horns of the altar shall be cut off, and fall to the ground.

3:15 And I will smite the winter house with the summer house; and the houses of ivory shall perish, and the great houses shall have an end, said *Yehovah*.

Amos – Chapter 4

4:1 Hear this word, you cows of Bashan, that are in the mountain of Samaria, which oppress the poor, which crush the needy, which say to their masters, Bring, and let us drink.

4:2 *Yehovah* GOD has sworn by his holiness, that, see, the days shall come on you, that he will take you away with hooks, and your posterity with fishhooks.

4:3 And you shall go out at the breaches, every cow at that which is before her; and you shall cast them into the palace, said *Yehovah*.

4:4 Come to Bethel, and transgress; at Gilgal multiply transgression; and bring your sacrifices every morning, and your tithes after three years:

4:5 And offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving with leaven, and proclaim and publish the free offerings: for this likes you, O you children of Israel, said *Yehovah* GOD.

4:6 And I also have given you cleanness of teeth in all your cities, and want of bread in all your places: yet have you not returned to me, said *Yehovah*.

4:7 And also I have withheld the rain from you, when there were yet three months to the harvest: and I caused it to rain on one city, and caused it not to rain on another city: one piece was rained on, and the piece whereupon it rained not withered.

4:8 So two or three cities wandered to one city, to drink water; but they were not satisfied: yet have you not returned to me, said *Yehovah*.

4:9 I have smitten you with blasting and mildew: when your gardens and your vineyards and your fig trees and your olive trees increased, the palmerworm devoured them: yet have you not returned to me, said *Yehovah*.

4:10 I have sent among you the pestilence after the manner of Egypt: your young men have I slain with the sword, and have taken away your horses; and I have made the stink of your camps to come up to your nostrils: yet have you not returned to me, said *Yehovah*.

4:11 I have overthrown some of you, as God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah, and you were as a firebrand plucked out of the burning: yet have you not returned to me, said *Yehovah*.

4:12 Therefore thus will I do to you, O Israel: and because I will do this to you, prepare to meet your God, O Israel.

4:13 For, see, he that forms the mountains, and creates the wind, and declares to man what is his thought, that makes the morning darkness, and treads on the high places of the earth, *Yehovah*, The God of *Armies*, is his name.

Amos – Chapter 5

5:1 Hear you this word which I take up against you, even a lamentation, O house of Israel.

5:2 The virgin of Israel is fallen; she shall no more rise: she is forsaken on her land; there is none to raise her up.

5:3 For thus said *Yehovah* GOD; The city that went out by a thousand shall leave a hundred, and that which went forth by a hundred shall leave ten, to the house of Israel.

5:4 For thus said *Yehovah* to the house of Israel, Seek you me, and you shall live:

5:5 But seek not Bethel, nor enter into Gilgal, and pass not to Beersheba: for Gilgal shall surely go into captivity, and Bethel shall come to nothing.

5:6 Seek *Yehovah*, and you shall live; lest he break out like fire in the house of Joseph, and devour it, and there be none to quench it in Bethel.

5:7 You who turn judgment to wormwood, and leave off righteousness in the earth,

5:8 Seek him that makes the seven stars and Orion, and turns the shadow of death into the morning, and makes the day dark with night: that calls for the waters of the sea, and pours them out on the face of the earth: *Yehovah* is his name:

5:9 That strengthens the *plundered* against the strong, so that the *plundered* shall come against the fortress.

5:10 They hate him that rebukes in the gate, and they abhor him that speaks uprightly.

5:11 For as much therefore as your treading is on the poor, and you take from him burdens of wheat: you have built houses of hewn stone, but you shall not dwell in them; you have planted pleasant vineyards, but you shall not drink wine of them.

5:12 For I know your manifold transgressions and your mighty sins: they afflict the just, they take a bribe, and they turn aside the poor in the gate from their right.

5:13 Therefore the prudent shall keep silence in that time; for it is an evil time.

5:14 Seek good, and not evil, that you may live: and so *Yehovah*, the God of *Armies*, shall be with you, as you have spoken.

5:15 Hate the evil, and love the good, and establish judgment in the gate: it may be that *Yehovah* God of *Armies* will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

5:16 Therefore *Yehovah*, the God of *Armies*, *Yehovah*, said thus; Wailing shall be in all streets; and they shall say in all the highways, Alas! alas! and they shall call the farmer to mourning, and such as are skillful of lamentation to wailing.

5:17 And in all vineyards shall be wailing: for I will pass through you, said *Yehovah*.

5:18 Woe to you that desire the day of *Yehovah*! to what end is it for you? the day of *Yehovah* is darkness, and not light.

5:19 As if a man did flee from a lion, and a bear met him; or went into the house, and leaned his hand on the wall, and a serpent bit him.

5:20 Shall not the day of *Yehovah* be darkness, and not light? even very dark, and no brightness in it?

5:21 I hate, I despise your feast days, and I will not smell in your solemn assemblies.

5:22 Though you offer me burnt offerings and your meat offerings, I will not accept them: neither will I regard the peace offerings of your fat beasts.

5:23 Take you away from me the noise of your songs; for I will not hear the melody of your viols.

5:24 But let judgment run down as waters, and righteousness as a mighty stream.

5:25 Have you offered to me sacrifices and offerings in the wilderness forty years, O house of Israel?

5:26 But you have borne the tabernacle of your Moloch and Chiun your images, the star of your god, which you made to yourselves.

5:27 Therefore will I cause you to go into captivity beyond Damascus, said *Yehovah*, whose name is The God of *Armies*.

Amos – Chapter 6

6:1 Woe to them that are at ease in Zion, and trust in the mountain of Samaria, which are named chief of the nations, to whom the house of Israel came!

6:2 Pass you to Calneh, and see; and from there go you to Hamath the great: then go down to Gath of the Philistines: be they better than these kingdoms? or their border greater than your border?

6:3 You that put far away the evil day, and cause the seat of violence to come near;

6:4 That lie on beds of ivory, and stretch themselves on their couches, and eat the lambs out of the flock, and the calves out of the middle of the stall;

6:5 That chant to the sound of the viol, and invent to themselves instruments of music, like David;

6:6 That drink wine in bowls, and anoint themselves with the chief ointments: but they are not grieved for the affliction of Joseph.

6:7 Therefore now shall they go captive with the first that go captive, and the banquet of them that stretched themselves shall be removed.

6:8 *Yehovah* GOD has sworn by himself, said *Yehovah* the God of *Armies*, I abhor the excellency of Jacob, and hate his palaces: therefore will I deliver up the city with all that is in it.

6:9 And it shall come to pass, if there remain ten men in one house, that they shall die.

6:10 And a man's uncle shall take him up, and he that burns him, to bring out the bones out of the house, and shall say to him that is by the sides of the house, Is there yet any with you? and he shall say, No. Then shall he say, Hold your tongue: for we may not make mention of the name of *Yehovah*.

6:11 For, behold, *Yehovah* commands, and he will smite the great house with breaches, and the little house with clefts.

6:12 Shall horses run on the rock? will one plow there with oxen? for you have turned judgment into gall, and the fruit of righteousness into hemlock:

6:13 You which rejoice in a thing of nothing, which say, Have we not taken to us horns by our own strength?

6:14 But, behold, I will raise up against you a nation, O house of Israel, said *Yehovah* the God of *Armies*; and they shall afflict you from the entering in of Hemath to the river of the wilderness.

Amos – Chapter 7

7:1 Thus has *Yehovah* GOD showed to me; and, behold, he formed grasshoppers in the beginning of the shooting up of the latter growth; and, see, it was the latter growth after the king's mowings.

7:2 And it came to pass, that when they had made an end of eating the grass of the land, then I said, O *Yehovah* GOD, forgive, I beseech you: by whom shall Jacob arise? for he is small.

7:3 *Yehovah* repented for this: It shall not be, said *Yehovah*.

7:4 Thus has *Yehovah* GOD showed to me: and, behold, *Yehovah* GOD called to contend by fire, and it devoured the great deep, and did eat up a part.

7:5 Then said I, O *Yehovah* GOD, cease, I beseech you: by whom shall Jacob arise? for he is small.

7:6 *Yehovah* repented for this: This also shall not be, said *Yehovah* GOD.

7:7 Thus he showed me: and, behold, *Yehovah* stood on a wall made by a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand.

7:8 And *Yehovah* said to me, Amos, what see you? And I said, A plumb line. Then said *Yehovah*, Behold, I will set a plumb line in the middle of my people Israel: I will not again pass by them any more:

7:9 And the high places of Isaac shall be desolate, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste; and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword.

7:10 Then Amaziah the priest of Bethel sent to Jeroboam king of Israel, saying, Amos has conspired against you in the middle of the house of Israel: the land is not able to bear all his words.

7:11 For thus Amos said, Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel shall surely be led away captive out of their own land.

7:12 Also Amaziah said to Amos, O you seer, go, flee you away into the land of Judah, and there eat bread, and prophesy there:

7:13 But prophesy not again anymore at Bethel: for it is the king's chapel, and it is the king's court.

7:14 Then answered Amos, and said to Amaziah, I was no prophet, neither was I a prophet's son; but I was a herdsman, and a gatherer of sycamore fruit:

7:15 And *Yehovah* took me as I followed the flock, and *Yehovah* said to me, Go, prophesy to my people Israel.

7:16 Now therefore hear you the word of *Yehovah*: You say, Prophesy not against Israel, and drop not your word against the house of Isaac.

7:17 Therefore thus said *Yehovah*; Your wife shall be a harlot in the city, and your sons and your daughters shall fall by the sword, and your land shall be divided by line; and you shall die in a polluted land: and Israel shall surely go into captivity forth of his land.

Amos – Chapter 8

8:1 Thus has *Yehovah* GOD showed to me: and behold a basket of summer fruit.

8:2 And he said, Amos, what see you? And I said, A basket of summer fruit. Then said *Yehovah* to me, The end is come on my people of Israel; I will not again pass by them any more.

8:3 And the songs of the temple shall be howlings in that day, said *Yehovah* GOD: there shall be many dead bodies in every place; they shall cast them forth with silence.

8:4 Hear this, O you that swallow up the needy, even to make the poor of the land to fail,

8:5 Saying, When will the new moon be gone, that we may sell *grain*? and the sabbath, that we may set forth wheat, making the ephah small, and the shekel great, and falsifying the balances by deceit?

8:6 That we may buy the poor for silver, and the needy for a pair of shoes; yes, and sell the refuse of the wheat?

8:7 *Yehovah* has sworn by the excellency of Jacob, Surely I will never forget any of their works.

8:8 Shall not the land tremble for this, and everyone mourn that dwells in it? and it shall rise up wholly as a flood; and it shall be cast out and drowned, as by the flood of Egypt.

8:9 And it shall come to pass in that day, said *Yehovah* GOD, that I will cause the sun to go down at noon, and I will darken the earth in the clear day:

8:10 And I will turn your feasts into mourning, and all your songs into lamentation; and I will bring up sackcloth on all loins, and baldness on every head; and I will make it as the mourning of an only son, and the end like a bitter day.

8:11 Behold, the days come, said *Yehovah* GOD, that I will send a famine in the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of *Yehovah*:

8:12 And they shall wander from sea to sea, and from the north even to the east, they shall run to and fro to seek the word of *Yehovah*, and shall not find it.

8:13 In that day shall the fair *maidens* and young men faint for thirst.

8:14 They that swear by the sin of Samaria, and say, Your god, O Dan, lives; and, The manner of Beersheba lives; even they shall fall, and never rise up again.

Amos – Chapter 9

9:1 I saw *Yehovah* standing on the altar: and he said, Smite the lintel of the door, that the posts may shake: and cut them in the head, all of them; and I will slay the last of them with the sword: he that flees of them shall not flee away, and he that escapes of them shall not be delivered.

9:2 Though they dig into *sheol*, there shall my hand take them; though they climb up to heaven, there will I bring them down:

9:3 And though they hide themselves in the top of Carmel, I will search and take them out there; and though they be hid from my sight in the bottom of the sea, there will I command the serpent, and he shall bite them:

9:4 And though they go into captivity before their enemies, there will I command the sword, and it shall slay them: and I will set my eyes on them for evil, and not for good.

9:5 And *Yehovah* GOD of *Armies* is he that touches the land, and it shall melt, and all that dwell in it shall mourn: and it shall rise up wholly like a flood; and shall be drowned, as by the flood of Egypt.

9:6 It is he that builds his stories in the heaven, and has founded his troop in the earth; he that calls for the waters of the sea, and pours them out on the face of the earth: *Yehovah* is his name.

9:7 Are you not as children of the Ethiopians to me, O children of Israel? said *Yehovah*. Have not I brought up Israel out of the land of Egypt? and the Philistines from Caphtor, and the Syrians from Kir?

9:8 Behold, the eyes of *Yehovah* GOD are on the sinful kingdom, and I will destroy it from off the face of the earth; saving that I will not utterly destroy the house of Jacob, said *Yehovah*.

9:9 For, see, I will command, and I will sift the house of Israel among all nations, like as *grain* is sifted in a sieve, yet shall not the least grain fall on the earth.

9:10 All the sinners of my people shall die by the sword, which say, The evil shall not overtake nor prevent us.

9:11 In that day will I raise up the tabernacle of David that is fallen, and close up the breaches of it; and I will raise up his ruins, and I will build it as in the days of old:

9:12 That they may possess the remnant of Edom, and of all the heathen, which are called by my name, said *Yehovah* that does this.

9:13 Behold, the days come, said *Yehovah*, that the plowman shall overtake the reaper, and the treader of grapes him that sows seed; and the mountains shall drop sweet wine, and all the hills shall melt.

9:14 And I will bring again the captivity of my people of Israel, and they shall build the waste cities, and inhabit them; and they shall plant vineyards, and drink the wine of it; they shall also make gardens, and eat the fruit of them.

9:15 And I will plant them on their land, and they shall no more be pulled up out of their land which I have given them, said *Yehovah* your God.

Book of Obadiah

Ovadiyah (Servant of Yehovah)

1:1 The vision of Obadiah. Thus said *Yehovah* GOD concerning Edom; We have heard a rumor from *Yehovah*, and an ambassador is sent among the heathen, Arise you, and let us rise up against her in battle.

1:2 Behold, I have made you small among the heathen: you are greatly despised.

1:3 The pride of your heart has deceived you, you that dwell in the clefts of the rock, whose habitation is high; that said in his heart, Who shall bring me down to the ground?

1:4 Though you exalt yourself as the eagle, and though you set your nest among the stars, there will I bring you down, said *Yehovah*.

1:5 If thieves came to you, if robbers by night, (how are you cut off!) would they not have stolen till they had enough? if the grape gatherers came to you, would they not leave some grapes?

1:6 How are the things of Esau searched out! how are his hidden things sought up!

1:7 All the men of your confederacy have brought you even to the border: the men that were at peace with you have deceived you, and prevailed against you; that they eat your bread have laid a wound under you: there is no understanding in him.

1:8 Shall I not in that day, said *Yehovah*, even destroy the wise men out of Edom, and understanding out of the mount of Esau?

1:9 And your mighty men, O Teman, shall be dismayed, to the end that everyone of the mount of Esau may be cut off by slaughter.

1:10 For your violence against your brother Jacob shame shall cover you, and you shall be cut off forever.

1:11 In the day that you stood on the other side, in the day that the strangers carried away captive his forces, and foreigners entered into his gates, and cast lots on Jerusalem, even you were as one of them.

1:12 But you should not have looked on the day of your brother in the day that he became a stranger; neither should you have rejoiced over the children of Judah in the day of their destruction; neither should you have spoken proudly in the day of distress.

1:13 You should not have entered into the gate of my people in the day of their calamity; yes, you should not have looked on their affliction in the day of their calamity, nor have laid hands on their substance in the day of their calamity;

1:14 Neither should you have stood in the crossway, to cut off those of his that did escape; neither should you have delivered up those of his that did remain in the day of distress.

1:15 For the day of *Yehovah* is near on all the heathen: as you have done, it shall be done to you: your reward shall return on your own head.

1:16 For as you have drunk on my holy mountain, so shall all the heathen drink continually, yes, they shall drink, and they shall swallow down, and they shall be as though they had not been.

1:17 But on mount Zion shall be deliverance, and there shall be holiness; and the house of Jacob shall possess their possessions.

1:18 And the house of Jacob shall be a fire, and the house of Joseph a flame, and the house of Esau for stubble, and they shall kindle in them, and devour them; and there shall not be any remaining of the house of Esau; for *Yehovah* has spoken it.

1:19 And they of the south shall possess the mount of Esau; and they of the plain the Philistines: and they shall possess the fields of Ephraim, and the fields of Samaria: and Benjamin shall possess Gilead.

1:20 And the captivity of this host of the children of Israel shall possess that of the Canaanites, even to Zarephath; and the captivity of Jerusalem, which is in Sepharad, shall possess the cities of the south.

1:21 And saviors shall come up on mount Zion to judge the mount of Esau; and the kingdom shall be *Yehovah's*.

Book of Jonah

Yonah (Dove)

Jonah – Chapter 1

1:1 Now the word of *Yehovah* came to Jonah the son of Amittai, saying,

1:2 Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and cry against it; for their wickedness is come up before me.

1:3 But Jonah rose up to flee to Tarshish from the presence of *Yehovah*, and went down to Joppa; and he found a ship going to Tarshish: so he paid the fare and went down into it, to go with them to Tarshish, away from the presence of *Yehovah*.

1:4 But *Yehovah* sent out a great wind into the sea, and there was a mighty tempest in the sea, so that the ship was like to be broken.

1:5 Then the mariners were afraid, and cried every man to his god, and cast forth the wares that were in the ship into the sea, to lighten it of them. But Jonah was gone down into the sides of the ship; and he lay, and was fast asleep.

1:6 So the shipmaster came to him, and said to him, What mean you, O sleeper? arise, call on your God, if so be that God will think on us, that we perish not.

1:7 And they said everyone to his fellow, Come, and let us cast lots, that we may know for whose cause this evil is on us. So they cast lots, and the lot fell on Jonah.

1:8 Then said they to him, Tell us, we pray you, for whose cause this evil is on us; What is your occupation? and from where come you? what is your country? and of what people are you?

1:9 And he said to them, I am a Hebrew; and I fear *Yehovah*, the God of heaven, which has made the sea and the dry land.

1:10 Then were the men exceedingly afraid, and said to him. Why have you done this? For the men knew that he fled from the presence of *Yehovah*, because he had told them.

1:11 Then said they to him, What shall we do to you, that the sea may be calm to us? for the sea worked, and was tempestuous.

1:12 And he said to them, Take me up, and cast me forth into the sea; so shall the sea be calm to you: for I know that for my sake this great tempest is on you.

1:13 Nevertheless the men rowed hard to bring it to the land; but they could not: for the sea worked, and was tempestuous against them.

1:14 Why they cried to *Yehovah*, and said, We beseech you, *O YEHOUAH*, we beseech you, let us not perish for this man's life, and lay not on us innocent blood: for you, *O YEHOUAH*, have done as it pleased you.

1:15 So they look up Jonah, and cast him forth into the sea: and the sea ceased from her raging.

1:16 Then the men feared *Yehovah* exceedingly, and offered a sacrifice to *Yehovah*, and made vows.

1:17 Now *Yehovah* had prepared a great fish to swallow up Jonah. And Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights.

Jonah – Chapter 2

2:1 Then Jonah prayed to *Yehovah* his God out of the fish's belly,

2:2 And said, I cried by reason of my affliction to *Yehovah*, and he heard me; out of the belly of *sheol* cried I, and you heard my voice.

2:3 For you had cast me into the deep, in the middle of the seas; and the floods compassed me about: all your billows and your waves passed over me.

2:4 Then I said, I am cast out of your sight; yet I will look again toward your holy temple.

2:5 The waters compassed me about, even to the soul: the depth closed me round about, the weeds were wrapped about my head.

2:6 I went down to the bottoms of the mountains; the earth with her bars was about me forever: yet have you brought up my life from corruption, *O YEHOWAH* my God.

2:7 When my soul fainted within me I remembered *Yehovah*: and my prayer came in to you, into your holy temple.

2:8 They that observe lying vanities forsake their own mercy.

2:9 But I will sacrifice to you with the voice of thanksgiving; I will pay that that I have vowed. Salvation is of *Yehovah*.

2:10 And *Yehovah* spoke to the fish, and it vomited out Jonah on the dry land.

Jonah – Chapter 3

3:1 And the word of *Yehovah* came to Jonah the second time, saying,

3:2 Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and preach to it the preaching that I bid you.

3:3 So Jonah arose, and went to Nineveh, according to the word of *Yehovah*. Now Nineveh was an exceeding great city of three days' journey.

3:4 And Jonah began to enter into the city a day's journey, and he cried, and said, Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown.

3:5 So the people of Nineveh believed God, and proclaimed a fast, and put on sackcloth, from the greatest of them even to the least of them.

3:6 For word came to the king of Nineveh, and he arose from his throne, and he laid his robe from him, and covered him with sackcloth, and sat in ashes.

3:7 And he caused it to be proclaimed and published through Nineveh by the decree of the king and his nobles, saying, Let neither man nor beast, herd nor flock, taste anything: let them not feed, nor drink water:

3:8 But let man and beast be covered with sackcloth, and cry mightily to God: yes, let them turn everyone from his evil way, and from the violence that is in their hands.

3:9 Who can tell if God will turn and repent, and turn away from his fierce anger, that we perish not?

3:10 And God saw their works, that they turned from their evil way; and God repented of the evil, that he had said that he would do to them; and he did it not.

Jonah – Chapter 4

4:1 But it displeased Jonah exceedingly, and he was very angry.

4:2 And he prayed to *Yehovah*, and said, I pray you, *O YEHOVAH*, was not this my saying, when I was yet in my country? Therefore I fled before to Tarshish: for I knew that you are a gracious God, and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and repent you of the evil.

4:3 Therefore now, *O YEHOVAH*, take, I beseech you, my life from me; for it is better for me to die than to live.

4:4 Then said *Yehovah*, Do you well to be angry?

4:5 So Jonah went out of the city, and sat on the east side of the city, and there made him a booth, and sat under it in the shadow, till he might see what would become of the city.

4:6 And *Yehovah* God prepared a gourd, and made it to come up over Jonah, that it might be a shadow over his head, to deliver him from his grief. So Jonah was exceeding glad of the gourd.

4:7 But God prepared a worm when the morning rose the next day, and it smote the gourd that it withered.

4:8 And it came to pass, when the sun did arise, that God prepared a vehement east wind; and the sun beat on the head of Jonah, that he fainted, and wished in himself to die, and said, It is better for me to die than to live.

4:9 And God said to Jonah, Do you well to be angry for the gourd? And he said, I do well to be angry, even to death.

4:10 Then said *Yehovah*, You have had pity on the gourd, for the which you have not labored, neither made it grow; which came up in a night, and perished in a night:

4:11 And should not I spare Nineveh, that great city, in which are more then six score thousand persons that cannot discern between their right hand and their left hand; and also much cattle?

Book of Micah

Micah (Who is like Yehovah?)

Micah – Chapter 1

1:1 The word of *Yehovah* that came to Micah the Morasthite in the days of Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah, which he saw concerning Samaria and Jerusalem.

1:2 Hear, all you people; listen, O earth, and all that in it is: and let *Yehovah* GOD be witness against you, *Yehovah* from his holy temple.

1:3 For, behold, *Yehovah* comes forth out of his place, and will come down, and tread on the high places of the earth.

1:4 And the mountains shall be molten under him, and the valleys shall be cleft, as wax before the fire, and as the waters that are poured down a steep place.

1:5 For the transgression of Jacob is all this, and for the sins of the house of Israel. What is the transgression of Jacob? is it not Samaria? and what are the high places of Judah? are they not Jerusalem?

1:6 Therefore I will make Samaria as a heap of the field, and as plantings of a vineyard: and I will pour down the stones of it into the valley, and I will discover the foundations of it.

1:7 And all their graven images shall be beaten to pieces, and all their hires shall be burned with the fire, and all their idols will I lay desolate: for she gathered it of the hire of a harlot, and they shall return to the hire of a harlot.

1:8 Therefore I will wail and howl, I will go stripped and naked: I will make a wailing like the dragons, and mourning as the owls.

1:9 For her wound is incurable; for it is come to Judah; he is come to the gate of my people, even to Jerusalem.

1:10 Declare you it not at Gath, weep you not at all: in the house of Aphrah roll yourself in the dust.

1:11 Pass you away, you inhabitant of Saphir, having your shame naked: the inhabitant of Zaanan came not forth in the mourning of Bethazel; he shall receive of you his standing.

1:12 For the inhabitant of Maroth waited carefully for good: but evil came down from *Yehovah* to the gate of Jerusalem.

1:13 O you inhabitant of Lachish, bind the chariot to the swift beast: she is the beginning of the sin to the daughter of Zion: for the transgressions of Israel were found in you.

1:14 Therefore shall you give presents to Moreshethgath: the houses of Achzib shall be a lie to the kings of Israel.

1:15 Yet will I bring an heir to you, O inhabitant of Mareshah: he shall come to Adullam the glory of Israel.

1:16 Make you bald, and poll you for your delicate children; enlarge your baldness as the eagle; for they are gone into captivity from you.

Micah – Chapter 2

2:1 Woe to them that devise iniquity, and work evil on their beds! when the morning is light, they practice it, because it is in the power of their hand.

2:2 And they covet fields, and take them by violence; and houses, and take them away: so they oppress a man and his house, even a man and his heritage.

2:3 Therefore thus said *Yehovah*; Behold, against this family do I devise an evil, from which you shall not remove your necks; neither shall you go haughtily: for this time is evil.

2:4 In that day shall one take up a parable against you, and lament with a doleful lamentation, and say, We be utterly *plundered*: he has changed the portion of my people: how has he removed it from me! turning away he has divided our fields.

2:5 Therefore you shall have none that shall cast a cord by lot in the congregation of *Yehovah*.

2:6 Prophesy you not, say they to them that prophesy: they shall not prophesy to them, that they shall not take shame.

2:7 O you that are named the house of Jacob, is the spirit of *Yehovah* straitened? are these his doings? do not my words do good to him that walks uprightly?

2:8 Even of late my people is risen up as an enemy: you pull off the robe with the garment from them that pass by securely as men averse from war.

2:9 The women of my people have you cast out from their pleasant houses; from their children have you taken away my glory forever.

2:10 Arise you, and depart; for this is not your rest: because it is polluted, it shall destroy you, even with a sore destruction.

2:11 If a man walking in the spirit and falsehood do lie, saying, I will prophesy to you of wine and of strong drink; he shall even be the prophet of this people.

2:12 I will surely assemble, O Jacob, all of you; I will surely gather the remnant of Israel; I will put them together as the sheep of Bozrah, as the flock in the middle of their fold: they shall make great noise by reason of the multitude of men.

2:13 The breaker is come up before them: they have broken up, and have passed through the gate, and are gone out by it: and their king shall pass before them, and *Yehovah* on the head of them.

Micah – Chapter 3

3:1 And I said, Hear, I pray you, O heads of Jacob, and you princes of the house of Israel; Is it not for you to know judgment?

3:2 Who hate the good, and love the evil; who pluck off their skin from off them, and their flesh from off their bones;

3:3 Who also eat the flesh of my people, and flay their skin from off them; and they break their bones, and chop them in pieces, as for the pot, and as flesh within the caldron.

3:4 Then shall they cry to *Yehovah*, but he will not hear them: he will even hide his face from them at that time, as they have behaved themselves ill in their doings.

3:5 Thus said *Yehovah* concerning the prophets that make my people err, that bite with their teeth, and cry, Peace; and he that puts not into their mouths, they even prepare war against him.

3:6 Therefore night shall be to you, that you shall not have a vision; and it shall be dark to you, that you shall not divine; and the sun shall go down over the prophets, and the day shall be dark over them.

3:7 Then shall the seers be ashamed, and the diviners confounded: yes, they shall all cover their lips; for there is no answer of God.

3:8 But truly I am full of power by the spirit of *Yehovah*, and of judgment, and of might, to declare to Jacob his transgression, and to Israel his sin.

3:9 Hear this, I pray you, you heads of the house of Jacob, and princes of the house of Israel, that abhor judgment, and pervert all equity.

3:10 They build up Zion with blood, and Jerusalem with iniquity.

3:11 Their heads judge for reward, and their priests teach for hire, and their prophets divine for money: yet will they lean on *Yehovah*, and say, Is not *Yehovah* among us? no evil can come on us.

3:12 Therefore shall Zion for your sake be plowed as a field, and Jerusalem shall become heaps, and the mountain of the house as the high places of the forest.

Micah – Chapter 4

4:1 But in the last days it shall come to pass, that the mountain of the house of *Yehovah* shall be established in the top of the mountains, and it shall be exalted above the hills; and people shall flow to it.

4:2 And many nations shall come, and say, Come, and let us go up to the mountain of *Yehovah*, and to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for the law shall go forth of Zion, and the word of *Yehovah* from Jerusalem.

4:3 And he shall judge among many people, and rebuke strong nations afar off; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks: nation shall not lift up a sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

4:4 But they shall sit every man under his vine and under his fig tree; and none shall make them afraid: for the mouth of *Yehovah God of Armies* has spoken it.

4:5 For all people will walk everyone in the name of his god, and we will walk in the name of *Yehovah* our God forever and ever.

4:6 In that day, said *Yehovah*, will I assemble her that halts, and I will gather her that is driven out, and her that I have afflicted;

4:7 And I will make her that halted a remnant, and her that was cast far off a strong nation: and *Yehovah* shall reign over them in mount Zion from now on, even forever.

4:8 And you, O tower of the flock, the strong hold of the daughter of Zion, to you shall it come, even the first dominion; the kingdom shall come to the daughter of Jerusalem.

4:9 Now why do you cry out aloud? is there no king in you? is your counselor perished? for pangs have taken you as a woman in travail.

4:10 Be in pain, and labor to bring forth, O daughter of Zion, like a woman in travail: for now shall you go forth out of the city, and you shall dwell in the field, and you shall go even to Babylon; there shall you be delivered; there *Yehovah* shall redeem you from the hand of your enemies.

4:11 Now also many nations are gathered against you, that say, Let her be defiled, and let our eye look on Zion.

4:12 But they know not the thoughts of *Yehovah*, neither understand they his counsel: for he shall gather them as the sheaves into the floor.

4:13 Arise and thresh, O daughter of Zion: for I will make your horn iron, and I will make your hoofs brass: and you shall beat in pieces many people: and I will consecrate their gain to *Yehovah*, and their substance to *Yehovah* of the whole earth.

Micah – Chapter 5

5:1 Now gather yourself in troops, O daughter of troops: he has laid siege against us: they shall smite the judge of Israel with a rod on the cheek.

5:2 But you, Bethlehem Ephratah, though you be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of you shall he come forth to me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting.

5:3 Therefore will he give them up, until the time that she which travailes has brought forth: then the remnant of his brothers shall return to the children of Israel.

5:4 And he shall stand and feed in the strength of *Yehovah*, in the majesty of the name of *Yehovah* his God; and they shall abide: for now shall he be great to the ends of the earth.

5:5 And this man shall be the peace, when the Assyrian shall come into our land: and when he shall tread in our palaces, then shall we raise against him seven shepherds, and eight principal men.

5:6 And they shall waste the land of Assyria with the sword, and the land of Nimrod in the entrances of it: thus shall he deliver us from the Assyrian, when he comes into our land, and when he treads within our borders.

5:7 And the remnant of Jacob shall be in the middle of many people as a dew from *Yehovah*, as the showers on the grass, that tarries not for man, nor waits for the sons of men.

5:8 And the remnant of Jacob shall be among the Gentiles in the middle of many people as a lion among the beasts of the forest, as a young lion among the flocks of sheep: who, if he go through, both treads down, and tears in pieces, and none can deliver.

5:9 Your hand shall be lifted up on your adversaries, and all your enemies shall be cut off.

5:10 And it shall come to pass in that day, said *Yehovah*, that I will cut off your horses out of the middle of you, and I will destroy your chariots:

5:11 And I will cut off the cities of your land, and throw down all your strong holds:

5:12 And I will cut off witchcrafts out of your hand; and you shall have no more soothsayers:

5:13 Your graven images also will I cut off, and your standing images out of the middle of you; and you shall no more worship the work of your hands.

5:14 And I will pluck up your groves out of the middle of you: so will I destroy your cities.

5:15 And I will execute vengeance in anger and fury on the heathen, such as they have not heard.

Micah – Chapter 6

6:1 Hear you now what *Yehovah* said; Arise, contend you before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice.

6:2 Hear you, O mountains, *Yehovah's* controversy, and you strong foundations of the earth: for *Yehovah* has a controversy with his people, and he will plead with Israel.

6:3 O my people, what have I done to you? and where have I wearied you? testify against me.

6:4 For I brought you up out of the land of Egypt, and redeemed you out of the house of servants; and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam.

6:5 O my people, remember now what Balak king of Moab consulted, and what Balaam the son of Beor answered him from Shittim to Gilgal; that you may know the righteousness of *Yehovah*.

6:6 With which shall I come before *Yehovah*, and bow myself before the high God? shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves of a year old?

6:7 Will *Yehovah* be pleased with thousands of rams, or with ten thousands of rivers of oil? shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?

6:8 He has showed you, O man, what is good; and what does *Yehovah* require of you, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God?

6:9 *Yehovah's* voice cries to the city, and the man of wisdom shall see your name: hear you the rod, and who has appointed it.

6:10 Are there yet the treasures of wickedness in the house of the wicked, and the scant measure that is abominable?

6:11 Shall I count them pure with the wicked balances, and with the bag of deceitful weights?

6:12 For their rich men are full of violence, and their inhabitants have spoken lies, and their tongue is deceitful in their mouth.

6:13 Therefore also will I make you sick in smiting you, in making you desolate because of your sins.

6:14 You shall eat, but not be satisfied; and your casting down shall be in the middle of you; and you shall take hold, but shall not deliver; and that which you deliver will I give up to the sword.

6:15 You shall sow, but you shall not reap; you shall tread the olives, but you shall not anoint you with oil; and sweet wine, but shall not drink wine.

6:16 For the statutes of Omri are kept, and all the works of the house of Ahab, and you walk in their counsels; that I should make you a desolation, and your inhabitants a hissing: therefore you shall bear the reproach of my people.

Micah – Chapter 7

7:1 Woe is me! for I am as when they have gathered the summer fruits, as the grape gleanings of the vintage: there is no cluster to eat: my soul desired the first ripe fruit.

7:2 The good man is perished out of the earth: and there is none upright among men: they all lie in wait for blood; they hunt every man his brother with a net.

7:3 That they may do evil with both hands earnestly, the prince asks, and the judge asks for a reward; and the great man, he utters his mischievous desire: so they wrap it up.

7:4 The best of them is as a brier: the most upright is sharper than a thorn hedge: the day of your watchmen and your visitation comes; now shall be their perplexity.

7:5 Trust you not in a friend, put you not confidence in a guide: keep the doors of your mouth from her that lies in your bosom.

7:6 For the son dishonors the father, the daughter rises up against her mother, the daughter in law against her mother in law; a man's enemies are the men of his own house.

7:7 Therefore I will look to *Yehovah*; I will wait for the God of my salvation: my God will hear me.

7:8 Rejoice not against me, O my enemy: when I fall, I shall arise; when I sit in darkness, *Yehovah* shall be a light to me.

7:9 I will bear the indignation of *Yehovah*, because I have sinned against him, until he plead my cause, and execute judgment for me: he will bring me forth to the light, and I shall behold his righteousness.

7:10 Then she that is my enemy shall see it, and shame shall cover her which said to me, Where is *Yehovah* your God? my eyes shall behold her: now shall she be trodden down as the mire of the streets.

7:11 In the day that your walls are to be built, in that day shall the decree be far removed.

7:12 In that day also he shall come even to you from Assyria, and from the fortified cities, and from the fortress even to the river, and from sea to sea, and from mountain to mountain.

7:13 Notwithstanding the land shall be desolate because of them that dwell in it, for the fruit of their doings.

7:14 Feed your people with your rod, the flock of your heritage, which dwell solitarily in the wood, in the middle of Carmel: let them feed in Bashan and Gilead, as in the days of old.

7:15 According to the days of your coming out of the land of Egypt will I show to him marvelous things.

7:16 The nations shall see and be confounded at all their might: they shall lay their hand on their mouth, their ears shall be deaf.

7:17 They shall lick the dust like a serpent, they shall move out of their holes like worms of the earth: they shall be afraid of *Yehovah* our God, and shall fear because of you.

7:18 Who is a God like to you, that pardons iniquity, and passes by the transgression of the remnant of his heritage? he retains not his anger forever, because he delights in mercy.

7:19 He will turn again, he will have compassion on us; he will subdue our iniquities; and you will cast all their sins into the depths of the sea.

7:20 You will perform the truth to Jacob, and the mercy to Abraham, which you have sworn to our fathers from the days of old.

Book of Nahum

Nachum (Consolation)

Nahum – Chapter 1

1:1 The burden of Nineveh. The book of the vision of Nahum the Elkoshite.

1:2 God is jealous, and *Yehovah* revenges; *Yehovah* revenges, and is furious; *Yehovah* will take vengeance on his adversaries, and he reserves wrath for his enemies.

1:3 *Yehovah* is slow to anger, and great in power, and will not at all acquit the wicked: *Yehovah* has his way in the whirlwind and in the storm, and the clouds are the dust of his feet.

1:4 He rebukes the sea, and makes it dry, and dries up all the rivers: Bashan languishes, and Carmel, and the flower of Lebanon languishes.

1:5 The mountains quake at him, and the hills melt, and the earth is burned at his presence, yes, the world, and all that dwell there.

1:6 Who can stand before his indignation? and who can abide in the fierceness of his anger? his fury is poured out like fire, and the rocks are thrown down by him.

1:7 *Yehovah* is good, a strong hold in the day of trouble; and he knows them that trust in him.

1:8 But with an overrunning flood he will make an utter end of the place, and darkness shall pursue his enemies.

1:9 What do you imagine against *Yehovah*? he will make an utter end: affliction shall not rise up the second time.

1:10 For while they be entwined together as thorns, and while they are drunken as drunkards, they shall be devoured as stubble fully dry.

1:11 There is one come out of you, that imagines evil against *Yehovah*, a wicked counselor.

1:12 Thus said *Yehovah*; Though they be quiet, and likewise many, yet thus shall they be cut down, when he shall pass through. Though I have afflicted you, I will afflict you no more.

1:13 For now will I break his yoke from off you, and will burst your bonds in sunder.

1:14 And *Yehovah* has given a commandment concerning you, that no more of your name be sown: out of the house of your gods will I cut off the graven image and the molten image: I will make your grave; for you are vile.

1:15 Behold on the mountains the feet of him that brings good tidings, that publishes peace! O Judah, keep your solemn feasts, perform your vows: for the wicked shall no more pass through you; he is utterly cut off.

Nahum – Chapter 2

2:1 He that dashes in pieces is come up before your face: keep the fortification, watch the way, make your loins strong, fortify your power mightily.

2:2 For *Yehovah* has turned away the excellency of Jacob, as the excellency of Israel: for the emptiers have emptied them out, and marred their vine branches.

2:3 The shield of his mighty men is made red, the valiant men are in scarlet: the chariots shall be with flaming torches in the day of his preparation, and the fir trees shall be terribly shaken.

2:4 The chariots shall rage in the streets, they shall jostle one against another in the broad ways: they shall seem like torches, they shall run like the lightning.

2:5 He shall recount his worthies: they shall stumble in their walk; they shall make haste to their wall, and the defense shall be prepared.

2:6 The gates of the rivers shall be opened, and the palace shall be dissolved.

2:7 And Huzzab shall be led away captive, she shall be brought up, and her maids shall lead her as with the voice of doves, beating on their breasts.

2:8 But Nineveh is of old like a pool of water: yet they shall flee away. Stand, stand, shall they cry; but none shall look back.

2:9 Take you the *plunder* of silver, take the *plunder* of gold: for there is no end of the store and glory out of all the pleasant furniture.

2:10 She is empty, and void, and waste: and the heart melts, and the knees smite together, and much pain is in all loins, and the faces of them all gather blackness.

2:11 Where is the dwelling of the lions, and the feeding place of the young lions, where the lion, even the old lion, walked, and the lion's whelp, and none made them afraid?

2:12 The lion did tear in pieces enough for his whelps, and strangled for his lionesses, and filled his holes with prey, and his dens with shred.

2:13 Behold, I am against you, said *Yehovah God of Armies*, and I will burn her chariots in the smoke, and the sword shall devour your young lions: and I will cut off your prey from the earth, and the voice of your messengers shall no more be heard.

Nahum – Chapter 3

3:1 Woe to the bloody city! it is all full of lies and robbery; the prey departs not;

3:2 The noise of a whip, and the noise of the rattling of the wheels, and of the prancing horses, and of the jumping chariots.

3:3 The horseman lifts up both the bright sword and the glittering spear: and there is a multitude of slain, and a great number of carcasses; and there is no end of their corpses; they stumble on their corpses:

3:4 Because of the multitude of the prostitutions of the well favored harlot, the mistress of witchcrafts, that sells nations through her prostitutions, and families through her witchcrafts.

3:5 Behold, I am against you, said *Yehovah God of Armies*; and I will discover your skirts on your face, and I will show the nations your nakedness, and the kingdoms your shame.

3:6 And I will cast abominable filth on you, and make you vile, and will set you as a spectacle.

3:7 And it shall come to pass, that all they that look on you shall flee from you, and say, Nineveh is laid waste: who will bemoan her? from where shall I seek comforters for you?

3:8 Are you better than populous No, that was situate among the rivers, that had the waters round about it, whose rampart was the sea, and her wall was from the sea?

3:9 Ethiopia and Egypt were her strength, and it was infinite; Put and Lubim were your helpers.

3:10 Yet was she carried away, she went into captivity: her young children also were dashed in pieces at the top of all the streets: and they cast lots for her honorable men, and all her great men were bound in chains.

3:11 You also shall be drunken: you shall be hid, you also shall seek strength because of the enemy.

3:12 All your strong holds shall be like fig trees with the first ripe figs: if they be shaken, they shall even fall into the mouth of the eater.

3:13 Behold, your people in the middle of you are women: the gates of your land shall be set wide open to your enemies: the fire shall devour your bars.

3:14 Draw you waters for the siege, fortify your strong holds: go into clay, and tread the mortar, make strong the brick kiln.

3:15 There shall the fire devour you; the sword shall cut you off, it shall eat you up like the cankerworm: make yourself many as the cankerworm, make yourself many as the locusts.

3:16 You have multiplied your merchants above the stars of heaven: the cankerworm spoils, and flees away.

3:17 Your crowned are as the locusts, and your captains as the great grasshoppers, which camp in the hedges in the cold day, but when the sun rises they flee away, and their place is not known where they are.

3:18 Your shepherds slumber, O king of Assyria: your nobles shall dwell in the dust: your people is scattered on the mountains, and no man gathers them.

3:19 There is no healing of your bruise; your wound is grievous: all that hear the bruit of you shall clap the hands over you: for on whom has not your wickedness passed continually?

Book of Habakkuk

Chabakuk (One who Embraces)

Habakkuk – Chapter 1

1:1 The burden which Habakkuk the prophet did see.

1:2 *O YEHOVAH*, how long shall I cry, and you will not hear! even cry out to you of violence, and you will not save!

1:3 Why do you show me iniquity, and cause me to behold grievance? for spoiling and violence are before me: and there are that raise up strife and contention.

1:4 Therefore the law is slacked, and judgment does never go forth: for the wicked does compass about the righteous; therefore wrong judgment proceeds.

1:5 Behold you among the heathen, and regard, and wonder marvelously: for I will work a work in your days which you will not believe, though it be told you.

1:6 For, see, I raise up the Chaldeans, that bitter and hasty nation, which shall march through the breadth of the land, to possess the dwelling places that are not their's.

1:7 They are terrible and dreadful: their judgment and their dignity shall proceed of themselves.

1:8 Their horses also are swifter than the leopards, and are more fierce than the evening wolves: and their horsemen shall spread themselves, and their horsemen shall come from far; they shall fly as the eagle that hastens to eat.

1:9 They shall come all for violence: their faces shall sup up as the east wind, and they shall gather the captivity as the sand.

1:10 And they shall scoff at the kings, and the princes shall be a scorn to them: they shall deride every strong hold; for they shall heap dust, and take it.

1:11 Then shall his mind change, and he shall pass over, and offend, imputing this his power to his god.

1:12 Are you not from everlasting, *O YEHOVAH* my God, my Holy One? we shall not die. *O YEHOVAH*, you have ordained them for judgment; and, *O mighty God*, you have established them for correction.

1:13 You are of purer eyes than to behold evil, and can not look on iniquity: why look you on them that deal treacherously, and hold your tongue when the wicked devours the man that is more righteous than he?

1:14 And make men as the fishes of the sea, as the creeping things, that have no ruler over them?

1:15 They take up all of them with the angle, they catch them in their net, and gather them in their drag: therefore they rejoice and are glad.

1:16 Therefore they sacrifice to their net, and burn incense to their drag; because by them their portion is fat, and their meat plenteous.

1:17 Shall they therefore empty their net, and not spare continually to slay the nations?

Habakkuk – Chapter 2

2:1 I will stand on my watch, and set me on the tower, and will watch to see what he will say to me, and what I shall answer when I am reproved.

2:2 And *Yehovah* answered me, and said, Write the vision, and make it plain on tables, that he may run that reads it.

2:3 For the vision is yet for an appointed time, but at the end it shall speak, and not lie: though it tarry, wait for it; because it will surely come, it will not tarry.

2:4 Behold, his soul which is lifted up is not upright in him: but the just shall live by his faith.

2:5 Yes also, because he transgresses by wine, he is a proud man, neither keeps at home, who enlarges his desire as *sheol*, and is as death, and cannot be satisfied, but gathers to him all nations, and heaps to him all people:

2:6 Shall not all these take up a parable against him, and a taunting proverb against him, and say, Woe to him that increases that which is not his! how long? and to him that lades himself with thick clay!

2:7 Shall they not rise up suddenly that shall bite you, and awake that shall vex you, and you shall be for booties to them?

2:8 Because you have *plundered* many nations, all the remnant of the people shall *plunder* you; because of men's blood, and for the violence of the land, of the city, and of all that dwell in it.

2:9 Woe to him that covets an evil covetousness to his house, that he may set his nest on high, that he may be delivered from the power of evil!

2:10 You have consulted shame to your house by cutting off many people, and have sinned against your soul.

2:11 For the stone shall cry out of the wall, and the beam out of the timber shall answer it.

2:12 Woe to him that builds a town with blood, and establishes a city by iniquity!

2:13 Behold, is it not of *Yehovah God of Armies* that the people shall labor in the very fire, and the people shall weary themselves for very vanity?

2:14 For the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of *Yehovah*, as the waters cover the sea.

2:15 Woe to him that gives his neighbor drink, that put your bottle to him, and make him drunken also, that you may look on their nakedness!

2:16 You are filled with shame for glory: drink you also, and let your foreskin be uncovered: the cup of *Yehovah's* right hand shall be turned to you, and shameful spewing shall be on your glory.

2:17 For the violence of Lebanon shall cover you, and the *plunder* of beasts, which made them afraid, because of men's blood, and for the violence of the land, of the city, and of all that dwell in it.

2:18 What profits the graven image that its maker has graven; the molten image, and a teacher of lies, that the maker of his work trusts in it, to make dumb idols?

2:19 Woe to him that said to the wood, Awake; to the dumb stone, Arise, it shall teach! Behold, it is laid over with gold and silver, and there is no breath at all in the middle of it.

2:20 But *Yehovah* is in his holy temple: let all the earth keep silence before him.

Habakkuk – Chapter 3

3:1 A prayer of Habakkuk the prophet on Shigionoth.

3:2 *O YEHOVAH*, I have heard your speech, and was afraid: *O YEHOVAH*, revive your work in the middle of the years, in the middle of the years make known; in wrath remember mercy.

3:3 God came from Teman, and the Holy One from mount Paran. Selah. His glory covered the heavens, and the earth was full of his praise.

3:4 And his brightness was as the light; he had horns coming out of his hand: and there was the hiding of his power.

3:5 Before him went the pestilence, and burning coals went forth at his feet.

3:6 He stood, and measured the earth: he beheld, and drove asunder the nations; and the everlasting mountains were scattered, the perpetual hills did bow: his ways are everlasting.

3:7 I saw the tents of Cushan in affliction: and the curtains of the land of Midian did tremble.

3:8 Was *Yehovah* displeased against the rivers? was your anger against the rivers? was your wrath against the sea, that you did ride on your horses and your chariots of salvation?

3:9 Your bow was made quite naked, according to the oaths of the tribes, even your word. Selah. You did split the earth with rivers.

3:10 The mountains saw you, and they trembled: the overflowing of the water passed by: the deep uttered his voice, and lifted up his hands on high.

3:11 The sun and moon stood still in their habitation: at the light of your arrows they went, and at the shining of your glittering spear.

3:12 You did march through the land in indignation, you did thresh the heathen in anger.

3:13 You went forth for the salvation of your people, even for salvation with your anointed; you wounded the head out of the house of the wicked, by discovering the foundation to the neck. Selah.

3:14 You did strike through with his staves the head of his villages: they came out as a whirlwind to scatter me: their rejoicing was as to devour the poor secretly.

3:15 You did walk through the sea with your horses, through the heap of great waters.

3:16 When I heard, my belly trembled; my lips quivered at the voice: rottenness entered into my bones, and I trembled in myself, that I might rest in the day of trouble: when he comes up to the people, he will invade them with his troops.

3:17 Although the fig tree shall not blossom, neither shall fruit be in the vines; the labor of the olive shall fail, and the fields shall yield no meat; the flock shall be cut off from the fold, and there shall be no herd in the stalls:

3:18 Yet I will rejoice in *Yehovah*, I will joy in the God of my salvation.

3:19 *Yehovah* God is my strength, and he will make my feet like hinds' feet, and he will make me to walk on my high places. To the chief singer on my stringed instruments.

Book of Zephaniah

Tzefaniyah (Yehovah Hides)

Zephaniah – Chapter 1

1:1 The word of *Yehovah* which came to Zephaniah the son of Cushi, the son of Gedaliah, the son of Amariah, the son of Hizkiah, in the days of Josiah the son of Amon, king of Judah.

1:2 I will utterly consume all things from off the land, said *Yehovah*.

1:3 I will consume man and beast; I will consume the fowls of the heaven, and the fishes of the sea, and the stumbling blocks with the wicked: and I will cut off man from off the land, said *Yehovah*.

1:4 I will also stretch out my hand on Judah, and on all the inhabitants of Jerusalem; and I will cut off the remnant of Baal from this place, and the name of the Chemarims with the priests;

1:5 And them that worship the host of heaven on the housetops; and them that worship and that swear by *Yehovah*, and that swear by Malcham;

1:6 And them that are turned back from *Yehovah*; and those that have not sought *Yehovah*, nor inquired for him.

1:7 Hold your peace at the presence of *Yehovah* GOD: for the day of *Yehovah* is at hand: for *Yehovah* has prepared a sacrifice, he has bid his guests.

1:8 And it shall come to pass in the day of *Yehovah*'s sacrifice, that I will punish the princes, and the king's children, and all such as are clothed with strange apparel.

1:9 In the same day also will I punish all those that leap on the threshold, which fill their masters' houses with violence and deceit.

1:10 And it shall come to pass in that day, said *Yehovah*, that there shall be the noise of a cry from the fish gate, and a howling from the second, and a great crashing from the hills.

1:11 Howl, you inhabitants of Maktesh, for all the merchant people are cut down; all they that bear silver are cut off.

1:12 And it shall come to pass at that time, that I will search Jerusalem with candles, and punish the men that are settled on their lees: that say in their heart, *Yehovah* will not do good, neither will he do evil.

1:13 Therefore their goods shall become a booty, and their houses a desolation: they shall also build houses, but not inhabit them; and they shall plant vineyards, but not drink the wine of them.

1:14 The great day of *Yehovah* is near, it is near, and hastens greatly, even the voice of the day of *Yehovah*: the mighty man shall cry there bitterly.

1:15 That day is a day of wrath, a day of trouble and distress, a day of devastation and desolation, a day of darkness and gloominess, a day of clouds and thick darkness,

1:16 A day of the trumpet and alarm against the fenced cities, and against the high towers.

1:17 And I will bring distress on men, that they shall walk like blind men, because they have sinned against *Yehovah*: and their blood shall be poured out as dust, and their flesh as the dung.

1:18 Neither their silver nor their gold shall be able to deliver them in the day of *Yehovah's* wrath; but the whole land shall be devoured by the fire of his jealousy: for he shall make even a speedy riddance of all them that dwell in the land.

Zephaniah – Chapter 2

2:1 Gather yourselves together, yes, gather together, O nation not desired;

2:2 Before the decree bring forth, before the day pass as the chaff, before the fierce anger of *Yehovah* come on you, before the day of *Yehovah's* anger come on you.

2:3 Seek you *Yehovah*, all you meek of the earth, which have worked his judgment; seek righteousness, seek meekness: it may be you shall be hid in the day of *Yehovah's* anger.

2:4 For Gaza shall be forsaken, and Ashkelon a desolation: they shall drive out Ashdod at the noon day, and Ekron shall be rooted up.

2:5 Woe to the inhabitants of the sea coast, the nation of the Cherethites! the word of *Yehovah* is against you; O Canaan, the land of the Philistines, I will even destroy you, that there shall be no inhabitant.

2:6 And the sea coast shall be dwellings and cottages for shepherds, and folds for flocks.

2:7 And the coast shall be for the remnant of the house of Judah; they shall feed thereupon: in the houses of Ashkelon shall they lie down in the evening: for *Yehovah* their God shall visit them, and turn away their captivity.

2:8 I have heard the reproach of Moab, and the revilings of the children of Ammon, whereby they have reproached my people, and magnified themselves against their border.

2:9 Therefore as I live, said *Yehovah God of Armies*, the God of Israel, Surely Moab shall be as Sodom, and the children of Ammon as Gomorrah, even the breeding of nettles, and salt pits, and a perpetual desolation: the residue of my people shall *plunder* them, and the remnant of my people shall possess them.

2:10 This shall they have for their pride, because they have reproached and magnified themselves against the people of *Yehovah God of Armies*.

2:11 *Yehovah* will be terrible to them: for he will famish all the gods of the earth; and men shall worship him, everyone from his place, even all the isles of the heathen.

2:12 You Ethiopians also, you shall be slain by my sword.

2:13 And he will stretch out his hand against the north, and destroy Assyria; and will make Nineveh a desolation, and dry like a wilderness.

2:14 And flocks shall lie down in the middle of her, all the beasts of the nations: both the cormorant and the bittern shall lodge in the upper lintels of it; their voice shall sing in the windows; desolation shall be in the thresholds; for he shall uncover the cedar work.

2:15 This is the rejoicing city that dwelled carelessly, that said in her heart, I am, and there is none beside me: how is she become a desolation, a place for beasts to lie down in! everyone that passes by her shall hiss, and wag his hand.

Zephaniah – Chapter 3

3:1 Woe to her that is filthy and polluted, to the oppressing city!

3:2 She obeyed not the voice; she received not correction; she trusted not in *Yehovah*; she drew not near to her God.

3:3 Her princes within her are roaring lions; her judges are evening wolves; they gnaw not the bones till the morrow.

3:4 Her prophets are light and treacherous persons: her priests have polluted the sanctuary, they have done violence to the law.

3:5 The just *YEHOVAH* is in the middle of her; he will not do iniquity: every morning does he bring his judgment to light, he fails not; but the unjust knows no shame.

3:6 I have cut off the nations: their towers are desolate; I made their streets waste, that none passes by: their cities are destroyed, so that there is no man, that there is no inhabitant.

3:7 I said, Surely you will fear me, you will receive instruction; so their dwelling should not be cut off, howsoever I punished them: but they rose early, and corrupted all their doings.

3:8 Therefore wait you on me, said *Yehovah*, until the day that I rise up to the prey: for my determination is to gather the nations, that I may assemble the kingdoms, to pour on them my indignation, even all my fierce anger: for all the earth shall be devoured with the fire of my jealousy.

3:9 For then will I turn to the people a pure language, that they may all call on the name of *Yehovah*, to serve him with one consent.

3:10 From beyond the rivers of Ethiopia my suppliants, even the daughter of my dispersed, shall bring my offering.

3:11 In that day shall you not be ashamed for all your doings, in which you have transgressed against me: for then I will take away out of the middle of you them that rejoice in your pride, and you shall no more be haughty because of my holy mountain.

3:12 I will also leave in the middle of you an afflicted and poor people, and they shall trust in the name of *Yehovah*.

3:13 The remnant of Israel shall not do iniquity, nor speak lies; neither shall a deceitful tongue be found in their mouth: for they shall feed and lie down, and none shall make them afraid.

3:14 Sing, O daughter of Zion; shout, O Israel; be glad and rejoice with all the heart, O daughter of Jerusalem.

3:15 *Yehovah* has taken away your judgments, he has cast out your enemy: the king of Israel, even *Yehovah*, is in the middle of you: you shall not see evil any more.

3:16 In that day it shall be said to Jerusalem, Fear you not: and to Zion, Let not your hands be slack.

3:17 *Yehovah* your God in the middle of you is mighty; he will save, he will rejoice over you with joy; he will rest in his love, he will joy over you with singing.

3:18 I will gather them that are sorrowful for the solemn assembly, who are of you, to whom the reproach of it was a burden.

3:19 Behold, at that time I will undo all that afflict you: and I will save her that halts, and gather her that was driven out; and I will get them praise and fame in every land where they have been put to shame.

3:20 At that time will I bring you again, even in the time that I gather you: for I will make you a name and a praise among all people of the earth, when I turn back your captivity before your eyes, said *Yehovah*.

Book of Haggai

Chaggi (Festive One)

Haggai – Chapter 1

1:1 In the second year of Darius the king, in the sixth month, in the first day of the month, came the word of *Yehovah* by Haggai the prophet to Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and to Joshua the son of Josedech, the high priest, saying,

1:2 Thus speaks *Yehovah God of Armies*, saying, This people say, The time is not come, the time that *Yehovah's* house should be built.

1:3 Then came the word of *Yehovah* by Haggai the prophet, saying,

1:4 Is it time for you, O you, to dwell in your paneled houses, and this house lie waste?

1:5 Now therefore thus said *Yehovah God of Armies*; Consider your ways.

1:6 You have sown much, and bring in little; you eat, but you have not enough; you drink, but you are not filled with drink; you clothe you, but there is none warm; and he that earns wages earns wages to put it into a bag with holes.

1:7 Thus said *Yehovah God of Armies*; Consider your ways.

1:8 Go up to the mountain, and bring wood, and build the house; and I will take pleasure in it, and I will be glorified, said *Yehovah*.

1:9 You looked for much, and, see it came to little; and when you brought it home, I did blow on it. Why? said *Yehovah God of Armies*. Because of my house that is waste, and you run every man to his own house.

1:10 Therefore the heaven over you is stayed from dew, and the earth is stayed from her fruit.

1:11 And I called for a drought on the land, and on the mountains, and on the *grain*, and on the new wine, and on the oil, and on that which the ground brings forth, and on men, and on cattle, and on all the labor of the hands.

1:12 Then Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, and Joshua the son of Josedech, the high priest, with all the remnant of the people, obeyed the voice of *Yehovah* their God, and the words of Haggai the prophet, as *Yehovah* their God had sent him, and the people did fear before *Yehovah*.

1:13 Then spoke Haggai *Yehovah's* messenger in *Yehovah's* message to the people, saying, I am with you, said *Yehovah*.

1:14 And *Yehovah* stirred up the spirit of Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and the spirit of Joshua the son of Josedech, the high priest, and the spirit of all the remnant of the people; and they came and did work in the house of *Yehovah God of Armies*, their God,

1:15 In the four and twentieth day of the sixth month, in the second year of Darius the king.

Haggai – Chapter 2

2:1 In the seventh month, in the one and twentieth day of the month, came the word of *Yehovah* by the prophet Haggai, saying,

2:2 Speak now to Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and to Joshua the son of Josedech, the high priest, and to the residue of the people, saying,

2:3 Who is left among you that saw this house in her first glory? and how do you see it now? is it not in your eyes in comparison of it as nothing?

2:4 Yet now be strong, O Zerubbabel, said *Yehovah*; and be strong, O Joshua, son of Josedech, the high priest; and be strong, all you people of the land, said *Yehovah*, and work: for I am with you, said *Yehovah God of Armies*:

2:5 According to the word that I covenanted with you when you came out of Egypt, so my spirit remains among you: fear you not.

2:6 For thus said *Yehovah God of Armies*; Yet once, it is a little while, and I will shake the heavens, and the earth, and the sea, and the dry land;

2:7 And I will shake all nations, and the desire of all nations shall come: and I will fill this house with glory, said *Yehovah God of Armies*.

2:8 The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, said *Yehovah God of Armies*.

2:9 The glory of this latter house shall be greater than of the former, said *Yehovah God of Armies*: and in this place will I give peace, said *Yehovah God of Armies*.

2:10 In the four and twentieth day of the ninth month, in the second year of Darius, came the word of *Yehovah* by Haggai the prophet, saying,

2:11 Thus said *Yehovah God of Armies*; Ask now the priests concerning the law, saying,

2:12 If one bear holy flesh in the skirt of his garment, and with his skirt do touch bread, or pottage, or wine, or oil, or any meat, shall it be holy? And the priests answered and said, No.

2:13 Then said Haggai, If one that is unclean by a dead body touch any of these, shall it be unclean? And the priests answered and said, It shall be unclean.

2:14 Then answered Haggai, and said, So is this people, and so is this nation before me, said *Yehovah*; and so is every work of their hands; and that which they offer there is unclean.

2:15 And now, I pray you, consider from this day and upward, from before a stone was laid on a stone in the temple of *Yehovah*:

2:16 Since those days were, when one came to a heap of twenty measures, there were but ten: when one came to the fat press for to draw out fifty vessels out of the press, there were but twenty.

2:17 I smote you with blasting and with mildew and with hail in all the labors of your hands; yet you turned not to me, said *Yehovah*.

2:18 Consider now from this day and upward, from the four and twentieth day of the ninth month, even from the day that the foundation of *Yehovah's* temple was laid, consider it.

2:19 Is the seed yet in the barn? yes, as yet the vine, and the fig tree, and the pomegranate, and the olive tree, has not brought forth: from this day will I bless you.

2:20 And again the word of *Yehovah* came to Haggai in the four and twentieth day of the month, saying,

2:21 Speak to Zerubbabel, governor of Judah, saying, I will shake the heavens and the earth;

2:22 And I will overthrow the throne of kingdoms, and I will destroy the strength of the kingdoms of the heathen; and I will overthrow the chariots, and those that ride in them; and the horses and their riders shall come down, everyone by the sword of his brother.

2:23 In that day, said *Yehovah God of Armies*, will I take you, O Zerubbabel, my servant, the son of Shealtiel, said *Yehovah*, and will make you as a signet: for I have chosen you, said *Yehovah God of Armies*.

Book of Zechariah

Zechariyah (Yehovah Remembers)

Zechariah – Chapter 1

1:1 In the eighth month, in the second year of Darius, came the word of *Yehovah* to Zechariah, the son of Berechiah, the son of Iddo the prophet, saying,

1:2 *Yehovah* has been sore displeased with your fathers.

1:3 Therefore say you to them, Thus said *Yehovah God of Armies*; Turn you to me, said *Yehovah God of Armies*, and I will turn to you, said *Yehovah God of Armies*.

1:4 Be you not as your fathers, to whom the former prophets have cried, saying, Thus said *Yehovah God of Armies*; Turn you now from your evil ways, and from your evil doings: but they did not hear, nor listen to me, said *Yehovah*.

1:5 Your fathers, where are they? and the prophets, do they live forever?

1:6 But my words and my statutes, which I commanded my servants the prophets, did they not take hold of your fathers? and they returned and said, Like as *Yehovah God of Armies* thought to do to us, according to our ways, and according to our doings, so has he dealt with us.

1:7 On the four and twentieth day of the eleventh month, which is the month Sebat, in the second year of Darius, came the word of *Yehovah* to Zechariah, the son of Berechiah, the son of Iddo the prophet, saying,

1:8 I saw by night, and behold a man riding on a red horse, and he stood among the myrtle trees that were in the bottom; and behind him were there red horses, speckled, and white.

1:9 Then said I, O my lord, what are these? And the angel that talked with me said to me, I will show you what these be.

1:10 And the man that stood among the myrtle trees answered and said, These are they whom *Yehovah* has sent to walk to and fro through the earth.

1:11 And they answered the angel of *Yehovah* that stood among the myrtle trees, and said, We have walked to and fro through the earth, and, behold, all the earth sits still, and is at rest.

1:12 Then the angel of *Yehovah* answered and said, *O YEHOVAH God of Armies*, how long will you not have mercy on Jerusalem and on the cities of Judah, against which you have had indignation these three score and ten years?

1:13 And *Yehovah* answered the angel that talked with me with good words and comfortable words.

1:14 So the angel that communed with me said to me, Cry you, saying, Thus said *Yehovah God of Armies*; I am jealous for Jerusalem and for Zion with a great jealousy.

1:15 And I am very sore displeased with the heathen that are at ease: for I was but a little displeased, and they helped forward the affliction.

1:16 Therefore thus said *Yehovah*; I am returned to Jerusalem with mercies: my house shall be built in it, said *Yehovah God of Armies*, and a line shall be stretched forth on Jerusalem.

1:17 Cry yet, saying, Thus said *Yehovah God of Armies*; My cities through prosperity shall yet be spread abroad; and *Yehovah* shall yet comfort Zion, and shall yet choose Jerusalem.

1:18 Then lifted I up my eyes, and saw, and behold four horns.

1:19 And I said to the angel that talked with me, What be these? And he answered me, These are the horns which have scattered Judah, Israel, and Jerusalem.

1:20 And *Yehovah* showed me four carpenters.

1:21 Then said I, What come these to do? And he spoke, saying, These are the horns which have scattered Judah, so that no man did lift up his head: but these are come to fray them, to cast out the horns of the Gentiles, which lifted up their horn over the land of Judah to scatter it.

Zechariah – Chapter 2

2:1 I lifted up my eyes again, and looked, and behold a man with a measuring line in his hand.

2:2 Then said I, Where go you? And he said to me, To measure Jerusalem, to see what is the breadth of her, and what is the length of her.

2:3 And, behold, the angel that talked with me went forth, and another angel went out to meet him,

2:4 And said to him, Run, speak to this young man, saying, Jerusalem shall be inhabited as towns without walls for the multitude of men and cattle in it:

2:5 For I, said *Yehovah*, will be to her a wall of fire round about, and will be the glory in the middle of her.

2:6 Ho, ho, come forth, and flee from the land of the north, said *Yehovah*: for I have spread you abroad as the four winds of the heaven, said *Yehovah*.

2:7 Deliver yourself, O Zion, that dwell with the daughter of Babylon.

2:8 For thus said *Yehovah God of Armies*; After the glory has he sent me to the nations which *plundered* you: for he that touches you touches the apple of his eye.

2:9 For, behold, I will shake my hand on them, and they shall be spoils to their servants: and you shall know that *Yehovah God of Armies* has sent me.

2:10 Sing and rejoice, O daughter of Zion: for, see, I come, and I will dwell in the middle of you, said *Yehovah*.

2:11 And many nations shall be joined to *Yehovah* in that day, and shall be my people: and I will dwell in the middle of you, and you shall know that *Yehovah God of Armies* has sent me to you.

2:12 And *Yehovah* shall inherit Judah his portion in the holy land, and shall choose Jerusalem again.

2:13 Be silent, O all flesh, before *Yehovah*: for he is raised up out of his holy habitation.

Zechariah – Chapter 3

3:1 And he showed me Joshua the high priest standing before the angel of *Yehovah*, and Satan standing at his right hand to resist him.

3:2 And *Yehovah* said to Satan, *Yehovah* rebuke you, O Satan; even *Yehovah* that has chosen Jerusalem rebuke you: is not this a brand plucked out of the fire?

3:3 Now Joshua was clothed with filthy garments, and stood before the angel.

3:4 And he answered and spoke to those that stood before him, saying, Take away the filthy garments from him. And to him he said, Behold, I have caused your iniquity to pass from you, and I will clothe you with change of raiment.

3:5 And I said, Let them set a fair turban on his head. So they set a fair turban on his head, and clothed him with garments. And the angel of *Yehovah* stood by.

3:6 And the angel of *Yehovah* protested to Joshua, saying,

3:7 Thus said *Yehovah God of Armies*; If you will walk in my ways, and if you will keep my charge, then you shall also judge my house, and shall also keep my courts, and I will give you places to walk among these that stand by.

3:8 Hear now, O Joshua the high priest, you, and your fellows that sit before you: for they are men wondered at: for, behold, I will bring forth my servant the BRANCH.

3:9 For behold the stone that I have laid before Joshua; on one stone shall be seven eyes: behold, I will engrave the engraving of it, said *Yehovah God of Armies*, and I will remove the iniquity of that land in one day.

3:10 In that day, said *Yehovah God of Armies*, shall you call every man his neighbor under the vine and under the fig tree.

Zechariah – Chapter 4

4:1 And the angel that talked with me came again, and waked me, as a man that is wakened out of his sleep.

4:2 And said to me, What see you? And I said, I have looked, and behold a candlestick all of gold, with a bowl on the top of it, and his seven lamps thereon, and seven pipes to the seven lamps, which are on the top of it:

4:3 And two olive trees by it, one on the right side of the bowl, and the other on the left side of it.

4:4 So I answered and spoke to the angel that talked with me, saying, What are these, my lord?

4:5 Then the angel that talked with me answered and said to me, Know you not what these be? And I said, No, my lord.

4:6 Then he answered and spoke to me, saying, This is the word of *Yehovah* to Zerubbabel, saying, Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, said *Yehovah God of Armies*.

4:7 Who are you, O great mountain? before Zerubbabel you shall become a plain: and he shall bring forth the headstone of it with shoutings, crying, Grace, grace to it.

4:8 Moreover the word of *Yehovah* came to me, saying,

4:9 The hands of Zerubbabel have laid the foundation of this house; his hands shall also finish it; and you shall know that *Yehovah God of Armies* has sent me to you.

4:10 For who has despised the day of small things? for they shall rejoice, and shall see the plummet in the hand of Zerubbabel with those seven; they are the eyes of *Yehovah*, which run to and fro through the whole earth.

4:11 Then answered I, and said to him, What are these two olive trees on the right side of the candlestick and on the left side of it?

4:12 And I answered again, and said to him, What be these two olive branches which through the two golden pipes empty the golden oil out of themselves?

4:13 And he answered me and said, Know you not what these be? And I said, No, my lord.

4:14 Then said he, These are the two anointed ones, that stand by *Yehovah* of the whole earth.

Zechariah – Chapter 5

5:1 Then I turned, and lifted up my eyes, and looked, and behold a flying roll.

5:2 And he said to me, What see you? And I answered, I see a flying roll; the length of it twenty cubits, and the breadth of it ten cubits.

5:3 Then said he to me, This is the curse that goes forth over the face of the whole earth: for everyone that steals shall be cut off as on this side according to it; and everyone that swears shall be cut off as on that side according to it.

5:4 I will bring it forth, said *Yehovah God of Armies*, and it shall enter into the house of the thief, and into the house of him that swears falsely by my name: and it shall remain in the middle of his house, and shall consume it with the timber and the stones of it.

5:5 Then the angel that talked with me went forth, and said to me, Lift up now your eyes, and see what is this that goes forth.

5:6 And I said, What is it? And he said, This is an ephah that goes forth. He said moreover, This is their resemblance through all the earth.

5:7 And, behold, there was lifted up a talent of lead: and this is a woman that sits in the middle of the ephah.

5:8 And he said, This is wickedness. And he cast it into the middle of the ephah; and he cast the weight of lead on the mouth of it.

5:9 Then lifted I up my eyes, and looked, and, behold, there came out two women, and the wind was in their wings; for they had wings like the wings of a stork: and they lifted up the ephah between the earth and the heaven.

5:10 Then said I to the angel that talked with me, Where do these bear the ephah?

5:11 And he said to me, To build it a house in the land of Shinar: and it shall be established, and set there on her own base.

Zechariah – Chapter 6

6:1 And I turned, and lifted up my eyes, and looked, and, behold, there came four chariots out from between two mountains; and the mountains were mountains of brass.

6:2 In the first chariot were red horses; and in the second chariot black horses;

6:3 And in the third chariot white horses; and in the fourth chariot spotted and bay horses.

6:4 Then I answered and said to the angel that talked with me, What are these, my lord?

6:5 And the angel answered and said to me, These are the four spirits of the heavens, which go forth from standing before *Yehovah* of all the earth.

6:6 The black horses which are in it go forth into the north country; and the white go forth after them; and the spotted go forth toward the south country.

6:7 And the bay went forth, and sought to go that they might walk to and fro through the earth: and he said, Get you hence, walk to and fro through the earth. So they walked to and fro through the earth.

6:8 Then cried he on me, and spoke to me, saying, Behold, these that go toward the north country have quieted my spirit in the north country.

6:9 And the word of *Yehovah* came to me, saying,

6:10 Take of them of the captivity, even of Heldai, of Tobijah, and of Jedaiah, which are come from Babylon, and come you the same day, and go into the house of Josiah the son of Zephaniah;

6:11 Then take silver and gold, and make crowns, and set them on the head of Joshua the son of Josedech, the high priest;

6:12 And speak to him, saying, Thus speaks *Yehovah God of Armies*, saying, Behold the man whose name is The BRANCH; and he shall grow up out of his place, and he shall build the temple of *Yehovah*:

6:13 Even he shall build the temple of *Yehovah*; and he shall bear the glory, and shall sit and rule on his throne; and he shall be a priest on his throne: and the counsel of peace shall be between them both.

6:14 And the crowns shall be to Helem, and to Tobijah, and to Jedaiah, and to Hen the son of Zephaniah, for a memorial in the temple of *Yehovah*.

6:15 And they that are far off shall come and build in the temple of *Yehovah*, and you shall know that *Yehovah God of Armies* has sent me to you. And this shall come to pass, if you will diligently obey the voice of *Yehovah* your God.

Zechariah – Chapter 7

7:1 And it came to pass in the fourth year of king Darius, that the word of *Yehovah* came to Zechariah in the fourth day of the ninth month, even in Chisleu;

7:2 When they had sent to the house of God Sherezzer and Regemmelech, and their men, to pray before *Yehovah*,

7:3 And to speak to the priests which were in the house of *Yehovah God of Armies*, and to the prophets, saying, Should I weep in the fifth month, separating myself, as I have done these so many years?

7:4 Then came the word of *Yehovah God of Armies* to me, saying,

7:5 Speak to all the people of the land, and to the priests, saying, When you fasted and mourned in the fifth and seventh month, even those seventy years, did you at all fast to me, even to me?

7:6 And when you did eat, and when you did drink, did not you eat for yourselves, and drink for yourselves?

7:7 Should you not hear the words which *Yehovah* has cried by the former prophets, when Jerusalem was inhabited and in prosperity, and the cities round about her, when men inhabited the south and the plain?

7:8 And the word of *Yehovah* came to Zechariah, saying,

7:9 Thus speaks *Yehovah God of Armies*, saying, Execute true judgment, and show mercy and compassions every man to his brother:

7:10 And oppress not the widow, nor the fatherless, the stranger, nor the poor; and let none of you imagine evil against his brother in your heart.

7:11 But they refused to listen, and pulled away the shoulder, and stopped their ears, that they should not hear.

7:12 Yes, they made their hearts as an adamant stone, lest they should hear the law, and the words which *Yehovah God of Armies* has sent in his spirit by the former prophets: therefore came a great wrath from *Yehovah God of Armies*.

7:13 Therefore it is come to pass, that as he cried, and they would not hear; so they cried, and I would not hear, said *Yehovah God of Armies*:

7:14 But I scattered them with a whirlwind among all the nations whom they knew not. Thus the land was desolate after them, that no man passed through nor returned: for they laid the pleasant land desolate.

Zechariah – Chapter 8

8:1 Again the word of *Yehovah God of Armies* came to me, saying,

8:2 Thus said *Yehovah God of Armies*; I was jealous for Zion with great jealousy, and I was jealous for her with great fury.

8:3 Thus said *Yehovah*; I am returned to Zion, and will dwell in the middle of Jerusalem: and Jerusalem shall be called a city of truth; and the mountain of *Yehovah God of Armies* the holy mountain.

8:4 Thus said *Yehovah God of Armies*; There shall yet old men and old women dwell in the streets of Jerusalem, and every man with his staff in his hand for very age.

8:5 And the streets of the city shall be full of boys and girls playing in its streets.

8:6 Thus said *Yehovah God of Armies*; If it be marvelous in the eyes of the remnant of this people in these days, should it also be marvelous in my eyes? said *Yehovah God of Armies*.

8:7 Thus said *Yehovah God of Armies*; Behold, I will save my people from the east country, and from the west country;

8:8 And I will bring them, and they shall dwell in the middle of Jerusalem: and they shall be my people, and I will be their God, in truth and in righteousness.

8:9 Thus said *Yehovah God of Armies*; Let your hands be strong, you that hear in these days these words by the mouth of the prophets, which were in the day that the foundation of the house of *Yehovah God of Armies* was laid, that the temple might be built.

8:10 For before these days there was no hire for man, nor any hire for beast; neither was there any peace to him that went out or came in because of the affliction: for I set all men everyone against his neighbor.

8:11 But now I will not be to the residue of this people as in the former days, said *Yehovah God of Armies*.

8:12 For the seed shall be prosperous; the vine shall give her fruit, and the ground shall give her increase, and the heavens shall give their dew; and I will cause the remnant of this people to possess all these things.

8:13 And it shall come to pass, that as you were a curse among the heathen, O house of Judah, and house of Israel; so will I save you, and you shall be a blessing: fear not, but let your hands be strong.

8:14 For thus said *Yehovah God of Armies*; As I thought to punish you, when your fathers provoked me to wrath, said *Yehovah God of Armies*, and I repented not:

8:15 So again have I thought in these days to do well to Jerusalem and to the house of Judah: fear you not.

8:16 These are the things that you shall do; Speak you every man the truth to his neighbor; execute the judgment of truth and peace in your gates:

8:17 And let none of you imagine evil in your hearts against his neighbor; and love no false oath: for all these are things that I hate, said *Yehovah*.

8:18 And the word of *Yehovah God of Armies* came to me, saying,

8:19 Thus said *Yehovah God of Armies*; The fast of the fourth month, and the fast of the fifth, and the fast of the seventh, and the fast of the tenth, shall be to the house of Judah joy and gladness, and cheerful feasts; therefore love the truth and peace.

8:20 Thus said *Yehovah God of Armies*; It shall yet come to pass, that there shall come people, and the inhabitants of many cities:

8:21 And the inhabitants of one city shall go to another, saying, Let us go speedily to pray before *Yehovah*, and to seek *Yehovah God of Armies*: I will go also.

8:22 Yes, many people and strong nations shall come to seek *Yehovah God of Armies* in Jerusalem, and to pray before *Yehovah*.

8:23 Thus said *Yehovah God of Armies*; In those days it shall come to pass, that ten men shall take hold out of all languages of the nations, even shall take hold of the skirt of him that is a *Hebrew*, saying, We will go with you: for we have heard that God is with you.

Zechariah – Chapter 9

9:1 The burden of the word of *Yehovah* in the land of Hadrach, and Damascus shall be its resting: when the eyes of man, as of all the tribes of Israel, shall be toward *Yehovah*.

9:2 And Hamath also shall border thereby; Tyrus, and Zidon, though it be very wise.

9:3 And Tyrus did build herself a strong hold, and heaped up silver as the dust, and fine gold as the mire of the streets.

9:4 Behold, *Yehovah* will cast her out, and he will smite her power in the sea; and she shall be devoured with fire.

9:5 Ashkelon shall see it, and fear; Gaza also shall see it, and be very sorrowful, and Ekron; for her expectation shall be ashamed; and the king shall perish from Gaza, and Ashkelon shall not be inhabited.

9:6 And a bastard shall dwell in Ashdod, and I will cut off the pride of the Philistines.

9:7 And I will take away his blood out of his mouth, and his abominations from between his teeth: but he that remains, even he, shall be for our God, and he shall be as a governor in Judah, and Ekron as a Jebusite.

9:8 And I will encamp about my house because of the army, because of him that passes by, and because of him that returns: and no oppressor shall pass through them any more: for now have I seen with my eyes.

9:9 Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion; shout, O daughter of Jerusalem: behold, your King comes to you: he is just, and having salvation; lowly, and riding on an ass, and on a colt the foal of an ass.

9:10 And I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim, and the horse from Jerusalem, and the battle bow shall be cut off: and he shall speak peace to the heathen: and his dominion shall be from sea even to sea, and from the river even to the ends of the earth.

9:11 As for you also, by the blood of your covenant I have sent forth your prisoners out of the pit in which is no water.

9:12 Turn you to the strong hold, you prisoners of hope: even today do I declare that I will render double to you;

9:13 When I have bent Judah for me, filled the bow with Ephraim, and raised up your sons, O Zion, against your sons, O Greece, and made you as the sword of a mighty man.

9:14 And *Yehovah* shall be seen over them, and his arrow shall go forth as the lightning: and *Yehovah* God shall blow the trumpet, and shall go with whirlwinds of the south.

9:15 *Yehovah God of Armies* shall defend them; and they shall devour, and subdue with sling stones; and they shall drink, and make a noise as through wine; and they shall be filled like bowls, and as the corners of the altar.

9:16 And *Yehovah* their God shall save them in that day as the flock of his people: for they shall be as the stones of a crown, lifted up as an ensign on his land.

9:17 For how great is his goodness, and how great is his beauty! *grain* shall make the young men cheerful, and new wine the maids.

Zechariah – Chapter 10

10:1 Ask you of *Yehovah* rain in the time of the latter rain; so *Yehovah* shall make bright clouds, and give them showers of rain, to everyone grass in the field.

10:2 For the idols have spoken vanity, and the diviners have seen a lie, and have told false dreams; they comfort in vain: therefore they went their way as a flock, they were troubled, because there was no shepherd.

10:3 My anger was kindled against the shepherds, and I punished the goats: for *Yehovah God of Armies* has visited his flock the house of Judah, and has made them as his goodly horse in the battle.

10:4 Out of him came forth the corner, out of him the nail, out of him the battle bow, out of him every oppressor together.

10:5 And they shall be as mighty men, which tread down their enemies in the mire of the streets in the battle: and they shall fight, because *Yehovah* is with them, and the riders on horses shall be confounded.

10:6 And I will strengthen the house of Judah, and I will save the house of Joseph, and I will bring them again to place them; for I have mercy on them: and they shall be as though I had not cast them off: for I am *Yehovah* their God, and will hear them.

10:7 And they of Ephraim shall be like a mighty man, and their heart shall rejoice as through wine: yes, their children shall see it, and be glad; their heart shall rejoice in *Yehovah*.

10:8 I will hiss for them, and gather them; for I have redeemed them: and they shall increase as they have increased.

10:9 And I will sow them among the people: and they shall remember me in far countries; and they shall live with their children, and turn again.

10:10 I will bring them again also out of the land of Egypt, and gather them out of Assyria; and I will bring them into the land of Gilead and Lebanon; and place shall not be found for them.

10:11 And he shall pass through the sea with affliction, and shall smite the waves in the sea, and all the deeps of the river shall dry up: and the pride of Assyria shall be brought down, and the scepter of Egypt shall depart away.

10:12 And I will strengthen them in *Yehovah*; and they shall walk up and down in his name, said *Yehovah*.

Zechariah – Chapter 11

11:1 Open your doors, O Lebanon, that the fire may devour your cedars.

11:2 Howl, fir tree; for the cedar is fallen; because the mighty are *plundered*: howl, O you oaks of Bashan; for the forest of the vintage is come down.

11:3 There is a voice of the howling of the shepherds; for their glory is *plundered*: a voice of the roaring of young lions; for the pride of Jordan is *plundered*.

11:4 Thus said *Yehovah* my God; Feed the flock of the slaughter;

11:5 Whose possessors slay them, and hold themselves not guilty: and they that sell them say, Blessed be *Yehovah*; for I am rich: and their own shepherds pity them not.

11:6 For I will no more pity the inhabitants of the land, said *Yehovah*: but, see, I will deliver the men everyone into his neighbor's hand, and into the hand of his king: and they shall smite the land, and out of their hand I will not deliver them.

11:7 And I will feed the flock of slaughter, even you, O poor of the flock. And I took to me two staves; the one I called Beauty, and the other I called Bands; and I fed the flock.

11:8 Three shepherds also I cut off in one month; and my soul loathed them, and their soul also abhorred me.

11:9 Then said I, I will not feed you: that that dies, let it die; and that that is to be cut off, let it be cut off; and let the rest eat everyone the flesh of another.

11:10 And I took my staff, even Beauty, and cut it asunder, that I might break my covenant which I had made with all the people.

11:11 And it was broken in that day: and so the poor of the flock that waited on me knew that it was the word of *Yehovah*.

11:12 And I said to them, If you think good, give me my price; and if not, forbear. So they weighed for my price thirty pieces of silver.

11:13 And *Yehovah* said to me, Cast it to the potter: a goodly price that I was priced at of them. And I took the thirty pieces of silver, and cast them to the potter in the house of *Yehovah*.

11:14 Then I cut asunder my other staff, even Bands, that I might break the brotherhood between Judah and Israel.

11:15 And *Yehovah* said to me, Take to you yet the instruments of a foolish shepherd.

11:16 For, see, I will raise up a shepherd in the land, which shall not visit those that be cut off, neither shall seek the young one, nor heal that that is broken, nor feed that that stands still: but he shall eat the flesh of the fat, and tear their claws in pieces.

11:17 Woe to the idol shepherd that leaves the flock! the sword shall be on his arm, and on his right eye: his arm shall be *completely* dried up, and his right eye shall be utterly darkened.

Zechariah – Chapter 12

12:1 The burden of the word of *Yehovah* for Israel, said *Yehovah*, which stretches forth the heavens, and lays the foundation of the earth, and forms the spirit of man within him.

12:2 Behold, I will make Jerusalem a cup of trembling to all the people round about, when they shall be in the siege both against Judah and against Jerusalem.

12:3 And in that day will I make Jerusalem a burdensome stone for all people: all that burden themselves with it shall be cut in pieces, though all the people of the earth be gathered together against it.

12:4 In that day, said *Yehovah*, I will smite every horse with astonishment, and his rider with madness: and I will open my eyes on the house of Judah, and will smite every horse of the people with blindness.

12:5 And the governors of Judah shall say in their heart, The inhabitants of Jerusalem shall be my strength in *Yehovah God of Armies* their God.

12:6 In that day will I make the governors of Judah like a hearth of fire among the wood, and like a torch of fire in a sheaf; and they shall devour all the people round about, on the right hand and on the left: and Jerusalem shall be inhabited again in her own place, even in Jerusalem.

12:7 *Yehovah* also shall save the tents of Judah first, that the glory of the house of David and the glory of the inhabitants of Jerusalem do not magnify themselves against Judah.

12:8 In that day shall *Yehovah* defend the inhabitants of Jerusalem; and he that is feeble among them at that day shall be as David; and the house of David shall be as God, as the angel of *Yehovah* before them.

12:9 And it shall come to pass in that day, that I will seek to destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem.

12:10 And I will pour on the house of David, and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplications: and they shall look on me whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for him, as one mourns for his only son, and shall be in bitterness for him, as one that is in bitterness for his firstborn.

12:11 In that day shall there be a great mourning in Jerusalem, as the mourning of Hadadrimmon in the valley of Megiddon.

12:12 And the land shall mourn, every family apart; the family of the house of David apart, and their wives apart; the family of the house of Nathan apart, and their wives apart;

12:13 The family of the house of Levi apart, and their wives apart; the family of Shimei apart, and their wives apart;

12:14 All the families that remain, every family apart, and their wives apart.

Zechariah – Chapter 13

13:1 In that day there shall be a fountain opened to the house of David and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem for sin and for uncleanness.

13:2 And it shall come to pass in that day, said *Yehovah God of Armies*, that I will cut off the names of the idols out of the land, and they shall no more be remembered: and also I will cause the prophets and the unclean spirit to pass out of the land.

13:3 And it shall come to pass, that when any shall yet prophesy, then his father and his mother that begat him shall say to him, You shall not live; for you speak lies in the name of *Yehovah*: and his father and his mother that begat him shall thrust him through when he prophesies.

13:4 And it shall come to pass in that day, that the prophets shall be ashamed everyone of his vision, when he has prophesied; neither shall they wear a rough garment to deceive:

13:5 But he shall say, I am no prophet, I am an farmer; for man taught me to keep cattle from my youth.

13:6 And one shall say to him, What are these wounds in your hands? Then he shall answer, Those with which I was wounded in the house of my friends.

13:7 Awake, O sword, against my shepherd, and against the man that is my fellow, said *Yehovah God of Armies*: smite the shepherd, and the sheep shall be scattered: and I will turn my hand on the little ones.

13:8 And it shall come to pass, that in all the land, said *Yehovah*, two parts in it shall be cut off and die; but the third shall be left in it.

13:9 And I will bring the third part through the fire, and will refine them as silver is refined, and will try them as gold is tried: they shall call on my name, and I will hear them: I will say, It is my people: and they shall say, *Yehovah* is my God.

Zechariah – Chapter 14

14:1 Behold, the day of *Yehovah* comes, and your *plunder* shall be divided in the middle of you.

14:2 For I will gather all nations against Jerusalem to battle; and the city shall be taken, and the houses rifled, and the women ravished; and half of the city shall go forth into captivity, and the residue of the people shall not be cut off from the city.

14:3 Then shall *Yehovah* go forth, and fight against those nations, as when he fought in the day of battle.

14:4 And his feet shall stand in that day on the mount of Olives, which is before Jerusalem on the east, and the mount of Olives shall split in its middle toward the east and toward the west, and there shall be a very great valley; and half of the mountain shall remove toward the north, and half of it toward the south.

14:5 And you shall flee to the valley of the mountains; for the valley of the mountains shall reach to Azal: yes, you shall flee, like as you fled from before the earthquake in the days of Uzziah king of Judah: and *Yehovah* my God shall come, and all the saints with you.

14:6 And it shall come to pass in that day, that the light shall not be clear, nor dark:

14:7 But it shall be one day which shall be known to *Yehovah*, not day, nor night: but it shall come to pass, that at evening time it shall be light.

14:8 And it shall be in that day, that living waters shall go out from Jerusalem; half of them toward the former sea, and half of them toward the hinder sea: in summer and in winter shall it be.

14:9 And *Yehovah* shall be king over all the earth: in that day shall there be one *YEHOVAH*, and his name one.

14:10 All the land shall be turned as a plain from Geba to Rimmon south of Jerusalem: and it shall be lifted up, and inhabited in her place, from Benjamin's gate to the place of the first gate, to the corner gate, and from the tower of Hananeel to the king's winepresses.

14:11 And men shall dwell in it, and there shall be no more utter destruction; but Jerusalem shall be safely inhabited.

14:12 And this shall be the plague with which *Yehovah* will smite all the people that have fought against Jerusalem; Their flesh shall consume away while they stand on their feet, and their eyes shall consume away in their holes, and their tongue shall consume away in their mouth.

14:13 And it shall come to pass in that day, that a great tumult from *Yehovah* shall be among them; and they shall lay hold everyone on the hand of his neighbor, and his hand shall rise up against the hand of his neighbor.

14:14 And Judah also shall fight at Jerusalem; and the wealth of all the heathen round about shall be gathered together, gold, and silver, and apparel, in great abundance.

14:15 And so shall be the plague of the horse, of the mule, of the camel, and of the ass, and of all the beasts that shall be in these tents, as this plague.

14:16 And it shall come to pass, that everyone that is left of all the nations which came against Jerusalem shall even go up from year to year to worship the King, *Yehovah God of Armies*, and to keep the feast of tabernacles.

14:17 And it shall be, that whoever will not come up of all the families of the earth to Jerusalem to worship the King, *Yehovah God of Armies*, even on them shall be no rain.

14:18 And if the family of Egypt go not up, and come not, that have no rain; there shall be the plague, with which *Yehovah* will smite the heathen that come not up to keep the feast of tabernacles.

14:19 This shall be the punishment of Egypt, and the punishment of all nations that come not up to keep the feast of tabernacles.

14:20 In that day shall there be on the bells of the horses, HOLINESS UNTO *YEHOVAH*; and the pots in *Yehovah's* house shall be like the bowls before the altar.

14:21 Yes, every pot in Jerusalem and in Judah shall be holiness to *Yehovah God of Armies*: and all they that sacrifice shall come and take of them, and seethe in it: and in that day there shall be no more the Canaanite in the house of *Yehovah God of Armies*.

Book of Malachi

Malachi (My Messenger)

Malachi – Chapter 1

1:1 The burden of the word of *Yehovah* to Israel by Malachi.

1:2 I have loved you, said *Yehovah*. Yet you say, Wherein have you loved us? Was not Esau Jacob's brother? said *Yehovah*: yet I loved Jacob,

1:3 And I hated Esau, and laid his mountains and his heritage waste for the dragons of the wilderness.

1:4 Whereas Edom said, We are impoverished, but we will return and build the desolate places; thus said *Yehovah God of Armies*, They shall build, but I will throw down; and they shall call them, The border of wickedness, and, The people against whom *Yehovah* has indignation forever.

1:5 And your eyes shall see, and you shall say, *Yehovah* will be magnified from the border of Israel.

1:6 A son honors his father, and a servant his master: if then I be a father, where is my honor? and if I be a master, where is my fear? said *Yehovah God of Armies* to you, O priests, that despise my name. And you say, Wherein have we despised your name?

1:7 You offer polluted bread on my altar; and you say, Wherein have we polluted you? In that you say, The table of *Yehovah* is contemptible.

1:8 And if you offer the blind for sacrifice, is it not evil? and if you offer the lame and sick, is it not evil? offer it now to your governor; will he be pleased with you, or accept your person? said *Yehovah God of Armies*.

1:9 And now, I pray you, beseech God that he will be gracious to us: this has been by your means: will he regard your persons? said *Yehovah God of Armies*.

1:10 Who is there even among you that would shut the doors for nothing? neither do you kindle fire on my altar for nothing. I have no pleasure in you, said *Yehovah God of Armies*, neither will I accept an offering at your hand.

1:11 For from the rising of the sun even to the going down of the same my name shall be great among the Gentiles; and in every place incense shall be offered to my name, and a pure offering: for my name shall be great among the heathen, said *Yehovah God of Armies*.

1:12 But you have profaned it, in that you say, The table of *Yehovah* is polluted; and the fruit of it, even his meat, is contemptible.

1:13 You said also, Behold, what a weariness is it! and you have snuffed at it, said *Yehovah God of Armies*; and you brought that which was torn, and the lame, and the sick; thus you brought an offering: should I accept this of your hand? said *Yehovah*.

1:14 But cursed be the deceiver, which has in his flock a male, and vows, and sacrifices to *Yehovah* a corrupt thing: for I am a great King, said *Yehovah God of Armies*, and my name is dreadful among the heathen.

Malachi – Chapter 2

2:1 And now, O you priests, this commandment is for you.

2:2 If you will not hear, and if you will not lay it to heart, to give glory to my name, said *Yehovah God of Armies*, I will even send a curse on you, and I will curse your blessings: yes, I have cursed them already, because you do not lay it to heart.

2:3 Behold, I will corrupt your seed, and spread dung on your faces, even the dung of your solemn feasts; and one shall take you away with it.

2:4 And you shall know that I have sent this commandment to you, that my covenant might be with Levi, said *Yehovah God of Armies*.

2:5 My covenant was with him of life and peace; and I gave them to him for the fear with which he feared me, and was afraid before my name.

2:6 The law of truth was in his mouth, and iniquity was not found in his lips: he walked with me in peace and equity, and did turn many away from iniquity.

2:7 For the priest's lips should keep knowledge, and they should seek the law at his mouth: for he is the messenger of *Yehovah God of Armies*.

2:8 But you are departed out of the way; you have caused many to stumble at the law; you have corrupted the covenant of Levi, said *Yehovah God of Armies*.

2:9 Therefore have I also made you contemptible and base before all the people, according as you have not kept my ways, but have been partial in the law.

2:10 Have we not all one father? has not one God created us? why do we deal treacherously every man against his brother, by profaning the covenant of our fathers?

2:11 Judah has dealt treacherously, and an abomination is committed in Israel and in Jerusalem; for Judah has profaned the holiness of *Yehovah* which he loved, and has married the daughter of a strange god.

2:12 *Yehovah* will cut off the man that does this, the master and the scholar, out of the tabernacles of Jacob, and him that offers an offering to *Yehovah God of Armies*.

2:13 And this have you done again, covering the altar of *Yehovah* with tears, with weeping, and with crying out, so that he regards not the offering any more, or receives it with good will at your hand.

2:14 Yet you say, Why? Because *Yehovah* has been witness between you and the wife of your youth, against whom you have dealt treacherously: yet is she your companion, and the wife of your covenant.

2:15 And did not he make one? Yet had he the residue of the spirit. And why one? That he might seek a godly seed. Therefore take heed to your spirit, and let none deal treacherously against the wife of his youth.

2:16 For *Yehovah*, the God of Israel, said that he hates putting away: for one covers violence with his garment, said *Yehovah God of Armies*: therefore take heed to your spirit, that you deal not treacherously.

2:17 You have wearied *Yehovah* with your words. Yet you say, Wherein have we wearied him? When you say, Everyone that does evil is good in the sight of *Yehovah*, and he delights in them; or, Where is the God of judgment?

Malachi – Chapter 3

3:1 Behold, I will send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me: and *Yehovah*, whom you seek, shall suddenly come to his temple, even the messenger of the covenant, whom you delight in: behold, he shall come, said *Yehovah God of Armies*.

3:2 But who may abide the day of his coming? and who shall stand when he appears? for he is like a refiner's fire, and like fullers' soap:

3:3 And he shall sit as a refiner and purifier of silver: and he shall purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver, that they may offer to *Yehovah* an offering in righteousness.

3:4 Then shall the offering of Judah and Jerusalem be pleasant to *Yehovah*, as in the days of old, and as in former years.

3:5 And I will come near to you to judgment; and I will be a swift witness against the sorcerers, and against the adulterers, and against false swearers, and against those that oppress the hireling in his wages, the widow, and the fatherless, and that turn aside the stranger from his right, and fear not me, said *Yehovah God of Armies*.

3:6 For I am *Yehovah*, I change not; therefore you sons of Jacob are not consumed.

3:7 Even from the days of your fathers you are gone away from my ordinances, and have not kept them. Return to me, and I will return to you, said *Yehovah God of Armies*. But you said, Wherein shall we return?

3:8 Will a man rob God? Yet you have robbed me. But you say, Wherein have we robbed you? In tithes and offerings.

3:9 You are cursed with a curse: for you have robbed me, even this whole nation.

3:10 Bring you all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in my house, and prove me now herewith, said *Yehovah God of Armies*, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it.

3:11 And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground; neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the field, said *Yehovah God of Armies*.

3:12 And all nations shall call you blessed: for you shall be a delightful land, said *Yehovah God of Armies*.

3:13 Your words have been stout against me, said *Yehovah*. Yet you say, What have we spoken so much against you?

3:14 You have said, It is vain to serve God: and what profit is it that we have kept his ordinance, and that we have walked mournfully before *Yehovah God of Armies*?

3:15 And now we call the proud happy; yes, they that work wickedness are set up; yes, they that tempt God are even delivered.

3:16 Then they that feared *Yehovah* spoke often one to another: and *Yehovah* listened, and heard it, and a book of remembrance was written before him for them that feared *Yehovah*, and that thought on his name.

3:17 And they shall be mine, said *Yehovah God of Armies*, in that day when I make up my jewels; and I will spare them, as a man spares his own son that serves him.

3:18 Then shall you return, and discern between the righteous and the wicked, between him that serves God and him that serves him not.

Malachi – Chapter 4

4:1 For, behold, the day comes, that shall burn as an oven; and all the proud, yes, and all that do wickedly, shall be stubble: and the day that comes shall burn them up, said *Yehovah God of Armies*, that it shall leave them neither root nor branch.

4:2 But to you that fear my name shall the Sun of righteousness arise with healing in his wings; and you shall go forth, and grow up as calves of the stall.

4:3 And you shall tread down the wicked; for they shall be ashes under the soles of your feet in the day that I shall do this, said *Yehovah God of Armies*.

4:4 Remember you the law of Moses my servant, which I commanded to him in Horeb for all Israel, with the statutes and judgments.

4:5 Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of *Yehovah*:

4:6 And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers, lest I come and smite the earth with a curse.

The Great Day of Yehovah

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Glossary of Terms

KJV - King James Version of 1611; also sometimes called the Authorized Version.

AV - Authorized Version of 1611, (Another name for KJV).

AKJV - The American KJV, the EXACT SAME TRANSLATION as the KJV, but with modernized word-endings.

MT - Masoretic Text, The Old Testament portion of the KJV Bible is based primarily on the Hebrew Masoretic text of the Second Rabbinic Bible, edited by Jacob Ben Chayyim and printed by Daniel Bomberg in 1525.

YLT Young's Literal Translation, Young's Literal Translation is a translation of the Bible into English, published in 1862. The translation was made by Robert Young, compiler of Young's Analytical Concordance to the Bible and Concise Critical Comments on the New Testament. Young used the Textus Receptus as the basis for his New Testament translation.

TR - Textus Receptus, (Received Text); the 5800+ Scripture portions preserved by the saints; The Greek scripts underlying the New Testament portion of the KJV Bible.

AKJV Yehovah Update Reference Listing

Yehovah	= “the LORD” (KJV)
Yehovah God of Armies	= “the LORD of Hosts” (KJV)
Acacia	= Shittim (KJV)
Angry	= Wroth (KJV)
Anything	= Ought (KJV)
Attractive	= Well Favored (KJV)
Brooches	= Ouches (KJV)
Chief	= Duke (KJV)
Completely	= Clean
Earthen	= Earthy (KJV)
Example	= Ensample (KJV)
Grain	= Corn (KJV)
Heads of Grain	= Ears of Corn (KJV)
Hebrew	= Jew (KJV)
Army	= Host (KJV)
Israelite	= Israelitish (KJV)
Joshua	= Hoshea (KJV)
Living	= Haunt (KJV)
Maiden	= Virgin (KJV)
Midianite	= Midianitish (KJV)
Perversion	= Frowardness (KJV)
Pesach	= Passover (KJV)
Plunder	= Spoil (KJV)
Qohelet	= Preacher (KJV)
Ruler	= Pastor (KJV)
Shepherd	= Pastor (KJV)
Spirit	= Ghost (KJV)
Striped	= Ringstraked (KJV)
Talkative	= Prating (KJV)
Travel	= Haunt (KJV)
Unattractive	= Ill Favored (KJV)
Which	= Whether (KJV)
Wild Ox	= Unicorn (KJV)
Womb	= Matrix (KJV)