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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)
NT Gospels of Christ & Acts (5)	

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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# ***Book of Psalms***

*Tehilim* (Praises/Hymns)

## ***Psalms – Chapter 1***

1:1 Blessed is the man that walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of the scornful.

1:2 But his delight is in the law of *Yehovah*; and in his law does he meditate day and night.

1:3 And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that brings forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatever he does shall prosper.

1:4 The ungodly are not so: but are like the chaff which the wind drives away.

1:5 Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.

1:6 For *Yehovah* knows the way of the righteous: but the way of the ungodly shall perish.

## ***Psalms – Chapter 2***

2:1 Why do the heathen rage, and the people imagine a vain thing?

2:2 The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against *Yehovah*, and against his anointed, saying,

2:3 Let us break their bands asunder, and cast away their cords from us.

2:4 He that sits in the heavens shall laugh: *Yehovah* shall have them in derision.

2:5 Then shall he speak to them in his wrath, and vex them in his sore displeasure.

2:6 Yet have I set my king on my holy hill of Zion.

2:7 I will declare the decree: *Yehovah* has said to me, You are my Son; this day have I begotten you.

2:8 Ask of me, and I shall give you the heathen for your inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for your possession.

2:9 You shall break them with a rod of iron; you shall dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel.

2:10 Be wise now therefore, O you kings: be instructed, you judges of the earth.

2:11 Serve *Yehovah* with fear, and rejoice with trembling.

2:12 Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and you perish from the way, when his wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed are all they that put their trust in him.

### ***Psalms*** – Chapter 3

3:1 *Yehovah*, how are they increased that trouble me! many are they that rise up against me.

3:2 Many there be which say of my soul, There is no help for him in God. Selah.

3:3 But you, *YEHOVAH*, are a shield for me; my glory, and the lifter up of my head.

3:4 I cried to *Yehovah* with my voice, and he heard me out of his holy hill. Selah.

3:5 I laid me down and slept; I awaked; for *Yehovah* sustained me.

3:6 I will not be afraid of ten thousands of people, that have set themselves against me round about.

3:7 Arise, *YEHOVAH*; save me, O my God: for you have smitten all my enemies on the cheek bone; you have broken the teeth of the ungodly.

3:8 Salvation belongs to *Yehovah*: your blessing is on your people. Selah.

### ***Psalms*** – Chapter 4

4:1 Hear me when I call, O God of my righteousness: you have enlarged me when I was in distress; have mercy on me, and hear my prayer.

4:2 O you sons of men, how long will you turn my glory into shame? how long will you love vanity, and seek after leasing? Selah.

4:3 But know that *Yehovah* has set apart him that is godly for himself: *Yehovah* will hear when I call to him.

4:4 Stand in awe, and sin not: commune with your own heart on your bed, and be still. Selah.

4:5 Offer the sacrifices of righteousness, and put your trust in *Yehovah*.

4:6 There be many that say, Who will show us any good? *YEHOVAH*, lift you up the light of your countenance on us.

4:7 You have put gladness in my heart, more than in the time that their *grain* and their wine increased.

4:8 I will both lay me down in peace, and sleep: for you, *YEHOVAH*, only make me dwell in safety.

### ***Psalms*** – Chapter 5

5:1 Give ear to my words, *YEHOVAH*, consider my meditation.

5:2 Listen to the voice of my cry, my King, and my God: for to you will I pray.

5:3 My voice shall you hear in the morning, *YEHOVAH*; in the morning will I direct my prayer to you, and will look up.

5:4 For you are not a God that has pleasure in wickedness: neither shall evil dwell with you.

5:5 The foolish shall not stand in your sight: you hate all workers of iniquity.

5:6 You shall destroy them that speak leasing: *Yehovah* will abhor the bloody and deceitful man.

5:7 But as for me, I will come into your house in the multitude of your mercy: and in your fear will I worship toward your holy temple.

5:8 Lead me, *YEHOVAH*, in your righteousness because of my enemies; make your way straight before my face.

5:9 For there is no faithfulness in their mouth; their inward part is very wickedness; their throat is an open sepulcher; they flatter with their tongue.

5:10 Destroy you them, O God; let them fall by their own counsels; cast them out in the multitude of their transgressions; for they have rebelled against you.

5:11 But let all those that put their trust in you rejoice: let them ever shout for joy, because you defend them: let them also that love your name be joyful in you.

5:12 For you, *YEHOVAH*, will bless the righteous; with favor will you compass him as with a shield.

## ***Psalms*** – Chapter 6

6:1 *YEHOVAH*, rebuke me not in your anger, neither chasten me in your hot displeasure.

6:2 Have mercy on me, *YEHOVAH*; for I am weak: *YEHOVAH*, heal me; for my bones are vexed.

6:3 My soul is also sore vexed: but you, *YEHOVAH*, how long?

6:4 Return, *YEHOVAH*, deliver my soul: oh save me for your mercies' sake.

6:5 For in death there is no remembrance of you: in the grave who shall give you thanks?

6:6 I am weary with my groaning; all the night make I my bed to swim; I water my couch with my tears.

6:7 My eye is consumed because of grief; it waxes old because of all my enemies.

6:8 Depart from me, all you workers of iniquity; for *Yehovah* has heard the voice of my weeping.

6:9 *Yehovah* has heard my supplication; *Yehovah* will receive my prayer.

6:10 Let all my enemies be ashamed and sore vexed: let them return and be ashamed suddenly.

## ***Psalms*** – Chapter 7

7:1 *YEHOVAH* my God, in you do I put my trust: save me from all them that persecute me, and deliver me:

7:2 Lest he tear my soul like a lion, rending it in pieces, while there is none to deliver.

7:3 *YEHOVAH* my God, If I have done this; if there be iniquity in my hands;

7:4 If I have rewarded evil to him that was at peace with me; (yes, I have delivered him that without cause is my enemy:)

7:5 Let the enemy persecute my soul, and take it; yes, let him tread down my life on the earth, and lay my honor in the dust. Selah.

7:6 Arise, *YEHOVAH*, in your anger, lift up yourself because of the rage of my enemies: and awake for me to the judgment that you have commanded.

7:7 So shall the congregation of the people compass you about: for their sakes therefore return you on high.

7:8 *Yehovah* shall judge the people: judge me, *YEHOVAH*, according to my righteousness, and according to my integrity that is in me.

7:9 Oh let the wickedness of the wicked come to an end; but establish the just: for the righteous God tries the hearts and reins.

7:10 My defense is of God, which saves the upright in heart.

7:11 God judges the righteous, and God is angry with the wicked every day.

7:12 If he turn not, he will ready his sword; he has bent his bow, and made it ready.

7:13 He has also prepared for him the instruments of death; he ordains his arrows against the persecutors.

7:14 Behold, he travails with iniquity, and has conceived mischief, and brought forth falsehood.

7:15 He made a pit, and dig it, and is fallen into the ditch which he made.

7:16 His mischief shall return on his own head, and his violent dealing shall come down on his own pate.

7:17 I will praise *Yehovah* according to his righteousness: and will sing praise to the name of *Yehovah* most high.

## ***Psalms*** – Chapter 8

8:1 O *YEHOVAH*, our Lord, how excellent is your name in all the earth! who have set your glory above the heavens.

8:2 Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings have you ordained strength because of your enemies, that you might still the enemy and the avenger.

8:3 When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have ordained;

8:4 What is man, that you are mindful of him? and the son of man, that you visit him?

8:5 For you have made him a little lower than the angels, and have crowned him with glory and honor.

8:6 You made him to have dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under his feet:

8:7 All sheep and oxen, yes, and the beasts of the field;

8:8 The fowl of the air, and the fish of the sea, and whatever passes through the paths of the seas.

8:9 *YEHOVAH* our Lord, how excellent is your name in all the earth!

### ***Psalms*** – Chapter 9

9:1 I will praise you, *YEHOVAH*, with my whole heart; I will show forth all your marvelous works.

9:2 I will be glad and rejoice in you: I will sing praise to your name, O you most High.

9:3 When my enemies are turned back, they shall fall and perish at your presence.

9:4 For you have maintained my right and my cause; you sat in the throne judging right.

9:5 You have rebuked the heathen, you have destroyed the wicked, you have put out their name forever and ever.

9:6 O you enemy, destructions are come to a perpetual end: and you have destroyed cities; their memorial is perished with them.

9:7 But *Yehovah* shall endure forever: he has prepared his throne for judgment.

9:8 And he shall judge the world in righteousness, he shall minister judgment to the people in uprightness.

9:9 *Yehovah* also will be a refuge for the oppressed, a refuge in times of trouble.

9:10 And they that know your name will put their trust in you: for you, *YEHOVAH*, have not forsaken them that seek you.

9:11 Sing praises to *Yehovah*, which dwells in Zion: declare among the people his doings.

9:12 When he makes inquisition for blood, he remembers them: he forgets not the cry of the humble.

9:13 Have mercy on me, *YEHOVAH*; consider my trouble which I suffer of them that hate me, you that lift me up from the gates of death:

9:14 That I may show forth all your praise in the gates of the daughter of Zion: I will rejoice in your salvation.

9:15 The heathen are sunk down in the pit that they made: in the net which they hid is their own foot taken.

9:16 *Yehovah* is known by the judgment which he executes: the wicked is snared in the work of his own hands. Higgsaion. Selah.

9:17 The wicked shall be turned into *sheol*, and all the nations that forget God.

9:18 For the needy shall not always be forgotten: the expectation of the poor shall not perish forever.

9:19 Arise, *YEHOVAH*; let not man prevail: let the heathen be judged in your sight.

9:20 Put them in fear, *YEHOVAH*: that the nations may know themselves to be but men. Selah.

## ***Psalms*** – Chapter 10

10:1 Why stand you afar off, *YEHOVAH*? Why hide you yourself in times of trouble?

10:2 The wicked in his pride does persecute the poor: let them be taken in the devices that they have imagined.

10:3 For the wicked boasts of his heart's desire, and blesses the covetous, whom *Yehovah* abhors.

10:4 The wicked, through the pride of his countenance, will not seek after God: God is not in all his thoughts.

10:5 His ways are always grievous; your judgments are far above out of his sight: as for all his enemies, he puffs at them.

10:6 He has said in his heart, I shall not be moved: for I shall never be in adversity.

10:7 His mouth is full of cursing and deceit and fraud: under his tongue is mischief and vanity.

10:8 He sits in the lurking places of the villages: in the secret places does he murder the innocent: his eyes are privately set against the poor.

10:9 He lies in wait secretly as a lion in his den: he lies in wait to catch the poor: he does catch the poor, when he draws him into his net.

10:10 He crouches, and humbles himself, that the poor may fall by his strong ones.

10:11 He has said in his heart, God has forgotten: he hides his face; he will never see it.

10:12 Arise, *YEHOVAH*; O God, lift up your hand: forget not the humble.

10:13 Why does the wicked scorn God? he has said in his heart, You will not require it.

10:14 You have seen it; for you behold mischief and spite, to recompense it with your hand: the poor commits himself to you; you are the helper of the fatherless.

10:15 Break you the arm of the wicked and the evil man: seek out his wickedness till you find none.

10:16 *Yehovah* is King forever and ever: the heathen are perished out of his land.

10:17 *YEHOVAH*, you have heard the desire of the humble: you will prepare their heart, you will cause your ear to hear:

10:18 To judge the fatherless and the oppressed, that the man of the earth may no more oppress.

### ***Psalms*** – Chapter 11

11:1 In *Yehovah* put I my trust: how say you to my soul, Flee as a bird to your mountain?

11:2 For, see, the wicked bend their bow, they make ready their arrow on the string, that they may privately shoot at the upright in heart.

11:3 If the foundations be destroyed, what can the righteous do?

11:4 *Yehovah* is in his holy temple, *Yehovah's* throne is in heaven: his eyes behold, his eyelids try, the children of men.

11:5 *Yehovah* tries the righteous: but the wicked and him that loves violence his soul hates.

11:6 On the wicked he shall rain snares, fire and brimstone, and a horrible tempest: this shall be the portion of their cup.

11:7 For the righteous *Yehovah* loves righteousness; his countenance does behold the upright.

### ***Psalms*** – Chapter 12

12:1 Help, *YEHOVAH*; for the godly man ceases; for the faithful fail from among the children of men.

12:2 They speak vanity every one with his neighbor: with flattering lips and with a double heart do they speak.

12:3 *Yehovah* shall cut off all flattering lips, and the tongue that speaks proud things:

12:4 Who have said, With our tongue will we prevail; our lips are our own: who is lord over us?

12:5 For the oppression of the poor, for the sighing of the needy, now will I arise, said *Yehovah*; I will set him in safety from him that puffs at him.

12:6 The words of *Yehovah* are pure words: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times.

12:7 You shall keep them, *YEHOVAH*, you shall preserve them from this generation forever.

12:8 The wicked walk on every side, when the vilest men are exalted.

### ***Psalms*** – Chapter 13

13:1 How long will you forget me, *YEHOVAH*? forever? how long will you hide your face from me?

13:2 How long shall I take counsel in my soul, having sorrow in my heart daily? how long shall my enemy be exalted over me?

13:3 Consider and hear me, *YEHOVAH* my God: lighten my eyes, lest I sleep the sleep of death;

13:4 Lest my enemy say, I have prevailed against him; and those that trouble me rejoice when I am moved.

13:5 But I have trusted in your mercy; my heart shall rejoice in your salvation.

13:6 I will sing to *Yehovah*, because he has dealt bountifully with me.

### ***Psalms*** – Chapter 14

14:1 The fool has said in his heart, There is no God. They are corrupt, they have done abominable works, there is none that does good.

14:2 *Yehovah* looked down from heaven on the children of men, to see if there were any that did understand, and seek God.

14:3 They are all gone aside, they are all together become filthy: there is none that does good, no, not one.

14:4 Have all the workers of iniquity no knowledge? who eat up my people as they eat bread, and call not on *Yehovah*.

14:5 There were they in great fear: for God is in the generation of the righteous.

14:6 You have shamed the counsel of the poor, because *Yehovah* is his refuge.

14:7 Oh that the salvation of Israel were come out of Zion! when *Yehovah* brings back the captivity of his people, Jacob shall rejoice, and Israel shall be glad.

### ***Psalms*** – Chapter 15

15:1 *Yehovah*, who shall abide in your tabernacle? who shall dwell in your holy hill?

15:2 He that walks uprightly, and works righteousness, and speaks the truth in his heart.

15:3 He that backbites not with his tongue, nor does evil to his neighbor, nor takes up a reproach against his neighbor.

15:4 In whose eyes a vile person is contemned; but he honors them that fear *Yehovah*. He that swears to his own hurt, and changes not.

15:5 He that puts not out his money to usury, nor takes reward against the innocent. He that does these things shall never be moved.

### ***Psalms*** – Chapter 16

16:1 Preserve me, O God: for in you do I put my trust.

16:2 O my soul, you have said to *Yehovah*, You are my Lord: my goodness extends not to you;

16:3 But to the saints that are in the earth, and to the excellent, in whom is all my delight.

16:4 Their sorrows shall be multiplied that hasten after another god: their drink offerings of blood will I not offer, nor take up their names into my lips.

16:5 *Yehovah* is the portion of my inheritance and of my cup: you maintain my lot.

16:6 The lines are fallen to me in pleasant places; yes, I have a goodly heritage.

16:7 I will bless *Yehovah*, who has given me counsel: my reins also instruct me in the night seasons.

16:8 I have set *Yehovah* always before me: because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.

16:9 Therefore my heart is glad, and my glory rejoices: my flesh also shall rest in hope.

16:10 For you will not leave my soul in *sheol*; neither will you suffer your Holy One to see corruption.

16:11 You will show me the path of life: in your presence is fullness of joy; at your right hand there are pleasures forever more.

### ***Psalms*** – Chapter 17

17:1 Hear the right, *YEHOVAH*, attend to my cry, give ear to my prayer, that goes not out of feigned lips.

17:2 Let my sentence come forth from your presence; let your eyes behold the things that are equal.

17:3 You have proved my heart; you have visited me in the night; you have tried me, and shall find nothing; I am purposed that my mouth shall not transgress.

17:4 Concerning the works of men, by the word of your lips I have kept me from the paths of the destroyer.

17:5 Hold up my goings in your paths, that my footsteps slip not.

17:6 I have called on you, for you will hear me, O God: incline your ear to me, and hear my speech.

17:7 Show your marvelous loving kindness, O you that save by your right hand them which put their trust in you from those that rise up against them.

17:8 Keep me as the apple of the eye, hide me under the shadow of your wings,

17:9 From the wicked that oppress me, from my deadly enemies, who compass me about.

17:10 They are enclosed in their own fat: with their mouth they speak proudly.

17:11 They have now compassed us in our steps: they have set their eyes bowing down to the earth;

17:12 Like as a lion that is greedy of his prey, and as it were a young lion lurking in secret places.

17:13 Arise, *YEHOVAH*, disappoint him, cast him down: deliver my soul from the wicked, which is your sword:

17:14 From men which are your hand, *YEHOVAH*, from men of the world, which have their portion in this life, and whose belly you fill with your hid treasure: they are full of children, and leave the rest of their substance to their babes.

17:15 As for me, I will behold your face in righteousness: I shall be satisfied, when I awake, with your likeness.

## ***Psalms*** – Chapter 18

18:1 I will love you, *YEHOVAH*, my strength.

18:2 *Yehovah* is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; my God, my strength, in whom I will trust; my buckler, and the horn of my salvation, and my high tower.

18:3 I will call on *Yehovah*, who is worthy to be praised: so shall I be saved from my enemies.

18:4 The sorrows of death compassed me, and the floods of ungodly men made me afraid.

18:5 The sorrows of *sheol* compassed me about: the snares of death prevented me.

18:6 In my distress I called on *Yehovah*, and cried to my God: he heard my voice out of his temple, and my cry came before him, even into his ears.

18:7 Then the earth shook and trembled; the foundations also of the hills moved and were shaken, because he was *angry*.

18:8 There went up a smoke out of his nostrils, and fire out of his mouth devoured: coals were kindled by it.

18:9 He bowed the heavens also, and came down: and darkness was under his feet.

18:10 And he rode on a cherub, and did fly: yes, he did fly on the wings of the wind.

18:11 He made darkness his secret place; his pavilion round about him were dark waters and thick clouds of the skies.

18:12 At the brightness that was before him his thick clouds passed, hail stones and coals of fire.

18:13 *Yehovah* also thundered in the heavens, and the Highest gave his voice; hail stones and coals of fire.

18:14 Yes, he sent out his arrows, and scattered them; and he shot out lightning, and discomfited them.

18:15 Then the channels of waters were seen, and the foundations of the world were discovered at your rebuke, *YEHOVAH*, at the blast of the breath of your nostrils.

18:16 He sent from above, he took me, he drew me out of many waters.

18:17 He delivered me from my strong enemy, and from them which hated me: for they were too strong for me.

18:18 They prevented me in the day of my calamity: but *Yehovah* was my stay.

18:19 He brought me forth also into a large place; he delivered me, because he delighted in me.

18:20 *Yehovah* rewarded me according to my righteousness; according to the cleanness of my hands has he recompensed me.

18:21 For I have kept the ways of *Yehovah*, and have not wickedly departed from my God.

18:22 For all his judgments were before me, and I did not put away his statutes from me.

18:23 I was also upright before him, and I kept myself from my iniquity.

18:24 Therefore has *Yehovah* recompensed me according to my righteousness, according to the cleanness of my hands in his eyesight.

18:25 With the merciful you will show yourself merciful; with an upright man you will show yourself upright;

18:26 With the pure you will show yourself pure; and with the fraudulent you will show yourself devious.

18:27 For you will save the afflicted people; but will bring down high looks.

18:28 For you will light my candle: *Yehovah* my God will enlighten my darkness.

18:29 For by you I have run through a troop; and by my God have I leaped over a wall.

18:30 As for God, his way is perfect: the word of *Yehovah* is tried: he is a buckler to all those that trust in him.

18:31 For who is God save *Yehovah*? or who is a rock save our God?

18:32 It is God that girds me with strength, and makes my way perfect.

18:33 He makes my feet like hinds' feet, and sets me on my high places.

18:34 He teaches my hands to war, so that a bow of steel is broken by my arms.

18:35 You have also given me the shield of your salvation: and your right hand has held me up, and your gentleness has made me great.

18:36 You have enlarged my steps under me, that my feet did not slip.

18:37 I have pursued my enemies, and overtaken them: neither did I turn again till they were consumed.

18:38 I have wounded them that they were not able to rise: they are fallen under my feet.

18:39 For you have girded me with strength to the battle: you have subdued under me those that rose up against me.

18:40 You have also given me the necks of my enemies; that I might destroy them that hate me.

18:41 They cried, but there was none to save them: even to *Yehovah*, but he answered them not.

18:42 Then did I beat them small as the dust before the wind: I did cast them out as the dirt in the streets.

18:43 You have delivered me from the strivings of the people; and you have made me the head of the heathen: a people whom I have not known shall serve me.

18:44 As soon as they hear of me, they shall obey me: the strangers shall submit themselves to me.

18:45 The strangers shall fade away, and be afraid out of their close places.

18:46 *Yehovah* lives; and blessed be my rock; and let the God of my salvation be exalted.

18:47 It is God that avenges me, and subdues the people under me.

18:48 He delivers me from my enemies: yes, you lift me up above those that rise up against me: you have delivered me from the violent man.

18:49 Therefore will I give thanks to you, *YEHOVAH*, among the heathen, and sing praises to your name.

18:50 Great deliverance gives he to his king; and shows mercy to his anointed, to David, and to his seed forever more.

## ***Psalms*** – Chapter 19

19:1 The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament shows his handiwork.

19:2 Day to day utters speech, and night to night shows knowledge.

19:3 There is no speech nor language, where their voice is not heard.

19:4 Their line is gone out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In them has he set a tabernacle for the sun,

19:5 Which is as a bridegroom coming out of his chamber, and rejoices as a strong man to run a race.

19:6 His going forth is from the end of the heaven, and his circuit to the ends of it: and there is nothing hid from the heat of it.

19:7 The law of *Yehovah* is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of *Yehovah* is sure, making wise the simple.

19:8 The statutes of *Yehovah* are right, rejoicing the heart: the commandment of *Yehovah* is pure, enlightening the eyes.

19:9 The fear of *Yehovah* is clean, enduring forever: the judgments of *Yehovah* are true and righteous altogether.

19:10 More to be desired are they than gold, yes, than much fine gold: sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb.

19:11 Moreover by them is your servant warned: and in keeping of them there is great reward.

19:12 Who can understand his errors? cleanse you me from secret faults.

19:13 Keep back your servant also from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over me: then shall I be upright, and I shall be innocent from the great transgression.

19:14 Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in your sight, *YEHOVAH*, my strength, and my redeemer.

## ***Psalms*** – Chapter 20

20:1 *Yehovah* hear you in the day of trouble; the name of the God of Jacob defend you;

20:2 Send you help from the sanctuary, and strengthen you out of Zion;

20:3 Remember all your offerings, and accept your burnt sacrifice;  
Selah.

20:4 Grant you according to your own heart, and fulfill all your counsel.

20:5 We will rejoice in your salvation, and in the name of our God we will set up our banners: *Yehovah* fulfill all your petitions.

20:6 Now know I that *Yehovah* saves his anointed; he will hear him from his holy heaven with the saving strength of his right hand.

20:7 Some trust in chariots, and some in horses: but we will remember the name of *Yehovah* our God.

20:8 They are brought down and fallen: but we are risen, and stand upright.

20:9 Save, *YEHOVAH*: let the king hear us when we call.

## ***Psalms*** – Chapter 21

21:1 The king shall joy in your strength, *YEHOVAH*; and in your salvation how greatly shall he rejoice!

21:2 You have given him his heart's desire, and have not withheld the request of his lips. Selah.

21:3 For you prevent him with the blessings of goodness: you set a crown of pure gold on his head.

21:4 He asked life of you, and you gave it him, even length of days forever and ever.

21:5 His glory is great in your salvation: honor and majesty have you laid on him.

21:6 For you have made him most blessed forever: you have made him exceeding glad with your countenance.

21:7 For the king trusts in *Yehovah*, and through the mercy of the most High he shall not be moved.

21:8 Your hand shall find out all your enemies: your right hand shall find out those that hate you.

21:9 You shall make them as a fiery oven in the time of your anger: *Yehovah* shall swallow them up in his wrath, and the fire shall devour them.

21:10 Their fruit shall you destroy from the earth, and their seed from among the children of men.

21:11 For they intended evil against you: they imagined a mischievous device, which they are not able to perform.

21:12 Therefore shall you make them turn their back, when you shall make ready your arrows on your strings against the face of them.

21:13 Be you exalted, *YEHOVAH*, in your own strength: so will we sing and praise your power.

## ***Psalms*** – Chapter 22

22:1 My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? why are you so far from helping me, and from the words of my roaring?

22:2 O my God, I cry in the day time, but you hear not; and in the night season, and am not silent.

22:3 But you are holy, O you that inhabit the praises of Israel.

22:4 Our fathers trusted in you: they trusted, and you did deliver them.

22:5 They cried to you, and were delivered: they trusted in you, and were not confounded.

22:6 But I am a worm, and no man; a reproach of men, and despised of the people.

22:7 All they that see me laugh me to scorn: they shoot out the lip, they shake the head, saying,

22:8 He trusted on *Yehovah* that he would deliver him: let him deliver him, seeing he delighted in him.

22:9 But you are he that took me out of the womb: you did make me hope when I was on my mother's breasts.

22:10 I was cast on you from the womb: you are my God from my mother's belly.

22:11 Be not far from me; for trouble is near; for there is none to help.

22:12 Many bulls have compassed me: strong bulls of Bashan have beset me round.

22:13 They gaped on me with their mouths, as a ravening and a roaring lion.

22:14 I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint: my heart is like wax; it is melted in the middle of my bowels.

22:15 My strength is dried up like a potsherd; and my tongue sticks to my jaws; and you have brought me into the dust of death.

22:16 For dogs have compassed me: the assembly of the wicked have enclosed me: they pierced my hands and my feet.

22:17 I may tell all my bones: they look and stare on me.

22:18 They part my garments among them, and cast lots on my clothing.

22:19 But be not you far from me, *YEHOVAH*: O my strength, haste you to help me.

22:20 Deliver my soul from the sword; my darling from the power of the dog.

22:21 Save me from the lion's mouth: for you have heard me from the horns of the *Wild Ox*.

22:22 I will declare your name to my brothers: in the middle of the congregation will I praise you.

22:23 You that fear *Yehovah*, praise him; all you the seed of Jacob, glorify him; and fear him, all you the seed of Israel.

22:24 For he has not despised nor abhorred the affliction of the afflicted; neither has he hid his face from him; but when he cried to him, he heard.

22:25 My praise shall be of you in the great congregation: I will pay my vows before them that fear him.

22:26 The meek shall eat and be satisfied: they shall praise *Yehovah* that seek him: your heart shall live forever.

22:27 All the ends of the world shall remember and turn to *Yehovah*: and all the kindreds of the nations shall worship before you.

22:28 For the kingdom is *Yehovah*'s: and he is the governor among the nations.

22:29 All they that be fat on earth shall eat and worship: all they that go down to the dust shall bow before him: and none can keep alive his own soul.

22:30 A seed shall serve him; it shall be accounted to *Yehovah* for a generation.

22:31 They shall come, and shall declare his righteousness to a people that shall be born, that he has done this.

### ***Psalms*** – Chapter 23

23:1 *Yehovah* is my shepherd; I shall not want.

23:2 He makes me to lie down in green pastures: he leads me beside the still waters.

23:3 He restores my soul: he leads me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

23:4 Yes, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for you are with me; your rod and your staff they comfort me.

23:5 You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies: you anoint my head with oil; my cup runs over.

23:6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of *Yehovah* forever.

### ***Psalms*** – Chapter 24

24:1 The earth is *Yehovah*'s, and the fullness of it; the world, and they that dwell therein.

24:2 For he has founded it on the seas, and established it on the floods.

24:3 Who shall ascend into the hill of *Yehovah*? or who shall stand in his holy place?

24:4 He that has clean hands, and a pure heart; who has not lifted up his soul to vanity, nor sworn deceitfully.

24:5 He shall receive the blessing from *Yehovah*, and righteousness from the God of his salvation.

24:6 This is the generation of them that seek him, that seek your face, O Jacob. Selah.

24:7 Lift up your heads, O you gates; and be you lift up, you everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in.

24:8 Who is this King of glory? *Yehovah* strong and mighty, *Yehovah* mighty in battle.

24:9 Lift up your heads, O you gates; even lift them up, you everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in.

24:10 Who is this King of glory? *Yehovah* of hosts, he is the King of glory. Selah.

## ***Psalms*** – Chapter 25

25:1 To you, *YEHOVAH*, do I lift up my soul.

25:2 O my God, I trust in you: let me not be ashamed, let not my enemies triumph over me.

25:3 Yes, let none that wait on you be ashamed: let them be ashamed which transgress without cause.

25:4 Show me your ways, *YEHOVAH*; teach me your paths.

25:5 Lead me in your truth, and teach me: for you are the God of my salvation; on you do I wait all the day.

25:6 Remember, *YEHOVAH*, your tender mercies and your loving kindnesses; for they have been ever of old.

25:7 Remember not the sins of my youth, nor my transgressions: according to your mercy remember you me for your goodness' sake, *YEHOVAH*.

25:8 Good and upright is *Yehovah*: therefore will he teach sinners in the way.

25:9 The meek will he guide in judgment: and the meek will he teach his way.

25:10 All the paths of *Yehovah* are mercy and truth to such as keep his covenant and his testimonies.

25:11 For your name's sake, *YEHOVAH*, pardon my iniquity; for it is great.

25:12 What man is he that fears *Yehovah*? him shall he teach in the way that he shall choose.

25:13 His soul shall dwell at ease; and his seed shall inherit the earth.

25:14 The secret of *Yehovah* is with them that fear him; and he will show them his covenant.

25:15 My eyes are ever toward *Yehovah*; for he shall pluck my feet out of the net.

25:16 Turn you to me, and have mercy on me; for I am desolate and afflicted.

25:17 The troubles of my heart are enlarged: O bring you me out of my distresses.

25:18 Look on my affliction and my pain; and forgive all my sins.

25:19 Consider my enemies; for they are many; and they hate me with cruel hatred.

25:20 O keep my soul, and deliver me: let me not be ashamed; for I put my trust in you.

25:21 Let integrity and uprightness preserve me; for I wait on you.

25:22 Redeem Israel, O God, out of all his troubles.

## ***Psalms*** – Chapter 26

26:1 Judge me, *YEHOVAH*; for I have walked in my integrity: I have trusted also in *Yehovah*; therefore I shall not slide.

26:2 Examine me, *YEHOVAH*, and prove me; try my reins and my heart.

26:3 For your loving kindness is before my eyes: and I have walked in your truth.

26:4 I have not sat with vain persons, neither will I go in with dissemblers.

26:5 I have hated the congregation of evil doers; and will not sit with the wicked.

26:6 I will wash my hands in innocence: so will I compass your altar, *YEHOVAH*:

26:7 That I may publish with the voice of thanksgiving, and tell of all your wondrous works.

26:8 *YEHOVAH*, I have loved the habitation of your house, and the place where your honor dwells.

26:9 Gather not my soul with sinners, nor my life with bloody men:

26:10 In whose hands is mischief, and their right hand is full of bribes.

26:11 But as for me, I will walk in my integrity: redeem me, and be merciful to me.

26:12 My foot stands in an even place: in the congregations will I bless *Yehovah*.

## ***Psalms*** – Chapter 27

27:1 *Yehovah* is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? *Yehovah* is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

27:2 When the wicked, even my enemies and my foes, came on me to eat up my flesh, they stumbled and fell.

27:3 Though a host should encamp against me, my heart shall not fear: though war should rise against me, in this will I be confident.

27:4 One thing have I desired of *Yehovah*, that will I seek after; that I may dwell in the house of *Yehovah* all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of *Yehovah*, and to inquire in his temple.

27:5 For in the time of trouble he shall hide me in his pavilion: in the secret of his tabernacle shall he hide me; he shall set me up on a rock.

27:6 And now shall my head be lifted up above my enemies round about me: therefore will I offer in his tabernacle sacrifices of joy; I will sing, yes, I will sing praises to *Yehovah*.

27:7 Hear, *YEHOVAH*, when I cry with my voice: have mercy also on me, and answer me.

27:8 When you said, Seek you my face; my heart said to you, Your face, *YEHOVAH*, will I seek.

27:9 Hide not your face far from me; put not your servant away in anger: you have been my help; leave me not, neither forsake me, O God of my salvation.

27:10 When my father and my mother forsake me, then *Yehovah* will take me up.

27:11 Teach me your way, *YEHOVAH*, and lead me in a plain path, because of my enemies.

27:12 Deliver me not over to the will of my enemies: for false witnesses are risen up against me, and such as breathe out cruelty.

27:13 I had fainted, unless I had believed to see the goodness of *Yehovah* in the land of the living.

27:14 Wait on *Yehovah*: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen your heart: wait, I say, on *Yehovah*.

## ***Psalms*** – Chapter 28

28:1 To you will I cry, *YEHOVAH* my rock; be not silent to me: lest, if you be silent to me, I become like them that go down into the pit.

28:2 Hear the voice of my supplications, when I cry to you, when I lift up my hands toward your holy oracle.

28:3 Draw me not away with the wicked, and with the workers of iniquity, which speak peace to their neighbors, but mischief is in their hearts.

28:4 Give them according to their deeds, and according to the wickedness of their endeavors: give them after the work of their hands; render to them their desert.

28:5 Because they regard not the works of *Yehovah*, nor the operation of his hands, he shall destroy them, and not build them up.

28:6 Blessed be *Yehovah*, because he has heard the voice of my supplications.

28:7 *Yehovah* is my strength and my shield; my heart trusted in him, and I am helped: therefore my heart greatly rejoices; and with my song will I praise him.

28:8 *Yehovah* is their strength, and he is the saving strength of his anointed.

28:9 Save your people, and bless your inheritance: feed them also, and lift them up forever.

### ***Psalms*** – Chapter 29

29:1 Give to *Yehovah*, O you mighty, give to *Yehovah* glory and strength.

29:2 Give to *Yehovah* the glory due to his name; worship *Yehovah* in the beauty of holiness.

29:3 The voice of *Yehovah* is on the waters: the God of glory thunders: *Yehovah* is on many waters.

29:4 The voice of *Yehovah* is powerful; the voice of *Yehovah* is full of majesty.

29:5 The voice of *Yehovah* breaks the cedars; yes, *Yehovah* breaks the cedars of Lebanon.

29:6 He makes them also to skip like a calf; Lebanon and Sirion like a young *Wild Ox*.

29:7 The voice of *Yehovah* divides the flames of fire.

29:8 The voice of *Yehovah* shakes the wilderness; *Yehovah* shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

29:9 The voice of *Yehovah* makes the hinds to calve, and discovers the forests: and in his temple does every one speak of his glory.

29:10 *Yehovah* sits on the flood; yes, *Yehovah* sits King forever.

29:11 *Yehovah* will give strength to his people; *Yehovah* will bless his people with peace.

### ***Psalms*** – Chapter 30

30:1 I will extol you, *YEHOVAH*; for you have lifted me up, and have not made my foes to rejoice over me.

30:2 *YEHOVAH* my God, I cried to you, and you have healed me.

30:3 *YEHOVAH*, you have brought up my soul from the grave: you have kept me alive, that I should not go down to the pit.

30:4 Sing to *Yehovah*, O you saints of his, and give thanks at the remembrance of his holiness.

30:5 For his anger endures but a moment; in his favor is life: weeping may endure for a night, but joy comes in the morning.

30:6 And in my prosperity I said, I shall never be moved.

30:7 *YEHOVAH*, by your favor you have made my mountain to stand strong: you did hide your face, and I was troubled.

30:8 I cried to you, *YEHOVAH*; and to *Yehovah* I made supplication.

30:9 What profit is there in my blood, when I go down to the pit? Shall the dust praise you? shall it declare your truth?

30:10 Hear, *YEHOVAH*, and have mercy on me: *YEHOVAH*, be you my helper.

30:11 You have turned for me my mourning into dancing: you have put off my sackcloth, and girded me with gladness;

30:12 To the end that my glory may sing praise to you, and not be silent. *YEHOVAH* my God, I will give thanks to you forever.

### ***Psalms*** – Chapter 31

31:1 In you, *YEHOVAH*, do I put my trust; let me never be ashamed: deliver me in your righteousness.

31:2 Bow down your ear to me; deliver me speedily: be you my strong rock, for a house of defense to save me.

31:3 For you are my rock and my fortress; therefore for your name's sake lead me, and guide me.

31:4 Pull me out of the net that they have laid privately for me: for you are my strength.

31:5 Into your hand I commit my spirit: you have redeemed me, *YEHOVAH* God of truth.

31:6 I have hated them that regard lying vanities: but I trust in *Yehovah*.

31:7 I will be glad and rejoice in your mercy: for you have considered my trouble; you have known my soul in adversities;

31:8 And have not shut me up into the hand of the enemy: you have set my feet in a large room.

31:9 Have mercy on me, *YEHOVAH*, for I am in trouble: my eye is consumed with grief, yes, my soul and my belly.

31:10 For my life is spent with grief, and my years with sighing: my strength fails because of my iniquity, and my bones are consumed.

31:11 I was a reproach among all my enemies, but especially among my neighbors, and a fear to my acquaintance: they that did see me without fled from me.

31:12 I am forgotten as a dead man out of mind: I am like a broken vessel.

31:13 For I have heard the slander of many: fear was on every side: while they took counsel together against me, they devised to take away my life.

31:14 But I trusted in you, *YEHOVAH*: I said, You are my God.

31:15 My times are in your hand: deliver me from the hand of my enemies, and from them that persecute me.

31:16 Make your face to shine on your servant: save me for your mercies' sake.

31:17 Let me not be ashamed, *YEHOVAH*; for I have called on you: let the wicked be ashamed, and let them be silent in the grave.

31:18 Let the lying lips be put to silence; which speak grievous things proudly and contemptuously against the righteous.

31:19 Oh how great is your goodness, which you have laid up for them that fear you; which you have worked for them that trust in you before the sons of men!

31:20 You shall hide them in the secret of your presence from the pride of man: you shall keep them secretly in a pavilion from the strife of tongues.

31:21 Blessed be *Yehovah*: for he has showed me his marvelous kindness in a strong city.

31:22 For I said in my haste, I am cut off from before your eyes: nevertheless you heard the voice of my supplications when I cried to you.

31:23 O love *Yehovah*, all you his saints: for *Yehovah* preserves the faithful, and plentifully rewards the proud doer.

31:24 Be of good courage, and he shall strengthen your heart, all you that hope in *Yehovah*.

## ***Psalms*** — Chapter 32

32:1 Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

32:2 Blessed is the man to whom *Yehovah* imputes not iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no guile.

32:3 When I kept silence, my bones waxed old through my roaring all the day long.

32:4 For day and night your hand was heavy on me: my moisture is turned into the drought of summer. Selah.

32:5 I acknowledge my sin to you, and my iniquity have I not hid. I said, I will confess my transgressions to *Yehovah*; and you forgave the iniquity of my sin. Selah.

32:6 For this shall every one that is godly pray to you in a time when you may be found: surely in the floods of great waters they shall not come near to him.

32:7 You are my hiding place; you shall preserve me from trouble; you shall compass me about with songs of deliverance. Selah.

32:8 I will instruct you and teach you in the way which you shall go: I will guide you with my eye.

32:9 Be you not as the horse, or as the mule, which have no understanding: whose mouth must be held in with bit and bridle, lest they come near to you.

32:10 Many sorrows shall be to the wicked: but he that trusts in *Yehovah*, mercy shall compass him about.

32:11 Be glad in *Yehovah*, and rejoice, you righteous: and shout for joy, all you that are upright in heart.

### ***Psalms*** – Chapter 33

33:1 Rejoice in *Yehovah*, O you righteous: for praise is comely for the upright.

33:2 Praise *Yehovah* with a harp: sing to him with the psaltery and an instrument of ten strings.

33:3 Sing to him a new song; play skillfully with a loud noise.

33:4 For the word of *Yehovah* is right; and all his works are done in truth.

33:5 He loves righteousness and judgment: the earth is full of the goodness of *Yehovah*.

33:6 By the word of *Yehovah* were the heavens made; and all the host of them by the breath of his mouth.

33:7 He gathers the waters of the sea together as a heap: he lays up the depth in storehouses.

33:8 Let all the earth fear *Yehovah*: let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him.

33:9 For he spoke, and it was done; he commanded, and it stood fast.

33:10 *Yehovah* brings the counsel of the heathen to nothing: he makes the devices of the people of none effect.

33:11 The counsel of *Yehovah* stands forever, the thoughts of his heart to all generations.

33:12 Blessed is the nation whose God is *Yehovah*; and the people whom he has chosen for his own inheritance.

33:13 *Yehovah* looks from heaven; he beholds all the sons of men.

33:14 From the place of his habitation he looks on all the inhabitants of the earth.

33:15 He fashions their hearts alike; he considers all their works.

33:16 There is no king saved by the multitude of a host: a mighty man is not delivered by much strength.

33:17 A horse is a vain thing for safety: neither shall he deliver any by his great strength.

33:18 Behold, the eye of *Yehovah* is on them that fear him, on them that hope in his mercy;

33:19 To deliver their soul from death, and to keep them alive in famine.

33:20 Our soul waits for *Yehovah*: he is our help and our shield.

33:21 For our heart shall rejoice in him, because we have trusted in his holy name.

33:22 Let your mercy, *YEHOVAH*, be on us, according as we hope in you.

## ***Psalms*** – Chapter 34

34:1 I will bless *Yehovah* at all times: his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

34:2 My soul shall make her boast in *Yehovah*: the humble shall hear of it, and be glad.

34:3 O magnify *Yehovah* with me, and let us exalt his name together.

34:4 I sought *Yehovah*, and he heard me, and delivered me from all my fears.

34:5 They looked to him, and were lightened: and their faces were not ashamed.

34:6 This poor man cried, and *Yehovah* heard him, and saved him out of all his troubles.

34:7 The angel of *Yehovah* encamps round about them that fear him, and delivers them.

34:8 O taste and see that *Yehovah* is good: blessed is the man that trusts in him.

34:9 O fear *Yehovah*, you his saints: for there is no want to them that fear him.

34:10 The young lions do lack, and suffer hunger: but they that seek *Yehovah* shall not want any good thing.

34:11 Come, you children, listen to me: I will teach you the fear of *Yehovah*.

34:12 What man is he that desires life, and loves many days, that he may see good?

34:13 Keep your tongue from evil, and your lips from speaking guile.

34:14 Depart from evil, and do good; seek peace, and pursue it.

34:15 The eyes of *Yehovah* are on the righteous, and his ears are open to their cry.

34:16 The face of *Yehovah* is against them that do evil, to cut off the remembrance of them from the earth.

34:17 The righteous cry, and *Yehovah* hears, and delivers them out of all their troubles.

34:18 *Yehovah* is near to them that are of a broken heart; and saves such as be of a contrite spirit.

34:19 Many are the afflictions of the righteous: but *Yehovah* delivers him out of them all.

34:20 He keeps all his bones: not one of them is broken.

34:21 Evil shall slay the wicked: and they that hate the righteous shall be desolate.

34:22 *Yehovah* redeems the soul of his servants: and none of them that trust in him shall be desolate.

### ***Psalms*** – Chapter 35

35:1 Plead my cause, *YEHOVAH*, with them that strive with me: fight against them that fight against me.

35:2 Take hold of shield and buckler, and stand up for my help.

35:3 Draw out also the spear, and stop the way against them that persecute me: say to my soul, I am your salvation.

35:4 Let them be confounded and put to shame that seek after my soul: let them be turned back and brought to confusion that devise my hurt.

35:5 Let them be as chaff before the wind: and let the angel of *Yehovah* chase them.

35:6 Let their way be dark and slippery: and let the angel of *Yehovah* persecute them.

35:7 For without cause have they hid for me their net in a pit, which without cause they have dig for my soul.

35:8 Let destruction come on him at unawares; and let his net that he has hid catch himself: into that very destruction let him fall.

35:9 And my soul shall be joyful in *Yehovah*: it shall rejoice in his salvation.

35:10 All my bones shall say, *YEHOVAH*, who is like to you, which deliver the poor from him that is too strong for him, yes, the poor and the needy from him that spoils him?

35:11 False witnesses did rise up; they laid to my charge things that I knew not.

35:12 They rewarded me evil for good to the spoiling of my soul.

35:13 But as for me, when they were sick, my clothing was sackcloth: I humbled my soul with fasting; and my prayer returned into my own bosom.

35:14 I behaved myself as though he had been my friend or brother: I bowed down heavily, as one that mourns for his mother.

35:15 But in my adversity they rejoiced, and gathered themselves together: yes, the attackers gathered themselves together against me, and I knew it not; they did tear me, and ceased not:

35:16 With hypocritical mockers in feasts, they gnashed on me with their teeth.

35:17 *YEHOVAH*, how long will you look on? rescue my soul from their destructions, my darling from the lions.

35:18 I will give you thanks in the great congregation: I will praise you among much people.

35:19 Let not them that are my enemies wrongfully rejoice over me: neither let them wink with the eye that hate me without a cause.

35:20 For they speak not peace: but they devise deceitful matters against them that are quiet in the land.

35:21 Yes, they opened their mouth wide against me, and said, Aha, aha, our eye has seen it.

35:22 This you have seen, *YEHOVAH*: keep not silence: *YEHOVAH*, be not far from me.

35:23 Stir up yourself, and awake to my judgment, even to my cause, my God and my Lord.

35:24 Judge me, *YEHOVAH* my God, according to your righteousness; and let them not rejoice over me.

35:25 Let them not say in their hearts, Ah, so would we have it: let them not say, We have swallowed him up.

35:26 Let them be ashamed and brought to confusion together that rejoice at my hurt: let them be clothed with shame and dishonor that magnify themselves against me.

35:27 Let them shout for joy, and be glad, that favor my righteous cause: yes, let them say continually, Let *Yehovah* be magnified, which has pleasure in the prosperity of his servant.

35:28 And my tongue shall speak of your righteousness and of your praise all the day long.

## ***Psalms*** – Chapter 36

36:1 The transgression of the wicked said within my heart, that there is no fear of God before his eyes.

36:2 For he flatters himself in his own eyes, until his iniquity be found to be hateful.

36:3 The words of his mouth are iniquity and deceit: he has left off to be wise, and to do good.

36:4 He devises mischief on his bed; he sets himself in a way that is not good; he abhors not evil.

36:5 Your mercy, *YEHOVAH*, is in the heavens; and your faithfulness reaches to the clouds.

36:6 Your righteousness is like the great mountains; your judgments are a great deep: *YEHOVAH*, you preserve man and beast.

36:7 How excellent is your loving kindness, O God! therefore the children of men put their trust under the shadow of your wings.

36:8 They shall be abundantly satisfied with the fatness of your house; and you shall make them drink of the river of your pleasures.

36:9 For with you is the fountain of life: in your light shall we see light.

36:10 O continue your loving kindness to them that know you; and your righteousness to the upright in heart.

36:11 Let not the foot of pride come against me, and let not the hand of the wicked remove me.

36:12 There are the workers of iniquity fallen: they are cast down, and shall not be able to rise.

### ***Psalms*** – Chapter 37

37:1 Fret not yourself because of evildoers, neither be you envious against the workers of iniquity.

37:2 For they shall soon be cut down like the grass, and wither as the green herb.

37:3 Trust in *Yehovah*, and do good; so shall you dwell in the land, and truly you shall be fed.

37:4 Delight yourself also in *Yehovah*: and he shall give you the desires of your heart.

37:5 Commit your way to *Yehovah*; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass.

37:6 And he shall bring forth your righteousness as the light, and your judgment as the noonday.

37:7 Rest in *Yehovah*, and wait patiently for him: fret not yourself because of him who prospers in his way, because of the man who brings wicked devices to pass.

37:8 Cease from anger, and forsake wrath: fret not yourself in any wise to do evil.

37:9 For evildoers shall be cut off: but those that wait on *Yehovah*, they shall inherit the earth.

37:10 For yet a little while, and the wicked shall not be: yes, you shall diligently consider his place, and it shall not be.

37:11 But the meek shall inherit the earth; and shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace.

37:12 The wicked plots against the just, and gnashes on him with his teeth.

37:13 *Yehovah* shall laugh at him: for he sees that his day is coming.

37:14 The wicked have drawn out the sword, and have bent their bow, to cast down the poor and needy, and to slay such as be of upright conversation.

37:15 Their sword shall enter into their own heart, and their bows shall be broken.

37:16 A little that a righteous man has is better than the riches of many wicked.

37:17 For the arms of the wicked shall be broken: but *Yehovah* upholds the righteous.

37:18 *Yehovah* knows the days of the upright: and their inheritance shall be forever.

37:19 They shall not be ashamed in the evil time: and in the days of famine they shall be satisfied.

37:20 But the wicked shall perish, and the enemies of *Yehovah* shall be as the fat of lambs: they shall consume; into smoke shall they consume away.

37:21 The wicked borrows, and pays not again: but the righteous shows mercy, and gives.

37:22 For such as be blessed of him shall inherit the earth; and they that be cursed of him shall be cut off.

37:23 The steps of a good man are ordered by *Yehovah*: and he delights in his way.

37:24 Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down: for *Yehovah* upholds him with his hand.

37:25 I have been young, and now am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread.

37:26 He is ever merciful, and lends; and his seed is blessed.

37:27 Depart from evil, and do good; and dwell forever more.

37:28 For *Yehovah* loves judgment, and forsakes not his saints; they are preserved forever: but the seed of the wicked shall be cut off.

37:29 The righteous shall inherit the land, and dwell therein forever.

37:30 The mouth of the righteous speaks wisdom, and his tongue talks of judgment.

37:31 The law of his God is in his heart; none of his steps shall slide.

37:32 The wicked watches the righteous, and seeks to slay him.

37:33 *Yehovah* will not leave him in his hand, nor condemn him when he is judged.

37:34 Wait on *Yehovah*, and keep his way, and he shall exalt you to inherit the land: when the wicked are cut off, you shall see it.

37:35 I have seen the wicked in great power, and spreading himself like a green bay tree.

37:36 Yet he passed away, and, see, he was not: yes, I sought him, but he could not be found.

37:37 Mark the perfect man, and behold the upright: for the end of that man is peace.

37:38 But the transgressors shall be destroyed together: the end of the wicked shall be cut off.

37:39 But the salvation of the righteous is of *Yehovah*: he is their strength in the time of trouble.

37:40 And *Yehovah* shall help them, and deliver them: he shall deliver them from the wicked, and save them, because they trust in him.

## *Psalms – Chapter 38*

38:1 *YEHOVAH*, rebuke me not in your wrath: neither chasten me in your hot displeasure.

38:2 For your arrows stick fast in me, and your hand presses me sore.

38:3 There is no soundness in my flesh because of your anger; neither is there any rest in my bones because of my sin.

38:4 For my iniquities are gone over my head: as a heavy burden they are too heavy for me.

38:5 My wounds stink and are corrupt because of my foolishness.

38:6 I am troubled; I am bowed down greatly; I go mourning all the day long.

38:7 For my loins are filled with a loathsome disease: and there is no soundness in my flesh.

38:8 I am feeble and sore broken: I have roared by reason of the disquietness of my heart.

38:9 *YEHOVAH*, all my desire is before you; and my groaning is not hid from you.

38:10 My heart pants, my strength fails me: as for the light of my eyes, it also is gone from me.

38:11 My lovers and my friends stand aloof from my sore; and my kinsmen stand afar off.

38:12 They also that seek after my life lay snares for me: and they that seek my hurt speak mischievous things, and imagine deceits all the day long.

38:13 But I, as a deaf man, heard not; and I was as a dumb man that opens not his mouth.

38:14 Thus I was as a man that hears not, and in whose mouth are no reproofs.

38:15 For in you, *YEHOVAH*, do I hope: you will hear, *Yehovah* my God.

38:16 For I said, Hear me, lest otherwise they should rejoice over me: when my foot slips, they magnify themselves against me.

38:17 For I am ready to halt, and my sorrow is continually before me.

38:18 For I will declare my iniquity; I will be sorry for my sin.

38:19 But my enemies are lively, and they are strong: and they that hate me wrongfully are multiplied.

38:20 They also that render evil for good are my adversaries; because I follow the thing that good is.

38:21 Forsake me not, *YEHOVAH*: O my God, be not far from me.

38:22 Make haste to help me, *Yehovah* my salvation.

## ***Psalms*** – Chapter 39

39:1 I said, I will take heed to my ways, that I sin not with my tongue: I will keep my mouth with a bridle, while the wicked is before me.

39:2 I was dumb with silence, I held my peace, even from good; and my sorrow was stirred.

39:3 My heart was hot within me, while I was musing the fire burned: then spoke I with my tongue,

39:4 *YEHOVAH*, make me to know my end, and the measure of my days, what it is: that I may know how frail I am.

39:5 Behold, you have made my days as a handbreadth; and my age is as nothing before you: truly every man at his best state is altogether vanity. Selah.

39:6 Surely every man walks in a vain show: surely they are disquieted in vain: he heaps up riches, and knows not who shall gather them.

39:7 And now, *Yehovah*, what wait I for? my hope is in you.

39:8 Deliver me from all my transgressions: make me not the reproach of the foolish.

39:9 I was dumb, I opened not my mouth; because you did it.

39:10 Remove your stroke away from me: I am consumed by the blow of your hand.

39:11 When you with rebukes do correct man for iniquity, you make his beauty to consume away like a moth: surely every man is vanity. Selah.

39:12 Hear my prayer, *YEHOVAH*, and give ear to my cry; hold not your peace at my tears: for I am a stranger with you, and a sojourner, as all my fathers were.

39:13 O spare me, that I may recover strength, before I go hence, and be no more.

## ***Psalms*** – Chapter 40

40:1 I waited patiently for *Yehovah*; and he inclined to me, and heard my cry.

40:2 He brought me up also out of a horrible pit, out of the miry clay, and set my feet on a rock, and established my goings.

40:3 And he has put a new song in my mouth, even praise to our God: many shall see it, and fear, and shall trust in *Yehovah*.

40:4 Blessed is that man that makes *Yehovah* his trust, and respects not the proud, nor such as turn aside to lies.

40:5 Many, *YEHOVAH* my God, are your wonderful works which you have done, and your thoughts which are toward us: they cannot be reckoned up in order to you: if I would declare and speak of them, they are more than can be numbered.

40:6 Sacrifice and offering you did not desire; my ears have you opened: burnt offering and sin offering have you not required.

40:7 Then said I, See, I come: in the volume of the book it is written of me,

40:8 I delight to do your will, O my God: yes, your law is within my heart.

40:9 I have preached righteousness in the great congregation: see, I have not refrained my lips, *YEHOVAH*, you know.

40:10 I have not hid your righteousness within my heart; I have declared your faithfulness and your salvation: I have not concealed your loving kindness and your truth from the great congregation.

40:11 Withhold not you your tender mercies from me, *YEHOVAH*: let your loving kindness and your truth continually preserve me.

40:12 For innumerable evils have compassed me about: my iniquities have taken hold on me, so that I am not able to look up; they are more than the hairs of my head: therefore my heart fails me.

40:13 Be pleased, *YEHOVAH*, to deliver me: *YEHOVAH*, make haste to help me.

40:14 Let them be ashamed and confounded together that seek after my soul to destroy it; let them be driven backward and put to shame that wish me evil.

40:15 Let them be desolate for a reward of their shame that say to me, Aha, aha.

40:16 Let all those that seek you rejoice and be glad in you: let such as love your salvation say continually, *Yehovah* be magnified.

40:17 But I am poor and needy; yet *Yehovah* thinks on me: you are my help and my deliverer; make no tarrying, O my God.

### ***Psalms – Chapter 41***

41:1 Blessed is he that considers the poor: *Yehovah* will deliver him in time of trouble.

41:2 *Yehovah* will preserve him, and keep him alive; and he shall be blessed on the earth: and you will not deliver him to the will of his enemies.

41:3 *Yehovah* will strengthen him on the bed of languishing: you will make all his bed in his sickness.

41:4 I said, *YEHOVAH*, be merciful to me: heal my soul; for I have sinned against you.

41:5 My enemies speak evil of me, When shall he die, and his name perish?

41:6 And if he come to see me, he speaks vanity: his heart gathers iniquity to itself; when he goes abroad, he tells it.

41:7 All that hate me whisper together against me: against me do they devise my hurt.

41:8 An evil disease, say they, sticks fast to him: and now that he lies he shall rise up no more.

41:9 Yes, my own familiar friend, in whom I trusted, which did eat of my bread, has lifted up his heel against me.

41:10 But you, *YEHOVAH*, be merciful to me, and raise me up, that I may recompense them.

41:11 By this I know that you favor me, because my enemy does not triumph over me.

41:12 And as for me, you uphold me in my integrity, and set me before your face forever.

41:13 Blessed be *Yehovah* God of Israel from everlasting, and to everlasting. Amen, and Amen.

## *Psalms* – Chapter 42

42:1 As the hart pants after the water brooks, so pants my soul after you, O God.

42:2 My soul thirsts for God, for the living God: when shall I come and appear before God?

42:3 My tears have been my meat day and night, while they continually say to me, Where is your God?

42:4 When I remember these things, I pour out my soul in me: for I had gone with the multitude, I went with them to the house of God, with the voice of joy and praise, with a multitude that kept holy day.

42:5 Why are you cast down, O my soul? and why are you disquieted in me? hope you in God: for I shall yet praise him for the help of his countenance.

42:6 O my God, my soul is cast down within me: therefore will I remember you from the land of Jordan, and of the Hermonites, from the hill Mizar.

42:7 Deep calls to deep at the noise of your waterspouts: all your waves and your billows are gone over me.

42:8 Yet *Yehovah* will command his loving kindness in the day time, and in the night his song shall be with me, and my prayer to the God of my life.

42:9 I will say to God my rock, Why have you forgotten me? why go I mourning because of the oppression of the enemy?

42:10 As with a sword in my bones, my enemies reproach me; while they say daily to me, Where is your God?

42:11 Why are you cast down, O my soul? and why are you disquieted within me? hope you in God: for I shall yet praise him, who is the health of my countenance, and my God.

### ***Psalms*** – Chapter 43

43:1 Judge me, O God, and plead my cause against an ungodly nation: O deliver me from the deceitful and unjust man.

43:2 For you are the God of my strength: why do you cast me off? why go I mourning because of the oppression of the enemy?

43:3 O send out your light and your truth: let them lead me; let them bring me to your holy hill, and to your tabernacles.

43:4 Then will I go to the altar of God, to God my exceeding joy: yes, on the harp will I praise you, O God my God.

43:5 Why are you cast down, O my soul? and why are you disquieted within me? hope in God: for I shall yet praise him, who is the health of my countenance, and my God.

### ***Psalms*** – Chapter 44

44:1 We have heard with our ears, O God, our fathers have told us, what work you did in their days, in the times of old.

44:2 How you did drive out the heathen with your hand, and planted them; how you did afflict the people, and cast them out.

44:3 For they got not the land in possession by their own sword, neither did their own arm save them: but your right hand, and your arm, and the light of your countenance, because you had a favor to them.

44:4 You are my King, O God: command deliverances for Jacob.

44:5 Through you will we push down our enemies: through your name will we tread them under that rise up against us.

44:6 For I will not trust in my bow, neither shall my sword save me.

44:7 But you have saved us from our enemies, and have put them to shame that hated us.

44:8 In God we boast all the day long, and praise your name forever. Selah.

44:9 But you have cast off, and put us to shame; and go not forth with our armies.

44:10 You make us to turn back from the enemy: and they which hate us spoil for themselves.

44:11 You have given us like sheep appointed for meat; and have scattered us among the heathen.

44:12 You sell your people for nothing, and do not increase your wealth by their price.

44:13 You make us a reproach to our neighbors, a scorn and a derision to them that are round about us.

44:14 You make us a byword among the heathen, a shaking of the head among the people.

44:15 My confusion is continually before me, and the shame of my face has covered me,

44:16 For the voice of him that reproaches and blasphemes; by reason of the enemy and avenger.

44:17 All this is come on us; yet have we not forgotten you, neither have we dealt falsely in your covenant.

44:18 Our heart is not turned back, neither have our steps declined from your way;

44:19 Though you have sore broken us in the place of dragons, and covered us with the shadow of death.

44:20 If we have forgotten the name of our God, or stretched out our hands to a strange god;

44:21 Shall not God search this out? for he knows the secrets of the heart.

44:22 Yes, for your sake are we killed all the day long; we are counted as sheep for the slaughter.

44:23 Awake, why sleep you, *Yehovah*? arise, cast us not off forever.

44:24 Why hide you your face, and forget our affliction and our oppression?

44:25 For our soul is bowed down to the dust: our belly sticks to the earth.

44:26 Arise for our help, and redeem us for your mercies' sake.

## ***Psalms*** — Chapter 45

45:1 My heart is gushing a good matter: I speak of the things which I have made touching the king: my tongue is the pen of a ready writer.

45:2 You are fairer than the children of men: grace is poured into your lips: therefore God has blessed you forever.

45:3 Gird your sword on your thigh, O most mighty, with your glory and your majesty.

45:4 And in your majesty ride prosperously because of truth and meekness and righteousness; and your right hand shall teach you terrible things.

45:5 Your arrows are sharp in the heart of the king's enemies; whereby the people fall under you.

45:6 Your throne, O God, is forever and ever: the scepter of your kingdom is a right scepter.

45:7 You love righteousness, and hate wickedness: therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness above your fellows.

45:8 All your garments smell of myrrh, and aloes, and cassia, out of the ivory palaces, whereby they have made you glad.

45:9 Kings' daughters were among your honorable women: on your right hand did stand the queen in gold of Ophir.

45:10 Listen, O daughter, and consider, and incline your ear; forget also your own people, and your father's house;

45:11 So shall the king greatly desire your beauty: for he is your Lord; and worship you him.

45:12 And the daughter of Tyre shall be there with a gift; even the rich among the people shall entreat your favor.

45:13 The king's daughter is all glorious within: her clothing is of worked gold.

45:14 She shall be brought to the king in raiment of needlework: the virgins her companions that follow her shall be brought to you.

45:15 With gladness and rejoicing shall they be brought: they shall enter into the king's palace.

45:16 Instead of your fathers shall be your children, whom you may make princes in all the earth.

45:17 I will make your name to be remembered in all generations: therefore shall the people praise you forever and ever.

### ***Psalms** – Chapter 46*

46:1 God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

46:2 Therefore will not we fear, though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the middle of the sea;

46:3 Though the waters of it roar and be troubled, though the mountains shake with the swelling of it. Selah.

46:4 There is a river, the streams whereof shall make glad the city of God, the holy place of the tabernacles of the most High.

46:5 God is in the middle of her; she shall not be moved: God shall help her, and that right early.

46:6 The heathen raged, the kingdoms were moved: he uttered his voice, the earth melted.

46:7 *Yehovah* of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge. Selah.

46:8 Come, behold the works of *Yehovah*, what desolations he has made in the earth.

46:9 He makes wars to cease to the end of the earth; he breaks the bow, and cuts the spear in sunder; he burns the chariot in the fire.

46:10 Be still, and know that I am God: I will be exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth.

46:11 *Yehovah* of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.  
Selah.

### ***Psalms*** – Chapter 47

47:1 O clap your hands, all you people; shout to God with the voice of triumph.

47:2 For *Yehovah* most high is terrible; he is a great King over all the earth.

47:3 He shall subdue the people under us, and the nations under our feet.

47:4 He shall choose our inheritance for us, the excellency of Jacob whom he loved. Selah.

47:5 God is gone up with a shout, *Yehovah* with the sound of a trumpet.

47:6 Sing praises to God, sing praises: sing praises to our King, sing praises.

47:7 For God is the King of all the earth: sing you praises with understanding.

47:8 God reigns over the heathen: God sits on the throne of his holiness.

47:9 The princes of the people are gathered together, even the people of the God of Abraham: for the shields of the earth belong to God: he is greatly exalted.

### ***Psalms*** – Chapter 48

48:1 Great is *Yehovah*, and greatly to be praised in the city of our God, in the mountain of his holiness.

48:2 Beautiful for situation, the joy of the whole earth, is mount Zion, on the sides of the north, the city of the great King.

48:3 God is known in her palaces for a refuge.

48:4 For, see, the kings were assembled, they passed by together.

48:5 They saw it, and so they marveled; they were troubled, and hurried away.

48:6 Fear took hold on them there, and pain, as of a woman in travail.

48:7 You break the ships of Tarshish with an east wind.

48:8 As we have heard, so have we seen in the city of *Yehovah* of hosts, in the city of our God: God will establish it forever. Selah.

48:9 We have thought of your loving kindness, O God, in the middle of your temple.

48:10 According to your name, O God, so is your praise to the ends of the earth: your right hand is full of righteousness.

48:11 Let mount Zion rejoice, let the daughters of Judah be glad, because of your judgments.

48:12 Walk about Zion, and go round about her: tell the towers of it.

48:13 Mark you well her bulwarks, consider her palaces; that you may tell it to the generation following.

48:14 For this God is our God forever and ever: he will be our guide even to death.

## ***Psalms*** – Chapter 49

49:1 Hear this, all you people; give ear, all you inhabitants of the world:

49:2 Both low and high, rich and poor, together.

49:3 My mouth shall speak of wisdom; and the meditation of my heart shall be of understanding.

49:4 I will incline my ear to a parable: I will open my dark saying on the harp.

49:5 Why should I fear in the days of evil, when the iniquity of my heels shall compass me about?

49:6 They that trust in their wealth, and boast themselves in the multitude of their riches;

49:7 None of them can by any means redeem his brother, nor give to God a ransom for him:

49:8 (For the redemption of their soul is precious, and it ceases forever:)

49:9 That he should still live forever, and not see corruption.

49:10 For he sees that wise men die, likewise the fool and the brutish person perish, and leave their wealth to others.

49:11 Their inward thought is, that their houses shall continue forever, and their dwelling places to all generations; they call their lands after their own names.

49:12 Nevertheless man being in honor stays not: he is like the beasts that perish.

49:13 This their way is their folly: yet their posterity approve their sayings. Selah.

49:14 Like sheep they are laid in the grave; death shall feed on them; and the upright shall have dominion over them in the morning; and their beauty shall consume in the grave from their dwelling.

49:15 But God will redeem my soul from the power of the grave: for he shall receive me. Selah.

49:16 Be not you afraid when one is made rich, when the glory of his house is increased;

49:17 For when he dies he shall carry nothing away: his glory shall not descend after him.

49:18 Though while he lived he blessed his soul: and men will praise you, when you do well to yourself.

49:19 He shall go to the generation of his fathers; they shall never see light.

49:20 Man that is in honor, and understands not, is like the beasts that perish.

## ***Psalms*** – Chapter 50

50:1 The mighty God, even *Yehovah*, has spoken, and called the earth from the rising of the sun to the going down of it.

50:2 Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God has shined.

50:3 Our God shall come, and shall not keep silence: a fire shall devour before him, and it shall be very tempestuous round about him.

50:4 He shall call to the heavens from above, and to the earth, that he may judge his people.

50:5 Gather my saints together to me; those that have made a covenant with me by sacrifice.

50:6 And the heavens shall declare his righteousness: for God is judge himself. Selah.

50:7 Hear, O my people, and I will speak; O Israel, and I will testify against you: I am God, even your God.

50:8 I will not reprove you for your sacrifices or your burnt offerings, to have been continually before me.

50:9 I will take no bullock out of your house, nor he goats out of your folds.

50:10 For every beast of the forest is mine, and the cattle on a thousand hills.

50:11 I know all the fowls of the mountains: and the wild beasts of the field are mine.

50:12 If I were hungry, I would not tell you: for the world is mine, and the fullness of it.

50:13 Will I eat the flesh of bulls, or drink the blood of goats?

50:14 Offer to God thanksgiving; and pay your vows to the most High:

50:15 And call on me in the day of trouble: I will deliver you, and you shall glorify me.

50:16 But to the wicked God said, What have you to do to declare my statutes, or that you should take my covenant in your mouth?

50:17 Seeing you hate instruction, and casts my words behind you.

50:18 When you saw a thief, then you consented with him, and have been partaker with adulterers.

50:19 You give your mouth to evil, and your tongue frames deceit.

50:20 You sit and speak against your brother; you slander your own mother's son.

50:21 These things have you done, and I kept silence; you thought that I was altogether such a one as yourself: but I will reprove you, and set them in order before your eyes.

50:22 Now consider this, you that forget God, lest I tear you in pieces, and there be none to deliver.

50:23 Whoever offers praise glorifies me: and to him that orders his conversation uprightly will I show the salvation of God.

### ***Psalms*** – Chapter 51

51:1 Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving kindness: according to the multitude of your tender mercies blot out my transgressions.

51:2 Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.

51:3 For I acknowledge my transgressions: and my sin is ever before me.

51:4 Against you, you only, have I sinned, and done this evil in your sight: that you might be justified when you speak, and be clear when you judge.

51:5 Behold, I was shaped in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me.

51:6 Behold, you desire truth in the inward parts: and in the hidden part you shall make me to know wisdom.

51:7 Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean: wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

51:8 Make me to hear joy and gladness; that the bones which you have broken may rejoice.

51:9 Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.

51:10 Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me.

51:11 Cast me not away from your presence; and take not your holy spirit from me.

51:12 Restore to me the joy of your salvation; and uphold me with your free spirit.

51:13 Then will I teach transgressors your ways; and sinners shall be converted to you.

51:14 Deliver me from blood guiltiness, O God, you God of my salvation: and my tongue shall sing aloud of your righteousness.

51:15 *Yehovah*, open you my lips; and my mouth shall show forth your praise.

51:16 For you desire not sacrifice; else would I give it: you delight not in burnt offering.

51:17 The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit: a broken and a contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

51:18 Do good in your good pleasure to Zion: build you the walls of Jerusalem.

51:19 Then shall you be pleased with the sacrifices of righteousness, with burnt offering and whole burnt offering: then shall they offer bullocks on your altar.

### ***Psalms*** – Chapter 52

52:1 Why boast you yourself in mischief, O mighty man? the goodness of God endures continually.

52:2 The tongue devises mischiefs; like a sharp razor, working deceitfully.

52:3 You love evil more than good; and lying rather than to speak righteousness. Selah.

52:4 You love all devouring words, O you deceitful tongue.

52:5 God shall likewise destroy you forever, he shall take you away, and pluck you out of your dwelling place, and root you out of the land of the living. Selah.

52:6 The righteous also shall see, and fear, and shall laugh at him:

52:7 See, this is the man that made not God his strength; but trusted in the abundance of his riches, and strengthened himself in his wickedness.

52:8 But I am like a green olive tree in the house of God: I trust in the mercy of God forever and ever.

52:9 I will praise you forever, because you have done it: and I will wait on your name; for it is good before your saints.

### ***Psalms*** – Chapter 53

53:1 The fool has said in his heart, There is no God. Corrupt are they, and have done abominable iniquity: there is none that does good.

53:2 God looked down from heaven on the children of men, to see if there were any that did understand, that did seek God.

53:3 Every one of them is gone back: they are altogether become filthy; there is none that does good, no, not one.

53:4 Have the workers of iniquity no knowledge? who eat up my people as they eat bread: they have not called on God.

53:5 There were they in great fear, where no fear was: for God has scattered the bones of him that encamps against you: you have put them to shame, because God has despised them.

53:6 Oh that the salvation of Israel were come out of Zion! When God brings back the captivity of his people, Jacob shall rejoice, and Israel shall be glad.

### ***Psalms*** – Chapter 54

54:1 Save me, O God, by your name, and judge me by your strength.

54:2 Hear my prayer, O God; give ear to the words of my mouth.

54:3 For strangers are risen up against me, and oppressors seek after my soul: they have not set God before them. Selah.

54:4 Behold, God is my helper: *Yehovah* is with them that uphold my soul.

54:5 He shall reward evil to my enemies: cut them off in your truth.

54:6 I will freely sacrifice to you: I will praise your name, *YEHOVAH*; for it is good.

54:7 For he has delivered me out of all trouble: and my eye has seen his desire on my enemies.

### ***Psalms*** – Chapter 55

55:1 Give ear to my prayer, O God; and hide not yourself from my supplication.

55:2 Attend to me, and hear me: I mourn in my complaint, and make a noise;

55:3 Because of the voice of the enemy, because of the oppression of the wicked: for they cast iniquity on me, and in wrath they hate me.

55:4 My heart is sore pained within me: and the terrors of death are fallen on me.

55:5 Fearfulness and trembling are come on me, and horror has overwhelmed me.

55:6 And I said, Oh that I had wings like a dove! for then would I fly away, and be at rest.

55:7 See, then would I wander far off, and remain in the wilderness. Selah.

55:8 I would hasten my escape from the windy storm and tempest.

55:9 Destroy, *Yehovah*, and divide their tongues: for I have seen violence and strife in the city.

55:10 Day and night they go about it on their walls: mischief also and sorrow are in the middle of it.

55:11 Wickedness is in the middle of it: deceit and guile depart not from her streets.

55:12 For it was not an enemy that reproached me; then I could have borne it: neither was it he that hated me that did magnify himself against me; then I would have hid myself from him:

55:13 But it was you, a man my equal, my guide, and my acquaintance.

55:14 We took sweet counsel together, and walked to the house of God in company.

55:15 Let death seize on them, and let them go down quick into *sheol*: for wickedness is in their dwellings, and among them.

55:16 As for me, I will call on God; and *Yehovah* shall save me.

55:17 Evening, and morning, and at noon, will I pray, and cry aloud: and he shall hear my voice.

55:18 He has delivered my soul in peace from the battle that was against me: for there were many with me.

55:19 God shall hear, and afflict them, even he that stays of old.

Selah. Because they have no changes, therefore they fear not God.

55:20 He has put forth his hands against such as be at peace with him: he has broken his covenant.

55:21 The words of his mouth were smoother than butter, but war was in his heart: his words were softer than oil, yet were they drawn swords.

55:22 Cast your burden on *Yehovah*, and he shall sustain you: he shall never suffer the righteous to be moved.

55:23 But you, O God, shall bring them down into the pit of destruction: bloody and deceitful men shall not live out half their days; but I will trust in you.

## ***Psalms*** — Chapter 56

56:1 Be merciful to me, O God: for man would swallow me up; he fighting daily oppresses me.

56:2 My enemies would daily swallow me up: for they be many that fight against me, O you most High.

56:3 What time I am afraid, I will trust in you.

56:4 In God I will praise his word, in God I have put my trust; I will not fear what flesh can do to me.

56:5 Every day they wrest my words: all their thoughts are against me for evil.

56:6 They gather themselves together, they hide themselves, they mark my steps, when they wait for my soul.

56:7 Shall they escape by iniquity? in your anger cast down the people, O God.

56:8 You tell my wanderings: put you my tears into your bottle: are they not in your book?

56:9 When I cry to you, then shall my enemies turn back: this I know; for God is for me.

56:10 In God will I praise his word: in *Yehovah* will I praise his word.

56:11 In God have I put my trust: I will not be afraid what man can do to me.

56:12 Your vows are on me, O God: I will render praises to you.

56:13 For you have delivered my soul from death: will not you deliver my feet from falling, that I may walk before God in the light of the living?

### ***Psalms*** – Chapter 57

57:1 Be merciful to me, O God, be merciful to me: for my soul trusts in you: yes, in the shadow of your wings will I make my refuge, until these calamities be over.

57:2 I will cry to God most high; to God that performs all things for me.

57:3 He shall send from heaven, and save me from the reproach of him that would swallow me up. Selah. God shall send forth his mercy and his truth.

57:4 My soul is among lions: and I lie even among them that are set on fire, even the sons of men, whose teeth are spears and arrows, and their tongue a sharp sword.

57:5 Be you exalted, O God, above the heavens; let your glory be above all the earth.

57:6 They have prepared a net for my steps; my soul is bowed down: they have dig a pit before me, into the middle whereof they are fallen themselves. Selah.

57:7 My heart is fixed, O God, my heart is fixed: I will sing and give praise.

57:8 Awake up, my glory; awake, psaltery and harp: I myself will awake early.

57:9 I will praise you, *Yehovah*, among the people: I will sing to you among the nations.

57:10 For your mercy is great to the heavens, and your truth to the clouds.

57:11 Be you exalted, O God, above the heavens: let your glory be above all the earth.

## ***Psalms** – Chapter 58*

58:1 Do you indeed speak righteousness, O congregation? do you judge uprightly, O you sons of men?

58:2 Yes, in heart you work wickedness; you weigh the violence of your hands in the earth.

58:3 The wicked are estranged from the womb: they go astray as soon as they be born, speaking lies.

58:4 Their poison is like the poison of a serpent: they are like the deaf adder that stops her ear;

58:5 Which will not listen to the voice of charmers, charming never so wisely.

58:6 Break their teeth, O God, in their mouth: break out the great teeth of the young lions, *YEHOVAH*.

58:7 Let them melt away as waters which run continually: when he bends his bow to shoot his arrows, let them be as cut in pieces.

58:8 As a snail which melts, let every one of them pass away: like the untimely birth of a woman, that they may not see the sun.

58:9 Before your pots can feel the thorns, he shall take them away as with a whirlwind, both living, and in his wrath.

58:10 The righteous shall rejoice when he sees the vengeance: he shall wash his feet in the blood of the wicked.

58:11 So that a man shall say, Truly there is a reward for the righteous: truly he is a God that judges in the earth.

## ***Psalms** – Chapter 59*

59:1 Deliver me from my enemies, O my God: defend me from them that rise up against me.

59:2 Deliver me from the workers of iniquity, and save me from bloody men.

59:3 For, see, they lie in wait for my soul: the mighty are gathered against me; not for my transgression, nor for my sin, *YEHOVAH*.

59:4 They run and prepare themselves without my fault: awake to help me, and behold.

59:5 You therefore, *YEHOVAH* God of hosts, the God of Israel, awake to visit all the heathen: be not merciful to any wicked transgressors. Selah.

59:6 They return at evening: they make a noise like a dog, and go round about the city.

59:7 Behold, they belch out with their mouth: swords are in their lips: for who, say they, does hear?

59:8 But you, *YEHOVAH*, shall laugh at them; you shall have all the heathen in derision.

59:9 Because of his strength will I wait on you: for God is my defense.  
59:10 The God of my mercy shall prevent me: God shall let me see my desire on my enemies.  
59:11 Slay them not, lest my people forget: scatter them by your power; and bring them down, *Yehovah* our shield.  
59:12 For the sin of their mouth and the words of their lips let them even be taken in their pride: and for cursing and lying which they speak.  
59:13 Consume them in wrath, consume them, that they may not be: and let them know that God rules in Jacob to the ends of the earth. Selah.  
59:14 And at evening let them return; and let them make a noise like a dog, and go round about the city.  
59:15 Let them wander up and down for meat, and grudge if they be not satisfied.  
59:16 But I will sing of your power; yes, I will sing aloud of your mercy in the morning: for you have been my defense and refuge in the day of my trouble.  
59:17 To you, O my strength, will I sing: for God is my defense, and the God of my mercy.

### ***Psalms*** – Chapter 60

60:1 O God, you have cast us off, you have scattered us, you have been displeased; O turn yourself to us again.  
60:2 You have made the earth to tremble; you have broken it: heal the breaches of it; for it shakes.  
60:3 You have showed your people hard things: you have made us to drink the wine of astonishment.  
60:4 You have given a banner to them that fear you, that it may be displayed because of the truth. Selah.  
60:5 That your beloved may be delivered; save with your right hand, and hear me.  
60:6 God has spoken in his holiness; I will rejoice, I will divide Shechem, and mete out the valley of Succoth.  
60:7 Gilead is mine, and Manasseh is mine; Ephraim also is the strength of my head; Judah is my lawgiver;  
60:8 Moab is my wash pot; over Edom will I cast out my shoe: Philistia, triumph you because of me.  
60:9 Who will bring me into the strong city? who will lead me into Edom?  
60:10 Will not you, O God, which had cast us off? and you, O God, which did not go out with our armies?  
60:11 Give us help from trouble: for vain is the help of man.

60:12 Through God we shall do valiantly: for he it is that shall tread down our enemies.

### ***Psalms*** – Chapter 61

61:1 Hear my cry, O God; attend to my prayer.

61:2 From the end of the earth will I cry to you, when my heart is overwhelmed: lead me to the rock that is higher than I.

61:3 For you have been a shelter for me, and a strong tower from the enemy.

61:4 I will abide in your tabernacle forever: I will trust in the covert of your wings. Selah.

61:5 For you, O God, have heard my vows: you have given me the heritage of those that fear your name.

61:6 You will prolong the king's life: and his years as many generations.

61:7 He shall abide before God forever: O prepare mercy and truth, which may preserve him.

61:8 So will I sing praise to your name forever, that I may daily perform my vows.

### ***Psalms*** – Chapter 62

62:1 Truly my soul waits on God: from him comes my salvation.

62:2 He only is my rock and my salvation; he is my defense; I shall not be greatly moved.

62:3 How long will you imagine mischief against a man? you shall be slain all of you: as a bowing wall shall you be, and as a tottering fence.

62:4 They only consult to cast him down from his excellency: they delight in lies: they bless with their mouth, but they curse inwardly. Selah.

62:5 My soul, wait you only on God; for my expectation is from him.

62:6 He only is my rock and my salvation: he is my defense; I shall not be moved.

62:7 In God is my salvation and my glory: the rock of my strength, and my refuge, is in God.

62:8 Trust in him at all times; you people, pour out your heart before him: God is a refuge for us. Selah.

62:9 Surely men of low degree are vanity, and men of high degree are a lie: to be laid in the balance, they are altogether lighter than vanity.

62:10 Trust not in oppression, and become not vain in robbery: if riches increase, set not your heart on them.

62:11 God has spoken once; twice have I heard this; that power belongs to God.

62:12 Also to you *Yehovah*, belongs mercy: for you render to every man according to his work.

### ***Psalms*** – Chapter 63

63:1 O God, you are my God; early will I seek you: my soul thirsts for you, my flesh longs for you in a dry and thirsty land, where no water is;

63:2 To see your power and your glory, so as I have seen you in the sanctuary.

63:3 Because your loving kindness is better than life, my lips shall praise you.

63:4 Thus will I bless you while I live: I will lift up my hands in your name.

63:5 My soul shall be satisfied as with marrow and fatness; and my mouth shall praise you with joyful lips:

63:6 When I remember you on my bed, and meditate on you in the night watches.

63:7 Because you have been my help, therefore in the shadow of your wings will I rejoice.

63:8 My soul follows hard after you: your right hand upholds me.

63:9 But those that seek my soul, to destroy it, shall go into the lower parts of the earth.

63:10 They shall fall by the sword: they shall be a portion for foxes.

63:11 But the king shall rejoice in God; every one that swears by him shall glory: but the mouth of them that speak lies shall be stopped.

### ***Psalms*** – Chapter 64

64:1 Hear my voice, O God, in my prayer: preserve my life from fear of the enemy.

64:2 Hide me from the secret counsel of the wicked; from the insurrection of the workers of iniquity:

64:3 Who whet their tongue like a sword, and bend their bows to shoot their arrows, even bitter words:

64:4 That they may shoot in secret at the perfect: suddenly do they shoot at him, and fear not.

64:5 They encourage themselves in an evil matter: they commune of laying snares privately; they say, Who shall see them?

64:6 They search out iniquities; they accomplish a diligent search: both the inward thought of every one of them, and the heart, is deep.

64:7 But God shall shoot at them with an arrow; suddenly shall they be wounded.

64:8 So they shall make their own tongue to fall on themselves: all that see them shall flee away.

64:9 And all men shall fear, and shall declare the work of God; for they shall wisely consider of his doing.

64:10 The righteous shall be glad in *Yehovah*, and shall trust in him; and all the upright in heart shall glory

## ***Psalms*** – Chapter 65

65:1 Praise waits for you, O God, in Zion: and to you shall the vow be performed.

65:2 O you that hear prayer, to you shall all flesh come.

65:3 Iniquities prevail against me: as for our transgressions, you shall purge them away.

65:4 Blessed is the man whom you choose, and cause to approach to you, that he may dwell in your courts: we shall be satisfied with the goodness of your house, even of your holy temple.

65:5 By terrible things in righteousness will you answer us, O God of our salvation; who are the confidence of all the ends of the earth, and of them that are afar off on the sea:

65:6 Which by his strength sets fast the mountains; being girded with power:

65:7 Which stills the noise of the seas, the noise of their waves, and the tumult of the people.

65:8 They also that dwell in the uttermost parts are afraid at your tokens: you make the outgoings of the morning and evening to rejoice.

65:9 You visit the earth, and water it: you greatly enrich it with the river of God, which is full of water: you prepare them corn, when you have so provided for it.

65:10 You water the ridges of it abundantly: you settle the furrows of it: you make it soft with showers: you bless the springing of it.

65:11 You crown the year with your goodness; and your paths drop fatness.

65:12 They drop on the pastures of the wilderness: and the little hills rejoice on every side.

65:13 The pastures are clothed with flocks; the valleys also are covered over with corn; they shout for joy, they also sing.

## ***Psalms*** – Chapter 66

66:1 Make a joyful noise to God, all you lands:

66:2 Sing forth the honor of his name: make his praise glorious.

66:3 Say to God, How terrible are you in your works! through the greatness of your power shall your enemies submit themselves to you.

66:4 All the earth shall worship you, and shall sing to you; they shall sing to your name. Selah.

66:5 Come and see the works of God: he is terrible in his doing toward the children of men.

66:6 He turned the sea into dry land: they went through the flood on foot: there did we rejoice in him.

66:7 He rules by his power forever; his eyes behold the nations: let not the rebellious exalt themselves. Selah.

66:8 O bless our God, you people, and make the voice of his praise to be heard:

66:9 Which holds our soul in life, and suffers not our feet to be moved.

66:10 For you, O God, have proved us: you have tried us, as silver is tried.

66:11 You brought us into the net; you laid affliction on our loins.

66:12 You have caused men to ride over our heads; we went through fire and through water: but you brought us out into a wealthy place.

66:13 I will go into your house with burnt offerings: I will pay you my vows,

66:14 Which my lips have uttered, and my mouth has spoken, when I was in trouble.

66:15 I will offer to you burnt sacrifices of fatted calves, with the incense of rams; I will offer bullocks with goats. Selah.

66:16 Come and hear, all you that fear God, and I will declare what he has done for my soul.

66:17 I cried to him with my mouth, and he was extolled with my tongue.

66:18 If I regard iniquity in my heart, *Yehovah* will not hear me:

66:19 But truly God has heard me; he has attended to the voice of my prayer.

66:20 Blessed be God, which has not turned away my prayer, nor his mercy from me.

### ***Psalms*** – Chapter 67

67:1 God be merciful to us, and bless us; and cause his face to shine on us; Selah.

67:2 That your way may be known on earth, your saving health among all nations.

67:3 Let the people praise you, O God; let all the people praise you.

67:4 O let the nations be glad and sing for joy: for you shall judge the people righteously, and govern the nations on earth. Selah.

67:5 Let the people praise you, O God; let all the people praise you.  
67:6 Then shall the earth yield her increase; and God, even our own  
God, shall bless us.  
67:7 God shall bless us; and all the ends of the earth shall fear him.

## ***Psalms*** – Chapter 68

68:1 Let God arise, let his enemies be scattered: let them also that hate  
him flee before him.

68:2 As smoke is driven away, so drive them away: as wax melts  
before the fire, so let the wicked perish at the presence of God.

68:3 But let the righteous be glad; let them rejoice before God: yes, let  
them exceedingly rejoice.

68:4 Sing to God, sing praises to his name: extol him that rides on the  
heavens by his name JAH, and rejoice before him.

68:5 A father of the fatherless, and a judge of the widows, is God in his  
holy habitation.

68:6 God sets the solitary in families: he brings out those which are  
bound with chains: but the rebellious dwell in a dry land.

68:7 O God, when you went forth before your people, when you did  
march through the wilderness; Selah:

68:8 The earth shook, the heavens also dropped at the presence of God:  
even Sinai itself was moved at the presence of God, the God of Israel.

68:9 You, O God, did send a plentiful rain, whereby you did confirm  
your inheritance, when it was weary.

68:10 Your congregation has dwelled therein: you, O God, have  
prepared of your goodness for the poor.

68:11 *Yehovah* gave the word: great was the company of those that  
published it.

68:12 Kings of armies did flee apace: and she that tarried at home  
divided the spoil.

68:13 Though you have lien among the pots, yet shall you be as the  
wings of a dove covered with silver, and her feathers with yellow gold.

68:14 When the Almighty scattered kings in it, it was white as snow in  
Salmon.

68:15 The hill of God is as the hill of Bashan; a high hill as the hill of  
Bashan.

68:16 Why leap you, you high hills? this is the hill which God desires  
to dwell in; yes, *Yehovah* will dwell in it forever.

68:17 The chariots of God are twenty thousand, even thousands of  
angels: *Yehovah* is among them, as in Sinai, in the holy place.

68:18 You have ascended on high, you have led captivity captive: you have received gifts for men; yes, for the rebellious also, that *Yehovah* God might dwell among them.

68:19 Blessed be *Yehovah*, who daily loads us with benefits, even the God of our salvation. Selah.

68:20 He that is our God is the God of salvation; and to GOD *Yehovah* belong the issues from death.

68:21 But God shall wound the head of his enemies, and the hairy scalp of such a one as goes on still in his trespasses.

68:22 *Yehovah* said, I will bring again from Bashan, I will bring my people again from the depths of the sea:

68:23 That your foot may be dipped in the blood of your enemies, and the tongue of your dogs in the same.

68:24 They have seen your goings, O God; even the goings of my God, my King, in the sanctuary.

68:25 The singers went before, the players on instruments followed after; among them were the damsels playing with tambourines.

68:26 Bless you God in the congregations, even *Yehovah*, from the fountain of Israel.

68:27 There is little Benjamin with their ruler, the princes of Judah and their council, the princes of Zebulun, and the princes of Naphtali.

68:28 Your God has commanded your strength: strengthen, O God, that which you have worked for us.

68:29 Because of your temple at Jerusalem shall kings bring presents to you.

68:30 Rebuke the company of spearmen, the multitude of the bulls, with the calves of the people, till every one submit himself with pieces of silver: scatter you the people that delight in war.

68:31 Princes shall come out of Egypt; Ethiopia shall soon stretch out her hands to God.

68:32 Sing to God, you kingdoms of the earth; O sing praises to *Yehovah*; Selah:

68:33 To him that rides on the heavens of heavens, which were of old; see, he does send out his voice, and that a mighty voice.

68:34 Ascribe you strength to God: his excellency is over Israel, and his strength is in the clouds.

68:35 O God, you are terrible out of your holy places: the God of Israel is he that gives strength and power to his people. Blessed be God.

## ***Psalms*** – Chapter 69

69:1 Save me, O God; for the waters are come in to my soul.

69:2 I sink in deep mire, where there is no standing: I am come into deep waters, where the floods overflow me.

69:3 I am weary of my crying: my throat is dried: my eyes fail while I wait for my God.

69:4 They that hate me without a cause are more than the hairs of my head: they that would destroy me, being my enemies wrongfully, are mighty: then I restored that which I took not away.

69:5 O God, you know my foolishness; and my sins are not hid from you.

69:6 Let not them that wait on you, *Yehovah* GOD of hosts, be ashamed for my sake: let not those that seek you be confounded for my sake, O God of Israel.

69:7 Because for your sake I have borne reproach; shame has covered my face.

69:8 I am become a stranger to my brothers, and an alien to my mother's children.

69:9 For the zeal of your house has eaten me up; and the reproaches of them that reproached you are fallen on me.

69:10 When I wept, and chastened my soul with fasting, that was to my reproach.

69:11 I made sackcloth also my garment; and I became a proverb to them.

69:12 They that sit in the gate speak against me; and I was the song of the drunkards.

69:13 But as for me, my prayer is to you, *YEHOVAH*, in an acceptable time: O God, in the multitude of your mercy hear me, in the truth of your salvation.

69:14 Deliver me out of the mire, and let me not sink: let me be delivered from them that hate me, and out of the deep waters.

69:15 Let not the flood overflow me, neither let the deep swallow me up, and let not the pit shut her mouth on me.

69:16 Hear me, *YEHOVAH*; for your loving kindness is good: turn to me according to the multitude of your tender mercies.

69:17 And hide not your face from your servant; for I am in trouble: hear me speedily.

69:18 Draw near to my soul, and redeem it: deliver me because of my enemies.

69:19 You have known my reproach, and my shame, and my dishonor: my adversaries are all before you.

69:20 Reproach has broken my heart; and I am full of heaviness: and I looked for some to take pity, but there was none; and for comforters, but I found none.

69:21 They gave me also gall for my meat; and in my thirst they gave me vinegar to drink.

69:22 Let their table become a snare before them: and that which should have been for their welfare, let it become a trap.

69:23 Let their eyes be darkened, that they see not; and make their loins continually to shake.

69:24 Pour out your indignation on them, and let your wrathful anger take hold of them.

69:25 Let their habitation be desolate; and let none dwell in their tents.

69:26 For they persecute him whom you have smitten; and they talk to the grief of those whom you have wounded.

69:27 Add iniquity to their iniquity: and let them not come into your righteousness.

69:28 Let them be blotted out of the book of the living, and not be written with the righteous.

69:29 But I am poor and sorrowful: let your salvation, O God, set me up on high.

69:30 I will praise the name of God with a song, and will magnify him with thanksgiving.

69:31 This also shall please *Yehovah* better than an ox or bullock that has horns and hoofs.

69:32 The humble shall see this, and be glad: and your heart shall live that seek God.

69:33 For *Yehovah* hears the poor, and despises not his prisoners.

69:34 Let the heaven and earth praise him, the seas, and everything that moves therein.

69:35 For God will save Zion, and will build the cities of Judah: that they may dwell there, and have it in possession.

69:36 The seed also of his servants shall inherit it: and they that love his name shall dwell therein.

### ***Psalms*** – Chapter 70

70:1 MAKE HASTE, O GOD, TO DELIVER ME; MAKE HASTE TO HELP ME, *YEHOVAH*.

70:2 Let them be ashamed and confounded that seek after my soul: let them be turned backward, and put to confusion, that desire my hurt.

70:3 Let them be turned back for a reward of their shame that say, Aha, aha.

70:4 Let all those that seek you rejoice and be glad in you: and let such as love your salvation say continually, Let God be magnified.

70:5 But I am poor and needy: make haste to me, O God: you are my help and my deliverer; *YEHOVAH*, make no tarrying.

## ***Psalms** – Chapter 71*

71:1 In you, *YEHOVAH*, do I put my trust: let me never be put to confusion.

71:2 Deliver me in your righteousness, and cause me to escape: incline your ear to me, and save me.

71:3 Be you my strong habitation, whereunto I may continually resort: you have given commandment to save me; for you are my rock and my fortress.

71:4 Deliver me, O my God, out of the hand of the wicked, out of the hand of the unrighteous and cruel man.

71:5 For you are my hope, *Yehovah* GOD: you are my trust from my youth.

71:6 By you have I been held up from the womb: you are he that took me out of my mother's bowels: my praise shall be continually of you.

71:7 I am as a wonder to many; but you are my strong refuge.

71:8 Let my mouth be filled with your praise and with your honor all the day.

71:9 Cast me not off in the time of old age; forsake me not when my strength fails.

71:10 For my enemies speak against me; and they that lay wait for my soul take counsel together,

71:11 Saying, God has forsaken him: persecute and take him; for there is none to deliver him.

71:12 O God, be not far from me: O my God, make haste for my help.

71:13 Let them be confounded and consumed that are adversaries to my soul; let them be covered with reproach and dishonor that seek my hurt.

71:14 But I will hope continually, and will yet praise you more and more.

71:15 My mouth shall show forth your righteousness and your salvation all the day; for I know not the numbers of it.

71:16 I will go in the strength of *Yehovah* GOD: I will make mention of your righteousness, even of your only.

71:17 O God, you have taught me from my youth: and till now have I declared your wondrous works.

71:18 Now also when I am old and gray headed, O God, forsake me not; until I have showed your strength to this generation, and your power to everyone that is to come.

71:19 Your righteousness also, O God, is very high, who have done great things: O God, who is like to you!

71:20 You, which have showed me great and sore troubles, shall quicken me again, and shall bring me up again from the depths of the earth.

71:21 You shall increase my greatness, and comfort me on every side.

71:22 I will also praise you with the psaltery, even your truth, O my God: to you will I sing with the harp, O you Holy One of Israel.

71:23 My lips shall greatly rejoice when I sing to you; and my soul, which you have redeemed.

71:24 My tongue also shall talk of your righteousness all the day long: for they are confounded, for they are brought to shame, that seek my hurt.

## ***Psalms*** – Chapter 72

72:1 Give the king your judgments, O God, and your righteousness to the king's son.

72:2 He shall judge your people with righteousness, and your poor with judgment.

72:3 The mountains shall bring peace to the people, and the little hills, by righteousness.

72:4 He shall judge the poor of the people, he shall save the children of the needy, and shall break in pieces the oppressor.

72:5 They shall fear you as long as the sun and moon endure, throughout all generations.

72:6 He shall come down like rain on the mown grass: as showers that water the earth.

72:7 In his days shall the righteous flourish; and abundance of peace so long as the moon endures.

72:8 He shall have dominion also from sea to sea, and from the river to the ends of the earth.

72:9 They that dwell in the wilderness shall bow before him; and his enemies shall lick the dust.

72:10 The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall bring presents: the kings of Sheba and Seba shall offer gifts.

72:11 Yes, all kings shall fall down before him: all nations shall serve him.

72:12 For he shall deliver the needy when he cries; the poor also, and him that has no helper.

72:13 He shall spare the poor and needy, and shall save the souls of the needy.

72:14 He shall redeem their soul from deceit and violence: and precious shall their blood be in his sight.

72:15 And he shall live, and to him shall be given of the gold of Sheba: prayer also shall be made for him continually; and daily shall he be praised.

72:16 There shall be a handful of *grain* in the earth on the top of the mountains; the fruit of it shall shake like Lebanon: and they of the city shall flourish like grass of the earth.

72:17 His name shall endure forever: his name shall be continued as long as the sun: and men shall be blessed in him: all nations shall call him blessed.

72:18 Blessed be *Yehovah* God, the God of Israel, who only does wondrous things.

72:19 And blessed be his glorious name forever: and let the whole earth be filled with his glory; Amen, and Amen.

72:20 The prayers of David the son of Jesse are ended.

### ***Psalms*** – Chapter 73

73:1 Truly God is good to Israel, even to such as are of a clean heart.

73:2 But as for me, my feet were almost gone; my steps had well near slipped.

73:3 For I was envious at the foolish, when I saw the prosperity of the wicked.

73:4 For there are no bands in their death: but their strength is firm.

73:5 They are not in trouble as other men; neither are they plagued like other men.

73:6 Therefore pride compasses them about as a chain; violence covers them as a garment.

73:7 Their eyes stand out with fatness: they have more than heart could wish.

73:8 They are corrupt, and speak wickedly concerning oppression: they speak loftily.

73:9 They set their mouth against the heavens, and their tongue walks through the earth.

73:10 Therefore his people return here: and waters of a full cup are wrung out to them.

73:11 And they say, How does God know? and is there knowledge in the most High?

73:12 Behold, these are the ungodly, who prosper in the world; they increase in riches.

73:13 Truly I have cleansed my heart in vain, and washed my hands in innocence.

73:14 For all the day long have I been plagued, and chastened every morning.

73:15 If I say, I will speak thus; behold, I should offend against the generation of your children.

73:16 When I thought to know this, it was too painful for me;

73:17 Until I went into the sanctuary of God; then understood I their end.

73:18 Surely you did set them in slippery places: you cast them down into destruction.

73:19 How are they brought into desolation, as in a moment! they are utterly consumed with terrors.

73:20 As a dream when one wakes; so, *Yehovah*, when you wake, you shall despise their image.

73:21 Thus my heart was grieved, and I was pricked in my reins.

73:22 So foolish was I, and ignorant: I was as a beast before you.

73:23 Nevertheless I am continually with you: you have held me by my right hand.

73:24 You shall guide me with your counsel, and afterward receive me to glory.

73:25 Whom have I in heaven but you? and there is none on earth that I desire beside you.

73:26 My flesh and my heart fails: but God is the strength of my heart, and my portion forever.

73:27 For, see, they that are far from you shall perish: you have destroyed all them that go a whoring from you.

73:28 But it is good for me to draw near to God: I have put my trust in *Yehovah* GOD, that I may declare all your works.

### ***Psalms*** – Chapter 74

74:1 O God, why have you cast us off forever? why does your anger smoke against the sheep of your pasture?

74:2 Remember your congregation, which you have purchased of old; the rod of your inheritance, which you have redeemed; this mount Zion, in which you have dwelled.

74:3 Lift up your feet to the perpetual desolations; even all that the enemy has done wickedly in the sanctuary.

74:4 Your enemies roar in the middle of your congregations; they set up their ensigns for signs.

74:5 A man was famous according as he had lifted up axes on the thick trees.

74:6 But now they break down the carved work of it at once with axes and hammers.

74:7 They have cast fire into your sanctuary, they have defiled by casting down the dwelling place of your name to the ground.

74:8 They said in their hearts, Let us destroy them together: they have burned up all the synagogues of God in the land.

74:9 We see not our signs: there is no more any prophet: neither is there among us any that knows how long.

74:10 O God, how long shall the adversary reproach? shall the enemy blaspheme your name forever?

74:11 Why withdraw you your hand, even your right hand? pluck it out of your bosom.

74:12 For God is my King of old, working salvation in the middle of the earth.

74:13 You did divide the sea by your strength: you brake the heads of the dragons in the waters.

74:14 You brake the heads of leviathan in pieces, and gave him to be meat to the people inhabiting the wilderness.

74:15 You did split the fountain and the flood: you dried up mighty rivers.

74:16 The day is yours, the night also is yours: you have prepared the light and the sun.

74:17 You have set all the borders of the earth: you have made summer and winter.

74:18 Remember this, that the enemy has reproached, *Yehovah*, and that the foolish people have blasphemed your name.

74:19 O deliver not the soul of your turtledove to the multitude of the wicked: forget not the congregation of your poor forever.

74:20 Have respect to the covenant: for the dark places of the earth are full of the habitations of cruelty.

74:21 O let not the oppressed return ashamed: let the poor and needy praise your name.

74:22 Arise, O God, plead your own cause: remember how the foolish man reproaches you daily.

74:23 Forget not the voice of your enemies: the tumult of those that rise up against you increases continually.

## ***Psalms – Chapter 75***

75:1 To you, O God, do we give thanks, to you do we give thanks: for that your name is near your wondrous works declare.

75:2 When I shall receive the congregation I will judge uprightly.

75:3 The earth and all the inhabitants of it are dissolved: I bear up the pillars of it. Selah.

75:4 I said to the fools, Deal not foolishly: and to the wicked, Lift not up the horn:

75:5 Lift not up your horn on high: speak not with a stiff neck.

75:6 For promotion comes neither from the east, nor from the west, nor from the south.

75:7 But God is the judge: he puts down one, and sets up another.

75:8 For in the hand of *Yehovah* there is a cup, and the wine is red; it is full of mixture; and he pours out of the same: but the dregs of it, all the wicked of the earth shall wring them out, and drink them.

75:9 But I will declare forever; I will sing praises to the God of Jacob.

75:10 All the horns of the wicked also will I cut off; but the horns of the righteous shall be exalted.

### ***Psalms*** – Chapter 76

76:1 In Judah is God known: his name is great in Israel.

76:2 In Salem also is his tabernacle, and his dwelling place in Zion.

76:3 There broke he the arrows of the bow, the shield, and the sword, and the battle. Selah.

76:4 You are more glorious and excellent than the mountains of prey.

76:5 The stouthearted are spoiled, they have slept their sleep: and none of the men of might have found their hands.

76:6 At your rebuke, O God of Jacob, both the chariot and horse are cast into a dead sleep.

76:7 You, even you, are to be feared: and who may stand in your sight when once you are angry?

76:8 You did cause judgment to be heard from heaven; the earth feared, and was still,

76:9 When God arose to judgment, to save all the meek of the earth. Selah.

76:10 Surely the wrath of man shall praise you: the remainder of wrath shall you restrain.

76:11 Vow, and pay to *Yehovah* your God: let all that be round about him bring presents to him that ought to be feared.

76:12 He shall cut off the spirit of princes: he is terrible to the kings of the earth.

### ***Psalms*** – Chapter 77

77:1 I cried to God with my voice, even to God with my voice; and he gave ear to me.

77:2 In the day of my trouble I sought *Yehovah*: my sore ran in the night, and ceased not: my soul refused to be comforted.

77:3 I remembered God, and was troubled: I complained, and my spirit was overwhelmed. Selah.

77:4 You hold my eyes waking: I am so troubled that I cannot speak.

77:5 I have considered the days of old, the years of ancient times.

77:6 I call to remembrance my song in the night: I commune with my own heart: and my spirit made diligent search.

77:7 Will *Yehovah* cast off forever? and will he be favorable no more?

77:8 Is his mercy clean gone forever? does his promise fail forever more?

77:9 Has God forgotten to be gracious? has he in anger shut up his tender mercies? Selah.

77:10 And I said, This is my infirmity: but I will remember the years of the right hand of the most High.

77:11 I will remember the works of *Yehovah*: surely I will remember your wonders of old.

77:12 I will meditate also of all your work, and talk of your doings.

77:13 Your way, O God, is in the sanctuary: who is so great a God as our God?

77:14 You are the God that do wonders: you have declared your strength among the people.

77:15 You have with your arm redeemed your people, the sons of Jacob and Joseph. Selah.

77:16 The waters saw you, O God, the waters saw you; they were afraid: the depths also were troubled.

77:17 The clouds poured out water: the skies sent out a sound: your arrows also went abroad.

77:18 The voice of your thunder was in the heaven: the lightning lightened the world: the earth trembled and shook.

77:19 Your way is in the sea, and your path in the great waters, and your footsteps are not known.

77:20 You led your people like a flock by the hand of Moses and Aaron.

## ***Psalms*** — Chapter 78

78:1 Give ear, O my people, to my law: incline your ears to the words of my mouth.

78:2 I will open my mouth in a parable: I will utter dark sayings of old:

78:3 Which we have heard and known, and our fathers have told us.

78:4 We will not hide them from their children, showing to the generation to come the praises of *Yehovah*, and his strength, and his wonderful works that he has done.

78:5 For he established a testimony in Jacob, and appointed a law in Israel, which he commanded our fathers, that they should make them known to their children:

78:6 That the generation to come might know them, even the children which should be born; who should arise and declare them to their children:

78:7 That they might set their hope in God, and not forget the works of God, but keep his commandments:

78:8 And might not be as their fathers, a stubborn and rebellious generation; a generation that set not their heart uprightly, and whose spirit was not steadfast with God.

78:9 The children of Ephraim, being armed, and carrying bows, turned back in the day of battle.

78:10 They kept not the covenant of God, and refused to walk in his law;

78:11 And forgot his works, and his wonders that he had showed them.

78:12 Marvelous things did he in the sight of their fathers, in the land of Egypt, in the field of Zoan.

78:13 He divided the sea, and caused them to pass through; and he made the waters to stand as a heap.

78:14 In the daytime also he led them with a cloud, and all the night with a light of fire.

78:15 He split the rocks in the wilderness, and gave them drink as out of the great depths.

78:16 He brought streams also out of the rock, and caused waters to run down like rivers.

78:17 And they sinned yet more against him by provoking the most High in the wilderness.

78:18 And they tempted God in their heart by asking meat for their lust.

78:19 Yes, they spoke against God; they said, Can God furnish a table in the wilderness?

78:20 Behold, he smote the rock, that the waters gushed out, and the streams overflowed; can he give bread also? can he provide flesh for his people?

78:21 Therefore *Yehovah* heard this, and was *angry*: so a fire was kindled against Jacob, and anger also came up against Israel;

78:22 Because they believed not in God, and trusted not in his salvation:

78:23 Though he had commanded the clouds from above, and opened the doors of heaven,

78:24 And had rained down manna on them to eat, and had given them of the *grain* of heaven.

78:25 Man did eat angels' food: he sent them meat to the full.

78:26 He caused an east wind to blow in the heaven: and by his power he brought in the south wind.

78:27 He rained flesh also on them as dust, and feathered fowls like as the sand of the sea:

78:28 And he let it fall in the middle of their camp, round about their habitations.

78:29 So they did eat, and were well filled: for he gave them their own desire;

78:30 They were not estranged from their lust. But while their meat was yet in their mouths,

78:31 The wrath of God came on them, and slew the fattest of them, and smote down the chosen men of Israel.

78:32 For all this they sinned still, and believed not for his wondrous works.

78:33 Therefore their days did he consume in vanity, and their years in trouble.

78:34 When he slew them, then they sought him: and they returned and inquired early after God.

78:35 And they remembered that God was their rock, and the high God their redeemer.

78:36 Nevertheless they did flatter him with their mouth, and they lied to him with their tongues.

78:37 For their heart was not right with him, neither were they steadfast in his covenant.

78:38 But he, being full of compassion, forgave their iniquity, and destroyed them not: yes, many a time turned he his anger away, and did not stir up all his wrath.

78:39 For he remembered that they were but flesh; a wind that passes away, and comes not again.

78:40 How oft did they provoke him in the wilderness, and grieve him in the desert!

78:41 Yes, they turned back and tempted God, and limited the Holy One of Israel.

78:42 They remembered not his hand, nor the day when he delivered them from the enemy.

78:43 How he had worked his signs in Egypt, and his wonders in the field of Zoan.

78:44 And had turned their rivers into blood; and their floods, that they could not drink.

78:45 He sent divers sorts of flies among them, which devoured them; and frogs, which destroyed them.

78:46 He gave also their increase to the caterpillar, and their labor to the locust.

78:47 He destroyed their vines with hail, and their sycamore trees with frost.

78:48 He gave up their cattle also to the hail, and their flocks to hot thunderbolts.

78:49 He cast on them the fierceness of his anger, wrath, and indignation, and trouble, by sending evil angels among them.

78:50 He made a way to his anger; he spared not their soul from death, but gave their life over to the pestilence;

78:51 And smote all the firstborn in Egypt; the chief of their strength in the tabernacles of Ham:

78:52 But made his own people to go forth like sheep, and guided them in the wilderness like a flock.

78:53 And he led them on safely, so that they feared not: but the sea overwhelmed their enemies.

78:54 And he brought them to the border of his sanctuary, even to this mountain, which his right hand had purchased.

78:55 He cast out the heathen also before them, and divided them an inheritance by line, and made the tribes of Israel to dwell in their tents.

78:56 Yet they tempted and provoked the most high God, and kept not his testimonies:

78:57 But turned back, and dealt unfaithfully like their fathers: they were turned aside like a deceitful bow.

78:58 For they provoked him to anger with their high places, and moved him to jealousy with their graven images.

78:59 When God heard this, he was *angry*, and greatly abhorred Israel:

78:60 So that he forsook the tabernacle of Shiloh, the tent which he placed among men;

78:61 And delivered his strength into captivity, and his glory into the enemy's hand.

78:62 He gave his people over also to the sword; and was *angry* with his inheritance.

78:63 The fire consumed their young men; and their maidens were not given to marriage.

78:64 Their priests fell by the sword; and their widows made no lamentation.

78:65 Then *Yehovah* awaked as one out of sleep, and like a mighty man that shouts by reason of wine.

78:66 And he smote his enemies in the hinder parts: he put them to a perpetual reproach.

78:67 Moreover he refused the tabernacle of Joseph, and chose not the tribe of Ephraim:

78:68 But chose the tribe of Judah, the mount Zion which he loved.

78:69 And he built his sanctuary like high palaces, like the earth which he has established forever.

78:70 He chose David also his servant, and took him from the sheepfolds:

78:71 From following the ewes great with young he brought him to feed Jacob his people, and Israel his inheritance.

78:72 So he fed them according to the integrity of his heart; and guided them by the skillfulness of his hands.

## ***Psalms*** – Chapter 79

79:1 O God, the heathen are come into your inheritance; your holy temple have they defiled; they have laid Jerusalem on heaps.

79:2 The dead bodies of your servants have they given to be meat to the fowls of the heaven, the flesh of your saints to the beasts of the earth.

79:3 Their blood have they shed like water round about Jerusalem; and there was none to bury them.

79:4 We are become a reproach to our neighbors, a scorn and derision to them that are round about us.

79:5 How long, *YEHOVAH*? will you be angry forever? shall your jealousy burn like fire?

79:6 Pour out your wrath on the heathen that have not known you, and on the kingdoms that have not called on your name.

79:7 For they have devoured Jacob, and laid waste his dwelling place.

79:8 O remember not against us former iniquities: let your tender mercies speedily prevent us: for we are brought very low.

79:9 Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of your name: and deliver us, and purge away our sins, for your name's sake.

79:10 Why should the heathen say, Where is their God? let him be known among the heathen in our sight by the revenging of the blood of your servants which is shed.

79:11 Let the sighing of the prisoner come before you; according to the greatness of your power preserve you those that are appointed to die;

79:12 And render to our neighbors sevenfold into their bosom their reproach, with which they have reproached you, *Yehovah*.

79:13 So we your people and sheep of your pasture will give you thanks forever: we will show forth your praise to all generations.

## ***Psalms*** – Chapter 80

80:1 Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you that lead Joseph like a flock; you that dwell between the cherubim, shine forth.

80:2 Before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh stir up your strength, and come and save us.

80:3 Turn us again, O God, and cause your face to shine; and we shall be saved.

80:4 *YEHOVAH* God of hosts, how long will you be angry against the prayer of your people?

80:5 You feed them with the bread of tears; and give them tears to drink in great measure.

80:6 You make us a strife to our neighbors: and our enemies laugh among themselves.

80:7 Turn us again, O God of hosts, and cause your face to shine; and we shall be saved.

80:8 You have brought a vine out of Egypt: you have cast out the heathen, and planted it.

80:9 You prepared room before it, and did cause it to take deep root, and it filled the land.

80:10 The hills were covered with the shadow of it, and the boughs of it were like the goodly cedars.

80:11 She sent out her boughs to the sea, and her branches to the river.

80:12 Why have you then broken down her hedges, so that all they which pass by the way do pluck her?

80:13 The boar out of the wood does waste it, and the wild beast of the field does devour it.

80:14 Return, we beseech you, O God of hosts: look down from heaven, and behold, and visit this vine;

80:15 And the vineyard which your right hand has planted, and the branch that you made strong for yourself.

80:16 It is burned with fire, it is cut down: they perish at the rebuke of your countenance.

80:17 Let your hand be on the man of your right hand, on the son of man whom you made strong for yourself.

80:18 So will not we go back from you: quicken us, and we will call on your name.

80:19 Turn us again, *YEHOVAH* God of hosts, cause your face to shine; and we shall be saved.

### ***Psalms*** – Chapter 81

81:1 Sing aloud to God our strength: make a joyful noise to the God of Jacob.

81:2 Take a psalm, and bring here the tambourine, the pleasant harp with the psaltery.

81:3 Blow up the trumpet in the new moon, in the time appointed, on our solemn feast day.

81:4 For this was a statute for Israel, and a law of the God of Jacob.

81:5 This he ordained in Joseph for a testimony, when he went out through the land of Egypt: where I heard a language that I understood not.

81:6 I removed his shoulder from the burden: his hands were delivered from the pots.

81:7 You called in trouble, and I delivered you; I answered you in the secret place of thunder: I proved you at the waters of Meribah. Selah.

81:8 Hear, O my people, and I will testify to you: O Israel, if you will listen to me;

81:9 There shall no strange god be in you; neither shall you worship any strange god.

81:10 I am *Yehovah* your God, which brought you out of the land of Egypt: open your mouth wide, and I will fill it.

81:11 But my people would not listen to my voice; and Israel would none of me.

81:12 So I gave them up to their own hearts' lust: and they walked in their own counsels.

81:13 Oh that my people had listened to me, and Israel had walked in my ways!

81:14 I should soon have subdued their enemies, and turned my hand against their adversaries.

81:15 The haters of *Yehovah* should have submitted themselves to him: but their time should have endured forever.

81:16 He should have fed them also with the finest of the wheat: and with honey out of the rock should I have satisfied you.

### ***Psalms*** – Chapter 82

82:1 God stands in the congregation of the mighty; he judges among the gods.

82:2 How long will you judge unjustly, and accept the persons of the wicked? Selah.

82:3 Defend the poor and fatherless: do justice to the afflicted and needy.

82:4 Deliver the poor and needy: rid them out of the hand of the wicked.

82:5 They know not, neither will they understand; they walk on in darkness: all the foundations of the earth are out of course.

82:6 I have said, You are gods; and all of you are children of the most High.

82:7 But you shall die like men, and fall like one of the princes.

82:8 Arise, O God, judge the earth: for you shall inherit all nations.

### ***Psalms*** – Chapter 83

83:1 Keep not you silence, O God: hold not your peace, and be not still, O God.

83:2 For, see, your enemies make a tumult: and they that hate you have lifted up the head.

83:3 They have taken crafty counsel against your people, and consulted against your hidden ones.

83:4 They have said, Come, and let us cut them off from being a nation; that the name of Israel may be no more in remembrance.

83:5 For they have consulted together with one consent: they are confederate against you:

83:6 The tabernacles of Edom, and the Ishmaelites; of Moab, and the Hagarenes;

83:7 Gebal, and Ammon, and Amalek; the Philistines with the inhabitants of Tyre;

83:8 Assur also is joined with them: they have helped the children of Lot. Selah.

83:9 Do to them as to the Midianites; as to Sisera, as to Jabin, at the brook of Kison:

83:10 Which perished at Endor: they became as dung for the earth.

83:11 Make their nobles like Oreb, and like Zeeb: yes, all their princes as Zebah, and as Zalmunna:

83:12 Who said, Let us take to ourselves the houses of God in possession.

83:13 O my God, make them like a wheel; as the stubble before the wind.

83:14 As the fire burns a wood, and as the flame sets the mountains on fire;

83:15 So persecute them with your tempest, and make them afraid with your storm.

83:16 Fill their faces with shame; that they may seek your name, *YEHOVAH*.

83:17 Let them be confounded and troubled forever; yes, let them be put to shame, and perish:

83:18 That men may know that you, whose name alone is *YEHOVAH*, are the most high over all the earth.

### ***Psalms*** – Chapter 84

84:1 How amiable are your tabernacles, *YEHOVAH* of hosts!

84:2 My soul longs, yes, even faints for the courts of *Yehovah*: my heart and my flesh cries out for the living God.

84:3 Yes, the sparrow has found a house, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, even your altars, *YEHOVAH* of hosts, my King, and my God.

84:4 Blessed are they that dwell in your house: they will be still praising you. Selah.

84:5 Blessed is the man whose strength is in you; in whose heart are the ways of them.

84:6 Who passing through the valley of Baca make it a well; the rain also fills the pools.

84:7 They go from strength to strength, every one of them in Zion appears before God.

84:8 *YEHOVAH* God of hosts, hear my prayer: give ear, O God of Jacob. Selah.

84:9 Behold, O God our shield, and look on the face of your anointed.

84:10 For a day in your courts is better than a thousand. I had rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God, than to dwell in the tents of wickedness.

84:11 For *Yehovah* God is a sun and shield: *Yehovah* will give grace and glory: no good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly.

84:12 *YEHOVAH* of hosts, blessed is the man that trusts in you.

### *Psalms – Chapter 85*

85:1 *Yehovah*, you have been favorable to your land: you have brought back the captivity of Jacob.

85:2 You have forgiven the iniquity of your people, you have covered all their sin. Selah.

85:3 You have taken away all your wrath: you have turned yourself from the fierceness of your anger.

85:4 Turn us, O God of our salvation, and cause your anger toward us to cease.

85:5 Will you be angry with us forever? will you draw out your anger to all generations?

85:6 Will you not revive us again: that your people may rejoice in you?

85:7 Show us your mercy, *YEHOVAH*, and grant us your salvation.

85:8 I will hear what God *Yehovah* will speak: for he will speak peace to his people, and to his saints: but let them not turn again to folly.

85:9 Surely his salvation is near them that fear him; that glory may dwell in our land.

85:10 Mercy and truth are met together; righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

85:11 Truth shall spring out of the earth; and righteousness shall look down from heaven.

85:12 Yes, *Yehovah* shall give that which is good; and our land shall yield her increase.

85:13 Righteousness shall go before him; and shall set us in the way of his steps.

## ***Psalms*** – Chapter 86

86:1 Bow down your ear, *YEHOVAH*, hear me: for I am poor and needy.

86:2 Preserve my soul; for I am holy: O you my God, save your servant that trusts in you.

86:3 Be merciful to me, *Yehovah*: for I cry to you daily.

86:4 Rejoice the soul of your servant: for to you, *Yehovah*, do I lift up my soul.

86:5 For you, *Yehovah*, are good, and ready to forgive; and plenteous in mercy to all them that call on you.

86:6 Give ear, *YEHOVAH*, to my prayer; and attend to the voice of my supplications.

86:7 In the day of my trouble I will call on you: for you will answer me.

86:8 Among the gods there is none like to you, *Yehovah*; neither are there any works like to your works.

86:9 All nations whom you have made shall come and worship before you, *Yehovah*; and shall glorify your name.

86:10 For you are great, and do wondrous things: you are God alone.

86:11 Teach me your way, *YEHOVAH*; I will walk in your truth: unite my heart to fear your name.

86:12 I will praise you, *Yehovah* my God, with all my heart: and I will glorify your name forever more.

86:13 For great is your mercy toward me: and you have delivered my soul from the lowest *sheol*.

86:14 O God, the proud are risen against me, and the assemblies of violent men have sought after my soul; and have not set you before them.

86:15 But you, *Yehovah*, are a God full of compassion, and gracious, long suffering, and plenteous in mercy and truth.

86:16 O turn to me, and have mercy on me; give your strength to your servant, and save the son of your handmaid.

86:17 Show me a token for good; that they which hate me may see it, and be ashamed: because you, *YEHOVAH*, have helped me, and comforted me.

## ***Psalms*** – Chapter 87

87:1 His foundation is in the holy mountains.

87:2 *Yehovah* loves the gates of Zion more than all the dwellings of Jacob.

87:3 Glorious things are spoken of you, O city of God. Selah.

87:4 I will make mention of Rahab and Babylon to them that know me: behold Philistia, and Tyre, with Ethiopia; this man was born there.

87:5 And of Zion it shall be said, This and that man was born in her: and the highest himself shall establish her.

87:6 *Yehovah* shall count, when he writes up the people, that this man was born there. Selah.

87:7 As well the singers as the players on instruments shall be there: all my springs are in you.

## ***Psalms*** – Chapter 88

88:1 *Yehovah* God of my salvation, I have cried day and night before you:

88:2 Let my prayer come before you: incline your ear to my cry;

88:3 For my soul is full of troubles: and my life draws near to the grave.

88:4 I am counted with them that go down into the pit: I am as a man that has no strength:

88:5 Free among the dead, like the slain that lie in the grave, whom you remember no more: and they are cut off from your hand.

88:6 You have laid me in the lowest pit, in darkness, in the deeps.

88:7 Your wrath lies hard on me, and you have afflicted me with all your waves. Selah.

88:8 You have put away my acquaintance far from me; you have made me an abomination to them: I am shut up, and I cannot come forth.

88:9 My eye mourns by reason of affliction: *YEHOVAH*, I have called daily on you, I have stretched out my hands to you.

88:10 Will you show wonders to the dead? shall the dead arise and praise you? Selah.

88:11 Shall your loving kindness be declared in the grave? or your faithfulness in destruction?

88:12 Shall your wonders be known in the dark? and your righteousness in the land of forgetfulness?

88:13 But to you have I cried, *YEHOVAH*; and in the morning shall my prayer prevent you.

88:14 *YEHOVAH*, why cast you off my soul? why hide you your face from me?

88:15 I am afflicted and ready to die from my youth up: while I suffer your terrors I am distracted.

88:16 Your fierce wrath goes over me; your terrors have cut me off.

88:17 They came round about me daily like water; they compassed me about together.

88:18 Lover and friend have you put far from me, and my acquaintance into darkness.

### ***Psalms*** – Chapter 89

89:1 I will sing of the mercies of *Yehovah* forever: with my mouth will I make known your faithfulness to all generations.

89:2 For I have said, Mercy shall be built up forever: your faithfulness shall you establish in the very heavens.

89:3 I have made a covenant with my chosen, I have sworn to David my servant,

89:4 Your seed will I establish forever, and build up your throne to all generations. Selah.

89:5 And the heavens shall praise your wonders, *YEHOVAH*: your faithfulness also in the congregation of the saints.

89:6 For who in the heaven can be compared to *Yehovah*? who among the sons of the mighty can be likened to *Yehovah*?

89:7 God is greatly to be feared in the assembly of the saints, and to be had in reverence of all them that are about him.

89:8 *YEHOVAH* God of hosts, who is a strong Lord like to you? or to your faithfulness round about you?

89:9 You rule the raging of the sea: when the waves of it arise, you still them.

89:10 You have broken Rahab in pieces, as one that is slain; you have scattered your enemies with your strong arm.

89:11 The heavens are yours, the earth also is yours: as for the world and the fullness of it, you have founded them.

89:12 The north and the south you have created them: Tabor and Hermon shall rejoice in your name.

89:13 You have a mighty arm: strong is your hand, and high is your right hand.

89:14 Justice and judgment are the habitation of your throne: mercy and truth shall go before your face.

89:15 Blessed is the people that know the joyful sound: they shall walk, *YEHOVAH*, in the light of your countenance.

89:16 In your name shall they rejoice all the day: and in your righteousness shall they be exalted.

89:17 For you are the glory of their strength: and in your favor our horn shall be exalted.

89:18 For *Yehovah* is our defense; and the Holy One of Israel is our king.

89:19 Then you spoke in vision to your holy one, and said, I have laid help on one that is mighty; I have exalted one chosen out of the people.

89:20 I have found David my servant; with my holy oil have I anointed him:

89:21 With whom my hand shall be established: my arm also shall strengthen him.

89:22 The enemy shall not exact on him; nor the son of wickedness afflict him.

89:23 And I will beat down his foes before his face, and plague them that hate him.

89:24 But my faithfulness and my mercy shall be with him: and in my name shall his horn be exalted.

89:25 I will set his hand also in the sea, and his right hand in the rivers.

89:26 He shall cry to me, You are my father, my God, and the rock of my salvation.

89:27 Also I will make him my firstborn, higher than the kings of the earth.

89:28 My mercy will I keep for him forever more, and my covenant shall stand fast with him.

89:29 His seed also will I make to endure forever, and his throne as the days of heaven.

89:30 If his children forsake my law, and walk not in my judgments;

89:31 If they break my statutes, and keep not my commandments;

89:32 Then will I visit their transgression with the rod, and their iniquity with stripes.

89:33 Nevertheless my loving kindness will I not utterly take from him, nor suffer my faithfulness to fail.

89:34 My covenant will I not break, nor alter the thing that is gone out of my lips.

89:35 Once have I sworn by my holiness that I will not lie to David.

89:36 His seed shall endure forever, and his throne as the sun before me.

89:37 It shall be established forever as the moon, and as a faithful witness in heaven. Selah.

89:38 But you have cast off and abhorred, you have been *angry* with your anointed.

89:39 You have made void the covenant of your servant: you have profaned his crown by casting it to the ground.

89:40 You have broken down all his hedges; you have brought his strong holds to ruin.

89:41 All that pass by the way spoil him: he is a reproach to his neighbors.

89:42 You have set up the right hand of his adversaries; you have made all his enemies to rejoice.

89:43 You have also turned the edge of his sword, and have not made him to stand in the battle.

89:44 You have made his glory to cease, and cast his throne down to the ground.

89:45 The days of his youth have you shortened: you have covered him with shame. Selah.

89:46 How long, *YEHOVAH*? will you hide yourself forever? shall your wrath burn like fire?

89:47 Remember how short my time is: why have you made all men in vain?

89:48 What man is he that lives, and shall not see death? shall he deliver his soul from the hand of the grave? Selah.

89:49 *Yehovah*, where are your former loving kindnesses, which you swore to David in your truth?

89:50 Remember, *Yehovah*, the reproach of your servants; how I do bear in my bosom the reproach of all the mighty people;

89:51 With which your enemies have reproached, *YEHOVAH*; with which they have reproached the footsteps of your anointed.

89:52 Blessed be *Yehovah* forever more. Amen, and Amen.

## ***Psalms*** – Chapter 90

90:1 *Yehovah*, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.

90:2 Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, you are God.

90:3 You turn man to destruction; and say, Return, you children of men.

90:4 For a thousand years in your sight are but as yesterday when it is past, and as a watch in the night.

90:5 You carry them away as with a flood; they are as a sleep: in the morning they are like grass which grows up.

90:6 In the morning it flourishes, and grows up; in the evening it is cut down, and wither.

90:7 For we are consumed by your anger, and by your wrath are we troubled.

90:8 You have set our iniquities before you, our secret sins in the light of your countenance.

90:9 For all our days are passed away in your wrath: we spend our years as a tale that is told.

90:10 The days of our years are three score years and ten; and if by reason of strength they be fourscore years, yet is their strength labor and sorrow; for it is soon cut off, and we fly away.

90:11 Who knows the power of your anger? even according to your fear, so is your wrath.

90:12 So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

90:13 Return, *YEHOVAH*, how long? and let it repent you concerning your servants.

90:14 O satisfy us early with your mercy; that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

90:15 Make us glad according to the days in which you have afflicted us, and the years where we have seen evil.

90:16 Let your work appear to your servants, and your glory to their children.

90:17 And let the beauty of *Yehovah* our God be on us: and establish you the work of our hands on us; yes, the work of our hands establish you it.

### ***Psalms** – Chapter 91*

91:1 He that dwells in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

91:2 I will say of *Yehovah*, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust.

91:3 Surely he shall deliver you from the snare of the fowler, and from the noisome pestilence.

91:4 He shall cover you with his feathers, and under his wings shall you trust: his truth shall be your shield and buckler.

91:5 You shall not be afraid for the terror by night; nor for the arrow that flies by day;

91:6 Nor for the pestilence that walks in darkness; nor for the destruction that wastes at noonday.

91:7 A thousand shall fall at your side, and ten thousand at your right hand; but it shall not come near you.

91:8 Only with your eyes shall you behold and see the reward of the wicked.

91:9 Because you have made *Yehovah*, which is my refuge, even the most High, your habitation;

91:10 There shall no evil befall you, neither shall any plague come near your dwelling.

91:11 For he shall give his angels charge over you, to keep you in all your ways.

91:12 They shall bear you up in their hands, lest you dash your foot against a stone.

91:13 You shall tread on the lion and adder: the young lion and the dragon shall you trample under feet.

91:14 Because he has set his love on me, therefore will I deliver him: I will set him on high, because he has known my name.

91:15 He shall call on me, and I will answer him: I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him, and honor him.

91:16 With long life will I satisfy him, and show him my salvation.

### ***Psalms*** – Chapter 92

92:1 IT IS A GOOD THING TO GIVE THANKS UNTO *YEHOVAH*, AND TO SING PRAISES UNTO THY NAME, O MOST HIGH:

92:2 To show forth your loving kindness in the morning, and your faithfulness every night,

92:3 On an instrument of ten strings, and on the psaltery; on the harp with a solemn sound.

92:4 For you, *YEHOVAH*, have made me glad through your work: I will triumph in the works of your hands.

92:5 *YEHOVAH*, how great are your works! and your thoughts are very deep.

92:6 A brutish man knows not; neither does a fool understand this.

92:7 When the wicked spring as the grass, and when all the workers of iniquity do flourish; it is that they shall be destroyed forever:

92:8 But you, *YEHOVAH*, are most high forever more.

92:9 For, see, your enemies, *YEHOVAH*, for, see, your enemies shall perish; all the workers of iniquity shall be scattered.

92:10 But my horn shall you exalt like the horn of a *Wild Ox*: I shall be anointed with fresh oil.

92:11 My eye also shall see my desire on my enemies, and my ears shall hear my desire of the wicked that rise up against me.

92:12 The righteous shall flourish like the palm tree: he shall grow like a cedar in Lebanon.

92:13 Those that be planted in the house of *Yehovah* shall flourish in the courts of our God.

92:14 They shall still bring forth fruit in old age; they shall be fat and flourishing;

92:15 To show that *Yehovah* is upright: he is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in him.

### ***Psalms*** – Chapter 93

93:1 *Yehovah* reigns, he is clothed with majesty; *Yehovah* is clothed with strength, with which he has girded himself: the world also is established, that it cannot be moved.

93:2 Your throne is established of old: you are from everlasting.

93:3 The floods have lifted up, *YEHOVAH*, the floods have lifted up their voice; the floods lift up their waves.

93:4 *Yehovah* on high is mightier than the noise of many waters, yes, than the mighty waves of the sea.

93:5 Your testimonies are very sure: holiness becomes your house, *YEHOVAH*, forever.

## ***Psalms*** – Chapter 94

94:1 *Yehovah* God, to whom vengeance belongs; O God, to whom vengeance belongs, show yourself.

94:2 Lift up yourself, you judge of the earth: render a reward to the proud.

94:3 *YEHOVAH*, how long shall the wicked, how long shall the wicked triumph?

94:4 How long shall they utter and speak hard things? and all the workers of iniquity boast themselves?

94:5 They break in pieces your people, *YEHOVAH*, and afflict your heritage.

94:6 They slay the widow and the stranger, and murder the fatherless.

94:7 Yet they say, *Yehovah* shall not see, neither shall the God of Jacob regard it.

94:8 Understand, you brutish among the people: and you fools, when will you be wise?

94:9 He that planted the ear, shall he not hear? he that formed the eye, shall he not see?

94:10 He that chastises the heathen, shall not he correct? he that teaches man knowledge, shall not he know?

94:11 *Yehovah* knows the thoughts of man, that they are vanity.

94:12 Blessed is the man whom you chasten, *YEHOVAH*, and teach him out of your law;

94:13 That you may give him rest from the days of adversity, until the pit be dig for the wicked.

94:14 For *Yehovah* will not cast off his people, neither will he forsake his inheritance.

94:15 But judgment shall return to righteousness: and all the upright in heart shall follow it.

94:16 Who will rise up for me against the evildoers? or who will stand up for me against the workers of iniquity?

94:17 Unless *Yehovah* had been my help, my soul had almost dwelled in silence.

94:18 When I said, My foot slips; your mercy, *YEHOVAH*, held me up.

94:19 In the multitude of my thoughts within me your comforts delight my soul.

94:20 Shall the throne of iniquity have fellowship with you, which frames mischief by a law?

94:21 They gather themselves together against the soul of the righteous, and condemn the innocent blood.

94:22 But *Yehovah* is my defense; and my God is the rock of my refuge.

94:23 And he shall bring on them their own iniquity, and shall cut them off in their own wickedness; yes, *Yehovah* our God shall cut them off.

### ***Psalms*** – Chapter 95

95:1 O come, let us sing to *Yehovah*: let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.

95:2 Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise to him with psalms.

95:3 For *Yehovah* is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

95:4 In his hand are the deep places of the earth: the strength of the hills is his also.

95:5 The sea is his, and he made it: and his hands formed the dry land.

95:6 O come, let us worship and bow down: let us kneel before *Yehovah* our maker.

95:7 For he is our God; and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand. Today if you will hear his voice,

95:8 Harden not your heart, as in the provocation, and as in the day of temptation in the wilderness:

95:9 When your fathers tempted me, proved me, and saw my work.

95:10 Forty years long was I grieved with this generation, and said, It is a people that do error in their heart, and they have not known my ways:

95:11 To whom I swore in my wrath that they should not enter into my rest.

### ***Psalms*** – Chapter 96

96:1 O sing to *Yehovah* a new song: sing to *Yehovah*, all the earth.

96:2 Sing to *Yehovah*, bless his name; show forth his salvation from day to day.

96:3 Declare his glory among the heathen, his wonders among all people.

96:4 For *Yehovah* is great, and greatly to be praised: he is to be feared above all gods.

96:5 For all the gods of the nations are idols: but *Yehovah* made the heavens.

96:6 Honor and majesty are before him: strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.

96:7 Give to *Yehovah*, O you kindreds of the people, give to *Yehovah* glory and strength.

96:8 Give to *Yehovah* the glory due to his name: bring an offering, and come into his courts.

96:9 O worship *Yehovah* in the beauty of holiness: fear before him, all the earth.

96:10 Say among the heathen that *Yehovah* reigns: the world also shall be established that it shall not be moved: he shall judge the people righteously.

96:11 Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; let the sea roar, and the fullness of it.

96:12 Let the field be joyful, and all that is therein: then shall all the trees of the wood rejoice

96:13 Before *Yehovah*: for he comes, for he comes to judge the earth: he shall judge the world with righteousness, and the people with his truth.

## ***Psalms*** – Chapter 97

97:1 *Yehovah* reigns; let the earth rejoice; let the multitude of isles be glad.

97:2 Clouds and darkness are round about him: righteousness and judgment are the habitation of his throne.

97:3 A fire goes before him, and burns up his enemies round about.

97:4 His lightning enlightened the world: the earth saw, and trembled.

97:5 The hills melted like wax at the presence of *Yehovah*, at the presence of *Yehovah* of the whole earth.

97:6 The heavens declare his righteousness, and all the people see his glory.

97:7 Confounded be all they that serve graven images, that boast themselves of idols: worship him, all you gods.

97:8 Zion heard, and was glad; and the daughters of Judah rejoiced because of your judgments, *YEHOVAH*.

97:9 For you, *YEHOVAH*, are high above all the earth: you are exalted far above all gods.

97:10 You that love *Yehovah*, hate evil: he preserves the souls of his saints; he delivers them out of the hand of the wicked.

97:11 Light is sown for the righteous, and gladness for the upright in heart.

97:12 Rejoice in *Yehovah*, you righteous; and give thanks at the remembrance of his holiness.

### ***Psalms*** – Chapter 98

98:1 O sing to *Yehovah* a new song; for he has done marvelous things: his right hand, and his holy arm, has gotten him the victory.

98:2 *Yehovah* has made known his salvation: his righteousness has he openly showed in the sight of the heathen.

98:3 He has remembered his mercy and his truth toward the house of Israel: all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

98:4 Make a joyful noise to *Yehovah*, all the earth: make a loud noise, and rejoice, and sing praise.

98:5 Sing to *Yehovah* with the harp; with the harp, and the voice of a psalm.

98:6 With trumpets and sound of cornet make a joyful noise before *Yehovah*, the King.

98:7 Let the sea roar, and the fullness of it; the world, and they that dwell therein.

98:8 Let the floods clap their hands: let the hills be joyful together

98:9 Before *Yehovah*; for he comes to judge the earth: with righteousness shall he judge the world, and the people with equity.

### ***Psalms*** – Chapter 99

99:1 *Yehovah* reigns; let the people tremble: he sits between the cherubim; let the earth be moved.

99:2 *Yehovah* is great in Zion; and he is high above all the people.

99:3 Let them praise your great and terrible name; for it is holy.

99:4 The king's strength also loves judgment; you do establish equity, you execute judgment and righteousness in Jacob.

99:5 Exalt you *Yehovah* our God, and worship at his footstool; for he is holy.

99:6 Moses and Aaron among his priests, and Samuel among them that call on his name; they called on *Yehovah*, and he answered them.

99:7 He spoke to them in the cloudy pillar: they kept his testimonies, and the ordinance that he gave them.

99:8 You answered them, **YEHOWAH** our God: you were a God that forgave them, though you took vengeance of their inventions.

99:9 Exalt *Yehovah* our God, and worship at his holy hill; for *Yehovah* our God is holy.

## ***Psalms*** – Chapter 100

100:1 Make a joyful noise to *Yehovah*, all you lands.

100:2 Serve *Yehovah* with gladness: come before his presence with singing.

100:3 Know you that *Yehovah* he is God: it is he that has made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

100:4 Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful to him, and bless his name.

100:5 For *Yehovah* is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endures to all generations.

## ***Psalms*** – Chapter 101

101:1 I will sing of mercy and judgment: to you, *YEHOVAH*, will I sing.

101:2 I will behave myself wisely in a perfect way. O when will you come to me? I will walk within my house with a perfect heart.

101:3 I will set no wicked thing before my eyes: I hate the work of them that turn aside; it shall not stick to me.

101:4 A fraudulent heart shall depart from me: I will not know a wicked person.

101:5 Whoever privately slanders his neighbor, him will I cut off: him that has a high look and a proud heart will not I suffer.

101:6 My eyes shall be on the faithful of the land, that they may dwell with me: he that walks in a perfect way, he shall serve me.

101:7 He that works deceit shall not dwell within my house: he that tells lies shall not tarry in my sight.

101:8 I will early destroy all the wicked of the land; that I may cut off all wicked doers from the city of *Yehovah*.

## ***Psalms*** – Chapter 102

102:1 Hear my prayer, *YEHOVAH*, and let my cry come to you.

102:2 Hide not your face from me in the day when I am in trouble; incline your ear to me: in the day when I call answer me speedily.

102:3 For my days are consumed like smoke, and my bones are burned as a hearth.

102:4 My heart is smitten, and withered like grass; so that I forget to eat my bread.

102:5 By reason of the voice of my groaning my bones stick to my skin.

102:6 I am like a pelican of the wilderness: I am like an owl of the desert.

102:7 I watch, and am as a sparrow alone on the house top.

102:8 My enemies reproach me all the day; and they that are mad against me are sworn against me.

102:9 For I have eaten ashes like bread, and mingled my drink with weeping.

102:10 Because of your indignation and your wrath: for you have lifted me up, and cast me down.

102:11 My days are like a shadow that declines; and I am withered like grass.

102:12 But you, *YEHOVAH*, shall endure forever; and your remembrance to all generations.

102:13 You shall arise, and have mercy on Zion: for the time to favor her, yes, the set time, is come.

102:14 For your servants take pleasure in her stones, and favor the dust of it.

102:15 So the heathen shall fear the name of *Yehovah*, and all the kings of the earth your glory.

102:16 When *Yehovah* shall build up Zion, he shall appear in his glory.

102:17 He will regard the prayer of the destitute, and not despise their prayer.

102:18 This shall be written for the generation to come: and the people which shall be created shall praise *Yehovah*.

102:19 For he has looked down from the height of his sanctuary; from heaven did *Yehovah* behold the earth;

102:20 To hear the groaning of the prisoner; to loose those that are appointed to death;

102:21 To declare the name of *Yehovah* in Zion, and his praise in Jerusalem;

102:22 When the people are gathered together, and the kingdoms, to serve *Yehovah*.

102:23 He weakened my strength in the way; he shortened my days.

102:24 I said, O my God, take me not away in the middle of my days: your years are throughout all generations.

102:25 Of old have you laid the foundation of the earth: and the heavens are the work of your hands.

102:26 They shall perish, but you shall endure: yes, all of them shall wax old like a garment; as a clothing shall you change them, and they shall be changed:

102:27 But you are the same, and your years shall have no end.

102:28 The children of your servants shall continue, and their seed shall be established before you.

## ***Psalms** – Chapter 103*

103:1 Bless *Yehovah*, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless his holy name.

103:2 Bless *Yehovah*, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits:

103:3 Who forgives all your iniquities; who heals all your diseases;

103:4 Who redeems your life from destruction; who crowns you with loving kindness and tender mercies;

103:5 Who satisfies your mouth with good things; so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

103:6 *Yehovah* executes righteousness and judgment for all that are oppressed.

103:7 He made known his ways to Moses, his acts to the children of Israel.

103:8 *Yehovah* is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy.

103:9 He will not always chide: neither will he keep his anger forever.

103:10 He has not dealt with us after our sins; nor rewarded us according to our iniquities.

103:11 For as the heaven is high above the earth, so great is his mercy toward them that fear him.

103:12 As far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.

103:13 Like as a father pities his children, so *Yehovah* pities them that fear him.

103:14 For he knows our frame; he remembers that we are dust.

103:15 As for man, his days are as grass: as a flower of the field, so he flourishes.

103:16 For the wind passes over it, and it is gone; and the place of it shall know it no more.

103:17 But the mercy of *Yehovah* is from everlasting to everlasting on them that fear him, and his righteousness to children's children;

103:18 To such as keep his covenant, and to those that remember his commandments to do them.

103:19 *Yehovah* has prepared his throne in the heavens; and his kingdom rules over all.

103:20 Bless *Yehovah*, you his angels, that excel in strength, that do his commandments, hearkening to the voice of his word.

103:21 Bless you *Yehovah*, all you his hosts; you ministers of his, that do his pleasure.

103:22 Bless *Yehovah*, all his works in all places of his dominion: bless *Yehovah*, O my soul.

## ***Psalms*** – Chapter 104

104:1 Bless *Yehovah*, O my soul. *YEHOVAH* my God, you are very great; you are clothed with honor and majesty.

104:2 Who cover yourself with light as with a garment: who stretch out the heavens like a curtain:

104:3 Who lays the beams of his chambers in the waters: who makes the clouds his chariot: who walks on the wings of the wind:

104:4 Who makes his angels spirits; his ministers a flaming fire:

104:5 Who laid the foundations of the earth, that it should not be removed forever.

104:6 You covered it with the deep as with a garment: the waters stood above the mountains.

104:7 At your rebuke they fled; at the voice of your thunder they hurried away.

104:8 They go up by the mountains; they go down by the valleys to the place which you have founded for them.

104:9 You have set a bound that they may not pass over; that they turn not again to cover the earth.

104:10 He sends the springs into the valleys, which run among the hills.

104:11 They give drink to every beast of the field: the wild asses quench their thirst.

104:12 By them shall the fowls of the heaven have their habitation, which sing among the branches.

104:13 He waters the hills from his chambers: the earth is satisfied with the fruit of your works.

104:14 He causes the grass to grow for the cattle, and herb for the service of man: that he may bring forth food out of the earth;

104:15 And wine that makes glad the heart of man, and oil to make his face to shine, and bread which strengthens man's heart.

104:16 The trees of *Yehovah* are full of sap; the cedars of Lebanon, which he has planted;

104:17 Where the birds make their nests: as for the stork, the fir trees are her house.

104:18 The high hills are a refuge for the wild goats; and the rocks for the conies.

104:19 He appointed the moon for seasons: the sun knows his going down.

104:20 You make darkness, and it is night: in which all the beasts of the forest do creep forth.

104:21 The young lions roar after their prey, and seek their meat from God.

104:22 The sun rises, they gather themselves together, and lay them down in their dens.

104:23 Man goes forth to his work and to his labor until the evening.

104:24 *YEHOVAH*, how manifold are your works! in wisdom have you made them all: the earth is full of your riches.

104:25 So is this great and wide sea, in which are things creeping innumerable, both small and great beasts.

104:26 There go the ships: there is that leviathan, whom you have made to play therein.

104:27 These wait all on you; that you may give them their meat in due season.

104:28 That you give them they gather: you open your hand, they are filled with good.

104:29 You hide your face, they are troubled: you take away their breath, they die, and return to their dust.

104:30 You send forth your spirit, they are created: and you renew the face of the earth.

104:31 The glory of *Yehovah* shall endure forever: *Yehovah* shall rejoice in his works.

104:32 He looks on the earth, and it trembles: he touches the hills, and they smoke.

104:33 I will sing to *Yehovah* as long as I live: I will sing praise to my God while I have my being.

104:34 My meditation of him shall be sweet: I will be glad in *Yehovah*.

104:35 Let the sinners be consumed out of the earth, and let the wicked be no more. Bless you *Yehovah*, O my soul. Praise you *Yehovah*.

## ***Psalms*** — Chapter 105

105:1 O give thanks to *Yehovah*; call on his name: make known his deeds among the people.

105:2 Sing to him, sing psalms to him: talk you of all his wondrous works.

105:3 Glory you in his holy name: let the heart of them rejoice that seek *Yehovah*.

105:4 Seek *Yehovah*, and his strength: seek his face ever more.

105:5 Remember his marvelous works that he has done; his wonders, and the judgments of his mouth;

105:6 O you seed of Abraham his servant, you children of Jacob his chosen.

105:7 He is *Yehovah* our God: his judgments are in all the earth.

105:8 He has remembered his covenant forever, the word which he commanded to a thousand generations.

105:9 Which covenant he made with Abraham, and his oath to Isaac;  
105:10 And confirmed the same to Jacob for a law, and to Israel for an everlasting covenant:  
105:11 Saying, To you will I give the land of Canaan, the lot of your inheritance:  
105:12 When they were but a few men in number; yes, very few, and strangers in it.  
105:13 When they went from one nation to another, from one kingdom to another people;  
105:14 He suffered no man to do them wrong: yes, he reproved kings for their sakes;  
105:15 Saying, Touch not my anointed, and do my prophets no harm.  
105:16 Moreover he called for a famine on the land: he broke the whole staff of bread.  
105:17 He sent a man before them, even Joseph, who was sold for a servant:  
105:18 Whose feet they hurt with fetters: he was laid in iron:  
105:19 Until the time that his word came: the word of *Yehovah* tried him.  
105:20 The king sent and loosed him; even the ruler of the people, and let him go free.  
105:21 He made him lord of his house, and ruler of all his substance:  
105:22 To bind his princes at his pleasure; and teach his senators wisdom.  
105:23 Israel also came into Egypt; and Jacob sojourned in the land of Ham.  
105:24 And he increased his people greatly; and made them stronger than their enemies.  
105:25 He turned their heart to hate his people, to deal subtly with his servants.  
105:26 He sent Moses his servant; and Aaron whom he had chosen.  
105:27 They showed his signs among them, and wonders in the land of Ham.  
105:28 He sent darkness, and made it dark; and they rebelled not against his word.  
105:29 He turned their waters into blood, and slew their fish.  
105:30 Their land brought forth frogs in abundance, in the chambers of their kings.  
105:31 He spoke, and there came divers sorts of flies, and lice in all their coasts.  
105:32 He gave them hail for rain, and flaming fire in their land.  
105:33 He smote their vines also and their fig trees; and broke the trees of their coasts.

105:34 He spoke, and the locusts came, and caterpillars, and that without number,

105:35 And did eat up all the herbs in their land, and devoured the fruit of their ground.

105:36 He smote also all the firstborn in their land, the chief of all their strength.

105:37 He brought them forth also with silver and gold: and there was not one feeble person among their tribes.

105:38 Egypt was glad when they departed: for the fear of them fell on them.

105:39 He spread a cloud for a covering; and fire to give light in the night.

105:40 The people asked, and he brought quails, and satisfied them with the bread of heaven.

105:41 He opened the rock, and the waters gushed out; they ran in the dry places like a river.

105:42 For he remembered his holy promise, and Abraham his servant.

105:43 And he brought forth his people with joy, and his chosen with gladness:

105:44 And gave them the lands of the heathen: and they inherited the labor of the people;

105:45 That they might observe his statutes, and keep his laws. Praise you *Yehovah*.

## ***Psalms*** – Chapter 106

106:1 Praise you *Yehovah*. O give thanks to *Yehovah*; for he is good: for his mercy endures forever.

106:2 Who can utter the mighty acts of *Yehovah*? who can show forth all his praise?

106:3 Blessed are they that keep judgment, and he that does righteousness at all times.

106:4 Remember me, *YEHOVAH*, with the favor that you bore to your people: O visit me with your salvation;

106:5 That I may see the good of your chosen, that I may rejoice in the gladness of your nation, that I may glory with your inheritance.

106:6 We have sinned with our fathers, we have committed iniquity, we have done wickedly.

106:7 Our fathers understood not your wonders in Egypt; they remembered not the multitude of your mercies; but provoked him at the sea, even at the Red sea.

106:8 Nevertheless he saved them for his name's sake, that he might make his mighty power to be known.

106:9 He rebuked the Red sea also, and it was dried up: so he led them through the depths, as through the wilderness.

106:10 And he saved them from the hand of him that hated them, and redeemed them from the hand of the enemy.

106:11 And the waters covered their enemies: there was not one of them left.

106:12 Then believed they his words; they sang his praise.

106:13 They soon forgot his works; they waited not for his counsel:

106:14 But lusted exceedingly in the wilderness, and tempted God in the desert.

106:15 And he gave them their request; but sent leanness into their soul.

106:16 They envied Moses also in the camp, and Aaron the saint of *Yehovah*.

106:17 The earth opened and swallowed up Dathan and covered the company of Abiram.

106:18 And a fire was kindled in their company; the flame burned up the wicked.

106:19 They made a calf in Horeb, and worshipped the molten image.

106:20 Thus they changed their glory into the similitude of an ox that eats grass.

106:21 They forgot God their savior, which had done great things in Egypt;

106:22 Wondrous works in the land of Ham, and terrible things by the Red sea.

106:23 Therefore he said that he would destroy them, had not Moses his chosen stood before him in the breach, to turn away his wrath, lest he should destroy them.

106:24 Yes, they despised the pleasant land, they believed not his word:

106:25 But murmured in their tents, and listened not to the voice of *Yehovah*.

106:26 Therefore he lifted up his hand against them, to overthrow them in the wilderness:

106:27 To overthrow their seed also among the nations, and to scatter them in the lands.

106:28 They joined themselves also to Baalpeor, and ate the sacrifices of the dead.

106:29 Thus they provoked him to anger with their inventions: and the plague broke in on them.

106:30 Then stood up Phinehas, and executed judgment: and so the plague was stayed.

106:31 And that was counted to him for righteousness to all generations forever more.

106:32 They angered him also at the waters of strife, so that it went ill with Moses for their sakes:

106:33 Because they provoked his spirit, so that he spoke unadvisedly with his lips.

106:34 They did not destroy the nations, concerning whom *Yehovah* commanded them:

106:35 But were mingled among the heathen, and learned their works.

106:36 And they served their idols: which were a snare to them.

106:37 Yes, they sacrificed their sons and their daughters to devils,

106:38 And shed innocent blood, even the blood of their sons and of their daughters, whom they sacrificed to the idols of Canaan: and the land was polluted with blood.

106:39 Thus were they defiled with their own works, and went a whoring with their own inventions.

106:40 Therefore was the wrath of *Yehovah* kindled against his people, so that he abhorred his own inheritance.

106:41 And he gave them into the hand of the heathen; and they that hated them ruled over them.

106:42 Their enemies also oppressed them, and they were brought into subjection under their hand.

106:43 Many times did he deliver them; but they provoked him with their counsel, and were brought low for their iniquity.

106:44 Nevertheless he regarded their affliction, when he heard their cry:

106:45 And he remembered for them his covenant, and repented according to the multitude of his mercies.

106:46 He made them also to be pitied of all those that carried them captives.

106:47 Save us, *YEHOVAH* our God, and gather us from among the heathen, to give thanks to your holy name, and to triumph in your praise.

106:48 Blessed be *Yehovah* God of Israel from everlasting to everlasting: and let all the people say, Amen. Praise you *Yehovah*.

## ***Psalms*** – Chapter 107

107:1 O give thanks to *Yehovah*, for he is good: for his mercy endures forever.

107:2 Let the redeemed of *Yehovah* say so, whom he has redeemed from the hand of the enemy;

107:3 And gathered them out of the lands, from the east, and from the west, from the north, and from the south.

107:4 They wandered in the wilderness in a solitary way; they found no city to dwell in.

107:5 Hungry and thirsty, their soul fainted in them.

107:6 Then they cried to *Yehovah* in their trouble, and he delivered them out of their distresses.

107:7 And he led them forth by the right way, that they might go to a city of habitation.

107:8 Oh that men would praise *Yehovah* for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men!

107:9 For he satisfies the longing soul, and fills the hungry soul with goodness.

107:10 Such as sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, being bound in affliction and iron;

107:11 Because they rebelled against the words of God, and contemned the counsel of the most High:

107:12 Therefore he brought down their heart with labor; they fell down, and there was none to help.

107:13 Then they cried to *Yehovah* in their trouble, and he saved them out of their distresses.

107:14 He brought them out of darkness and the shadow of death, and broke their bands in sunder.

107:15 Oh that men would praise *Yehovah* for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men!

107:16 For he has broken the gates of brass, and cut the bars of iron in sunder.

107:17 Fools because of their transgression, and because of their iniquities, are afflicted.

107:18 Their soul abhors all manner of meat; and they draw near to the gates of death.

107:19 Then they cry to *Yehovah* in their trouble, and he saves them out of their distresses.

107:20 He sent his word, and healed them, and delivered them from their destructions.

107:21 Oh that men would praise *Yehovah* for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men!

107:22 And let them sacrifice the sacrifices of thanksgiving, and declare his works with rejoicing.

107:23 They that go down to the sea in ships, that do business in great waters;

107:24 These see the works of *Yehovah*, and his wonders in the deep.

107:25 For he commands, and raises the stormy wind, which lifts up the waves.

107:26 They mount up to the heaven, they go down again to the depths: their soul is melted because of trouble.

107:27 They reel to and fro, and stagger like a drunken man, and are at their wit's end.

107:28 Then they cry to *Yehovah* in their trouble, and he brings them out of their distresses.

107:29 He makes the storm a calm, so that the waves of it are still.

107:30 Then are they glad because they be quiet; so he brings them to their desired haven.

107:31 Oh that men would praise *Yehovah* for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men!

107:32 Let them exalt him also in the congregation of the people, and praise him in the assembly of the elders.

107:33 He turns rivers into a wilderness, and the springs into dry ground;

107:34 A fruitful land into barrenness, for the wickedness of them that dwell therein.

107:35 He turns the wilderness into a standing water, and dry ground into springs.

107:36 And there he makes the hungry to dwell, that they may prepare a city for habitation;

107:37 And sow the fields, and plant vineyards, which may yield fruits of increase.

107:38 He blesses them also, so that they are multiplied greatly; and suffers not their cattle to decrease.

107:39 Again, they are diminished and brought low through oppression, affliction, and sorrow.

107:40 He pours contempt on princes, and causes them to wander in the wilderness, where there is no way.

107:41 Yet sets he the poor on high from affliction, and makes him families like a flock.

107:42 The righteous shall see it, and rejoice: and all iniquity shall stop her mouth.

107:43 Whoever is wise, and will observe these things, even they shall understand the loving kindness of *Yehovah*.

## ***Psalms*** — Chapter 108

108:1 O god, my heart is fixed; I will sing and give praise, even with my glory.

108:2 Awake, psaltery and harp: I myself will awake early.

108:3 I will praise you, *YEHOVAH*, among the people: and I will sing praises to you among the nations.

108:4 For your mercy is great above the heavens: and your truth reaches to the clouds.

108:5 Be you exalted, O God, above the heavens: and your glory above all the earth;

108:6 That your beloved may be delivered: save with your right hand, and answer me.

108:7 God has spoken in his holiness; I will rejoice, I will divide Shechem, and mete out the valley of Succoth.

108:8 Gilead is mine; Manasseh is mine; Ephraim also is the strength of my head; Judah is my lawgiver;

108:9 Moab is my wash pot; over Edom will I cast out my shoe; over Philistia will I triumph.

108:10 Who will bring me into the strong city? who will lead me into Edom?

108:11 Will not you, O God, who have cast us off? and will not you, O God, go forth with our hosts?

108:12 Give us help from trouble: for vain is the help of man.

108:13 Through God we shall do valiantly: for he it is that shall tread down our enemies.

### ***Psalms*** – Chapter 109

109:1 Hold not your peace, O God of my praise;

109:2 For the mouth of the wicked and the mouth of the deceitful are opened against me: they have spoken against me with a lying tongue.

109:3 They compassed me about also with words of hatred; and fought against me without a cause.

109:4 For my love they are my adversaries: but I give myself to prayer.

109:5 And they have rewarded me evil for good, and hatred for my love.

109:6 Set you a wicked man over him: and let Satan stand at his right hand.

109:7 When he shall be judged, let him be condemned: and let his prayer become sin.

109:8 Let his days be few; and let another take his office.

109:9 Let his children be fatherless, and his wife a widow.

109:10 Let his children be continually vagabonds, and beg: let them seek their bread also out of their desolate places.

109:11 Let the extortionist catch all that he has; and let the strangers spoil his labor.

109:12 Let there be none to extend mercy to him: neither let there be any to favor his fatherless children.

109:13 Let his posterity be cut off; and in the generation following let their name be blotted out.

109:14 Let the iniquity of his fathers be remembered with *Yehovah*; and let not the sin of his mother be blotted out.

109:15 Let them be before *Yehovah* continually, that he may cut off the memory of them from the earth.

109:16 Because that he remembered not to show mercy, but persecuted the poor and needy man, that he might even slay the broken in heart.

109:17 As he loved cursing, so let it come to him: as he delighted not in blessing, so let it be far from him.

109:18 As he clothed himself with cursing like as with his garment, so let it come into his bowels like water, and like oil into his bones.

109:19 Let it be to him as the garment which covers him, and for a girdle with which he is girded continually.

109:20 Let this be the reward of my adversaries from *Yehovah*, and of them that speak evil against my soul.

109:21 But do you for me, O GOD *Yehovah*, for your name's sake: because your mercy is good, deliver you me.

109:22 For I am poor and needy, and my heart is wounded within me.

109:23 I am gone like the shadow when it declines: I am tossed up and down as the locust.

109:24 My knees are weak through fasting; and my flesh fails of fatness.

109:25 I became also a reproach to them: when they looked on me they shook their heads.

109:26 Help me, *YEHOVAH* my God: O save me according to your mercy:

109:27 That they may know that this is your hand; that you, *YEHOVAH*, have done it.

109:28 Let them curse, but bless you: when they arise, let them be ashamed; but let your servant rejoice.

109:29 Let my adversaries be clothed with shame, and let them cover themselves with their own confusion, as with a mantle.

109:30 I will greatly praise *Yehovah* with my mouth; yes, I will praise him among the multitude.

109:31 For he shall stand at the right hand of the poor, to save him from those that condemn his soul.

## ***Psalms*** – Chapter 110

110:1 *Yehovah* said to my Lord, Sit you at my right hand, until I make your enemies your footstool.

110:2 *Yehovah* shall send the rod of your strength out of Zion: rule you in the middle of your enemies.

110:3 Your people shall be willing in the day of your power, in the beauties of holiness from the womb of the morning: you have the dew of your youth.

110:4 *Yehovah* has sworn, and will not repent, You are a priest forever after the order of Melchizedek.

110:5 *Yehovah* at your right hand shall strike through kings in the day of his wrath.

110:6 He shall judge among the heathen, he shall fill the places with the dead bodies; he shall wound the heads over many countries.

110:7 He shall drink of the brook in the way: therefore shall he lift up the head.

### ***Psalms*** – Chapter 111

111:1 Praise you *Yehovah*. I will praise *Yehovah* with my whole heart, in the assembly of the upright, and in the congregation.

111:2 The works of *Yehovah* are great, sought out of all them that have pleasure therein.

111:3 His work is honorable and glorious: and his righteousness endures forever.

111:4 He has made his wonderful works to be remembered: *Yehovah* is gracious and full of compassion.

111:5 He has given meat to them that fear him: he will ever be mindful of his covenant.

111:6 He has showed his people the power of his works, that he may give them the heritage of the heathen.

111:7 The works of his hands are verity and judgment; all his commandments are sure.

111:8 They stand fast forever and ever, and are done in truth and uprightness.

111:9 He sent redemption to his people: he has commanded his covenant forever: holy and reverend is his name.

111:10 The fear of *Yehovah* is the beginning of wisdom: a good understanding have all they that do his commandments: his praise endures forever.

### ***Psalms*** – Chapter 112

112:1 Praise you *Yehovah*. Blessed is the man that fears *Yehovah*, that delights greatly in his commandments.

112:2 His seed shall be mighty on earth: the generation of the upright shall be blessed.

112:3 Wealth and riches shall be in his house: and his righteousness endures forever.

112:4 To the upright there rises light in the darkness: he is gracious, and full of compassion, and righteous.

112:5 A good man shows favor, and lends: he will guide his affairs with discretion.

112:6 Surely he shall not be moved forever: the righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance.

112:7 He shall not be afraid of evil tidings: his heart is fixed, trusting in *Yehovah*.

112:8 His heart is established, he shall not be afraid, until he see his desire on his enemies.

112:9 He has dispersed, he has given to the poor; his righteousness endures forever; his horn shall be exalted with honor.

112:10 The wicked shall see it, and be grieved; he shall gnash with his teeth, and melt away: the desire of the wicked shall perish.

### ***Psalms*** – Chapter 113

113:1 Praise you *Yehovah*. Praise, O you servants of *Yehovah*, praise the name of *Yehovah*.

113:2 Blessed be the name of *Yehovah* from this time forth and forever more.

113:3 From the rising of the sun to the going down of the same *Yehovah's* name is to be praised.

113:4 *Yehovah* is high above all nations, and his glory above the heavens.

113:5 Who is like to *Yehovah* our God, who dwells on high,

113:6 Who humbles himself to behold the things that are in heaven, and in the earth!

113:7 He raises up the poor out of the dust, and lifts the needy out of the dunghill;

113:8 That he may set him with princes, even with the princes of his people.

113:9 He makes the barren woman to keep house, and to be a joyful mother of children. Praise you *Yehovah*.

### ***Psalms*** – Chapter 114

114:1 When Israel went out of Egypt, the house of Jacob from a people of strange language;

114:2 Judah was his sanctuary, and Israel his dominion.

114:3 The sea saw it, and fled: Jordan was driven back.

114:4 The mountains skipped like rams, and the little hills like lambs.

114:5 What ailed you, O you Sea, that you fled? you Jordan, that you were driven back?

114:6 You mountains, that you skipped like rams; and you little hills, like lambs?

114:7 Tremble, you earth, at the presence of *Yehovah*, at the presence of the God of Jacob;

114:8 Which turned the rock into a standing water, the flint into a fountain of waters.

### ***Psalms*** – Chapter 115

115:1 Not to us, *YEHOVAH*, not to us, but to your name give glory, for your mercy, and for your truth's sake.

115:2 Why should the heathen say, Where is now their God?

115:3 But our God is in the heavens: he has done whatever he has pleased.

115:4 Their idols are silver and gold, the work of men's hands.

115:5 They have mouths, but they speak not: eyes have they, but they see not:

115:6 They have ears, but they hear not: noses have they, but they smell not:

115:7 They have hands, but they handle not: feet have they, but they walk not: neither speak they through their throat.

115:8 They that make them are like to them; so is every one that trusts in them.

115:9 O Israel, trust you in *Yehovah*: he is their help and their shield.

115:10 O house of Aaron, trust in *Yehovah*: he is their help and their shield.

115:11 You that fear *Yehovah*, trust in *Yehovah*: he is their help and their shield.

115:12 *Yehovah* has been mindful of us: he will bless us; he will bless the house of Israel; he will bless the house of Aaron.

115:13 He will bless them that fear *Yehovah*, both small and great.

115:14 *Yehovah* shall increase you more and more, you and your children.

115:15 You are blessed of *Yehovah* which made heaven and earth.

115:16 The heaven, even the heavens, are *Yehovah*'s: but the earth has he given to the children of men.

115:17 The dead praise not *Yehovah*, neither any that go down into silence.

115:18 But we will bless *Yehovah* from this time forth and forever more. Praise *Yehovah*.

### ***Psalms*** – Chapter 116

116:1 I love *Yehovah*, because he has heard my voice and my supplications.

116:2 Because he has inclined his ear to me, therefore will I call on him as long as I live.

116:3 The sorrows of death compassed me, and the pains of *sheol* got hold on me: I found trouble and sorrow.

116:4 Then called I on the name of *Yehovah*; *YEHOVAH*, I beseech you, deliver my soul.

116:5 Gracious is *Yehovah*, and righteous; yes, our God is merciful.

116:6 *Yehovah* preserves the simple: I was brought low, and he helped me.

116:7 Return to your rest, O my soul; for *Yehovah* has dealt bountifully with you.

116:8 For you have delivered my soul from death, my eyes from tears, and my feet from falling.

116:9 I will walk before *Yehovah* in the land of the living.

116:10 I believed, therefore have I spoken: I was greatly afflicted:

116:11 I said in my haste, All men are liars.

116:12 What shall I render to *Yehovah* for all his benefits toward me?

116:13 I will take the cup of salvation, and call on the name of *Yehovah*.

116:14 I will pay my vows to *Yehovah* now in the presence of all his people.

116:15 Precious in the sight of *Yehovah* is the death of his saints.

116:16 *YEHOVAH*, truly I am your servant; I am your servant, and the son of your handmaid: you have loosed my bonds.

116:17 I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanksgiving, and will call on the name of *Yehovah*.

116:18 I will pay my vows to *Yehovah* now in the presence of all his people.

116:19 In the courts of *Yehovah*'s house, in the middle of you, O Jerusalem. Praise you *Yehovah*.

### ***Psalms*** – Chapter 117

117:1 O praise *Yehovah*, all you nations: praise him, all you people.

117:2 For his merciful kindness is great toward us: and the truth of *Yehovah* endures forever. Praise you *Yehovah*.

## ***Psalms*** – Chapter 118

118:1 O give thanks to *Yehovah*; for he is good: because his mercy endures forever.

118:2 Let Israel now say, that his mercy endures forever.

118:3 Let the house of Aaron now say, that his mercy endures forever.

118:4 Let them now that fear *Yehovah* say, that his mercy endures forever.

118:5 I called on *Yehovah* in distress: *Yehovah* answered me, and set me in a large place.

118:6 *Yehovah* is on my side; I will not fear: what can man do to me?

118:7 *Yehovah* takes my part with them that help me: therefore shall I see my desire on them that hate me.

118:8 It is better to trust in *Yehovah* than to put confidence in man.

118:9 It is better to trust in *Yehovah* than to put confidence in princes.

118:10 All nations compassed me about: but in the name of *Yehovah* will I destroy them.

118:11 They compassed me about; yes, they compassed me about: but in the name of *Yehovah* I will destroy them.

118:12 They compassed me about like bees: they are quenched as the fire of thorns: for in the name of *Yehovah* I will destroy them.

118:13 You have thrust sore at me that I might fall: but *Yehovah* helped me.

118:14 *Yehovah* is my strength and song, and is become my salvation.

118:15 The voice of rejoicing and salvation is in the tabernacles of the righteous: the right hand of *Yehovah* does valiantly.

118:16 The right hand of *Yehovah* is exalted: the right hand of *Yehovah* does valiantly.

118:17 I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of *Yehovah*.

118:18 *Yehovah* has chastened me sore: but he has not given me over to death.

118:19 Open to me the gates of righteousness: I will go into them, and I will praise *Yehovah*:

118:20 This gate of *Yehovah*, into which the righteous shall enter.

118:21 I will praise you: for you have heard me, and are become my salvation.

118:22 The stone which the builders refused is become the head stone of the corner.

118:23 This is *Yehovah's* doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

118:24 This is the day which *Yehovah* has made; we will rejoice and be glad in it.

118:25 Save now, I beseech you, *YEHOVAH: YEHOVAH*, I beseech you, send now prosperity.

118:26 Blessed be he that comes in the name of *Yehovah*: we have blessed you out of the house of *Yehovah*.

118:27 God is *Yehovah*, which has showed us light: bind the sacrifice with cords, even to the horns of the altar.

118:28 You are my God, and I will praise you: you are my God, I will exalt you.

118:29 O give thanks to *Yehovah*; for he is good: for his mercy endures forever.

## ***Psalms*** – Chapter 119

119:1 Blessed are the undefiled in the way, who walk in the law of *Yehovah*.

119:2 Blessed are they that keep his testimonies, and that seek him with the whole heart.

119:3 They also do no iniquity: they walk in his ways.

119:4 You have commanded us to keep your precepts diligently.

119:5 O that my ways were directed to keep your statutes!

119:6 Then shall I not be ashamed, when I have respect to all your commandments.

119:7 I will praise you with uprightness of heart, when I shall have learned your righteous judgments.

119:8 I will keep your statutes: O forsake me not utterly.

119:9 Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? by taking heed thereto according to your word.

119:10 With my whole heart have I sought you: O let me not wander from your commandments.

119:11 Your word have I hid in my heart, that I might not sin against you.

119:12 Blessed are you, *YEHOVAH*: teach me your statutes.

119:13 With my lips have I declared all the judgments of your mouth.

119:14 I have rejoiced in the way of your testimonies, as much as in all riches.

119:15 I will meditate in your precepts, and have respect to your ways.

119:16 I will delight myself in your statutes: I will not forget your word.

119:17 Deal bountifully with your servant, that I may live, and keep your word.

119:18 Open you my eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of your law.

119:19 I am a stranger in the earth: hide not your commandments from me.

119:20 My soul breaks for the longing that it has to your judgments at all times.

119:21 You have rebuked the proud that are cursed, which do error from your commandments.

119:22 Remove from me reproach and contempt; for I have kept your testimonies.

119:23 Princes also did sit and speak against me: but your servant did meditate in your statutes.

119:24 Your testimonies also are my delight and my counsellors.

119:25 My soul sticks to the dust: quicken you me according to your word.

119:26 I have declared my ways, and you heard me: teach me your statutes.

119:27 Make me to understand the way of your precepts: so shall I talk of your wondrous works.

119:28 My soul melts for heaviness: strengthen you me according to your word.

119:29 Remove from me the way of lying: and grant me your law graciously.

119:30 I have chosen the way of truth: your judgments have I laid before me.

119:31 I have stuck to your testimonies: *YEHOVAH*, put me not to shame.

119:32 I will run the way of your commandments, when you shall enlarge my heart.

119:33 Teach me, *YEHOVAH*, the way of your statutes; and I shall keep it to the end.

119:34 Give me understanding, and I shall keep your law; yes, I shall observe it with my whole heart.

119:35 Make me to go in the path of your commandments; for therein do I delight.

119:36 Incline my heart to your testimonies, and not to covetousness.

119:37 Turn away my eyes from beholding vanity; and quicken you me in your way.

119:38 Establish your word to your servant, who is devoted to your fear.

119:39 Turn away my reproach which I fear: for your judgments are good.

119:40 Behold, I have longed after your precepts: quicken me in your righteousness.

119:41 Let your mercies come also to me, *YEHOVAH*, even your salvation, according to your word.

119:42 So shall I have with which to answer him that reproaches me:  
for I trust in your word.

119:43 And take not the word of truth utterly out of my mouth; for I  
have hoped in your judgments.

119:44 So shall I keep your law continually forever and ever.

119:45 And I will walk at liberty: for I seek your precepts.

119:46 I will speak of your testimonies also before kings, and will not  
be ashamed.

119:47 And I will delight myself in your commandments, which I have  
loved.

119:48 My hands also will I lift up to your commandments, which I  
have loved; and I will meditate in your statutes.

119:49 Remember the word to your servant, on which you have caused  
me to hope.

119:50 This is my comfort in my affliction: for your word has  
quicken me.

119:51 The proud have had me greatly in derision: yet have I not  
declined from your law.

119:52 I remembered your judgments of old, *YEHOVAH*; and have  
comforted myself.

119:53 Horror has taken hold on me because of the wicked that forsake  
your law.

119:54 Your statutes have been my songs in the house of my  
pilgrimage.

119:55 I have remembered your name, *YEHOVAH*, in the night, and  
have kept your law.

119:56 This I had, because I kept your precepts.

119:57 You are my portion, *YEHOVAH*: I have said that I would keep  
your words.

119:58 I entreated your favor with my whole heart: be merciful to me  
according to your word.

119:59 I thought on my ways, and turned my feet to your testimonies.

119:60 I made haste, and delayed not to keep your commandments.

119:61 The bands of the wicked have robbed me: but I have not  
forgotten your law.

119:62 At midnight I will rise to give thanks to you because of your  
righteous judgments.

119:63 I am a companion of all them that fear you, and of them that  
keep your precepts.

119:64 The earth, *YEHOVAH*, is full of your mercy: teach me your  
statutes.

119:65 You have dealt well with your servant, *YEHOVAH*, according  
to your word.

119:66 Teach me good judgment and knowledge: for I have believed your commandments.

119:67 Before I was afflicted I went astray: but now have I kept your word.

119:68 You are good, and do good; teach me your statutes.

119:69 The proud have forged a lie against me: but I will keep your precepts with my whole heart.

119:70 Their heart is as fat as grease; but I delight in your law.

119:71 It is good for me that I have been afflicted; that I might learn your statutes.

119:72 The law of your mouth is better to me than thousands of gold and silver.

119:73 Your hands have made me and fashioned me: give me understanding, that I may learn your commandments.

119:74 They that fear you will be glad when they see me; because I have hoped in your word.

119:75 I know, *YEHOVAH*, that your judgments are right, and that you in faithfulness have afflicted me.

119:76 Let, I pray you, your merciful kindness be for my comfort, according to your word to your servant.

119:77 Let your tender mercies come to me, that I may live: for your law is my delight.

119:78 Let the proud be ashamed; for they dealt perversely with me without a cause: but I will meditate in your precepts.

119:79 Let those that fear you turn to me, and those that have known your testimonies.

119:80 Let my heart be sound in your statutes; that I be not ashamed.

119:81 My soul faints for your salvation: but I hope in your word.

119:82 My eyes fail for your word, saying, When will you comfort me?

119:83 For I am become like a bottle in the smoke; yet do I not forget your statutes.

119:84 How many are the days of your servant? when will you execute judgment on them that persecute me?

119:85 The proud have dug pits for me, which are not after your law.

119:86 All your commandments are faithful: they persecute me wrongfully; help you me.

119:87 They had almost consumed me on earth; but I forsook not your precepts.

119:88 Quicken me after your loving kindness; so shall I keep the testimony of your mouth.

119:89 Forever, *YEHOVAH*, your word is settled in heaven.

119:90 Your faithfulness is to all generations: you have established the earth, and it stays.

119:91 They continue this day according to your ordinances: for all are your servants.

119:92 Unless your law had been my delights, I should then have perished in my affliction.

119:93 I will never forget your precepts: for with them you have quickened me.

119:94 I am yours, save me: for I have sought your precepts.

119:95 The wicked have waited for me to destroy me: but I will consider your testimonies.

119:96 I have seen an end of all perfection: but your commandment is exceeding broad.

119:97 O how I love your law! it is my meditation all the day.

119:98 You through your commandments have made me wiser than my enemies: for they are ever with me.

119:99 I have more understanding than all my teachers: for your testimonies are my meditation.

119:100 I understand more than the ancients, because I keep your precepts.

119:101 I have refrained my feet from every evil way, that I might keep your word.

119:102 I have not departed from your judgments: for you have taught me.

119:103 How sweet are your words to my taste! yes, sweeter than honey to my mouth!

119:104 Through your precepts I get understanding: therefore I hate every false way.

119:105 Your word is a lamp to my feet, and a light to my path.

119:106 I have sworn, and I will perform it, that I will keep your righteous judgments.

119:107 I am afflicted very much: quicken me, *YEHOVAH*, according to your word.

119:108 Accept, I beseech you, the freewill offerings of my mouth, *YEHOVAH*, and teach me your judgments.

119:109 My soul is continually in my hand: yet do I not forget your law.

119:110 The wicked have laid a snare for me: yet I erred not from your precepts.

119:111 Your testimonies have I taken as a heritage forever: for they are the rejoicing of my heart.

119:112 I have inclined my heart to perform your statutes always, even to the end.

119:113 I hate vain thoughts: but your law do I love.

119:114 You are my hiding place and my shield: I hope in your word.

119:115 Depart from me, you evildoers: for I will keep the commandments of my God.

119:116 Uphold me according to your word, that I may live: and let me not be ashamed of my hope.

119:117 Hold you me up, and I shall be safe: and I will have respect to your statutes continually.

119:118 You have trodden down all them that error from your statutes: for their deceit is falsehood.

119:119 You put away all the wicked of the earth like dross: therefore I love your testimonies.

119:120 My flesh trembles for fear of you; and I am afraid of your judgments.

119:121 I have done judgment and justice: leave me not to my oppressors.

119:122 Be surety for your servant for good: let not the proud oppress me.

119:123 My eyes fail for your salvation, and for the word of your righteousness.

119:124 Deal with your servant according to your mercy, and teach me your statutes.

119:125 I am your servant; give me understanding, that I may know your testimonies.

119:126 It is time for you, *YEHOVAH*, to work: for they have made void your law.

119:127 Therefore I love your commandments above gold; yes, above fine gold.

119:128 Therefore I esteem all your precepts concerning all things to be right; and I hate every false way.

119:129 Your testimonies are wonderful: therefore does my soul keep them.

119:130 The entrance of your words gives light; it gives understanding to the simple.

119:131 I opened my mouth, and panted: for I longed for your commandments.

119:132 Look you on me, and be merciful to me, as you use to do to those that love your name.

119:133 Order my steps in your word: and let not any iniquity have dominion over me.

119:134 Deliver me from the oppression of man: so will I keep your precepts.

119:135 Make your face to shine on your servant; and teach me your statutes.

119:136 Rivers of waters run down my eyes, because they keep not your law.

119:137 Righteous are you, *YEHOVAH*, and upright are your judgments.

119:138 Your testimonies that you have commanded are righteous and very faithful.

119:139 My zeal has consumed me, because my enemies have forgotten your words.

119:140 Your word is very pure: therefore your servant loves it.

119:141 I am small and despised: yet do not I forget your precepts.

119:142 Your righteousness is an everlasting righteousness, and your law is the truth.

119:143 Trouble and anguish have taken hold on me: yet your commandments are my delights.

119:144 The righteousness of your testimonies is everlasting: give me understanding, and I shall live.

119:145 I cried with my whole heart; hear me, *YEHOVAH*: I will keep your statutes.

119:146 I cried to you; save me, and I shall keep your testimonies.

119:147 I prevented the dawning of the morning, and cried: I hoped in your word.

119:148 My eyes prevent the night watches, that I might meditate in your word.

119:149 Hear my voice according to your loving kindness: *YEHOVAH*, quicken me according to your judgment.

119:150 They draw near that follow after mischief: they are far from your law.

119:151 You are near, *YEHOVAH*; and all your commandments are truth.

119:152 Concerning your testimonies, I have known of old that you have founded them forever.

119:153 Consider my affliction, and deliver me: for I do not forget your law.

119:154 Plead my cause, and deliver me: quicken me according to your word.

119:155 Salvation is far from the wicked: for they seek not your statutes.

119:156 Great are your tender mercies, *YEHOVAH*: quicken me according to your judgments.

119:157 Many are my persecutors and my enemies; yet do I not decline from your testimonies.

119:158 I beheld the transgressors, and was grieved; because they kept not your word.

119:159 Consider how I love your precepts: quicken me, *YEHOVAH*, according to your loving kindness.

119:160 Your word is true from the beginning: and every one of your righteous judgments endures forever.

119:161 Princes have persecuted me without a cause: but my heart stands in awe of your word.

119:162 I rejoice at your word, as one that finds great spoil.

119:163 I hate and abhor lying: but your law do I love.

119:164 Seven times a day do I praise you because of your righteous judgments.

119:165 Great peace have they which love your law: and nothing shall offend them.

119:166 *YEHOVAH*, I have hoped for your salvation, and done your commandments.

119:167 My soul has kept your testimonies; and I love them exceedingly.

119:168 I have kept your precepts and your testimonies: for all my ways are before you.

119:169 Let my cry come near before you, *YEHOVAH*: give me understanding according to your word.

119:170 Let my supplication come before you: deliver me according to your word.

119:171 My lips shall utter praise, when you have taught me your statutes.

119:172 My tongue shall speak of your word: for all your commandments are righteousness.

119:173 Let your hand help me; for I have chosen your precepts.

119:174 I have longed for your salvation, *YEHOVAH*; and your law is my delight.

119:175 Let my soul live, and it shall praise you; and let your judgments help me.

119:176 I have gone astray like a lost sheep; seek your servant; for I do not forget your commandments.

### ***Psalms*** – Chapter 120

120:1 In my distress I cried to *Yehovah*, and he heard me.

120:2 Deliver my soul, *YEHOVAH*, from lying lips, and from a deceitful tongue.

120:3 What shall be given to you? or what shall be done to you, you false tongue?

120:4 Sharp arrows of the mighty, with coals of juniper.

120:5 Woe is me, that I sojourn in Mesech, that I dwell in the tents of Kedar!

120:6 My soul has long dwelled with him that hates peace.

120:7 I am for peace: but when I speak, they are for war.

### ***Psalms*** – Chapter 121

121:1 I will lift up my eyes to the hills, from where comes my help.

121:2 My help comes from *Yehovah*, which made heaven and earth.

121:3 He will not suffer your foot to be moved: he that keeps you will not slumber.

121:4 Behold, he that keeps Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep.

121:5 *Yehovah* is your keeper: *Yehovah* is your shade on your right hand.

121:6 The sun shall not smite you by day, nor the moon by night.

121:7 *Yehovah* shall preserve you from all evil: he shall preserve your soul.

121:8 *Yehovah* shall preserve your going out and your coming in from this time forth, and even forever more.

### ***Psalms*** – Chapter 122

122:1 I was glad when they said to me, Let us go into the house of *Yehovah*.

122:2 Our feet shall stand within your gates, O Jerusalem.

122:3 Jerusalem is built as a city that is compact together:

122:4 Where the tribes go up, the tribes of *Yehovah*, to the testimony of Israel, to give thanks to the name of *Yehovah*.

122:5 For there are set thrones of judgment, the thrones of the house of David.

122:6 Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: they shall prosper that love you.

122:7 Peace be within your walls, and prosperity within your palaces.

122:8 For my brothers and companions' sakes, I will now say, Peace be within you.

122:9 Because of the house of *Yehovah* our God I will seek your good.

### ***Psalms*** – Chapter 123

123:1 To you lift I up my eyes, O you that dwell in the heavens.

123:2 Behold, as the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, and as the eyes of a maiden to the hand of her mistress; so our eyes wait on *Yehovah* our God, until that he have mercy on us.

123:3 Have mercy on us, *YEHOVAH*, have mercy on us: for we are exceedingly filled with contempt.

123:4 Our soul is exceedingly filled with the scorning of those that are at ease, and with the contempt of the proud.

### ***Psalms*** – Chapter 124

124:1 If it had not been *Yehovah* who was on our side, now may Israel say;

124:2 If it had not been *Yehovah* who was on our side, when men rose up against us:

124:3 Then they had swallowed us up quick, when their wrath was kindled against us:

124:4 Then the waters had overwhelmed us, the stream had gone over our soul:

124:5 Then the proud waters had gone over our soul.

124:6 Blessed be *Yehovah*, who has not given us as a prey to their teeth.

124:7 Our soul is escaped as a bird out of the snare of the fowlers: the snare is broken, and we are escaped.

124:8 Our help is in the name of *Yehovah*, who made heaven and earth.

### ***Psalms*** – Chapter 125

125:1 They that trust in *Yehovah* shall be as mount Zion, which cannot be removed, but stays forever.

125:2 As the mountains are round about Jerusalem, so *Yehovah* is round about his people from now on even forever.

125:3 For the rod of the wicked shall not rest on the lot of the righteous; lest the righteous put forth their hands to iniquity.

125:4 Do good, *YEHOVAH*, to those that be good, and to them that are upright in their hearts.

125:5 As for such as turn aside to their crooked ways, *Yehovah* shall lead them forth with the workers of iniquity: but peace shall be on Israel.

### ***Psalms*** – Chapter 126

126:1 When *Yehovah* turned again the captivity of Zion, we were like them that dream.

126:2 Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with singing: then said they among the heathen, *Yehovah* has done great things for them.

126:3 *Yehovah* has done great things for us; whereof we are glad.

126:4 Turn again our captivity, *YEHOVAH*, as the streams in the south.

126:5 They that sow in tears shall reap in joy.

126:6 He that goes forth and weeps, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him.

### ***Psalms*** – Chapter 127

127:1 Except *Yehovah* build the house, they labor in vain that build it: except *Yehovah* keep the city, the watchman wakes but in vain.

127:2 It is vain for you to rise up early, to sit up late, to eat the bread of sorrows: for so he gives his beloved sleep.

127:3 See, children are a heritage of *Yehovah*: and the fruit of the womb is his reward.

127:4 As arrows are in the hand of a mighty man; so are children of the youth.

127:5 Happy is the man that has his quiver full of them: they shall not be ashamed, but they shall speak with the enemies in the gate.

### ***Psalms*** – Chapter 128

128:1 Blessed is every one that fears *Yehovah*; that walks in his ways.

128:2 For you shall eat the labor of your hands: happy shall you be, and it shall be well with you.

128:3 Your wife shall be as a fruitful vine by the sides of your house: your children like olive plants round about your table.

128:4 Behold, that thus shall the man be blessed that fears *Yehovah*.

128:5 *Yehovah* shall bless you out of Zion: and you shall see the good of Jerusalem all the days of your life.

128:6 Yes, you shall see your children's children, and peace on Israel.

### ***Psalms*** – Chapter 129

129:1 Many a time have they afflicted me from my youth, may Israel now say:

129:2 Many a time have they afflicted me from my youth: yet they have not prevailed against me.

129:3 The plowers plowed on my back: they made long their furrows.

129:4 *Yehovah* is righteous: he has cut asunder the cords of the wicked.

129:5 Let them all be confounded and turned back that hate Zion.

129:6 Let them be as the grass on the housetops, which wither before it grows up:

129:7 With which the mower fills not his hand; nor he that binds sheaves his bosom.

129:8 Neither do they which go by say, The blessing of *Yehovah* be on you: we bless you in the name of *Yehovah*.

### ***Psalms*** – Chapter 130

130:1 Out of the depths have I cried to you, *YEHOVAH*.

130:2 *Yehovah*, hear my voice: let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications.

130:3 If you, *YEHOVAH*, should mark iniquities, *Yehovah*, who shall stand?

130:4 But there is forgiveness with you, that you may be feared.

130:5 I wait for *Yehovah*, my soul does wait, and in his word do I hope.

130:6 My soul waits for *Yehovah* more than they that watch for the morning: I say, more than they that watch for the morning.

130:7 Let Israel hope in *Yehovah*: for with *Yehovah* there is mercy, and with him is plenteous redemption.

130:8 And he shall redeem Israel from all his iniquities.

### ***Psalms*** – Chapter 131

131:1 *Yehovah*, my heart is not haughty, nor my eyes lofty: neither do I exercise myself in great matters, or in things too high for me.

131:2 Surely I have behaved and quieted myself, as a child that is weaned of his mother: my soul is even as a weaned child.

131:3 Let Israel hope in *Yehovah* from now on and forever.

### ***Psalms*** – Chapter 132

132:1 *Yehovah*, remember David, and all his afflictions:

132:2 How he swore to *Yehovah*, and vowed to the mighty God of Jacob;

132:3 Surely I will not come into the tabernacle of my house, nor go up into my bed;

132:4 I will not give sleep to my eyes, or slumber to my eyelids,

132:5 Until I find out a place for *Yehovah*, a habitation for the mighty God of Jacob.

132:6 See, we heard of it at Ephratah: we found it in the fields of the wood.

132:7 We will go into his tabernacles: we will worship at his footstool.

132:8 Arise, *YEHOVAH*, into your rest; you, and the ark of your strength.

132:9 Let your priests be clothed with righteousness; and let your saints shout for joy.

132:10 For your servant David's sake turn not away the face of your anointed.

132:11 *Yehovah* has sworn in truth to David; he will not turn from it; Of the fruit of your body will I set on your throne.

132:12 If your children will keep my covenant and my testimony that I shall teach them, their children shall also sit on your throne forever more.

132:13 For *Yehovah* has chosen Zion; he has desired it for his habitation.

132:14 This is my rest forever: here will I dwell; for I have desired it.

132:15 I will abundantly bless her provision: I will satisfy her poor with bread.

132:16 I will also clothe her priests with salvation: and her saints shall shout aloud for joy.

132:17 There will I make the horn of David to bud: I have ordained a lamp for my anointed.

132:18 His enemies will I clothe with shame: but on himself shall his crown flourish.

### ***Psalms*** – Chapter 133

133:1 Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brothers to dwell together in unity!

133:2 It is like the precious ointment on the head, that ran down on the beard, even Aaron's beard: that went down to the skirts of his garments;

133:3 As the dew of Hermon, and as the dew that descended on the mountains of Zion: for there *Yehovah* commanded the blessing, even life forever more.

### ***Psalms*** – Chapter 134

134:1 Behold, bless you *Yehovah*, all you servants of *Yehovah*, which by night stand in the house of *Yehovah*.

134:2 Lift up your hands in the sanctuary, and bless *Yehovah*.

134:3 *Yehovah* that made heaven and earth bless you out of Zion.

### ***Psalms*** – Chapter 135

135:1 Praise you *Yehovah*. Praise you the name of *Yehovah*; praise him, O you servants of *Yehovah*.

135:2 You that stand in the house of *Yehovah*, in the courts of the house of our God.

135:3 Praise *Yehovah*; for *Yehovah* is good: sing praises to his name; for it is pleasant.

135:4 For *Yehovah* has chosen Jacob to himself, and Israel for his peculiar treasure.

135:5 For I know that *Yehovah* is great, and that our Lord is above all gods.

135:6 Whatever *Yehovah* pleased, that did he in heaven, and in earth, in the seas, and all deep places.

135:7 He causes the vapors to ascend from the ends of the earth; he makes lightning for the rain; he brings the wind out of his treasuries.

135:8 Who smote the firstborn of Egypt, both of man and beast.

135:9 Who sent tokens and wonders into the middle of you, O Egypt, on Pharaoh, and on all his servants.

135:10 Who smote great nations, and slew mighty kings;

135:11 Sihon king of the Amorites, and Og king of Bashan, and all the kingdoms of Canaan:

135:12 And gave their land for a heritage, a heritage to Israel his people.

135:13 Your name, *YEHOVAH*, endures forever; and your memorial, *YEHOVAH*, throughout all generations.

135:14 For *Yehovah* will judge his people, and he will repent himself concerning his servants.

135:15 The idols of the heathen are silver and gold, the work of men's hands.

135:16 They have mouths, but they speak not; eyes have they, but they see not;

135:17 They have ears, but they hear not; neither is there any breath in their mouths.

135:18 They that make them are like to them: so is every one that trusts in them.

135:19 Bless *Yehovah*, O house of Israel: bless *Yehovah*, O house of Aaron:

135:20 Bless *Yehovah*, O house of Levi: you that fear *Yehovah*, bless *Yehovah*.

135:21 Blessed be *Yehovah* out of Zion, which dwells at Jerusalem. Praise you *Yehovah*.

### ***Psalms*** – Chapter 136

136:1 O give thanks to *Yehovah*; for he is good: for his mercy endures forever.

136:2 O give thanks to the God of gods: for his mercy endures forever.

136:3 O give thanks to *Yehovah* of Lords: for his mercy endures forever.

136:4 To him who alone does great wonders: for his mercy endures forever.

136:5 To him that by wisdom made the heavens: for his mercy endures forever.

136:6 To him that stretched out the earth above the waters: for his mercy endures forever.

136:7 To him that made great lights: for his mercy endures forever:

136:8 The sun to rule by day: for his mercy endures forever:

136:9 The moon and stars to rule by night: for his mercy endures forever.

136:10 To him that smote Egypt in their firstborn: for his mercy endures forever:

136:11 And brought out Israel from among them: for his mercy endures forever:

136:12 With a strong hand, and with a stretched out arm: for his mercy endures forever.

136:13 To him which divided the Red sea into parts: for his mercy endures forever:

136:14 And made Israel to pass through the middle of it: for his mercy endures forever:

136:15 But overthrew Pharaoh and his host in the Red sea: for his mercy endures forever.

136:16 To him which led his people through the wilderness: for his mercy endures forever.

136:17 To him which smote great kings: for his mercy endures forever:

136:18 And slew famous kings: for his mercy endures forever:

136:19 Sihon king of the Amorites: for his mercy endures forever:

136:20 And Og the king of Bashan: for his mercy endures forever:

136:21 And gave their land for a heritage: for his mercy endures forever:

136:22 Even a heritage to Israel his servant: for his mercy endures forever.

136:23 Who remembered us in our low estate: for his mercy endures forever:

136:24 And has redeemed us from our enemies: for his mercy endures forever.

136:25 Who gives food to all flesh: for his mercy endures forever.

136:26 O give thanks to the God of heaven: for his mercy endures forever.

## ***Psalms*** – Chapter 137

137:1 By the rivers of Babylon, there we sat down, yes, we wept, when we remembered Zion.

137:2 We hanged our harps on the willows in the middle of it.

137:3 For there they that carried us away captive required of us a song; and they that wasted us required of us mirth, saying, Sing us one of the songs of Zion.

137:4 How shall we sing *Yehovah's* song in a strange land?

137:5 If I forget you, O Jerusalem, let my right hand forget her cunning.

137:6 If I do not remember you, let my tongue stick to the roof of my mouth; if I prefer not Jerusalem above my chief joy.

137:7 Remember, *YEHOVAH*, the children of Edom in the day of Jerusalem; who said, Raze it, raze it, even to the foundation of it.

137:8 O daughter of Babylon, who are to be destroyed; happy shall he be, that rewards you as you have served us.

137:9 Happy shall he be, that takes and dashes your little ones against the stones.

## ***Psalms*** – Chapter 138

138:1 I will praise you with my whole heart: before the gods will I sing praise to you.

138:2 I will worship toward your holy temple, and praise your name for your loving kindness and for your truth: for you have magnified your word above all your name.

138:3 In the day when I cried you answered me, and strengthened me with strength in my soul.

138:4 All the kings of the earth shall praise you, *YEHOVAH*, when they hear the words of your mouth.

138:5 Yes, they shall sing in the ways of *Yehovah*: for great is the glory of *Yehovah*.

138:6 Though *Yehovah* be high, yet has he respect to the lowly: but the proud he knows afar off.

138:7 Though I walk in the middle of trouble, you will revive me: you shall stretch forth your hand against the wrath of my enemies, and your right hand shall save me.

138:8 *Yehovah* will perfect that which concerns me: your mercy, *YEHOVAH*, endures forever: forsake not the works of your own hands.

## *Psalms – Chapter 139*

139:1 *Yehovah*, you have searched me, and known me.

139:2 You know my sitting down and my rising up, you understand my thought afar off.

139:3 You compass my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways.

139:4 For there is not a word in my tongue, but, see, *YEHOVAH*, you know it altogether.

139:5 You have beset me behind and before, and laid your hand on me.

139:6 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high, I cannot attain to it.

139:7 Where shall I go from your spirit? or where shall I flee from your presence?

139:8 If I ascend up into heaven, you are there: if I make my bed in *sheol*, behold, you are there.

139:9 If I take the wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea;

139:10 Even there shall your hand lead me, and your right hand shall hold me.

139:11 If I say, Surely the darkness shall cover me; even the night shall be light about me.

139:12 Yes, the darkness hides not from you; but the night shines as the day: the darkness and the light are both alike to you.

139:13 For you have possessed my reins: you have covered me in my mother's womb.

139:14 I will praise you; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvelous are your works; and that my soul knows right well.

139:15 My substance was not hid from you, when I was made in secret, and curiously worked in the lowest parts of the earth.

139:16 Your eyes did see my substance, yet being imperfect; and in your book all my members were written, which in continuance were fashioned, when as yet there was none of them.

139:17 How precious also are your thoughts to me, O God! how great is the sum of them!

139:18 If I should count them, they are more in number than the sand: when I awake, I am still with you.

139:19 Surely you will slay the wicked, O God: depart from me therefore, you bloody men.

139:20 For they speak against you wickedly, and your enemies take your name in vain.

139:21 Do not I hate them, *YEHOVAH*, that hate you? and am not I grieved with those that rise up against you?

139:22 I hate them with perfect hatred: I count them my enemies.

139:23 Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts:

139:24 And see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

### ***Psalms*** – Chapter 140

140:1 Deliver me, *YEHOVAH*, from the evil man: preserve me from the violent man;

140:2 Which imagine mischiefs in their heart; continually are they gathered together for war.

140:3 They have sharpened their tongues like a serpent; adders' poison is under their lips. Selah.

140:4 Keep me, *YEHOVAH*, from the hands of the wicked; preserve me from the violent man; who have purposed to overthrow my goings.

140:5 The proud have hid a snare for me, and cords; they have spread a net by the wayside; they have set gins for me. Selah.

140:6 I said to *Yehovah*, You are my God: hear the voice of my supplications, *YEHOVAH*.

140:7 O GOD *YEHOVAH*, the strength of my salvation, you have covered my head in the day of battle.

140:8 Grant not, *YEHOVAH*, the desires of the wicked: further not his wicked device; lest they exalt themselves. Selah.

140:9 As for the head of those that compass me about, let the mischief of their own lips cover them.

140:10 Let burning coals fall on them: let them be cast into the fire; into deep pits, that they rise not up again.

140:11 Let not an evil speaker be established in the earth: evil shall hunt the violent man to overthrow him.

140:12 I know that *Yehovah* will maintain the cause of the afflicted, and the right of the poor.

140:13 Surely the righteous shall give thanks to your name: the upright shall dwell in your presence.

### ***Psalms*** – Chapter 141

141:1 *Yehovah*, I cry to you: make haste to me; give ear to my voice, when I cry to you.

141:2 Let my prayer be set forth before you as incense; and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.

141:3 Set a watch, *YEHOVAH*, before my mouth; keep the door of my lips.

141:4 Incline not my heart to any evil thing, to practice wicked works with men that work iniquity: and let me not eat of their dainties.

141:5 Let the righteous smite me; it shall be a kindness: and let him reprove me; it shall be an excellent oil, which shall not break my head: for yet my prayer also shall be in their calamities.

141:6 When their judges are overthrown in stony places, they shall hear my words; for they are sweet.

141:7 Our bones are scattered at the grave's mouth, as when one cuts and splits wood on the earth.

141:8 But my eyes are to you, O GOD *Yehovah*: in you is my trust; leave not my soul destitute.

141:9 Keep me from the snares which they have laid for me, and the gins of the workers of iniquity.

141:10 Let the wicked fall into their own nets, while I will escape.

### ***Psalms*** – Chapter 142

142:1 I cried to *Yehovah* with my voice; with my voice to *Yehovah* did I make my supplication.

142:2 I poured out my complaint before him; I showed before him my trouble.

142:3 When my spirit was overwhelmed within me, then you knew my path. In the way in which I walked have they privately laid a snare for me.

142:4 I looked on my right hand, and beheld, but there was no man that would know me: refuge failed me; no man cared for my soul.

142:5 I cried to you, *YEHOVAH*: I said, You are my refuge and my portion in the land of the living.

142:6 Attend to my cry; for I am brought very low: deliver me from my persecutors; for they are stronger than I.

142:7 Bring my soul out of prison, that I may praise your name: the righteous shall compass me about; for you shall deal bountifully with me.

### ***Psalms*** – Chapter 143

143:1 Hear my prayer, *YEHOVAH*, give ear to my supplications: in your faithfulness answer me, and in your righteousness.

143:2 And enter not into judgment with your servant: for in your sight shall no man living be justified.

143:3 For the enemy has persecuted my soul; he has smitten my life down to the ground; he has made me to dwell in darkness, as those that have been long dead.

143:4 Therefore is my spirit overwhelmed within me; my heart within me is desolate.

143:5 I remember the days of old; I meditate on all your works; I muse on the work of your hands.

143:6 I stretch forth my hands to you: my soul thirsts after you, as a thirsty land. Selah.

143:7 Hear me speedily, *YEHOVAH*: my spirit fails: hide not your face from me, lest I be like to them that go down into the pit.

143:8 Cause me to hear your loving kindness in the morning; for in you do I trust: cause me to know the way in which I should walk; for I lift up my soul to you.

143:9 Deliver me, *YEHOVAH*, from my enemies: I flee to you to hide me.

143:10 Teach me to do your will; for you are my God: your spirit is good; lead me into the land of uprightness.

143:11 Quicken me, *YEHOVAH*, for your name's sake: for your righteousness' sake bring my soul out of trouble.

143:12 And of your mercy cut off my enemies, and destroy all them that afflict my soul: for I am your servant.

### ***Psalms*** – Chapter 144

144:1 Blessed be *Yehovah* my strength which teaches my hands to war, and my fingers to fight:

144:2 My goodness, and my fortress; my high tower, and my deliverer; my shield, and he in whom I trust; who subdues my people under me.

144:3 *YEHOVAH*, what is man, that you take knowledge of him! or the son of man, that you make account of him!

144:4 Man is like to vanity: his days are as a shadow that passes away.

144:5 Bow your heavens, *YEHOVAH*, and come down: touch the mountains, and they shall smoke.

144:6 Cast forth lightning, and scatter them: shoot out your arrows, and destroy them.

144:7 Send your hand from above; rid me, and deliver me out of great waters, from the hand of strange children;

144:8 Whose mouth speaks vanity, and their right hand is a right hand of falsehood.

144:9 I will sing a new song to you, O God: on a psaltery and an instrument of ten strings will I sing praises to you.

144:10 It is he that gives salvation to kings: who delivers David his servant from the hurtful sword.

144:11 Rid me, and deliver me from the hand of strange children, whose mouth speaks vanity, and their right hand is a right hand of falsehood:

144:12 That our sons may be as plants grown up in their youth; that our daughters may be as corner stones, polished after the similitude of a palace:

144:13 That our garners may be full, affording all manner of store: that our sheep may bring forth thousands and ten thousands in our streets:

144:14 That our oxen may be strong to labor; that there be no breaking in, nor going out; that there be no complaining in our streets.

144:15 Happy is that people, that is in such a case: yes, happy is that people, whose God is *Yehovah*.

## ***Psalms*** – Chapter 145

145:1 I will extol you, my God, O king; and I will bless your name forever and ever.

145:2 Every day will I bless you; and I will praise your name forever and ever.

145:3 Great is *Yehovah*, and greatly to be praised; and his greatness is unsearchable.

145:4 One generation shall praise your works to another, and shall declare your mighty acts.

145:5 I will speak of the glorious honor of your majesty, and of your wondrous works.

145:6 And men shall speak of the might of your terrible acts: and I will declare your greatness.

145:7 They shall abundantly utter the memory of your great goodness, and shall sing of your righteousness.

145:8 *Yehovah* is gracious, and full of compassion; slow to anger, and of great mercy.

145:9 *Yehovah* is good to all: and his tender mercies are over all his works.

145:10 All your works shall praise you, *YEHOVAH*; and your saints shall bless you.

145:11 They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom, and talk of your power;

145:12 To make known to the sons of men his mighty acts, and the glorious majesty of his kingdom.

145:13 Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures throughout all generations.

145:14 *Yehovah* upholds all that fall, and raises up all those that be bowed down.

145:15 The eyes of all wait on you; and you give them their meat in due season.

145:16 You open your hand, and satisfy the desire of every living thing.

145:17 *Yehovah* is righteous in all his ways, and holy in all his works.

145:18 *Yehovah* is near to all them that call on him, to all that call on him in truth.

145:19 He will fulfill the desire of them that fear him: he also will hear their cry, and will save them.

145:20 *Yehovah* preserves all them that love him: but all the wicked will he destroy.

145:21 My mouth shall speak the praise of *Yehovah*: and let all flesh bless his holy name forever and ever.

### ***Psalms*** – Chapter 146

146:1 Praise you *Yehovah*. Praise *Yehovah*, O my soul.

146:2 While I live will I praise *Yehovah*: I will sing praises to my God while I have any being.

146:3 Put not your trust in princes, nor in the son of man, in whom there is no help.

146:4 His breath goes forth, he returns to his earth; in that very day his thoughts perish.

146:5 Happy is he that has the God of Jacob for his help, whose hope is in *Yehovah* his God:

146:6 Which made heaven, and earth, the sea, and all that therein is: which keeps truth forever:

146:7 Which executes judgment for the oppressed: which gives food to the hungry. *Yehovah* looses the prisoners:

146:8 *Yehovah* opens the eyes of the blind: *Yehovah* raises them that are bowed down: *Yehovah* loves the righteous:

146:9 *Yehovah* preserves the strangers; he relieves the fatherless and widow: but the way of the wicked he turns upside down.

146:10 *Yehovah* shall reign forever, even your God, O Zion, to all generations. Praise you *Yehovah*.

### ***Psalms*** – Chapter 147

147:1 Praise you *Yehovah*: for it is good to sing praises to our God; for it is pleasant; and praise is comely.

147:2 *Yehovah* does build up Jerusalem: he gathers together the outcasts of Israel.

147:3 He heals the broken in heart, and binds up their wounds.

147:4 He tells the number of the stars; he calls them all by their names.

147:5 Great is our *Yehovah*, and of great power: his understanding is infinite.

147:6 *Yehovah* lifts up the meek: he casts the wicked down to the ground.

147:7 Sing to *Yehovah* with thanksgiving; sing praise on the harp to our God:

147:8 Who covers the heaven with clouds, who prepares rain for the earth, who makes grass to grow on the mountains.

147:9 He gives to the beast his food, and to the young ravens which cry.

147:10 He delights not in the strength of the horse: he takes not pleasure in the legs of a man.

147:11 *Yehovah* takes pleasure in them that fear him, in those that hope in his mercy.

147:12 Praise *Yehovah*, O Jerusalem; praise your God, O Zion.

147:13 For he has strengthened the bars of your gates; he has blessed your children within you.

147:14 He makes peace in your borders, and fills you with the finest of the wheat.

147:15 He sends forth his commandment on earth: his word runs very swiftly.

147:16 He gives snow like wool: he scatters the hoarfrost like ashes.

147:17 He casts forth his ice like morsels: who can stand before his cold?

147:18 He sends out his word, and melts them: he causes his wind to blow, and the waters flow.

147:19 He shows his word to Jacob, his statutes and his judgments to Israel.

147:20 He has not dealt so with any nation: and as for his judgments, they have not known them. Praise you *Yehovah*.

## ***Psalms*** – Chapter 148

148:1 Praise you *Yehovah*. Praise you *Yehovah* from the heavens: praise him in the heights.

148:2 Praise you him, all his angels: praise you him, all his hosts.

148:3 Praise you him, sun and moon: praise him, all you stars of light.

148:4 Praise him, you heavens of heavens, and you waters that be above the heavens.

148:5 Let them praise the name of *Yehovah*: for he commanded, and they were created.

148:6 He has also established them forever and ever: he has made a decree which shall not pass.

148:7 Praise *Yehovah* from the earth, you dragons, and all deeps:

148:8 Fire, and hail; snow, and vapors; stormy wind fulfilling his word:

148:9 Mountains, and all hills; fruitful trees, and all cedars:  
148:10 Beasts, and all cattle; creeping things, and flying fowl:  
148:11 Kings of the earth, and all people; princes, and all judges of the earth:  
148:12 Both young men, and maidens; old men, and children:  
148:13 Let them praise the name of *Yehovah*: for his name alone is excellent; his glory is above the earth and heaven.  
148:14 He also exalts the horn of his people, the praise of all his saints; even of the children of Israel, a people near to him. Praise you *Yehovah*.

### ***Psalms*** – Chapter 149

149:1 Praise you *Yehovah*. Sing to *Yehovah* a new song, and his praise in the congregation of saints.  
149:2 Let Israel rejoice in him that made him: let the children of Zion be joyful in their King.  
149:3 Let them praise his name in the dance: let them sing praises to him with the tambourine and harp.  
149:4 For *Yehovah* takes pleasure in his people: he will beautify the meek with salvation.  
149:5 Let the saints be joyful in glory: let them sing aloud on their beds.  
149:6 Let the high praises of God be in their mouth, and a two-edged sword in their hand;  
149:7 To execute vengeance on the heathen, and punishments on the people;  
149:8 To bind their kings with chains, and their nobles with fetters of iron;  
149:9 To execute on them the judgment written: this honor have all his saints. Praise you *Yehovah*.

### ***Psalms*** – Chapter 150

150:1 Praise you *Yehovah*. Praise God in his sanctuary: praise him in the firmament of his power.  
150:2 Praise him for his mighty acts: praise him according to his excellent greatness.  
150:3 Praise him with the sound of the trumpet: praise him with the psaltery and harp.  
150:4 Praise him with the tambourine and dance: praise him with stringed instruments and organs.  
150:5 Praise him on the loud cymbals: praise him on the high sounding cymbals.

150:6 Let everything that has breath praise *Yehovah*. Praise you  
*Yehovah*.

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# ***Book of Proverbs***

*Mashal* (Parable/Instruction)

## ***Proverbs – Chapter 1***

1:1 The proverbs of Solomon the son of David, king of Israel;

1:2 To know wisdom and instruction; to perceive the words of understanding;

1:3 To receive the instruction of wisdom, justice, and judgment, and equity;

1:4 To give subtlety to the simple, to the young man knowledge and discretion.

1:5 A wise man will hear, and will increase learning; and a man of understanding shall attain to wise counsels:

1:6 To understand a proverb, and the interpretation; the words of the wise, and their dark sayings.

1:7 The fear of *Yehovah* is the beginning of knowledge: but fools despise wisdom and instruction.

1:8 My son, hear the instruction of your father, and forsake not the law of your mother:

1:9 For they shall be an ornament of grace to your head, and chains about your neck.

1:10 My son, if sinners entice you, consent you not.

1:11 If they say, Come with us, let us lay wait for blood, let us lurk privately for the innocent without cause:

1:12 Let us swallow them up alive as the grave; and whole, as those that go down into the pit:

1:13 We shall find all precious substance, we shall fill our houses with spoil:

1:14 Cast in your lot among us; let us all have one purse:

1:15 My son, walk not you in the way with them; refrain your foot from their path:

1:16 For their feet run to evil, and make haste to shed blood.

1:17 Surely in vain the net is spread in the sight of any bird.

1:18 And they lay wait for their own blood; they lurk privately for their own lives.

1:19 So are the ways of every one that is greedy of gain; which takes away the life of the owners of it.

1:20 Wisdom cries without; she utters her voice in the streets:

1:21 She cries in the chief place of concourse, in the openings of the gates: in the city she utters her words, saying,

1:22 How long, you simple ones, will you love simplicity? and the scorners delight in their scorning, and fools hate knowledge?

1:23 Turn you at my reproof: behold, I will pour out my spirit to you, I will make known my words to you.

1:24 Because I have called, and you refused; I have stretched out my hand, and no man regarded;

1:25 But you have set at nothing all my counsel, and would none of my reproof:

1:26 I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when your fear comes;

1:27 When your fear comes as desolation, and your destruction comes as a whirlwind; when distress and anguish comes on you.

1:28 Then shall they call on me, but I will not answer; they shall seek me early, but they shall not find me:

1:29 For that they hated knowledge, and did not choose the fear of *Yehovah*:

1:30 They would none of my counsel: they despised all my reproof.

1:31 Therefore shall they eat of the fruit of their own way, and be filled with their own devices.

1:32 For the turning away of the simple shall slay them, and the prosperity of fools shall destroy them.

1:33 But whoever listens to me shall dwell safely, and shall be quiet from fear of evil.

## ***Proverbs*** – Chapter 2

2:1 My son, if you will receive my words, and hide my commandments with you;

2:2 So that you incline your ear to wisdom, and apply your heart to understanding;

2:3 Yes, if you cry after knowledge, and lift up your voice for understanding;

2:4 If you seek her as silver, and search for her as for hid treasures;

2:5 Then shall you understand the fear of *Yehovah*, and find the knowledge of God.

2:6 For *Yehovah* gives wisdom: out of his mouth comes knowledge and understanding.

2:7 He lays up sound wisdom for the righteous: he is a buckler to them that walk uprightly.

2:8 He keeps the paths of judgment, and preserves the way of his saints.

2:9 Then shall you understand righteousness, and judgment, and equity; yes, every good path.

2:10 When wisdom enters into your heart, and knowledge is pleasant to your soul;

2:11 Discretion shall preserve you, understanding shall keep you:

2:12 To deliver you from the way of the evil man, from the man that speaks fraudulent things;

2:13 Who leave the paths of uprightness, to walk in the ways of darkness;

2:14 Who rejoice to do evil, and delight in the *perversion* of the wicked;

2:15 Whose ways are crooked, and they fraudulent in their paths:

2:16 To deliver you from the strange woman, even from the stranger which flatters with her words;

2:17 Which forsakes the guide of her youth, and forgets the covenant of her God.

2:18 For her house inclines to death, and her paths to the dead.

2:19 None that go to her return again, neither take they hold of the paths of life.

2:20 That you may walk in the way of good men, and keep the paths of the righteous.

2:21 For the upright shall dwell in the land, and the perfect shall remain in it.

2:22 But the wicked shall be cut off from the earth, and the transgressors shall be rooted out of it.

### ***Proverbs*** – Chapter 3

3:1 My son, forget not my law; but let your heart keep my commandments:

3:2 For length of days, and long life, and peace, shall they add to you.

3:3 Let not mercy and truth forsake you: bind them about your neck; write them on the table of your heart:

3:4 So shall you find favor and good understanding in the sight of God and man.

3:5 Trust in *Yehovah* with all your heart; and lean not to your own understanding.

3:6 In all your ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct your paths.

3:7 Be not wise in your own eyes: fear *Yehovah*, and depart from evil.

3:8 It shall be health to your navel, and marrow to your bones.

3:9 Honor *Yehovah* with your substance, and with the first fruits of all your increase:

3:10 So shall your barns be filled with plenty, and your presses shall burst out with new wine.

3:11 My son, despise not the chastening of *Yehovah*; neither be weary of his correction:

3:12 For whom *Yehovah* loves he corrects; even as a father the son in whom he delights.

3:13 Happy is the man that finds wisdom, and the man that gets understanding.

3:14 For the merchandise of it is better than the merchandise of silver, and the gain of it than fine gold.

3:15 She is more precious than rubies: and all the things you can desire are not to be compared to her.

3:16 Length of days is in her right hand; and in her left hand riches and honor.

3:17 Her ways are ways of pleasantness, and all her paths are peace.

3:18 She is a tree of life to them that lay hold on her: and happy is every one that retains her.

3:19 *Yehovah* by wisdom has founded the earth; by understanding has he established the heavens.

3:20 By his knowledge the depths are broken up, and the clouds drop down the dew.

3:21 My son, let not them depart from your eyes: keep sound wisdom and discretion:

3:22 So shall they be life to your soul, and grace to your neck.

3:23 Then shall you walk in your way safely, and your foot shall not stumble.

3:24 When you lie down, you shall not be afraid: yes, you shall lie down, and your sleep shall be sweet.

3:25 Be not afraid of sudden fear, neither of the desolation of the wicked, when it comes.

3:26 For *Yehovah* shall be your confidence, and shall keep your foot from being taken.

3:27 Withhold not good from them to whom it is due, when it is in the power of your hand to do it.

3:28 Say not to your neighbor, Go, and come again, and tomorrow I will give; when you have it by you.

3:29 Devise not evil against your neighbor, seeing he dwells securely by you.

3:30 Strive not with a man without cause, if he have done you no harm.

3:31 Envy you not the oppressor, and choose none of his ways.

3:32 For the fraudulent is abomination to *Yehovah*: but his secret is with the righteous.

3:33 The curse of *Yehovah* is in the house of the wicked: but he blesses the habitation of the just.

3:34 Surely he scorns the scorners: but he gives grace to the lowly.

3:35 The wise shall inherit glory: but shame shall be the promotion of fools.

## ***Proverbs – Chapter 4***

4:1 Hear, you children, the instruction of a father, and attend to know understanding.

4:2 For I give you good doctrine, forsake you not my law.

4:3 For I was my father's son, tender and only beloved in the sight of my mother.

4:4 He taught me also, and said to me, Let your heart retain my words: keep my commandments, and live.

4:5 Get wisdom, get understanding: forget it not; neither decline from the words of my mouth.

4:6 Forsake her not, and she shall preserve you: love her, and she shall keep you.

4:7 Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom: and with all your getting get understanding.

4:8 Exalt her, and she shall promote you: she shall bring you to honor, when you do embrace her.

4:9 She shall give to your head an ornament of grace: a crown of glory shall she deliver to you.

4:10 Hear, O my son, and receive my sayings; and the years of your life shall be many.

4:11 I have taught you in the way of wisdom; I have led you in right paths.

4:12 When you go, your steps shall not be straightened; and when you run, you shall not stumble.

4:13 Take fast hold of instruction; let her not go: keep her; for she is your life.

4:14 Enter not into the path of the wicked, and go not in the way of evil men.

4:15 Avoid it, pass not by it, turn from it, and pass away.

4:16 For they sleep not, except they have done mischief; and their sleep is taken away, unless they cause some to fall.

4:17 For they eat the bread of wickedness, and drink the wine of violence.

4:18 But the path of the just is as the shining light, that shines more and more to the perfect day.

4:19 The way of the wicked is as darkness: they know not at what they stumble.

4:20 My son, attend to my words; incline your ear to my sayings.

4:21 Let them not depart from your eyes; keep them in the middle of your heart.

4:22 For they are life to those that find them, and health to all their flesh.

4:23 Keep your heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life.

4:24 Put away from you a fraudulent mouth, and perverse lips put far from you.

4:25 Let your eyes look right on, and let your eyelids look straight before you.

4:26 Ponder the path of your feet, and let all your ways be established.

4:27 Turn not to the right hand nor to the left: remove your foot from evil.

## ***Proverbs*** – Chapter 5

5:1 My son, attend to my wisdom, and bow your ear to my understanding:

5:2 That you may regard discretion, and that your lips may keep knowledge.

5:3 For the lips of a strange woman drop as a honeycomb, and her mouth is smoother than oil:

5:4 But her end is bitter as wormwood, sharp as a two-edged sword.

5:5 Her feet go down to death; her steps take hold on *sheol*.

5:6 Lest you should ponder the path of life, her ways are moveable, that you cannot know them.

5:7 Hear me now therefore, O you children, and depart not from the words of my mouth.

5:8 Remove your way far from her, and come not near the door of her house:

5:9 Lest you give your honor to others, and your years to the cruel:

5:10 Lest strangers be filled with your wealth; and your labors be in the house of a stranger;

5:11 And you mourn at the last, when your flesh and your body are consumed,

5:12 And say, How have I hated instruction, and my heart despised reproof;

5:13 And have not obeyed the voice of my teachers, nor inclined my ear to them that instructed me!

5:14 I was almost in all evil in the middle of the congregation and assembly.

5:15 Drink waters out of your own cistern, and running waters out of your own well.

5:16 Let your fountains be dispersed abroad, and rivers of waters in the streets.

5:17 Let them be only your own, and not strangers' with you.

5:18 Let your fountain be blessed: and rejoice with the wife of your youth.

5:19 Let her be as the loving hind and pleasant roe; let her breasts satisfy you at all times; and be you ravished always with her love.

5:20 And why will you, my son, be ravished with a strange woman, and embrace the bosom of a stranger?

5:21 For the ways of man are before the eyes of *Yehovah*, and he ponders all his goings.

5:22 His own iniquities shall take the wicked himself, and he shall be held with the cords of his sins.

5:23 He shall die without instruction; and in the greatness of his folly he shall go astray.

### ***Proverbs – Chapter 6***

6:1 My son, if you be surety for your friend, if you have stricken your hand with a stranger,

6:2 You are snared with the words of your mouth, you are taken with the words of your mouth.

6:3 Do this now, my son, and deliver yourself, when you are come into the hand of your friend; go, humble yourself, and make sure your friend.

6:4 Give not sleep to your eyes, nor slumber to your eyelids.

6:5 Deliver yourself as a roe from the hand of the hunter, and as a bird from the hand of the fowler.

6:6 Go to the ant, you sluggard; consider her ways, and be wise:

6:7 Which having no guide, overseer, or ruler,

6:8 Provides her meat in the summer, and gathers her food in the harvest.

6:9 How long will you sleep, O sluggard? when will you arise out of your sleep?

6:10 Yet a little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to sleep:

6:11 So shall your poverty come as one that travels, and your want as an armed man.

6:12 A naughty person, a wicked man, walks with a fraudulent mouth.

6:13 He winks with his eyes, he speaks with his feet, he teaches with his fingers;

6:14 *Perversion* is in his heart, he devises mischief continually; he sows discord.

6:15 Therefore shall his calamity come suddenly; suddenly shall he be broken without remedy.

6:16 These six things does *Yehovah* hate: yes, seven are an abomination to him:

6:17 A proud look, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood,

6:18 A heart that devises wicked imaginations, feet that be swift in running to mischief,

6:19 A false witness that speaks lies, and he that sows discord among brothers.

6:20 My son, keep your father's commandment, and forsake not the law of your mother:

6:21 Bind them continually on your heart, and tie them about your neck.

6:22 When you go, it shall lead you; when you sleep, it shall keep you; and when you wake, it shall talk with you.

6:23 For the commandment is a lamp; and the law is light; and reproofs of instruction are the way of life:

6:24 To keep you from the evil woman, from the flattery of the tongue of a strange woman.

6:25 Lust not after her beauty in your heart; neither let her take you with her eyelids.

6:26 For by means of a whorish woman a man is brought to a piece of bread: and the adulteress will hunt for the precious life.

6:27 Can a man take fire in his bosom, and his clothes not be burned?

6:28 Can one go on hot coals, and his feet not be burned?

6:29 So he that goes in to his neighbor's wife; whoever touches her shall not be innocent.

6:30 Men do not despise a thief, if he steal to satisfy his soul when he is hungry;

6:31 But if he be found, he shall restore sevenfold; he shall give all the substance of his house.

6:32 But whoever commits adultery with a woman lacks understanding: he that does it destroys his own soul.

6:33 A wound and dishonor shall he get; and his reproach shall not be wiped away.

6:34 For jealousy is the rage of a man: therefore he will not spare in the day of vengeance.

6:35 He will not regard any ransom; neither will he rest content, though you give many gifts.

## ***Proverbs*** – Chapter 7

7:1 My son, keep my words, and lay up my commandments with you.

7:2 Keep my commandments, and live; and my law as the apple of your eye.

7:3 Bind them on your fingers, write them on the table of your heart.

7:4 Say to wisdom, You are my sister; and call understanding your kinswoman:

7:5 That they may keep you from the strange woman, from the stranger which flatters with her words.

7:6 For at the window of my house I looked through my casement,

7:7 And beheld among the simple ones, I discerned among the youths, a young man void of understanding,

7:8 Passing through the street near her corner; and he went the way to her house,

7:9 In the twilight, in the evening, in the black and dark night:

7:10 And, behold, there met him a woman with the attire of a harlot, and subtle of heart.

7:11 (She is loud and stubborn; her feet abide not in her house:

7:12 Now is she without, now in the streets, and lies in wait at every corner.)

7:13 So she caught him, and kissed him, and with an impudent face said to him,

7:14 I have peace offerings with me; this day have I paid my vows.

7:15 Therefore came I forth to meet you, diligently to seek your face, and I have found you.

7:16 I have decked my bed with coverings of tapestry, with carved works, with fine linen of Egypt.

7:17 I have perfumed my bed with myrrh, aloes, and cinnamon.

7:18 Come, let us take our fill of love until the morning: let us solace ourselves with loves.

7:19 For the manager is not at home, he is gone a long journey:

7:20 He has taken a bag of money with him, and will come home at the day appointed.

7:21 With her much fair speech she caused him to yield, with the flattering of her lips she forced him.

7:22 He goes after her straightway, as an ox goes to the slaughter, or as a fool to the correction of the stocks;

7:23 Till a dart strike through his liver; as a bird hastens to the snare, and knows not that it is for his life.

7:24 Listen to me now therefore, O you children, and attend to the words of my mouth.

7:25 Let not your heart decline to her ways, go not astray in her paths.

7:26 For she has cast down many wounded: yes, many strong men have been slain by her.

7:27 Her house is the way to *sheol*, going down to the chambers of death.

## ***Proverbs – Chapter 8***

8:1 Does not wisdom cry? and understanding put forth her voice?

8:2 She stands in the top of high places, by the way in the places of the paths.

8:3 She cries at the gates, at the entry of the city, at the coming in at the doors.

8:4 To you, O men, I call; and my voice is to the sons of man.

8:5 O you simple, understand wisdom: and, you fools, be you of an understanding heart.

8:6 Hear; for I will speak of excellent things; and the opening of my lips shall be right things.

8:7 For my mouth shall speak truth; and wickedness is an abomination to my lips.

8:8 All the words of my mouth are in righteousness; there is nothing fraudulent or perverse in them.

8:9 They are all plain to him that understands, and right to them that find knowledge.

8:10 Receive my instruction, and not silver; and knowledge rather than choice gold.

8:11 For wisdom is better than rubies; and all the things that may be desired are not to be compared to it.

8:12 I wisdom dwell with prudence, and find out knowledge of witty inventions.

8:13 The fear of *Yehovah* is to hate evil: pride, and arrogance, and the evil way, and the fraudulent mouth, do I hate.

8:14 Counsel is mine, and sound wisdom: I am understanding; I have strength.

8:15 By me kings reign, and princes decree justice.

8:16 By me princes rule, and nobles, even all the judges of the earth.

8:17 I love them that love me; and those that seek me early shall find me.

8:18 Riches and honor are with me; yes, durable riches and righteousness.

8:19 My fruit is better than gold, yes, than fine gold; and my revenue than choice silver.

8:20 I lead in the way of righteousness, in the middle of the paths of judgment:

8:21 That I may cause those that love me to inherit substance; and I will fill their treasures.

8:22 *Yehovah* possessed me in the beginning of his way, before his works of old.

8:23 I was set up from everlasting, from the beginning, or ever the earth was.

8:24 When there were no depths, I was brought forth; when there were no fountains abounding with water.

8:25 Before the mountains were settled, before the hills was I brought forth:

8:26 While as yet he had not made the earth, nor the fields, nor the highest part of the dust of the world.

8:27 When he prepared the heavens, I was there: when he set a compass on the face of the depth:

8:28 When he established the clouds above: when he strengthened the fountains of the deep:

8:29 When he gave to the sea his decree, that the waters should not pass his commandment: when he appointed the foundations of the earth:

8:30 Then I was by him, as one brought up with him: and I was daily his delight, rejoicing always before him;

8:31 Rejoicing in the habitable part of his earth; and my delights were with the sons of men.

8:32 Now therefore listen to me, O you children: for blessed are they that keep my ways.

8:33 Hear instruction, and be wise, and refuse it not.

8:34 Blessed is the man that hears me, watching daily at my gates, waiting at the posts of my doors.

8:35 For whoever finds me finds life, and shall obtain favor of *Yehovah*.

8:36 But he that sins against me wrongs his own soul: all they that hate me love death.

## ***Proverbs – Chapter 9***

9:1 Wisdom has built her house, she has hewn out her seven pillars:

9:2 She has killed her beasts; she has mingled her wine; she has also furnished her table.

9:3 She has sent forth her maidens: she cries on the highest places of the city,

9:4 Whoever is simple, let him turn in here: as for him that wants understanding, she said to him,

9:5 Come, eat of my bread, and drink of the wine which I have mingled.

9:6 Forsake the foolish, and live; and go in the way of understanding.

9:7 He that reproves a scorner gets to himself shame: and he that rebukes a wicked man gets himself a blot.

9:8 Reprove not a scorner, lest he hate you: rebuke a wise man, and he will love you.

9:9 Give instruction to a wise man, and he will be yet wiser: teach a just man, and he will increase in learning.

9:10 The fear of *Yehovah* is the beginning of wisdom: and the knowledge of the holy is understanding.

9:11 For by me your days shall be multiplied, and the years of your life shall be increased.

9:12 If you be wise, you shall be wise for yourself: but if you scorn, you alone shall bear it.

9:13 A foolish woman is clamorous: she is simple, and knows nothing.

9:14 For she sits at the door of her house, on a seat in the high places of the city,

9:15 To call passengers who go right on their ways:

9:16 Whoever is simple, let him turn in here: and as for him that wants understanding, she said to him,

9:17 Stolen waters are sweet, and bread eaten in secret is pleasant.

9:18 But he knows not that the dead are there; and that her guests are in the depths of *sheol*.

## ***Proverbs*** – Chapter 10

10:1 The proverbs of Solomon. A wise son makes a glad father: but a foolish son is the heaviness of his mother.

10:2 Treasures of wickedness profit nothing: but righteousness delivers from death.

10:3 *Yehovah* will not suffer the soul of the righteous to famish: but he casts away the substance of the wicked.

10:4 He becomes poor that deals with a slack hand: but the hand of the diligent makes rich.

10:5 He that gathers in summer is a wise son: but he that sleeps in harvest is a son that causes shame.

10:6 Blessings are on the head of the just: but violence covers the mouth of the wicked.

10:7 The memory of the just is blessed: but the name of the wicked shall rot.

10:8 The wise in heart will receive commandments: but a *talkative* fool shall fall.

10:9 He that walks uprightly walks surely: but he that perverts his ways shall be known.

10:10 He that winks with the eye causes sorrow: but a *talkative* fool shall fall.

10:11 The mouth of a righteous man is a well of life: but violence covers the mouth of the wicked.

10:12 Hatred stirs up strifes: but love covers all sins.

10:13 In the lips of him that has understanding wisdom is found: but a rod is for the back of him that is void of understanding.

10:14 Wise men lay up knowledge: but the mouth of the foolish is near destruction.

10:15 The rich man's wealth is his strong city: the destruction of the poor is their poverty.

10:16 The labor of the righteous tends to life: the fruit of the wicked to sin.

10:17 He is in the way of life that keeps instruction: but he that refuses reproof errs.

10:18 He that hides hatred with lying lips, and he that utters a slander, is a fool.

10:19 In the multitude of words there wants not sin: but he that refrains his lips is wise.

10:20 The tongue of the just is as choice silver: the heart of the wicked is little worth.

10:21 The lips of the righteous feed many: but fools die for want of wisdom.

10:22 The blessing of *Yehovah*, it makes rich, and he adds no sorrow with it.

10:23 It is as sport to a fool to do mischief: but a man of understanding has wisdom.

10:24 The fear of the wicked, it shall come on him: but the desire of the righteous shall be granted.

10:25 As the whirlwind passes, so is the wicked no more: but the righteous is an everlasting foundation.

10:26 As vinegar to the teeth, and as smoke to the eyes, so is the sluggard to them that send him.

10:27 The fear of *Yehovah* prolongs days: but the years of the wicked shall be shortened.

10:28 The hope of the righteous shall be gladness: but the expectation of the wicked shall perish.

10:29 The way of *Yehovah* is strength to the upright: but destruction shall be to the workers of iniquity.

10:30 The righteous shall never be removed: but the wicked shall not inhabit the earth.

10:31 The mouth of the just brings forth wisdom: but the fraudulent tongue shall be cut out.

10:32 The lips of the righteous know what is acceptable: but the mouth of the wicked speaks *perversion*.

## ***Proverbs – Chapter 11***

11:1 A false balance is abomination to *Yehovah*: but a just weight is his delight.

11:2 When pride comes, then comes shame: but with the lowly is wisdom.

11:3 The integrity of the upright shall guide them: but the perverseness of transgressors shall destroy them.

11:4 Riches profit not in the day of wrath: but righteousness delivers from death.

11:5 The righteousness of the perfect shall direct his way: but the wicked shall fall by his own wickedness.

11:6 The righteousness of the upright shall deliver them: but transgressors shall be taken in their own naughtiness.

11:7 When a wicked man dies, his expectation shall perish: and the hope of unjust men perishes.

11:8 The righteous is delivered out of trouble, and the wicked comes in his stead.

11:9 A hypocrite with his mouth destroys his neighbor: but through knowledge shall the just be delivered.

11:10 When it goes well with the righteous, the city rejoices: and when the wicked perish, there is shouting.

11:11 By the blessing of the upright the city is exalted: but it is overthrown by the mouth of the wicked.

11:12 He that is void of wisdom despises his neighbor: but a man of understanding holds his peace.

11:13 A talebearer reveals secrets: but he that is of a faithful spirit conceals the matter.

11:14 Where no counsel is, the people fall: but in the multitude of counsellors there is safety.

11:15 He that is surety for a stranger shall smart for it: and he that hates indebtedness is sure.

11:16 A gracious woman retains honor: and strong men retain riches.

11:17 The merciful man does good to his own soul: but he that is cruel troubles his own flesh.

11:18 The wicked works a deceitful work: but to him that sows righteousness shall be a sure reward.

11:19 As righteousness tends to life: so he that pursues evil pursues it to his own death.

11:20 They that are of a fraudulent heart are abomination to *Yehovah*: but such as are upright in their way are his delight.

11:21 Though hand join in hand, the wicked shall not be unpunished: but the seed of the righteous shall be delivered.

11:22 As a jewel of gold in a swine's snout, so is a fair woman which is without discretion.

11:23 The desire of the righteous is only good: but the expectation of the wicked is wrath.

11:24 There is that scatters, and yet increases; and there is that withholds more than is meet, but it tends to poverty.

11:25 The liberal soul shall be made fat: and he that waters shall be watered also himself.

11:26 He that withholds corn, the people shall curse him: but blessing shall be on the head of him that sells it.

11:27 He that diligently seeks good procures favor: but he that seeks mischief, it shall come to him.

11:28 He that trusts in his riches shall fall; but the righteous shall flourish as a branch.

11:29 He that troubles his own house shall inherit the wind: and the fool shall be servant to the wise of heart.

11:30 The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life; and he that wins souls is wise.

11:31 Behold, the righteous shall be recompensed in the earth: much more the wicked and the sinner.

## ***Proverbs – Chapter 12***

12:1 Whoever loves instruction loves knowledge: but he that hates reproof is brutish.

12:2 A good man obtains favor of *Yehovah*: but a man of wicked devices will he condemn.

12:3 A man shall not be established by wickedness: but the root of the righteous shall not be moved.

12:4 A virtuous woman is a crown to her husband: but she that makes ashamed is as rottenness in his bones.

12:5 The thoughts of the righteous are right: but the counsels of the wicked are deceit.

12:6 The words of the wicked are to lie in wait for blood: but the mouth of the upright shall deliver them.

12:7 The wicked are overthrown, and are not: but the house of the righteous shall stand.

12:8 A man shall be commended according to his wisdom: but he that is of a perverse heart shall be despised.

12:9 He that is despised, and has a servant, is better than he that honors himself, and lacks bread.

12:10 A righteous man regards the life of his beast: but the tender mercies of the wicked are cruel.

12:11 He that tills his land shall be satisfied with bread: but he that follows vain persons is void of understanding.

12:12 The wicked desires the net of evil men: but the root of the righteous yields fruit.

12:13 The wicked is snared by the transgression of his lips: but the just shall come out of trouble.

12:14 A man shall be satisfied with good by the fruit of his mouth: and the recompense of a man's hands shall be rendered to him.

12:15 The way of a fool is right in his own eyes: but he that listens to counsel is wise.

12:16 A fool's wrath is presently known: but a prudent man covers shame.

12:17 He that speaks truth shows forth righteousness: but a false witness deceit.

12:18 There is that speaks like the piercings of a sword: but the tongue of the wise is health.

12:19 The lip of truth shall be established for ever: but a lying tongue is but for a moment.

12:20 Deceit is in the heart of them that imagine evil: but to the counsellors of peace is joy.

12:21 There shall no evil happen to the just: but the wicked shall be filled with mischief.

12:22 Lying lips are abomination to *Yehovah*: but they that deal truly are his delight.

12:23 A prudent man conceals knowledge: but the heart of fools proclaims foolishness.

12:24 The hand of the diligent shall bear rule: but the slothful shall be under tribute.

12:25 Heaviness in the heart of man makes it stoop: but a good word makes it glad.

12:26 The righteous is more excellent than his neighbor: but the way of the wicked seduces them.

12:27 The slothful man roasts not that which he took in hunting: but the substance of a diligent man is precious.

12:28 In the way of righteousness is life: and in the pathway of it there is no death.

### ***Proverbs – Chapter 13***

13:1 A wise son hears his father's instruction: but a scorner hears not rebuke.

13:2 A man shall eat good by the fruit of his mouth: but the soul of the transgressors shall eat violence.

13:3 He that keeps his mouth keeps his life: but he that opens wide his lips shall have destruction.

13:4 The soul of the sluggard desires, and has nothing: but the soul of the diligent shall be made fat.

13:5 A righteous man hates lying: but a wicked man is loathsome, and comes to shame.

13:6 Righteousness keeps him that is upright in the way: but wickedness overthrows the sinner.

13:7 There is that makes himself rich, yet has nothing: there is that makes himself poor, yet has great riches.

13:8 The ransom of a man's life are his riches: but the poor hears not rebuke.

13:9 The light of the righteous rejoices: but the lamp of the wicked shall be put out.

13:10 Only by pride comes contention: but with the well advised is wisdom.

13:11 Wealth gotten by vanity shall be diminished: but he that gathers by labor shall increase.

13:12 Hope deferred makes the heart sick: but when the desire comes, it is a tree of life.

13:13 Whoever despises the word shall be destroyed: but he that fears the commandment shall be rewarded.

13:14 The law of the wise is a fountain of life, to depart from the snares of death.

13:15 Good understanding gives favor: but the way of transgressors is hard.

13:16 Every prudent man deals with knowledge: but a fool lays open his folly.

13:17 A wicked messenger falls into mischief: but a faithful ambassador is health.

13:18 Poverty and shame shall be to him that refuses instruction: but he that regards reproof shall be honored.

13:19 The desire accomplished is sweet to the soul: but it is abomination to fools to depart from evil.

13:20 He that walks with wise men shall be wise: but a companion of fools shall be destroyed.

13:21 Evil pursues sinners: but to the righteous good shall be repaid.

13:22 A good man leaves an inheritance to his children's children: and the wealth of the sinner is laid up for the just.

13:23 Much food is in the tillage of the poor: but there is that is destroyed for want of judgment.

13:24 He that spares his rod hates his son: but he that loves him chastens him betimes.

13:25 The righteous eats to the satisfying of his soul: but the belly of the wicked shall want.

### ***Proverbs – Chapter 14***

14:1 Every wise woman builds her house: but the foolish plucks it down with her hands.

14:2 He that walks in his uprightness fears *Yehovah*: but he that is perverse in his ways despises him.

14:3 In the mouth of the foolish is a rod of pride: but the lips of the wise shall preserve them.

14:4 Where no oxen are, the crib is clean: but much increase is by the strength of the ox.

14:5 A faithful witness will not lie: but a false witness will utter lies.

14:6 A scorner seeks wisdom, and finds it not: but knowledge is easy to him that understands.

14:7 Go from the presence of a foolish man, when you perceive not in him the lips of knowledge.

14:8 The wisdom of the prudent is to understand his way: but the folly of fools is deceit.

14:9 Fools make a mock at sin: but among the righteous there is favor.

14:10 The heart knows his own bitterness; and a stranger does not intermeddle with his joy.

14:11 The house of the wicked shall be overthrown: but the tabernacle of the upright shall flourish.

14:12 There is a way which seems right to a man, but the end of it are the ways of death.

14:13 Even in laughter the heart is sorrowful; and the end of that mirth is heaviness.

14:14 The backslider in heart shall be filled with his own ways: and a good man shall be satisfied from himself.

14:15 The simple believes every word: but the prudent man looks well to his going.

14:16 A wise man fears, and departs from evil: but the fool rages, and is confident.

14:17 He that is soon angry deals foolishly: and a man of wicked devices is hated.

14:18 The simple inherit folly: but the prudent are crowned with knowledge.

14:19 The evil bow before the good; and the wicked at the gates of the righteous.

14:20 The poor is hated even of his own neighbor: but the rich has many friends.

14:21 He that despises his neighbor sins: but he that has mercy on the poor, happy is he.

14:22 Do they not error that devise evil? but mercy and truth shall be to them that devise good.

14:23 In all labor there is profit: but the talk of the lips tends only to penury.

14:24 The crown of the wise is their riches: but the foolishness of fools is folly.

14:25 A true witness delivers souls: but a deceitful witness speaks lies.

14:26 In the fear of *Yehovah* is strong confidence: and his children shall have a place of refuge.

14:27 The fear of *Yehovah* is a fountain of life, to depart from the snares of death.

14:28 In the multitude of people is the king's honor: but in the want of people is the destruction of the prince.

14:29 He that is slow to wrath is of great understanding: but he that is hasty of spirit exalts folly.

14:30 A sound heart is the life of the flesh: but envy the rottenness of the bones.

14:31 He that oppresses the poor reproaches his Maker: but he that honors him has mercy on the poor.

14:32 The wicked is driven away in his wickedness: but the righteous has hope in his death.

14:33 Wisdom rests in the heart of him that has understanding: but that which is in the middle of fools is made known.

14:34 Righteousness exalts a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people.

14:35 The king's favor is toward a wise servant: but his wrath is against him that causes shame.

### ***Proverbs – Chapter 15***

15:1 A soft answer turns away wrath: but grievous words stir up anger.

15:2 The tongue of the wise uses knowledge uprightly: but the mouth of fools pours out foolishness.

15:3 The eyes of *Yehovah* are in every place, beholding the evil and the good.

15:4 A wholesome tongue is a tree of life: but perverseness therein is a breach in the spirit.

15:5 A fool despises his father's instruction: but he that regards reproof is prudent.

15:6 In the house of the righteous is much treasure: but in the revenues of the wicked is trouble.

15:7 The lips of the wise disperse knowledge: but the heart of the foolish does not so.

15:8 The sacrifice of the wicked is an abomination to *Yehovah*: but the prayer of the upright is his delight.

15:9 The way of the wicked is an abomination to *Yehovah*: but he loves him that follows after righteousness.

15:10 Correction is grievous to him that forsakes the way: and he that hates reproof shall die.

15:11 *Sheol* and destruction are before *Yehovah*: how much more then the hearts of the children of men?

15:12 A scorner loves not one that reproves him: neither will he go to the wise.

15:13 A merry heart makes a cheerful countenance: but by sorrow of the heart the spirit is broken.

15:14 The heart of him that has understanding seeks knowledge: but the mouth of fools feeds on foolishness.

15:15 All the days of the afflicted are evil: but he that is of a merry heart has a continual feast.

15:16 Better is little with the fear of *Yehovah* than great treasure and trouble therewith.

15:17 Better is a dinner of herbs where love is, than a stalled ox and hatred therewith.

15:18 A wrathful man stirs up strife: but he that is slow to anger appeases strife.

15:19 The way of the slothful man is as a hedge of thorns: but the way of the righteous is made plain.

15:20 A wise son makes a glad father: but a foolish man despises his mother.

15:21 Folly is joy to him that is destitute of wisdom: but a man of understanding walks uprightly.

15:22 Without counsel purposes are disappointed: but in the multitude of counsellors they are established.

15:23 A man has joy by the answer of his mouth: and a word spoken in due season, how good is it!

15:24 The way of life is above to the wise, that he may depart from *sheol* beneath.

15:25 *Yehovah* will destroy the house of the proud: but he will establish the border of the widow.

15:26 The thoughts of the wicked are an abomination to *Yehovah*: but the words of the pure are pleasant words.

15:27 He that is greedy of gain troubles his own house; but he that hates gifts shall live.

15:28 The heart of the righteous studies to answer: but the mouth of the wicked pours out evil things.

15:29 *Yehovah* is far from the wicked: but he hears the prayer of the righteous.

15:30 The light of the eyes rejoices the heart: and a good report makes the bones fat.

15:31 The ear that hears the reproof of life stays among the wise.

15:32 He that refuses instruction despises his own soul: but he that hears reproof gets understanding.

15:33 The fear of *Yehovah* is the instruction of wisdom; and before honor is humility.

## ***Proverbs – Chapter 16***

16:1 The preparations of the heart in man, and the answer of the tongue, is from *Yehovah*.

16:2 All the ways of a man are clean in his own eyes; but *Yehovah* weighs the spirits.

16:3 Commit your works to *Yehovah*, and your thoughts shall be established.

16:4 *Yehovah* has made all things for himself: yes, even the wicked for the day of evil.

16:5 Every one that is proud in heart is an abomination to *Yehovah*: though hand join in hand, he shall not be unpunished.

16:6 By mercy and truth iniquity is purged: and by the fear of *Yehovah* men depart from evil.

16:7 When a man's ways please *Yehovah*, he makes even his enemies to be at peace with him.

16:8 Better is a little with righteousness than great revenues without right.

16:9 A man's heart devises his way: but *Yehovah* directs his steps.

16:10 A divine sentence is in the lips of the king: his mouth transgresses not in judgment.

16:11 A just weight and balance are *Yehovah*'s: all the weights of the bag are his work.

16:12 It is an abomination to kings to commit wickedness: for the throne is established by righteousness.

16:13 Righteous lips are the delight of kings; and they love him that speaks right.

16:14 The wrath of a king is as messengers of death: but a wise man will pacify it.

16:15 In the light of the king's countenance is life; and his favor is as a cloud of the latter rain.

16:16 How much better is it to get wisdom than gold! and to get understanding rather to be chosen than silver!

16:17 The highway of the upright is to depart from evil: he that keeps his way preserves his soul.

16:18 Pride goes before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall.

16:19 Better it is to be of a humble spirit with the lowly, than to divide the spoil with the proud.

16:20 He that handles a matter wisely shall find good: and whoever trusts in *Yehovah*, happy is he.

16:21 The wise in heart shall be called prudent: and the sweetness of the lips increases learning.

16:22 Understanding is a wellspring of life to him that has it: but the instruction of fools is folly.

16:23 The heart of the wise teaches his mouth, and adds learning to his lips.

16:24 Pleasant words are as a honeycomb, sweet to the soul, and health to the bones.

16:25 There is a way that seems right to a man, but the end of it are the ways of death.

16:26 He that labors, labors for himself; for his mouth craves it of him.

16:27 An ungodly man digs up evil: and in his lips there is as a burning fire.

16:28 A fraudulent man sows strife: and a whisperer separates chief friends.

16:29 A violent man entices his neighbor, and leads him into the way that is not good.

16:30 He shuts his eyes to devise fraudulent things: moving his lips he brings evil to pass.

16:31 The hoary head is a crown of glory, if it be found in the way of righteousness.

16:32 He that is slow to anger is better than the mighty; and he that rules his spirit than he that takes a city.

16:33 The lot is cast into the lap; but the whole disposing of it is of *Yehovah*.

## ***Proverbs*** – Chapter 17

17:1 Better is a dry morsel, and quietness therewith, than a house full of sacrifices with strife.

17:2 A wise servant shall have rule over a son that causes shame, and shall have part of the inheritance among the brothers.

17:3 The fining pot is for silver, and the furnace for gold: but *Yehovah* tries the hearts.

17:4 A wicked doer gives heed to false lips; and a liar gives ear to a naughty tongue.

17:5 Whoever mocks the poor reproaches his Maker: and he that is glad at calamities shall not be unpunished.

17:6 Children's children are the crown of old men; and the glory of children are their fathers.

17:7 Excellent speech becomes not a fool: much less do lying lips a prince.

17:8 A gift is as a precious stone in the eyes of him that has it: wherever it turns, it prospers.

17:9 He that covers a transgression seeks love; but he that repeats a matter separates very friends.

17:10 A reproof enters more into a wise man than a hundred stripes into a fool.

17:11 An evil man seeks only rebellion: therefore a cruel messenger shall be sent against him.

17:12 Let a bear robbed of her whelps meet a man, rather than a fool in his folly.

17:13 Whoever rewards evil for good, evil shall not depart from his house.

17:14 The beginning of strife is as when one lets out water: therefore leave off contention, before it be meddled with.

17:15 He that justifies the wicked, and he that condemns the just, even they both are abomination to *Yehovah*.

17:16 Why is there a price in the hand of a fool to get wisdom, seeing he has no heart to it?

17:17 A friend loves at all times, and a brother is born for adversity.

17:18 A man void of understanding strikes hands, and becomes surety in the presence of his friend.

17:19 He loves transgression that loves strife: and he that exalts his gate seeks destruction.

17:20 He that has a fraudulent heart finds no good: and he that has a perverse tongue falls into mischief.

17:21 He that begets a fool does it to his sorrow: and the father of a fool has no joy.

17:22 A merry heart does good like a medicine: but a broken spirit dries the bones.

17:23 A wicked man takes a gift out of the bosom to pervert the ways of judgment.

17:24 Wisdom is before him that has understanding; but the eyes of a fool are in the ends of the earth.

17:25 A foolish son is a grief to his father, and bitterness to her that bore him.

17:26 Also to punish the just is not good, nor to strike princes for equity.

17:27 He that has knowledge spares his words: and a man of understanding is of an excellent spirit.

17:28 Even a fool, when he holds his peace, is counted wise: and he that shuts his lips is esteemed a man of understanding.

## ***Proverbs – Chapter 18***

18:1 Through desire a man, having separated himself, seeks and intermeddles with all wisdom.

18:2 A fool has no delight in understanding, but that his heart may discover itself.

18:3 When the wicked comes, then comes also contempt, and with ignominy reproach.

18:4 The words of a man's mouth are as deep waters, and the wellspring of wisdom as a flowing brook.

18:5 It is not good to accept the person of the wicked, to overthrow the righteous in judgment.

18:6 A fool's lips enter into contention, and his mouth calls for strokes.

18:7 A fool's mouth is his destruction, and his lips are the snare of his soul.

18:8 The words of a talebearer are as wounds, and they go down into the innermost parts of the belly.

18:9 He also that is slothful in his work is brother to him that is a great waster.

18:10 The name of *Yehovah* is a strong tower: the righteous runs into it, and is safe.

18:11 The rich man's wealth is his strong city, and as a high wall in his own conceit.

18:12 Before destruction the heart of man is haughty, and before honor is humility.

18:13 He that answers a matter before he hears it, it is folly and shame to him.

18:14 The spirit of a man will sustain his infirmity; but a wounded spirit who can bear?

18:15 The heart of the prudent gets knowledge; and the ear of the wise seeks knowledge.

18:16 A man's gift makes room for him, and brings him before great men.

18:17 He that is first in his own cause seems just; but his neighbor comes and searches him.

18:18 The lot causes contentions to cease, and parts between the mighty.

18:19 A brother offended is harder to be won than a strong city: and their contentions are like the bars of a castle.

18:20 A man's belly shall be satisfied with the fruit of his mouth; and with the increase of his lips shall he be filled.

18:21 Death and life are in the power of the tongue: and they that love it shall eat the fruit of it.

18:22 Whoever finds a wife finds a good thing, and obtains favor of *Yehovah*.

18:23 The poor uses entreaties; but the rich answers roughly.

18:24 A man that has friends must show himself friendly: and there is a friend that sticks closer than a brother.

## ***Proverbs – Chapter 19***

19:1 Better is the poor that walks in his integrity, than he that is perverse in his lips, and is a fool.

19:2 Also, that the soul be without knowledge, it is not good; and he that hastens with his feet sins.

19:3 The foolishness of man perverts his way: and his heart frets against *Yehovah*.

19:4 Wealth makes many friends; but the poor is separated from his neighbor.

19:5 A false witness shall not be unpunished, and he that speaks lies shall not escape.

19:6 Many will entreat the favor of the prince: and every man is a friend to him that gives gifts.

19:7 All the brothers of the poor do hate him: how much more do his friends go far from him? he pursues them with words, yet they are wanting to him.

19:8 He that gets wisdom loves his own soul: he that keeps understanding shall find good.

19:9 A false witness shall not be unpunished, and he that speaks lies shall perish.

19:10 Delight is not seemly for a fool; much less for a servant to have rule over princes.

19:11 The discretion of a man defers his anger; and it is his glory to pass over a transgression.

19:12 The king's wrath is as the roaring of a lion; but his favor is as dew on the grass.

19:13 A foolish son is the calamity of his father: and the contentions of a wife are a continual dropping.

19:14 House and riches are the inheritance of fathers: and a prudent wife is from *Yehovah*.

19:15 Slothfulness casts into a deep sleep; and an idle soul shall suffer hunger.

19:16 He that keeps the commandment keeps his own soul; but he that despises his ways shall die.

19:17 He that has pity on the poor lends to *Yehovah*; and that which he has given will he pay him again.

19:18 Chasten your son while there is hope, and let not your soul spare for his crying.

19:19 A man of great wrath shall suffer punishment: for if you deliver him, yet you must do it again.

19:20 Hear counsel, and receive instruction, that you may be wise in your latter end.

19:21 There are many devices in a man's heart; nevertheless the counsel of *Yehovah*, that shall stand.

19:22 The desire of a man is his kindness: and a poor man is better than a liar.

19:23 The fear of *Yehovah* tends to life: and he that has it shall abide satisfied; he shall not be visited with evil.

19:24 A slothful man hides his hand in his bosom, and will not so much as bring it to his mouth again.

19:25 Smite a scorner, and the simple will beware: and reprove one that has understanding, and he will understand knowledge.

19:26 He that wastes his father, and chases away his mother, is a son that causes shame, and brings reproach.

19:27 Cease, my son, to hear the instruction that causes to error from the words of knowledge.

19:28 An ungodly witness scorns judgment: and the mouth of the wicked devours iniquity.

19:29 Judgments are prepared for scorners, and stripes for the back of fools.

## ***Proverbs*** – Chapter 20

20:1 Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging: and whoever is deceived thereby is not wise.

20:2 The fear of a king is as the roaring of a lion: whoever provokes him to anger sins against his own soul.

20:3 It is an honor for a man to cease from strife: but every fool will be meddling.

20:4 The sluggard will not plow by reason of the cold; therefore shall he beg in harvest, and have nothing.

20:5 Counsel in the heart of man is like deep water; but a man of understanding will draw it out.

20:6 Most men will proclaim everyone his own goodness: but a faithful man who can find?

20:7 The just man walks in his integrity: his children are blessed after him.

20:8 A king that sits in the throne of judgment scatters away all evil with his eyes.

20:9 Who can say, I have made my heart clean, I am pure from my sin?

20:10 Divers weights, and divers measures, both of them are alike an abomination to *Yehovah*.

20:11 Even a child is known by his doings, whether his work be pure, and whether it be right.

20:12 The hearing ear, and the seeing eye, *Yehovah* has made even both of them.

20:13 Love not sleep, lest you come to poverty; open your eyes, and you shall be satisfied with bread.

20:14 It is naught, it is naught, said the buyer: but when he is gone his way, then he boasts.

20:15 There is gold, and a multitude of rubies: but the lips of knowledge are a precious jewel.

20:16 Take his garment that is surety for a stranger: and take a pledge of him for a strange woman.

20:17 Bread of deceit is sweet to a man; but afterwards his mouth shall be filled with gravel.

20:18 Every purpose is established by counsel: and with good advice make war.

20:19 He that goes about as a talebearer reveals secrets: therefore meddle not with him that flatters with his lips.

20:20 Whoever curses his father or his mother, his lamp shall be put out in obscure darkness.

20:21 An inheritance may be gotten hastily at the beginning; but the end of it shall not be blessed.

20:22 Say not you, I will recompense evil; but wait on *Yehovah*, and he shall save you.

20:23 Divers weights are an abomination to *Yehovah*; and a false balance is not good.

20:24 Man's goings are of *Yehovah*; how can a man then understand his own way?

20:25 It is a snare to the man who devours that which is holy, and after vows to make enquiry.

20:26 A wise king scatters the wicked, and brings the wheel over them.

20:27 The spirit of man is the candle of *Yehovah*, searching all the inward parts of the belly.

20:28 Mercy and truth preserve the king: and his throne is upheld by mercy.

20:29 The glory of young men is their strength: and the beauty of old men is the grey head.

20:30 The blueness of a wound cleans away evil: so do stripes the inward parts of the belly.

## ***Proverbs*** – Chapter 21

21:1 The king's heart is in the hand of *Yehovah*, as the rivers of water: he turns it wherever he will.

21:2 Every way of a man is right in his own eyes: but *Yehovah* ponders the hearts.

21:3 To do justice and judgment is more acceptable to *Yehovah* than sacrifice.

21:4 A high look, and a proud heart, and the plowing of the wicked, is sin.

21:5 The thoughts of the diligent tend only to plenty; but of every one that is hasty only to want.

21:6 The getting of treasures by a lying tongue is a vanity tossed to and fro of them that seek death.

21:7 The robbery of the wicked shall destroy them; because they refuse to do judgment.

21:8 The way of man is fraudulent and strange: but as for the pure, his work is right.

21:9 It is better to dwell in a corner of the housetop, than with a brawling woman in a wide house.

21:10 The soul of the wicked desires evil: his neighbor finds no favor in his eyes.

21:11 When the scorner is punished, the simple is made wise: and when the wise is instructed, he receives knowledge.

21:12 The righteous man wisely considers the house of the wicked: but God overthrows the wicked for their wickedness.

21:13 Whoever stops his ears at the cry of the poor, he also shall cry himself, but shall not be heard.

21:14 A gift in secret pacifies anger: and a reward in the bosom strong wrath.

21:15 It is joy to the just to do judgment: but destruction shall be to the workers of iniquity.

21:16 The man that wanders out of the way of understanding shall remain in the congregation of the dead.

21:17 He that loves pleasure shall be a poor man: he that loves wine and oil shall not be rich.

21:18 The wicked shall be a ransom for the righteous, and the transgressor for the upright.

21:19 It is better to dwell in the wilderness, than with a contentious and an angry woman.

21:20 There is treasure to be desired and oil in the dwelling of the wise; but a foolish man spends it up.

21:21 He that follows after righteousness and mercy finds life, righteousness, and honor.

21:22 A wise man scales the city of the mighty, and casts down the strength of the confidence of it.

21:23 Whoever keeps his mouth and his tongue keeps his soul from troubles.

21:24 Proud and haughty scorner is his name, who deals in proud wrath.

21:25 The desire of the slothful kills him; for his hands refuse to labor.

21:26 He covets greedily all the day long: but the righteous gives and spares not.

21:27 The sacrifice of the wicked is abomination: how much more, when he brings it with a wicked mind?

21:28 A false witness shall perish: but the man that hears speaks constantly.

21:29 A wicked man hardens his face: but as for the upright, he directs his way.

21:30 There is no wisdom nor understanding nor counsel against *Yehovah*.

21:31 The horse is prepared against the day of battle: but safety is of *Yehovah*.

## ***Proverbs – Chapter 22***

22:1 A Good name is rather to be chosen than great riches, and loving favor rather than silver and gold.

22:2 The rich and poor meet together: *Yehovah* is the maker of them all.

22:3 A prudent man foresees the evil, and hides himself: but the simple pass on, and are punished.

22:4 By humility and the fear of *Yehovah* are riches, and honor, and life.

22:5 Thorns and snares are in the way of the fraudulent: he that does keep his soul shall be far from them.

22:6 Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.

22:7 The rich rules over the poor, and the borrower is servant to the lender.

22:8 He that sows iniquity shall reap vanity: and the rod of his anger shall fail.

22:9 He that has a bountiful eye shall be blessed; for he gives of his bread to the poor.

22:10 Cast out the scorner, and contention shall go out; yes, strife and reproach shall cease.

22:11 He that loves pureness of heart, for the grace of his lips the king shall be his friend.

22:12 The eyes of *Yehovah* preserve knowledge, and he overthrows the words of the transgressor.

22:13 The slothful man said, There is a lion without, I shall be slain in the streets.

22:14 The mouth of strange women is a deep pit: he that is abhorred of *Yehovah* shall fall therein.

22:15 Foolishness is bound in the heart of a child; but the rod of correction shall drive it far from him.

22:16 He that oppresses the poor to increase his riches, and he that gives to the rich, shall surely come to want.

22:17 Bow down your ear, and hear the words of the wise, and apply your heart to my knowledge.

22:18 For it is a pleasant thing if you keep them within you; they shall with be fitted in your lips.

22:19 That your trust may be in *Yehovah*, I have made known to you this day, even to you.

22:20 Have not I written to you excellent things in counsels and knowledge,

22:21 That I might make you know the certainty of the words of truth; that you might answer the words of truth to them that send to you?

22:22 Rob not the poor, because he is poor: neither oppress the afflicted in the gate:

22:23 For *Yehovah* will plead their cause, and spoil the soul of those that spoiled them.

22:24 Make no friendship with an angry man; and with a furious man you shall not go:

22:25 Lest you learn his ways, and get a snare to your soul.

22:26 Be not you one of them that strike hands, or of them that are sureties for debts.

22:27 If you have nothing to pay, why should he take away your bed from under you?

22:28 Remove not the ancient landmark, which your fathers have set.

22:29 See you a man diligent in his business? he shall stand before kings; he shall not stand before mean men.

## ***Proverbs*** – Chapter 23

23:1 When you sit to eat with a ruler, consider diligently what is before you:

23:2 And put a knife to your throat, if you be a man given to appetite.

23:3 Be not desirous of his dainties: for they are deceitful meat.

23:4 Labor not to be rich: cease from your own wisdom.

23:5 Will you set your eyes on that which is not? for riches certainly make themselves wings; they fly away as an eagle toward heaven.

23:6 Eat you not the bread of him that has an evil eye, neither desire you his dainty meats:

23:7 For as he thinks in his heart, so is he: Eat and drink, said he to you; but his heart is not with you.

23:8 The morsel which you have eaten shall you vomit up, and lose your sweet words.

23:9 Speak not in the ears of a fool: for he will despise the wisdom of your words.

23:10 Remove not the old landmark; and enter not into the fields of the fatherless:

23:11 For their redeemer is mighty; he shall plead their cause with you.

23:12 Apply your heart to instruction, and your ears to the words of knowledge.

23:13 Withhold not correction from the child: for if you beat him with the rod, he shall not die.

23:14 You shall beat him with the rod, and shall deliver his soul from *sheol*.

23:15 My son, if your heart be wise, my heart shall rejoice, even mine.

23:16 Yes, my reins shall rejoice, when your lips speak right things.

23:17 Let not your heart envy sinners: but be you in the fear of *Yehovah* all the day long.

23:18 For surely there is an end; and your expectation shall not be cut off.

23:19 Hear you, my son, and be wise, and guide your heart in the way.

23:20 Be not among winebibbers; among riotous eaters of flesh:

23:21 For the drunkard and the glutton shall come to poverty: and drowsiness shall clothe a man with rags.

23:22 Listen to your father that begat you, and despise not your mother when she is old.

23:23 Buy the truth, and sell it not; also wisdom, and instruction, and understanding.

23:24 The father of the righteous shall greatly rejoice: and he that begets a wise child shall have joy of him.

23:25 Your father and your mother shall be glad, and she that bore you shall rejoice.

23:26 My son, give me your heart, and let your eyes observe my ways.

23:27 For a whore is a deep ditch; and a strange woman is a narrow pit.

23:28 She also lies in wait as for a prey, and increases the transgressors among men.

23:29 Who has woe? who has sorrow? who has contentions? who has babbling? who has wounds without cause? who has redness of eyes?

23:30 They that tarry long at the wine; they that go to seek mixed wine.

23:31 Look not you on the wine when it is red, when it gives his color in the cup, when it moves itself rightly.

23:32 At the last it bites like a serpent, and stings like an adder.

23:33 Your eyes shall behold strange women, and your heart shall utter perverse things.

23:34 Yes, you shall be as he that lies down in the middle of the sea, or as he that lies on the top of a mast.

23:35 They have stricken me, shall you say, and I was not sick; they have beaten me, and I felt it not: when shall I awake? I will seek it yet again.

## ***Proverbs*** – Chapter 24

24:1 Be not you envious against evil men, neither desire to be with them.

24:2 For their heart studies destruction, and their lips talk of mischief.

24:3 Through wisdom is a house built; and by understanding it is established:

24:4 And by knowledge shall the chambers be filled with all precious and pleasant riches.

24:5 A wise man is strong; yes, a man of knowledge increases strength.

24:6 For by wise counsel you shall make your war: and in multitude of counsellors there is safety.

24:7 Wisdom is too high for a fool: he opens not his mouth in the gate.

24:8 He that devises to do evil shall be called a mischievous person.

24:9 The thought of foolishness is sin: and the scorner is an abomination to men.

24:10 If you faint in the day of adversity, your strength is small.

24:11 If you forbear to deliver them that are drawn to death, and those that are ready to be slain;

24:12 If you say, Behold, we knew it not; does not he that ponders the heart consider it? and he that keeps your soul, does not he know it? and shall not he render to every man according to his works?

24:13 My son, eat you honey, because it is good; and the honeycomb, which is sweet to your taste:

24:14 So shall the knowledge of wisdom be to your soul: when you have found it, then there shall be a reward, and your expectation shall not be cut off.

24:15 Lay not wait, O wicked man, against the dwelling of the righteous; spoil not his resting place:

24:16 For a just man falls seven times, and rises up again: but the wicked shall fall into mischief.

24:17 Rejoice not when your enemy falls, and let not your heart be glad when he stumbles:

24:18 Lest *Yehovah* see it, and it displease him, and he turn away his wrath from him.

24:19 Fret not yourself because of evil men, neither be you envious at the wicked:

24:20 For there shall be no reward to the evil man; the candle of the wicked shall be put out.

24:21 My son, fear you *Yehovah* and the king: and meddle not with them that are given to change:

24:22 For their calamity shall rise suddenly; and who knows the ruin of them both?

24:23 These things also belong to the wise. It is not good to have respect of persons in judgment.

24:24 He that said to the wicked, You are righteous; him shall the people curse, nations shall abhor him:

24:25 But to them that rebuke him shall be delight, and a good blessing shall come on them.

24:26 Every man shall kiss his lips that gives a right answer.

24:27 Prepare your work without, and make it fit for yourself in the field; and afterwards build your house.

24:28 Be not a witness against your neighbor without cause; and deceive not with your lips.

24:29 Say not, I will do so to him as he has done to me: I will render to the man according to his work.

24:30 I went by the field of the slothful, and by the vineyard of the man void of understanding;

24:31 And, see, it was all grown over with thorns, and nettles had covered the face of it, and the stone wall of it was broken down.

24:32 Then I saw, and considered it well: I looked on it, and received instruction.

24:33 Yet a little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to sleep:

24:34 So shall your poverty come as one that travels; and your want as an armed man.

## ***Proverbs – Chapter 25***

25:1 These are also proverbs of Solomon, which the men of Hezekiah king of Judah copied out.

25:2 It is the glory of God to conceal a thing: but the honor of kings is to search out a matter.

25:3 The heaven for height, and the earth for depth, and the heart of kings is unsearchable.

25:4 Take away the dross from the silver, and there shall come forth a vessel for the finer.

25:5 Take away the wicked from before the king, and his throne shall be established in righteousness.

25:6 Put not forth yourself in the presence of the king, and stand not in the place of great men:

25:7 For better it is that it be said to you, Come up here; than that you should be put lower in the presence of the prince whom your eyes have seen.

25:8 Go not forth hastily to strive, lest you know not what to do in the end of it, when your neighbor has put you to shame.

25:9 Debate your cause with your neighbor himself; and discover not a secret to another:

25:10 Lest he that hears it put you to shame, and your infamy turn not away.

25:11 A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in pictures of silver.

25:12 As an earring of gold, and an ornament of fine gold, so is wise advice on an obedient ear.

25:13 As the cold of snow in the time of harvest, so is a faithful messenger to them that send him: for he refreshes the soul of his masters.

25:14 Whoever boasts himself of a false gift is like clouds and wind without rain.

25:15 By long forbearing is a prince persuaded, and a soft tongue breaks the bone.

25:16 Have you found honey? eat so much as is sufficient for you, lest you be filled therewith, and vomit it.

25:17 Withdraw your foot from your neighbor's house; lest he be weary of you, and so hate you.

25:18 A man that bears false witness against his neighbor is a maul, and a sword, and a sharp arrow.

25:19 Confidence in an unfaithful man in time of trouble is like a broken tooth, and a foot out of joint.

25:20 As he that takes away a garment in cold weather, and as vinegar on nitre, so is he that sings songs to a heavy heart.

25:21 If your enemy be hungry, give him bread to eat; and if he be thirsty, give him water to drink:

25:22 For you shall heap coals of fire on his head, and *Yehovah* shall reward you.

25:23 The north wind drives away rain: so does an angry countenance a backbiting tongue.

25:24 It is better to dwell in the corner of the housetop, than with a brawling woman and in a wide house.

25:25 As cold waters to a thirsty soul, so is good news from a far country.

25:26 A righteous man falling down before the wicked is as a troubled fountain, and a corrupt spring.

25:27 It is not good to eat much honey: so for men to search their own glory is not glory.

25:28 He that has no rule over his own spirit is like a city that is broken down, and without walls.

## ***Proverbs*** – Chapter 26

26:1 As snow in summer, and as rain in harvest, so honor is not seemly for a fool.

26:2 As the bird by wandering, as the swallow by flying, so the curse causeless shall not come.

26:3 A whip for the horse, a bridle for the ass, and a rod for the fool's back.

26:4 Answer not a fool according to his folly, lest you also be like to him.

26:5 Answer a fool according to his folly, lest he be wise in his own conceit.

26:6 He that sends a message by the hand of a fool cuts off the feet, and drinks damage.

26:7 The legs of the lame are not equal: so is a parable in the mouth of fools.

26:8 As he that binds a stone in a sling, so is he that gives honor to a fool.

26:9 As a thorn goes up into the hand of a drunkard, so is a parable in the mouths of fools.

26:10 The great God that formed all things both rewards the fool, and rewards transgressors.

26:11 As a dog returns to his vomit, so a fool returns to his folly.

26:12 See you a man wise in his own conceit? there is more hope of a fool than of him.

26:13 The slothful man said, There is a lion in the way; a lion is in the streets.

26:14 As the door turns on his hinges, so does the slothful on his bed.

26:15 The slothful hides his hand in his bosom; it grieves him to bring it again to his mouth.

26:16 The sluggard is wiser in his own conceit than seven men that can render a reason.

26:17 He that passes by, and meddles with strife belonging not to him, is like one that takes a dog by the ears.

26:18 As a mad man who casts firebrands, arrows, and death,

26:19 So is the man that deceives his neighbor, and said, Am not I in sport?

26:20 Where no wood is, there the fire goes out: so where there is no talebearer, the strife ceases.

26:21 As coals are to burning coals, and wood to fire; so is a contentious man to kindle strife.

26:22 The words of a talebearer are as wounds, and they go down into the innermost parts of the belly.

26:23 Burning lips and a wicked heart are like a potsherd covered with silver dross.

26:24 He that hates dissembles with his lips, and lays up deceit within him;

26:25 When he speaks fair, believe him not: for there are seven abominations in his heart.

26:26 Whose hatred is covered by deceit, his wickedness shall be showed before the whole congregation.

26:27 Whoever digs a pit shall fall therein: and he that rolls a stone, it will return on him.

26:28 A lying tongue hates those that are afflicted by it; and a flattering mouth works ruin.

### ***Proverbs*** – Chapter 27

27:1 Boast not yourself of tomorrow; for you know not what a day may bring forth.

27:2 Let another man praise you, and not your own mouth; a stranger, and not your own lips.

27:3 A stone is heavy, and the sand weighty; but a fool's wrath is heavier than them both.

27:4 Wrath is cruel, and anger is outrageous; but who is able to stand before envy?

27:5 Open rebuke is better than secret love.

27:6 Faithful are the wounds of a friend; but the kisses of an enemy are deceitful.

27:7 The full soul loathes a honeycomb; but to the hungry soul every bitter thing is sweet.

27:8 As a bird that wanders from her nest, so is a man that wanders from his place.

27:9 Ointment and perfume rejoice the heart: so does the sweetness of a man's friend by hearty counsel.

27:10 Your own friend, and your father's friend, forsake not; neither go into your brother's house in the day of your calamity: for better is a neighbor that is near than a brother far off.

27:11 My son, be wise, and make my heart glad, that I may answer him that reproaches me.

27:12 A prudent man foresees the evil, and hides himself; but the simple pass on, and are punished.

27:13 Take his garment that is surety for a stranger, and take a pledge of him for a strange woman.

27:14 He that blesses his friend with a loud voice, rising early in the morning, it shall be counted a curse to him.

27:15 A continual dropping in a very rainy day and a contentious woman are alike.

27:16 Whoever hides her hides the wind, and the ointment of his right hand, which denudes itself.

27:17 Iron sharpens iron; so a man sharpens the countenance of his friend.

27:18 Whoever keeps the fig tree shall eat the fruit of it: so he that waits on his master shall be honored.

27:19 As in water face answers to face, so the heart of man to man.

27:20 *Sheol* and destruction are never full; so the eyes of man are never satisfied.

27:21 As the fining pot for silver, and the furnace for gold; so is a man to his praise.

27:22 Though you should bray a fool in a mortar among wheat with a pestle, yet will not his foolishness depart from him.

27:23 Be you diligent to know the state of your flocks, and look well to your herds.

27:24 For riches are not forever: and does the crown endure to every generation?

27:25 The hay appears, and the tender grass shows itself, and herbs of the mountains are gathered.

27:26 The lambs are for your clothing, and the goats are the price of the field.

27:27 And you shall have goats' milk enough for your food, for the food of your household, and for the maintenance for your maidens.

## ***Proverbs – Chapter 28***

28:1 The wicked flee when no man pursues: but the righteous are bold as a lion.

28:2 For the transgression of a land many are the princes of it: but by a man of understanding and knowledge the state of it shall be prolonged.

28:3 A poor man that oppresses the poor is like a sweeping rain which leaves no food.

28:4 They that forsake the law praise the wicked: but such as keep the law contend with them.

28:5 Evil men understand not judgment: but they that seek *Yehovah* understand all things.

28:6 Better is the poor that walks in his uprightness, than he that is perverse in his ways, though he be rich.

28:7 Whoever keeps the law is a wise son: but he that is a companion of riotous men shames his father.

28:8 He that by usury and unjust gain increases his substance, he shall gather it for him that will pity the poor.

28:9 He that turns away his ear from hearing the law, even his prayer shall be abomination.

28:10 Whoever causes the righteous to go astray in an evil way, he shall fall himself into his own pit: but the upright shall have good things in possession.

28:11 The rich man is wise in his own conceit; but the poor that has understanding searches him out.

28:12 When righteous men do rejoice, there is great glory: but when the wicked rise, a man is hidden.

28:13 He that covers his sins shall not prosper: but whoever confesses and forsakes them shall have mercy.

28:14 Happy is the man that fears always: but he that hardens his heart shall fall into mischief.

28:15 As a roaring lion, and a ranging bear; so is a wicked ruler over the poor people.

28:16 The prince that wants understanding is also a great oppressor: but he that hates covetousness shall prolong his days.

28:17 A man that does violence to the blood of any person shall flee to the pit; let no man stay him.

28:18 Whoever walks uprightly shall be saved: but he that is perverse in his ways shall fall at once.

28:19 He that tills his land shall have plenty of bread: but he that follows after vain persons shall have poverty enough.

28:20 A faithful man shall abound with blessings: but he that makes haste to be rich shall not be innocent.

28:21 To have respect of persons is not good: and for a piece of bread that man will transgress.

28:22 He that hastens to be rich has an evil eye, and considers not that poverty shall come on him.

28:23 He that rebukes a man afterwards shall find more favor than he that flatters with the tongue.

28:24 Whoever robs his father or his mother, and said, It is no transgression; the same is the companion of a destroyer.

28:25 He that is of a proud heart stirs up strife: but he that puts his trust in *Yehovah* shall be made fat.

28:26 He that trusts in his own heart is a fool: but whoever walks wisely, he shall be delivered.

28:27 He that gives to the poor shall not lack: but he that hides his eyes shall have many a curse.

28:28 When the wicked rise, men hide themselves: but when they perish, the righteous increase.

## ***Proverbs*** – Chapter 29

29:1 He, that being often reprov'd hardens his neck, shall suddenly be destroyed, and that without remedy.

29:2 When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice: but when the wicked bears rule, the people mourn.

29:3 Whoever loves wisdom rejoices his father: but he that keeps company with harlots spends his substance.

29:4 The king by judgment establishes the land: but he that receives gifts overthrows it.

29:5 A man that flatters his neighbor spreads a net for his feet.

29:6 In the transgression of an evil man there is a snare: but the righteous does sing and rejoice.

29:7 The righteous considers the cause of the poor: but the wicked regards not to know it.

29:8 Scornful men bring a city into a snare: but wise men turn away wrath.

29:9 If a wise man contends with a foolish man, whether he rage or laugh, there is no rest.

29:10 The bloodthirsty hate the upright: but the just seek his soul.

29:11 A fool utters all his mind: but a wise man keeps it in till afterwards.

29:12 If a ruler listen to lies, all his servants are wicked.

29:13 The poor and the deceitful man meet together: *Yehovah* lightens both their eyes.

29:14 The king that faithfully judges the poor, his throne shall be established forever.

29:15 The rod and reproof give wisdom: but a child left to himself brings his mother to shame.

29:16 When the wicked are multiplied, transgression increases: but the righteous shall see their fall.

29:17 Correct your son, and he shall give you rest; yes, he shall give delight to your soul.

29:18 Where there is no vision, the people perish: but he that keeps the law, happy is he.

29:19 A servant will not be corrected by words: for though he understand he will not answer.

29:20 See you a man that is hasty in his words? there is more hope of a fool than of him.

29:21 He that delicately brings up his servant from a child shall have him become his son at the length.

29:22 An angry man stirs up strife, and a furious man abounds in transgression.

29:23 A man's pride shall bring him low: but honor shall uphold the humble in spirit.

29:24 Whoever is partner with a thief hates his own soul: he hears cursing, and denudes it not.

29:25 The fear of man brings a snare: but whoever puts his trust in *Yehovah* shall be safe.

29:26 Many seek the ruler's favor; but every man's judgment comes from *Yehovah*.

29:27 An unjust man is an abomination to the just: and he that is upright in the way is abomination to the wicked.

### ***Proverbs*** – Chapter 30

30:1 The words of Agur the son of Jakeh, even the prophecy: the man spoke to Ithiel, even to Ithiel and Ucal,

30:2 Surely, I am more brutish than any man, and have not the understanding of a man.

30:3 I neither learned wisdom, nor have the knowledge of the holy.

30:4 Who has ascended up into heaven, or descended? who has gathered the wind in his fists? who has bound the waters in a garment? who has established all the ends of the earth? what is his name, and what is his son's name, if you can tell?

30:5 Every word of God is pure: he is a shield to them that put their trust in him.

30:6 Add you not to his words, lest he reprove you, and you be found a liar.

30:7 Two things have I required of you; deny me them not before I die:

30:8 Remove far from me vanity and lies: give me neither poverty nor riches; feed me with food convenient for me:

30:9 Lest I be full, and deny you, and say, Who is *Yehovah*? or lest I be poor, and steal, and take the name of my God in vain.

30:10 Accuse not a servant to his master, lest he curse you, and you be found guilty.

30:11 There is a generation that curses their father, and does not bless their mother.

30:12 There is a generation that are pure in their own eyes, and yet is not washed from their filthiness.

30:13 There is a generation, O how lofty are their eyes! and their eyelids are lifted up.

30:14 There is a generation, whose teeth are as swords, and their jaw teeth as knives, to devour the poor from off the earth, and the needy from among men.

30:15 The horse leach has two daughters, crying, Give, give. There are three things that are never satisfied, yes, four things say not, It is enough:

30:16 The grave; and the barren womb; the earth that is not filled with water; and the fire that said not, It is enough.

30:17 The eye that mocks at his father, and despises to obey his mother, the ravens of the valley shall pick it out, and the young eagles shall eat it.

30:18 There be three things which are too wonderful for me, yes, four which I know not:

30:19 The way of an eagle in the air; the way of a serpent on a rock; the way of a ship in the middle of the sea; and the way of a man with a maid.

30:20 Such is the way of an adulterous woman; she eats, and wipes her mouth, and said, I have done no wickedness.

30:21 For three things the earth is disquieted, and for four which it cannot bear:

30:22 For a servant when he reigns; and a fool when he is filled with meat;

30:23 For an odious woman when she is married; and a handmaid that is heir to her mistress.

30:24 There be four things which are little on the earth, but they are exceeding wise:

30:25 The ants are a people not strong, yet they prepare their meat in the summer;

30:26 The conies are but a feeble folk, yet make they their houses in the rocks;

30:27 The locusts have no king, yet go they forth all of them by bands;

30:28 The spider takes hold with her hands, and is in kings' palaces.

30:29 There be three things which go well, yes, four are comely in going:

30:30 A lion which is strongest among beasts, and turns not away for any;

30:31 A greyhound; a he goat also; and a king, against whom there is no rising up.

30:32 If you have done foolishly in lifting up yourself, or if you have thought evil, lay your hand on your mouth.

30:33 Surely the churning of milk brings forth butter, and the wringing of the nose brings forth blood: so the forcing of wrath brings forth strife.

## ***Proverbs – Chapter 31***

31:1 The words of king Lemuel, the prophecy that his mother taught him.

31:2 What, my son? and what, the son of my womb? and what, the son of my vows?

31:3 Give not your strength to women, nor your ways to that which destroys kings.

31:4 It is not for kings, O Lemuel, it is not for kings to drink wine; nor for princes strong drink:

31:5 Lest they drink, and forget the law, and pervert the judgment of any of the afflicted.

31:6 Give strong drink to him that is ready to perish, and wine to those that be of heavy hearts.

31:7 Let him drink, and forget his poverty, and remember his misery no more.

31:8 Open your mouth for the dumb in the cause of all such as are appointed to destruction.

31:9 Open your mouth, judge righteously, and plead the cause of the poor and needy.

31:10 Who can find a virtuous woman? for her price is far above rubies.

31:11 The heart of her husband does safely trust in her, so that he shall have no need of spoil.

31:12 She will do him good and not evil all the days of her life.

31:13 She seeks wool, and flax, and works willingly with her hands.

31:14 She is like the merchants' ships; she brings her food from afar.

31:15 She rises also while it is yet night, and gives meat to her household, and a portion to her maidens.

31:16 She considers a field, and buys it: with the fruit of her hands she plants a vineyard.

31:17 She girds her loins with strength, and strengthens her arms.

31:18 She perceives that her merchandise is good: her candle goes not out by night.

31:19 She lays her hands to the spindle, and her hands hold the distaff.

31:20 She stretches out her hand to the poor; yes, she reaches forth her hands to the needy.

31:21 She is not afraid of the snow for her household: for all her household are clothed with scarlet.

31:22 She makes herself coverings of tapestry; her clothing is silk and purple.

31:23 Her husband is known in the gates, when he sits among the elders of the land.

31:24 She makes fine linen, and sells it; and delivers girdles to the merchant.

31:25 Strength and honor are her clothing; and she shall rejoice in time to come.

31:26 She opens her mouth with wisdom; and in her tongue is the law of kindness.

31:27 She looks well to the ways of her household, and eats not the bread of idleness.

31:28 Her children arise up, and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her.

31:29 Many daughters have done virtuously, but you excel them all.

31:30 Favor is deceitful, and beauty is vain: but a woman that fears *Yehovah*, she shall be praised.

31:31 Give her of the fruit of her hands; and let her own works praise her in the gates.

## *Summary Chapter Outline of Proverbs*

1: The proverbs of the Wise Ones. My son, if sinners entice you, do not consent. Wisdom calls aloud. The complacency of fools destroys them.

2: My son, apply your heart to understanding. For Yehovah gives wisdom. It will save you from the way of evil, and from the adulteress.

3: My son, trust in Yehovah with all your heart. Do not despise his discipline. Wisdom is a tree of life. Do not quarrel without cause.

4: Listen, my sons: Get wisdom. The path of the righteous is like the morning sun. Guard your heart, for it is the wellspring of life.

5: My son, listen to my words. In the end an adulteress is bitter as wormwood. Keep away from her. Rejoice in the wife of your youth.

6: A little slumber, and poverty will come like a bandit. A scoundrel sows discord. My son, a man who commits adultery destroys himself.

7: My son, wisdom will keep you from the adulteress. I saw her seducing a young man. He followed her like an ox going to the slaughter.

8: Wisdom cries aloud: "My mouth speaks truth. Yehovah brought me forth at the beginning of his works. Whoever finds me finds life."

9: Wisdom has built her house. She says, "Come, leave your folly." The fear of Yehovah is the beginning of wisdom. Folly knows nothing.

10: A wise son makes a glad father. Love covers all offences. With many words, sin is not lacking. The righteous will never be uprooted.

11: Yehovah hates dishonest scales. The wicked earn false wages. Whoever gives water will get water. Whoever trusts in riches will fall.

12: No one finds security by wickedness. Those who work the land have food. Rash words pierce like a sword. Righteousness leads to life.

13: The righteous hate lies. Hope deferred makes the heart sick. Whoever heeds reproof is honored. Whoever spares the rod hates his son.

14: The talk of fools is a rod for their backs. Even in laughter the heart may ache. Those who oppress the poor insult their Maker.

15: A gentle answer turns away wrath. The eyes of Yehovah are everywhere. Plans fail for lack of counsel. Yehovah hears the righteous.

16: A man plans his way, but Yehovah directs his steps. Kings detest evil. Pride goes before destruction. Wisdom is a fountain of life.

17: A wise servant will rule over a shameful son. Starting a quarrel is like breaching a dam. Even a fool seems wise if he keeps silent.

18: A fool delights in his own opinions. The name of Yehovah is a strong tower. A gift opens the way. The tongue can bring life or death.

## *Summary Chapter Outline of Proverbs - Continued*

19: Wealth makes friends. A false witness will not go unpunished. A good wife is from Yehovah. Whoever helps the poor lends to Yehovah.

20: Wine is a mocker, beer a brawler. Even a child is known by his deeds. Yehovah hates false weights. It is a snare to make rash vows.

21: To do justice is better than sacrifice. Better to live on the roof than with a quarrelsome wife. No plans can avail against Yehovah.

22: A good name is better than riches. Train a child and he will not go astray. Incline your ear and apply your heart to my teaching.

23: Do not wear yourself out to get rich. Do not move a boundary marker. Buy the truth, and do not sell it. Do not linger long over wine.

24: Do not envy the wicked. Wisdom is sweet to the soul. Fear Yehovah and the king, my son. I saw thorns in the field of the sluggard.

25: Do not exalt yourself in the king's presence. If your enemy is hungry, give him food to eat. To seek one's own glory is not glory.

26: As a dog returns to its vomit, so a fool repeats his folly. Without gossip a quarrel dies down. Whoever digs a pit will fall into it.

27: Faithful are the wounds of a friend. A loud blessing in the morning will be taken as a curse. A person is tested by being praised.

28: Better to be poor and honest than crooked and rich. Whoever confesses sins will find mercy. Whoever trusts in Yehovah will prosper.

29: By justice a king builds up the land. Whether a fool rages or laughs, there is no peace. Correct your son and he will give you rest.

30: Every word of God is pure. Give me neither poverty nor riches. Four things are never satisfied: Sheol, a barren womb, earth and fire.

31: Speak up for the speechless. Who can find an excellent wife? She buys a field, she makes garments, she watches over her household.

## *Divisions of Proverbs*

***Division 1*** Proverbs 1:7 to 9:18 (Wise Ones/Sons of Zerah)

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# *Book of Job*

*Iyov* (Persecuted One)

## *Job – Chapter 1*

1:1 There was a man in the land of Uz, whose name was Job; and that man was perfect and upright, and one that feared God, and eschewed evil.

1:2 And there were born to him seven sons and three daughters.

1:3 His substance also was seven thousand sheep, and three thousand camels, and five hundred yoke of oxen, and five hundred she asses, and a very great household; so that this man was the greatest of all the men of the east.

1:4 And his sons went and feasted in their houses, everyone his day; and sent and called for their three sisters to eat and to drink with them.

1:5 And it was so, when the days of their feasting were gone about, that Job sent and sanctified them, and rose up early in the morning, and offered burnt offerings according to the number of them all: for Job said, It may be that my sons have sinned, and cursed God in their hearts. Thus did Job continually.

1:6 Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before *Yehovah*, and Satan came also among them.

1:7 And *Yehovah* said to Satan, From where come you? Then Satan answered *Yehovah*, and said, From going to and fro in the earth, and from walking up and down in it.

1:8 And *Yehovah* said to Satan, Have you considered my servant Job, that there is none like him in the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one that fears God, and eschews evil?

1:9 Then Satan answered *Yehovah*, and said, Does Job fear God for nothing?

1:10 Have not you made a hedge about him, and about his house, and about all that he has on every side? you have blessed the work of his hands, and his substance is increased in the land.

1:11 But put forth your hand now, and touch all that he has, and he will curse you to your face.

1:12 And *Yehovah* said to Satan, Behold, all that he has is in your power; only on himself put not forth your hand. So Satan went forth from the presence of *Yehovah*.

1:13 And there was a day when his sons and his daughters were eating and drinking wine in their oldest brother's house:

1:14 And there came a messenger to Job, and said, The oxen were plowing, and the asses feeding beside them:

1:15 And the Sabeans fell on them, and took them away; yes, they have slain the servants with the edge of the sword; and I only am escaped alone to tell you.

1:16 While he was yet speaking, there came also another, and said, The fire of God is fallen from heaven, and has burned up the sheep, and the servants, and consumed them; and I only am escaped alone to tell you.

1:17 While he was yet speaking, there came also another, and said, The Chaldeans made out three bands, and fell on the camels, and have carried them away, yes, and slain the servants with the edge of the sword; and I only am escaped alone to tell you.

1:18 While he was yet speaking, there came also another, and said, Your sons and your daughters were eating and drinking wine in their oldest brother's house:

1:19 And, behold, there came a great wind from the wilderness, and smote the four corners of the house, and it fell on the young men, and they are dead; and I only am escaped alone to tell you.

1:20 Then Job arose, and rent his mantle, and shaved his head, and fell down on the ground, and worshipped,

1:21 And said, Naked came I out of my mother's womb, and naked shall I return thither: *Yehovah* gave, and *Yehovah* has taken away; blessed be the name of *Yehovah*.

1:22 In all this Job sinned not, nor charged God foolishly.

## ***Job*** – Chapter 2

2:1 Again there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before *Yehovah*, and Satan came also among them to present himself before *Yehovah*.

2:2 And *Yehovah* said to Satan, From where come you? And Satan answered *Yehovah*, and said, From going to and fro in the earth, and from walking up and down in it.

2:3 And *Yehovah* said to Satan, Have you considered my servant Job, that there is none like him in the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one that fears God, and eschews evil? and still he holds fast his integrity, although you moved me against him, to destroy him without cause.

2:4 And Satan answered *Yehovah*, and said, Skin for skin, yes, all that a man has will he give for his life.

2:5 But put forth your hand now, and touch his bone and his flesh, and he will curse you to your face.

2:6 And *Yehovah* said to Satan, Behold, he is in your hand; but save his life.

2:7 So went Satan forth from the presence of *Yehovah*, and smote Job with sore boils from the sole of his foot to his crown.

2:8 And he took him a potsherd to scrape himself with; and he sat down among the ashes.

2:9 Then said his wife to him, Do you still retain your integrity? curse God, and die.

2:10 But he said to her, You speak as one of the foolish women speaks. What? shall we receive good at the hand of God, and shall we not receive evil? In all this did not Job sin with his lips.

2:11 Now when Job's three friends heard of all this evil that was come on him, they came everyone from his own place; Eliphaz the Temanite, and Bildad the Shuhite, and Zophar the Naamathite: for they had made an appointment together to come to mourn with him and to comfort him.

2:12 And when they lifted up their eyes afar off, and knew him not, they lifted up their voice, and wept; and they rent everyone his mantle, and sprinkled dust on their heads toward heaven.

2:13 So they sat down with him on the ground seven days and seven nights, and none spoke a word to him: for they saw that his grief was very great.

## **Job** – Chapter 3

3:1 After this opened Job his mouth, and cursed his day.

3:2 And Job spoke, and said,

3:3 Let the day perish in which I was born, and the night in which it was said, There is a man child conceived.

3:4 Let that day be darkness; let not God regard it from above, neither let the light shine on it.

3:5 Let darkness and the shadow of death stain it; let a cloud dwell on it; let the blackness of the day terrify it.

3:6 As for that night, let darkness seize on it; let it not be joined to the days of the year, let it not come into the number of the months.

3:7 See, let that night be solitary, let no joyful voice come therein.

3:8 Let them curse it that curse the day, who are ready to raise up their mourning.

3:9 Let the stars of the twilight be dark; let it look for light, but have none; neither let it see the dawning of the day:

3:10 Because it shut not up the doors of my mother's womb, nor hid sorrow from my eyes.

3:11 Why died I not from the womb? why did I not give up the *spirit* when I came out of the belly?

3:12 Why did the knees prevent me? or why the breasts that I should suck?

3:13 For now should I have lain still and been quiet, I should have slept: then had I been at rest,

3:14 With kings and counsellors of the earth, which build desolate places for themselves;

3:15 Or with princes that had gold, who filled their houses with silver:

3:16 Or as a hidden untimely birth I had not been; as infants which never saw light.

3:17 There the wicked cease from troubling; and there the weary be at rest.

3:18 There the prisoners rest together; they hear not the voice of the oppressor.

3:19 The small and great are there; and the servant is free from his master.

3:20 Why is light given to him that is in misery, and life to the bitter in soul;

3:21 Which long for death, but it comes not; and dig for it more than for hid treasures;

3:22 Which rejoice exceedingly, and are glad, when they can find the grave?

3:23 Why is light given to a man whose way is hid, and whom God has hedged in?

3:24 For my sighing comes before I eat, and my roarings are poured out like the waters.

3:25 For the thing which I greatly feared is come on me, and that which I was afraid of is come to me.

3:26 I was not in safety, neither had I rest, neither was I quiet; yet trouble came.

## ***Job*** – Chapter 4

4:1 Then Eliphaz the Temanite answered and said,

4:2 If we assay to commune with you, will you be grieved? but who can withhold himself from speaking?

4:3 Behold, you have instructed many, and you have strengthened the weak hands.

4:4 Your words have upheld him that was falling, and you have strengthened the feeble knees.

4:5 But now it is come on you, and you faint; it touches you, and you are troubled.

4:6 Is not this your fear, your confidence, your hope, and the uprightness of your ways?

4:7 Remember, I pray you, whoever perished, being innocent? or where were the righteous cut off?

4:8 Even as I have seen, they that plow iniquity, and sow wickedness, reap the same.

4:9 By the blast of God they perish, and by the breath of his nostrils are they consumed.

4:10 The roaring of the lion, and the voice of the fierce lion, and the teeth of the young lions, are broken.

4:11 The old lion perishes for lack of prey, and the stout lion's whelps are scattered abroad.

4:12 Now a thing was secretly brought to me, and my ear received a little of it.

4:13 In thoughts from the visions of the night, when deep sleep falls on men,

4:14 Fear came on me, and trembling, which made all my bones to shake.

4:15 Then a spirit passed before my face; the hair of my flesh stood up:

4:16 It stood still, but I could not discern the form of it: an image was before my eyes, there was silence, and I heard a voice, saying,

4:17 Shall mortal man be more just than God? shall a man be more pure than his maker?

4:18 Behold, he put no trust in his servants; and his angels he charged with folly:

4:19 How much less in them that dwell in houses of clay, whose foundation is in the dust, which are crushed before the moth?

4:20 They are destroyed from morning to evening: they perish forever without any regarding it.

4:21 Does not their excellency which is in them go away? they die, even without wisdom.

## ***Job*** – Chapter 5

5:1 Call now, if there be any that will answer you; and to which of the saints will you turn?

5:2 For wrath kills the foolish man, and envy slays the silly one.

5:3 I have seen the foolish taking root: but suddenly I cursed his habitation.

5:4 His children are far from safety, and they are crushed in the gate, neither is there any to deliver them.

5:5 Whose harvest the hungry eats up, and takes it even out of the thorns, and the robber swallows up their substance.

5:6 Although affliction comes not forth of the dust, neither does trouble spring out of the ground;

5:7 Yet man is born to trouble, as the sparks fly upward.

5:8 I would seek to God, and to God would I commit my cause:

5:9 Which does great things and unsearchable; marvelous things without number:

5:10 Who gives rain on the earth, and sends waters on the fields:

5:11 To set up on high those that be low; that those which mourn may be exalted to safety.

5:12 He disappoints the devices of the crafty, so that their hands cannot perform their enterprise.

5:13 He takes the wise in their own craftiness: and the counsel of the fraudulent is carried headlong.

5:14 They meet with darkness in the day time, and grope in the noonday as in the night.

5:15 But he saves the poor from the sword, from their mouth, and from the hand of the mighty.

5:16 So the poor has hope, and iniquity stops her mouth.

5:17 Behold, happy is the man whom God corrects: therefore despise not you the chastening of the Almighty:

5:18 For he makes sore, and binds up: he wounds, and his hands make whole.

5:19 He shall deliver you in six troubles: yes, in seven there shall no evil touch you.

5:20 In famine he shall redeem you from death: and in war from the power of the sword.

5:21 You shall be hid from the whip of the tongue: neither shall you be afraid of destruction when it comes.

5:22 At destruction and famine you shall laugh: neither shall you be afraid of the beasts of the earth.

5:23 For you shall be in league with the stones of the field: and the beasts of the field shall be at peace with you.

5:24 And you shall know that your tabernacle shall be in peace; and you shall visit your habitation, and shall not sin.

5:25 You shall know also that your seed shall be great, and your offspring as the grass of the earth.

5:26 You shall come to your grave in a full age, like as a *sheaf of grain* comes in in his season.

5:27 See this, we have searched it, so it is; hear it, and know you it for your good.

## **Job** – Chapter 6

6:1 But Job answered and said,

6:2 Oh that my grief were thoroughly weighed, and my calamity laid in the balances together!

6:3 For now it would be heavier than the sand of the sea: therefore my words are swallowed up.

6:4 For the arrows of the Almighty are within me, the poison whereof drinks up my spirit: the terrors of God do set themselves in array against me.

6:5 Does the wild ass bray when he has grass? or lows the ox over his fodder?

6:6 Can that which is unsavory be eaten without salt? or is there any taste in the white of an egg?

6:7 The things that my soul refused to touch are as my sorrowful meat.

6:8 Oh that I might have my request; and that God would grant me the thing that I long for!

6:9 Even that it would please God to destroy me; that he would let loose his hand, and cut me off!

6:10 Then should I yet have comfort; yes, I would harden myself in sorrow: let him not spare; for I have not concealed the words of the Holy One.

6:11 What is my strength, that I should hope? and what is my end, that I should prolong my life?

6:12 Is my strength the strength of stones? or is my flesh of brass?

6:13 Is not my help in me? and is wisdom driven quite from me?

6:14 To him that is afflicted pity should be showed from his friend; but he forsakes the fear of the Almighty.

6:15 My brothers have dealt deceitfully as a brook, and as the stream of brooks they pass away;

6:16 Which are blackish by reason of the ice, and where the snow is hid:

6:17 What time they wax warm, they vanish: when it is hot, they are consumed out of their place.

6:18 The paths of their way are turned aside; they go to nothing, and perish.

6:19 The troops of Tema looked, the companies of Sheba waited for them.

6:20 They were confounded because they had hoped; they came thither, and were ashamed.

6:21 For now you are nothing; you see my casting down, and are afraid.

6:22 Did I say, Bring to me? or, Give a reward for me of your substance?

6:23 Or, Deliver me from the enemy's hand? or, Redeem me from the hand of the mighty?

6:24 Teach me, and I will hold my tongue: and cause me to understand where I have erred.

6:25 How forcible are right words! but what does your arguing reprove?

6:26 Do you imagine to reprove words, and the speeches of one that is desperate, which are as wind?

6:27 Yes, you overwhelm the fatherless, and you dig a pit for your friend.

6:28 Now therefore be content, look on me; for it is evident to you if I lie.

6:29 Return, I pray you, let it not be iniquity; yes, return again, my righteousness is in it.

6:30 Is there iniquity in my tongue? Can not my taste discern perverse things?

## **Job** – Chapter 7

7:1 Is there not an appointed time to man on earth? are not his days also like the days of a hireling?

7:2 As a servant earnestly desires the shadow, and as a hireling looks for the reward of his work:

7:3 So am I made to possess months of vanity, and wearisome nights are appointed to me.

7:4 When I lie down, I say, When shall I arise, and the night be gone? and I am full of tossings to and fro to the dawning of the day.

7:5 My flesh is clothed with worms and clods of dust; my skin is broken, and become loathsome.

7:6 My days are swifter than a weaver's shuttle, and are spent without hope.

7:7 O remember that my life is wind: my eye shall no more see good.

7:8 The eye of him that has seen me shall see me no more: your eyes are on me, and I am not.

7:9 As the cloud is consumed and vanishes away: so he that goes down to the grave shall come up no more.

7:10 He shall return no more to his house, neither shall his place know him anymore.

7:11 Therefore I will not refrain my mouth; I will speak in the anguish of my spirit; I will complain in the bitterness of my soul.

7:12 Am I a sea, or a whale, that you set a watch over me?

7:13 When I say, My bed shall comfort me, my couch shall ease my complaints;

7:14 Then you scare me with dreams, and terrify me through visions:

7:15 So that my soul chooses strangling, and death rather than my life.

7:16 I loathe it; I would not live always: let me alone; for my days are vanity.

7:17 What is man, that you should magnify him? and that you should set your heart on him?

7:18 And that you should visit him every morning, and try him every moment?

7:19 How long will you not depart from me, nor let me alone till I swallow down my spittle?

7:20 I have sinned; what shall I do to you, O you preserver of men? why have you set me as a mark against you, so that I am a burden to myself?

7:21 And why do you not pardon my transgression, and take away my iniquity? for now shall I sleep in the dust; and you shall seek me in the morning, but I shall not be.

## **Job** – Chapter 8

8:1 Then answered Bildad the Shuhite, and said,

8:2 How long will you speak these things? and how long shall the words of your mouth be like a strong wind?

8:3 Does God pervert judgment? or does the Almighty pervert justice?

8:4 If your children have sinned against him, and he have cast them away for their transgression;

8:5 If you would seek to God betimes, and make your supplication to the Almighty;

8:6 If you were pure and upright; surely now he would awake for you, and make the habitation of your righteousness prosperous.

8:7 Though your beginning was small, yet your latter end should greatly increase.

8:8 For inquire, I pray you, of the former age, and prepare yourself to the search of their fathers:

8:9 (For we are but of yesterday, and know nothing, because our days on earth are a shadow:)

8:10 Shall not they teach you, and tell you, and utter words out of their heart?

8:11 Can the rush grow up without mire? can the flag grow without water?

8:12 While it is yet in his greenness, and not cut down, it wither before any other herb.

8:13 So are the paths of all that forget God; and the hypocrite's hope shall perish:

8:14 Whose hope shall be cut off, and whose trust shall be a spider's web.

8:15 He shall lean on his house, but it shall not stand: he shall hold it fast, but it shall not endure.

8:16 He is green before the sun, and his branch shoots forth in his garden.

8:17 His roots are wrapped about the heap, and sees the place of stones.

8:18 If he destroy him from his place, then it shall deny him, saying, I have not seen you.

8:19 Behold, this is the joy of his way, and out of the earth shall others grow.

8:20 Behold, God will not cast away a perfect man, neither will he help the evil doers:

8:21 Till he fill your mouth with laughing, and your lips with rejoicing.

8:22 They that hate you shall be clothed with shame; and the dwelling place of the wicked shall come to nothing.

## ***Job*** – Chapter 9

9:1 Then Job answered and said,

9:2 I know it is so of a truth: but how should man be just with God?

9:3 If he will contend with him, he cannot answer him one of a thousand.

9:4 He is wise in heart, and mighty in strength: who has hardened himself against him, and has prospered?

9:5 Which removes the mountains, and they know not: which overturns them in his anger.

9:6 Which shakes the earth out of her place, and the pillars of it tremble.

9:7 Which commands the sun, and it rises not; and seals up the stars.

9:8 Which alone spreads out the heavens, and treads on the waves of the sea.

9:9 Which makes Arcturus, Orion, and Pleiades, and the chambers of the south.

9:10 Which does great things past finding out; yes, and wonders without number.

9:11 See, he goes by me, and I see him not: he passes on also, but I perceive him not.

9:12 Behold, he takes away, who can hinder him? who will say to him, What do you?

9:13 If God will not withdraw his anger, the proud helpers do stoop under him.

9:14 How much less shall I answer him, and choose out my words to reason with him?

9:15 Whom, though I were righteous, yet would I not answer, but I would make supplication to my judge.

9:16 If I had called, and he had answered me; yet would I not believe that he had listened to my voice.

9:17 For he breaks me with a tempest, and multiplies my wounds without cause.

9:18 He will not suffer me to take my breath, but fills me with bitterness.

9:19 If I speak of strength, see, he is strong: and if of judgment, who shall set me a time to plead?

9:20 If I justify myself, my own mouth shall condemn me: if I say, I am perfect, it shall also prove me perverse.

9:21 Though I were perfect, yet would I not know my soul: I would despise my life.

9:22 This is one thing, therefore I said it, He destroys the perfect and the wicked.

9:23 If the whip slay suddenly, he will laugh at the trial of the innocent.

9:24 The earth is given into the hand of the wicked: he covers the faces of the judges of it; if not, where, and who is he?

9:25 Now my days are swifter than a post: they flee away, they see no good.

9:26 They are passed away as the swift ships: as the eagle that hastens to the prey.

9:27 If I say, I will forget my complaint, I will leave off my heaviness, and comfort myself:

9:28 I am afraid of all my sorrows, I know that you will not hold me innocent.

9:29 If I be wicked, why then labor I in vain?

9:30 If I wash myself with snow water, and make my hands never so clean;

9:31 Yet shall you plunge me in the ditch, and my own clothes shall abhor me.

9:32 For he is not a man, as I am, that I should answer him, and we should come together in judgment.

9:33 Neither is there any judge between us, that might lay his hand on us both.

9:34 Let him take his rod away from me, and let not his fear terrify me:

9:35 Then would I speak, and not fear him; but it is not so with me.

## ***Job*** – Chapter 10

10:1 My soul is weary of my life; I will leave my complaint on myself; I will speak in the bitterness of my soul.

10:2 I will say to God, Do not condemn me; show me why you contend with me.

10:3 Is it good to you that you should oppress, that you should despise the work of your hands, and shine on the counsel of the wicked?

10:4 Have you eyes of flesh? or see you as man sees?

10:5 Are your days as the days of man? are your years as man's days,

10:6 That you enquire after my iniquity, and search after my sin?

10:7 You know that I am not wicked; and there is none that can deliver out of your hand.

10:8 Your hands have made me and fashioned me together round about; yet you do destroy me.

10:9 Remember, I beseech you, that you have made me as the clay; and will you bring me into dust again?

10:10 Have you not poured me out as milk, and curdled me like cheese?

10:11 You have clothed me with skin and flesh, and have fenced me with bones and sinews.

10:12 You have granted me life and favor, and your visitation has preserved my spirit.

10:13 And these things have you hid in your heart: I know that this is with you.

10:14 If I sin, then you mark me, and you will not acquit me from my iniquity.

10:15 If I be wicked, woe to me; and if I be righteous, yet will I not lift up my head. I am full of confusion; therefore see you my affliction;

10:16 For it increases. You hunt me as a fierce lion: and again you show yourself marvelous on me.

10:17 You renew your witnesses against me, and increase your indignation on me; changes and war are against me.

10:18 Why then have you brought me forth out of the womb? Oh that I had given up the *spirit*, and no eye had seen me!

10:19 I should have been as though I had not been; I should have been carried from the womb to the grave.

10:20 Are not my days few? cease then, and let me alone, that I may take comfort a little,

10:21 Before I go from where I shall not return, even to the land of darkness and the shadow of death;

10:22 A land of darkness, as darkness itself; and of the shadow of death, without any order, and where the light is as darkness.

## **Job** – Chapter 11

11:1 Then answered Zophar the Naamathite, and said,

11:2 Should not the multitude of words be answered? and should a man full of talk be justified?

11:3 Should your lies make men hold their peace? and when you mock, shall no man make you ashamed?

11:4 For you have said, My doctrine is pure, and I am clean in your eyes.

11:5 But oh that God would speak, and open his lips against you;

11:6 And that he would show you the secrets of wisdom, that they are double to that which is! Know therefore that God exacts of you less than your iniquity deserves.

11:7 Can you by searching find out God? can you find out the Almighty to perfection?

11:8 It is as high as heaven; what can you do? deeper than *sheol*; what can you know?

11:9 The measure of it is longer than the earth, and broader than the sea.

11:10 If he cut off, and shut up, or gather together, then who can hinder him?

11:11 For he knows vain men: he sees wickedness also; will he not then consider it?

11:12 For vain men would be wise, though man be born like a wild ass's colt.

11:13 If you prepare your heart, and stretch out your hands toward him;

11:14 If iniquity be in your hand, put it far away, and let not wickedness dwell in your tabernacles.

11:15 For then shall you lift up your face without spot; yes, you shall be steadfast, and shall not fear:

11:16 Because you shall forget your misery, and remember it as waters that pass away:

11:17 And your age shall be clearer than the noonday: you shall shine forth, you shall be as the morning.

11:18 And you shall be secure, because there is hope; yes, you shall dig about you, and you shall take your rest in safety.

11:19 Also you shall lie down, and none shall make you afraid; yes, many shall make suit to you.

11:20 But the eyes of the wicked shall fail, and they shall not escape, and their hope shall be as the giving up of the *spirit*.

## **Job** – Chapter 12

12:1 And Job answered and said,

12:2 No doubt but you are the people, and wisdom shall die with you.

12:3 But I have understanding as well as you; I am not inferior to you: yes, who knows not such things as these?

12:4 I am as one mocked of his neighbor, who calls on God, and he answers him: the just upright man is laughed to scorn.

12:5 He that is ready to slip with his feet is as a lamp despised in the thought of him that is at ease.

12:6 The tabernacles of robbers prosper, and they that provoke God are secure; into whose hand God brings abundantly.

12:7 But ask now the beasts, and they shall teach you; and the fowls of the air, and they shall tell you:

12:8 Or speak to the earth, and it shall teach you: and the fishes of the sea shall declare to you.

12:9 Who knows not in all these that the hand of *Yehovah* has worked this?

12:10 In whose hand is the soul of every living thing, and the breath of all mankind.

12:11 Does not the ear try words? and the mouth taste his meat?

12:12 With the ancient is wisdom; and in length of days understanding.

12:13 With him is wisdom and strength, he has counsel and understanding.

12:14 Behold, he breaks down, and it cannot be built again: he shuts up a man, and there can be no opening.

12:15 Behold, he withholds the waters, and they dry up: also he sends them out, and they overturn the earth.

12:16 With him is strength and wisdom: the deceived and the deceiver are his.

12:17 He leads counsellors away spoiled, and makes the judges fools.

12:18 He looses the bond of kings, and girds their loins with a girdle.

12:19 He leads princes away spoiled, and overthrows the mighty.

12:20 He removes away the speech of the trusty, and takes away the understanding of the aged.

12:21 He pours contempt on princes, and weakens the strength of the mighty.

12:22 He discovers deep things out of darkness, and brings out to light the shadow of death.

12:23 He increases the nations, and destroys them: he enlarges the nations, and straitens them again.

12:24 He takes away the heart of the chief of the people of the earth, and causes them to wander in a wilderness where there is no way.

12:25 They grope in the dark without light, and he makes them to stagger like a drunken man.

## ***Job*** – Chapter 13

13:1 See, my eye has seen all this, my ear has heard and understood it.

13:2 What you know, the same do I know also: I am not inferior to you.

13:3 Surely I would speak to the Almighty, and I desire to reason with God.

13:4 But you are forgers of lies, you are all physicians of no value.

13:5 O that you would altogether hold your peace! and it should be your wisdom.

13:6 Hear now my reasoning, and listen to the pleadings of my lips.

13:7 Will you speak wickedly for God? and talk deceitfully for him?

13:8 Will you accept his person? will you contend for God?

13:9 Is it good that he should search you out? or as one man mocks another, do you so mock him?

13:10 He will surely reprove you, if you do secretly accept persons.

13:11 Shall not his excellency make you afraid? and his dread fall on you?

13:12 Your remembrances are like to ashes, your bodies to bodies of clay.

13:13 Hold your peace, let me alone, that I may speak, and let come on me what will.

13:14 Why do I take my flesh in my teeth, and put my life in my hand?

13:15 Though he slay me, yet will I trust in him: but I will maintain my own ways before him.

13:16 He also shall be my salvation: for a hypocrite shall not come before him.

13:17 Hear diligently my speech, and my declaration with your ears.

13:18 Behold now, I have ordered my cause; I know that I shall be justified.

13:19 Who is he that will plead with me? for now, if I hold my tongue, I shall give up the *spirit*.

13:20 Only do not two things to me: then will I not hide myself from you.

13:21 Withdraw your hand far from me: and let not your dread make me afraid.

13:22 Then call you, and I will answer: or let me speak, and answer you me.

13:23 How many are my iniquities and sins? make me to know my transgression and my sin.

13:24 Why hide you your face, and hold me for your enemy?

13:25 Will you break a leaf driven to and fro? and will you pursue the dry stubble?

13:26 For you write bitter things against me, and make me to possess the iniquities of my youth.

13:27 You put my feet also in the stocks, and look narrowly to all my paths; you set a print on the heels of my feet.

13:28 And he, as a rotten thing, consumes, as a garment that is moth eaten.

## **Job** – Chapter 14

14:1 Man that is born of a woman is of few days and full of trouble.

14:2 He comes forth like a flower, and is cut down: he flees also as a shadow, and continues not.

14:3 And does you open your eyes on such a one, and bring me into judgment with you?

14:4 Who can bring a clean thing out of an unclean? not one.

14:5 Seeing his days are determined, the number of his months are with you, you have appointed his bounds that he cannot pass;

14:6 Turn from him, that he may rest, till he shall accomplish, as a hireling, his day.

14:7 For there is hope of a tree, if it be cut down, that it will sprout again, and that the tender branch of it will not cease.

14:8 Though the root of it wax old in the earth, and the stock of it die in the ground;

14:9 Yet through the scent of water it will bud, and bring forth boughs like a plant.

14:10 But man dies, and wastes away: yes, man gives up the *spirit*, and where is he?

14:11 As the waters fail from the sea, and the flood decays and dries up:

14:12 So man lies down, and rises not: till the heavens be no more, they shall not awake, nor be raised out of their sleep.

14:13 O that you would hide me in the grave, that you would keep me secret, until your wrath be past, that you would appoint me a set time, and remember me!

14:14 If a man die, shall he live again? all the days of my appointed time will I wait, till my change come.

14:15 You shall call, and I will answer you: you will have a desire to the work of your hands.

14:16 For now you number my steps: do you not watch over my sin?

14:17 My transgression is sealed up in a bag, and you sew up my iniquity.

14:18 And surely the mountains falling comes to nothing, and the rock is removed out of his place.

14:19 The waters wear the stones: you wash away the things which grow out of the dust of the earth; and you destroy the hope of man.

14:20 You prevail forever against him, and he passes: you change his countenance, and send him away.

14:21 His sons come to honor, and he knows it not; and they are brought low, but he perceives it not of them.

14:22 But his flesh on him shall have pain, and his soul within him shall mourn.

## ***Job*** – Chapter 15

15:1 Then answered Eliphaz the Temanite, and said,

15:2 Should a wise man utter vain knowledge, and fill his belly with the east wind?

15:3 Should he reason with unprofitable talk? or with speeches with which he can do no good?

15:4 Yes, you cast off fear, and restrain prayer before God.

15:5 For your mouth utters your iniquity, and you choose the tongue of the crafty.

15:6 Your own mouth condemns you, and not I: yes, your own lips testify against you.

15:7 Are you the first man that was born? or were you made before the hills?

15:8 Have you heard the secret of God? and do you restrain wisdom to yourself?

15:9 What know you, that we know not? what understand you, which is not in us?

15:10 With us are both the gray headed and very aged men, much elder than your father.

15:11 Are the consolations of God small with you? is there any secret thing with you?

15:12 Why does your heart carry you away? and what do your eyes wink at,

15:13 That you turn your spirit against God, and let such words go out of your mouth?

15:14 What is man, that he should be clean? and he which is born of a woman, that he should be righteous?

15:15 Behold, he puts no trust in his saints; yes, the heavens are not clean in his sight.

15:16 How much more abominable and filthy is man, which drinks iniquity like water?

15:17 I will show you, hear me; and that which I have seen I will declare;

15:18 Which wise men have told from their fathers, and have not hid it:

15:19 To whom alone the earth was given, and no stranger passed among them.

15:20 The wicked man travails with pain all his days, and the number of years is hidden to the oppressor.

15:21 A dreadful sound is in his ears: in prosperity the destroyer shall come on him.

15:22 He believes not that he shall return out of darkness, and he is waited for of the sword.

15:23 He wanders abroad for bread, saying, Where is it? he knows that the day of darkness is ready at his hand.

15:24 Trouble and anguish shall make him afraid; they shall prevail against him, as a king ready to the battle.

15:25 For he stretches out his hand against God, and strengthens himself against the Almighty.

15:26 He runs on him, even on his neck, on the thick bosses of his bucklers:

15:27 Because he covers his face with his fatness, and makes bulges of fat on his flanks.

15:28 And he dwells in desolate cities, and in houses which no man inhabits, which are ready to become heaps.

15:29 He shall not be rich, neither shall his substance continue, neither shall he prolong the perfection of it on the earth.

15:30 He shall not depart out of darkness; the flame shall dry up his branches, and by the breath of his mouth shall he go away.

15:31 Let not him that is deceived trust in vanity: for vanity shall be his recompense.

15:32 It shall be accomplished before his time, and his branch shall not be green.

15:33 He shall shake off his unripe grape as the vine, and shall cast off his flower as the olive.

15:34 For the congregation of hypocrites shall be desolate, and fire shall consume the tabernacles of bribery.

15:35 They conceive mischief, and bring forth vanity, and their belly prepares deceit.

## ***Job*** – Chapter 16

16:1 Then Job answered and said,

16:2 I have heard many such things: miserable comforters are you all.

16:3 Shall vain words have an end? or what emboldens you that you answer?

16:4 I also could speak as you do: if your soul were in my soul's stead, I could heap up words against you, and shake my head at you.

16:5 But I would strengthen you with my mouth, and the moving of my lips should assuage your grief.

16:6 Though I speak, my grief is not assuaged: and though I forbear, what am I eased?

16:7 But now he has made me weary: you have made desolate all my company.

16:8 And you have filled me with wrinkles, which is a witness against me: and my leanness rising up in me bears witness to my face.

16:9 He tears me in his wrath, who hates me: he gnashes on me with his teeth; my enemy sharpens his eyes on me.

16:10 They have gaped on me with their mouth; they have smitten me on the cheek reproachfully; they have gathered themselves together against me.

16:11 God has delivered me to the ungodly, and turned me over into the hands of the wicked.

16:12 I was at ease, but he has broken me asunder: he has also taken me by my neck, and shaken me to pieces, and set me up for his mark.

16:13 His archers compass me round about, he splits my reins asunder, and does not spare; he pours out my gall on the ground.

16:14 He breaks me with breach on breach, he runs on me like a giant.

16:15 I have sewed sackcloth on my skin, and defiled my horn in the dust.

16:16 My face is foul with weeping, and on my eyelids is the shadow of death;

16:17 Not for any injustice in my hands: also my prayer is pure.

16:18 O earth, cover not you my blood, and let my cry have no place.

16:19 Also now, behold, my witness is in heaven, and my record is on high.

16:20 My friends scorn me: but my eye pours out tears to God.

16:21 O that one might plead for a man with God, as a man pleads for his neighbor!

16:22 When a few years are come, then I shall go the way from where I shall not return.

## ***Job*** – Chapter 17

17:1 My breath is corrupt, my days are extinct, the graves are ready for me.

17:2 Are there not mockers with me? and does not my eye continue in their provocation?

17:3 Lay down now, put me in a surety with you; who is he that will strike hands with me?

17:4 For you have hid their heart from understanding: therefore shall you not exalt them.

17:5 He that speaks flattery to his friends, even the eyes of his children shall fail.

17:6 He has made me also a byword of the people; and aforetime I was as a tabret.

17:7 My eye also is dim by reason of sorrow, and all my members are as a shadow.

17:8 Upright men shall be astonished at this, and the innocent shall stir up himself against the hypocrite.

17:9 The righteous also shall hold on his way, and he that has clean hands shall be stronger and stronger.

17:10 But as for you all, do you return, and come now: for I cannot find one wise man among you.

17:11 My days are past, my purposes are broken off, even the thoughts of my heart.

17:12 They change the night into day: the light is short because of darkness.

17:13 If I wait, the grave is my house: I have made my bed in the darkness.

17:14 I have said to corruption, You are my father: to the worm, You are my mother, and my sister.

17:15 And where is now my hope? as for my hope, who shall see it?

17:16 They shall go down to the bars of the pit, when our rest together is in the dust.

## ***Job*** – Chapter 18

18:1 Then answered Bildad the Shuhite, and said,

18:2 How long will it be ere you make an end of words? mark, and afterwards we will speak.

18:3 Why are we counted as beasts, and reputed vile in your sight?

18:4 He tears himself in his anger: shall the earth be forsaken for you? and shall the rock be removed out of his place?

18:5 Yes, the light of the wicked shall be put out, and the spark of his fire shall not shine.

18:6 The light shall be dark in his tabernacle, and his candle shall be put out with him.

18:7 The steps of his strength shall be straightened, and his own counsel shall cast him down.

18:8 For he is cast into a net by his own feet, and he walks on a snare.

18:9 The gin shall take him by the heel, and the robber shall prevail against him.

18:10 The snare is laid for him in the ground, and a trap for him in the way.

18:11 Terrors shall make him afraid on every side, and shall drive him to his feet.

18:12 His strength shall be extremely hungry, and destruction shall be ready at his side.

18:13 It shall devour the strength of his skin: even the firstborn of death shall devour his strength.

18:14 His confidence shall be rooted out of his tabernacle, and it shall bring him to the king of terrors.

18:15 It shall dwell in his tabernacle, because it is none of his: brimstone shall be scattered on his habitation.

18:16 His roots shall be dried up beneath, and above shall his branch be cut off.

18:17 His remembrance shall perish from the earth, and he shall have no name in the street.

18:18 He shall be driven from light into darkness, and chased out of the world.

18:19 He shall neither have son nor nephew among his people, nor any remaining in his dwellings.

18:20 They that come after him shall be astonished at his day, as they that went before were affrighted.

18:21 Surely such are the dwellings of the wicked, and this is the place of him that knows not God.

## ***Job*** – Chapter 19

19:1 Then Job answered and said,

19:2 How long will you vex my soul, and break me in pieces with words?

19:3 These ten times have you reproached me: you are not ashamed that you make yourselves strange to me.

19:4 And be it indeed that I have erred, my error remains with myself.

19:5 If indeed you will magnify yourselves against me, and plead against me my reproach:

19:6 Know now that God has overthrown me, and has compassed me with his net.

19:7 Behold, I cry out of wrong, but I am not heard: I cry aloud, but there is no judgment.

19:8 He has fenced up my way that I cannot pass, and he has set darkness in my paths.

19:9 He has stripped me of my glory, and taken the crown from my head.

19:10 He has destroyed me on every side, and I am gone: and my hope has he removed like a tree.

19:11 He has also kindled his wrath against me, and he counts me to him as one of his enemies.

19:12 His troops come together, and raise up their way against me, and encamp round about my tabernacle.

19:13 He has put my brothers far from me, and my acquaintance are truly estranged from me.

19:14 My kinsfolk have failed, and my familiar friends have forgotten me.

19:15 They that dwell in my house, and my maids, count me for a stranger: I am an alien in their sight.

19:16 I called my servant, and he gave me no answer; I entreated him with my mouth.

19:17 My breath is strange to my wife, though I entreated for the children's sake of my own body.

19:18 Yes, young children despised me; I arose, and they spoke against me.

19:19 All my inward friends abhorred me: and they whom I loved are turned against me.

19:20 My bone sticks to my skin and to my flesh, and I am escaped with the skin of my teeth.

19:21 Have pity on me, have pity on me, O you my friends; for the hand of God has touched me.

19:22 Why do you persecute me as God, and are not satisfied with my flesh?

19:23 Oh that my words were now written! oh that they were printed in a book!

19:24 That they were graven with an iron pen and lead in the rock forever!

19:25 For I know that my redeemer lives, and that he shall stand at the latter day on the earth:

19:26 And though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God:

19:27 Whom I shall see for myself, and my eyes shall behold, and not another; though my reins be consumed within me.

19:28 But you should say, Why persecute we him, seeing the root of the matter is found in me?

19:29 Be you afraid of the sword: for wrath brings the punishments of the sword, that you may know there is a judgment.

## **Job** – Chapter 20

20:1 Then answered Zophar the Naamathite, and said,

20:2 Therefore do my thoughts cause me to answer, and for this I make haste.

20:3 I have heard the check of my reproach, and the spirit of my understanding causes me to answer.

20:4 Know you not this of old, since man was placed on earth,

20:5 That the triumphing of the wicked is short, and the joy of the hypocrite but for a moment?

20:6 Though his excellency mount up to the heavens, and his head reach to the clouds;

20:7 Yet he shall perish forever like his own dung: they which have seen him shall say, Where is he?

20:8 He shall fly away as a dream, and shall not be found: yes, he shall be chased away as a vision of the night.

20:9 The eye also which saw him shall see him no more; neither shall his place any more behold him.

20:10 His children shall seek to please the poor, and his hands shall restore their goods.

20:11 His bones are full of the sin of his youth, which shall lie down with him in the dust.

20:12 Though wickedness be sweet in his mouth, though he hide it under his tongue;

20:13 Though he spare it, and forsake it not; but keep it still within his mouth:

20:14 Yet his meat in his bowels is turned, it is the gall of asps within him.

20:15 He has swallowed down riches, and he shall vomit them up again: God shall cast them out of his belly.

20:16 He shall suck the poison of asps: the viper's tongue shall slay him.

20:17 He shall not see the rivers, the floods, the brooks of honey and butter.

20:18 That which he labored for shall he restore, and shall not swallow it down: according to his substance shall the restitution be, and he shall not rejoice therein.

20:19 Because he has oppressed and has forsaken the poor; because he has violently taken away a house which he built not;

20:20 Surely he shall not feel quietness in his belly, he shall not save of that which he desired.

20:21 There shall none of his meat be left; therefore shall no man look for his goods.

20:22 In the fullness of his sufficiency he shall be in straits: every hand of the wicked shall come on him.

20:23 When he is about to fill his belly, God shall cast the fury of his wrath on him, and shall rain it on him while he is eating.

20:24 He shall flee from the iron weapon, and the bow of steel shall strike him through.

20:25 It is drawn, and comes out of the body; yes, the glittering sword comes out of his gall: terrors are on him.

20:26 All darkness shall be hid in his secret places: a fire not blown shall consume him; it shall go ill with him that is left in his tabernacle.

20:27 The heaven shall reveal his iniquity; and the earth shall rise up against him.

20:28 The increase of his house shall depart, and his goods shall flow away in the day of his wrath.

20:29 This is the portion of a wicked man from God, and the heritage appointed to him by God.

## **Job** – Chapter 21

21:1 But Job answered and said,

21:2 Hear diligently my speech, and let this be your consolations.

21:3 Suffer me that I may speak; and after that I have spoken, mock on.

21:4 As for me, is my complaint to man? and if it were so, why should not my spirit be troubled?

21:5 Mark me, and be astonished, and lay your hand on your mouth.

21:6 Even when I remember I am afraid, and trembling takes hold on my flesh.

21:7 Why do the wicked live, become old, yes, are mighty in power?

21:8 Their seed is established in their sight with them, and their offspring before their eyes.

21:9 Their houses are safe from fear, neither is the rod of God on them.

21:10 Their bull engenders, and fails not; their cow calves, and casts not her calf.

21:11 They send forth their little ones like a flock, and their children dance.

21:12 They take the tambourine and harp, and rejoice at the sound of the organ.

21:13 They spend their days in wealth, and in a moment go down to the grave.

21:14 Therefore they say to God, Depart from us; for we desire not the knowledge of your ways.

21:15 What is the Almighty, that we should serve him? and what profit should we have, if we pray to him?

21:16 See, their good is not in their hand: the counsel of the wicked is far from me.

21:17 How oft is the candle of the wicked put out! and how oft comes their destruction on them! God distributes sorrows in his anger.

21:18 They are as stubble before the wind, and as chaff that the storm carries away.

21:19 God lays up his iniquity for his children: he rewards him, and he shall know it.

21:20 His eyes shall see his destruction, and he shall drink of the wrath of the Almighty.

21:21 For what pleasure has he in his house after him, when the number of his months is cut off in the middle?

21:22 Shall any teach God knowledge? seeing he judges those that are high.

21:23 One dies in his full strength, being wholly at ease and quiet.

21:24 His breasts are full of milk, and his bones are moistened with marrow.

21:25 And another dies in the bitterness of his soul, and never eats with pleasure.

21:26 They shall lie down alike in the dust, and the worms shall cover them.

21:27 Behold, I know your thoughts, and the devices which you wrongfully imagine against me.

21:28 For you say, Where is the house of the prince? and where are the dwelling places of the wicked?

21:29 Have you not asked them that go by the way? and do you not know their tokens,

21:30 That the wicked is reserved to the day of destruction? they shall be brought forth to the day of wrath.

21:31 Who shall declare his way to his face? and who shall repay him what he has done?

21:32 Yet shall he be brought to the grave, and shall remain in the tomb.

21:33 The clods of the valley shall be sweet to him, and every man shall draw after him, as there are innumerable before him.

21:34 How then comfort you me in vain, seeing in your answers there remains falsehood?

## **Job** – Chapter 22

22:1 Then Eliphaz the Temanite answered and said,

22:2 Can a man be profitable to God, as he that is wise may be profitable to himself?

22:3 Is it any pleasure to the Almighty, that you are righteous? or is it gain to him, that you make your ways perfect?

22:4 Will he reprove you for fear of you? will he enter with you into judgment?

22:5 Is not your wickedness great? and your iniquities infinite?

22:6 For you have taken a pledge from your brother for nothing, and stripped the naked of their clothing.

22:7 You have not given water to the weary to drink, and you have withheld bread from the hungry.

22:8 But as for the mighty man, he had the earth; and the honorable man dwelled in it.

22:9 You have sent widows away empty, and the arms of the fatherless have been broken.

22:10 Therefore snares are round about you, and sudden fear troubles you;

22:11 Or darkness, that you cannot see; and abundance of waters cover you.

22:12 Is not God in the height of heaven? and behold the height of the stars, how high they are!

22:13 And you say, How does God know? can he judge through the dark cloud?

22:14 Thick clouds are a covering to him, that he sees not; and he walks in the circuit of heaven.

22:15 Have you marked the old way which wicked men have trodden?

22:16 Which were cut down out of time, whose foundation was overflowed with a flood:

22:17 Which said to God, Depart from us: and what can the Almighty do for them?

22:18 Yet he filled their houses with good things: but the counsel of the wicked is far from me.

22:19 The righteous see it, and are glad: and the innocent laugh them to scorn.

22:20 Whereas our substance is not cut down, but the remnant of them the fire consumes.

22:21 Acquaint now yourself with him, and be at peace: thereby good shall come to you.

22:22 Receive, I pray you, the law from his mouth, and lay up his words in your heart.

22:23 If you return to the Almighty, you shall be built up, you shall put away iniquity far from your tabernacles.

22:24 Then shall you lay up gold as dust, and the gold of Ophir as the stones of the brooks.

22:25 Yes, the Almighty shall be your defense, and you shall have plenty of silver.

22:26 For then shall you have your delight in the Almighty, and shall lift up your face to God.

22:27 You shall make your prayer to him, and he shall hear you, and you shall pay your vows.

22:28 You shall also decree a thing, and it shall be established to you: and the light shall shine on your ways.

22:29 When men are cast down, then you shall say, There is lifting up; and he shall save the humble person.

22:30 He shall deliver the island of the innocent: and it is delivered by the pureness of your hands.

## ***Job*** – Chapter 23

23:1 Then Job answered and said,

23:2 Even today is my complaint bitter: my stroke is heavier than my groaning.

23:3 Oh that I knew where I might find him! that I might come even to his seat!

23:4 I would order my cause before him, and fill my mouth with arguments.

23:5 I would know the words which he would answer me, and understand what he would say to me.

23:6 Will he plead against me with his great power? No; but he would put strength in me.

23:7 There the righteous might dispute with him; so should I be delivered forever from my judge.

23:8 Behold, I go forward, but he is not there; and backward, but I cannot perceive him:

23:9 On the left hand, where he does work, but I cannot behold him: he hides himself on the right hand, that I cannot see him:

23:10 But he knows the way that I take: when he has tried me, I shall come forth as gold.

23:11 My foot has held his steps, his way have I kept, and not declined.

23:12 Neither have I gone back from the commandment of his lips; I have esteemed the words of his mouth more than my necessary food.

23:13 But he is in one mind, and who can turn him? and what his soul desires, even that he does.

23:14 For he performs the thing that is appointed for me: and many such things are with him.

23:15 Therefore am I troubled at his presence: when I consider, I am afraid of him.

23:16 For God makes my heart soft, and the Almighty troubles me:

23:17 Because I was not cut off before the darkness, neither has he covered the darkness from my face.

## **Job** – Chapter 24

24:1 Why, seeing times are not hidden from the Almighty, do they that know him not see his days?

24:2 Some remove the landmarks; they violently take away flocks, and feed of them.

24:3 They drive away the ass of the fatherless, they take the widow's ox for a pledge.

24:4 They turn the needy out of the way: the poor of the earth hide themselves together.

24:5 Behold, as wild asses in the desert, go they forth to their work; rising betimes for a prey: the wilderness yields food for them and for their children.

24:6 They reap everyone his *grain* in the field: and they gather the vintage of the wicked.

24:7 They cause the naked to lodge without clothing, that they have no covering in the cold.

24:8 They are wet with the showers of the mountains, and embrace the rock for want of a shelter.

24:9 They pluck the fatherless from the breast, and take a pledge of the poor.

24:10 They cause him to go naked without clothing, and they take away the sheaf from the hungry;

24:11 Which make oil within their walls, and tread their winepresses, and suffer thirst.

24:12 Men groan from out of the city, and the soul of the wounded cries out: yet God lays not folly to them.

24:13 They are of those that rebel against the light; they know not the ways of it, nor abide in the paths of it.

24:14 The murderer rising with the light kills the poor and needy, and in the night is as a thief.

24:15 The eye also of the adulterer waits for the twilight, saying, No eye shall see me: and disguises his face.

24:16 In the dark they dig through houses, which they had marked for themselves in the daytime: they know not the light.

24:17 For the morning is to them even as the shadow of death: if one know them, they are in the terrors of the shadow of death.

24:18 He is swift as the waters; their portion is cursed in the earth: he beholds not the way of the vineyards.

24:19 Drought and heat consume the snow waters: so does the grave those which have sinned.

24:20 The womb shall forget him; the worm shall feed sweetly on him; he shall be no more remembered; and wickedness shall be broken as a tree.

24:21 He evil entreats the barren that bears not: and does not good to the widow.

24:22 He draws also the mighty with his power: he rises up, and no man is sure of life.

24:23 Though it be given him to be in safety, where on he rests; yet his eyes are on their ways.

24:24 They are exalted for a little while, but are gone and brought low; they are taken out of the way as all other, and cut off as the tops of the ears of corn.

24:25 And if it be not so now, who will make me a liar, and make my speech nothing worth?

## ***Job*** – Chapter 25

25:1 Then answered Bildad the Shuhite, and said,

25:2 Dominion and fear are with him, he makes peace in his high places.

25:3 Is there any number of his armies? and on whom does not his light arise?

25:4 How then can man be justified with God? or how can he be clean that is born of a woman?

25:5 Behold even to the moon, and it shines not; yes, the stars are not pure in his sight.

25:6 How much less man, that is a worm? and the son of man, which is a worm?

## **Job** – Chapter 26

26:1 But Job answered and said,

26:2 How have you helped him that is without power? how save you the arm that has no strength?

26:3 How have you counseled him that has no wisdom? and how have you plentifully declared the thing as it is?

26:4 To whom have you uttered words? and whose spirit came from you?

26:5 Dead things are formed from under the waters, and the inhabitants of it.

26:6 *Sheol* is naked before him, and destruction has no covering.

26:7 He stretches out the north over the empty place, and hangs the earth on nothing.

26:8 He binds up the waters in his thick clouds; and the cloud is not rent under them.

26:9 He holds back the face of his throne, and spreads his cloud on it.

26:10 He has compassed the waters with bounds, until the day and night come to an end.

26:11 The pillars of heaven tremble and are astonished at his reproof.

26:12 He divides the sea with his power, and by his understanding he smites through the proud.

26:13 By his spirit he has garnished the heavens; his hand has formed the crooked serpent.

26:14 See, these are parts of his ways: but how little a portion is heard of him? but the thunder of his power who can understand?

## **Job** – Chapter 27

27:1 Moreover Job continued his parable, and said,

27:2 As God lives, who has taken away my judgment; and the Almighty, who has vexed my soul;

27:3 All the while my breath is in me, and the spirit of God is in my nostrils;

27:4 My lips shall not speak wickedness, nor my tongue utter deceit.

27:5 God forbid that I should justify you: till I die I will not remove my integrity from me.

27:6 My righteousness I hold fast, and will not let it go: my heart shall not reproach me so long as I live.

27:7 Let my enemy be as the wicked, and he that rises up against me as the unrighteous.

27:8 For what is the hope of the hypocrite, though he has gained, when God takes away his soul?

27:9 Will God hear his cry when trouble comes on him?

27:10 Will he delight himself in the Almighty? will he always call on God?

27:11 I will teach you by the hand of God: that which is with the Almighty will I not conceal.

27:12 Behold, all you yourselves have seen it; why then are you thus altogether vain?

27:13 This is the portion of a wicked man with God, and the heritage of oppressors, which they shall receive of the Almighty.

27:14 If his children be multiplied, it is for the sword: and his offspring shall not be satisfied with bread.

27:15 Those that remain of him shall be buried in death: and his widows shall not weep.

27:16 Though he heap up silver as the dust, and prepare raiment as the clay;

27:17 He may prepare it, but the just shall put it on, and the innocent shall divide the silver.

27:18 He builds his house as a moth, and as a booth that the keeper makes.

27:19 The rich man shall lie down, but he shall not be gathered: he opens his eyes, and he is not.

27:20 Terrors take hold on him as waters, a tempest steals him away in the night.

27:21 The east wind carries him away, and he departs: and as a storm hurles him out of his place.

27:22 For God shall cast on him, and not spare: he would fain flee out of his hand.

27:23 Men shall clap their hands at him, and shall hiss him out of his place.

## ***Job*** – Chapter 28

28:1 Surely there is a vein for the silver, and a place for gold where they fine it.

28:2 Iron is taken out of the earth, and brass is molten out of the stone.

28:3 He sets an end to darkness, and searches out all perfection: the stones of darkness, and the shadow of death.

28:4 The flood breaks out from the inhabitant; even the waters forgotten of the foot: they are dried up, they are gone away from men.

28:5 As for the earth, out of it comes bread: and under it is turned up as it were fire.

28:6 The stones of it are the place of sapphires: and it has dust of gold.

28:7 There is a path which no fowl knows, and which the vulture's eye has not seen:

28:8 The lion's whelps have not trodden it, nor the fierce lion passed by it.

28:9 He puts forth his hand on the rock; he overturns the mountains by the roots.

28:10 He cuts out rivers among the rocks; and his eye sees every precious thing.

28:11 He binds the floods from overflowing; and the thing that is hid brings he forth to light.

28:12 But where shall wisdom be found? and where is the place of understanding?

28:13 Man knows not the price of it; neither is it found in the land of the living.

28:14 The depth said, It is not in me: and the sea said, It is not with me.

28:15 It cannot be gotten for gold, neither shall silver be weighed for the price of it.

28:16 It cannot be valued with the gold of Ophir, with the precious onyx, or the sapphire.

28:17 The gold and the crystal cannot equal it: and the exchange of it shall not be for jewels of fine gold.

28:18 No mention shall be made of coral, or of pearls: for the price of wisdom is above rubies.

28:19 The topaz of Ethiopia shall not equal it, neither shall it be valued with pure gold.

28:20 From where then comes wisdom? and where is the place of understanding?

28:21 Seeing it is hid from the eyes of all living, and kept close from the fowls of the air.

28:22 Destruction and death say, We have heard the fame of it with our ears.

28:23 God understands the way of it, and he knows the place of it.

28:24 For he looks to the ends of the earth, and sees under the whole heaven;

28:25 To make the weight for the winds; and he weighs the waters by measure.

28:26 When he made a decree for the rain, and a way for the lightning of the thunder:

28:27 Then did he see it, and declare it; he prepared it, yes, and searched it out.

28:28 And to man he said, Behold, the fear of *Yehovah*, that is wisdom; and to depart from evil is understanding.

## **Job** – Chapter 29

29:1 Moreover Job continued his parable, and said,

29:2 Oh that I were as in months past, as in the days when God preserved me;

29:3 When his candle shined on my head, and when by his light I walked through darkness;

29:4 As I was in the days of my youth, when the secret of God was on my tabernacle;

29:5 When the Almighty was yet with me, when my children were about me;

29:6 When I washed my steps with butter, and the rock poured me out rivers of oil;

29:7 When I went out to the gate through the city, when I prepared my seat in the street!

29:8 The young men saw me, and hid themselves: and the aged arose, and stood up.

29:9 The princes refrained talking, and laid their hand on their mouth.

29:10 The nobles held their peace, and their tongue stuck to the roof of their mouth.

29:11 When the ear heard me, then it blessed me; and when the eye saw me, it gave witness to me:

29:12 Because I delivered the poor that cried, and the fatherless, and him that had none to help him.

29:13 The blessing of him that was ready to perish came on me: and I caused the widow's heart to sing for joy.

29:14 I put on righteousness, and it clothed me: my judgment was as a robe and a diadem.

29:15 I was eyes to the blind, and feet was I to the lame.

29:16 I was a father to the poor: and the cause which I knew not I searched out.

29:17 And I broke the jaws of the wicked, and plucked the spoil out of his teeth.

29:18 Then I said, I shall die in my nest, and I shall multiply my days as the sand.

29:19 My root was spread out by the waters, and the dew lay all night on my branch.

29:20 My glory was fresh in me, and my bow was renewed in my hand.

29:21 To me men gave ear, and waited, and kept silence at my counsel.

29:22 After my words they spoke not again; and my speech dropped on them.

29:23 And they waited for me as for the rain; and they opened their mouth wide as for the latter rain.

29:24 If I laughed on them, they believed it not; and the light of my countenance they cast not down.

29:25 I chose out their way, and sat chief, and dwelled as a king in the army, as one that comforts the mourners.

## **Job** – Chapter 30

30:1 But now they that are younger than I have me in derision, whose fathers I would have disdained to have set with the dogs of my flock.

30:2 Yes, whereto might the strength of their hands profit me, in whom old age was perished?

30:3 For want and famine they were solitary; fleeing into the wilderness in former time desolate and waste.

30:4 Who cut up mallows by the bushes, and juniper roots for their meat.

30:5 They were driven forth from among men, (they cried after them as after a thief;)

30:6 To dwell in the cliffs of the valleys, in caves of the earth, and in the rocks.

30:7 Among the bushes they brayed; under the nettles they were gathered together.

30:8 They were children of fools, yes, children of base men: they were viler than the earth.

30:9 And now am I their song, yes, I am their byword.

30:10 They abhor me, they flee far from me, and spare not to spit in my face.

30:11 Because he has loosed my cord, and afflicted me, they have also let loose the bridle before me.

30:12 On my right hand rise the youth; they push away my feet, and they raise up against me the ways of their destruction.

30:13 They mar my path, they set forward my calamity, they have no helper.

30:14 They came on me as a wide breaking in of waters: in the desolation they rolled themselves on me.

30:15 Terrors are turned on me: they pursue my soul as the wind: and my welfare passes away as a cloud.

30:16 And now my soul is poured out on me; the days of affliction have taken hold on me.

30:17 My bones are pierced in me in the night season: and my sinews take no rest.

30:18 By the great force of my disease is my garment changed: it binds me about as the collar of my coat.

30:19 He has cast me into the mire, and I am become like dust and ashes.

30:20 I cry to you, and you do not hear me: I stand up, and you regard me not.

30:21 You are become cruel to me: with your strong hand you oppose yourself against me.

30:22 You lift me up to the wind; you cause me to ride on it, and dissolve my substance.

30:23 For I know that you will bring me to death, and to the house appointed for all living.

30:24 However, he will not stretch out his hand to the grave, though they cry in his destruction.

30:25 Did not I weep for him that was in trouble? was not my soul grieved for the poor?

30:26 When I looked for good, then evil came to me: and when I waited for light, there came darkness.

30:27 My bowels boiled, and rested not: the days of affliction prevented me.

30:28 I went mourning without the sun: I stood up, and I cried in the congregation.

30:29 I am a brother to dragons, and a companion to owls.

30:30 My skin is black on me, and my bones are burned with heat.

30:31 My harp also is turned to mourning, and my organ into the voice of them that weep.

## ***Job*** – Chapter 31

31:1 I made a covenant with my eyes; why then should I think on a maid?

31:2 For what portion of God is there from above? and what inheritance of the Almighty from on high?

31:3 Is not destruction to the wicked? and a strange punishment to the workers of iniquity?

31:4 Does not he see my ways, and count all my steps?

31:5 If I have walked with vanity, or if my foot has hurried to deceit;

31:6 Let me be weighed in an even balance that God may know my integrity.

31:7 If my step has turned out of the way, and my heart walked after my eyes, and if any blot has stuck to my hands;

31:8 Then let me sow, and let another eat; yes, let my offspring be rooted out.

31:9 If my heart have been deceived by a woman, or if I have laid wait at my neighbor's door;

31:10 Then let my wife grind to another, and let others bow down on her.

31:11 For this is a heinous crime; yes, it is an iniquity to be punished by the judges.

31:12 For it is a fire that consumes to destruction, and would root out all my increase.

31:13 If I did despise the cause of my manservant or of my maidservant, when they contended with me;

31:14 What then shall I do when God rises up? and when he visits, what shall I answer him?

31:15 Did not he that made me in the womb make him? and did not one fashion us in the womb?

31:16 If I have withheld the poor from their desire, or have caused the eyes of the widow to fail;

31:17 Or have eaten my morsel myself alone, and the fatherless has not eaten of it;

31:18 (For from my youth he was brought up with me, as with a father, and I have guided her from my mother's womb;)

31:19 If I have seen any perish for want of clothing, or any poor without covering;

31:20 If his loins have not blessed me, and if he were not warmed with the fleece of my sheep;

31:21 If I have lifted up my hand against the fatherless, when I saw my help in the gate:

31:22 Then let my arm fall from my shoulder blade, and my arm be broken from the bone.

31:23 For destruction from God was a terror to me, and by reason of his highness I could not endure.

31:24 If I have made gold my hope, or have said to the fine gold, You are my confidence;

31:25 If I rejoice because my wealth was great, and because my hand had gotten much;

31:26 If I beheld the sun when it shined, or the moon walking in brightness;

31:27 And my heart has been secretly enticed, or my mouth has kissed my hand:

31:28 This also were an iniquity to be punished by the judge: for I should have denied the God that is above.

31:29 If I rejoice at the destruction of him that hated me, or lifted up myself when evil found him:

31:30 Neither have I suffered my mouth to sin by wishing a curse to his soul.

31:31 If the men of my tabernacle said not, Oh that we had of his flesh! we cannot be satisfied.

31:32 The stranger did not lodge in the street: but I opened my doors to the travelers.

31:33 If I covered my transgressions as Adam, by hiding my iniquity in my bosom:

31:34 Did I fear a great multitude, or did the contempt of families terrify me, that I kept silence, and went not out of the door?

31:35 Oh that one would hear me! behold, my desire is, that the Almighty would answer me, and that my adversary had written a book.

31:36 Surely I would take it on my shoulder, and bind it as a crown to me.

31:37 I would declare to him the number of my steps; as a prince would I go near to him.

31:38 If my land cry against me, or that the furrows likewise of it complain;

31:39 If I have eaten the fruits of it without money, or have caused the owners of it to lose their life:

31:40 Let thistles grow instead of wheat, and cockle instead of barley. The words of Job are ended.

## ***Job*** – Chapter 32

32:1 So these three men ceased to answer Job, because he was righteous in his own eyes.

32:2 Then was kindled the wrath of Elihu the son of Barachel the Buzite, of the kindred of Ram: against Job was his wrath kindled, because he justified himself rather than God.

32:3 Also against his three friends was his wrath kindled, because they had found no answer, and yet had condemned Job.

32:4 Now Elihu had waited till Job had spoken, because they were elder than he.

32:5 When Elihu saw that there was no answer in the mouth of these three men, then his wrath was kindled.

32:6 And Elihu the son of Barachel the Buzite answered and said, I am young, and you are very old; why I was afraid, and dared not show you my opinion.

32:7 I said, Days should speak, and multitude of years should teach wisdom.

32:8 But there is a spirit in man: and the inspiration of the Almighty gives them understanding.

32:9 Great men are not always wise: neither do the aged understand judgment.

32:10 Therefore I said, Listen to me; I also will show my opinion.

32:11 Behold, I waited for your words; I gave ear to your reasons, while you searched out what to say.

32:12 Yes, I attended to you, and, behold, there was none of you that convinced Job, or that answered his words:

32:13 Lest you should say, We have found out wisdom: God thrusts him down, not man.

32:14 Now he has not directed his words against me: neither will I answer him with your speeches.

32:15 They were amazed, they answered no more: they left off speaking.

32:16 When I had waited, (for they spoke not, but stood still, and answered no more;)

32:17 I said, I will answer also my part, I also will show my opinion.

32:18 For I am full of matter, the spirit within me constrains me.

32:19 Behold, my belly is as wine which has no vent; it is ready to burst like new bottles.

32:20 I will speak, that I may be refreshed: I will open my lips and answer.

32:21 Let me not, I pray you, accept any man's person, neither let me give flattering titles to man.

32:22 For I know not to give flattering titles; in so doing my maker would soon take me away.

## **Job** – Chapter 33

33:1 Why, Job, I pray you, hear my speeches, and listen to all my words.

33:2 Behold, now I have opened my mouth, my tongue has spoken in my mouth.

33:3 My words shall be of the uprightness of my heart: and my lips shall utter knowledge clearly.

33:4 The spirit of God has made me, and the breath of the Almighty has given me life.

33:5 If you can answer me, set your words in order before me, stand up.

33:6 Behold, I am according to your wish in God's stead: I also am formed out of the clay.

33:7 Behold, my terror shall not make you afraid, neither shall my hand be heavy on you.

33:8 Surely you have spoken in my hearing, and I have heard the voice of your words, saying,

33:9 I am clean without transgression, I am innocent; neither is there iniquity in me.

33:10 Behold, he finds occasions against me, he counts me for his enemy,

33:11 He puts my feet in the stocks, he marks all my paths.

33:12 Behold, in this you are not just: I will answer you, that God is greater than man.

33:13 Why do you strive against him? for he gives not account of any of his matters.

33:14 For God speaks once, yes twice, yet man perceives it not.

33:15 In a dream, in a vision of the night, when deep sleep falls on men, in slumberings on the bed;

33:16 Then he opens the ears of men, and seals their instruction,

33:17 That he may withdraw man from his purpose, and hide pride from man.

33:18 He keeps back his soul from the pit, and his life from perishing by the sword.

33:19 He is chastened also with pain on his bed, and the multitude of his bones with strong pain:

33:20 So that his life abhors bread, and his soul dainty meat.

33:21 His flesh is consumed away, that it cannot be seen; and his bones that were not seen stick out.

33:22 Yes, his soul draws near to the grave, and his life to the destroyers.

33:23 If there be a messenger with him, an interpreter, one among a thousand, to show to man his uprightness:

33:24 Then he is gracious to him, and said, Deliver him from going down to the pit: I have found a ransom.

33:25 His flesh shall be fresher than a child's: he shall return to the days of his youth:

33:26 He shall pray to God, and he will be favorable to him: and he shall see his face with joy: for he will render to man his righteousness.

33:27 He looks on men, and if any say, I have sinned, and perverted that which was right, and it profited me not;

33:28 He will deliver his soul from going into the pit, and his life shall see the light.

33:29 See, all these things works God oftentimes with man,

33:30 To bring back his soul from the pit, to be enlightened with the light of the living.

33:31 Mark well, O Job, listen to me: hold your peace, and I will speak.

33:32 If you have anything to say, answer me: speak, for I desire to justify you.

33:33 If not, listen to me: hold your peace, and I shall teach you wisdom.

## **Job** – Chapter 34

34:1 Furthermore Elihu answered and said,

34:2 Hear my words, O you wise men; and give ear to me, you that have knowledge.

34:3 For the ear tries words, as the mouth tastes meat.

34:4 Let us choose to us judgment: let us know among ourselves what is good.

34:5 For Job has said, I am righteous: and God has taken away my judgment.

34:6 Should I lie against my right? my wound is incurable without transgression.

34:7 What man is like Job, who drinks up scorning like water?

34:8 Which goes in company with the workers of iniquity, and walks with wicked men.

34:9 For he has said, It profits a man nothing that he should delight himself with God.

34:10 Therefore listen to me you men of understanding: far be it from God, that he should do wickedness; and from the Almighty, that he should commit iniquity.

34:11 For the work of a man shall he render to him, and cause every man to find according to his ways.

34:12 Yes, surely God will not do wickedly, neither will the Almighty pervert judgment.

34:13 Who has given him a charge over the earth? or who has disposed the whole world?

34:14 If he set his heart on man, if he gather to himself his spirit and his breath;

34:15 All flesh shall perish together, and man shall turn again to dust.

34:16 If now you have understanding, hear this: listen to the voice of my words.

34:17 Shall even he that hates right govern? and will you condemn him that is most just?

34:18 Is it fit to say to a king, You are wicked? and to princes, You are ungodly?

34:19 How much less to him that accepts not the persons of princes, nor regards the rich more than the poor? for they all are the work of his hands.

34:20 In a moment shall they die, and the people shall be troubled at midnight, and pass away: and the mighty shall be taken away without hand.

34:21 For his eyes are on the ways of man, and he sees all his goings.

34:22 There is no darkness, nor shadow of death, where the workers of iniquity may hide themselves.

34:23 For he will not lay on man more than right; that he should enter into judgment with God.

34:24 He shall break in pieces mighty men without number, and set others in their stead.

34:25 Therefore he knows their works, and he overturns them in the night, so that they are destroyed.

34:26 He strikes them as wicked men in the open sight of others;

34:27 Because they turned back from him, and would not consider any of his ways:

34:28 So that they cause the cry of the poor to come to him, and he hears the cry of the afflicted.

34:29 When he gives quietness, who then can make trouble? and when he hides his face, who then can behold him? whether it be done against a nation, or against a man only:

34:30 That the hypocrite reign not, lest the people be ensnared.

34:31 Surely it is meet to be said to God, I have borne chastisement, I will not offend any more:

34:32 That which I see not teach you me: if I have done iniquity, I will do no more.

34:33 Should it be according to your mind? he will recompense it, whether you refuse, or whether you choose; and not I: therefore speak what you know.

34:34 Let men of understanding tell me, and let a wise man listen to me.

34:35 Job has spoken without knowledge, and his words were without wisdom.

34:36 My desire is that Job may be tried to the end because of his answers for wicked men.

34:37 For he adds rebellion to his sin, he clapps his hands among us, and multiplies his words against God.

## ***Job*** – Chapter 35

35:1 Elihu spoke moreover, and said,

35:2 Think you this to be right, that you said, My righteousness is more than God's?

35:3 For you said, What advantage will it be to you? and, What profit shall I have, if I be cleansed from my sin?

35:4 I will answer you, and your companions with you.

35:5 Look to the heavens, and see; and behold the clouds which are higher than you.

35:6 If you sin, what do you against him? or if your transgressions be multiplied, what do you to him?

35:7 If you be righteous, what give you him? or what receives he of your hand?

35:8 Your wickedness may hurt a man as you are; and your righteousness may profit the son of man.

35:9 By reason of the multitude of oppressions they make the oppressed to cry: they cry out by reason of the arm of the mighty.

35:10 But none said, Where is God my maker, who gives songs in the night;

35:11 Who teaches us more than the beasts of the earth, and makes us wiser than the fowls of heaven?

35:12 There they cry, but none gives answer, because of the pride of evil men.

35:13 Surely God will not hear vanity, neither will the Almighty regard it.

35:14 Although you say you shall not see him, yet judgment is before him; therefore trust you in him.

35:15 But now, because it is not so, he has visited in his anger; yet he knows it not in great extremity:

35:16 Therefore does Job open his mouth in vain; he multiplies words without knowledge.

## ***Job*** – Chapter 36

36:1 Elihu also proceeded, and said,

36:2 Suffer me a little, and I will show you that I have yet to speak on God's behalf.

36:3 I will fetch my knowledge from afar, and will ascribe righteousness to my Maker.

36:4 For truly my words shall not be false: he that is perfect in knowledge is with you.

36:5 Behold, God is mighty, and despises not any: he is mighty in strength and wisdom.

36:6 He preserves not the life of the wicked: but gives right to the poor.

36:7 He withdraws not his eyes from the righteous: but with kings are they on the throne; yes, he does establish them forever, and they are exalted.

36:8 And if they be bound in fetters, and be held in cords of affliction;

36:9 Then he shows them their work, and their transgressions that they have exceeded.

36:10 He opens also their ear to discipline, and commands that they return from iniquity.

36:11 If they obey and serve him, they shall spend their days in prosperity, and their years in pleasures.

36:12 But if they obey not, they shall perish by the sword, and they shall die without knowledge.

36:13 But the hypocrites in heart heap up wrath: they cry not when he binds them.

36:14 They die in youth, and their life is among the unclean.

36:15 He delivers the poor in his affliction, and opens their ears in oppression.

36:16 Even so would he have removed you out of the strait into a broad place, where there is no narrow place; and that which should be set on your table should be full of fatness.

36:17 But you have fulfilled the judgment of the wicked: judgment and justice take hold on you.

36:18 Because there is wrath, beware lest he take you away with his stroke: then a great ransom cannot deliver you.

36:19 Will he esteem your riches? no, not gold, nor all the forces of strength.

36:20 Desire not the night, when people are cut off in their place.

36:21 Take heed, regard not iniquity: for this have you chosen rather than affliction.

36:22 Behold, God exalts by his power: who teaches like him?

36:23 Who has enjoined him his way? or who can say, You have worked iniquity?

36:24 Remember that you magnify his work, which men behold.

36:25 Every man may see it; man may behold it afar off.

36:26 Behold, God is great, and we know him not, neither can the number of his years be searched out.

36:27 For he makes small the drops of water: they pour down rain according to the vapor of it:

36:28 Which the clouds do drop and distil on man abundantly.

36:29 Also can any understand the spreading of the clouds, or the noise of his tabernacle?

36:30 Behold, he spreads his light on it, and covers the bottom of the sea.

36:31 For by them judges he the people; he gives meat in abundance.

36:32 With clouds he covers the light; and commands it not to shine by the cloud that comes between.

36:33 The noise of it shows concerning it, the cattle also concerning the vapor.

## ***Job*** – Chapter 37

37:1 At this also my heart trembles, and is moved out of his place.

37:2 Hear attentively the noise of his voice, and the sound that goes out of his mouth.

37:3 He directs it under the whole heaven, and his lightning to the ends of the earth.

37:4 After it a voice roars: he thunders with the voice of his excellency; and he will not stay them when his voice is heard.

37:5 God thunders marvelously with his voice; great things does he, which we cannot comprehend.

37:6 For he said to the snow, Be you on the earth; likewise to the small rain, and to the great rain of his strength.

37:7 He seals up the hand of every man; that all men may know his work.

37:8 Then the beasts go into dens, and remain in their places.

37:9 Out of the south comes the whirlwind: and cold out of the north.

37:10 By the breath of God frost is given: and the breadth of the waters is straitened.

37:11 Also by watering he wearies the thick cloud: he scatters his bright cloud:

37:12 And it is turned round about by his counsels: that they may do whatever he commands them on the face of the world in the earth.

37:13 He causes it to come, whether for correction, or for his land, or for mercy.

37:14 Listen to this, O Job: stand still, and consider the wondrous works of God.

37:15 Do you know when God disposed them, and caused the light of his cloud to shine?

37:16 Do you know the balancing of the clouds, the wondrous works of him which is perfect in knowledge?

37:17 How your garments are warm, when he quiets the earth by the south wind?

37:18 Have you with him spread out the sky, which is strong, and as a molten looking glass?

37:19 Teach us what we shall say to him; for we cannot order our speech by reason of darkness.

37:20 Shall it be told him that I speak? if a man speak, surely he shall be swallowed up.

37:21 And now men see not the bright light which is in the clouds: but the wind passes, and cleans them.

37:22 Fair weather comes out of the north: with God is terrible majesty.

37:23 Touching the Almighty, we cannot find him out: he is excellent in power, and in judgment, and in plenty of justice: he will not afflict.

37:24 Men do therefore fear him: he respects not any that are wise of heart.

## **Job** – Chapter 38

38:1 Then *Yehovah* answered Job out of the whirlwind, and said,

38:2 Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge?

38:3 Gird up now your loins like a man; for I will demand of you, and answer you me.

38:4 Where were you when I laid the foundations of the earth? declare, if you have understanding.

38:5 Who has laid the measures of it, if you know? or who has stretched the line on it?

38:6 Whereupon are the foundations of it fastened? or who laid the corner stone of it;

38:7 When the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy?

38:8 Or who shut up the sea with doors, when it broke forth, as if it had issued out of the womb?

38:9 When I made the cloud the garment of it, and thick darkness a swaddling cloth for it,

38:10 And broke up for it my decreed place, and set bars and doors,

38:11 And said, Till now shall you come, but no further: and here shall your proud waves be stayed?

38:12 Have you commanded the morning since your days; and caused the dayspring to know his place;

38:13 That it might take hold of the ends of the earth, that the wicked might be shaken out of it?

38:14 It is turned as clay to the seal; and they stand as a garment.

38:15 And from the wicked their light is withheld, and the high arm shall be broken.

38:16 Have you entered into the springs of the sea? or have you walked in the search of the depth?

38:17 Have the gates of death been opened to you? or have you seen the doors of the shadow of death?

38:18 Have you perceived the breadth of the earth? declare if you know it all.

38:19 Where is the way where light dwells? and as for darkness, where is the place of it,

38:20 That you should take it to the bound of it, and that you should know the paths to the house of it?

38:21 Know you it, because you were then born? or because the number of your days is great?

38:22 Have you entered into the treasures of the snow? or have you seen the treasures of the hail,

38:23 Which I have reserved against the time of trouble, against the day of battle and war?

38:24 By what way is the light parted, which scatters the east wind on the earth?

38:25 Who has divided a watercourse for the overflowing of waters, or a way for the lightning of thunder;

38:26 To cause it to rain on the earth, where no man is; on the wilderness, in which there is no man;

38:27 To satisfy the desolate and waste ground; and to cause the bud of the tender herb to spring forth?

38:28 Has the rain a father? or who has begotten the drops of dew?

38:29 Out of whose womb came the ice? and the hoary frost of heaven, who has gendered it?

38:30 The waters are hid as with a stone, and the face of the deep is frozen.

38:31 Can you bind the sweet influences of Pleiades, or loose the bands of Orion?

38:32 Can you bring forth Mazzaroth in his season? or can you guide Arcturus with his sons?

38:33 Know you the ordinances of heaven? can you set the dominion of it in the earth?

38:34 Can you lift up your voice to the clouds, that abundance of waters may cover you?

38:35 Can you send lightning, that they may go and say to you, Here we are?

38:36 Who has put wisdom in the inward parts? or who has given understanding to the heart?

38:37 Who can number the clouds in wisdom? or who can stay the bottles of heaven,

38:38 When the dust grows into hardness, and the clods stuck fast together?

38:39 Will you hunt the prey for the lion? or fill the appetite of the young lions,

38:40 When they couch in their dens, and abide in the covert to lie in wait?

38:41 Who provides for the raven his food? when his young ones cry to God, they wander for lack of meat.

## ***Job*** – Chapter 39

39:1 Know you the time when the wild goats of the rock bring forth? or can you mark when the hinds do calve?

39:2 Can you number the months that they fulfill? or know you the time when they bring forth?

39:3 They bow themselves, they bring forth their young ones, they cast out their sorrows.

39:4 Their young ones are in good liking, they grow up with corn; they go forth, and return not to them.

39:5 Who has sent out the wild ass free? or who has loosed the bands of the wild ass?

39:6 Whose house I have made the wilderness, and the barren land his dwellings.

39:7 He scorns the multitude of the city, neither regards he the crying of the driver.

39:8 The range of the mountains is his pasture, and he searches after every green thing.

39:9 Will the *Wild Ox* be willing to serve you, or abide by your crib?

39:10 Can you bind the *Wild Ox* with his band in the furrow? or will he harrow the valleys after you?

39:11 Will you trust him, because his strength is great? or will you leave your labor to him?

39:12 Will you believe him, that he will bring home your seed, and gather it into your barn?

39:13 Gave you the goodly wings to the peacocks? or wings and feathers to the ostrich?

39:14 Which leaves her eggs in the earth, and warms them in dust,

39:15 And forgets that the foot may crush them, or that the wild beast may break them.

39:16 She is hardened against her young ones, as though they were not her's: her labor is in vain without fear;

39:17 Because God has deprived her of wisdom, neither has he imparted to her understanding.

39:18 What time she lifts up herself on high, she scorns the horse and his rider.

39:19 Have you given the horse strength? have you clothed his neck with thunder?

39:20 Can you make him afraid as a grasshopper? the glory of his nostrils is terrible.

39:21 He paws in the valley, and rejoices in his strength: he goes on to meet the armed men.

39:22 He mocks at fear, and is not affrighted; neither turns he back from the sword.

39:23 The quiver rattles against him, the glittering spear and the shield.

39:24 He swallows the ground with fierceness and rage: neither believes he that it is the sound of the trumpet.

39:25 He said among the trumpets, Ha, ha; and he smells the battle afar off, the thunder of the captains, and the shouting.

39:26 Does the hawk fly by your wisdom, and stretch her wings toward the south?

39:27 Does the eagle mount up at your command, and make her nest on high?

39:28 She dwells and stays on the rock, on the crag of the rock, and the strong place.

39:29 From there she seeks the prey, and her eyes behold afar off.

39:30 Her young ones also suck up blood: and where the slain are, there is she.

## **Job** – Chapter 40

40:1 Moreover *Yehovah* answered Job, and said,

40:2 Shall he that contends with the Almighty instruct him? he that reproves God, let him answer it.

40:3 Then Job answered *Yehovah*, and said,

40:4 Behold, I am vile; what shall I answer you? I will lay my hand on my mouth.

40:5 Once have I spoken; but I will not answer: yes, twice; but I will proceed no further.

40:6 Then answered *Yehovah* to Job out of the whirlwind, and said,

40:7 Gird up your loins now like a man: I will demand of you, and declare you to me.

40:8 Will you also cancel my judgment? will you condemn me, that you may be righteous?

40:9 Have you an arm like God? or can you thunder with a voice like him?

40:10 Deck yourself now with majesty and excellency; and array yourself with glory and beauty.

40:11 Cast abroad the rage of your wrath: and behold everyone that is proud, and abase him.

40:12 Look on everyone that is proud, and bring him low; and tread down the wicked in their place.

40:13 Hide them in the dust together; and bind their faces in secret.

40:14 Then will I also confess to you that your own right hand can save you.

40:15 Behold now behemoth, which I made with you; he eats grass as an ox.

40:16 See now, his strength is in his loins, and his force is in the navel of his belly.

40:17 He moves his tail like a cedar: the sinews of his stones are wrapped together.

40:18 His bones are as strong pieces of brass; his bones are like bars of iron.

40:19 He is the chief of the ways of God: he that made him can make his sword to approach to him.

40:20 Surely the mountains bring him forth food, where all the beasts of the field play.

40:21 He lies under the shady trees, in the covert of the reed, and fens.

40:22 The shady trees cover him with their shadow; the willows of the brook compass him about.

40:23 Behold, he drinks up a river, and hastens not: he trusts that he can draw up Jordan into his mouth.

40:24 He takes it with his eyes: his nose pierces through snares.

## ***Job*** – Chapter 41

41:1 Can you draw out leviathan with a hook? or his tongue with a cord which you let down?

41:2 Can you put a hook into his nose? or bore his jaw through with a thorn?

41:3 Will he make many supplications to you? will he speak soft words to you?

41:4 Will he make a covenant with you? will you take him for a servant forever?

41:5 Will you play with him as with a bird? or will you bind him for your maidens?

41:6 Shall the companions make a banquet of him? shall they part him among the merchants?

41:7 Can you fill his skin with barbed irons? or his head with fish spears?

41:8 Lay your hand on him, remember the battle, do no more.

41:9 Behold, the hope of him is in vain: shall not one be cast down even at the sight of him?

41:10 None is so fierce that dare stir him up: who then is able to stand before me?

41:11 Who has prevented me, that I should repay him? What ever is under the whole heaven is mine.

41:12 I will not conceal his parts, nor his power, nor his comely proportion.

41:13 Who can discover the face of his garment? or who can come to him with his double bridle?

41:14 Who can open the doors of his face? his teeth are terrible round about.

41:15 His scales are his pride, shut up together as with a close seal.

41:16 One is so near to another, that no air can come between them.

41:17 They are joined one to another, they stick together, that they cannot be sundered.

41:18 By his neesings a light does shine, and his eyes are like the eyelids of the morning.

41:19 Out of his mouth go burning lamps, and sparks of fire leap out.

41:20 Out of his nostrils goes smoke, as out of a seething pot or caldron.

41:21 His breath kindles coals, and a flame goes out of his mouth.

41:22 In his neck remains strength, and sorrow is turned into joy before him.

41:23 The flakes of his flesh are joined together: they are firm in themselves; they cannot be moved.

41:24 His heart is as firm as a stone; yes, as hard as a piece of the nether millstone.

41:25 When he raises up himself, the mighty are afraid: by reason of breakings they purify themselves.

41:26 The sword of him that lays at him cannot hold: the spear, the dart, nor the habergeon.

41:27 He esteems iron as straw, and brass as rotten wood.

41:28 The arrow cannot make him flee: sling stones are turned with him into stubble.

41:29 Darts are counted as stubble: he laughs at the shaking of a spear.

41:30 Sharp stones are under him: he spreads sharp pointed things on the mire.

41:31 He makes the deep to boil like a pot: he makes the sea like a pot of ointment.

41:32 He makes a path to shine after him; one would think the deep to be hoary.

41:33 On earth there is not his like, who is made without fear.

41:34 He beholds all high things: he is a king over all the children of pride.

## **Job** – Chapter 42

42:1 Then Job answered *Yehovah*, and said,

42:2 I know that you can do everything, and that no thought can be withheld from you.

42:3 Who is he that hides counsel without knowledge? therefore have I uttered that I understood not; things too wonderful for me, which I knew not.

42:4 Hear, I beseech you, and I will speak: I will demand of you, and declare you to me.

42:5 I have heard of you by the hearing of the ear: but now my eye sees you.

42:6 Why I abhor myself, and repent in dust and ashes.

42:7 And it was so, that after *Yehovah* had spoken these words to Job, *Yehovah* said to Eliphaz the Temanite, My wrath is kindled against you, and against your two friends: for you have not spoken of me the thing that is right, as my servant Job has.

42:8 Therefore take to you now seven bullocks and seven rams, and go to my servant Job, and offer up for yourselves a burnt offering; and my servant Job shall pray for you: for him will I accept: lest I deal with you after your

folly, in that you have not spoken of me the thing which is right, like my servant Job.

42:9 So Eliphaz the Temanite and Bildad the Shuhite and Zophar the Naamathite went, and did according as *Yehovah* commanded them: *Yehovah* also accepted Job.

42:10 And *Yehovah* turned the captivity of Job, when he prayed for his friends: also *Yehovah* gave Job twice as much as he had before.

42:11 Then came there to him all his brothers, and all his sisters, and all they that had been of his acquaintance before, and did eat bread with him in his house: and they bemoaned him, and comforted him over all the evil that *Yehovah* had brought on him: every man also gave him a piece of money, and everyone an earring of gold.

42:12 So *Yehovah* blessed the latter end of Job more than his beginning: for he had fourteen thousand sheep, and six thousand camels, and a thousand yoke of oxen, and a thousand she asses.

42:13 He had also seven sons and three daughters.

42:14 And he called the name of the first, Jemima; and the name of the second, Kezia; and the name of the third, Kerenhappuch.

42:15 And in all the land were no women found so fair as the daughters of Job: and their father gave them inheritance among their brothers.

42:16 After this lived Job a hundred and forty years, and saw his sons, and his sons' sons, even four generations.

42:17 So Job died, being old and full of days.

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# *Song of Songs*

*Shir Hashirim* (Most Excellent Song)

## *Song of Songs – Chapter 1*

1:1 The song of songs, which is Solomon's.

1:2 Let him kiss me with the kisses of his mouth: for your love is better than wine.

1:3 Because of the smell of your good ointments your name is as ointment poured forth, therefore do the virgins love you.

1:4 Draw me, we will run after you: the king has brought me into his chambers: we will be glad and rejoice in you, we will remember your love more than wine: the upright love you.

1:5 I am black, but comely, O you daughters of Jerusalem, as the tents of Kedar, as the curtains of Solomon.

1:6 Look not on me, because I am black, because the sun has looked on me: my mother's children were angry with me; they made me the keeper of the vineyards; but my own vineyard have I not kept.

1:7 Tell me, O you whom my soul loves, where you feed, where you make your flock to rest at noon: for why should I be as one that turns aside by the flocks of your companions?

1:8 If you know not, O you fairest among women, go your way forth by the footsteps of the flock, and feed your kids beside the shepherds' tents.

1:9 I have compared you, O my love, to a company of horses in Pharaoh's chariots.

1:10 Your cheeks are comely with rows of jewels, your neck with chains of gold.

1:11 We will make you borders of gold with studs of silver.

1:12 While the king sits at his table, my spikenard sends forth the smell of it.

1:13 A bundle of myrrh is my well-beloved to me; he shall lie all night between my breasts.

1:14 My beloved is to me as a cluster of camphire in the vineyards of Engedi.

1:15 Behold, you are fair, my love; behold, you are fair; you have doves' eyes.

1:16 Behold, you are fair, my beloved, yes, pleasant: also our bed is green.

1:17 The beams of our house are cedar, and our rafters of fir.

## ***Song of Songs*** – Chapter 2

2:1 I am the rose of Sharon, and the lily of the valleys.

2:2 As the lily among thorns, so is my love among the daughters.

2:3 As the apple tree among the trees of the wood, so is my beloved among the sons. I sat down under his shadow with great delight, and his fruit was sweet to my taste.

2:4 He brought me to the banqueting house, and his banner over me was love.

2:5 Stay me with flagons, comfort me with apples: for I am sick of love.

2:6 His left hand is under my head, and his right hand does embrace me.

2:7 I charge you, O you daughters of Jerusalem, by the roes, and by the hinds of the field, that you stir not up, nor awake my love, till he please.

2:8 The voice of my beloved! behold, he comes leaping on the mountains, skipping on the hills.

2:9 My beloved is like a roe or a young hart: behold, he stands behind our wall, he looks forth at the windows, showing himself through the lattice.

2:10 My beloved spoke, and said to me, Rise up, my love, my fair one, and come away.

2:11 For, see, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone;

2:12 The flowers appear on the earth; the time of the singing of birds is come, and the voice of the turtle is heard in our land;

2:13 The fig tree puts forth her green figs, and the vines with the tender grape give a good smell. Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away.

2:14 O my dove, that are in the clefts of the rock, in the secret places of the stairs, let me see your countenance, let me hear your voice; for sweet is your voice, and your countenance is comely.

2:15 Take us the foxes, the little foxes, that spoil the vines: for our vines have tender grapes.

2:16 My beloved is mine, and I am his: he feeds among the lilies.

2:17 Until the day break, and the shadows flee away, turn, my beloved, and be you like a roe or a young hart on the mountains of Bether.

## ***Song of Songs*** – Chapter 3

3:1 By night on my bed I sought him whom my soul loves: I sought him, but I found him not.

3:2 I will rise now, and go about the city in the streets, and in the broad ways I will seek him whom my soul loves: I sought him, but I found him not.

3:3 The watchmen that go about the city found me: to whom I said, Saw you him whom my soul loves?

3:4 It was but a little that I passed from them, but I found him whom my soul loves: I held him, and would not let him go, until I had brought him into my mother's house, and into the chamber of her that conceived me.

3:5 I charge you, O you daughters of Jerusalem, by the roes, and by the hinds of the field, that you stir not up, nor awake my love, till he please.

3:6 Who is this that comes out of the wilderness like pillars of smoke, perfumed with myrrh and frankincense, with all powders of the merchant?

3:7 Behold his bed, which is Solomon's; three score valiant men are about it, of the valiant of Israel.

3:8 They all hold swords, being expert in war: every man has his sword on his thigh because of fear in the night.

3:9 King Solomon made himself a chariot of the wood of Lebanon.

3:10 He made the pillars of it of silver, the bottom of it of gold, the covering of it of purple, the middle of it being paved with love, for the daughters of Jerusalem.

3:11 Go forth, O you daughters of Zion, and behold king Solomon with the crown with which his mother crowned him in the day of his espousals, and in the day of the gladness of his heart.

## *Song of Songs* – Chapter 4

4:1 Behold, you are fair, my love; behold, you are fair; you have doves' eyes within your locks: your hair is as a flock of goats, that appear from mount Gilead.

4:2 Your teeth are like a flock of sheep that are even shorn, which came up from the washing; whereof everyone bear twins, and none is barren among them.

4:3 Your lips are like a thread of scarlet, and your speech is comely: your temples are like a piece of a pomegranate within your locks.

4:4 Your neck is like the tower of David built for an armory, where on there hang a thousand bucklers, all shields of mighty men.

4:5 Your two breasts are like two young roes that are twins, which feed among the lilies.

4:6 Until the day break, and the shadows flee away, I will get me to the mountain of myrrh, and to the hill of frankincense.

4:7 You are all fair, my love; there is no spot in you.

4:8 Come with me from Lebanon, my spouse, with me from Lebanon: look from the top of Amana, from the top of Shenir and Hermon, from the lions' dens, from the mountains of the leopards.

4:9 You have ravished my heart, my sister, my spouse; you have ravished my heart with one of your eyes, with one chain of your neck.

4:10 How fair is your love, my sister, my spouse! how much better is your love than wine! and the smell of your ointments than all spices!

4:11 Your lips, O my spouse, drop as the honeycomb: honey and milk are under your tongue; and the smell of your garments is like the smell of Lebanon.

4:12 A garden enclosed is my sister, my spouse; a spring shut up, a fountain sealed.

4:13 Your plants are an orchard of pomegranates, with pleasant fruits; camphire, with spikenard,

4:14 Spikenard and saffron; calamus and cinnamon, with all trees of frankincense; myrrh and aloes, with all the chief spices:

4:15 A fountain of gardens, a well of living waters, and streams from Lebanon.

4:16 Awake, O north wind; and come, you south; blow on my garden, that the spices of it may flow out. Let my beloved come into his garden, and eat his pleasant fruits.

## *Song of Songs* – Chapter 5

5:1 I am come into my garden, my sister, my spouse: I have gathered my myrrh with my spice; I have eaten my honeycomb with my honey; I have drunk my wine with my milk: eat, O friends; drink, yes, drink abundantly, O beloved.

5:2 I sleep, but my heart wakes: it is the voice of my beloved that knocks, saying, Open to me, my sister, my love, my dove, my undefiled: for my head is filled with dew, and my locks with the drops of the night.

5:3 I have put off my coat; how shall I put it on? I have washed my feet; how shall I defile them?

5:4 My beloved put in his hand by the hole of the door, and my bowels were moved for him.

5:5 I rose up to open to my beloved; and my hands dropped with myrrh, and my fingers with sweet smelling myrrh, on the handles of the lock.

5:6 I opened to my beloved; but my beloved had withdrawn himself, and was gone: my soul failed when he spoke: I sought him, but I could not find him; I called him, but he gave me no answer.

5:7 The watchmen that went about the city found me, they smote me, they wounded me; the keepers of the walls took away my veil from me.

5:8 I charge you, O daughters of Jerusalem, if you find my beloved, that you tell him, that I am sick of love.

5:9 What is your beloved more than another beloved, O you fairest among women? what is your beloved more than another beloved, that you do so charge us?

5:10 My beloved is white and ruddy, the most chief among ten thousand.

5:11 His head is as the most fine gold, his locks are bushy, and black as a raven.

5:12 His eyes are as the eyes of doves by the rivers of waters, washed with milk, and fitly set.

5:13 His cheeks are as a bed of spices, as sweet flowers: his lips like lilies, dropping sweet smelling myrrh.

5:14 His hands are as gold rings set with the beryl: his belly is as bright ivory overlaid with sapphires.

5:15 His legs are as pillars of marble, set on sockets of fine gold: his countenance is as Lebanon, excellent as the cedars.

5:16 His mouth is most sweet: yes, he is altogether lovely. This is my beloved, and this is my friend, O daughters of Jerusalem.

## *Song of Songs* – Chapter 6

6:1 Where is your beloved gone, O you fairest among women? where is your beloved turned aside? that we may seek him with you.

6:2 My beloved is gone down into his garden, to the beds of spices, to feed in the gardens, and to gather lilies.

6:3 I am my beloved's, and my beloved is mine: he feeds among the lilies.

6:4 You are beautiful, O my love, as Tirzah, comely as Jerusalem, terrible as an army with banners.

6:5 Turn away your eyes from me, for they have overcome me: your hair is as a flock of goats that appear from Gilead.

6:6 Your teeth are as a flock of sheep which go up from the washing, whereof everyone bears twins, and there is not one barren among them.

6:7 As a piece of a pomegranate are your temples within your locks.

6:8 There are three score queens, and fourscore concubines, and virgins without number.

6:9 My dove, my undefiled is but one; she is the only one of her mother, she is the choice one of her that bore her. The daughters saw her, and blessed her; yes, the queens and the concubines, and they praised her.

6:10 Who is she that looks forth as the morning, fair as the moon, clear as the sun, and terrible as an army with banners?

6:11 I went down into the garden of nuts to see the fruits of the valley, and to see whether the vine flourished and the pomegranates budded.

6:12 Or ever I was aware, my soul made me like the chariots of Amminadib.

6:13 Return, return, O Shulamite; return, return, that we may look on you. What will you see in the Shulamite? As it were the company of two armies.

## ***Song of Songs*** – Chapter 7

7:1 How beautiful are your feet with shoes, O prince's daughter! the joints of your thighs are like jewels, the work of the hands of a cunning workman.

7:2 Your navel is like a round goblet, which wants not liquor: your belly is like a heap of wheat set about with lilies.

7:3 Your two breasts are like two young roes that are twins.

7:4 Your neck is as a tower of ivory; your eyes like the fish pools in Heshbon, by the gate of Bathrabbim: your nose is as the tower of Lebanon which looks toward Damascus.

7:5 Your head on you is like Carmel, and the hair of your head like purple; the king is held in the galleries.

7:6 How fair and how pleasant are you, O love, for delights!

7:7 This your stature is like to a palm tree, and your breasts to clusters of grapes.

7:8 I said, I will go up to the palm tree, I will take hold of the boughs of it: now also your breasts shall be as clusters of the vine, and the smell of your nose like apples;

7:9 And the roof of your mouth like the best wine for my beloved, that goes down sweetly, causing the lips of those that are asleep to speak.

7:10 I am my beloved's, and his desire is toward me.

7:11 Come, my beloved, let us go forth into the field; let us lodge in the villages.

7:12 Let us get up early to the vineyards; let us see if the vine flourish, whether the tender grape appear, and the pomegranates bud forth: there will I give you my loves.

7:13 The mandrakes give a smell, and at our gates are all manner of pleasant fruits, new and old, which I have laid up for you, O my beloved.

## ***Song of Songs*** – Chapter 8

8:1 O that you were as my brother that sucked the breasts of my mother! when I should find you without, I would kiss you; yes, I should not be despised.

8:2 I would lead you, and bring you into my mother's house, who would instruct me: I would cause you to drink of spiced wine of the juice of my pomegranate.

8:3 His left hand should be under my head, and his right hand should embrace me.

8:4 I charge you, O daughters of Jerusalem, that you stir not up, nor awake my love, until he please.

8:5 Who is this that comes up from the wilderness, leaning on her beloved? I raised you up under the apple tree: there your mother brought you forth: there she brought you forth that bore you.

8:6 Set me as a seal on your heart, as a seal on your arm: for love is strong as death; jealousy is cruel as the grave: the coals of it are coals of fire, which has a most vehement flame.

8:7 Many waters cannot quench love, neither can the floods drown it: if a man would give all the substance of his house for love, it would utterly be contemned.

8:8 We have a little sister, and she has no breasts: what shall we do for our sister in the day when she shall be spoken for?

8:9 If she be a wall, we will build on her a palace of silver: and if she be a door, we will enclose her with boards of cedar.

8:10 I am a wall, and my breasts like towers: then was I in his eyes as one that found favor.

8:11 Solomon had a vineyard at Baalhamon; he let out the vineyard to keepers; everyone for the fruit of it was to bring a thousand pieces of silver.

8:12 My vineyard, which is mine, is before me: you, O Solomon, must have a thousand, and those that keep the fruit of it two hundred.

8:13 You that dwell in the gardens, the companions listen to your voice: cause me to hear it.

8:14 Make haste, my beloved, and be you like to a roe or to a young hart on the mountains of spices.

# *Book of Ruth*

*Ruth* (Friendship)

## *Ruth* – Chapter 1

1:1 Now it came to pass in the days when the judges ruled, that there was a famine in the land. And a certain man of Bethlehemjudah went to sojourn in the country of Moab, he, and his wife, and his two sons.

1:2 And the name of the man was Elimelech, and the name of his wife Naomi, and the name of his two sons Mahlon and Chilion, Ephrathites of Bethlehemjudah. And they came into the country of Moab, and continued there.

1:3 And Elimelech Naomi's husband died; and she was left, and her two sons.

1:4 And they took them wives of the women of Moab; the name of the one was Orpah, and the name of the other Ruth: and they dwelled there about ten years.

1:5 And Mahlon and Chilion died also both of them; and the woman was left of her two sons and her husband.

1:6 Then she arose with her daughters in law, that she might return from the country of Moab: for she had heard in the country of Moab how that *Yehovah* had visited his people in giving them bread.

1:7 Why she went forth out of the place where she was, and her two daughters in law with her; and they went on the way to return to the land of Judah.

1:8 And Naomi said to her two daughters in law, Go, return each to her mother's house: *Yehovah* deal kindly with you, as you have dealt with the dead, and with me.

1:9 *Yehovah* grant you that you may find rest, each of you in the house of her husband. Then she kissed them; and they lifted up their voice, and wept.

1:10 And they said to her, Surely we will return with you to your people.

1:11 And Naomi said, Turn again, my daughters: why will you go with me? are there yet any more sons in my womb, that they may be your husbands?

1:12 Turn again, my daughters, go your way; for I am too old to have a husband. If I should say, I have hope, if I should have a husband also to night, and should also bear sons;

1:13 Would you tarry for them till they were grown? would you stay for them from having husbands? no, my daughters; for it grieves me much for your sakes that the hand of *Yehovah* is gone out against me.

1:14 And they lifted up their voice, and wept again: and Orpah kissed her mother in law; but Ruth joined to her.

1:15 And she said, Behold, your sister in law is gone back to her people, and to her gods: return you after your sister in law.

1:16 And Ruth said, Entreat me not to leave you, or to return from following after you: for where you go, I will go; and where you lodge, I will lodge: your people shall be my people, and your God my God:

1:17 Where you die, will I die, and there will I be buried: *Yehovah* do so to me, and more also, if ought but death part you and me.

1:18 When she saw that she was steadfastly minded to go with her, then she left speaking to her.

1:19 So they two went until they came to Bethlehem. And it came to pass, when they were come to Bethlehem, that all the city was moved about them, and they said, Is this Naomi?

1:20 And she said to them, Call me not Naomi, call me Mara: for the Almighty has dealt very bitterly with me.

1:21 I went out full and *Yehovah* has brought me home again empty: why then call you me Naomi, seeing *Yehovah* has testified against me, and the Almighty has afflicted me?

1:22 So Naomi returned, and Ruth the Moabitess, her daughter in law, with her, which returned out of the country of Moab: and they came to Bethlehem in the beginning of barley harvest.

## ***Ruth*** – Chapter 2

2:1 And Naomi had a kinsman of her husband's, a mighty man of wealth, of the family of Elimelech; and his name was Boaz.

2:2 And Ruth the Moabitess said to Naomi, Let me now go to the field, and glean *heads of grain* after him in whose sight I shall find grace. And she said to her, Go, my daughter.

2:3 And she went, and came, and gleaned in the field after the reapers: and her hap was to light on a part of the field belonging to Boaz, who was of the kindred of Elimelech.

2:4 And, behold, Boaz came from Bethlehem, and said to the reapers, *Yehovah* be with you. And they answered him, *Yehovah* bless you.

2:5 Then said Boaz to his servant that was set over the reapers, Whose damsel is this?

2:6 And the servant that was set over the reapers answered and said, It is the *Moabite* damsel that came back with Naomi out of the country of Moab:

2:7 And she said, I pray you, let me glean and gather after the reapers among the sheaves: so she came, and has continued even from the morning until now, that she tarried a little in the house.

2:8 Then said Boaz to Ruth, Hear you not, my daughter? Go not to glean in another field, neither go from hence, but abide here fast by my maidens:

2:9 Let your eyes be on the field that they do reap, and go you after them: have I not charged the young men that they shall not touch you? and when you are thirsty, go to the vessels, and drink of that which the young men have drawn.

2:10 Then she fell on her face, and bowed herself to the ground, and said to him, Why have I found grace in your eyes, that you should take knowledge of me, seeing I am a stranger?

2:11 And Boaz answered and said to her, It has fully been showed me, all that you have done to your mother in law since the death of your husband: and how you have left your father and your mother, and the land of your nativity, and are come to a people which you knew not heretofore.

2:12 *Yehovah* recompense your work, and a full reward be given you of *Yehovah* God of Israel, under whose wings you are come to trust.

2:13 Then she said, Let me find favor in your sight, my lord; for that you have comforted me, and for that you have spoken friendly to your handmaid, though I be not like to one of your handmaidens.

2:14 And Boaz said to her, At mealtime come you here, and eat of the bread, and dip your morsel in the vinegar. And she sat beside the reapers: and he reached her parched corn, and she did eat, and was sufficed, and left.

2:15 And when she was risen up to glean, Boaz commanded his young men, saying, Let her glean even among the sheaves, and reproach her not:

2:16 And let fall also some of the handfuls of purpose for her, and leave them, that she may glean them, and rebuke her not.

2:17 So she gleaned in the field until even, and beat out that she had gleaned: and it was about an ephah of barley.

2:18 And she took it up, and went into the city: and her mother in law saw what she had gleaned: and she brought forth, and gave to her that she had reserved after she was sufficed.

2:19 And her mother in law said to her, Where have you gleaned to day? and where worked you? blessed be he that did take knowledge of you. And she showed her mother in law with whom she had worked, and said, The man's name with whom I worked to day is Boaz.

2:20 And Naomi said to her daughter in law, Blessed be he of *Yehovah*, who has not left off his kindness to the living and to the dead. And Naomi said to her, The man is near of kin to us, one of our next kinsmen.

2:21 And Ruth the Moabitess said, He said to me also, You shall keep fast by my young men, until they have ended all my harvest.

2:22 And Naomi said to Ruth her daughter in law, It is good, my daughter, that you go out with his maidens, that they meet you not in any other field.

2:23 So she kept fast by the maidens of Boaz to glean to the end of barley harvest and of wheat harvest; and dwelled with her mother in law.

## **Ruth** – Chapter 3

3:1 Then Naomi her mother in law said to her, My daughter, shall I not seek rest for you, that it may be well with you?

3:2 And now is not Boaz of our kindred, with whose maidens you were? Behold, he winnows barley to night in the threshing floor.

3:3 Wash yourself therefore, and anoint you, and put your raiment on you, and get you down to the floor: but make not yourself known to the man, until he shall have done eating and drinking.

3:4 And it shall be, when he lies down, that you shall mark the place where he shall lie, and you shall go in, and uncover his feet, and lay you down; and he will tell you what you shall do.

3:5 And she said to her, All that you say to me I will do.

3:6 And she went down to the floor, and did according to all that her mother in law bade her.

3:7 And when Boaz had eaten and drunk, and his heart was merry, he went to lie down at the end of the heap of corn: and she came softly, and uncovered his feet, and laid her down.

3:8 And it came to pass at midnight, that the man was afraid, and turned himself: and, behold, a woman lay at his feet.

3:9 And he said, Who are you? And she answered, I am Ruth your handmaid: spread therefore your skirt over your handmaid; for you are a near kinsman.

3:10 And he said, Blessed be you of *Yehovah*, my daughter: for you have showed more kindness in the latter end than at the beginning, inasmuch as you followed not young men, whether poor or rich.

3:11 And now, my daughter, fear not; I will do to you all that you require: for all the city of my people does know that you are a virtuous woman.

3:12 And now it is true that I am your near kinsman: however, there is a kinsman nearer than I.

3:13 Tarry this night, and it shall be in the morning, that if he will perform to you the part of a kinsman, well; let him do the kinsman's part: but if he will not do the part of a kinsman to you, then will I do the part of a kinsman to you, as *Yehovah* lives: lie down until the morning.

3:14 And she lay at his feet until the morning: and she rose up before one could know another. And he said, Let it not be known that a woman came into the floor.

3:15 Also he said, Bring the veil that you have on you, and hold it. And when she held it, he measured six measures of barley, and laid it on her: and she went into the city.

3:16 And when she came to her mother in law, she said, Who are you, my daughter? And she told her all that the man had done to her.

3:17 And she said, These six measures of barley gave he me; for he said to me, Go not empty to your mother in law.

3:18 Then said she, Sit still, my daughter, until you know how the matter will fall: for the man will not be in rest, until he have finished the thing this day.

## ***Ruth*** – Chapter 4

4:1 Then went Boaz up to the gate, and sat him down there: and, behold, the kinsman of whom Boaz spoke came by; to whom he said, Ho, such a one! turn aside, sit down here. And he turned aside, and sat down.

4:2 And he took ten men of the elders of the city, and said, Sit you down here. And they sat down.

4:3 And he said to the kinsman, Naomi, that is come again out of the country of Moab, sells a parcel of land, which was our brother Elimelech's:

4:4 And I thought to advertise you, saying, Buy it before the inhabitants, and before the elders of my people. If you will redeem it, redeem it: but if you will not redeem it, then tell me, that I may know: for there is none to redeem it beside you; and I am after you. And he said, I will redeem it.

4:5 Then said Boaz, What day you buy the field of the hand of Naomi, you must buy it also of Ruth the Moabitess, the wife of the dead, to raise up the name of the dead on his inheritance.

4:6 And the kinsman said, I cannot redeem it for myself, lest I mar my own inheritance: redeem you my right to yourself; for I cannot redeem it.

4:7 Now this was the manner in former time in Israel concerning redeeming and concerning changing, for to confirm all things; a man plucked off his shoe, and gave it to his neighbor: and this was a testimony in Israel.

4:8 Therefore the kinsman said to Boaz, Buy it for you. So he drew off his shoe.

4:9 And Boaz said to the elders, and to all the people, You are witnesses this day, that I have bought all that was Elimelech's, and all that was Chilion's and Mahlon's, of the hand of Naomi.

4:10 Moreover Ruth the Moabitess, the wife of Mahlon, have I purchased to be my wife, to raise up the name of the dead on his inheritance, that the name of the dead be not cut off from among his brothers, and from the gate of his place: you are witnesses this day.

4:11 And all the people that were in the gate, and the elders, said, We are witnesses. *Yehovah* make the woman that is come into your house like Rachel and like Leah, which two did build the house of Israel: and do you worthily in Ephratah, and be famous in Bethlehem:

4:12 And let your house be like the house of Pharez, whom Tamar bore to Judah, of the seed which *Yehovah* shall give you of this young woman.

4:13 So Boaz took Ruth, and she was his wife: and when he went in to her, *Yehovah* gave her conception, and she bore a son.

4:14 And the women said to Naomi, Blessed be *Yehovah*, which has not left you this day without a kinsman, that his name may be famous in Israel.

4:15 And he shall be to you a restorer of your life, and a nourisher of your old age: for your daughter in law, which loves you, which is better to you than seven sons, has born him.

4:16 And Naomi took the child, and laid it in her bosom, and became nurse to it.

4:17 And the women her neighbors gave it a name, saying, There is a son born to Naomi; and they called his name Obed: he is the father of Jesse, the father of David.

4:18 Now these are the generations of Pharez: Pharez begat Hezron,

4:19 And Hezron begat Ram, and Ram begat Amminadab,

4:20 And Amminadab begat Nahshon, and Nahshon begat Salmon,

4:21 And Salmon begat Boaz, and Boaz begat Obed,

4:22 And Obed begat Jesse, and Jesse begat David.

# *Book of Lamentations*

*Eichah* (Loud Cries)

## *Lamentations* – Chapter 1

1:1 How does the city sit solitary, that was full of people! how is she become as a widow! she that was great among the nations, and princess among the provinces, how is she become tributary!

1:2 She weeps sore in the night, and her tears are on her cheeks: among all her lovers she has none to comfort her: all her friends have dealt treacherously with her, they are become her enemies.

1:3 Judah is gone into captivity because of affliction, and because of great servitude: she dwells among the heathen, she finds no rest: all her persecutors overtook her between the straits.

1:4 The ways of Zion do mourn, because none come to the solemn feasts: all her gates are desolate: her priests sigh, her virgins are afflicted, and she is in bitterness.

1:5 Her adversaries are the chief, her enemies prosper; for *Yehovah* has afflicted her for the multitude of her transgressions: her children are gone into captivity before the enemy.

1:6 And from the daughter of Zion all her beauty is departed: her princes are become like harts that find no pasture, and they are gone without strength before the pursuer.

1:7 Jerusalem remembered in the days of her affliction and of her miseries all her pleasant things that she had in the days of old, when her people fell into the hand of the enemy, and none did help her: the adversaries saw her, and did mock at her sabbaths.

1:8 Jerusalem has grievously sinned; therefore she is removed: all that honored her despise her, because they have seen her nakedness: yes, she sighs, and turns backward.

1:9 Her filthiness is in her skirts; she remembers not her last end; therefore she came down wonderfully: she had no comforter. O *YEHOVAH*, behold my affliction: for the enemy has magnified himself.

1:10 The adversary has spread out his hand on all her pleasant things: for she has seen that the heathen entered into her sanctuary, whom you did command that they should not enter into your congregation.

1:11 All her people sigh, they seek bread; they have given their pleasant things for meat to relieve the soul: see, O *YEHOVAH*, and consider; for I am become vile.

1:12 Is it nothing to you, all you that pass by? behold, and see if there be any sorrow like to my sorrow, which is done to me, with which *Yehovah* has afflicted me in the day of his fierce anger.

1:13 From above has he sent fire into my bones, and it prevails against them: he has spread a net for my feet, he has turned me back: he has made me desolate and faint all the day.

1:14 The yoke of my transgressions is bound by his hand: they are wreathed, and come up on my neck: he has made my strength to fall, *Yehovah* has delivered me into their hands, from whom I am not able to rise up.

1:15 *Yehovah* has trodden under foot all my mighty men in the middle of me: he has called an assembly against me to crush my young men: *Yehovah* has trodden the virgin, the daughter of Judah, as in a wine press.

1:16 For these things I weep; my eye, my eye runs down with water, because the comforter that should relieve my soul is far from me: my children are desolate, because the enemy prevailed.

1:17 Zion spreads forth her hands, and there is none to comfort her: *Yehovah* has commanded concerning Jacob, that his adversaries should be round about him: Jerusalem is as a menstruous woman among them.

1:18 *Yehovah* is righteous; for I have rebelled against his commandment: hear, I pray you, all people, and behold my sorrow: my virgins and my young men are gone into captivity.

1:19 I called for my lovers, but they deceived me: my priests and my elders gave up the *spirit* in the city, while they sought their meat to relieve their souls.

1:20 Behold, O *YEHOVAH*; for I am in distress: my bowels are troubled; my heart is turned within me; for I have grievously rebelled: abroad the sword bereaves, at home there is as death.

1:21 They have heard that I sigh: there is none to comfort me: all my enemies have heard of my trouble; they are glad that you have done it: you will bring the day that you have called, and they shall be like to me.

1:22 Let all their wickedness come before you; and do to them, as you have done to me for all my transgressions: for my sighs are many, and my heart is faint.

## *Lamentations* – Chapter 2

2:1 How has *Yehovah* covered the daughter of Zion with a cloud in his anger, and cast down from heaven to the earth the beauty of Israel, and remembered not his footstool in the day of his anger!

2:2 *Yehovah* has swallowed up all the habitations of Jacob, and has not pitied: he has thrown down in his wrath the strong holds of the daughter of Judah; he has brought them down to the ground: he has polluted the kingdom and the princes of it.

2:3 He has cut off in his fierce anger all the horn of Israel: he has drawn back his right hand from before the enemy, and he burned against Jacob like a flaming fire, which devours round about.

2:4 He has bent his bow like an enemy: he stood with his right hand as an adversary, and slew all that were pleasant to the eye in the tabernacle of the daughter of Zion: he poured out his fury like fire.

2:5 *Yehovah* was as an enemy: he has swallowed up Israel, he has swallowed up all her palaces: he has destroyed his strong holds, and has increased in the daughter of Judah mourning and lamentation.

2:6 And he has violently taken away his tabernacle, as if it were of a garden: he has destroyed his places of the assembly: *Yehovah* has caused the solemn feasts and sabbaths to be forgotten in Zion, and has despised in the indignation of his anger the king and the priest.

2:7 *Yehovah* has cast off his altar, he has abhorred his sanctuary, he has given up into the hand of the enemy the walls of her palaces; they have made a noise in the house of *Yehovah*, as in the day of a solemn feast.

2:8 *Yehovah* has purposed to destroy the wall of the daughter of Zion: he has stretched out a line, he has not withdrawn his hand from destroying: therefore he made the rampart and the wall to lament; they languished together.

2:9 Her gates are sunk into the ground; he has destroyed and broken her bars: her king and her princes are among the Gentiles: the law is no more; her prophets also find no vision from *Yehovah*.

2:10 The elders of the daughter of Zion sit on the ground, and keep silence: they have cast up dust on their heads; they have girded themselves with sackcloth: the virgins of Jerusalem hang down their heads to the ground.

2:11 My eyes do fail with tears, my bowels are troubled, my liver is poured on the earth, for the destruction of the daughter of my people; because the children and the sucklings swoon in the streets of the city.

2:12 They say to their mothers, Where is *grain* and wine? when they swooned as the wounded in the streets of the city, when their soul was poured out into their mothers' bosom.

2:13 What thing shall I take to witness for you? what thing shall I liken to you, O daughter of Jerusalem? what shall I equal to you, that I may comfort you, O virgin daughter of Zion? for your breach is great like the sea: who can heal you?

2:14 Your prophets have seen vain and foolish things for you: and they have not discovered your iniquity, to turn away your captivity; but have seen for you false burdens and causes of banishment.

2:15 All that pass by clap their hands at you; they hiss and wag their head at the daughter of Jerusalem, saying, Is this the city that men call The perfection of beauty, The joy of the whole earth?

2:16 All your enemies have opened their mouth against you: they hiss and gnash the teeth: they say, We have swallowed her up: certainly this is the day that we looked for; we have found, we have seen it.

2:17 *Yehovah* has done that which he had devised; he has fulfilled his word that he had commanded in the days of old: he has thrown down, and has not pitied: and he has caused your enemy to rejoice over you, he has set up the horn of your adversaries.

2:18 Their heart cried to *Yehovah*, O wall of the daughter of Zion, let tears run down like a river day and night: give yourself no rest; let not the apple of your eye cease.

2:19 Arise, cry out in the night: in the beginning of the watches pour out your heart like water before the face of *Yehovah*: lift up your hands toward him for the life of your young children, that faint for hunger in the top of every street.

2:20 Behold, O *YEHOVAH*, and consider to whom you have done this. Shall the women eat their fruit, and children of a span long? shall the priest and the prophet be slain in the sanctuary of *Yehovah*?

2:21 The young and the old lie on the ground in the streets: my virgins and my young men are fallen by the sword; you have slain them in the day of your anger; you have killed, and not pitied.

2:22 You have called as in a solemn day my terrors round about, so that in the day of *Yehovah's* anger none escaped nor remained: those that I have swaddled and brought up has my enemy consumed.

### *Lamentations* – Chapter 3

3:1 I AM the man that has seen affliction by the rod of his wrath.

3:2 He has led me, and brought me into darkness, but not into light.

3:3 Surely against me is he turned; he turns his hand against me all the day.

3:4 My flesh and my skin has he made old; he has broken my bones.

3:5 He has built against me, and compassed me with gall and travail.

3:6 He has set me in dark places, as they that be dead of old.

3:7 He has hedged me about, that I cannot get out: he has made my chain heavy.

3:8 Also when I cry and shout, he shuts out my prayer.

3:9 He has enclosed my ways with hewn stone, he has made my paths crooked.

3:10 He was to me as a bear lying in wait, and as a lion in secret places.

3:11 He has turned aside my ways, and pulled me in pieces: he has made me desolate.

3:12 He has bent his bow, and set me as a mark for the arrow.

3:13 He has caused the arrows of his quiver to enter into my reins.

3:14 I was a derision to all my people; and their song all the day.

3:15 He has filled me with bitterness, he has made me drunken with wormwood.

3:16 He has also broken my teeth with gravel stones, he has covered me with ashes.

3:17 And you have removed my soul far off from peace: I forgot prosperity.

3:18 And I said, My strength and my hope is perished from *Yehovah*:

3:19 Remembering my affliction and my misery, the wormwood and the gall.

3:20 My soul has them still in remembrance, and is humbled in me.

3:21 This I recall to my mind, therefore have I hope.

3:22 It is of *Yehovah*'s mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not.

3:23 They are new every morning: great is your faithfulness.

3:24 *Yehovah* is my portion, said my soul; therefore will I hope in him.

3:25 *Yehovah* is good to them that wait for him, to the soul that seeks him.

3:26 It is good that a man should both hope and quietly wait for the salvation of *Yehovah*.

3:27 It is good for a man that he bear the yoke of his youth.

3:28 He sits alone and keeps silence, because he has borne it on him.

3:29 He puts his mouth in the dust; if so be there may be hope.

3:30 He gives his cheek to him that smites him: he is filled full with reproach.

3:31 For *Yehovah* will not cast off forever:

3:32 But though he cause grief, yet will he have compassion according to the multitude of his mercies.

3:33 For he does not afflict willingly nor grieve the children of men.

3:34 To crush under his feet all the prisoners of the earth.

3:35 To turn aside the right of a man before the face of the most High,

3:36 To subvert a man in his cause, *Yehovah* approves not.

3:37 Who is he that said, and it comes to pass, when *Yehovah* commands it not?

3:38 Out of the mouth of the most High proceeds not evil and good?

3:39 Why does a living man complain, a man for the punishment of his sins?

3:40 Let us search and try our ways, and turn again to *Yehovah*.

3:41 Let us lift up our heart with our hands to God in the heavens.

3:42 We have transgressed and have rebelled: you have not pardoned.

3:43 You have covered with anger, and persecuted us: you have slain, you have not pitied.

3:44 You have covered yourself with a cloud, that our prayer should not pass through.

3:45 You have made us as the offscouring and refuse in the middle of the people.

3:46 All our enemies have opened their mouths against us.

3:47 Fear and a snare is come on us, desolation and destruction.

3:48 My eye runs down with rivers of water for the destruction of the daughter of my people.

3:49 My eye trickles down, and ceases not, without any intermission.

3:50 Till *Yehovah* look down, and behold from heaven.

3:51 My eye affects my heart because of all the daughters of my city.

3:52 My enemies chased me sore, like a bird, without cause.

3:53 They have cut off my life in the dungeon, and cast a stone on me.

3:54 Waters flowed over my head; then I said, I am cut off.

3:55 I called on your name, O *YEHOVAH*, out of the low dungeon.

3:56 You have heard my voice: hide not your ear at my breathing, at my cry.

3:57 You drew near in the day that I called on you: you said, Fear not.

3:58 O *YEHOVAH*, you have pleaded the causes of my soul; you have redeemed my life.

3:59 O *YEHOVAH*, you have seen my wrong: judge you my cause.

3:60 You have seen all their vengeance and all their imaginations against me.

3:61 You have heard their reproach, O *YEHOVAH*, and all their imaginations against me;

3:62 The lips of those that rose up against me, and their device against me all the day.

3:63 Behold their sitting down, and their rising up; I am their music.

3:64 Render to them a recompense, O *YEHOVAH*, according to the work of their hands.

3:65 Give them sorrow of heart, your curse to them.

3:66 Persecute and destroy them in anger from under the heavens of *Yehovah*.

## *Lamentations* – Chapter 4

4:1 How is the gold become dim! how is the most fine gold changed! the stones of the sanctuary are poured out in the top of every street.

4:2 The precious sons of Zion, comparable to fine gold, how are they esteemed as earthen pitchers, the work of the hands of the potter!

4:3 Even the sea monsters draw out the breast, they give suck to their young ones: the daughter of my people is become cruel, like the ostriches in the wilderness.

4:4 The tongue of the sucking child sticks to the roof of his mouth for thirst: the young children ask bread, and no man breaks it to them.

4:5 They that did feed delicately are desolate in the streets: they that were brought up in scarlet embrace dunghills.

4:6 For the punishment of the iniquity of the daughter of my people is greater than the punishment of the sin of Sodom, that was overthrown as in a moment, and no hands stayed on her.

4:7 Her Nazarites were purer than snow, they were whiter than milk, they were more ruddy in body than rubies, their polishing was of sapphire:

4:8 Their visage is blacker than a coal; they are not known in the streets: their skin sticks to their bones; it is withered, it is become like a stick.

4:9 They that be slain with the sword are better than they that be slain with hunger: for these pine away, stricken through for want of the fruits of the field.

4:10 The hands of the pitiful women have sodden their own children: they were their meat in the destruction of the daughter of my people.

4:11 *Yehovah* has accomplished his fury; he has poured out his fierce anger, and has kindled a fire in Zion, and it has devoured the foundations of it.

4:12 The kings of the earth, and all the inhabitants of the world, would not have believed that the adversary and the enemy should have entered into the gates of Jerusalem.

4:13 For the sins of her prophets, and the iniquities of her priests, that have shed the blood of the just in the middle of her,

4:14 They have wandered as blind men in the streets, they have polluted themselves with blood, so that men could not touch their garments.

4:15 They cried to them, Depart you; it is unclean; depart, depart, touch not: when they fled away and wandered, they said among the heathen, They shall no more sojourn there.

4:16 The anger of *Yehovah* has divided them; he will no more regard them: they respected not the persons of the priests, they favored not the elders.

4:17 As for us, our eyes as yet failed for our vain help: in our watching we have watched for a nation that could not save us.

4:18 They hunt our steps, that we cannot go in our streets: our end is near, our days are fulfilled; for our end is come.

4:19 Our persecutors are swifter than the eagles of the heaven: they pursued us on the mountains, they laid wait for us in the wilderness.

4:20 The breath of our nostrils, the anointed of *Yehovah*, was taken in their pits, of whom we said, Under his shadow we shall live among the heathen.

4:21 Rejoice and be glad, O daughter of Edom, that dwell in the land of Uz; the cup also shall pass through to you: you shall be drunken, and shall make yourself naked.

4:22 The punishment of your iniquity is accomplished, O daughter of Zion; he will no more carry you away into captivity: he will visit your iniquity, O daughter of Edom; he will discover your sins.

## *Lamentations* – Chapter 5

5:1 Remember, O *YEHOVAH*, what is come on us: consider, and behold our reproach.

5:2 Our inheritance is turned to strangers, our houses to aliens.

5:3 We are orphans and fatherless, our mothers are as widows.

5:4 We have drunken our water for money; our wood is sold to us.

5:5 Our necks are under persecution: we labor, and have no rest.

5:6 We have given the hand to the Egyptians, and to the Assyrians, to be satisfied with bread.

5:7 Our fathers have sinned, and are not; and we have borne their iniquities.

5:8 Servants have ruled over us: there is none that does deliver us out of their hand.

5:9 We got our bread with the peril of our lives because of the sword of the wilderness.

5:10 Our skin was black like an oven because of the terrible famine.

5:11 They ravished the women in Zion, and the maids in the cities of Judah.

5:12 Princes are hanged up by their hand: the faces of elders were not honored.

5:13 They took the young men to grind, and the children fell under the wood.

5:14 The elders have ceased from the gate, the young men from their music.

5:15 The joy of our heart is ceased; our dance is turned into mourning.

5:16 The crown is fallen from our head: woe to us, that we have sinned!

5:17 For this our heart is faint; for these things our eyes are dim.

5:18 Because of the mountain of Zion, which is desolate, the foxes walk on it.

5:19 You, O *YEHOVAH*, remain forever; your throne from generation to generation.

5:20 Why do you forget us forever, and forsake us so long time?

5:21 Turn us to you, O *YEHOVAH*, and we shall be turned; renew our days as of old.

5:22 But you have utterly rejected us; you are very wroth against us.

# *Book of Ecclesiastes*

*Qohelet* (Assembler)

## *Ecclesiastes* – Chapter 1

1:1 The words of the *Qohelet*, the son of David, king in Jerusalem.

1:2 Vanity of vanities, said the *Qohelet*, vanity of vanities; all is vanity.

1:3 What profit has a man of all his labor which he takes under the sun?

1:4 One generation passes away, and another generation comes: but the earth stays forever.

1:5 The sun also rises, and the sun goes down, and hastens to his place where he arose.

1:6 The wind goes toward the south, and turns about to the north; it whirls about continually, and the wind returns again according to his circuits.

1:7 All the rivers run into the sea; yet the sea is not full; to the place from where the rivers come, thither they return again.

1:8 All things are full of labor; man cannot utter it: the eye is not satisfied with seeing, nor the ear filled with hearing.

1:9 The thing that has been, it is that which shall be; and that which is done is that which shall be done: and there is no new thing under the sun.

1:10 Is there anything whereof it may be said, See, this is new? it has been already of old time, which was before us.

1:11 There is no remembrance of former things; neither shall there be any remembrance of things that are to come with those that shall come after.

1:12 I the *Qohelet* was king over Israel in Jerusalem.

1:13 And I gave my heart to seek and search out by wisdom concerning all things that are done under heaven: this sore travail has God given to the sons of man to be exercised therewith.

1:14 I have seen all the works that are done under the sun; and, behold, all is vanity and vexation of spirit.

1:15 That which is crooked cannot be made straight: and that which is wanting cannot be numbered.

1:16 I communed with my own heart, saying, See, I am come to great estate, and have gotten more wisdom than all they that have been before me in Jerusalem: yes, my heart had great experience of wisdom and knowledge.

1:17 And I gave my heart to know wisdom, and to know madness and folly: I perceived that this also is vexation of spirit.

1:18 For in much wisdom is much grief: and he that increases knowledge increases sorrow.

## *Ecclesiastes* – Chapter 2

2:1 I said in my heart, Go to now, I will prove you with mirth, therefore enjoy pleasure: and, behold, this also is vanity.

2:2 I said of laughter, It is mad: and of mirth, What does it?

2:3 I sought in my heart to give myself to wine, yet acquainting my heart with wisdom; and to lay hold on folly, till I might see what was that good for the sons of men, which they should do under the heaven all the days of their life.

2:4 I made me great works; I built me houses; I planted me vineyards:

2:5 I made me gardens and orchards, and I planted trees in them of all kind of fruits:

2:6 I made me pools of water, to water therewith the wood that brings forth trees:

2:7 I got me servants and maidens, and had servants born in my house; also I had great possessions of great and small cattle above all that were in Jerusalem before me:

2:8 I gathered me also silver and gold, and the peculiar treasure of kings and of the provinces: I got me men singers and women singers, and the delights of the sons of men, as musical instruments, and that of all sorts.

2:9 So I was great, and increased more than all that were before me in Jerusalem: also my wisdom remained with me.

2:10 And whatever my eyes desired I kept not from them, I withheld not my heart from any joy; for my heart rejoiced in all my labor: and this was my portion of all my labor.

2:11 Then I looked on all the works that my hands had worked, and on the labor that I had labored to do: and, behold, all was vanity and vexation of spirit, and there was no profit under the sun.

2:12 And I turned myself to behold wisdom, and madness, and folly: for what can the man do that comes after the king? even that which has been already done.

2:13 Then I saw that wisdom excels folly, as far as light excels darkness.

2:14 The wise man's eyes are in his head; but the fool walks in darkness: and I myself perceived also that one event happens to them all.

2:15 Then said I in my heart, As it happens to the fool, so it happens even to me; and why was I then more wise? Then I said in my heart, that this also is vanity.

2:16 For there is no remembrance of the wise more than of the fool forever; seeing that which now is in the days to come shall all be forgotten. And how dies the wise man? as the fool.

2:17 Therefore I hated life; because the work that is worked under the sun is grievous to me: for all is vanity and vexation of spirit.

2:18 Yes, I hated all my labor which I had taken under the sun: because I should leave it to the man that shall be after me.

2:19 And who knows whether he shall be a wise man or a fool? yet shall he have rule over all my labor in which I have labored, and where I have showed myself wise under the sun. This is also vanity.

2:20 Therefore I went about to cause my heart to despair of all the labor which I took under the sun.

2:21 For there is a man whose labor is in wisdom, and in knowledge, and in equity; yet to a man that has not labored therein shall he leave it for his portion. This also is vanity and a great evil.

2:22 For what has man of all his labor, and of the vexation of his heart, in which he has labored under the sun?

2:23 For all his days are sorrows, and his travail grief; yes, his heart takes not rest in the night. This is also vanity.

2:24 There is nothing better for a man, than that he should eat and drink, and that he should make his soul enjoy good in his labor. This also I saw, that it was from the hand of God.

2:25 For who can eat, or who else can hasten hereunto, more than I?

2:26 For God gives to a man that is good in his sight wisdom, and knowledge, and joy: but to the sinner he gives travail, to gather and to heap up, that he may give to him that is good before God. This also is vanity and vexation of spirit.

### ***Ecclesiastes*** – Chapter 3

3:1 To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven:

3:2 A time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted;

3:3 A time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up;

3:4 A time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance;

3:5 A time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;

3:6 A time to get, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to cast away;

3:7 A time to rend, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;

3:8 A time to love, and a time to hate; a time of war, and a time of peace.

3:9 What profit has he that works in that in which he labors?

3:10 I have seen the travail, which God has given to the sons of men to be exercised in it.

3:11 He has made everything beautiful in his time: also he has set the world in their heart, so that no man can find out the work that God makes from the beginning to the end.

3:12 I know that there is no good in them, but for a man to rejoice, and to do good in his life.

3:13 And also that every man should eat and drink, and enjoy the good of all his labor, it is the gift of God.

3:14 I know that, whatever God does, it shall be forever: nothing can be put to it, nor any thing taken from it: and God does it, that men should fear before him.

3:15 That which has been is now; and that which is to be has already been; and God requires that which is past.

3:16 And moreover I saw under the sun the place of judgment, that wickedness was there; and the place of righteousness, that iniquity was there.

3:17 I said in my heart, God shall judge the righteous and the wicked: for there is a time there for every purpose and for every work.

3:18 I said in my heart concerning the estate of the sons of men, that God might manifest them, and that they might see that they themselves are beasts.

3:19 For that which befalls the sons of men befalls beasts; even one thing befalls them: as the one dies, so dies the other; yes, they have all one breath; so that a man has no preeminence above a beast: for all is vanity.

3:20 All go to one place; all are of the dust, and all turn to dust again.

3:21 Who knows the spirit of man that goes upward, and the spirit of the beast that goes downward to the earth?

3:22 Why I perceive that there is nothing better, than that a man should rejoice in his own works; for that is his portion: for who shall bring him to see what shall be after him?

## *Ecclesiastes* – Chapter 4

4:1 So I returned, and considered all the oppressions that are done under the sun: and behold the tears of such as were oppressed, and they had no comforter; and on the side of their oppressors there was power; but they had no comforter.

4:2 Why I praised the dead which are already dead more than the living which are yet alive.

4:3 Yes, better is he than both they, which has not yet been, who has not seen the evil work that is done under the sun.

4:4 Again, I considered all travail, and every right work, that for this a man is envied of his neighbor. This is also vanity and vexation of spirit.

4:5 The fool folds his hands together, and eats his own flesh.

4:6 Better is a handful with quietness, than both the hands full with travail and vexation of spirit.

4:7 Then I returned, and I saw vanity under the sun.

4:8 There is one alone, and there is not a second; yes, he has neither child nor brother: yet is there no end of all his labor; neither is his eye satisfied with riches; neither said he, For whom do I labor, and bereave my soul of good? This is also vanity, yes, it is a sore travail.

4:9 Two are better than one; because they have a good reward for their labor.

4:10 For if they fall, the one will lift up his fellow: but woe to him that is alone when he falls; for he has not another to help him up.

4:11 Again, if two lie together, then they have heat: but how can one be warm alone?

4:12 And if one prevail against him, two shall withstand him; and a threefold cord is not quickly broken.

4:13 Better is a poor and a wise child than an old and foolish king, who will no more be admonished.

4:14 For out of prison he comes to reign; whereas also he that is born in his kingdom becomes poor.

4:15 I considered all the living which walk under the sun, with the second child that shall stand up in his stead.

4:16 There is no end of all the people, even of all that have been before them: they also that come after shall not rejoice in him. Surely this also is vanity and vexation of spirit.

## ***Ecclesiastes*** – Chapter 5

5:1 Keep your foot when you go to the house of God, and be more ready to hear, than to give the sacrifice of fools: for they consider not that they do evil.

5:2 Be not rash with your mouth, and let not your heart be hasty to utter anything before God: for God is in heaven, and you on earth: therefore let your words be few.

5:3 For a dream comes through the multitude of business; and a fool's voice is known by multitude of words.

5:4 When you vow a vow to God, defer not to pay it; for he has no pleasure in fools: pay that which you have vowed.

5:5 Better is it that you should not vow, than that you should vow and not pay.

5:6 Suffer not your mouth to cause your flesh to sin; neither say you before the angel, that it was an error: why should God be angry at your voice, and destroy the work of your hands?

5:7 For in the multitude of dreams and many words there are also divers vanities: but fear you God.

5:8 If you see the oppression of the poor, and violent perverting of judgment and justice in a province, marvel not at the matter: for he that is higher than the highest regards; and there be higher than they.

5:9 Moreover the profit of the earth is for all: the king himself is served by the field.

5:10 He that loves silver shall not be satisfied with silver; nor he that loves abundance with increase: this is also vanity.

5:11 When goods increase, they are increased that eat them: and what good is there to the owners of it, saving the beholding of them with their eyes?

5:12 The sleep of a laboring man is sweet, whether he eat little or much: but the abundance of the rich will not suffer him to sleep.

5:13 There is a sore evil which I have seen under the sun, namely, riches kept for the owners of it to their hurt.

5:14 But those riches perish by evil travail: and he begets a son, and there is nothing in his hand.

5:15 As he came forth of his mother's womb, naked shall he return to go as he came, and shall take nothing of his labor, which he may carry away in his hand.

5:16 And this also is a sore evil, that in all points as he came, so shall he go: and what profit has he that has labored for the wind?

5:17 All his days also he eats in darkness, and he has much sorrow and wrath with his sickness.

5:18 Behold that which I have seen: it is good and comely for one to eat and to drink, and to enjoy the good of all his labor that he takes under the sun all the days of his life, which God gives him: for it is his portion.

5:19 Every man also to whom God has given riches and wealth, and has given him power to eat of it, and to take his portion, and to rejoice in his labor; this is the gift of God.

5:20 For he shall not much remember the days of his life; because God answers him in the joy of his heart.

## *Ecclesiastes* – Chapter 6

6:1 There is an evil which I have seen under the sun, and it is common among men:

6:2 A man to whom God has given riches, wealth, and honor, so that he wants nothing for his soul of all that he desires, yet God gives him not power to eat of it, but a stranger eats it: this is vanity, and it is an evil disease.

6:3 If a man beget a hundred children, and live many years, so that the days of his years be many, and his soul be not filled with good, and also that he have no burial; I say, that an untimely birth is better than he.

6:4 For he comes in with vanity, and departs in darkness, and his name shall be covered with darkness.

6:5 Moreover he has not seen the sun, nor known any thing: this has more rest than the other.

6:6 Yes, though he live a thousand years twice told, yet has he seen no good: do not all go to one place?

6:7 All the labor of man is for his mouth, and yet the appetite is not filled.

6:8 For what has the wise more than the fool? what has the poor, that knows to walk before the living?

6:9 Better is the sight of the eyes than the wandering of the desire: this is also vanity and vexation of spirit.

6:10 That which has been is named already, and it is known that it is man: neither may he contend with him that is mightier than he.

6:11 Seeing there be many things that increase vanity, what is man the better?

6:12 For who knows what is good for man in this life, all the days of his vain life which he spends as a shadow? for who can tell a man what shall be after him under the sun?

## ***Ecclesiastes*** – Chapter 7

7:1 A good name is better than precious ointment; and the day of death than the day of one's birth.

7:2 It is better to go to the house of mourning, than to go to the house of feasting: for that is the end of all men; and the living will lay it to his heart.

7:3 Sorrow is better than laughter: for by the sadness of the countenance the heart is made better.

7:4 The heart of the wise is in the house of mourning; but the heart of fools is in the house of mirth.

7:5 It is better to hear the rebuke of the wise, than for a man to hear the song of fools.

7:6 For as the crackling of thorns under a pot, so is the laughter of the fool: this also is vanity.

7:7 Surely oppression makes a wise man mad; and a gift destroys the heart.

7:8 Better is the end of a thing than the beginning of it: and the patient in spirit is better than the proud in spirit.

7:9 Be not hasty in your spirit to be angry: for anger rests in the bosom of fools.

7:10 Say not you, What is the cause that the former days were better than these? for you do not inquire wisely concerning this.

7:11 Wisdom is good with an inheritance: and by it there is profit to them that see the sun.

7:12 For wisdom is a defense, and money is a defense: but the excellency of knowledge is, that wisdom gives life to them that have it.

7:13 Consider the work of God: for who can make that straight, which he has made crooked?

7:14 In the day of prosperity be joyful, but in the day of adversity consider: God also has set the one over against the other, to the end that man should find nothing after him.

7:15 All things have I seen in the days of my vanity: there is a just man that perishes in his righteousness, and there is a wicked man that prolongs his life in his wickedness.

7:16 Be not righteous over much; neither make yourself over wise: why should you destroy yourself ?

7:17 Be not over much wicked, neither be you foolish: why should you die before your time?

7:18 It is good that you should take hold of this; yes, also from this withdraw not your hand: for he that fears God shall come forth of them all.

7:19 Wisdom strengthens the wise more than ten mighty men which are in the city.

7:20 For there is not a just man on earth, that does good, and sins not.

7:21 Also take no heed to all words that are spoken; lest you hear your servant curse you:

7:22 For oftentimes also your own heart knows that you yourself likewise have cursed others.

7:23 All this have I proved by wisdom: I said, I will be wise; but it was far from me.

7:24 That which is far off, and exceeding deep, who can find it out?

7:25 I applied my heart to know, and to search, and to seek out wisdom, and the reason of things, and to know the wickedness of folly, even of foolishness and madness:

7:26 And I find more bitter than death the woman, whose heart is snares and nets, and her hands as bands: whoever pleases God shall escape from her; but the sinner shall be taken by her.

7:27 Behold, this have I found, said the *Qohelet*, counting one by one, to find out the account:

7:28 Which yet my soul seeks, but I find not: one man among a thousand have I found; but a woman among all those have I not found.

7:29 See, this only have I found, that God has made man upright; but they have sought out many inventions.

## ***Ecclesiastes*** – Chapter 8

8:1 Who is as the wise man? and who knows the interpretation of a thing? a man's wisdom makes his face to shine, and the boldness of his face shall be changed.

8:2 I counsel you to keep the king's commandment, and that in regard of the oath of God.

8:3 Be not hasty to go out of his sight: stand not in an evil thing; for he does whatever pleases him.

8:4 Where the word of a king is, there is power: and who may say to him, What do you?

8:5 Whoever keeps the commandment shall feel no evil thing: and a wise man's heart discerns both time and judgment.

8:6 Because to every purpose there is time and judgment, therefore the misery of man is great on him.

8:7 For he knows not that which shall be: for who can tell him when it shall be?

8:8 There is no man that has power over the spirit to retain the spirit; neither has he power in the day of death: and there is no discharge in that war; neither shall wickedness deliver those that are given to it.

8:9 All this have I seen, and applied my heart to every work that is done under the sun: there is a time in which one man rules over another to his own hurt.

8:10 And so I saw the wicked buried, who had come and gone from the place of the holy, and they were forgotten in the city where they had so done: this is also vanity.

8:11 Because sentence against an evil work is not executed speedily, therefore the heart of the sons of men is fully set in them to do evil.

8:12 Though a sinner do evil a hundred times, and his days be prolonged, yet surely I know that it shall be well with them that fear God, which fear before him:

8:13 But it shall not be well with the wicked, neither shall he prolong his days, which are as a shadow; because he fears not before God.

8:14 There is a vanity which is done on the earth; that there be just men, to whom it happens according to the work of the wicked; again, there be wicked men, to whom it happens according to the work of the righteous: I said that this also is vanity.

8:15 Then I commended mirth, because a man has no better thing under the sun, than to eat, and to drink, and to be merry: for that shall abide with him of his labor the days of his life, which God gives him under the sun.

8:16 When I applied my heart to know wisdom, and to see the business that is done on the earth: (for also there is that neither day nor night sees sleep with his eyes:)

8:17 Then I beheld all the work of God, that a man cannot find out the work that is done under the sun: because though a man labor to seek it out, yet he shall not find it; yes farther; though a wise man think to know it, yet shall he not be able to find it.

## *Ecclesiastes* – Chapter 9

9:1 For all this I considered in my heart even to declare all this, that the righteous, and the wise, and their works, are in the hand of God: no man knows either love or hatred by all that is before them.

9:2 All things come alike to all: there is one event to the righteous, and to the wicked; to the good and to the clean, and to the unclean; to him that sacrifices, and to him that sacrifices not: as is the good, so is the sinner; and he that swears, as he that fears an oath.

9:3 This is an evil among all things that are done under the sun, that there is one event to all: yes, also the heart of the sons of men is full of evil, and madness is in their heart while they live, and after that they go to the dead.

9:4 For to him that is joined to all the living there is hope: for a living dog is better than a dead lion.

9:5 For the living know that they shall die: but the dead know not any thing, neither have they any more a reward; for the memory of them is forgotten.

9:6 Also their love, and their hatred, and their envy, is now perished; neither have they any more a portion forever in any thing that is done under the sun.

9:7 Go your way, eat your bread with joy, and drink your wine with a merry heart; for God now accepts your works.

9:8 Let your garments be always white; and let your head lack no ointment.

9:9 Live joyfully with the wife whom you love all the days of the life of your vanity, which he has given you under the sun, all the days of your vanity: for that is your portion in this life, and in your labor which you take under the sun.

9:10 Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with all your might; for there is no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom, in the grave, where you go.

9:11 I returned, and saw under the sun, that the race is not to the swift, nor the battle to the strong, neither yet bread to the wise, nor yet riches to men of understanding, nor yet favor to men of skill; but time and chance happens to them all.

9:12 For man also knows not his time: as the fishes that are taken in an evil net, and as the birds that are caught in the snare; so are the sons of men snared in an evil time, when it falls suddenly on them.

9:13 This wisdom have I seen also under the sun, and it seemed great to me:

9:14 There was a little city, and few men within it; and there came a great king against it, and besieged it, and built great bulwarks against it:

9:15 Now there was found in it a poor wise man, and he by his wisdom delivered the city; yet no man remembered that same poor man.

9:16 Then said I, Wisdom is better than strength: nevertheless the poor man's wisdom is despised, and his words are not heard.

9:17 The words of wise men are heard in quiet more than the cry of him that rules among fools.

9:18 Wisdom is better than weapons of war: but one sinner destroys much good.

## *Ecclesiastes* – Chapter 10

10:1 Dead flies cause the ointment of the apothecary to send forth a stinking smell: so does a little folly him that is in reputation for wisdom and honor.

10:2 A wise man's heart is at his right hand; but a fool's heart at his left.

10:3 Yes also, when he that is a fool walks by the way, his wisdom fails him, and he said to everyone that he is a fool.

10:4 If the spirit of the ruler rise up against you, leave not your place; for yielding pacifies great offenses.

10:5 There is an evil which I have seen under the sun, as an error which proceeds from the ruler:

10:6 Folly is set in great dignity, and the rich sit in low place.

10:7 I have seen servants on horses, and princes walking as servants on the earth.

10:8 He that digs a pit shall fall into it; and whoever breaks a hedge, a serpent shall bite him.

10:9 Whoever removes stones shall be hurt therewith; and he that splits wood shall be endangered thereby.

10:10 If the iron be blunt, and he do not whet the edge, then must he put to more strength: but wisdom is profitable to direct.

10:11 Surely the serpent will bite without enchantment; and a babbler is no better.

10:12 The words of a wise man's mouth are gracious; but the lips of a fool will swallow up himself.

10:13 The beginning of the words of his mouth is foolishness: and the end of his talk is mischievous madness.

10:14 A fool also is full of words: a man cannot tell what shall be; and what shall be after him, who can tell him?

10:15 The labor of the foolish wearies everyone of them, because he knows not how to go to the city.

10:16 Woe to you, O land, when your king is a child, and your princes eat in the morning!

10:17 Blessed are you, O land, when your king is the son of nobles, and your princes eat in due season, for strength, and not for drunkenness!

10:18 By much slothfulness the building decays; and through idleness of the hands the house drops through.

10:19 A feast is made for laughter, and wine makes merry: but money answers all things.

10:20 Curse not the king, no not in your thought; and curse not the rich in your bedchamber: for a bird of the air shall carry the voice, and that which has wings shall tell the matter.

## ***Ecclesiastes*** – Chapter 11

11:1 Cast your bread on the waters: for you shall find it after many days.

11:2 Give a portion to seven, and also to eight; for you know not what evil shall be on the earth.

11:3 If the clouds be full of rain, they empty themselves on the earth: and if the tree fall toward the south, or toward the north, in the place where the tree falls, there it shall be.

11:4 He that observes the wind shall not sow; and he that regards the clouds shall not reap.

11:5 As you know not what is the way of the spirit, nor how the bones do grow in the womb of her that is with child: even so you know not the works of God who makes all.

11:6 In the morning sow your seed, and in the evening withhold not your hand: for you know not whether shall prosper, either this or that, or whether they both shall be alike good.

11:7 Truly the light is sweet, and a pleasant thing it is for the eyes to behold the sun:

11:8 But if a man live many years, and rejoice in them all; yet let him remember the days of darkness; for they shall be many. All that comes is vanity.

11:9 Rejoice, O young man, in your youth; and let your heart cheer you in the days of your youth, and walk in the ways of your heart, and in the sight of your eyes: but know you, that for all these things God will bring you into judgment.

11:10 Therefore remove sorrow from your heart, and put away evil from your flesh: for childhood and youth are vanity.

## ***Ecclesiastes*** – Chapter 12

12:1 Remember now your Creator in the days of your youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw near, when you shall say, I have no pleasure in them;

12:2 While the sun, or the light, or the moon, or the stars, be not darkened, nor the clouds return after the rain:

12:3 In the day when the keepers of the house shall tremble, and the strong men shall bow themselves, and the grinders cease because they are few, and those that look out of the windows be darkened,

12:4 And the doors shall be shut in the streets, when the sound of the grinding is low, and he shall rise up at the voice of the bird, and all the daughters of music shall be brought low;

12:5 Also when they shall be afraid of that which is high, and fears shall be in the way, and the almond tree shall flourish, and the grasshopper shall be a burden, and desire shall fail: because man goes to his long home, and the mourners go about the streets:

12:6 Or ever the silver cord be loosed, or the golden bowl be broken, or the pitcher be broken at the fountain, or the wheel broken at the cistern.

12:7 Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was: and the spirit shall return to God who gave it.

12:8 Vanity of vanities, said the *Qohelet*; all is vanity.

12:9 And moreover, because the *Qohelet* was wise, he still taught the people knowledge; yes, he gave good heed, and sought out, and set in order many proverbs.

12:10 The *Qohelet* sought to find out acceptable words: and that which was written was upright, even words of truth.

12:11 The words of the wise are as goads, and as nails fastened by the masters of assemblies, which are given from one shepherd.

12:12 And further, by these, my son, be admonished: of making many books there is no end; and much study is a weariness of the flesh.

12:13 Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man.

12:14 For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil.

# *Book of Esther*

*Esther* (Myrtle)

## *Esther* – Chapter 1

1:1 Now it came to pass in the days of Ahasuerus, (this is Ahasuerus which reigned, from India even to Ethiopia, over a hundred and seven and twenty provinces:)

1:2 That in those days, when the king Ahasuerus sat on the throne of his kingdom, which was in Shushan the palace,

1:3 In the third year of his reign, he made a feast to all his princes and his servants; the power of Persia and Media, the nobles and princes of the provinces, being before him:

1:4 When he showed the riches of his glorious kingdom and the honor of his excellent majesty many days, even a hundred and fourscore days.

1:5 And when these days were expired, the king made a feast to all the people that were present in Shushan the palace, both to great and small, seven days, in the court of the garden of the king's palace;

1:6 Where were white, green, and blue, hangings, fastened with cords of fine linen and purple to silver rings and pillars of marble: the beds were of gold and silver, on a pavement of red, and blue, and white, and black, marble.

1:7 And they gave them drink in vessels of gold, (the vessels being diverse one from another,) and royal wine in abundance, according to the state of the king.

1:8 And the drinking was according to the law; none did compel: for so the king had appointed to all the officers of his house, that they should do according to every man's pleasure.

1:9 Also Vashti the queen made a feast for the women in the royal house which belonged to king Ahasuerus.

1:10 On the seventh day, when the heart of the king was merry with wine, he commanded Mehuman, Biztha, Harbona, Bigtha, and Abagtha, Zethar, and Carcas, the seven chamberlains that served in the presence of Ahasuerus the king,

1:11 To bring Vashti the queen before the king with the crown royal, to show the people and the princes her beauty: for she was fair to look on.

1:12 But the queen Vashti refused to come at the king's commandment by his chamberlains: therefore was the king very wroth, and his anger burned in him.

1:13 Then the king said to the wise men, which knew the times, (for so was the king's manner toward all that knew law and judgment:

1:14 And the next to him was Carshena, Shethar, Admatha, Tarshish, Meres, Marsena, and Memucan, the seven princes of Persia and Media, which saw the king's face, and which sat the first in the kingdom;)

1:15 What shall we do to the queen Vashti according to law, because she has not performed the commandment of the king Ahasuerus by the chamberlains?

1:16 And Memucan answered before the king and the princes, Vashti the queen has not done wrong to the king only, but also to all the princes, and to all the people that are in all the provinces of the king Ahasuerus.

1:17 For this deed of the queen shall come abroad to all women, so that they shall despise their husbands in their eyes, when it shall be reported, The king Ahasuerus commanded Vashti the queen to be brought in before him, but she came not.

1:18 Likewise shall the ladies of Persia and Media say this day to all the king's princes, which have heard of the deed of the queen. Thus shall there arise too much contempt and wrath.

1:19 If it please the king, let there go a royal commandment from him, and let it be written among the laws of the Persians and the Medes, that it be not altered, That Vashti come no more before king Ahasuerus; and let the king give her royal estate to another that is better than she.

1:20 And when the king's decree which he shall make shall be published throughout all his empire, (for it is great,) all the wives shall give to their husbands honor, both to great and small.

1:21 And the saying pleased the king and the princes; and the king did according to the word of Memucan:

1:22 For he sent letters into all the king's provinces, into every province according to the writing of it, and to every people after their language, that every man should bear rule in his own house, and that it should be published according to the language of every people.

## ***Esther*** – Chapter 2

2:1 After these things, when the wrath of king Ahasuerus was appeased, he remembered Vashti, and what she had done, and what was decreed against her.

2:2 Then said the king's servants that ministered to him, Let there be fair young virgins sought for the king:

2:3 And let the king appoint officers in all the provinces of his kingdom, that they may gather together all the fair young virgins to Shushan the palace, to the house of the women, to the custody of Hege the king's chamberlain, keeper of the women; and let their things for purification be given them:

2:4 And let the maiden which pleases the king be queen instead of Vashti. And the thing pleased the king; and he did so.

2:5 Now in Shushan the palace there was a certain *Hebrew*, whose name was Mordecai, the son of Jair, the son of Shimei, the son of Kish, a Benjamite;

2:6 Who had been carried away from Jerusalem with the captivity which had been carried away with Jeconiah king of Judah, whom Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon had carried away.

2:7 And he brought up Hadassah, that is, Esther, his uncle's daughter: for she had neither father nor mother, and the maid was fair and beautiful; whom Mordecai, when her father and mother were dead, took for his own daughter.

2:8 So it came to pass, when the king's commandment and his decree was heard, and when many maidens were gathered together to Shushan the palace, to the custody of Hegai, that Esther was brought also to the king's house, to the custody of Hegai, keeper of the women.

2:9 And the maiden pleased him, and she obtained kindness of him; and he speedily gave her her things for purification, with such things as belonged to her, and seven maidens, which were meet to be given her, out of the king's house: and he preferred her and her maids to the best place of the house of the women.

2:10 Esther had not showed her people nor her kindred: for Mordecai had charged her that she should not show it.

2:11 And Mordecai walked every day before the court of the women's house, to know how Esther did, and what should become of her.

2:12 Now when every maid's turn was come to go in to king Ahasuerus, after that she had been twelve months, according to the manner of the women, (for so were the days of their purifications accomplished, to wit, six months with oil of myrrh, and six months with sweet odors, and with other things for the purifying of the women;)

2:13 Then thus came every maiden to the king; whatever she desired was given her to go with her out of the house of the women to the king's house.

2:14 In the evening she went, and on the morrow she returned into the second house of the women, to the custody of Shaashgaz, the king's chamberlain, which kept the concubines: she came in to the king no more, except the king delighted in her, and that she were called by name.

2:15 Now when the turn of Esther, the daughter of Abihail the uncle of Mordecai, who had taken her for his daughter, was come to go in to the king, she required nothing but what Hegai the king's chamberlain, the keeper of the women, appointed. And Esther obtained favor in the sight of all them that looked on her.

2:16 So Esther was taken to king Ahasuerus into his house royal in the tenth month, which is the month Tebeth, in the seventh year of his reign.

2:17 And the king loved Esther above all the women, and she obtained grace and favor in his sight more than all the virgins; so that he set the royal crown on her head, and made her queen instead of Vashti.

2:18 Then the king made a great feast to all his princes and his servants, even Esther's feast; and he made a release to the provinces, and gave gifts, according to the state of the king.

2:19 And when the virgins were gathered together the second time, then Mordecai sat in the king's gate.

2:20 Esther had not yet showed her kindred nor her people; as Mordecai had charged her: for Esther did the commandment of Mordecai, like as when she was brought up with him.

2:21 In those days, while Mordecai sat in the king's gate, two of the king's chamberlains, Bigthan and Teresh, of those which kept the door, were wroth, and sought to lay hands on the king Ahasuerus.

2:22 And the thing was known to Mordecai, who told it to Esther the queen; and Esther certified the king of it in Mordecai's name.

2:23 And when inquisition was made of the matter, it was found out; therefore they were both hanged on a tree: and it was written in the book of the chronicles before the king.

### ***Esther*** – Chapter 3

3:1 After these things did king Ahasuerus promote Haman the son of Hammedatha the Agagite, and advanced him, and set his seat above all the princes that were with him.

3:2 And all the king's servants, that were in the king's gate, bowed, and revered Haman: for the king had so commanded concerning him. But Mordecai bowed not, nor did him reverence.

3:3 Then the king's servants, which were in the king's gate, said to Mordecai, Why transgress you the king's commandment?

3:4 Now it came to pass, when they spoke daily to him, and he listened not to them, that they told Haman, to see whether Mordecai's matters would stand: for he had told them that he was a *Hebrew*.

3:5 And when Haman saw that Mordecai bowed not, nor did him reverence, then was Haman full of wrath.

3:6 And he thought scorn to lay hands on Mordecai alone; for they had showed him the people of Mordecai: why Haman sought to destroy all the *Hebrews* that were throughout the whole kingdom of Ahasuerus, even the people of Mordecai.

3:7 In the first month, that is, the month Nisan, in the twelfth year of king Ahasuerus, they cast Pur, that is, the lot, before Haman from day to day, and from month to month, to the twelfth month, that is, the month Adar.

3:8 And Haman said to king Ahasuerus, There is a certain people scattered abroad and dispersed among the people in all the provinces of your kingdom; and their laws are diverse from all people; neither keep they the king's laws: therefore it is not for the king's profit to suffer them.

3:9 If it please the king, let it be written that they may be destroyed: and I will pay ten thousand talents of silver to the hands of those that have the charge of the business, to bring it into the king's treasuries.

3:10 And the king took his ring from his hand, and gave it to Haman the son of Hammedatha the Agagite, the *Hebrews'* enemy.

3:11 And the king said to Haman, The silver is given to you, the people also, to do with them as it seems good to you.

3:12 Then were the king's scribes called on the thirteenth day of the first month, and there was written according to all that Haman had commanded to the king's lieutenants, and to the governors that were over every province, and to the rulers of every people of every province according to the writing of it, and to every people after their language; in the name of king Ahasuerus was it written, and sealed with the king's ring.

3:13 And the letters were sent by posts into all the king's provinces, to destroy, to kill, and to cause to perish, all *Hebrews*, both young and old, little children and women, in one day, even on the thirteenth day of the twelfth month, which is the month Adar, and to take the spoil of them for a prey.

3:14 The copy of the writing for a commandment to be given in every province was published to all people, that they should be ready against that day.

3:15 The posts went out, being hastened by the king's commandment, and the decree was given in Shushan the palace. And the king and Haman sat down to drink; but the city Shushan was perplexed.

## ***Esther*** – Chapter 4

4:1 When Mordecai perceived all that was done, Mordecai rent his clothes, and put on sackcloth with ashes, and went out into the middle of the city, and cried with a loud and a bitter cry;

4:2 And came even before the king's gate: for none might enter into the king's gate clothed with sackcloth.

4:3 And in every province, wherever the king's commandment and his decree came, there was great mourning among the *Hebrews*, and fasting, and weeping, and wailing; and many lay in sackcloth and ashes.

4:4 So Esther's maids and her chamberlains came and told it her. Then was the queen exceedingly grieved; and she sent raiment to clothe Mordecai, and to take away his sackcloth from him: but he received it not.

4:5 Then called Esther for Hatach, one of the king's chamberlains, whom he had appointed to attend on her, and gave him a commandment to Mordecai, to know what it was, and why it was.

4:6 So Hatach went forth to Mordecai to the street of the city, which was before the king's gate.

4:7 And Mordecai told him of all that had happened to him, and of the sum of the money that Haman had promised to pay to the king's treasuries for the *Hebrews*, to destroy them.

4:8 Also he gave him the copy of the writing of the decree that was given at Shushan to destroy them, to show it to Esther, and to declare it to her, and to charge her that she should go in to the king, to make supplication to him, and to make request before him for her people.

4:9 And Hatach came and told Esther the words of Mordecai.

4:10 Again Esther spoke to Hatach, and gave him commandment to Mordecai;

4:11 All the king's servants, and the people of the king's provinces, do know, that whoever, whether man or women, shall come to the king into the inner court, who is not called, there is one law of his to put him to death, except such to whom the king shall hold out the golden scepter, that he may live: but I have not been called to come in to the king these thirty days.

4:12 And they told to Mordecai Esther's words.

4:13 Then Mordecai commanded to answer Esther, Think not with yourself that you shall escape in the king's house, more than all the *Hebrews*.

4:14 For if you altogether hold your peace at this time, then shall there enlargement and deliverance arise to the *Hebrews* from another place; but you and your father's house shall be destroyed: and who knows whether you are come to the kingdom for such a time as this?

4:15 Then Esther bade them return Mordecai this answer,

4:16 Go, gather together all the *Hebrews* that are present in Shushan, and fast you for me, and neither eat nor drink three days, night or day: I also and my maidens will fast likewise; and so will I go in to the king, which is not according to the law: and if I perish, I perish.

4:17 So Mordecai went his way, and did according to all that Esther had commanded him.

## ***Esther*** – Chapter 5

5:1 Now it came to pass on the third day, that Esther put on her royal apparel, and stood in the inner court of the king's house, over against the king's house: and the king sat on his royal throne in the royal house, over against the gate of the house.

5:2 And it was so, when the king saw Esther the queen standing in the court, that she obtained favor in his sight: and the king held out to Esther the golden scepter that was in his hand. So Esther drew near, and touched the top of the scepter.

5:3 Then said the king to her, What will you, queen Esther? and what is your request? it shall be even given you to the half of the kingdom.

5:4 And Esther answered, If it seem good to the king, let the king and Haman come this day to the banquet that I have prepared for him.

5:5 Then the king said, Cause Haman to make haste, that he may do as Esther has said. So the king and Haman came to the banquet that Esther had prepared.

5:6 And the king said to Esther at the banquet of wine, What is your petition? and it shall be granted you: and what is your request? even to the half of the kingdom it shall be performed.

5:7 Then answered Esther, and said, My petition and my request is;

5:8 If I have found favor in the sight of the king, and if it please the king to grant my petition, and to perform my request, let the king and Haman come to the banquet that I shall prepare for them, and I will do tomorrow as the king has said.

5:9 Then went Haman forth that day joyful and with a glad heart: but when Haman saw Mordecai in the king's gate, that he stood not up, nor moved for him, he was full of indignation against Mordecai.

5:10 Nevertheless Haman refrained himself: and when he came home, he sent and called for his friends, and Zeresh his wife.

5:11 And Haman told them of the glory of his riches, and the multitude of his children, and all the things in which the king had promoted him, and how he had advanced him above the princes and servants of the king.

5:12 Haman said moreover, Yes, Esther the queen did let no man come in with the king to the banquet that she had prepared but myself; and to morrow am I invited to her also with the king.

5:13 Yet all this avails me nothing, so long as I see Mordecai the *Hebrew* sitting at the king's gate.

5:14 Then said Zeresh his wife and all his friends to him, Let a gallows be made of fifty cubits high, and to morrow speak you to the king that Mordecai may be hanged thereon: then go you in merrily with the king to the banquet. And the thing pleased Haman; and he caused the gallows to be made.

## ***Esther*** – Chapter 6

6:1 On that night could not the king sleep, and he commanded to bring the book of records of the chronicles; and they were read before the king.

6:2 And it was found written, that Mordecai had told of Bigthana and Teresh, two of the king's chamberlains, the keepers of the door, who sought to lay hand on the king Ahasuerus.

6:3 And the king said, What honor and dignity has been done to Mordecai for this? Then said the king's servants that ministered to him, There is nothing done for him.

6:4 And the king said, Who is in the court? Now Haman was come into the outward court of the king's house, to speak to the king to hang Mordecai on the gallows that he had prepared for him.

6:5 And the king's servants said to him, Behold, Haman stands in the court. And the king said, Let him come in.

6:6 So Haman came in. And the king said to him, What shall be done to the man whom the king delights to honor? Now Haman thought in his heart, To whom would the king delight to do honor more than to myself?

6:7 And Haman answered the king, For the man whom the king delights to honor,

6:8 Let the royal apparel be brought which the king uses to wear, and the horse that the king rides on, and the crown royal which is set on his head:

6:9 And let this apparel and horse be delivered to the hand of one of the king's most noble princes, that they may array the man with whom the king delights to honor, and bring him on horseback through the street of the city, and proclaim before him, Thus shall it be done to the man whom the king delights to honor.

6:10 Then the king said to Haman, Make haste, and take the apparel and the horse, as you have said, and do even so to Mordecai the *Hebrew*, that sits at the king's gate: let nothing fail of all that you have spoken.

6:11 Then took Haman the apparel and the horse, and arrayed Mordecai, and brought him on horseback through the street of the city, and proclaimed before him, Thus shall it be done to the man whom the king delights to honor.

6:12 And Mordecai came again to the king's gate. But Haman hurried to his house mourning, and having his head covered.

6:13 And Haman told Zeresh his wife and all his friends every thing that had befallen him. Then said his wise men and Zeresh his wife to him, If Mordecai be of the seed of the *Hebrews*, before whom you have begun to fall, you shall not prevail against him, but shall surely fall before him.

6:14 And while they were yet talking with him, came the king's chamberlains, and hurried to bring Haman to the banquet that Esther had prepared.

## ***Esther*** – Chapter 7

7:1 So the king and Haman came to banquet with Esther the queen.

7:2 And the king said again to Esther on the second day at the banquet of wine, What is your petition, queen Esther? and it shall be granted you: and what is your request? and it shall be performed, even to the half of the kingdom.

7:3 Then Esther the queen answered and said, If I have found favor in your sight, O king, and if it please the king, let my life be given me at my petition, and my people at my request:

7:4 For we are sold, I and my people, to be destroyed, to be slain, and to perish. But if we had been sold for slaves and bondwomen, I had held my tongue, although the enemy could not countervail the king's damage.

7:5 Then the king Ahasuerus answered and said to Esther the queen, Who is he, and where is he, that dared presume in his heart to do so?

7:6 And Esther said, The adversary and enemy is this wicked Haman. Then Haman was afraid before the king and the queen.

7:7 And the king arising from the banquet of wine in his wrath went into the palace garden: and Haman stood up to make request for his life to Esther the queen; for he saw that there was evil determined against him by the king.

7:8 Then the king returned out of the palace garden into the place of the banquet of wine; and Haman was fallen on the bed where on Esther was. Then said the king, Will he force the queen also before me in the house? As the word went out of king's mouth, they covered Haman's face.

7:9 And Harbonah, one of the chamberlains, said before the king, Behold also, the gallows fifty cubits high, which Haman had made for Mordecai, who spoken good for the king, stands in the house of Haman. Then the king said, Hang him thereon.

7:10 So they hanged Haman on the gallows that he had prepared for Mordecai. Then was the king's wrath pacified.

## *Esther* – Chapter 8

8:1 On that day did the king Ahasuerus give the house of Haman the *Hebrews'* enemy to Esther the queen. And Mordecai came before the king; for Esther had told what he was to her.

8:2 And the king took off his ring, which he had taken from Haman, and gave it to Mordecai. And Esther set Mordecai over the house of Haman.

8:3 And Esther spoke yet again before the king, and fell down at his feet, and sought him with tears to put away the mischief of Haman the Agagite, and his device that he had devised against the *Hebrews*.

8:4 Then the king held out the golden scepter toward Esther. So Esther arose, and stood before the king,

8:5 And said, If it please the king, and if I have favor in his sight, and the thing seem right before the king, and I be pleasing in his eyes, let it be written to reverse the letters devised by Haman the son of Hammedatha the Agagite, which he wrote to destroy the *Hebrews* which are in all the king's provinces:

8:6 For how can I endure to see the evil that shall come to my people? or how can I endure to see the destruction of my kindred?

8:7 Then the king Ahasuerus said to Esther the queen and to Mordecai the *Hebrew*, Behold, I have given Esther the house of Haman, and him they have hanged on the gallows, because he laid his hand on the *Hebrews*.

8:8 Write you also for the *Hebrews*, as it likes you, in the king's name, and seal it with the king's ring: for the writing which is written in the king's name, and sealed with the king's ring, may no man reverse.

8:9 Then were the king's scribes called at that time in the third month, that is, the month Sivan, on the three and twentieth day of it; and it was written according to all that Mordecai commanded to the *Hebrews*, and to the lieutenants, and the deputies and rulers of the provinces which are from India to Ethiopia, a hundred twenty and seven provinces, to every province according to the writing of it, and to every people after their language, and to the *Hebrews* according to their writing, and according to their language.

8:10 And he wrote in the king Ahasuerus' name, and sealed it with the king's ring, and sent letters by posts on horseback, and riders on mules, camels, and young dromedaries:

8:11 In which the king granted the *Hebrews* which were in every city to gather themselves together, and to stand for their life, to destroy, to slay and to cause to perish, all the power of the people and province that would assault them, both little ones and women, and to take the spoil of them for a prey,

8:12 On one day in all the provinces of king Ahasuerus, namely, on the thirteenth day of the twelfth month, which is the month Adar.

8:13 The copy of the writing for a commandment to be given in every province was published to all people, and that the *Hebrews* should be ready against that day to avenge themselves on their enemies.

8:14 So the posts that rode on mules and camels went out, being hastened and pressed on by the king's commandment. And the decree was given at Shushan the palace.

8:15 And Mordecai went out from the presence of the king in royal apparel of blue and white, and with a great crown of gold, and with a garment of fine linen and purple: and the city of Shushan rejoiced and was glad.

8:16 The *Hebrews* had light, and gladness, and joy, and honor.

8:17 And in every province, and in every city, wherever the king's commandment and his decree came, the *Hebrews* had joy and gladness, a feast and a good day. And many of the people of the land became *Hebrews*; for the fear of the *Hebrews* fell on them.

## ***Esther*** – Chapter 9

9:1 Now in the twelfth month, that is, the month Adar, on the thirteenth day of the same, when the king's commandment and his decree drew near to be put in execution, in the day that the enemies of the *Hebrews* hoped to have power over them, (though it was turned to the contrary, that the *Hebrews* had rule over them that hated them;)

9:2 The *Hebrews* gathered themselves together in their cities throughout all the provinces of the king Ahasuerus, to lay hand on such as sought their hurt: and no man could withstand them; for the fear of them fell on all people.

9:3 And all the rulers of the provinces, and the lieutenants, and the deputies, and officers of the king, helped the *Hebrews*; because the fear of Mordecai fell on them.

9:4 For Mordecai was great in the king's house, and his fame went out throughout all the provinces: for this man Mordecai waxed greater and greater.

9:5 Thus the *Hebrews* smote all their enemies with the stroke of the sword, and slaughter, and destruction, and did what they would to those that hated them.

9:6 And in Shushan the palace the *Hebrews* slew and destroyed five hundred men.

9:7 And Parshandatha, and Dalphon, and Aspatha,

9:8 And Poratha, and Adalia, and Aridatha,

9:9 And Parmashta, and Arisai, and Aridai, and Vajezatha,

9:10 The ten sons of Haman the son of Hammedatha, the enemy of the *Hebrews*, slew they; but on the spoil laid they not their hand.

9:11 On that day the number of those that were slain in Shushan the palace was brought before the king.

9:12 And the king said to Esther the queen, The *Hebrews* have slain and destroyed five hundred men in Shushan the palace, and the ten sons of Haman; what have they done in the rest of the king's provinces? now what is your petition? and it shall be granted you: or what is your request further? and it shall be done.

9:13 Then said Esther, If it please the king, let it be granted to the *Hebrews* which are in Shushan to do to morrow also according to this day's decree, and let Haman's ten sons be hanged on the gallows.

9:14 And the king commanded it so to be done: and the decree was given at Shushan; and they hanged Haman's ten sons.

9:15 For the *Hebrews* that were in Shushan gathered themselves together on the fourteenth day also of the month Adar, and slew three hundred men at Shushan; but on the prey they laid not their hand.

9:16 But the other *Hebrews* that were in the king's provinces gathered themselves together, and stood for their lives, and had rest from their enemies, and slew of their foes seventy and five thousand, but they laid not their hands on the prey,

9:17 On the thirteenth day of the month Adar; and on the fourteenth day of the same rested they, and made it a day of feasting and gladness.

9:18 But the *Hebrews* that were at Shushan assembled together on the thirteenth day of it, and on the fourteenth of it; and on the fifteenth day of the same they rested, and made it a day of feasting and gladness.

9:19 Therefore the *Hebrews* of the villages, that dwelled in the unwalled towns, made the fourteenth day of the month Adar a day of gladness and feasting, and a good day, and of sending portions one to another.

9:20 And Mordecai wrote these things, and sent letters to all the *Hebrews* that were in all the provinces of the king Ahasuerus, both near and far,

9:21 To establish this among them, that they should keep the fourteenth day of the month Adar, and the fifteenth day of the same, yearly,

9:22 As the days in which the *Hebrews* rested from their enemies, and the month which was turned to them from sorrow to joy, and from mourning into a good day: that they should make them days of feasting and joy, and of sending portions one to another, and gifts to the poor.

9:23 And the *Hebrews* undertook to do as they had begun, and as Mordecai had written to them;

9:24 Because Haman the son of Hammedatha, the Agagite, the enemy of all the *Hebrews*, had devised against the *Hebrews* to destroy them, and had cast Pur, that is, the lot, to consume them, and to destroy them;

9:25 But when Esther came before the king, he commanded by letters that his wicked device, which he devised against the *Hebrews*, should return on his own head, and that he and his sons should be hanged on the gallows.

9:26 Why they called these days Purim after the name of Pur. Therefore for all the words of this letter, and of that which they had seen concerning this matter, and which had come to them,

9:27 The *Hebrews* ordained, and took on them, and on their seed, and on all such as joined themselves to them, so as it should not fail, that they would keep these two days according to their writing, and according to their appointed time every year;

9:28 And that these days should be remembered and kept throughout every generation, every family, every province, and every city; and that these days of Purim should not fail from among the *Hebrews*, nor the memorial of them perish from their seed.

9:29 Then Esther the queen, the daughter of Abihail, and Mordecai the *Hebrew*, wrote with all authority, to confirm this second letter of Purim.

9:30 And he sent the letters to all the *Hebrews*, to the hundred twenty and seven provinces of the kingdom of Ahasuerus, with words of peace and truth,

9:31 To confirm these days of Purim in their times appointed, according as Mordecai the Hebrew and Esther the queen had enjoined them, and as they had decreed for themselves and for their seed, the matters of the fastings and their cry.

9:32 And the decree of Esther confirmed these matters of Purim; and it was written in the book.

## ***Esther*** – Chapter 10

10:1 And the king Ahasuerus laid a tribute on the land, and on the isles of the sea.

10:2 And all the acts of his power and of his might, and the declaration of the greatness of Mordecai, whereunto the king advanced him, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Media and Persia?

10:3 For Mordecai the *Hebrew* was next to king Ahasuerus, and great among the *Hebrews*, and accepted of the multitude of his brothers, seeking the wealth of his people, and speaking peace to all his seed.

# *Book of Daniel*

*Daniyel* (Yehovah is Judge)

## *Daniel* – Chapter 1

1:1 In the third year of the reign of Jehoiakim king of Judah came Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon to Jerusalem, and besieged it.

1:2 And *Yehovah* gave Jehoiakim king of Judah into his hand, with part of the vessels of the house of God: which he carried into the land of Shinar to the house of his god; and he brought the vessels into the treasure house of his god.

1:3 And the king spoke to Ashpenaz the master of his eunuchs, that he should bring certain of the children of Israel, and of the king's seed, and of the princes;

1:4 Children in whom was no blemish, but well favored, and skillful in all wisdom, and cunning in knowledge, and understanding science, and such as had ability in them to stand in the king's palace, and whom they might teach the learning and the tongue of the Chaldeans.

1:5 And the king appointed them a daily provision of the king's meat, and of the wine which he drank: so nourishing them three years, that at the end of it they might stand before the king.

1:6 Now among these were of the children of Judah, Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah:

1:7 To whom the prince of the eunuchs gave names: for he gave to Daniel the name of Belteshazzar; and to Hananiah, of Shadrach; and to Mishael, of Meshach; and to Azariah, of Abednego.

1:8 But Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the portion of the king's meat, nor with the wine which he drank: therefore he requested of the prince of the eunuchs that he might not defile himself.

1:9 Now God had brought Daniel into favor and tender love with the prince of the eunuchs.

1:10 And the prince of the eunuchs said to Daniel, I fear my lord the king, who has appointed your meat and your drink: for why should he see your faces worse liking than the children which are of your sort? then shall you make me endanger my head to the king.

1:11 Then said Daniel to Melzar, whom the prince of the eunuchs had set over Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah,

1:12 Prove your servants, I beseech you, ten days; and let them give us vegetables to eat, and water to drink.

1:13 Then let our countenances be looked on before you, and the countenance of the children that eat of the portion of the king's meat: and as you see, deal with your servants.

1:14 So he consented to them in this matter, and proved them ten days.

1:15 And at the end of ten days their countenances appeared fairer and fatter in flesh than all the children which did eat the portion of the king's meat.

1:16 Thus Melzar took away the portion of their meat, and the wine that they should drink; and gave them vegetables.

1:17 As for these four children, God gave them knowledge and skill in all learning and wisdom: and Daniel had understanding in all visions and dreams.

1:18 Now at the end of the days that the king had said he should bring them in, then the prince of the eunuchs brought them in before Nebuchadnezzar.

1:19 And the king communed with them; and among them all was found none like Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah: therefore stood they before the king.

1:20 And in all matters of wisdom and understanding, that the king inquired of them, he found them ten times better than all the magicians and astrologers that were in all his realm.

1:21 And Daniel continued even to the first year of King Cyrus.

## ***Daniel*** – Chapter 2

2:1 And in the second year of the reign of Nebuchadnezzar, Nebuchadnezzar dreamed dreams, with which his spirit was troubled, and his sleep broke from him.

2:2 Then the king commanded to call the magicians, and the astrologers, and the sorcerers, and the Chaldeans, for to show the king his dreams. So they came and stood before the king.

2:3 And the king said to them, I have dreamed a dream, and my spirit was troubled to know the dream.

2:4 Then spoke the Chaldeans to the king in Syriack, O king, live forever: tell your servants the dream, and we will show the interpretation.

2:5 The king answered and said to the Chaldeans, The thing is gone from me: if you will not make known to me the dream, with the interpretation of it, you shall be cut in pieces, and your houses shall be made a dunghill.

2:6 But if you show the dream, and the interpretation of it, you shall receive of me gifts and rewards and great honor: therefore show me the dream, and the interpretation of it.

2:7 They answered again and said, Let the king tell his servants the dream, and we will show the interpretation of it.

2:8 The king answered and said, I know of certainty that you would gain the time, because you see the thing is gone from me.

2:9 But if you will not make known to me the dream, there is but one decree for you: for you have prepared lying and corrupt words to speak before me, till the time be changed: therefore tell me the dream, and I shall know that you can show me the interpretation of it.

2:10 The Chaldeans answered before the king, and said, There is not a man on the earth that can show the king's matter: therefore there is no king, lord, nor ruler, that asked such things at any magician, or astrologer, or Chaldean.

2:11 And it is a rare thing that the king requires, and there is none other that can show it before the king, except the gods, whose dwelling is not with flesh.

2:12 For this cause the king was angry and very furious, and commanded to destroy all the wise men of Babylon.

2:13 And the decree went forth that the wise men should be slain; and they sought Daniel and his fellows to be slain.

2:14 Then Daniel answered with counsel and wisdom to Arioch the captain of the king's guard, which was gone forth to slay the wise men of Babylon:

2:15 He answered and said to Arioch the king's captain, Why is the decree so hasty from the king? Then Arioch made the thing known to Daniel.

2:16 Then Daniel went in, and desired of the king that he would give him time, and that he would show the king the interpretation.

2:17 Then Daniel went to his house, and made the thing known to Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah, his companions:

2:18 That they would desire mercies of the God of heaven concerning this secret; that Daniel and his fellows should not perish with the rest of the wise men of Babylon.

2:19 Then was the secret revealed to Daniel in a night vision. Then Daniel blessed the God of heaven.

2:20 Daniel answered and said, Blessed be the name of God forever and ever: for wisdom and might are his:

2:21 And he changes the times and the seasons: he removes kings, and sets up kings: he gives wisdom to the wise, and knowledge to them that know understanding:

2:22 He reveals the deep and secret things: he knows what is in the darkness, and the light dwells with him.

2:23 I thank you, and praise you, O you God of my fathers, who have given me wisdom and might, and have made known to me now what we desired of you: for you have now made known to us the king's matter.

2:24 Therefore Daniel went in to Arioch, whom the king had ordained to destroy the wise men of Babylon: he went and said thus to him; destroy not

the wise men of Babylon: bring me in before the king, and I will show to the king the interpretation.

2:25 Then Arioch brought in Daniel before the king in haste, and said thus to him, I have found a man of the captives of Judah, that will make known to the king the interpretation.

2:26 The king answered and said to Daniel, whose name was Belteshazzar, Are you able to make known to me the dream which I have seen, and the interpretation of it?

2:27 Daniel answered in the presence of the king, and said, The secret which the king has demanded cannot the wise men, the astrologers, the magicians, the soothsayers, show to the king;

2:28 But there is a God in heaven that reveals secrets, and makes known to the king Nebuchadnezzar what shall be in the latter days. Your dream, and the visions of your head on your bed, are these;

2:29 As for you, O king, your thoughts came into your mind on your bed, what should come to pass hereafter: and he that reveals secrets makes known to you what shall come to pass.

2:30 But as for me, this secret is not revealed to me for any wisdom that I have more than any living, but for their sakes that shall make known the interpretation to the king, and that you might know the thoughts of your heart.

2:31 You, O king, saw, and behold a great image. This great image, whose brightness was excellent, stood before you; and the form of it was terrible.

2:32 This image's head was of fine gold, his breast and his arms of silver, his belly and his thighs of brass,

2:33 His legs of iron, his feet part of iron and part of clay.

2:34 You saw till that a stone was cut out without hands, which smote the image on his feet that were of iron and clay, and broke them to pieces.

2:35 Then was the iron, the clay, the brass, the silver, and the gold, broken to pieces together, and became like the chaff of the summer threshing floors; and the wind carried them away, that no place was found for them: and the stone that smote the image became a great mountain, and filled the whole earth.

2:36 This is the dream; and we will tell the interpretation of it before the king.

2:37 You, O king, are a king of kings: for the God of heaven has given you a kingdom, power, and strength, and glory.

2:38 And wherever the children of men dwell, the beasts of the field and the fowls of the heaven has he given into your hand, and has made you ruler over them all. You are this head of gold.

2:39 And after you shall arise another kingdom inferior to you, and another third kingdom of brass, which shall bear rule over all the earth.

2:40 And the fourth kingdom shall be strong as iron: for as much as iron breaks in pieces and subdues all things: and as iron that breaks all these, shall it break in pieces and bruise.

2:41 And whereas you saw the feet and toes, part of potters' clay, and part of iron, the kingdom shall be divided; but there shall be in it of the strength of the iron, for as much as you saw the iron mixed with miry clay.

2:42 And as the toes of the feet were part of iron, and part of clay, so the kingdom shall be partly strong, and partly broken.

2:43 And whereas you saw iron mixed with miry clay, they shall mingle themselves with the seed of men: but they shall not join one to another, even as iron is not mixed with clay.

2:44 And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand forever.

2:45 For as much as you saw that the stone was cut out of the mountain without hands, and that it broke in pieces the iron, the brass, the clay, the silver, and the gold; the great God has made known to the king what shall come to pass hereafter: and the dream is certain, and the interpretation of it sure.

2:46 Then the king Nebuchadnezzar fell on his face, and worshipped Daniel, and commanded that they should offer an oblation and sweet odors to him.

2:47 The king answered to Daniel, and said, Of a truth it is, that your God is a God of gods, and a Lord of kings, and a revealer of secrets, seeing you could reveal this secret.

2:48 Then the king made Daniel a great man, and gave him many great gifts, and made him ruler over the whole province of Babylon, and chief of the governors over all the wise men of Babylon.

2:49 Then Daniel requested of the king, and he set Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, over the affairs of the province of Babylon: but Daniel sat in the gate of the king.

### ***Daniel*** – Chapter 3

3:1 Nebuchadnezzar the king made an image of gold, whose height was three score cubits, and the breadth of it six cubits: he set it up in the plain of Dura, in the province of Babylon.

3:2 Then Nebuchadnezzar the king sent to gather together the princes, the governors, and the captains, the judges, the treasurers, the counsellors, the sheriffs, and all the rulers of the provinces, to come to the dedication of the image which Nebuchadnezzar the king had set up.

3:3 Then the princes, the governors, and captains, the judges, the treasurers, the counsellors, the sheriffs, and all the rulers of the provinces, were gathered together to the dedication of the image that Nebuchadnezzar the king had set up; and they stood before the image that Nebuchadnezzar had set up.

3:4 Then a herald cried aloud, To you it is commanded, O people, nations, and languages,

3:5 That at what time you hear the sound of the cornet, flute, harp, sackbut, psaltery, dulcimer, and all kinds of music, you fall down and worship the golden image that Nebuchadnezzar the king has set up:

3:6 And whoever falls not down and worships shall the same hour be cast into the middle of a burning fiery furnace.

3:7 Therefore at that time, when all the people heard the sound of the cornet, flute, harp, sackbut, psaltery, and all kinds of music, all the people, the nations, and the languages, fell down and worshipped the golden image that Nebuchadnezzar the king had set up.

3:8 Why at that time certain Chaldeans came near, and accused the *Hebrews*.

3:9 They spoke and said to the king Nebuchadnezzar, O king, live forever.

3:10 You, O king, have made a decree, that every man that shall hear the sound of the cornet, flute, harp, sackbut, psaltery, and dulcimer, and all kinds of music, shall fall down and worship the golden image:

3:11 And whoever falls not down and worships, that he should be cast into the middle of a burning fiery furnace.

3:12 There are certain *Hebrews* whom you have set over the affairs of the province of Babylon, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego; these men, O king, have not regarded you: they serve not your gods, nor worship the golden image which you have set up.

3:13 Then Nebuchadnezzar in his rage and fury commanded to bring Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. Then they brought these men before the king.

3:14 Nebuchadnezzar spoke and said to them, Is it true, O Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, do not you serve my gods, nor worship the golden image which I have set up?

3:15 Now if you be ready that at what time you hear the sound of the cornet, flute, harp, sackbut, psaltery, and dulcimer, and all kinds of music, you fall down and worship the image which I have made; well: but if you worship not, you shall be cast the same hour into the middle of a burning fiery furnace; and who is that God that shall deliver you out of my hands?

3:16 Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, answered and said to the king, O Nebuchadnezzar, we are not careful to answer you in this matter.

3:17 If it be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver us out of your hand, O king.

3:18 But if not, be it known to you, O king, that we will not serve your gods, nor worship the golden image which you have set up.

3:19 Then was Nebuchadnezzar full of fury, and the form of his visage was changed against Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego: therefore he spoke, and commanded that they should heat the furnace one seven times more than it was wont to be heated.

3:20 And he commanded the most mighty men that were in his army to bind Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, and to cast them into the burning fiery furnace.

3:21 Then these men were bound in their coats, their hosen, and their hats, and their other garments, and were cast into the middle of the burning fiery furnace.

3:22 Therefore because the king's commandment was urgent, and the furnace exceeding hot, the flames of the fire slew those men that took up Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego.

3:23 And these three men, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, fell down bound into the middle of the burning fiery furnace.

3:24 Then Nebuchadnezzar the king was astonished, and rose up in haste, and spoke, and said to his counsellors, Did not we cast three men bound into the middle of the fire? They answered and said to the king, True, O king.

3:25 He answered and said, See, I see four men loose, walking in the middle of the fire, and they have no hurt; and the form of the fourth is like the Son of God.

3:26 Then Nebuchadnezzar came near to the mouth of the burning fiery furnace, and spoke, and said, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, you servants of the most high God, come forth, and come here. Then Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, came forth of the middle of the fire.

3:27 And the princes, governors, and captains, and the king's counsellors, being gathered together, saw these men, on whose bodies the fire had no power, nor was a hair of their head singed, neither were their coats changed, nor the smell of fire had passed on them.

3:28 Then Nebuchadnezzar spoke, and said, Blessed be the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, who has sent his angel, and delivered his servants that trusted in him, and have changed the king's word, and yielded their bodies, that they might not serve nor worship any god, except their own God.

3:29 Therefore I make a decree, That every people, nation, and language, which speak anything amiss against the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, shall be cut in pieces, and their houses shall be made a dunghill: because there is no other God that can deliver after this sort.

3:30 Then the king promoted Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, in the province of Babylon.

## ***Daniel*** – Chapter 4

4:1 Nebuchadnezzar the king, to all people, nations, and languages, that dwell in all the earth; Peace be multiplied to you.

4:2 I thought it good to show the signs and wonders that the high God has worked toward me.

4:3 How great are his signs! and how mighty are his wonders! his kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and his dominion is from generation to generation.

4:4 I Nebuchadnezzar was at rest in my house, and flourishing in my palace:

4:5 I saw a dream which made me afraid, and the thoughts on my bed and the visions of my head troubled me.

4:6 Therefore made I a decree to bring in all the wise men of Babylon before me, that they might make known to me the interpretation of the dream.

4:7 Then came in the magicians, the astrologers, the Chaldeans, and the soothsayers: and I told the dream before them; but they did not make known to me the interpretation of it.

4:8 But at the last Daniel came in before me, whose name was Belteshazzar, according to the name of my God, and in whom is the spirit of the holy gods: and before him I told the dream, saying,

4:9 O Belteshazzar, master of the magicians, because I know that the spirit of the holy gods is in you, and no secret troubles you, tell me the visions of my dream that I have seen, and the interpretation of it.

4:10 Thus were the visions of my head in my bed; I saw, and behold a tree in the middle of the earth, and the height of it was great.

4:11 The tree grew, and was strong, and the height of it reached to heaven, and the sight of it to the end of all the earth:

4:12 The leaves of it were fair, and the fruit of it much, and in it was meat for all: the beasts of the field had shadow under it, and the fowls of the heaven dwelled in the boughs of it, and all flesh was fed of it.

4:13 I saw in the visions of my head on my bed, and, behold, a watcher and a holy one came down from heaven;

4:14 He cried aloud, and said thus, Hew down the tree, and cut off his branches, shake off his leaves, and scatter his fruit: let the beasts get away from under it, and the fowls from his branches:

4:15 Never the less leave the stump of his roots in the earth, even with a band of iron and brass, in the tender grass of the field; and let it be wet with the dew of heaven, and let his portion be with the beasts in the grass of the earth:

4:16 Let his heart be changed from man's, and let a beast's heart be given to him; and let seven times pass over him.

4:17 This matter is by the decree of the watchers, and the demand by the word of the holy ones: to the intent that the living may know that the most High rules in the kingdom of men, and gives it to whomsoever he will, and sets up over it the basest of men.

4:18 This dream I king Nebuchadnezzar have seen. Now you, O Belteshazzar, declare the interpretation of it, for as much as all the wise men of my kingdom are not able to make known to me the interpretation: but you are able; for the spirit of the holy gods is in you.

4:19 Then Daniel, whose name was Belteshazzar, was astonished for one hour, and his thoughts troubled him. The king spoke, and said, Belteshazzar, let not the dream, or the interpretation of it, trouble you. Belteshazzar answered and said, My lord, the dream be to them that hate you, and the interpretation of it to your enemies.

4:20 The tree that you saw, which grew, and was strong, whose height reached to the heaven, and the sight of it to all the earth;

4:21 Whose leaves were fair, and the fruit of it much, and in it was meat for all; under which the beasts of the field dwelled, and on whose branches the fowls of the heaven had their habitation:

4:22 It is you, O king, that are grown and become strong: for your greatness is grown, and reaches to heaven, and your dominion to the end of the earth.

4:23 And whereas the king saw a watcher and a holy one coming down from heaven, and saying, Hew the tree down, and destroy it; yet leave the stump of the roots of it in the earth, even with a band of iron and brass, in the tender grass of the field; and let it be wet with the dew of heaven, and let his portion be with the beasts of the field, till seven times pass over him;

4:24 This is the interpretation, O king, and this is the decree of the most High, which is come on my lord the king:

4:25 That they shall drive you from men, and your dwelling shall be with the beasts of the field, and they shall make you to eat grass as oxen, and they shall wet you with the dew of heaven, and seven times shall pass over you, till you know that the most High rules in the kingdom of men, and gives it to whomsoever he will.

4:26 And whereas they commanded to leave the stump of the tree roots; your kingdom shall be sure to you, after that you shall have known that the heavens do rule.

4:27 Why, O king, let my counsel be acceptable to you, and break off your sins by righteousness, and your iniquities by showing mercy to the poor; if it may be a lengthening of your tranquility.

4:28 All this came on the king Nebuchadnezzar.

4:29 At the end of twelve months he walked in the palace of the kingdom of Babylon.

4:30 The king spoke, and said, Is not this great Babylon, that I have built for the house of the kingdom by the might of my power, and for the honor of my majesty?

4:31 While the word was in the king's mouth, there fell a voice from heaven, saying, O king Nebuchadnezzar, to you it is spoken; The kingdom is departed from you.

4:32 And they shall drive you from men, and your dwelling shall be with the beasts of the field: they shall make you to eat grass as oxen, and seven times shall pass over you, until you know that the most High rules in the kingdom of men, and gives it to whomsoever he will.

4:33 The same hour was the thing fulfilled on Nebuchadnezzar: and he was driven from men, and did eat grass as oxen, and his body was wet with the dew of heaven, till his hairs were grown like eagles' feathers, and his nails like birds' claws.

4:34 And at the end of the days I Nebuchadnezzar lifted up my eyes to heaven, and my understanding returned to me, and I blessed the most High, and I praised and honored him that lives forever, whose dominion is an everlasting dominion, and his kingdom is from generation to generation:

4:35 And all the inhabitants of the earth are reputed as nothing: and he does according to his will in the army of heaven, and among the inhabitants of the earth: and none can stay his hand, or say to him, What do you?

4:36 At the same time my reason returned to me; and for the glory of my kingdom, my honor and brightness returned to me; and my counsellors and my lords sought to me; and I was established in my kingdom, and excellent majesty was added to me.

4:37 Now I Nebuchadnezzar praise and extol and honor the King of heaven, all whose works are truth, and his ways judgment: and those that walk in pride he is able to abase.

## *Daniel* – Chapter 5

5:1 Belshazzar the king made a great feast to a thousand of his lords, and drank wine before the thousand.

5:2 Belshazzar, whiles he tasted the wine, commanded to bring the golden and silver vessels which his father Nebuchadnezzar had taken out of the temple which was in Jerusalem; that the king, and his princes, his wives, and his concubines, might drink therein.

5:3 Then they brought the golden vessels that were taken out of the temple of the house of God which was at Jerusalem; and the king, and his princes, his wives, and his concubines, drank in them.

5:4 They drank wine, and praised the gods of gold, and of silver, of brass, of iron, of wood, and of stone.

5:5 In the same hour came forth fingers of a man's hand, and wrote over against the candlestick on the plaster of the wall of the king's palace: and the king saw the part of the hand that wrote.

5:6 Then the king's countenance was changed, and his thoughts troubled him, so that the joints of his loins were loosed, and his knees smote one against another.

5:7 The king cried aloud to bring in the astrologers, the Chaldeans, and the soothsayers. And the king spoke, and said to the wise men of Babylon, Whoever shall read this writing, and show me the interpretation of it, shall be clothed with scarlet, and have a chain of gold about his neck, and shall be the third ruler in the kingdom.

5:8 Then came in all the king's wise men: but they could not read the writing, nor make known to the king the interpretation of it.

5:9 Then was king Belshazzar greatly troubled, and his countenance was changed in him, and his lords were astonished.

5:10 Now the queen by reason of the words of the king and his lords came into the banquet house: and the queen spoke and said, O king, live forever: let not your thoughts trouble you, nor let your countenance be changed:

5:11 There is a man in your kingdom, in whom is the spirit of the holy gods; and in the days of your father light and understanding and wisdom, like the wisdom of the gods, was found in him; whom the king Nebuchadnezzar your father, the king, I say, your father, made master of the magicians, astrologers, Chaldeans, and soothsayers;

5:12 For as much as an excellent spirit, and knowledge, and understanding, interpreting of dreams, and showing of hard sentences, and dissolving of doubts, were found in the same Daniel, whom the king named Belteshazzar: now let Daniel be called, and he will show the interpretation.

5:13 Then was Daniel brought in before the king. And the king spoke and said to Daniel, Are you that Daniel, which are of the children of the captivity of Judah, whom the king my father brought out of Judah?

5:14 I have even heard of you, that the spirit of the gods is in you, and that light and understanding and excellent wisdom is found in you.

5:15 And now the wise men, the astrologers, have been brought in before me, that they should read this writing, and make known to me the interpretation of it: but they could not show the interpretation of the thing:

5:16 And I have heard of you, that you can make interpretations, and dissolve doubts: now if you can read the writing, and make known to me the interpretation of it, you shall be clothed with scarlet, and have a chain of gold about your neck, and shall be the third ruler in the kingdom.

5:17 Then Daniel answered and said before the king, Let your gifts be to yourself, and give your rewards to another; yet I will read the writing to the king, and make known to him the interpretation.

5:18 O you king, the most high God gave Nebuchadnezzar your father a kingdom, and majesty, and glory, and honor:

5:19 And for the majesty that he gave him, all people, nations, and languages, trembled and feared before him: whom he would he slew; and whom he would he kept alive; and whom he would he set up; and whom he would he put down.

5:20 But when his heart was lifted up, and his mind hardened in pride, he was deposed from his kingly throne, and they took his glory from him:

5:21 And he was driven from the sons of men; and his heart was made like the beasts, and his dwelling was with the wild asses: they fed him with grass like oxen, and his body was wet with the dew of heaven; till he knew that the most high God ruled in the kingdom of men, and that he appoints over it whomsoever he will.

5:22 And you his son, O Belshazzar, have not humbled your heart, though you knew all this;

5:23 But have lifted up yourself against *Yehovah* of heaven; and they have brought the vessels of his house before you, and you, and your lords, your wives, and your concubines, have drunk wine in them; and you have praised the gods of silver, and gold, of brass, iron, wood, and stone, which see not, nor hear, nor know: and the God in whose hand your breath is, and whose are all your ways, have you not glorified:

5:24 Then was the part of the hand sent from him; and this writing was written.

5:25 And this is the writing that was written, MENE, MENE, TEKEL, UPHARSIN.

5:26 This is the interpretation of the thing: MENE; God has numbered your kingdom, and finished it.

5:27 TEKEL; You are weighed in the balances, and are found wanting.

5:28 PERES; Your kingdom is divided, and given to the Medes and Persians.

5:29 Then commanded Belshazzar, and they clothed Daniel with scarlet, and put a chain of gold about his neck, and made a proclamation concerning him, that he should be the third ruler in the kingdom.

5:30 In that night was Belshazzar the king of the Chaldeans slain.

5:31 And Darius the Median took the kingdom, being about three score and two years old.

## *Daniel* – Chapter 6

6:1 It pleased Darius to set over the kingdom a hundred and twenty princes, which should be over the whole kingdom;

6:2 And over these three presidents; of whom Daniel was first: that the princes might give accounts to them, and the king should have no damage.

6:3 Then this Daniel was preferred above the presidents and princes, because an excellent spirit was in him; and the king thought to set him over the whole realm.

6:4 Then the presidents and princes sought to find occasion against Daniel concerning the kingdom; but they could find none occasion nor fault; for as much as he was faithful, neither was there any error or fault found in him.

6:5 Then said these men, We shall not find any occasion against this Daniel, except we find it against him concerning the law of his God.

6:6 Then these presidents and princes assembled together to the king, and said thus to him, King Darius, live forever.

6:7 All the presidents of the kingdom, the governors, and the princes, the counsellors, and the captains, have consulted together to establish a royal statute, and to make a firm decree, that whoever shall ask a petition of any God or man for thirty days, save of you, O king, he shall be cast into the den of lions.

6:8 Now, O king, establish the decree, and sign the writing, that it be not changed, according to the law of the Medes and Persians, which alters not.

6:9 Why king Darius signed the writing and the decree.

6:10 Now when Daniel knew that the writing was signed, he went into his house; and his windows being open in his chamber toward Jerusalem, he kneeled on his knees three times a day, and prayed, and gave thanks before his God, as he did aforetime.

6:11 Then these men assembled, and found Daniel praying and making supplication before his God.

6:12 Then they came near, and spoke before the king concerning the king's decree; Have you not signed a decree, that every man that shall ask a petition of any God or man within thirty days, save of you, O king, shall be cast into the den of lions? The king answered and said, The thing is true, according to the law of the Medes and Persians, which alters not.

6:13 Then answered they and said before the king, That Daniel, which is of the children of the captivity of Judah, regards not you, O king, nor the decree that you have signed, but makes his petition three times a day.

6:14 Then the king, when he heard these words, was sore displeased with himself, and set his heart on Daniel to deliver him: and he labored till the going down of the sun to deliver him.

6:15 Then these men assembled to the king, and said to the king, Know, O king, that the law of the Medes and Persians is, That no decree nor statute which the king establishes may be changed.

6:16 Then the king commanded, and they brought Daniel, and cast him into the den of lions. Now the king spoke and said to Daniel, Your God whom you serve continually, he will deliver you.

6:17 And a stone was brought, and laid on the mouth of the den; and the king sealed it with his own signet, and with the signet of his lords; that the purpose might not be changed concerning Daniel.

6:18 Then the king went to his palace, and passed the night fasting: neither were instruments of music brought before him: and his sleep went from him.

6:19 Then the king arose very early in the morning, and went in haste to the den of lions.

6:20 And when he came to the den, he cried with a lamentable voice to Daniel: and the king spoke and said to Daniel, O Daniel, servant of the living God, is your God, whom you serve continually, able to deliver you from the lions?

6:21 Then said Daniel to the king, O king, live forever.

6:22 My God has sent his angel, and has shut the lions' mouths, that they have not hurt me: for as much as before him innocence was found in me; and also before you, O king, have I done no hurt.

6:23 Then was the king exceedingly glad for him, and commanded that they should take Daniel up out of the den. So Daniel was taken up out of the den, and no manner of hurt was found on him, because he believed in his God.

6:24 And the king commanded, and they brought those men which had accused Daniel, and they cast them into the den of lions, them, their children, and their wives; and the lions had the mastery of them, and broke all their bones in pieces or ever they came at the bottom of the den.

6:25 Then king Darius wrote to all people, nations, and languages, that dwell in all the earth; Peace be multiplied to you.

6:26 I make a decree, That in every dominion of my kingdom men tremble and fear before the God of Daniel: for he is the living God, and steadfast forever, and his kingdom that which shall not be destroyed, and his dominion shall be even to the end.

6:27 He delivers and rescues, and he works signs and wonders in heaven and in earth, who has delivered Daniel from the power of the lions.

6:28 So this Daniel prospered in the reign of Darius, and in the reign of Cyrus the Persian.

## *Daniel* – Chapter 7

7:1 In the first year of Belshazzar king of Babylon Daniel had a dream and visions of his head on his bed: then he wrote the dream, and told the sum of the matters.

7:2 Daniel spoke and said, I saw in my vision by night, and, behold, the four winds of the heaven strove on the great sea.

7:3 And four great beasts came up from the sea, diverse one from another.

7:4 The first was like a lion, and had eagle's wings: I beheld till the wings of it were plucked, and it was lifted up from the earth, and made stand on the feet as a man, and a man's heart was given to it.

7:5 And behold another beast, a second, like to a bear, and it raised up itself on one side, and it had three ribs in the mouth of it between the teeth of it: and they said thus to it, Arise, devour much flesh.

7:6 After this I beheld, and see another, like a leopard, which had on the back of it four wings of a fowl; the beast had also four heads; and dominion was given to it.

7:7 After this I saw in the night visions, and behold a fourth beast, dreadful and terrible, and strong exceedingly; and it had great iron teeth: it devoured and broke in pieces, and stamped the residue with the feet of it: and it was diverse from all the beasts that were before it; and it had ten horns.

7:8 I considered the horns, and, behold, there came up among them another little horn, before whom there were three of the first horns plucked up by the roots: and, behold, in this horn were eyes like the eyes of man, and a mouth speaking great things.

7:9 I beheld till the thrones were cast down, and the Ancient of days did sit, whose garment was white as snow, and the hair of his head like the pure wool: his throne was like the fiery flame, and his wheels as burning fire.

7:10 A fiery stream issued and came forth from before him: thousand thousands ministered to him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him: the judgment was set, and the books were opened.

7:11 I beheld then because of the voice of the great words which the horn spoke: I beheld even till the beast was slain, and his body destroyed, and given to the burning flame.

7:12 As concerning the rest of the beasts, they had their dominion taken away: yet their lives were prolonged for a season and time.

7:13 I saw in the night visions, and, behold, one like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven, and came to the Ancient of days, and they brought him near before him.

7:14 And there was given him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages, should serve him: his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom that which shall not be destroyed.

7:15 I Daniel was grieved in my spirit in the middle of my body, and the visions of my head troubled me.

7:16 I came near to one of them that stood by, and asked him the truth of all this. So he told me, and made me know the interpretation of the things.

7:17 These great beasts, which are four, are four kings, which shall arise out of the earth.

7:18 But the saints of the most High shall take the kingdom, and possess the kingdom forever, even forever and ever.

7:19 Then I would know the truth of the fourth beast, which was diverse from all the others, exceeding dreadful, whose teeth were of iron, and his nails of brass; which devoured, broke in pieces, and stamped the residue with his feet;

7:20 And of the ten horns that were in his head, and of the other which came up, and before whom three fell; even of that horn that had eyes, and a mouth that spoke very great things, whose look was more stout than his fellows.

7:21 I beheld, and the same horn made war with the saints, and prevailed against them;

7:22 Until the Ancient of days came, and judgment was given to the saints of the most High; and the time came that the saints possessed the kingdom.

7:23 Thus he said, The fourth beast shall be the fourth kingdom on earth, which shall be diverse from all kingdoms, and shall devour the whole earth, and shall tread it down, and break it in pieces.

7:24 And the ten horns out of this kingdom are ten kings that shall arise: and another shall rise after them; and he shall be diverse from the first, and he shall subdue three kings.

7:25 And he shall speak great words against the most High, and shall wear out the saints of the most High, and think to change times and laws: and they shall be given into his hand until a time and times and the dividing of time.

7:26 But the judgment shall sit, and they shall take away his dominion, to consume and to destroy it to the end.

7:27 And the kingdom and dominion, and the greatness of the kingdom under the whole heaven, shall be given to the people of the saints of the most High, whose kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey him.

7:28 Till now is the end of the matter. As for me Daniel, my cogitations much troubled me, and my countenance changed in me: but I kept the matter in my heart.

## *Daniel* – Chapter 8

8:1 In the third year of the reign of king Belshazzar a vision appeared to me, even to me Daniel, after that which appeared to me at the first.

8:2 And I saw in a vision; and it came to pass, when I saw, that I was at Shushan in the palace, which is in the province of Elam; and I saw in a vision, and I was by the river of Ulai.

8:3 Then I lifted up my eyes, and saw, and, behold, there stood before the river a ram which had two horns: and the two horns were high; but one was higher than the other, and the higher came up last.

8:4 I saw the ram pushing westward, and northward, and southward; so that no beasts might stand before him, neither was there any that could deliver out of his hand; but he did according to his will, and became great.

8:5 And as I was considering, behold, a he goat came from the west on the face of the whole earth, and touched not the ground: and the goat had a notable horn between his eyes.

8:6 And he came to the ram that had two horns, which I had seen standing before the river, and ran to him in the fury of his power.

8:7 And I saw him come close to the ram, and he was moved with choler against him, and smote the ram, and broke his two horns: and there was no power in the ram to stand before him, but he cast him down to the ground, and stamped on him: and there was none that could deliver the ram out of his hand.

8:8 Therefore the he goat waxed very great: and when he was strong, the great horn was broken; and for it came up four notable ones toward the four winds of heaven.

8:9 And out of one of them came forth a little horn, which waxed exceeding great, toward the south, and toward the east, and toward the pleasant land.

8:10 And it waxed great, even to the host of heaven; and it cast down some of the host and of the stars to the ground, and stamped on them.

8:11 Yes, he magnified himself even to the prince of the host, and by him the daily sacrifice was taken away, and the place of the sanctuary was cast down.

8:12 And a host was given him against the daily sacrifice by reason of transgression, and it cast down the truth to the ground; and it practiced, and prospered.

8:13 Then I heard one saint speaking, and another saint said to that certain saint which spoke, How long shall be the vision concerning the daily sacrifice, and the transgression of desolation, to give both the sanctuary and the host to be trodden under foot?

8:14 And he said to me, To two thousand and three hundred days; then shall the sanctuary be cleansed.

8:15 And it came to pass, when I, even I Daniel, had seen the vision, and sought for the meaning, then, behold, there stood before me as the appearance of a man.

8:16 And I heard a man's voice between the banks of Ulai, which called, and said, Gabriel, make this man to understand the vision.

8:17 So he came near where I stood: and when he came, I was afraid, and fell on my face: but he said to me, Understand, O son of man: for at the time of the end shall be the vision.

8:18 Now as he was speaking with me, I was in a deep sleep on my face toward the ground: but he touched me, and set me upright.

8:19 And he said, Behold, I will make you know what shall be in the last end of the indignation: for at the time appointed the end shall be.

8:20 The ram which you saw having two horns are the kings of Media and Persia.

8:21 And the rough goat is the king of Grecia: and the great horn that is between his eyes is the first king.

8:22 Now that being broken, whereas four stood up for it, four kingdoms shall stand up out of the nation, but not in his power.

8:23 And in the latter time of their kingdom, when the transgressors are come to the full, a king of fierce countenance, and understanding dark sentences, shall stand up.

8:24 And his power shall be mighty, but not by his own power: and he shall destroy wonderfully, and shall prosper, and practice, and shall destroy the mighty and the holy people.

8:25 And through his policy also he shall cause craft to prosper in his hand; and he shall magnify himself in his heart, and by peace shall destroy many: he shall also stand up against the Prince of princes; but he shall be broken without hand.

8:26 And the vision of the evening and the morning which was told is true: why shut you up the vision; for it shall be for many days.

8:27 And I Daniel fainted, and was sick certain days; afterward I rose up, and did the king's business; and I was astonished at the vision, but none understood it.

## *Daniel* – Chapter 9

9:1 In the first year of Darius the son of Ahasuerus, of the seed of the Medes, which was made king over the realm of the Chaldeans;

9:2 In the first year of his reign I Daniel understood by books the number of the years, whereof the word of *Yehovah* came to Jeremiah the prophet, that he would accomplish seventy years in the desolations of Jerusalem.

9:3 And I set my face to *Yehovah* God, to seek by prayer and supplications, with fasting, and sackcloth, and ashes:

9:4 And I prayed to *Yehovah* my God, and made my confession, and said, O Lord, the great and dreadful God, keeping the covenant and mercy to them that love him, and to them that keep his commandments;

9:5 We have sinned, and have committed iniquity, and have done wickedly, and have rebelled, even by departing from your precepts and from your judgments:

9:6 Neither have we listened to your servants the prophets, which spoke in your name to our kings, our princes, and our fathers, and to all the people of the land.

9:7 O *YEHOWAH*, righteousness belongs to you, but to us confusion of faces, as at this day; to the men of Judah, and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and to all Israel, that are near, and that are far off, through all the countries where you have driven them, because of their trespass that they have trespassed against you.

9:8 O *Yehovah*, to us belongs confusion of face, to our kings, to our princes, and to our fathers, because we have sinned against you.

9:9 To *Yehovah* our God belong mercies and forgivenesses, though we have rebelled against him;

9:10 Neither have we obeyed the voice of *Yehovah* our God, to walk in his laws, which he set before us by his servants the prophets.

9:11 Yes, all Israel have transgressed your law, even by departing, that they might not obey your voice; therefore the curse is poured on us, and the oath that is written in the law of Moses the servant of God, because we have sinned against him.

9:12 And he has confirmed his words, which he spoke against us, and against our judges that judged us, by bringing on us a great evil: for under the whole heaven has not been done as has been done on Jerusalem.

9:13 As it is written in the law of Moses, all this evil is come on us: yet made we not our prayer before *Yehovah* our God, that we might turn from our iniquities, and understand your truth.

9:14 Therefore has *Yehovah* watched on the evil, and brought it on us: for *Yehovah* our God is righteous in all his works which he does: for we obeyed not his voice.

9:15 And now, O *Yehovah* our God, that have brought your people forth out of the land of Egypt with a mighty hand, and have gotten you renown, as at this day; we have sinned, we have done wickedly.

9:16 O *YEHOVAH*, according to all your righteousness, I beseech you, let your anger and your fury be turned away from your city Jerusalem, your holy mountain: because for our sins, and for the iniquities of our fathers, Jerusalem and your people are become a reproach to all that are about us.

9:17 Now therefore, O our God, hear the prayer of your servant, and his supplications, and cause your face to shine on your sanctuary that is desolate, for *Yehovah's* sake.

9:18 O my God, incline your ear, and hear; open your eyes, and behold our desolations, and the city which is called by your name: for we do not present our supplications before you for our righteousnesses, but for your great mercies.

9:19 O *Yehovah*, hear; O *Yehovah*, forgive; O *Yehovah*, listen and do; defer not, for your own sake, O my God: for your city and your people are called by your name.

9:20 And whiles I was speaking, and praying, and confessing my sin and the sin of my people Israel, and presenting my supplication before *Yehovah* my God for the holy mountain of my God;

9:21 Yes, whiles I was speaking in prayer, even the man Gabriel, whom I had seen in the vision at the beginning, being caused to fly swiftly, touched me about the time of the evening oblation.

9:22 And he informed me, and talked with me, and said, O Daniel, I am now come forth to give you skill and understanding.

9:23 At the beginning of your supplications the commandment came forth, and I am come to show you; for you are greatly beloved: therefore understand the matter, and consider the vision.

9:24 Seventy weeks are determined on your people and on your holy city, to finish the transgression, and to make an end of sins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to seal up the vision and prophecy, and to anoint the most Holy.

9:25 Know therefore and understand, that from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem to the Messiah the Prince shall be seven weeks, and three score and two weeks: the street shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublous times.

9:26 And after three score and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off, but not for himself: and the people of the prince that shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary; and the end of it shall be with a flood, and to the end of the war desolations are determined.

9:27 And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the middle of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured on the desolate.

## *Daniel* – Chapter 10

10:1 In the third year of Cyrus king of Persia a thing was revealed to Daniel, whose name was called Belteshazzar; and the thing was true, but the time appointed was long: and he understood the thing, and had understanding of the vision.

10:2 In those days I Daniel was mourning three full weeks.

10:3 I ate no pleasant bread, neither came flesh nor wine in my mouth, neither did I anoint myself at all, till three whole weeks were fulfilled.

10:4 And in the four and twentieth day of the first month, as I was by the side of the great river, which is Hiddekel;

10:5 Then I lifted up my eyes, and looked, and behold a certain man clothed in linen, whose loins were girded with fine gold of Uphaz:

10:6 His body also was like the beryl, and his face as the appearance of lightning, and his eyes as lamps of fire, and his arms and his feet like in color to polished brass, and the voice of his words like the voice of a multitude.

10:7 And I Daniel alone saw the vision: for the men that were with me saw not the vision; but a great quaking fell on them, so that they fled to hide themselves.

10:8 Therefore I was left alone, and saw this great vision, and there remained no strength in me: for my comeliness was turned in me into corruption, and I retained no strength.

10:9 Yet heard I the voice of his words: and when I heard the voice of his words, then was I in a deep sleep on my face, and my face toward the ground.

10:10 And, behold, a hand touched me, which set me on my knees and on the palms of my hands.

10:11 And he said to me, O Daniel, a man greatly beloved, understand the words that I speak to you, and stand upright: for to you am I now sent. And when he had spoken this word to me, I stood trembling.

10:12 Then said he to me, Fear not, Daniel: for from the first day that you did set your heart to understand, and to chasten yourself before your God, your words were heard, and I am come for your words.

10:13 But the prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me one and twenty days: but, see, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me; and I remained there with the kings of Persia.

10:14 Now I am come to make you understand what shall befall your people in the latter days: for yet the vision is for many days.

10:15 And when he had spoken such words to me, I set my face toward the ground, and I became dumb.

10:16 And, behold, one like the similitude of the sons of men touched my lips: then I opened my mouth, and spoke, and said to him that stood before me, O my lord, by the vision my sorrows are turned on me, and I have retained no strength.

10:17 For how can the servant of this my lord talk with this my lord? for as for me, straightway there remained no strength in me, neither is there breath left in me.

10:18 Then there came again and touched me one like the appearance of a man, and he strengthened me,

10:19 And said, O man greatly beloved, fear not: peace be to you, be strong, yes, be strong. And when he had spoken to me, I was strengthened, and said, Let my lord speak; for you have strengthened me.

10:20 Then said he, Know you why I come to you? and now will I return to fight with the prince of Persia: and when I am gone forth, see, the prince of Grecia shall come.

10:21 But I will show you that which is noted in the scripture of truth: and there is none that holds with me in these things, but Michael your prince.

## ***Daniel*** – Chapter 11

11:1 Also I in the first year of Darius the Mede, even I, stood to confirm and to strengthen him.

11:2 And now will I show you the truth. Behold, there shall stand up yet three kings in Persia; and the fourth shall be far richer than they all: and by his strength through his riches he shall stir up all against the realm of Grecia.

11:3 And a mighty king shall stand up, that shall rule with great dominion, and do according to his will.

11:4 And when he shall stand up, his kingdom shall be broken, and shall be divided toward the four winds of heaven; and not to his posterity, nor according to his dominion which he ruled: for his kingdom shall be plucked up, even for others beside those.

11:5 And the king of the south shall be strong, and one of his princes; and he shall be strong above him, and have dominion; his dominion shall be a great dominion.

11:6 And in the end of years they shall join themselves together; for the king's daughter of the south shall come to the king of the north to make an agreement: but she shall not retain the power of the arm; neither shall he stand, nor his arm: but she shall be given up, and they that brought her, and he that begat her, and he that strengthened her in these times.

11:7 But out of a branch of her roots shall one stand up in his estate, which shall come with an army, and shall enter into the fortress of the king of the north, and shall deal against them, and shall prevail:

11:8 And shall also carry captives into Egypt their gods, with their princes, and with their precious vessels of silver and of gold; and he shall continue more years than the king of the north.

11:9 So the king of the south shall come into his kingdom, and shall return into his own land.

11:10 But his sons shall be stirred up, and shall assemble a multitude of great forces: and one shall certainly come, and overflow, and pass through: then shall he return, and be stirred up, even to his fortress.

11:11 And the king of the south shall be moved with choler, and shall come forth and fight with him, even with the king of the north: and he shall set forth a great multitude; but the multitude shall be given into his hand.

11:12 And when he has taken away the multitude, his heart shall be lifted up; and he shall cast down many ten thousands: but he shall not be strengthened by it.

11:13 For the king of the north shall return, and shall set forth a multitude greater than the former, and shall certainly come after certain years with a great army and with much riches.

11:14 And in those times there shall many stand up against the king of the south: also the robbers of your people shall exalt themselves to establish the vision; but they shall fall.

11:15 So the king of the north shall come, and cast up a mount, and take the most fenced cities: and the arms of the south shall not withstand, neither his chosen people, neither shall there be any strength to withstand.

11:16 But he that comes against him shall do according to his own will, and none shall stand before him: and he shall stand in the glorious land, which by his hand shall be consumed.

11:17 He shall also set his face to enter with the strength of his whole kingdom, and upright ones with him; thus shall he do: and he shall give him the daughter of women, corrupting her: but she shall not stand on his side, neither be for him.

11:18 After this shall he turn his face to the isles, and shall take many: but a prince for his own behalf shall cause the reproach offered by him to cease; without his own reproach he shall cause it to turn on him.

11:19 Then he shall turn his face toward the fort of his own land: but he shall stumble and fall, and not be found.

11:20 Then shall stand up in his estate a raiser of taxes in the glory of the kingdom: but within few days he shall be destroyed, neither in anger, nor in battle.

11:21 And in his estate shall stand up a vile person, to whom they shall not give the honor of the kingdom: but he shall come in peaceably, and obtain the kingdom by flatteries.

11:22 And with the arms of a flood shall they be overflowed from before him, and shall be broken; yes, also the prince of the covenant.

11:23 And after the league made with him he shall work deceitfully: for he shall come up, and shall become strong with a small people.

11:24 He shall enter peaceably even on the fattest places of the province; and he shall do that which his fathers have not done, nor his fathers' fathers; he shall scatter among them the prey, and spoil, and riches: yes, and he shall forecast his devices against the strong holds, even for a time.

11:25 And he shall stir up his power and his courage against the king of the south with a great army; and the king of the south shall be stirred up to battle with a very great and mighty army; but he shall not stand: for they shall forecast devices against him.

11:26 Yes, they that feed of the portion of his meat shall destroy him, and his army shall overflow: and many shall fall down slain.

11:27 And both of these kings' hearts shall be to do mischief, and they shall speak lies at one table; but it shall not prosper: for yet the end shall be at the time appointed.

11:28 Then shall he return into his land with great riches; and his heart shall be against the holy covenant; and he shall do exploits, and return to his own land.

11:29 At the time appointed he shall return, and come toward the south; but it shall not be as the former, or as the latter.

11:30 For the ships of Chittim shall come against him: therefore he shall be grieved, and return, and have indignation against the holy covenant: so shall he do; he shall even return, and have intelligence with them that forsake the holy covenant.

11:31 And arms shall stand on his part, and they shall pollute the sanctuary of strength, and shall take away the daily sacrifice, and they shall place the abomination that makes desolate.

11:32 And such as do wickedly against the covenant shall he corrupt by flatteries: but the people that do know their God shall be strong, and do exploits.

11:33 And they that understand among the people shall instruct many: yet they shall fall by the sword, and by flame, by captivity, and by spoil, many days.

11:34 Now when they shall fall, they shall be helped with a little help: but many shall join to them with flatteries.

11:35 And some of them of understanding shall fall, to try them, and to purge, and to make them white, even to the time of the end: because it is yet for a time appointed.

11:36 And the king shall do according to his will; and he shall exalt himself, and magnify himself above every god, and shall speak marvelous things against the God of gods, and shall prosper till the indignation be accomplished: for that that is determined shall be done.

11:37 Neither shall he regard the God of his fathers, nor the desire of women, nor regard any god: for he shall magnify himself above all.

11:38 But in his estate shall he honor the God of forces: and a god whom his fathers knew not shall he honor with gold, and silver, and with precious stones, and pleasant things.

11:39 Thus shall he do in the most strong holds with a strange god, whom he shall acknowledge and increase with glory: and he shall cause them to rule over many, and shall divide the land for gain.

11:40 And at the time of the end shall the king of the south push at him: and the king of the north shall come against him like a whirlwind, with chariots, and with horsemen, and with many ships; and he shall enter into the countries, and shall overflow and pass over.

11:41 He shall enter also into the glorious land, and many countries shall be overthrown: but these shall escape out of his hand, even Edom, and Moab, and the chief of the children of Ammon.

11:42 He shall stretch forth his hand also on the countries: and the land of Egypt shall not escape.

11:43 But he shall have power over the treasures of gold and of silver, and over all the precious things of Egypt: and the Libyans and the Ethiopians shall be at his steps.

11:44 But tidings out of the east and out of the north shall trouble him: therefore he shall go forth with great fury to destroy, and utterly to make away many.

11:45 And he shall plant the tabernacles of his palace between the seas in the glorious holy mountain; yet he shall come to his end, and none shall help him.

## *Daniel* – Chapter 12

12:1 And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which stands for the children of your people: and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time: and at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone that shall be found written in the book.

12:2 And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt.

12:3 And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars forever and ever.

12:4 But you, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased.

12:5 Then I Daniel looked, and, behold, there stood other two, the one on this side of the bank of the river, and the other on that side of the bank of the river.

12:6 And one said to the man clothed in linen, which was on the waters of the river, How long shall it be to the end of these wonders?

12:7 And I heard the man clothed in linen, which was on the waters of the river, when he held up his right hand and his left hand to heaven, and swore by him that lives forever that it shall be for a time, times, and a half; and when he shall have accomplished to scatter the power of the holy people, all these things shall be finished.

12:8 And I heard, but I understood not: then said I, O my Lord, what shall be the end of these things?

12:9 And he said, Go your way, Daniel: for the words are closed up and sealed till the time of the end.

12:10 Many shall be purified, and made white, and tried; but the wicked shall do wickedly: and none of the wicked shall understand; but the wise shall understand.

12:11 And from the time that the daily sacrifice shall be taken away, and the abomination that makes desolate set up, there shall be a thousand two hundred and ninety days.

12:12 Blessed is he that waits, and comes to the thousand three hundred and five and thirty days.

12:13 But go you your way till the end be: for you shall rest, and stand in your lot at the end of the days.

## *Topical Outline of Daniel*

- Dan 1:1-2 King Jehoiakim's captivity  
Dan 1:3-7 Ashpenaz takes Daniel, Shadrach, Meshach, Abednego  
Dan 1:8-16 Daniel eats only pulse and water  
Dan 1:17-21 Their proficiency and wisdom  
Dan 2:1-9 Nebuchadnezzar, forgets his dream  
Dan 2:10-13 They acknowledging their inability are judged to die  
Dan 2:14-18 Daniel obtaining some relief receives dream
- Dan 2:19-23 Daniel blesses God  
Dan 2:24-30 Daniel is brought before the king  
Dan 2:31-35 The First Dream  
Dan 2:36-45 The Interpretation of the Dream  
Dan 2:46-49 Daniel's Advancement  
Dan 3:1-7 Nebuchadnezzar dedicates a Golden Image  
Dan 3:8-18 Shadrach, Meshach, Abednego refuse to Worship
- Dan 3:19-27 Hebrews are cast into the Furnace, God Delivers Them  
Dan 3:28-30 Nebuchadnezzar blesses God, and advances Hebrews  
Dan 4:1-3 Nebuchadnezzar confesses God's kingdom  
Dan 4:4-7 A Second Dream that Magicians could not interpret  
Dan 4:8-18 Daniel hears Second Dream  
Dan 4:19-27 Daniel interprets the Dream  
Dan 4:28-37 The Second Dream is fulfilled
- Dan 5:1-4 Belshazzar's Profane Feast  
Dan 5:5-9 A Writing on the Wall Troubles the King  
Dan 5:10-16 Queen recommends Daniel be summoned  
Dan 5:17-24 Daniel reproves the king of his Pride & Idolatry  
Dan 5:25-29 Daniel Reads and Interprets the handwriting  
Dan 5:30-31 Kingdom is given over to the Medes  
Dan 6:1-3 Daniel is made Chief of the Presidents

## *Topical Outline of Daniel – Continued*

- Dan 6:4-9 Enemies of Daniel conspire against him
- Dan 6:10-17 Daniel is cast into the Den of Lions
- Dan 6:18-23 Daniel is saved from the Lions
- Dan 6:24 Enemies of Daniel Devoured
- Dan 6:25-28 God is Magnified by a Decree.
- Dan 7:1-8 Daniel's Vision of Four Beasts
- Dan 7:9-14 Daniel's Vision of God's Eternal Kingdom
  
- Dan 7:15-28 Interpretation of the Vision
- Dan 8:1-12 Daniel's Vision of Ram and Goat
- Dan 8:13-14 The 2300 days of Suspension of the Daily Sacrifice
- Dan 8:15-27 Gabriel comforts Daniel and interprets the Vision
- Dan 9:1-2 Daniel ponders the Time of Captivity
- Dan 9:3-15 Daniel Makes confession of sins for Jerusalem
- Dan 9:16-19 Daniel Prays for the Restoration of Jerusalem
  
- Dan 9:20-27 Gabriel informs Daniel of the Seventy Weeks
- Dan 10:1-9 Daniel humbles himself and sees a Vision
- Dan 10:10-21 Daniel Troubled with fear but is comforted by Angel
- Dan 11:1-4 Overthrow of Persia by the King of Greece
- Dan 11:5-29 Leagues & Conflicts between Kings
- Dan 11:30-45 Invasion and Tyranny of the Romans
- Dan 12:1-4 Angel Michael will provide deliverance for Israel
  
- Dan 12:5-13 Daniel is informed of the Times.

# *Book of Ezra*

*Ezra* (Yehovah Helps)

## *Ezra – Chapter 1*

1:1 Now in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, that the word of *Yehovah* by the mouth of Jeremiah might be fulfilled, *Yehovah* stirred up the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia, that he made a proclamation throughout all his kingdom, and put it also in writing, saying,

1:2 Thus said Cyrus king of Persia, *Yehovah* God of heaven has given me all the kingdoms of the earth; and he has charged me to build him a house at Jerusalem, which is in Judah.

1:3 Who is there among you of all his people? his God be with him, and let him go up to Jerusalem, which is in Judah, and build the house of *Yehovah* God of Israel, (he is the God,) which is in Jerusalem.

1:4 And whoever remains in any place where he sojourns, let the men of his place help him with silver, and with gold, and with goods, and with beasts, beside the freewill offering for the house of God that is in Jerusalem.

1:5 Then rose up the chief of the fathers of Judah and Benjamin, and the priests, and the Levites, with all them whose spirit God had raised, to go up to build the house of *Yehovah* which is in Jerusalem.

1:6 And all they that were about them strengthened their hands with vessels of silver, with gold, with goods, and with beasts, and with precious things, beside all that was willingly offered.

1:7 Also Cyrus the king brought forth the vessels of the house of *Yehovah*, which Nebuchadnezzar had brought forth out of Jerusalem, and had put them in the house of his gods;

1:8 Even those did Cyrus king of Persia bring forth by the hand of Mithredath the treasurer, and numbered them to Sheshbazzar, the prince of Judah.

1:9 And this is the number of them: thirty chargers of gold, a thousand chargers of silver, nine and twenty knives,

1:10 Thirty basins of gold, silver basins of a second sort four hundred and ten, and other vessels a thousand.

1:11 All the vessels of gold and of silver were five thousand and four hundred. All these did Sheshbazzar bring up with them of the captivity that were brought up from Babylon to Jerusalem.

## ***Ezra*** – Chapter 2

2:1 Now these are the children of the province that went up out of the captivity, of those which had been carried away, whom Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon had carried away to Babylon, and came again to Jerusalem and Judah, everyone to his city;

2:2 Which came with Zerubbabel: Jeshua, Nehemiah, Seraiah, Reelaiah, Mordecai, Bilshan, Mizpar, Bigvai, Rehum, Baanah. The number of the men of the people of Israel:

2:3 The children of Parosh, two thousand a hundred seventy and two.

2:4 The children of Shephatiah, three hundred seventy and two.

2:5 The children of Arah, seven hundred seventy and five.

2:6 The children of Pahathmoab, of the children of Jeshua and Joab, two thousand eight hundred and twelve.

2:7 The children of Elam, a thousand two hundred fifty and four.

2:8 The children of Zattu, nine hundred forty and five.

2:9 The children of Zaccai, seven hundred and three score.

2:10 The children of Bani, six hundred forty and two.

2:11 The children of Bebai, six hundred twenty and three.

2:12 The children of Azgad, a thousand two hundred twenty and two.

2:13 The children of Adonikam, six hundred sixty and six.

2:14 The children of Bigvai, two thousand fifty and six.

2:15 The children of Adin, four hundred fifty and four.

2:16 The children of Ater of Hezekiah, ninety and eight.

2:17 The children of Bezai, three hundred twenty and three.

2:18 The children of Jorah, a hundred and twelve.

2:19 The children of Hashum, two hundred twenty and three.

2:20 The children of Gibbar, ninety and five.

2:21 The children of Bethlehem, a hundred twenty and three.

2:22 The men of Netophah, fifty and six.

2:23 The men of Anathoth, a hundred twenty and eight.

2:24 The children of Azmaveth, forty and two.

2:25 The children of Kirjatharim, Chephirah, and Beeroth, seven hundred and forty and three.

2:26 The children of Ramah and Gaba, six hundred twenty and one.

2:27 The men of Michmas, a hundred twenty and two.

2:28 The men of Bethel and Ai, two hundred twenty and three.

2:29 The children of Nebo, fifty and two.

2:30 The children of Magbish, a hundred fifty and six.

2:31 The children of the other Elam, a thousand two hundred fifty and four.

2:32 The children of Harim, three hundred and twenty.

2:33 The children of Lod, Hadid, and Ono, seven hundred twenty and five.

2:34 The children of Jericho, three hundred forty and five.

2:35 The children of Senaah, three thousand and six hundred and thirty.

2:36 The priests: the children of Jedaiah, of the house of Jeshua, nine hundred seventy and three.

2:37 The children of Immer, a thousand fifty and two.

2:38 The children of Pashur, a thousand two hundred forty and seven.

2:39 The children of Harim, a thousand and seventeen.

2:40 The Levites: the children of Jeshua and Kadmiel, of the children of Hodaviah, seventy and four.

2:41 The singers: the children of Asaph, a hundred twenty and eight.

2:42 The children of the porters: the children of Shallum, the children of Ater, the children of Talmon, the children of Akkub, the children of Hatita, the children of Shobai, in all a hundred thirty and nine.

2:43 The Nethinims: the children of Ziha, the children of Hasupha, the children of Tabbaoth,

2:44 The children of Keros, the children of Siaha, the children of Padon,

2:45 The children of Lebanah, the children of Hagabah, the children of Akkub,

2:46 The children of Hagab, the children of Shalmal, the children of Hanan,

2:47 The children of Giddel, the children of Gahar, the children of Reaiah,

2:48 The children of Rezin, the children of Nekoda, the children of Gazzam,

2:49 The children of Uzza, the children of Paseah, the children of Besai,

2:50 The children of Asnah, the children of Mehunim, the children of Nephusim,

2:51 The children of Bakbuk, the children of Hakupha, the children of Harhur,

2:52 The children of Bazluth, the children of Mehida, the children of Harsha,

2:53 The children of Barkos, the children of Sisera, the children of Thamah,

2:54 The children of Neziah, the children of Hatipha.

2:55 The children of Solomon's servants: the children of Sotai, the children of Sophereth, the children of Peruda,

2:56 The children of Jaalah, the children of Darkon, the children of Giddel,

2:57 The children of Shephatiah, the children of Hattil, the children of Pochereth of Zebaim, the children of Ami.

2:58 All the Nethinims, and the children of Solomon's servants, were three hundred ninety and two.

2:59 And these were they which went up from Telmelah, Telharsa, Cherub, Addan, and Immer: but they could not show their father's house, and their seed, whether they were of Israel:

2:60 The children of Delaiah, the children of Tobiah, the children of Nekoda, six hundred fifty and two.

2:61 And of the children of the priests: the children of Habaiah, the children of Koz, the children of Barzillai; which took a wife of the daughters of Barzillai the Gileadite, and was called after their name:

2:62 These sought their register among those that were reckoned by genealogy, but they were not found: therefore were they, as polluted, put from the priesthood.

2:63 And the Tirshatha said to them, that they should not eat of the most holy things, till there stood up a priest with Urim and with Thummim.

2:64 The whole congregation together was forty and two thousand three hundred and three score,

2:65 Beside their servants and their maids, of whom there were seven thousand three hundred thirty and seven: and there were among them two hundred singing men and singing women.

2:66 Their horses were seven hundred thirty and six; their mules, two hundred forty and five;

2:67 Their camels, four hundred thirty and five; their asses, six thousand seven hundred and twenty.

2:68 And some of the chief of the fathers, when they came to the house of *Yehovah* which is at Jerusalem, offered freely for the house of God to set it up in his place:

2:69 They gave after their ability to the treasure of the work three score and one thousand drams of gold, and five thousand pound of silver, and one hundred priests' garments.

2:70 So the priests, and the Levites, and some of the people, and the singers, and the porters, and the Nethinims, dwelled in their cities, and all Israel in their cities.

### ***Ezra*** – Chapter 3

3:1 And when the seventh month was come, and the children of Israel were in the cities, the people gathered themselves together as one man to Jerusalem.

3:2 Then stood up Jeshua the son of Jozadak, and his brothers the priests, and Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, and his brothers, and built the altar of the God of Israel, to offer burnt offerings thereon, as it is written in the law of Moses the man of God.

3:3 And they set the altar on his bases; for fear was on them because of the people of those countries: and they offered burnt offerings thereon to *Yehovah*, even burnt offerings morning and evening.

3:4 They kept also the feast of tabernacles, as it is written, and offered the daily burnt offerings by number, according to the custom, as the duty of every day required;

3:5 And afterward offered the continual burnt offering, both of the new moons, and of all the set feasts of *Yehovah* that were consecrated, and of everyone that willingly offered a freewill offering to *Yehovah*.

3:6 From the first day of the seventh month began they to offer burnt offerings to *Yehovah*. But the foundation of the temple of *Yehovah* was not yet laid.

3:7 They gave money also to the masons, and to the carpenters; and meat, and drink, and oil, to them of Zidon, and to them of Tyre, to bring cedar trees from Lebanon to the sea of Joppa, according to the grant that they had of Cyrus king of Persia.

3:8 Now in the second year of their coming to the house of God at Jerusalem, in the second month, began Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, and Jeshua the son of Jozadak, and the remnant of their brothers the priests and the Levites, and all they that were come out of the captivity to Jerusalem; and appointed the Levites, from twenty years old and upward, to set forward the work of the house of *Yehovah*.

3:9 Then stood Jeshua with his sons and his brothers, Kadmiel and his sons, the sons of Judah, together, to set forward the workmen in the house of God: the sons of Henadad, with their sons and their brothers the Levites.

3:10 And when the builders laid the foundation of the temple of *Yehovah*, they set the priests in their apparel with trumpets, and the Levites the sons of Asaph with cymbals, to praise *Yehovah*, after the ordinance of David king of Israel.

3:11 And they sang together by course in praising and giving thanks to *Yehovah*; because he is good, for his mercy endures forever toward Israel. And all the people shouted with a great shout, when they praised *Yehovah*, because the foundation of the house of *Yehovah* was laid.

3:12 But many of the priests and Levites and chief of the fathers, who were ancient men, that had seen the first house, when the foundation of this house was laid before their eyes, wept with a loud voice; and many shouted aloud for joy:

3:13 So that the people could not discern the noise of the shout of joy from the noise of the weeping of the people: for the people shouted with a loud shout, and the noise was heard afar off.

## *Ezra* – Chapter 4

4:1 Now when the adversaries of Judah and Benjamin heard that the children of the captivity built the temple to *Yehovah* God of Israel;

4:2 Then they came to Zerubbabel, and to the chief of the fathers, and said to them, Let us build with you: for we seek your God, as you do; and we do sacrifice to him since the days of Esarhaddon king of Assur, which brought us up here.

4:3 But Zerubbabel, and Jeshua, and the rest of the chief of the fathers of Israel, said to them, You have nothing to do with us to build a house to our God; but we ourselves together will build to *Yehovah* God of Israel, as king Cyrus the king of Persia has commanded us.

4:4 Then the people of the land weakened the hands of the people of Judah, and troubled them in building,

4:5 And hired counsellors against them, to frustrate their purpose, all the days of Cyrus king of Persia, even until the reign of Darius king of Persia.

4:6 And in the reign of Ahasuerus, in the beginning of his reign, wrote they to him an accusation against the inhabitants of Judah and Jerusalem.

4:7 And in the days of Artaxerxes wrote Bishlam, Mithredath, Tabeel, and the rest of their companions, to Artaxerxes king of Persia; and the writing of the letter was written in the Syrian tongue, and interpreted in the Syrian tongue.

4:8 Rehum the chancellor and Shimshai the scribe wrote a letter against Jerusalem to Artaxerxes the king in this sort:

4:9 Then wrote Rehum the chancellor, and Shimshai the scribe, and the rest of their companions; the Dinaites, the Apharsathchites, the Tarpelites, the Apharsites, the Archevites, the Babylonians, the Susanchites, the Dehavites, and the Elamites,

4:10 And the rest of the nations whom the great and noble Asnapper brought over, and set in the cities of Samaria, and the rest that are on this side the river, and at such a time.

4:11 This is the copy of the letter that they sent to him, even to Artaxerxes the king; Your servants the men on this side the river, and at such a time.

4:12 Be it known to the king, that the *Hebrews* which came up from you to us are come to Jerusalem, building the rebellious and the bad city, and have set up the walls of it, and joined the foundations.

4:13 Be it known now to the king, that, if this city be built, and the walls set up again, then will they not pay toll, tribute, and custom, and so you shall damage the revenue of the kings.

4:14 Now because we have maintenance from the king's palace, and it was not meet for us to see the king's dishonor, therefore have we sent and certified the king;

4:15 That search may be made in the book of the records of your fathers: so shall you find in the book of the records, and know that this city is a rebellious city, and hurtful to kings and provinces, and that they have moved sedition within the same of old time: for which cause was this city destroyed.

4:16 We certify the king that, if this city be built again, and the walls of it set up, by this means you shall have no portion on this side the river.

4:17 Then sent the king an answer to Rehum the chancellor, and to Shimshai the scribe, and to the rest of their companions that dwell in Samaria, and to the rest beyond the river, Peace, and at such a time.

4:18 The letter which you sent to us has been plainly read before me.

4:19 And I commanded, and search has been made, and it is found that this city of old time has made insurrection against kings, and that rebellion and sedition have been made therein.

4:20 There have been mighty kings also over Jerusalem, which have ruled over all countries beyond the river; and toll, tribute, and custom, was paid to them.

4:21 Give you now commandment to cause these men to cease, and that this city be not built, until another commandment shall be given from me.

4:22 Take heed now that you fail not to do this: why should damage grow to the hurt of the kings?

4:23 Now when the copy of king Artaxerxes' letter was read before Rehum, and Shimshai the scribe, and their companions, they went up in haste to Jerusalem to the *Hebrews*, and made them to cease by force and power.

4:24 Then ceased the work of the house of God which is at Jerusalem. So it ceased to the second year of the reign of Darius king of Persia.

## ***Ezra*** – Chapter 5

5:1 Then the prophets, Haggai the prophet, and Zechariah the son of Iddo, prophesied to the *Hebrews* that were in Judah and Jerusalem in the name of the God of Israel, even to them.

5:2 Then rose up Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, and Jeshua the son of Jozadak, and began to build the house of God which is at Jerusalem: and with them were the prophets of God helping them.

5:3 At the same time came to them Tatnai, governor on this side the river, and Shetharboznai and their companions, and said thus to them, Who has commanded you to build this house, and to make up this wall?

5:4 Then said we to them after this manner, What are the names of the men that make this building?

5:5 But the eye of their God was on the elders of the *Hebrews*, that they could not cause them to cease, till the matter came to Darius: and then they returned answer by letter concerning this matter.

5:6 The copy of the letter that Tatnai, governor on this side the river, and Shetharboznai and his companions the Apharsachites, which were on this side the river, sent to Darius the king:

5:7 They sent a letter to him, in which it was written thus; To Darius the king, all peace.

5:8 Be it known to the king, that we went into the province of Judea, to the house of the great God, which is built with great stones, and timber is laid in the walls, and this work goes fast on, and prospers in their hands.

5:9 Then asked we those elders, and said to them thus, Who commanded you to build this house, and to make up these walls?

5:10 We asked their names also, to certify you, that we might write the names of the men that were the chief of them.

5:11 And thus they returned us answer, saying, We are the servants of the God of heaven and earth, and build the house that was built these many years ago, which a great king of Israel built and set up.

5:12 But after that our fathers had provoked the God of heaven to wrath, he gave them into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon, the Chaldean, who destroyed this house, and carried the people away into Babylon.

5:13 But in the first year of Cyrus the king of Babylon the same king Cyrus made a decree to build this house of God.

5:14 And the vessels also of gold and silver of the house of God, which Nebuchadnezzar took out of the temple that was in Jerusalem, and brought them into the temple of Babylon, those did Cyrus the king take out of the temple of Babylon, and they were delivered to one, whose name was Sheshbazzar, whom he had made governor;

5:15 And said to him, Take these vessels, go, carry them into the temple that is in Jerusalem, and let the house of God be built in his place.

5:16 Then came the same Sheshbazzar, and laid the foundation of the house of God which is in Jerusalem: and since that time even until now has it been in building, and yet it is not finished.

5:17 Now therefore, if it seem good to the king, let there be search made in the king's treasure house, which is there at Babylon, whether it be so, that a decree was made of Cyrus the king to build this house of God at Jerusalem, and let the king send his pleasure to us concerning this matter.

## ***Ezra** – Chapter 6*

6:1 Then Darius the king made a decree, and search was made in the house of the rolls, where the treasures were laid up in Babylon.

6:2 And there was found at Achmetha, in the palace that is in the province of the Medes, a roll, and therein was a record thus written:

6:3 In the first year of Cyrus the king the same Cyrus the king made a decree concerning the house of God at Jerusalem, Let the house be built, the place where they offered sacrifices, and let the foundations of it be strongly laid; the height of it three score cubits, and the breadth of it three score cubits;

6:4 With three rows of great stones, and a row of new timber: and let the expenses be given out of the king's house:

6:5 And also let the golden and silver vessels of the house of God, which Nebuchadnezzar took forth out of the temple which is at Jerusalem, and brought to Babylon, be restored, and brought again to the temple which is at Jerusalem, everyone to his place, and place them in the house of God.

6:6 Now therefore, Tatnai, governor beyond the river, Shetharboznai, and your companions the Apharsachites, which are beyond the river, be you far from there:

6:7 Let the work of this house of God alone; let the governor of the *Hebrews* and the elders of the *Hebrews* build this house of God in his place.

6:8 Moreover I make a decree what you shall do to the elders of these *Hebrews* for the building of this house of God: that of the king's goods, even of the tribute beyond the river, immediately expenses be given to these men, that they be not hindered.

6:9 And that which they have need of, both young bullocks, and rams, and lambs, for the burnt offerings of the God of heaven, wheat, salt, wine, and oil, according to the appointment of the priests which are at Jerusalem, let it be given them day by day without fail:

6:10 That they may offer sacrifices of sweet smells to the God of heaven, and pray for the life of the king, and of his sons.

6:11 Also I have made a decree, that whoever shall alter this word, let timber be pulled down from his house, and being set up, let him be hanged thereon; and let his house be made a dunghill for this.

6:12 And the God that has caused his name to dwell there destroy all kings and people, that shall put to their hand to alter and to destroy this house of God which is at Jerusalem. I Darius have made a decree; let it be done with speed.

6:13 Then Tatnai, governor on this side the river, Shetharboznai, and their companions, according to that which Darius the king had sent, so they did speedily.

6:14 And the elders of the *Hebrews* built, and they prospered through the prophesying of Haggai the prophet and Zechariah the son of Iddo. And they built, and finished it, according to the commandment of the God of Israel, and according to the commandment of Cyrus, and Darius, and Artaxerxes king of Persia.

6:15 And this house was finished on the third day of the month Adar, which was in the sixth year of the reign of Darius the king.

6:16 And the children of Israel, the priests, and the Levites, and the rest of the children of the captivity, kept the dedication of this house of God with joy.

6:17 And offered at the dedication of this house of God a hundred bullocks, two hundred rams, four hundred lambs; and for a sin offering for all Israel, twelve he goats, according to the number of the tribes of Israel.

6:18 And they set the priests in their divisions, and the Levites in their courses, for the service of God, which is at Jerusalem; as it is written in the book of Moses.

6:19 And the children of the captivity kept the *pesach* on the fourteenth day of the first month.

6:20 For the priests and the Levites were purified together, all of them were pure, and killed the *pesach* for all the children of the captivity, and for their brothers the priests, and for themselves.

6:21 And the children of Israel, which were come again out of captivity, and all such as had separated themselves to them from the filthiness of the heathen of the land, to seek *Yehovah* God of Israel, did eat,

6:22 And kept the feast of unleavened bread seven days with joy: for *Yehovah* had made them joyful, and turned the heart of the king of Assyria to them, to strengthen their hands in the work of the house of God, the God of Israel.

## ***Ezra*** – Chapter 7

7:1 Now after these things, in the reign of Artaxerxes king of Persia, Ezra the son of Seraiah, the son of Azariah, the son of Hilkiah,

7:2 The son of Shallum, the son of Zadok, the son of Ahitub,

7:3 The son of Amariah, the son of Azariah, the son of Meraioth,

7:4 The son of Zerariah, the son of Uzzi, the son of Bukki,

7:5 The son of Abishua, the son of Phinehas, the son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron the chief priest:

7:6 This Ezra went up from Babylon; and he was a ready scribe in the law of Moses, which *Yehovah* God of Israel had given: and the king granted him all his request, according to the hand of *Yehovah* his God on him.

7:7 And there went up some of the children of Israel, and of the priests, and the Levites, and the singers, and the porters, and the Nethinims, to Jerusalem, in the seventh year of Artaxerxes the king.

7:8 And he came to Jerusalem in the fifth month, which was in the seventh year of the king.

7:9 For on the first day of the first month began he to go up from Babylon, and on the first day of the fifth month came he to Jerusalem, according to the good hand of his God on him.

7:10 For Ezra had prepared his heart to seek the law of *Yehovah*, and to do it, and to teach in Israel statutes and judgments.

7:11 Now this is the copy of the letter that the king Artaxerxes gave to Ezra the priest, the scribe, even a scribe of the words of the commandments of *Yehovah*, and of his statutes to Israel.

7:12 Artaxerxes, king of kings, to Ezra the priest, a scribe of the law of the God of heaven, perfect peace, and at such a time.

7:13 I make a decree, that all they of the people of Israel, and of his priests and Levites, in my realm, which are minded of their own freewill to go up to Jerusalem, go with you.

7:14 For as much as you are sent of the king, and of his seven counsellors, to inquire concerning Judah and Jerusalem, according to the law of your God which is in your hand;

7:15 And to carry the silver and gold, which the king and his counsellors have freely offered to the God of Israel, whose habitation is in Jerusalem,

7:16 And all the silver and gold that you can find in all the province of Babylon, with the freewill offering of the people, and of the priests, offering willingly for the house of their God which is in Jerusalem:

7:17 That you may buy speedily with this money bullocks, rams, lambs, with their meat offerings and their drink offerings, and offer them on the altar of the house of your God which is in Jerusalem.

7:18 And whatever shall seem good to you, and to your brothers, to do with the rest of the silver and the gold, that do after the will of your God.

7:19 The vessels also that are given you for the service of the house of your God, those deliver you before the God of Jerusalem.

7:20 And whatever more shall be needful for the house of your God, which you shall have occasion to bestow, bestow it out of the king's treasure house.

7:21 And I, even I Artaxerxes the king, do make a decree to all the treasurers which are beyond the river, that whatever Ezra the priest, the scribe of the law of the God of heaven, shall require of you, it be done speedily,

7:22 To a hundred talents of silver, and to a hundred measures of wheat, and to a hundred baths of wine, and to a hundred baths of oil, and salt without prescribing how much.

7:23 Whatever is commanded by the God of heaven, let it be diligently done for the house of the God of heaven: for why should there be wrath against the realm of the king and his sons?

7:24 Also we certify you, that touching any of the priests and Levites, singers, porters, Nethinims, or ministers of this house of God, it shall not be lawful to impose toll, tribute, or custom, on them.

7:25 And you, Ezra, after the wisdom of your God, that is in your hand, set magistrates and judges, which may judge all the people that are beyond

the river, all such as know the laws of your God; and teach you them that know them not.

7:26 And whoever will not do the law of your God, and the law of the king, let judgment be executed speedily on him, whether it be to death, or to banishment, or to confiscation of goods, or to imprisonment.

7:27 Blessed be *Yehovah* God of our fathers, which has put such a thing as this in the king's heart, to beautify the house of *Yehovah* which is in Jerusalem:

7:28 And has extended mercy to me before the king, and his counsellors, and before all the king's mighty princes. And I was strengthened as the hand of *Yehovah* my God was on me, and I gathered together out of Israel chief men to go up with me.

### ***Ezra*** – Chapter 8

8:1 These are now the chief of their fathers, and this is the genealogy of them that went up with me from Babylon, in the reign of Artaxerxes the king.

8:2 Of the sons of Phinehas; Gershom: of the sons of Ithamar; Daniel: of the sons of David; Hattush.

8:3 Of the sons of Shechaniah, of the sons of Pharosh; Zechariah: and with him were reckoned by genealogy of the males a hundred and fifty.

8:4 Of the sons of Pahathmoab; Elihoenai the son of Zerariah, and with him two hundred males.

8:5 Of the sons of Shechaniah; the son of Jahaziel, and with him three hundred males.

8:6 Of the sons also of Adin; Ebed the son of Jonathan, and with him fifty males.

8:7 And of the sons of Elam; Jeshaiiah the son of Athaliah, and with him seventy males.

8:8 And of the sons of Shephatiah; Zebadiah the son of Michael, and with him fourscore males.

8:9 Of the sons of Joab; Obadiah the son of Jehiel, and with him two hundred and eighteen males.

8:10 And of the sons of Shelomith; the son of Josiphiah, and with him a hundred and three score males.

8:11 And of the sons of Bebai; Zechariah the son of Bebai, and with him twenty and eight males.

8:12 And of the sons of Azgad; Johanan the son of Hakkatan, and with him a hundred and ten males.

8:13 And of the last sons of Adonikam, whose names are these, Eliphelet, Jeiel, and Shemaiah, and with them three score males.

8:14 Of the sons also of Bigvai; Uthai, and Zabbud, and with them seventy males.

8:15 And I gathered them together to the river that runs to Ahava; and there stayed we in tents three days: and I viewed the people, and the priests, and found there none of the sons of Levi.

8:16 Then sent I for Eliezer, for Ariel, for Shemaiah, and for Elnathan, and for Jarib, and for Elnathan, and for Nathan, and for Zechariah, and for Meshullam, chief men; also for Joarib, and for Elnathan, men of understanding.

8:17 And I sent them with commandment to Iddo the chief at the place Casiphia, and I told them what they should say to Iddo, and to his brothers the Nethinims, at the place Casiphia, that they should bring to us ministers for the house of our God.

8:18 And by the good hand of our God on us they brought us a man of understanding, of the sons of Mahli, the son of Levi, the son of Israel; and Sherebiah, with his sons and his brothers, eighteen;

8:19 And Hashabiah, and with him Jeshaiiah of the sons of Merari, his brothers and their sons, twenty;

8:20 Also of the Nethinims, whom David and the princes had appointed for the service of the Levites, two hundred and twenty Nethinims: all of them were expressed by name.

8:21 Then I proclaimed a fast there, at the river of Ahava, that we might afflict ourselves before our God, to seek of him a right way for us, and for our little ones, and for all our substance.

8:22 For I was ashamed to require of the king a band of soldiers and horsemen to help us against the enemy in the way: because we had spoken to the king, saying, The hand of our God is on all them for good that seek him; but his power and his wrath is against all them that forsake him.

8:23 So we fasted and sought our God for this: and he was entreated of us.

8:24 Then I separated twelve of the chief of the priests, Sherebiah, Hashabiah, and ten of their brothers with them,

8:25 And weighed to them the silver, and the gold, and the vessels, even the offering of the house of our God, which the king, and his counsellors, and his lords, and all Israel there present, had offered:

8:26 I even weighed to their hand six hundred and fifty talents of silver, and silver vessels a hundred talents, and of gold a hundred talents;

8:27 Also twenty basins of gold, of a thousand drams; and two vessels of fine copper, precious as gold.

8:28 And I said to them, You are holy to *Yehovah*; the vessels are holy also; and the silver and the gold are a freewill offering to *Yehovah* God of your fathers.

8:29 Watch you, and keep them, until you weigh them before the chief of the priests and the Levites, and chief of the fathers of Israel, at Jerusalem, in the chambers of the house of *Yehovah*.

8:30 So took the priests and the Levites the weight of the silver, and the gold, and the vessels, to bring them to Jerusalem to the house of our God.

8:31 Then we departed from the river of Ahava on the twelfth day of the first month, to go to Jerusalem: and the hand of our God was on us, and he delivered us from the hand of the enemy, and of such as lay in wait by the way.

8:32 And we came to Jerusalem, and stayed there three days.

8:33 Now on the fourth day was the silver and the gold and the vessels weighed in the house of our God by the hand of Meremoth the son of Uriah the priest; and with him was Eleazar the son of Phinehas; and with them was Jozabad the son of Jeshua, and Noadiah the son of Binnui, Levites;

8:34 By number and by weight of every one: and all the weight was written at that time.

8:35 Also the children of those that had been carried away, which were come out of the captivity, offered burnt offerings to the God of Israel, twelve bullocks for all Israel, ninety and six rams, seventy and seven lambs, twelve he goats for a sin offering: all this was a burnt offering to *Yehovah*.

8:36 And they delivered the king's commissions to the king's lieutenants, and to the governors on this side the river: and they furthered the people, and the house of God.

## ***Ezra*** – Chapter 9

9:1 Now when these things were done, the princes came to me, saying, The people of Israel, and the priests, and the Levites, have not separated themselves from the people of the lands, doing according to their abominations, even of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Perizzites, the Jebusites, the Ammonites, the Moabites, the Egyptians, and the Amorites.

9:2 For they have taken of their daughters for themselves, and for their sons: so that the holy seed have mingled themselves with the people of those lands: yes, the hand of the princes and rulers has been chief in this trespass.

9:3 And when I heard this thing, I rent my garment and my mantle, and plucked off the hair of my head and of my beard, and sat down astonished.

9:4 Then were assembled to me everyone that trembled at the words of the God of Israel, because of the transgression of those that had been carried away; and I sat astonished until the evening sacrifice.

9:5 And at the evening sacrifice I arose up from my heaviness; and having rent my garment and my mantle, I fell on my knees, and spread out my hands to *Yehovah* my God,

9:6 And said, O my God, I am ashamed and blush to lift up my face to you, my God: for our iniquities are increased over our head, and our trespass is grown up to the heavens.

9:7 Since the days of our fathers have we been in a great trespass to this day; and for our iniquities have we, our kings, and our priests, been delivered into the hand of the kings of the lands, to the sword, to captivity, and to a spoil, and to confusion of face, as it is this day.

9:8 And now for a little space grace has been showed from *Yehovah* our God, to leave us a remnant to escape, and to give us a nail in his holy place, that our God may lighten our eyes, and give us a little reviving in our bondage.

9:9 For we were slaves; yet our God has not forsaken us in our bondage, but has extended mercy to us in the sight of the kings of Persia, to give us a reviving, to set up the house of our God, and to repair the desolations of it, and to give us a wall in Judah and in Jerusalem.

9:10 And now, O our God, what shall we say after this? for we have forsaken your commandments,

9:11 Which you have commanded by your servants the prophets, saying, The land, to which you go to possess it, is an unclean land with the filthiness of the people of the lands, with their abominations, which have filled it from one end to another with their uncleanness.

9:12 Now therefore give not your daughters to their sons, neither take their daughters to your sons, nor seek their peace or their wealth forever: that you may be strong, and eat the good of the land, and leave it for an inheritance to your children forever.

9:13 And after all that is come on us for our evil deeds, and for our great trespass, seeing that you our God have punished us less than our iniquities deserve, and have given us such deliverance as this;

9:14 Should we again break your commandments, and join in affinity with the people of these abominations? would not you be angry with us till you had consumed us, so that there should be no remnant nor escaping?

9:15 O *YEHOVAH* God of Israel, you are righteous: for we remain yet escaped, as it is this day: behold, we are before you in our trespasses: for we cannot stand before you because of this.

## ***Ezra*** – Chapter 10

10:1 Now when Ezra had prayed, and when he had confessed, weeping and casting himself down before the house of God, there assembled to him out of Israel a very great congregation of men and women and children: for the people wept very sore.

10:2 And Shechaniah the son of Jehiel, one of the sons of Elam, answered and said to Ezra, We have trespassed against our God, and have taken strange wives of the people of the land: yet now there is hope in Israel concerning this thing.

10:3 Now therefore let us make a covenant with our God to put away all the wives, and such as are born of them, according to the counsel of my lord, and of those that tremble at the commandment of our God; and let it be done according to the law.

10:4 Arise; for this matter belongs to you: we also will be with you: be of good courage, and do it.

10:5 Then arose Ezra, and made the chief priests, the Levites, and all Israel, to swear that they should do according to this word. And they swore.

10:6 Then Ezra rose up from before the house of God, and went into the chamber of Johanan the son of Eliashib: and when he came thither, he did eat no bread, nor drink water: for he mourned because of the transgression of them that had been carried away.

10:7 And they made proclamation throughout Judah and Jerusalem to all the children of the captivity, that they should gather themselves together to Jerusalem;

10:8 And that whoever would not come within three days, according to the counsel of the princes and the elders, all his substance should be forfeited, and himself separated from the congregation of those that had been carried away.

10:9 Then all the men of Judah and Benjamin gathered themselves together to Jerusalem within three days. It was the ninth month, on the twentieth day of the month; and all the people sat in the street of the house of God, trembling because of this matter, and for the great rain.

10:10 And Ezra the priest stood up, and said to them, You have transgressed, and have taken strange wives, to increase the trespass of Israel.

10:11 Now therefore make confession to *Yehovah* God of your fathers, and do his pleasure: and separate yourselves from the people of the land, and from the strange wives.

10:12 Then all the congregation answered and said with a loud voice, As you have said, so must we do.

10:13 But the people are many, and it is a time of much rain, and we are not able to stand without, neither is this a work of one day or two: for we are many that have transgressed in this thing.

10:14 Let now our rulers of all the congregation stand, and let all them which have taken strange wives in our cities come at appointed times, and with them the elders of every city, and the judges of it, until the fierce wrath of our God for this matter be turned from us.

10:15 Only Jonathan the son of Asahel and Jahaziah the son of Tikvah were employed about this matter: and Meshullam and Shabbethai the Levite helped them.

10:16 And the children of the captivity did so. And Ezra the priest, with certain chief of the fathers, after the house of their fathers, and all of them by

their names, were separated, and sat down in the first day of the tenth month to examine the matter.

10:17 And they made an end with all the men that had taken strange wives by the first day of the first month.

10:18 And among the sons of the priests there were found that had taken strange wives: namely, of the sons of Jeshua the son of Jozadak, and his brothers; Maaseiah, and Eliezer, and Jarib, and Gedaliah.

10:19 And they gave their hands that they would put away their wives; and being guilty, they offered a ram of the flock for their trespass.

10:20 And of the sons of Immer; Hanani, and Zebadiah.

10:21 And of the sons of Harim; Maaseiah, and Elijah, and Shemaiah, and Jehiel, and Uziah.

10:22 And of the sons of Pashur; Elioenai, Maaseiah, Ishmael, Nethaneel, Jozabad, and Elasah.

10:23 Also of the Levites; Jozabad, and Shimei, and Kelaiah, (the same is Kelita,) Pethahiah, Judah, and Eliezer.

10:24 Of the singers also; Eliashib: and of the porters; Shallum, and Telem, and Uri.

10:25 Moreover of Israel: of the sons of Parosh; Ramiah, and Jeziah, and Malchiah, and Miamin, and Eleazar, and Malchijah, and Benaiah.

10:26 And of the sons of Elam; Mattaniah, Zechariah, and Jehiel, and Abdi, and Jeremoth, and Eliah.

10:27 And of the sons of Zattu; Elioenai, Eliashib, Mattaniah, and Jeremoth, and Zabad, and Aziza.

10:28 Of the sons also of Bebai; Jehohanan, Hananiah, Zabbai, and Athlai.

10:29 And of the sons of Bani; Meshullam, Malluch, and Adaiah, Jashub, and Sheal, and Ramoth.

10:30 And of the sons of Pahathmoab; Adna, and Chelal, Benaiah, Maaseiah, Mattaniah, Bezaleel, and Binnui, and Manasseh.

10:31 And of the sons of Harim; Eliezer, Ishijah, Malchiah, Shemaiah, Shimeon,

10:32 Benjamin, Malluch, and Shemariah.

10:33 Of the sons of Hashum; Mattenai, Mattathah, Zabad, Eliphelet, Jeremai, Manasseh, and Shimei.

10:34 Of the sons of Bani; Maadai, Amram, and Uel,

10:35 Benaiah, Bedeiah, Chelluh,

10:36 Vaniah, Meremoth, Eliashib,

10:37 Mattaniah, Mattenai, and Jaasau,

10:38 And Bani, and Binnui, Shimei,

10:39 And Shelemiah, and Nathan, and Adaiah,

10:40 Machnadebai, Shashai, Sharai,

10:41 Azareel, and Shelemiah, Shemariah,

10:42 Shallum, Amariah, and Joseph.

10:43 Of the sons of Nebo; Jeiel, Mattithiah, Zabad, Zebina, Jadau, and Joel, Benaiah.

10:44 All these had taken strange wives: and some of them had wives by whom they had children.

# *Book of Nehemiah*

*Nechemiyah (Yehovah Comforts)*

## *Nehemiah – Chapter 1*

1:1 The words of Nehemiah the son of Hachaliah. And it came to pass in the month Chisleu, in the twentieth year, as I was in Shushan the palace,

1:2 That Hanani, one of my brothers, came, he and certain men of Judah; and I asked them concerning the *Hebrews* that had escaped, which were left of the captivity, and concerning Jerusalem.

1:3 And they said to me, The remnant that are left of the captivity there in the province are in great affliction and reproach: the wall of Jerusalem also is broken down, and the gates of it are burned with fire.

1:4 And it came to pass, when I heard these words, that I sat down and wept, and mourned certain days, and fasted, and prayed before the God of heaven,

1:5 And said, I beseech you, O *YEHOVAH* God of heaven, the great and terrible God, that keeps covenant and mercy for them that love him and observe his commandments:

1:6 Let your ear now be attentive, and your eyes open, that you may hear the prayer of your servant, which I pray before you now, day and night, for the children of Israel your servants, and confess the sins of the children of Israel, which we have sinned against you: both I and my father's house have sinned.

1:7 We have dealt very corruptly against you, and have not kept the commandments, nor the statutes, nor the judgments, which you commanded your servant Moses.

1:8 Remember, I beseech you, the word that you commanded your servant Moses, saying, If you transgress, I will scatter you abroad among the nations:

1:9 But if you turn to me, and keep my commandments, and do them; though there were of you cast out to the uttermost part of the heaven, yet will I gather them from there, and will bring them to the place that I have chosen to set my name there.

1:10 Now these are your servants and your people, whom you have redeemed by your great power, and by your strong hand.

1:11 O *YEHOVAH*, I beseech you, let now your ear be attentive to the prayer of your servant, and to the prayer of your servants, who desire to fear your name: and prosper, I pray you, your servant this day, and grant him mercy in the sight of this man. For I was the king's cupbearer.

## *Nehemiah* – Chapter 2

2:1 And it came to pass in the month Nisan, in the twentieth year of Artaxerxes the king, that wine was before him: and I took up the wine, and gave it to the king. Now I had not been beforetime sad in his presence.

2:2 Why the king said to me, Why is your countenance sad, seeing you are not sick? this is nothing else but sorrow of heart. Then I was very sore afraid,

2:3 And said to the king, Let the king live forever: why should not my countenance be sad, when the city, the place of my fathers' sepulchers, lies waste, and the gates of it are consumed with fire?

2:4 Then the king said to me, For what do you make request? So I prayed to the God of heaven.

2:5 And I said to the king, If it please the king, and if your servant have found favor in your sight, that you would send me to Judah, to the city of my fathers' sepulchers, that I may build it.

2:6 And the king said to me, (the queen also sitting by him,) For how long shall your journey be? and when will you return? So it pleased the king to send me; and I set him a time.

2:7 Moreover I said to the king, If it please the king, let letters be given me to the governors beyond the river, that they may convey me over till I come into Judah;

2:8 And a letter to Asaph the keeper of the king's forest, that he may give me timber to make beams for the gates of the palace which appertained to the house, and for the wall of the city, and for the house that I shall enter into. And the king granted me, according to the good hand of my God on me.

2:9 Then I came to the governors beyond the river, and gave them the king's letters. Now the king had sent captains of the army and horsemen with me.

2:10 When Sanballat the Horonite, and Tobiah the servant, the Ammonite, heard of it, it grieved them exceedingly that there was come a man to seek the welfare of the children of Israel.

2:11 So I came to Jerusalem, and was there three days.

2:12 And I arose in the night, I and some few men with me; neither told I any man what my God had put in my heart to do at Jerusalem: neither was there any beast with me, save the beast that I rode on.

2:13 And I went out by night by the gate of the valley, even before the dragon well, and to the dung port, and viewed the walls of Jerusalem, which were broken down, and the gates of it were consumed with fire.

2:14 Then I went on to the gate of the fountain, and to the king's pool: but there was no place for the beast that was under me to pass.

2:15 Then went I up in the night by the brook, and viewed the wall, and turned back, and entered by the gate of the valley, and so returned.

2:16 And the rulers knew not where I went, or what I did; neither had I as yet told it to the *Hebrews*, nor to the priests, nor to the nobles, nor to the rulers, nor to the rest that did the work.

2:17 Then said I to them, You see the distress that we are in, how Jerusalem lies waste, and the gates of it are burned with fire: come, and let us build up the wall of Jerusalem, that we be no more a reproach.

2:18 Then I told them of the hand of my God which was good on me; as also the king's words that he had spoken to me. And they said, Let us rise up and build. So they strengthened their hands for this good work.

2:19 But when Sanballat the Horonite, and Tobiah the servant, the Ammonite, and Geshem the Arabian, heard it, they laughed us to scorn, and despised us, and said, What is this thing that you do? will you rebel against the king?

2:20 Then answered I them, and said to them, The God of heaven, he will prosper us; therefore we his servants will arise and build: but you have no portion, nor right, nor memorial, in Jerusalem.

### ***Nehemiah*** – Chapter 3

3:1 Then Eliashib the high priest rose up with his brothers the priests, and they built the sheep gate; they sanctified it, and set up the doors of it; even to the tower of Meah they sanctified it, to the tower of Hananeel.

3:2 And next to him built the men of Jericho. And next to them built Zaccur the son of Imri.

3:3 But the fish gate did the sons of Hassenaah build, who also laid the beams of it, and set up the doors of it, the locks of it, and the bars of it.

3:4 And next to them repaired Meremoth the son of Urijah, the son of Koz. And next to them repaired Meshullam the son of Berechiah, the son of Meshezabeel. And next to them repaired Zadok the son of Baana.

3:5 And next to them the Tekoites repaired; but their nobles put not their necks to the work of their *Yehovah*.

3:6 Moreover the old gate repaired Jehoiada the son of Paseah, and Meshullam the son of Besodeiah; they laid the beams of it, and set up the doors of it, and the locks of it, and the bars of it.

3:7 And next to them repaired Melatiah the Gibeonite, and Jadon the Meronothite, the men of Gibeon, and of Mizpah, to the throne of the governor on this side the river.

3:8 Next to him repaired Uzziel the son of Harhaiah, of the goldsmiths. Next to him also repaired Hananiah the son of one of the apothecaries, and they fortified Jerusalem to the broad wall.

3:9 And next to them repaired Rephaiah the son of Hur, the ruler of the half part of Jerusalem.

3:10 And next to them repaired Jedaiah the son of Harumaph, even over against his house. And next to him repaired Hattush the son of Hashabniah.

3:11 Malchijah the son of Harim, and Hashub the son of Pahathmoab, repaired the other piece, and the tower of the furnaces.

3:12 And next to him repaired Shallum the son of Halohesh, the ruler of the half part of Jerusalem, he and his daughters.

3:13 The valley gate repaired Hanun, and the inhabitants of Zanoah; they built it, and set up the doors of it, the locks of it, and the bars of it, and a thousand cubits on the wall to the dung gate.

3:14 But the dung gate repaired Malchiah the son of Rechab, the ruler of part of Bethhacerem; he built it, and set up the doors of it, the locks of it, and the bars of it.

3:15 But the gate of the fountain repaired Shallun the son of Colhozeh, the ruler of part of Mizpah; he built it, and covered it, and set up the doors of it, the locks of it, and the bars of it, and the wall of the pool of Siloah by the king's garden, and to the stairs that go down from the city of David.

3:16 After him repaired Nehemiah the son of Azbuk, the ruler of the half part of Bethzur, to the place over against the sepulchers of David, and to the pool that was made, and to the house of the mighty.

3:17 After him repaired the Levites, Rehum the son of Bani. Next to him repaired Hashabiah, the ruler of the half part of Keilah, in his part.

3:18 After him repaired their brothers, Bavai the son of Henadad, the ruler of the half part of Keilah.

3:19 And next to him repaired Ezer the son of Jeshua, the ruler of Mizpah, another piece over against the going up to the armory at the turning of the wall.

3:20 After him Baruch the son of Zabbai earnestly repaired the other piece, from the turning of the wall to the door of the house of Eliashib the high priest.

3:21 After him repaired Meremoth the son of Urijah the son of Koz another piece, from the door of the house of Eliashib even to the end of the house of Eliashib.

3:22 And after him repaired the priests, the men of the plain.

3:23 After him repaired Benjamin and Hashub over against their house. After him repaired Azariah the son of Maaseiah the son of Ananiah by his house.

3:24 After him repaired Binnui the son of Henadad another piece, from the house of Azariah to the turning of the wall, even to the corner.

3:25 Palal the son of Uzai, over against the turning of the wall, and the tower which lies out from the king's high house, that was by the court of the prison. After him Pedaiah the son of Parosh.

3:26 Moreover the Nethinims dwelled in Ophel, to the place over against the water gate toward the east, and the tower that lies out.

3:27 After them the Tekoites repaired another piece, over against the great tower that lies out, even to the wall of Ophel.

3:28 From above the horse gate repaired the priests, everyone over against his house.

3:29 After them repaired Zadok the son of Immer over against his house. After him repaired also Shemaiah the son of Shechaniah, the keeper of the east gate.

3:30 After him repaired Hananiah the son of Shelemiah, and Hanun the sixth son of Zalaph, another piece. After him repaired Meshullam the son of Berechiah over against his chamber.

3:31 After him repaired Malchiah the goldsmith's son to the place of the Nethinims, and of the merchants, over against the gate Miphkad, and to the going up of the corner.

3:32 And between the going up of the corner to the sheep gate repaired the goldsmiths and the merchants.

## ***Nehemiah*** – Chapter 4

4:1 But it came to pass, that when Sanballat heard that we built the wall, he was wroth, and took great indignation, and mocked the *Hebrews*.

4:2 And he spoke before his brothers and the army of Samaria, and said, What do these feeble *Hebrews*? will they fortify themselves? will they sacrifice? will they make an end in a day? will they revive the stones out of the heaps of the rubbish which are burned?

4:3 Now Tobiah the Ammonite was by him, and he said, Even that which they build, if a fox go up, he shall even break down their stone wall.

4:4 Hear, O our God; for we are despised: and turn their reproach on their own head, and give them for a prey in the land of captivity:

4:5 And cover not their iniquity, and let not their sin be blotted out from before you: for they have provoked you to anger before the builders.

4:6 So built we the wall; and all the wall was joined together to the half of it: for the people had a mind to work.

4:7 But it came to pass, that when Sanballat, and Tobiah, and the Arabians, and the Ammonites, and the Ashdodites, heard that the walls of Jerusalem were made up, and that the breaches began to be stopped, then they were very wroth,

4:8 And conspired all of them together to come and to fight against Jerusalem, and to hinder it.

4:9 Nevertheless we made our prayer to our God, and set a watch against them day and night, because of them.

4:10 And Judah said, The strength of the bearers of burdens is decayed, and there is much rubbish; so that we are not able to build the wall.

4:11 And our adversaries said, They shall not know, neither see, till we come in the middle among them, and slay them, and cause the work to cease.

4:12 And it came to pass, that when the *Hebrews* which dwelled by them came, they said to us ten times, From all places from where you shall return to us they will be on you.

4:13 Therefore set I in the lower places behind the wall, and on the higher places, I even set the people after their families with their swords, their spears, and their bows.

4:14 And I looked, and rose up, and said to the nobles, and to the rulers, and to the rest of the people, Be not you afraid of them: remember *Yehovah*, which is great and terrible, and fight for your brothers, your sons, and your daughters, your wives, and your houses.

4:15 And it came to pass, when our enemies heard that it was known to us, and God had brought their counsel to nothing, that we returned all of us to the wall, everyone to his work.

4:16 And it came to pass from that time forth, that the half of my servants worked in the work, and the other half of them held both the spears, the shields, and the bows, and the habergeons; and the rulers were behind all the house of Judah.

4:17 They which built on the wall, and they that bore burdens, with those that laded, everyone with one of his hands worked in the work, and with the other hand held a weapon.

4:18 For the builders, everyone had his sword girded by his side, and so built. And he that sounded the trumpet was by me.

4:19 And I said to the nobles, and to the rulers, and to the rest of the people, The work is great and large, and we are separated on the wall, one far from another.

4:20 In what place therefore you hear the sound of the trumpet, resort you thither to us: our God shall fight for us.

4:21 So we labored in the work: and half of them held the spears from the rising of the morning till the stars appeared.

4:22 Likewise at the same time said I to the people, Let everyone with his servant lodge within Jerusalem, that in the night they may be a guard to us, and labor on the day.

4:23 So neither I, nor my brothers, nor my servants, nor the men of the guard which followed me, none of us put off our clothes, saving that everyone put them off for washing.

## *Nehemiah* – Chapter 5

5:1 And there was a great cry of the people and of their wives against their brothers the *Hebrews*.

5:2 For there were that said, We, our sons, and our daughters, are many: therefore we take up *grain* for them, that we may eat, and live.

5:3 Some also there were that said, We have mortgaged our lands, vineyards, and houses, that we might buy corn, because of the dearth.

5:4 There were also that said, We have borrowed money for the king's tribute, and that on our lands and vineyards.

5:5 Yet now our flesh is as the flesh of our brothers, our children as their children: and, see, we bring into bondage our sons and our daughters to be servants, and some of our daughters are brought to bondage already: neither is it in our power to redeem them; for other men have our lands and vineyards.

5:6 And I was very angry when I heard their cry and these words.

5:7 Then I consulted with myself, and I rebuked the nobles, and the rulers, and said to them, You exact usury, everyone of his brother. And I set a great assembly against them.

5:8 And I said to them, We after our ability have redeemed our brothers the *Hebrews*, which were sold to the heathen; and will you even sell your brothers? or shall they be sold to us? Then held they their peace, and found nothing to answer.

5:9 Also I said, It is not good that you do: ought you not to walk in the fear of our God because of the reproach of the heathen our enemies?

5:10 I likewise, and my brothers, and my servants, might exact of them money and corn: I pray you, let us leave off this usury.

5:11 Restore, I pray you, to them, even this day, their lands, their vineyards, their olive groves, and their houses, also the hundredth part of the money, and of the corn, the wine, and the oil, that you exact of them.

5:12 Then said they, We will restore them, and will require nothing of them; so will we do as you say. Then I called the priests, and took an oath of them, that they should do according to this promise.

5:13 Also I shook my lap, and said, So God shake out every man from his house, and from his labor, that performs not this promise, even thus be he shaken out, and emptied. And all the congregation said, Amen, and praised *Yehovah*. And the people did according to this promise.

5:14 Moreover from the time that I was appointed to be their governor in the land of Judah, from the twentieth year even to the two and thirtieth year of Artaxerxes the king, that is, twelve years, I and my brothers have not eaten the bread of the governor.

5:15 But the former governors that had been before me were chargeable to the people, and had taken of them bread and wine, beside forty shekels of silver; yes, even their servants bore rule over the people: but so did not I, because of the fear of God.

5:16 Yes, also I continued in the work of this wall, neither bought we any land: and all my servants were gathered thither to the work.

5:17 Moreover there were at my table a hundred and fifty of the *Hebrews* and rulers, beside those that came to us from among the heathen that are about us.

5:18 Now that which was prepared for me daily was one ox and six choice sheep; also fowls were prepared for me, and once in ten days store of all sorts of wine: yet for all this required not I the bread of the governor, because the bondage was heavy on this people.

5:19 Think on me, my God, for good, according to all that I have done for this people.

## ***Nehemiah*** – Chapter 6

6:1 Now it came to pass when Sanballat, and Tobiah, and Geshem the Arabian, and the rest of our enemies, heard that I had built the wall, and that there was no breach left therein; (though at that time I had not set up the doors on the gates.)

6:2 That Sanballat and Geshem sent to me, saying, Come, let us meet together in some one of the villages in the plain of Ono. But they thought to do me mischief.

6:3 And I sent messengers to them, saying, I am doing a great work, so that I cannot come down: why should the work cease, while I leave it, and come down to you?

6:4 Yet they sent to me four times after this sort; and I answered them after the same manner.

6:5 Then sent Sanballat his servant to me in like manner the fifth time with an open letter in his hand;

6:6 In which was written, It is reported among the heathen, and Gashmu said it, that you and the *Hebrews* think to rebel: for which cause you build the wall, that you may be their king, according to these words.

6:7 And you have also appointed prophets to preach of you at Jerusalem, saying, There is a king in Judah: and now shall it be reported to the king according to these words. Come now therefore, and let us take counsel together.

6:8 Then I sent to him, saying, There are no such things done as you say, but you feign them out of your own heart.

6:9 For they all made us afraid, saying, Their hands shall be weakened from the work, that it be not done. Now therefore, O God, strengthen my hands.

6:10 Afterward I came to the house of Shemaiah the son of Delaiah the son of Mehetabeel, who was shut up; and he said, Let us meet together in the house of God, within the temple, and let us shut the doors of the temple: for they will come to slay you; yes, in the night will they come to slay you.

6:11 And I said, Should such a man as I flee? and who is there, that, being as I am, would go into the temple to save his life? I will not go in.

6:12 And, see, I perceived that God had not sent him; but that he pronounced this prophecy against me: for Tobiah and Sanballat had hired him.

6:13 Therefore was he hired, that I should be afraid, and do so, and sin, and that they might have matter for an evil report, that they might reproach me.

6:14 My God, think you on Tobiah and Sanballat according to these their works, and on the prophetess Noadiah, and the rest of the prophets, that would have put me in fear.

6:15 So the wall was finished in the twenty and fifth day of the month Elul, in fifty and two days.

6:16 And it came to pass, that when all our enemies heard of it, and all the heathen that were about us saw these things, they were much cast down in their own eyes: for they perceived that this work was worked of our God.

6:17 Moreover in those days the nobles of Judah sent many letters to Tobiah, and the letters of Tobiah came to them.

6:18 For there were many in Judah sworn to him, because he was the son in law of Shechaniah the son of Arah; and his son Johanan had taken the daughter of Meshullam the son of Berechiah.

6:19 Also they reported his good deeds before me, and uttered my words to him. And Tobiah sent letters to put me in fear.

## ***Nehemiah*** – Chapter 7

7:1 Now it came to pass, when the wall was built, and I had set up the doors, and the porters and the singers and the Levites were appointed,

7:2 That I gave my brother Hanani, and Hananiah the ruler of the palace, charge over Jerusalem: for he was a faithful man, and feared God above many.

7:3 And I said to them, Let not the gates of Jerusalem be opened until the sun be hot; and while they stand by, let them shut the doors, and bar them: and appoint watches of the inhabitants of Jerusalem, everyone in his watch, and everyone to be over against his house.

7:4 Now the city was large and great: but the people were few therein, and the houses were not built.

7:5 And my God put into my heart to gather together the nobles, and the rulers, and the people, that they might be reckoned by genealogy. And I found a register of the genealogy of them which came up at the first, and found written therein,

7:6 These are the children of the province, that went up out of the captivity, of those that had been carried away, whom Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon had carried away, and came again to Jerusalem and to Judah, everyone to his city;

7:7 Who came with Zerubbabel, Jeshua, Nehemiah, Azariah, Raamiah, Nahamani, Mordecai, Bilshan, Mispereth, Bigvai, Nehum, Baanah. The number, I say, of the men of the people of Israel was this:

7:8 The children of Parosh, two thousand a hundred seventy and two.

7:9 The children of Shephatiah, three hundred seventy and two.

7:10 The children of Arah, six hundred fifty and two.

7:11 The children of Pahathmoab, of the children of Jeshua and Joab, two thousand and eight hundred and eighteen.

7:12 The children of Elam, a thousand two hundred fifty and four.

7:13 The children of Zattu, eight hundred forty and five.

7:14 The children of Zaccai, seven hundred and three score.

7:15 The children of Binnui, six hundred forty and eight.

7:16 The children of Bebai, six hundred twenty and eight.

7:17 The children of Azgad, two thousand three hundred twenty and two.

7:18 The children of Adonikam, six hundred three score and seven.

7:19 The children of Bigvai, two thousand three score and seven.

7:20 The children of Adin, six hundred fifty and five.

7:21 The children of Ater of Hezekiah, ninety and eight.

7:22 The children of Hashum, three hundred twenty and eight.

7:23 The children of Bezai, three hundred twenty and four.

7:24 The children of Hariph, a hundred and twelve.

7:25 The children of Gibeon, ninety and five.

7:26 The men of Bethlehem and Netophah, a hundred fourscore and eight.

7:27 The men of Anathoth, a hundred twenty and eight.

7:28 The men of Bethazmaveth, forty and two.

7:29 The men of Kirjathjearim, Chephirah, and Beeroth, seven hundred forty and three.

7:30 The men of Ramah and Gaba, six hundred twenty and one.

7:31 The men of Michmas, a hundred and twenty and two.

7:32 The men of Bethel and Ai, a hundred twenty and three.

7:33 The men of the other Nebo, fifty and two.

7:34 The children of the other Elam, a thousand two hundred fifty and four.

7:35 The children of Harim, three hundred and twenty.

7:36 The children of Jericho, three hundred forty and five.

7:37 The children of Lod, Hadid, and Ono, seven hundred twenty and one.

7:38 The children of Senaah, three thousand nine hundred and thirty.

7:39 The priests: the children of Jedaiah, of the house of Jeshua, nine hundred seventy and three.

7:40 The children of Immer, a thousand fifty and two.

7:41 The children of Pashur, a thousand two hundred forty and seven.

7:42 The children of Harim, a thousand and seventeen.

7:43 The Levites: the children of Jeshua, of Kadmiel, and of the children of Hodevah, seventy and four.

7:44 The singers: the children of Asaph, a hundred forty and eight.

7:45 The porters: the children of Shallum, the children of Ater, the children of Talmon, the children of Akkub, the children of Hatita, the children of Shobai, a hundred thirty and eight.

7:46 The Nethinims: the children of Ziha, the children of Hashupha, the children of Tabbaoth,

7:47 The children of Keros, the children of Sia, the children of Padon,

7:48 The children of Lebana, the children of Hagaba, the children of Shalmai,

7:49 The children of Hanan, the children of Giddel, the children of Gahar,

7:50 The children of Reaiah, the children of Rezin, the children of Nekoda,

7:51 The children of Gazzam, the children of Uzza, the children of Phaseah,

7:52 The children of Besai, the children of Meunim, the children of Nephishesim,

7:53 The children of Bakbuk, the children of Hakupha, the children of Harhur,

7:54 The children of Bazlith, the children of Mehida, the children of Harsha,

7:55 The children of Barkos, the children of Sisera, the children of Tamah,

7:56 The children of Neziah, the children of Hatipha.

7:57 The children of Solomon's servants: the children of Sotai, the children of Sophereth, the children of Perida,

7:58 The children of Jaala, the children of Darkon, the children of Giddel,

7:59 The children of Shephatiah, the children of Hattil, the children of Pochereth of Zebaim, the children of Amon.

7:60 All the Nethinims, and the children of Solomon's servants, were three hundred ninety and two.

7:61 And these were they which went up also from Telmelah, Telharsa, Cherub, Addon, and Immer: but they could not show their father's house, nor their seed, whether they were of Israel.

7:62 The children of Delaiah, the children of Tobiah, the children of Nekoda, six hundred forty and two.

7:63 And of the priests: the children of Habaiah, the children of Koz, the children of Barzillai, which took one of the daughters of Barzillai the Gileadite to wife, and was called after their name.

7:64 These sought their register among those that were reckoned by genealogy, but it was not found: therefore were they, as polluted, put from the priesthood.

7:65 And the Tirshatha said to them, that they should not eat of the most holy things, till there stood up a priest with Urim and Thummim.

7:66 The whole congregation together was forty and two thousand three hundred and three score,

7:67 Beside their manservants and their maidservants, of whom there were seven thousand three hundred thirty and seven: and they had two hundred forty and five singing men and singing women.

7:68 Their horses, seven hundred thirty and six: their mules, two hundred forty and five:

7:69 Their camels, four hundred thirty and five: six thousand seven hundred and twenty asses.

7:70 And some of the chief of the fathers gave to the work. The Tirshatha gave to the treasure a thousand drams of gold, fifty basins, five hundred and thirty priests' garments.

7:71 And some of the chief of the fathers gave to the treasure of the work twenty thousand drams of gold, and two thousand and two hundred pound of silver.

7:72 And that which the rest of the people gave was twenty thousand drams of gold, and two thousand pound of silver, and three score and seven priests' garments.

7:73 So the priests, and the Levites, and the porters, and the singers, and some of the people, and the Nethinims, and all Israel, dwelled in their cities; and when the seventh month came, the children of Israel were in their cities.

## ***Nehemiah*** – Chapter 8

8:1 And all the people gathered themselves together as one man into the street that was before the water gate; and they spoke to Ezra the scribe to bring the book of the law of Moses, which *Yehovah* had commanded to Israel.

8:2 And Ezra the priest brought the law before the congregation both of men and women, and all that could hear with understanding, on the first day of the seventh month.

8:3 And he read therein before the street that was before the water gate from the morning until midday, before the men and the women, and those that could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law.

8:4 And Ezra the scribe stood on a pulpit of wood, which they had made for the purpose; and beside him stood Mattithiah, and Shema, and Anaiah, and Urijah, and Hilkiyah, and Maaseiah, on his right hand; and on his left hand,

Pedaiah, and Mishael, and Malchiah, and Hashum, and Hashbadana, Zechariah, and Meshullam.

8:5 And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people; (for he was above all the people;) and when he opened it, all the people stood up:

8:6 And Ezra blessed *Yehovah*, the great God. And all the people answered, Amen, Amen, with lifting up their hands: and they bowed their heads, and worshipped *Yehovah* with their faces to the ground.

8:7 Also Jeshua, and Bani, and Sherebiah, Jamin, Akkub, Shabbethai, Hodijah, Maaseiah, Kelita, Azariah, Jozabad, Hanan, Pelaiah, and the Levites, caused the people to understand the law: and the people stood in their place.

8:8 So they read in the book in the law of God distinctly, and gave the sense, and caused them to understand the reading.

8:9 And Nehemiah, which is the Tirshatha, and Ezra the priest the scribe, and the Levites that taught the people, said to all the people, This day is holy to *Yehovah* your God; mourn not, nor weep. For all the people wept, when they heard the words of the law.

8:10 Then he said to them, Go your way, eat the fat, and drink the sweet, and send portions to them for whom nothing is prepared: for this day is holy to our *YEHOWAH*: neither be you sorry; for the joy of *Yehovah* is your strength.

8:11 So the Levites stilled all the people, saying, Hold your peace, for the day is holy; neither be you grieved.

8:12 And all the people went their way to eat, and to drink, and to send portions, and to make great mirth, because they had understood the words that were declared to them.

8:13 And on the second day were gathered together the chief of the fathers of all the people, the priests, and the Levites, to Ezra the scribe, even to understand the words of the law.

8:14 And they found written in the law which *Yehovah* had commanded by Moses, that the children of Israel should dwell in booths in the feast of the seventh month:

8:15 And that they should publish and proclaim in all their cities, and in Jerusalem, saying, Go forth to the mount, and fetch olive branches, and pine branches, and myrtle branches, and palm branches, and branches of thick trees, to make booths, as it is written.

8:16 So the people went forth, and brought them, and made themselves booths, everyone on the roof of his house, and in their courts, and in the courts of the house of God, and in the street of the water gate, and in the street of the gate of Ephraim.

8:17 And all the congregation of them that were come again out of the captivity made booths, and sat under the booths: for since the days of Jeshua the son of Nun to that day had not the children of Israel done so. And there was very great gladness.

8:18 Also day by day, from the first day to the last day, he read in the book of the law of God. And they kept the feast seven days; and on the eighth day was a solemn assembly, according to the manner.

## *Nehemiah* – Chapter 9

9:1 Now in the twenty and fourth day of this month the children of Israel were assembled with fasting, and with sackcloths, and earth on them.

9:2 And the seed of Israel separated themselves from all strangers, and stood and confessed their sins, and the iniquities of their fathers.

9:3 And they stood up in their place, and read in the book of the law of *Yehovah* their God one fourth part of the day; and another fourth part they confessed, and worshipped *Yehovah* their God.

9:4 Then stood up on the stairs, of the Levites, Jeshua, and Bani, Kadmiel, Shebaniah, Bunni, Sherebiah, Bani, and Chenani, and cried with a loud voice to *Yehovah* their God.

9:5 Then the Levites, Jeshua, and Kadmiel, Bani, Hashabniah, Sherebiah, Hodijah, Shebaniah, and Pethahiah, said, Stand up and bless *Yehovah* your God forever and ever: and blessed be your glorious name, which is exalted above all blessing and praise.

9:6 You, even you, are *YEHOVAH* alone; you have made heaven, the heaven of heavens, with all their host, the earth, and all things that are therein, the seas, and all that is therein, and you preserve them all; and the host of heaven worships you.

9:7 You are *Yehovah* the God, who did choose Abram, and brought him forth out of Ur of the Chaldees, and gave him the name of Abraham;

9:8 And found his heart faithful before you, and made a covenant with him to give the land of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, and the Perizzites, and the Jebusites, and the Girgashites, to give it, I say, to his seed, and have performed your words; for you are righteous:

9:9 And did see the affliction of our fathers in Egypt, and heard their cry by the Red sea;

9:10 And showed signs and wonders on Pharaoh, and on all his servants, and on all the people of his land: for you knew that they dealt proudly against them. So did you get you a name, as it is this day.

9:11 And you did divide the sea before them, so that they went through the middle of the sea on the dry land; and their persecutors you threw into the deeps, as a stone into the mighty waters.

9:12 Moreover you led them in the day by a cloudy pillar; and in the night by a pillar of fire, to give them light in the way in which they should go.

9:13 You came down also on mount Sinai, and spoke with them from heaven, and gave them right judgments, and true laws, good statutes and commandments:

9:14 And made known to them your holy sabbath, and commanded them precepts, statutes, and laws, by the hand of Moses your servant:

9:15 And gave them bread from heaven for their hunger, and brought forth water for them out of the rock for their thirst, and promised them that they should go in to possess the land which you had sworn to give them.

9:16 But they and our fathers dealt proudly, and hardened their necks, and listened not to your commandments,

9:17 And refused to obey, neither were mindful of your wonders that you did among them; but hardened their necks, and in their rebellion appointed a captain to return to their bondage: but you are a God ready to pardon, gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and forsook them not.

9:18 Yes, when they had made them a molten calf, and said, This is your God that brought you up out of Egypt, and had worked great provocations;

9:19 Yet you in your manifold mercies forsook them not in the wilderness: the pillar of the cloud departed not from them by day, to lead them in the way; neither the pillar of fire by night, to show them light, and the way in which they should go.

9:20 You gave also your good spirit to instruct them, and withheld not your manna from their mouth, and gave them water for their thirst.

9:21 Yes, forty years did you sustain them in the wilderness, so that they lacked nothing; their clothes waxed not old, and their feet swelled not.

9:22 Moreover you gave them kingdoms and nations, and did divide them into corners: so they possessed the land of Sihon, and the land of the king of Heshbon, and the land of Og king of Bashan.

9:23 Their children also multiplied you as the stars of heaven, and brought them into the land, concerning which you had promised to their fathers, that they should go in to possess it.

9:24 So the children went in and possessed the land, and you subdued before them the inhabitants of the land, the Canaanites, and gave them into their hands, with their kings, and the people of the land, that they might do with them as they would.

9:25 And they took strong cities, and a fat land, and possessed houses full of all goods, wells dig, vineyards, and olive groves, and fruit trees in abundance: so they did eat, and were filled, and became fat, and delighted themselves in your great goodness.

9:26 Nevertheless they were disobedient, and rebelled against you, and cast your law behind their backs, and slew your prophets which testified against them to turn them to you, and they worked great provocations.

9:27 Therefore you delivered them into the hand of their enemies, who vexed them: and in the time of their trouble, when they cried to you, you heard them from heaven; and according to your manifold mercies you gave them saviors, who saved them out of the hand of their enemies.

9:28 But after they had rest, they did evil again before you: therefore left you them in the land of their enemies, so that they had the dominion over them: yet when they returned, and cried to you, you heard them from heaven; and many times did you deliver them according to your mercies;

9:29 And testified against them, that you might bring them again to your law: yet they dealt proudly, and listened not to your commandments, but sinned against your judgments, (which if a man do, he shall live in them;) and withdrew the shoulder, and hardened their neck, and would not hear.

9:30 Yet many years did you forbear them, and testified against them by your spirit in your prophets: yet would they not give ear: therefore gave you them into the hand of the people of the lands.

9:31 Nevertheless for your great mercies' sake you did not utterly consume them, nor forsake them; for you are a gracious and merciful God.

9:32 Now therefore, our God, the great, the mighty, and the terrible God, who keep covenant and mercy, let not all the trouble seem little before you, that has come on us, on our kings, on our princes, and on our priests, and on our prophets, and on our fathers, and on all your people, since the time of the kings of Assyria to this day.

9:33 However, you are just in all that is brought on us; for you have done right, but we have done wickedly:

9:34 Neither have our kings, our princes, our priests, nor our fathers, kept your law, nor listened to your commandments and your testimonies, with which you did testify against them.

9:35 For they have not served you in their kingdom, and in your great goodness that you gave them, and in the large and fat land which you gave before them, neither turned they from their wicked works.

9:36 Behold, we are servants this day, and for the land that you gave to our fathers to eat the fruit of it and the good of it, behold, we are servants in it:

9:37 And it yields much increase to the kings whom you have set over us because of our sins: also they have dominion over our bodies, and over our cattle, at their pleasure, and we are in great distress.

9:38 And because of all this we make a sure covenant, and write it; and our princes, Levites, and priests, seal to it.

## ***Nehemiah*** – Chapter 10

10:1 Now those that sealed were, Nehemiah, the Tirshatha, the son of Hachaliah, and Zidkijah,

10:2 Seraiah, Azariah, Jeremiah,

10:3 Pashur, Amariah, Malchijah,

10:4 Hattush, Shebaniah, Malluch,

10:5 Harim, Meremoth, Obadiah,

10:6 Daniel, Ginnethon, Baruch,  
 10:7 Meshullam, Abijah, Mijamin,  
 10:8 Maaziah, Bilgai, Shemaiah: these were the priests.  
 10:9 And the Levites: both Jeshua the son of Azaniah, Binnui of the sons  
 of Henadad, Kadmiel;  
 10:10 And their brothers, Shebaniah, Hodijah, Kelita, Pelaiah, Hanan,  
 10:11 Micha, Rehob, Hashabiah,  
 10:12 Zaccur, Sherebiah, Shebaniah,  
 10:13 Hodijah, Bani, Beninu.  
 10:14 The chief of the people; Parosh, Pahathmoab, Elam, Zatthu, Bani,  
 10:15 Bunni, Azgad, Bebai,  
 10:16 Adonijah, Bigvai, Adin,  
 10:17 Ater, Hizkijah, Azzur,  
 10:18 Hodijah, Hashum, Bezai,  
 10:19 Hariph, Anathoth, Nebai,  
 10:20 Magpiash, Meshullam, Hezir,  
 10:21 Meshezabeel, Zadok, Jaddua,  
 10:22 Pelatiah, Hanan, Anaiah,  
 10:23 Hoshea, Hananiah, Hashub,  
 10:24 Hallohesh, Pileha, Shobek,  
 10:25 Rehum, Hashabnah, Maaseiah,  
 10:26 And Ahijah, Hanan, Anan,  
 10:27 Malluch, Harim, Baanah.  
 10:28 And the rest of the people, the priests, the Levites, the porters, the  
 singers, the Nethinims, and all they that had separated themselves from the  
 people of the lands to the law of God, their wives, their sons, and their  
 daughters, everyone having knowledge, and having understanding;  
 10:29 They joined to their brothers, their nobles, and entered into a curse,  
 and into an oath, to walk in God's law, which was given by Moses the servant  
 of God, and to observe and do all the commandments of *Yehovah* our Lord,  
 and his judgments and his statutes;  
 10:30 And that we would not give our daughters to the people of the land,  
 not take their daughters for our sons:  
 10:31 And if the people of the land bring ware or any supplies on the  
 sabbath day to sell, that we would not buy it of them on the sabbath, or on the  
 holy day: and that we would leave the seventh year, and the exaction of every  
 debt.  
 10:32 Also we made ordinances for us, to charge ourselves yearly with  
 the third part of a shekel for the service of the house of our God;  
 10:33 For the show bread, and for the continual meat offering, and for  
 the continual burnt offering, of the sabbaths, of the new moons, for the set  
 feasts, and for the holy things, and for the sin offerings to make an atonement  
 for Israel, and for all the work of the house of our God.

10:34 And we cast the lots among the priests, the Levites, and the people, for the wood offering, to bring it into the house of our God, after the houses of our fathers, at times appointed year by year, to burn on the altar of *Yehovah* our God, as it is written in the law:

10:35 And to bring the first fruits of our ground, and the first fruits of all fruit of all trees, year by year, to the house of *Yehovah*:

10:36 Also the firstborn of our sons, and of our cattle, as it is written in the law, and the firstborn of our herds and of our flocks, to bring to the house of our God, to the priests that minister in the house of our God:

10:37 And that we should bring the first fruits of our dough, and our offerings, and the fruit of all manner of trees, of wine and of oil, to the priests, to the chambers of the house of our God; and the tithes of our ground to the Levites, that the same Levites might have the tithes in all the cities of our tillage.

10:38 And the priest the son of Aaron shall be with the Levites, when the Levites take tithes: and the Levites shall bring up the tithe of the tithes to the house of our God, to the chambers, into the treasure house.

10:39 For the children of Israel and the children of Levi shall bring the offering of the corn, of the new wine, and the oil, to the chambers, where are the vessels of the sanctuary, and the priests that minister, and the porters, and the singers: and we will not forsake the house of our God.

## ***Nehemiah*** – Chapter 11

11:1 And the rulers of the people dwelled at Jerusalem: the rest of the people also cast lots, to bring one of ten to dwell in Jerusalem the holy city, and nine parts to dwell in other cities.

11:2 And the people blessed all the men, that willingly offered themselves to dwell at Jerusalem.

11:3 Now these are the chief of the province that dwelled in Jerusalem: but in the cities of Judah dwelled everyone in his possession in their cities, to wit, Israel, the priests, and the Levites, and the Nethinims, and the children of Solomon's servants.

11:4 And at Jerusalem dwelled certain of the children of Judah, and of the children of Benjamin. Of the children of Judah; Athaiah the son of Uzziah, the son of Zechariah, the son of Amariah, the son of Shephatiah, the son of Mahalaleel, of the children of Perez;

11:5 And Maaseiah the son of Baruch, the son of Colhozeh, the son of Hazaiah, the son of Adaiah, the son of Joiarib, the son of Zechariah, the son of Shiloni.

11:6 All the sons of Perez that dwelled at Jerusalem were four hundred three score and eight valiant men.

11:7 And these are the sons of Benjamin; Sallu the son of Meshullam, the son of Joed, the son of Pedaiah, the son of Kolaiah, the son of Maaseiah, the son of Ithiel, the son of Jesaiah.

11:8 And after him Gabbai, Sallai, nine hundred twenty and eight.

11:9 And Joel the son of Zichri was their overseer: and Judah the son of Senuah was second over the city.

11:10 Of the priests: Jedaiah the son of Joiarib, Jachin.

11:11 Seraiah the son of Hilkiyah, the son of Meshullam, the son of Zadok, the son of Meraioth, the son of Ahitub, was the ruler of the house of God.

11:12 And their brothers that did the work of the house were eight hundred twenty and two: and Adaiah the son of Jeroham, the son of Pelaliah, the son of Amzi, the son of Zechariah, the son of Pashur, the son of Malchiah.

11:13 And his brothers, chief of the fathers, two hundred forty and two: and Amashai the son of Azareel, the son of Ahasai, the son of Meshillemoth, the son of Immer,

11:14 And their brothers, mighty men of valor, a hundred twenty and eight: and their overseer was Zabdiel, the son of one of the great men.

11:15 Also of the Levites: Shemaiah the son of Hashub, the son of Azrikam, the son of Hashabiah, the son of Bunni;

11:16 And Shabbethai and Jozabad, of the chief of the Levites, had the oversight of the outward business of the house of God.

11:17 And Mattaniah the son of Micha, the son of Zabdi, the son of Asaph, was the principal to begin the thanksgiving in prayer: and Bakbukiah the second among his brothers, and Abda the son of Shammua, the son of Galal, the son of Jeduthun.

11:18 All the Levites in the holy city were two hundred fourscore and four.

11:19 Moreover the porters, Akkub, Talmon, and their brothers that kept the gates, were a hundred seventy and two.

11:20 And the residue of Israel, of the priests, and the Levites, were in all the cities of Judah, everyone in his inheritance.

11:21 But the Nethinims dwelled in Ophel: and Ziha and Gispa were over the Nethinims.

11:22 The overseer also of the Levites at Jerusalem was Uzzi the son of Bani, the son of Hashabiah, the son of Mattaniah, the son of Micha. Of the sons of Asaph, the singers were over the business of the house of God.

11:23 For it was the king's commandment concerning them, that a certain portion should be for the singers, due for every day.

11:24 And Pethahiah the son of Meshezabeel, of the children of Zerah the son of Judah, was at the king's hand in all matters concerning the people.

11:25 And for the villages, with their fields, some of the children of Judah dwelled at Kirjatharba, and in the villages of it, and at Dibon, and in the villages of it, and at Jekabzeel, and in the villages of it,

11:26 And at Jeshua, and at Moladah, and at Bethpheet,

11:27 And at Hazarshual, and at Beersheba, and in the villages of it,

11:28 And at Ziklag, and at Mekonah, and in the villages of it,

11:29 And at Enrimmon, and at Zareah, and at Jarmuth,

11:30 Zanoah, Adullam, and in their villages, at Lachish, and the fields of it, at Azekah, and in the villages of it. And they dwelled from Beersheba to the valley of Hinnom.

11:31 The children also of Benjamin from Geba dwelled at Michmash, and Aija, and Bethel, and in their villages.

11:32 And at Anathoth, Nob, Ananiah,

11:33 Hazor, Ramah, Gittaim,

11:34 Hadid, Zeboim, Neballat,

11:35 Lod, and Ono, the valley of craftsmen.

11:36 And of the Levites were divisions in Judah, and in Benjamin.

## *Nehemiah* – Chapter 12

12:1 Now these are the priests and the Levites that went up with Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, and Jeshua: Seraiah, Jeremiah, Ezra,

12:2 Amariah, Malluch, Hattush,

12:3 Shechaniah, Rehum, Meremoth,

12:4 Iddo, Ginnetho, Abijah,

12:5 Miamin, Maadiah, Bilgah,

12:6 Shemaiah, and Joiarib, Jedaiah,

12:7 Sallu, Amok, Hilkiyah, Jedaiah. These were the chief of the priests and of their brothers in the days of Jeshua.

12:8 Moreover the Levites: Jeshua, Binnui, Kadmiel, Sherebiah, Judah, and Mattaniah, which was over the thanksgiving, he and his brothers.

12:9 Also Bakbukiah and Unni, their brothers, were over against them in the watches.

12:10 And Jeshua begat Joiakim, Joiakim also begat Eliashib, and Eliashib begat Joiada,

12:11 And Joiada begat Jonathan, and Jonathan begat Jaddua.

12:12 And in the days of Joiakim were priests, the chief of the fathers: of Seraiah, Meraiah; of Jeremiah, Hananiah;

12:13 Of Ezra, Meshullam; of Amariah, Jehohanan;

12:14 Of Melicu, Jonathan; of Shebaniah, Joseph;

12:15 Of Harim, Adna; of Meraioth, Helkai;

12:16 Of Iddo, Zechariah; of Ginnethon, Meshullam;

12:17 Of Abijah, Zichri; of Miniamin, of Moadiah, Piltai:

12:18 Of Bilgah, Shammua; of Shemaiah, Jehonathan;

12:19 And of Joiarib, Mattenai; of Jedaiah, Uzzi;

12:20 Of Sallai, Kallai; of Amok, Eber;

12:21 Of Hilkiyah, Hashabiah; of Jedaiah, Nethaneel.

12:22 The Levites in the days of Eliashib, Joiada, and Johanan, and Jaddua, were recorded chief of the fathers: also the priests, to the reign of Darius the Persian.

12:23 The sons of Levi, the chief of the fathers, were written in the book of the chronicles, even until the days of Johanan the son of Eliashib.

12:24 And the chief of the Levites: Hashabiah, Sherebiah, and Jeshua the son of Kadmiel, with their brothers over against them, to praise and to give thanks, according to the commandment of David the man of God, ward over against ward.

12:25 Mattaniah, and Bakbukiah, Obadiah, Meshullam, Talmon, Akkub, were porters keeping the ward at the thresholds of the gates.

12:26 These were in the days of Joiakim the son of Jeshua, the son of Jozadak, and in the days of Nehemiah the governor, and of Ezra the priest, the scribe.

12:27 And at the dedication of the wall of Jerusalem they sought the Levites out of all their places, to bring them to Jerusalem, to keep the dedication with gladness, both with thanksgivings, and with singing, with cymbals, psalteries, and with harps.

12:28 And the sons of the singers gathered themselves together, both out of the plain country round about Jerusalem, and from the villages of Netophathi;

12:29 Also from the house of Gilgal, and out of the fields of Geba and Azmaveth: for the singers had built them villages round about Jerusalem.

12:30 And the priests and the Levites purified themselves, and purified the people, and the gates, and the wall.

12:31 Then I brought up the princes of Judah on the wall, and appointed two great companies of them that gave thanks, whereof one went on the right hand on the wall toward the dung gate:

12:32 And after them went Hoshaiah, and half of the princes of Judah,

12:33 And Azariah, Ezra, and Meshullam,

12:34 Judah, and Benjamin, and Shemaiah, and Jeremiah,

12:35 And certain of the priests' sons with trumpets; namely, Zechariah the son of Jonathan, the son of Shemaiah, the son of Mattaniah, the son of Michaiah, the son of Zaccur, the son of Asaph:

12:36 And his brothers, Shemaiah, and Azarael, Milalai, Gilalai, Maai, Nethaneel, and Judah, Hanani, with the musical instruments of David the man of God, and Ezra the scribe before them.

12:37 And at the fountain gate, which was over against them, they went up by the stairs of the city of David, at the going up of the wall, above the house of David, even to the water gate eastward.

12:38 And the other company of them that gave thanks went over against them, and I after them, and the half of the people on the wall, from beyond the tower of the furnaces even to the broad wall;

12:39 And from above the gate of Ephraim, and above the old gate, and above the fish gate, and the tower of Hananeel, and the tower of Meah, even to the sheep gate: and they stood still in the prison gate.

12:40 So stood the two companies of them that gave thanks in the house of God, and I, and the half of the rulers with me:

12:41 And the priests; Eliakim, Maaseiah, Miniamin, Michaiiah, Elioenai, Zechariah, and Hananiah, with trumpets;

12:42 And Maaseiah, and Shemaiah, and Eleazar, and Uzzi, and Jehohanan, and Malchijah, and Elam, and Ezer. And the singers sang loud, with Jezrahiah their overseer.

12:43 Also that day they offered great sacrifices, and rejoiced: for God had made them rejoice with great joy: the wives also and the children rejoiced: so that the joy of Jerusalem was heard even afar off.

12:44 And at that time were some appointed over the chambers for the treasures, for the offerings, for the first fruits, and for the tithes, to gather into them out of the fields of the cities the portions of the law for the priests and Levites: for Judah rejoiced for the priests and for the Levites that waited.

12:45 And both the singers and the porters kept the ward of their God, and the ward of the purification, according to the commandment of David, and of Solomon his son.

12:46 For in the days of David and Asaph of old there were chief of the singers, and songs of praise and thanksgiving to God.

12:47 And all Israel in the days of Zerubbabel, and in the days of Nehemiah, gave the portions of the singers and the porters, every day his portion: and they sanctified holy things to the Levites; and the Levites sanctified them to the children of Aaron.

## ***Nehemiah*** – Chapter 13

13:1 On that day they read in the book of Moses in the audience of the people; and therein was found written, that the Ammonite and the Moabite should not come into the congregation of God forever;

13:2 Because they met not the children of Israel with bread and with water, but hired Balaam against them, that he should curse them: however, our God turned the curse into a blessing.

13:3 Now it came to pass, when they had heard the law, that they separated from Israel all the mixed multitude.

13:4 And before this, Eliashib the priest, having the oversight of the chamber of the house of our God, was allied to Tobiah:

13:5 And he had prepared for him a great chamber, where aforetime they laid the meat offerings, the frankincense, and the vessels, and the tithes of the corn, the new wine, and the oil, which was commanded to be given to the Levites, and the singers, and the porters; and the offerings of the priests.

13:6 But in all this time was not I at Jerusalem: for in the two and thirtieth year of Artaxerxes king of Babylon came I to the king, and after certain days obtained I leave of the king:

13:7 And I came to Jerusalem, and understood of the evil that Eliashib did for Tobiah, in preparing him a chamber in the courts of the house of God.

13:8 And it grieved me sore: therefore I cast forth all the household stuff to Tobiah out of the chamber.

13:9 Then I commanded, and they cleansed the chambers: and thither brought I again the vessels of the house of God, with the meat offering and the frankincense.

13:10 And I perceived that the portions of the Levites had not been given them: for the Levites and the singers, that did the work, were fled everyone to his field.

13:11 Then contended I with the rulers, and said, Why is the house of God forsaken? And I gathered them together, and set them in their place.

13:12 Then brought all Judah the tithe of the *grain* and the new wine and the oil to the treasuries.

13:13 And I made treasurers over the treasuries, Shelemiah the priest, and Zadok the scribe, and of the Levites, Pedaiah: and next to them was Hanan the son of Zaccur, the son of Mattaniah: for they were counted faithful, and their office was to distribute to their brothers.

13:14 Remember me, O my God, concerning this, and wipe not out my good deeds that I have done for the house of my God, and for the offices of it.

13:15 In those days saw I in Judah some treading wine presses on the sabbath, and bringing in sheaves, and lading asses; as also wine, grapes, and figs, and all manner of burdens, which they brought into Jerusalem on the sabbath day: and I testified against them in the day in which they sold supplies.

13:16 There dwelled men of Tyre also therein, which brought fish, and all manner of ware, and sold on the sabbath to the children of Judah, and in Jerusalem.

13:17 Then I contended with the nobles of Judah, and said to them, What evil thing is this that you do, and profane the sabbath day?

13:18 Did not your fathers thus, and did not our God bring all this evil on us, and on this city? yet you bring more wrath on Israel by profaning the sabbath.

13:19 And it came to pass, that when the gates of Jerusalem began to be dark before the sabbath, I commanded that the gates should be shut, and charged that they should not be opened till after the sabbath: and some of my servants set I at the gates, that there should no burden be brought in on the sabbath day.

13:20 So the merchants and sellers of all kind of ware lodged without Jerusalem once or twice.

13:21 Then I testified against them, and said to them, Why lodge you about the wall? if you do so again, I will lay hands on you. From that time forth came they no more on the sabbath.

13:22 And I commanded the Levites that they should cleanse themselves, and that they should come and keep the gates, to sanctify the sabbath day. Remember me, O my God, concerning this also, and spare me according to the greatness of your mercy.

13:23 In those days also saw I *Hebrews* that had married wives of Ashdod, of Ammon, and of Moab:

13:24 And their children spoke half in the speech of Ashdod, and could not speak in the *Hebrews'* language, but according to the language of each people.

13:25 And I contended with them, and cursed them, and smote certain of them, and plucked off their hair, and made them swear by God, saying, You shall not give your daughters to their sons, nor take their daughters to your sons, or for yourselves.

13:26 Did not Solomon king of Israel sin by these things? yet among many nations was there no king like him, who was beloved of his God, and God made him king over all Israel: nevertheless even him did outlandish women cause to sin.

13:27 Shall we then listen to you to do all this great evil, to transgress against our God in marrying strange wives?

13:28 And one of the sons of Joiada, the son of Eliashib the high priest, was son in law to Sanballat the Horonite: therefore I chased him from me.

13:29 Remember them, O my God, because they have defiled the priesthood, and the covenant of the priesthood, and of the Levites.

13:30 Thus cleansed I them from all strangers, and appointed the wards of the priests and the Levites, everyone in his business;

13:31 And for the wood offering, at times appointed, and for the first fruits. Remember me, O my God, for good.

## *Exile and Jerusalem Restoration*

Ezekiel Prophecies against Jerusalem- 591BC (Ezekiel 21,22)

Jerusalem destruction and Burning of Temple – 586BC (2 Kings 24)

Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego in Furnace – 585BC (Daniel 3)

Daniel Interprets Nebuchadnezzar's Dream – 582BC (Daniel 4:19)

Daniel Survives the Lions' Den - 539BC (Daniel 6)

Fall of the Babylonian Empire to the Medes and Persians – 539BC

Zerubbabel leads 1<sup>st</sup> Group of exiles to Jerusalem – 536BC (Ezra 1-6)

The rebuilding of the Jerusalem Temple began in 535BC and was completed in 516 BC. The Jerusalem Temple did not exist for **70 years** during the Babylonian Captivity, in fulfillment of the prophecy of Jeremiah (Jeremiah 25:11-12)

Jerusalem Temple Construction Begins – 535BC

Jerusalem Temple Construction is Delayed – 534-520BC

Jerusalem Temple Completion and Dedication – 516BC

Esther Becomes Queen – 478BC (Esther 2)

Haman Is Hanged – 473BC (Esther 7)

Ezra Leads 2<sup>nd</sup> Group back to Jerusalem – 456BC (Ezra 7-10)

Nehemiah Brings 3<sup>rd</sup> Group back to Jerusalem – 445BC (Neh 1-3)

Nehemiah oversaw the rebuilding of the Jerusalem walls and gates circa 445BC. The work was finished on the repaired walls and the rebuilt gates in **52 days**. (Nehemiah 6:15)

Jerusalem total population was **42,360** when the wall and gates were finished. (Nehemiah 7:66)

## *Exile and Jerusalem Restoration - Continued*

Nehemiah listed the **12 Gates** of the City of Jerusalem and the groups that were responsible for the construction.

**Sheep Gate** Builder: Eliashib the High Priest  
Nehemiah 3:1, Nehemiah 3:32, Nehemiah 12:39

**Fish Gate** Builder: Sons of Hassenaah  
Nehemiah 3:3, Nehemiah 12:39, 2 Chron 33:14, Zeph 1:10

**Old Gate** Builder: Jehoiada & Meshullam  
Nehemiah 3:6, Nehemiah 12:39

**Valley Gate** Builder: Hanun and Inhabitants of Zanoah  
Nehemiah 3:13, Nehemiah 2:13

**Dung Gate** Builder: Malchiah Son of Rechab  
Nehemiah 3:14, Nehemiah 12:31

**Fountain Gate** Builder: Shallun Son of Colhozeh  
Nehemiah 2:14, Nehemiah 3:15, Nehemiah 12:37

**Water Gate** Builder: The Nethinims  
Nehemiah 3:26, Nehemiah 12:37

**Horse Gate** Builder: Temple Priests  
Nehemiah 3:28, Jeremiah 31:40

**East Gate** Builder: Shemaiah Son of Shechaniah  
Nehemiah 3:29, Jeremiah 19:2

**Inspection Gate** Builder: Malchiah the Goldsmith's Son  
Nehemiah 3:31

**Ephraim Gate** Builder: N/A  
Nehemiah 8:16, Nehemiah 12:39, 2 Kings 14:13

**Prison Gate** Builder: N/A  
Nehemiah 12:39, 2 Kings 11:19

# *Book of 1 Chronicles*

*Divrei Hayamim* (Daily Matters)

## *1 Chronicles – Chapter 1*

1:1 Adam, Sheth, Enosh,

1:2 Kenan, Mahalaleel, Jered,

1:3 Henoch, Methuselah, Lamech,

1:4 Noah, Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

1:5 The sons of Japheth; Gomer, and Magog, and Madai, and Javan, and Tubal, and Meshech, and Tiras.

1:6 And the sons of Gomer; Ashchenaz, and Riphath, and Togarmah.

1:7 And the sons of Javan; Elishah, and Tarshish, Kittim, and Dodanim.

1:8 The sons of Ham; Cush, and Mizraim, Put, and Canaan.

1:9 And the sons of Cush; Seba, and Havilah, and Sabta, and Raamah, and Sabtecha. And the sons of Raamah; Sheba, and Dedan.

1:10 And Cush begat Nimrod: he began to be mighty on the earth.

1:11 And Mizraim begat Ludim, and Anamim, and Lehabim, and Naphtuhim,

1:12 And Pathrusim, and Casluhim, (of whom came the Philistines,) and Caphthorim.

1:13 And Canaan begat Zidon his firstborn, and Heth,

1:14 The Jebusite also, and the Amorite, and the Girgashite,

1:15 And the Hivite, and the Arkite, and the Sinite,

1:16 And the Arvadite, and the Zemarite, and the Hamathite.

1:17 The sons of Shem; Elam, and Asshur, and Arphaxad, and Lud, and Aram, and Uz, and Hul, and Gether, and Meshech.

1:18 And Arphaxad begat Shelah, and Shelah begat Eber.

1:19 And to Eber were born two sons: the name of the one was Peleg; because in his days the earth was divided: and his brother's name was Joktan.

1:20 And Joktan begat Almodad, and Sheleph, and Hazarmaveth, and Jerah,

1:21 Hadoram also, and Uzal, and Diklah,

1:22 And Ebal, and Abimael, and Sheba,

1:23 And Ophir, and Havilah, and Jobab. All these were the sons of Joktan.

1:24 Shem, Arphaxad, Shelah,

1:25 Eber, Peleg, Reu,

1:26 Serug, Nahor, Terah,

1:27 Abram; the same is Abraham.

1:28 The sons of Abraham; Isaac, and Ishmael.

1:29 These are their generations: The firstborn of Ishmael, Nebaioth; then Kedar, and Adbeel, and Mibsam,

1:30 Mishma, and Dumah, Massa, Hadad, and Tema,

1:31 Jetur, Naphish, and Kedemah. These are the sons of Ishmael.

1:32 Now the sons of Keturah, Abraham's concubine: she bore Zimran, and Jokshan, and Medan, and Midian, and Ishbak, and Shuah. And the sons of Jokshan; Sheba, and Dedan.

1:33 And the sons of Midian; Ephah, and Epher, and Henoah, and Abida, and Eldaah. All these are the sons of Keturah.

1:34 And Abraham begat Isaac. The sons of Isaac; Esau and Israel.

1:35 The sons of Esau; Eliphaz, Reuel, and Jeush, and Jaalam, and Korah.

1:36 The sons of Eliphaz; Teman, and Omar, Zephi, and Gatam, Kenaz, and Timna, and Amalek.

1:37 The sons of Reuel; Nahath, Zerah, Shammah, and Mizzah.

1:38 And the sons of Seir; Lotan, and Shobal, and Zibeon, and Anah, and Dishon, and Ezar, and Dishan.

1:39 And the sons of Lotan; Hori, and Homam: and Timna was Lotan's sister.

1:40 The sons of Shobal; Alian, and Manahath, and Ebal, Shephi, and Onam. and the sons of Zibeon; Aiah, and Anah.

1:41 The sons of Anah; Dishon. And the sons of Dishon; Amram, and Eshban, and Ithran, and Cheran.

1:42 The sons of Ezer; Bilhan, and Zavan, and Jakan. The sons of Dishan; Uz, and Aran.

1:43 Now these are the kings that reigned in the land of Edom before any king reigned over the children of Israel; Bela the son of Beor: and the name of his city was Dinhabah.

1:44 And when Bela was dead, Jobab the son of Zerah of Bozrah reigned in his stead.

1:45 And when Jobab was dead, Husham of the land of the Temanites reigned in his stead.

1:46 And when Husham was dead, Hadad the son of Bedad, which smote Midian in the field of Moab, reigned in his stead: and the name of his city was Avith.

1:47 And when Hadad was dead, Samlah of Masrekah reigned in his stead.

1:48 And when Samlah was dead, Shaul of Rehoboth by the river reigned in his stead.

1:49 And when Shaul was dead, Baalhanan the son of Achbor reigned in his stead.

1:50 And when Baalhanan was dead, Hadad reigned in his stead: and the name of his city was Pai; and his wife's name was Mehetabel, the daughter of Matred, the daughter of Mezahab.

1:51 Hadad died also. And the dukes of Edom were; duke Timnah, duke Aliah, duke Jetheth,

1:52 Duke Aholibamah, duke Elah, duke Pinon,

1:53 Duke Kenaz, duke Teman, duke Mibzar,

1:54 Duke Magdiel, duke Iram. These are the dukes of Edom.

## *1 Chronicles – Chapter 2*

2:1 These are the sons of Israel; Reuben, Simeon, Levi, and Judah, Issachar, and Zebulun,

2:2 Dan, Joseph, and Benjamin, Naphtali, Gad, and Asher.

2:3 The sons of Judah; Er, and Onan, and Shelah: which three were born to him of the daughter of Shua the Canaanitess. And Er, the firstborn of Judah, was evil in the sight of *Yehovah*; and he slew him.

2:4 And Tamar his daughter in law bore him Pharez and Zerah. All the sons of Judah were five.

2:5 The sons of Pharez; Hezron, and Hamul.

2:6 And the sons of Zerah; Zimri, and Ethan, and Heman, and Calcol, and Dara: five of them in all.

2:7 And the sons of Carmi; Achar, the troubler of Israel, who transgressed in the thing accursed.

2:8 And the sons of Ethan; Azariah.

2:9 The sons also of Hezron, that were born to him; Jerahmeel, and Ram, and Chelubai.

2:10 And Ram begat Amminadab; and Amminadab begat Nahshon, prince of the children of Judah;

2:11 And Nahshon begat Salma, and Salma begat Boaz,

2:12 And Boaz begat Obed, and Obed begat Jesse,

2:13 And Jesse begat his firstborn Eliab, and Abinadab the second, and Shimma the third,

2:14 Nethaneel the fourth, Raddai the fifth,

2:15 Ozem the sixth, David the seventh:

2:16 Whose sisters were Zeruiah, and Abigail. And the sons of Zeruiah; Abishai, and Joab, and Asahel, three.

2:17 And Abigail bore Amasa: and the father of Amasa was Jether the Ishmeelite.

2:18 And Caleb the son of Hezron begat children of Azubah his wife, and of Jerioth: her sons are these; Jeshu, and Shobab, and Ardon.

2:19 And when Azubah was dead, Caleb took to him Ephrath, which bore him Hur.

2:20 And Hur begat Uri, and Uri begat Bezaleel.

2:21 And afterward Hezron went in to the daughter of Machir the father of Gilead, whom he married when he was three score years old; and she bore him Segub.

2:22 And Segub begat Jair, who had three and twenty cities in the land of Gilead.

2:23 And he took Geshur, and Aram, with the towns of Jair, from them, with Kenath, and the towns of it, even three score cities. All these belonged to the sons of Machir the father of Gilead.

2:24 And after that Hezron was dead in Calebephratah, then Abiah Hezron's wife bore him Ashur the father of Tekoa.

2:25 And the sons of Jerahmeel the firstborn of Hezron were, Ram the firstborn, and Bunah, and Oren, and Ozem, and Ahijah.

2:26 Jerahmeel had also another wife, whose name was Atarah; she was the mother of Onam.

2:27 And the sons of Ram the firstborn of Jerahmeel were, Maaz, and Jamin, and Eker.

2:28 And the sons of Onam were, Shammai, and Jada. And the sons of Shammai; Nadab and Abishur.

2:29 And the name of the wife of Abishur was Abihail, and she bore him Ahban, and Molid.

2:30 And the sons of Nadab; Seled, and Appaim: but Seled died without children.

2:31 And the sons of Appaim; Ishi. And the sons of Ishi; Sheshan. And the children of Sheshan; Ahlai.

2:32 And the sons of Jada the brother of Shammai; Jether, and Jonathan: and Jether died without children.

2:33 And the sons of Jonathan; Peleth, and Zaza. These were the sons of Jerahmeel.

2:34 Now Sheshan had no sons, but daughters. And Sheshan had a servant, an Egyptian, whose name was Jarha.

2:35 And Sheshan gave his daughter to Jarha his servant to wife; and she bore him Attai.

2:36 And Attai begat Nathan, and Nathan begat Zabad,

2:37 And Zabad begat Ephlal, and Ephlal begat Obed,

2:38 And Obed begat Jehu, and Jehu begat Azariah,

2:39 And Azariah begat Helez, and Helez begat Eleasah,

2:40 And Eleasah begat Sisamai, and Sisamai begat Shallum,

2:41 And Shallum begat Jekamiah, and Jekamiah begat Elishama.

2:42 Now the sons of Caleb the brother of Jerahmeel were, Mesha his firstborn, which was the father of Ziph; and the sons of Mareshah the father of Hebron.

2:43 And the sons of Hebron; Korah, and Tappuah, and Rekem, and Shema.

2:44 And Shema begat Raham, the father of Jorkoam: and Rekem begat Shammai.

2:45 And the son of Shammai was Maon: and Maon was the father of Bethzur.

2:46 And Ephah, Caleb's concubine, bore Haran, and Moza, and Gazez: and Haran begat Gazez.

2:47 And the sons of Jahdai; Regem, and Jotham, and Gesham, and Pelet, and Ephah, and Shaaph.

2:48 Maachah, Caleb's concubine, bore Sheber, and Tirhanah.

2:49 She bore also Shaaph the father of Madmannah, Sheva the father of Machbenah, and the father of Gibeaz: and the daughter of Caleb was Achsa.

2:50 These were the sons of Caleb the son of Hur, the firstborn of Ephratah; Shobal the father of Kirjathjearim.

2:51 Salma the father of Bethlehem, Hareph the father of Bethgader.

2:52 And Shobal the father of Kirjathjearim had sons; Haroeh, and half of the Manahethites.

2:53 And the families of Kirjathjearim; the Ithrites, and the Puhites, and the Shumathites, and the Mishraites; of them came the Zareathites, and the Eshtaulites,

2:54 The sons of Salma; Bethlehem, and the Netophathites, Ataroth, the house of Joab, and half of the Manahethites, the Zorites.

2:55 And the families of the scribes which dwelled at Jabez; the Tirathites, the Shimeathites, and Suchathites. These are the Kenites that came of Hemath, the father of the house of Rechab.

## *1 Chronicles* – Chapter 3

3:1 Now these were the sons of David, which were born to him in Hebron; the firstborn Amnon, of Ahinoam the Jezreelitess; the second Daniel, of Abigail the Carmelitess:

3:2 The third, Absalom the son of Maachah the daughter of Talmai king of Geshur: the fourth, Adonijah the son of Haggith:

3:3 The fifth, Shephatiah of Abital: the sixth, Ithream by Eglah his wife.

3:4 These six were born to him in Hebron; and there he reigned seven years and six months: and in Jerusalem he reigned thirty and three years.

3:5 And these were born to him in Jerusalem; Shimea, and Shobab, and Nathan, and Solomon, four, of Bathshua the daughter of Ammiel:

3:6 Ithar also, and Elishama, and Eliphelet,

3:7 And Nogah, and Nepheg, and Japhia,

3:8 And Elishama, and Eliada, and Eliphelet, nine.

3:9 These were all the sons of David, beside the sons of the concubines, and Tamar their sister.

3:10 And Solomon's son was Rehoboam, Abia his son, Asa his son, Jehoshaphat his son,

3:11 Joram his son, Ahaziah his son, Joash his son,

3:12 Amaziah his son, Azariah his son, Jotham his son,

3:13 Ahaz his son, Hezekiah his son, Manasseh his son,

3:14 Amon his son, Josiah his son.

3:15 And the sons of Josiah were, the firstborn Johanan, the second Jehoiakim, the third Zedekiah, the fourth Shallum.

3:16 And the sons of Jehoiakim: Jeconiah his son, Zedekiah his son.

3:17 And the sons of Jeconiah; Assir, Salathiel his son,

3:18 Malchiram also, and Pedaiah, and Shenazar, Jecamiah, Hoshama, and Nedabiah.

3:19 And the sons of Pedaiah were, Zerubbabel, and Shimei: and the sons of Zerubbabel; Meshullam, and Hananiah, and Shelomith their sister:

3:20 And Hashubah, and Ohel, and Berechiah, and Hasadiah, Jushabhesed, five.

3:21 And the sons of Hananiah; Pelatiah, and Jesaiah: the sons of Rephaiah, the sons of Arnan, the sons of Obadiah, the sons of Shechaniah.

3:22 And the sons of Shechaniah; Shemaiah: and the sons of Shemaiah; Hattush, and Igeal, and Bariah, and Neariah, and Shaphat, six.

3:23 And the sons of Neariah; Elioenai, and Hezekiah, and Azrikam, three.

3:24 And the sons of Elioenai were, Hodaiah, and Eliashib, and Pelaiah, and Akkub, and Johanan, and Dalaiah, and Anani, seven.

## ***1 Chronicles*** – *Chapter 4*

4:1 The sons of Judah; Pharez, Hezron, and Carmi, and Hur, and Shobal.

4:2 And Reaiah the son of Shobal begat Jahath; and Jahath begat Ahumai, and Lahad. These are the families of the Zorathites.

4:3 And these were of the father of Etam; Jezreel, and Ishma, and Idbash: and the name of their sister was Hazeleponi:

4:4 And Penuel the father of Gedor, and Ezer the father of Hushah. These are the sons of Hur, the firstborn of Ephratah, the father of Bethlehem.

4:5 And Ashur the father of Tekoa had two wives, Helah and Naarah.

4:6 And Naarah bore him Ahuzam, and Hopher, and Temeni, and Haahashtari. These were the sons of Naarah.

4:7 And the sons of Helah were, Zereth, and Jezoar, and Ethnan.

4:8 And Coz begat Anub, and Zobebah, and the families of Aharhel the son of Harum.

4:9 And Jabez was more honorable than his brothers: and his mother called his name Jabez, saying, Because I bore him with sorrow.

4:10 And Jabez called on the God of Israel, saying, Oh that you would bless me indeed, and enlarge my coast, and that your hand might be with me, and that you would keep me from evil, that it may not grieve me! And God granted him that which he requested.

4:11 And Chelub the brother of Shuah begat Mehir, which was the father of Eshton.

4:12 And Eshton begat Bethrapha, and Paseah, and Tehinnah the father of Irnahash. These are the men of Rechah.

4:13 And the sons of Kenaz; Othniel, and Seraiah: and the sons of Othniel; Hathath.

4:14 And Meonothai begat Ophrah: and Seraiah begat Joab, the father of the valley of Charashim; for they were craftsmen.

4:15 And the sons of Caleb the son of Jephunneh; Iru, Elah, and Naam: and the sons of Elah, even Kenaz.

4:16 And the sons of Jehaleleel; Ziph, and Ziphah, Tiria, and Asareel.

4:17 And the sons of Ezra were, Jether, and Mered, and Ephraim, and Jalon: and she bore Miriam, and Shammai, and Ishbah the father of Eshtemoa.

4:18 And his wife Jehudijah bore Jered the father of Gedor, and Heber the father of Socho, and Jekuthiel the father of Zanoah. And these are the sons of Bithiah the daughter of Pharaoh, which Mered took.

4:19 And the sons of his wife Hodiah the sister of Naham, the father of Keilah the Garmite, and Eshtemoa the Maachathite.

4:20 And the sons of Shimon were, Amnon, and Rinnah, Benhanan, and Tilon. And the sons of Ishi were, Zoheth, and Benzoheth.

4:21 The sons of Shelah the son of Judah were, Er the father of Lecah, and Laadah the father of Mareshah, and the families of the house of them that worked fine linen, of the house of Ashbea,

4:22 And Jokim, and the men of Chozeba, and Joash, and Saraph, who had the dominion in Moab, and Jashubilehem. And these are ancient things.

4:23 These were the potters, and those that dwelled among plants and hedges: there they dwelled with the king for his work.

4:24 The sons of Simeon were, Nemuel, and Jamin, Jarib, Zerach, and Shaul:

4:25 Shallum his son, Mibsam his son, Mishma his son.

4:26 And the sons of Mishma; Hamuel his son, Zacchur his son, Shimei his son.

4:27 And Shimei had sixteen sons and six daughters: but his brothers had not many children, neither did all their family multiply, like to the children of Judah.

4:28 And they dwelled at Beersheba, and Moladah, and Hazarshual,

4:29 And at Bilhah, and at Ezem, and at Tolad,

4:30 And at Bethuel, and at Hormah, and at Ziklag,

4:31 And at Bethmarcaboth, and Hazarsusim, and at Bethbirei, and at Shaaraim. These were their cities to the reign of David.

4:32 And their villages were, Etam, and Ain, Rimmon, and Tochen, and Ashan, five cities:

4:33 And all their villages that were round about the same cities, to Baal. These were their habitations, and their genealogy.

4:34 And Meshobab, and Jamlech, and Joshah, the son of Amaziah,

4:35 And Joel, and Jehu the son of Josibiah, the son of Seraiah, the son of Asiel,

4:36 And Elioenai, and Jaakobah, and Jeshohaiah, and Asaiah, and Adiel, and Jesimiel, and Benaiah,

4:37 And Ziza the son of Shiphi, the son of Allon, the son of Jedaiah, the son of Shimri, the son of Shemaiah;

4:38 These mentioned by their names were princes in their families: and the house of their fathers increased greatly.

4:39 And they went to the entrance of Gedor, even to the east side of the valley, to seek pasture for their flocks.

4:40 And they found fat pasture and good, and the land was wide, and quiet, and peaceable; for they of Ham had dwelled there of old.

4:41 And these written by name came in the days of Hezekiah king of Judah, and smote their tents, and the habitations that were found there, and destroyed them utterly to this day, and dwelled in their rooms: because there was pasture there for their flocks.

4:42 And some of them, even of the sons of Simeon, five hundred men, went to mount Seir, having for their captains Pelatiah, and Neariah, and Rephaiah, and Uzziel, the sons of Ishi.

4:43 And they smote the rest of the Amalekites that were escaped, and dwelled there to this day.

## ***1 Chronicles*** – Chapter 5

5:1 Now the sons of Reuben the firstborn of Israel, (for he was the firstborn; but for as much as he defiled his father's bed, his birthright was given to the sons of Joseph the son of Israel: and the genealogy is not to be reckoned after the birthright.

5:2 For Judah prevailed above his brothers, and of him came the chief ruler; but the birthright was Joseph's:)

5:3 The sons, I say, of Reuben the firstborn of Israel were, Hanoch, and Pallu, Hezron, and Carmi.

5:4 The sons of Joel; Shemaiah his son, Gog his son, Shimei his son,

5:5 Micah his son, Reaia his son, Baal his son,

5:6 Beerah his son, whom Tilgathpilneser king of Assyria carried away captive: he was prince of the Reubenites.

5:7 And his brothers by their families, when the genealogy of their generations was reckoned, were the chief, Jeiel, and Zechariah,

5:8 And Bela the son of Azaz, the son of Shema, the son of Joel, who dwelled in Aroer, even to Nebo and Baalmeon:

5:9 And eastward he inhabited to the entering in of the wilderness from the river Euphrates: because their cattle were multiplied in the land of Gilead.

5:10 And in the days of Saul they made war with the Hagarites, who fell by their hand: and they dwelled in their tents throughout all the east land of Gilead.

5:11 And the children of Gad dwelled over against them, in the land of Bashan to Salcah:

5:12 Joel the chief, and Shapham the next, and Jaanai, and Shaphat in Bashan.

5:13 And their brothers of the house of their fathers were, Michael, and Meshullam, and Sheba, and Jorai, and Jachan, and Zia, and Heber, seven.

5:14 These are the children of Abihail the son of Huri, the son of Jaroah, the son of Gilead, the son of Michael, the son of Jeshishai, the son of Jahdo, the son of Buz;

5:15 Ahi the son of Abdiel, the son of Guni, chief of the house of their fathers.

5:16 And they dwelled in Gilead in Bashan, and in her towns, and in all the suburbs of Sharon, on their borders.

5:17 All these were reckoned by genealogies in the days of Jotham king of Judah, and in the days of Jeroboam king of Israel.

5:18 The sons of Reuben, and the Gadites, and half the tribe of Manasseh, of valiant men, men able to bear buckler and sword, and to shoot with bow, and skillful in war, were four and forty thousand seven hundred and three score, that went out to the war.

5:19 And they made war with the Hagarites, with Jetur, and Nephish, and Nodab.

5:20 And they were helped against them, and the Hagarites were delivered into their hand, and all that were with them: for they cried to God in the battle, and he was entreated of them; because they put their trust in him.

5:21 And they took away their cattle; of their camels fifty thousand, and of sheep two hundred and fifty thousand, and of asses two thousand, and of men a hundred thousand.

5:22 For there fell down many slain, because the war was of God. And they dwelled in their steads until the captivity.

5:23 And the children of the half tribe of Manasseh dwelled in the land: they increased from Bashan to Baalhermon and Senir, and to mount Hermon.

5:24 And these were the heads of the house of their fathers, even Ephraim, and Ishi, and Eliel, and Azriel, and Jeremiah, and Hodaviah, and Jahdiel, mighty men of valor, famous men, and heads of the house of their fathers.

5:25 And they transgressed against the God of their fathers, and went a whoring after the gods of the people of the land, whom God destroyed before them.

5:26 And the God of Israel stirred up the spirit of Pul king of Assyria, and the spirit of Tilgathpilneser king of Assyria, and he carried them away, even the Reubenites, and the Gadites, and the half tribe of Manasseh, and brought them to Halah, and Habor, and Hara, and to the river Gozan, to this day.

## ***1 Chronicles*** – Chapter 6

6:1 The sons of Levi; Gershon, Kohath, and Merari.

6:2 And the sons of Kohath; Amram, Izhar, and Hebron, and Uzziel.

6:3 And the children of Amram; Aaron, and Moses, and Miriam. The sons also of Aaron; Nadab, and Abihu, Eleazar, and Ithamar.

6:4 Eleazar begat Phinehas, Phinehas begat Abishua,

6:5 And Abishua begat Bukki, and Bukki begat Uzzi,

6:6 And Uzzi begat Zerahiah, and Zerahiah begat Meraioth,

6:7 Meraioth begat Amariah, and Amariah begat Ahitub,

6:8 And Ahitub begat Zadok, and Zadok begat Ahimaaz,

6:9 And Ahimaaz begat Azariah, and Azariah begat Johanan,

6:10 And Johanan begat Azariah, (he it is that executed the priest's office in the temple that Solomon built in Jerusalem:)

6:11 And Azariah begat Amariah, and Amariah begat Ahitub,

6:12 And Ahitub begat Zadok, and Zadok begat Shallum,

6:13 And Shallum begat Hilkiah, and Hilkiah begat Azariah,

6:14 And Azariah begat Seraiah, and Seraiah begat Jehozadak,

6:15 And Jehozadak went into captivity, when *Yehovah* carried away Judah and Jerusalem by the hand of Nebuchadnezzar.

6:16 The sons of Levi; Gershom, Kohath, and Merari.

6:17 And these be the names of the sons of Gershom; Libni, and Shimei.

6:18 And the sons of Kohath were, Amram, and Izhar, and Hebron, and Uzziel.

6:19 The sons of Merari; Mahli, and Mushi. And these are the families of the Levites according to their fathers.

6:20 Of Gershom; Libni his son, Jahath his son, Zimmah his son,

6:21 Joah his son, Iddo his son, Zerah his son, Jeaterai his son.

6:22 The sons of Kohath; Amminadab his son, Korah his son, Assir his son,

6:23 Elkanah his son, and Ebiasaph his son, and Assir his son,

6:24 Tahath his son, Uriel his son, Uziah his son, and Shaul his son.  
6:25 And the sons of Elkanah; Amasai, and Ahimoth.  
6:26 As for Elkanah: the sons of Elkanah; Zophai his son, and Nahath his son,  
6:27 Eliab his son, Jeroham his son, Elkanah his son.  
6:28 And the sons of Samuel; the firstborn Vashni, and Abiah.  
6:29 The sons of Merari; Mahli, Libni his son, Shimei his son, Uzza his son,  
6:30 Shimea his son, Haggiah his son, Asaiah his son.  
6:31 And these are they whom David set over the service of song in the house of *Yehovah*, after that the ark had rest.  
6:32 And they ministered before the dwelling place of the tabernacle of the congregation with singing, until Solomon had built the house of *Yehovah* in Jerusalem: and then they waited on their office according to their order.  
6:33 And these are they that waited with their children. Of the sons of the Kohathites: Heman a singer, the son of Joel, the son of Shemuel,  
6:34 The son of Elkanah, the son of Jeroham, the son of Eliel, the son of Toah,  
6:35 The son of Zuph, the son of Elkanah, the son of Mahath, the son of Amasai,  
6:36 The son of Elkanah, the son of Joel, the son of Azariah, the son of Zephaniah,  
6:37 The son of Tahath, the son of Assir, the son of Ebiasaph, the son of Korah,  
6:38 The son of Izhar, the son of Kohath, the son of Levi, the son of Israel.  
6:39 And his brother Asaph, who stood on his right hand, even Asaph the son of Berachiah, the son of Shimea,  
6:40 The son of Michael, the son of Baaseiah, the son of Malchiah,  
6:41 The son of Ethni, the son of Zerah, the son of Adaiah,  
6:42 The son of Ethan, the son of Zimmah, the son of Shimei,  
6:43 The son of Jahath, the son of Gershom, the son of Levi.  
6:44 And their brothers the sons of Merari stood on the left hand: Ethan the son of Kishi, the son of Abdi, the son of Malluch,  
6:45 The son of Hashabiah, the son of Amaziah, the son of Hilchiah,  
6:46 The son of Amzi, the son of Bani, the son of Shamer,  
6:47 The son of Mahli, the son of Mushi, the son of Merari, the son of Levi.  
6:48 Their brothers also the Levites were appointed to all manner of service of the tabernacle of the house of God.  
6:49 But Aaron and his sons offered on the altar of the burnt offering, and on the altar of incense, and were appointed for all the work of the place

most holy, and to make an atonement for Israel, according to all that Moses the servant of God had commanded.

6:50 And these are the sons of Aaron; Eleazar his son, Phinehas his son, Abishua his son,

6:51 Bukki his son, Uzzi his son, Zerahiah his son,

6:52 Meraioth his son, Amariah his son, Ahitub his son,

6:53 Zadok his son, Ahimaaz his son.

6:54 Now these are their dwelling places throughout their castles in their coasts, of the sons of Aaron, of the families of the Kohathites: for theirs was the lot.

6:55 And they gave them Hebron in the land of Judah, and the suburbs of it round about it.

6:56 But the fields of the city, and the villages of it, they gave to Caleb the son of Jephunneh.

6:57 And to the sons of Aaron they gave the cities of Judah, namely, Hebron, the city of refuge, and Libnah with her suburbs, and Jattir, and Eshtemoa, with their suburbs,

6:58 And Hilen with her suburbs, Debir with her suburbs,

6:59 And Ashan with her suburbs, and Bethshemesh with her suburbs:

6:60 And out of the tribe of Benjamin; Geba with her suburbs, and Alemeth with her suburbs, and Anathoth with her suburbs. All their cities throughout their families were thirteen cities.

6:61 And to the sons of Kohath, which were left of the family of that tribe, were cities given out of the half tribe, namely, out of the half tribe of Manasseh, by lot, ten cities.

6:62 And to the sons of Gershom throughout their families out of the tribe of Issachar, and out of the tribe of Asher, and out of the tribe of Naphtali, and out of the tribe of Manasseh in Bashan, thirteen cities.

6:63 To the sons of Merari were given by lot, throughout their families, out of the tribe of Reuben, and out of the tribe of Gad, and out of the tribe of Zebulun, twelve cities.

6:64 And the children of Israel gave to the Levites these cities with their suburbs.

6:65 And they gave by lot out of the tribe of the children of Judah, and out of the tribe of the children of Simeon, and out of the tribe of the children of Benjamin, these cities, which are called by their names.

6:66 And the residue of the families of the sons of Kohath had cities of their coasts out of the tribe of Ephraim.

6:67 And they gave to them, of the cities of refuge, Shechem in mount Ephraim with her suburbs; they gave also Gezer with her suburbs,

6:68 And Jokmeam with her suburbs, and Bethhoron with her suburbs,

6:69 And Aijalon with her suburbs, and Gathrimmon with her suburbs:

6:70 And out of the half tribe of Manasseh; Aner with her suburbs, and Bileam with her suburbs, for the family of the remnant of the sons of Kohath.

6:71 To the sons of Gershom were given out of the family of the half tribe of Manasseh, Golan in Bashan with her suburbs, and Ashtaroth with her suburbs:

6:72 And out of the tribe of Issachar; Kedesh with her suburbs, Daberath with her suburbs,

6:73 And Ramoth with her suburbs, and Anem with her suburbs:

6:74 And out of the tribe of Asher; Mashal with her suburbs, and Abdon with her suburbs,

6:75 And Hukok with her suburbs, and Rehob with her suburbs:

6:76 And out of the tribe of Naphtali; Kedesh in Galilee with her suburbs, and Hammon with her suburbs, and Kirjathaim with her suburbs.

6:77 To the rest of the children of Merari were given out of the tribe of Zebulun, Rimmon with her suburbs, Tabor with her suburbs:

6:78 And on the other side Jordan by Jericho, on the east side of Jordan, were given them out of the tribe of Reuben, Bezer in the wilderness with her suburbs, and Jahzah with her suburbs,

6:79 Kedemoth also with her suburbs, and Mephaath with her suburbs:

6:80 And out of the tribe of Gad; Ramoth in Gilead with her suburbs, and Mahanaim with her suburbs,

6:81 And Heshbon with her suburbs, and Jazer with her suburbs.

## ***1 Chronicles*** – Chapter 7

7:1 Now the sons of Issachar were, Tola, and Puah, Jashub, and Shimrom, four.

7:2 And the sons of Tola; Uzzi, and Rephaiah, and Jeriel, and Jahmai, and Jibsam, and Shemuel, heads of their father's house, to wit, of Tola: they were valiant men of might in their generations; whose number was in the days of David two and twenty thousand and six hundred.

7:3 And the sons of Uzzi; Izrahiah: and the sons of Izrahiah; Michael, and Obadiah, and Joel, Ishiah, five: all of them chief men.

7:4 And with them, by their generations, after the house of their fathers, were bands of soldiers for war, six and thirty thousand men: for they had many wives and sons.

7:5 And their brothers among all the families of Issachar were valiant men of might, reckoned in all by their genealogies fourscore and seven thousand.

7:6 The sons of Benjamin; Bela, and Becher, and Jediael, three.

7:7 And the sons of Bela; Ezbon, and Uzzi, and Uzziel, and Jerimoth, and Iri, five; heads of the house of their fathers, mighty men of valor; and

were reckoned by their genealogies twenty and two thousand and thirty and four.

7:8 And the sons of Becher; Zemira, and Joash, and Eliezer, and Elioenai, and Omri, and Jerimoth, and Abiah, and Anathoth, and Alameth. All these are the sons of Becher.

7:9 And the number of them, after their genealogy by their generations, heads of the house of their fathers, mighty men of valor, was twenty thousand and two hundred.

7:10 The sons also of Jediael; Bilhan: and the sons of Bilhan; Jeush, and Benjamin, and Ehud, and Chenaanah, and Zethan, and Tharshish, and Ahishahar.

7:11 All these the sons of Jediael, by the heads of their fathers, mighty men of valor, were seventeen thousand and two hundred soldiers, fit to go out for war and battle.

7:12 Shuppim also, and Huppim, the children of Ir, and Hushim, the sons of Aher.

7:13 The sons of Naphtali; Jahziel, and Guni, and Jezer, and Shallum, the sons of Bilhah.

7:14 The sons of Manasseh; Ashriel, whom she bore: (but his concubine the Aramitess bore Machir the father of Gilead:

7:15 And Machir took to wife the sister of Huppim and Shuppim, whose sister's name was Maachah;) and the name of the second was Zelophehad: and Zelophehad had daughters.

7:16 And Maachah the wife of Machir bore a son, and she called his name Peresh; and the name of his brother was Sheresh; and his sons were Ulam and Rakem.

7:17 And the sons of Ulam; Bedan. These were the sons of Gilead, the son of Machir, the son of Manasseh.

7:18 And his sister Hammoleketh bore Ishod, and Abiezer, and Mahalah.

7:19 And the sons of Shemidah were, Ahian, and Shechem, and Likhi, and Aniam.

7:20 And the sons of Ephraim; Shuthelah, and Bered his son, and Tahath his son, and Eladah his son, and Tahath his son,

7:21 And Zabad his son, and Shuthelah his son, and Ezer, and Elead, whom the men of Gath that were born in that land slew, because they came down to take away their cattle.

7:22 And Ephraim their father mourned many days, and his brothers came to comfort him.

7:23 And when he went in to his wife, she conceived, and bore a son, and he called his name Beriah, because it went evil with his house.

7:24 (And his daughter was Sherah, who built Bethhoron the nether, and the upper, and Uzzenherah.)

7:25 And Rephah was his son, also Resheph, and Telah his son, and Tahan his son.

7:26 Laadan his son, Ammihud his son, Elishama his son.

7:27 Non his son, Jehoshuah his son.

7:28 And their possessions and habitations were, Bethel and the towns of it, and eastward Naaran, and westward Gezer, with the towns of it; Shechem also and the towns of it, to Gaza and the towns of it:

7:29 And by the borders of the children of Manasseh, Bethshean and her towns, Taanach and her towns, Megiddo and her towns, Dor and her towns. In these dwelled the children of Joseph the son of Israel.

7:30 The sons of Asher; Imnah, and Isuah, and Ishuai, and Beriah, and Serah their sister.

7:31 And the sons of Beriah; Heber, and Malchiel, who is the father of Birzavith.

7:32 And Heber begat Japhlet, and Shomer, and Hotham, and Shua their sister.

7:33 And the sons of Japhlet; Pasach, and Bimhal, and Ashvath. These are the children of Japhlet.

7:34 And the sons of Shamer; Ahi, and Rohgah, Jehubbah, and Aram.

7:35 And the sons of his brother Helem; Zophah, and Imna, and Shelesh, and Amal.

7:36 The sons of Zophah; Suah, and Harnepher, and Shual, and Beri, and Imrah,

7:37 Bezer, and Hod, and Shamma, and Shilshah, and Ithran, and Beera.

7:38 And the sons of Jether; Jephunneh, and Pispah, and Ara.

7:39 And the sons of Ulla; Arah, and Haniel, and Rezia.

7:40 All these were the children of Asher, heads of their father's house, choice and mighty men of valor, chief of the princes. And the number throughout the genealogy of them that were apt to the war and to battle was twenty and six thousand men.

## ***1 Chronicles*** – Chapter 8

8:1 Now Benjamin begat Bela his firstborn, Ashbel the second, and Aharah the third,

8:2 Nohah the fourth, and Rapha the fifth.

8:3 And the sons of Bela were, Addar, and Gera, and Abihud,

8:4 And Abishua, and Naaman, and Ahoah,

8:5 And Gera, and Shephuphan, and Hiram.

8:6 And these are the sons of Ehud: these are the heads of the fathers of the inhabitants of Geba, and they removed them to Manahath:

8:7 And Naaman, and Ahiah, and Gera, he removed them, and begat Uzza, and Ahihud.

8:8 And Shaharaim begat children in the country of Moab, after he had sent them away; Hushim and Baara were his wives.

8:9 And he begat of Hodesh his wife, Jobab, and Zibia, and Mesha, and Malcham,

8:10 And Jeuz, and Shachia, and Mirma. These were his sons, heads of the fathers.

8:11 And of Hushim he begat Abitub, and Elpaal.

8:12 The sons of Elpaal; Eber, and Misham, and Shamed, who built Ono, and Lod, with the towns of it:

8:13 Beriah also, and Shema, who were heads of the fathers of the inhabitants of Aijalon, who drove away the inhabitants of Gath:

8:14 And Ahio, Shashak, and Jeremoth,

8:15 And Zebadiah, and Arad, and Ader,

8:16 And Michael, and Ispah, and Joha, the sons of Beriah;

8:17 And Zebadiah, and Meshullam, and Hezeki, and Heber,

8:18 Ishmerai also, and Jezliah, and Jobab, the sons of Elpaal;

8:19 And Jakim, and Zichri, and Zabdi,

8:20 And Elienai, and Zilthai, and Eliel,

8:21 And Adaiah, and Beraiah, and Shimrath, the sons of Shimhi;

8:22 And Ishpan, and Heber, and Eliel,

8:23 And Abdon, and Zichri, and Hanan,

8:24 And Hananiah, and Elam, and Antothijah,

8:25 And Iphedeiah, and Penuel, the sons of Shashak;

8:26 And Shamsherai, and Shehariah, and Athaliah,

8:27 And Jaresiah, and Eliah, and Zichri, the sons of Jeroham.

8:28 These were heads of the fathers, by their generations, chief men. These dwelled in Jerusalem.

8:29 And at Gibeon dwelled the father of Gibeon; whose wife's name was Maachah:

8:30 And his firstborn son Abdon, and Zur, and Kish, and Baal, and Nadab,

8:31 And Gedor, and Ahio, and Zacher.

8:32 And Mikloth begat Shimeah. And these also dwelled with their brothers in Jerusalem, over against them.

8:33 And Ner begat Kish, and Kish begat Saul, and Saul begat Jonathan, and Malchishua, and Abinadab, and Eshbaal.

8:34 And the son of Jonathan was Meribbaal; and Meribbaal begat Micah.

8:35 And the sons of Micah were, Pithon, and Melech, and Tarea, and Ahaz.

8:36 And Ahaz begat Jehoadah; and Jehoadah begat Alemeth, and Azmaveth, and Zimri; and Zimri begat Moza,

8:37 And Moza begat Binea: Rapha was his son, Eleasah his son, Azel his son:

8:38 And Azel had six sons, whose names are these, Azrikam, Bocheru, and Ishmael, and Sheariah, and Obadiah, and Hanan. All these were the sons of Azel.

8:39 And the sons of Eshek his brother were, Ulam his firstborn, Jehush the second, and Eliphelet the third.

8:40 And the sons of Ulam were mighty men of valor, archers, and had many sons, and sons' sons, a hundred and fifty. All these are of the sons of Benjamin.

## *1 Chronicles – Chapter 9*

9:1 So all Israel were reckoned by genealogies; and, behold, they were written in the book of the kings of Israel and Judah, who were carried away to Babylon for their transgression.

9:2 Now the first inhabitants that dwelled in their possessions in their cities were, the Israelites, the priests, Levites, and the Nethinims.

9:3 And in Jerusalem dwelled of the children of Judah, and of the children of Benjamin, and of the children of Ephraim, and Manasseh;

9:4 Uthai the son of Ammihud, the son of Omri, the son of Imri, the son of Bani, of the children of Pharez the son of Judah.

9:5 And of the Shilonites; Asaiah the firstborn, and his sons.

9:6 And of the sons of Zerah; Jeuel, and their brothers, six hundred and ninety.

9:7 And of the sons of Benjamin; Sallu the son of Meshullam, the son of Hodaviah, the son of Hasenuah,

9:8 And Ibneiah the son of Jeroham, and Elah the son of Uzzi, the son of Michri, and Meshullam the son of Shephathiah, the son of Reuel, the son of Ibnijah;

9:9 And their brothers, according to their generations, nine hundred and fifty and six. All these men were chief of the fathers in the house of their fathers.

9:10 And of the priests; Jedaiah, and Jehoiarib, and Jachin,

9:11 And Azariah the son of Hilkiah, the son of Meshullam, the son of Zadok, the son of Meraioth, the son of Ahitub, the ruler of the house of God;

9:12 And Adaiah the son of Jeroham, the son of Pashur, the son of Malchijah, and Maasai the son of Adiel, the son of Jahzerah, the son of Meshullam, the son of Meshillemith, the son of Immer;

9:13 And their brothers, heads of the house of their fathers, a thousand and seven hundred and three score; very able men for the work of the service of the house of God.

9:14 And of the Levites; Shemaiah the son of Hasshub, the son of Azrikam, the son of Hashabiah, of the sons of Merari;

9:15 And Bakbakkar, Heresh, and Galal, and Mattaniah the son of Micah, the son of Zichri, the son of Asaph;

9:16 And Obadiah the son of Shemaiah, the son of Galal, the son of Jeduthun, and Berechiah the son of Asa, the son of Elkanah, that dwelled in the villages of the Netophathites.

9:17 And the porters were, Shallum, and Akkub, and Talmon, and Ahiman, and their brothers: Shallum was the chief;

9:18 Who till now waited in the king's gate eastward: they were porters in the companies of the children of Levi.

9:19 And Shallum the son of Kore, the son of Ebiasaph, the son of Korah, and his brothers, of the house of his father, the Korahites, were over the work of the service, keepers of the gates of the tabernacle: and their fathers, being over the host of *Yehovah*, were keepers of the entry.

9:20 And Phinehas the son of Eleazar was the ruler over them in time past, and *Yehovah* was with him.

9:21 And Zechariah the son of Meshelemiah was porter of the door of the tabernacle of the congregation.

9:22 All these which were chosen to be porters in the gates were two hundred and twelve. These were reckoned by their genealogy in their villages, whom David and Samuel the seer did ordain in their set office.

9:23 So they and their children had the oversight of the gates of the house of *Yehovah*, namely, the house of the tabernacle, by wards.

9:24 In four quarters were the porters, toward the east, west, north, and south.

9:25 And their brothers, which were in their villages, were to come after seven days from time to time with them.

9:26 For these Levites, the four chief porters, were in their set office, and were over the chambers and treasuries of the house of God.

9:27 And they lodged round about the house of God, because the charge was on them, and the opening of it every morning pertained to them.

9:28 And certain of them had the charge of the ministering vessels, that they should bring them in and out by tale.

9:29 Some of them also were appointed to oversee the vessels, and all the instruments of the sanctuary, and the fine flour, and the wine, and the oil, and the frankincense, and the spices.

9:30 And some of the sons of the priests made the ointment of the spices.

9:31 And Mattithiah, one of the Levites, who was the firstborn of Shallum the Korahite, had the set office over the things that were made in the pans.

9:32 And other of their brothers, of the sons of the Kohathites, were over the show bread, to prepare it every sabbath.

9:33 And these are the singers, chief of the fathers of the Levites, who remaining in the chambers were free: for they were employed in that work day and night.

9:34 These chief fathers of the Levites were chief throughout their generations; these dwelled at Jerusalem.

9:35 And in Gibeon dwelled the father of Gibeon, Jehiel, whose wife's name was Maachah:

9:36 And his firstborn son Abdon, then Zur, and Kish, and Baal, and Ner, and Nadab.

9:37 And Gedor, and Ahio, and Zechariah, and Mikloth.

9:38 And Mikloth begat Shimeam. And they also dwelled with their brothers at Jerusalem, over against their brothers.

9:39 And Ner begat Kish; and Kish begat Saul; and Saul begat Jonathan, and Malchishua, and Abinadab, and Eshbaal.

9:40 And the son of Jonathan was Meribbaal: and Meribbaal begat Micah.

9:41 And the sons of Micah were, Pithon, and Melech, and Tahrea, and Ahaz.

9:42 And Ahaz begat Jarah; and Jarah begat Alemeth, and Azmaveth, and Zimri; and Zimri begat Moza;

9:43 And Moza begat Binea; and Rephaiah his son, Eleasah his son, Azel his son.

9:44 And Azel had six sons, whose names are these, Azrikam, Bocheru, and Ishmael, and Sheariah, and Obadiah, and Hanan: these were the sons of Azel.

## *1 Chronicles – Chapter 10*

10:1 Now the Philistines fought against Israel; and the men of Israel fled from before the Philistines, and fell down slain in mount Gilboa.

10:2 And the Philistines followed hard after Saul, and after his sons; and the Philistines slew Jonathan, and Abinadab, and Malchishua, the sons of Saul.

10:3 And the battle went sore against Saul, and the archers hit him, and he was wounded of the archers.

10:4 Then said Saul to his armor bearer, Draw your sword, and thrust me through therewith; lest these uncircumcised come and abuse me. But his armor bearer would not; for he was sore afraid. So Saul took a sword, and fell on it.

10:5 And when his armor bearer saw that Saul was dead, he fell likewise on the sword, and died.

10:6 So Saul died, and his three sons, and all his house died together.

10:7 And when all the men of Israel that were in the valley saw that they fled, and that Saul and his sons were dead, then they forsook their cities, and fled: and the Philistines came and dwelled in them.

10:8 And it came to pass on the morrow, when the Philistines came to strip the slain, that they found Saul and his sons fallen in mount Gilboa.

10:9 And when they had stripped him, they took his head, and his armor, and sent into the land of the Philistines round about, to carry tidings to their idols, and to the people.

10:10 And they put his armor in the house of their gods, and fastened his head in the temple of Dagon.

10:11 And when all Jabeshgilead heard all that the Philistines had done to Saul,

10:12 They arose, all the valiant men, and took away the body of Saul, and the bodies of his sons, and brought them to Jabesh, and buried their bones under the oak in Jabesh, and fasted seven days.

10:13 So Saul died for his transgression which he committed against *Yehovah*, even against the word of *Yehovah*, which he kept not, and also for asking counsel of one that had a familiar spirit, to inquire of it;

10:14 And inquired not of *Yehovah*: therefore he slew him, and turned the kingdom to David the son of Jesse.

## ***1 Chronicles*** – Chapter 11

11:1 Then all Israel gathered themselves to David to Hebron, saying, Behold, we are your bone and your flesh.

11:2 And moreover in time past, even when Saul was king, you were he that led out and brought in Israel: and *Yehovah* your God said to you, You shall feed my people Israel, and you shall be ruler over my people Israel.

11:3 Therefore came all the elders of Israel to the king to Hebron; and David made a covenant with them in Hebron before *Yehovah*; and they anointed David king over Israel, according to the word of *Yehovah* by Samuel.

11:4 And David and all Israel went to Jerusalem, which is Jebus; where the Jebusites were, the inhabitants of the land.

11:5 And the inhabitants of Jebus said to David, You shall not come here. Nevertheless David took the castle of Zion, which is the city of David.

11:6 And David said, Whoever smites the Jebusites first shall be chief and captain. So Joab the son of Zeruah went first up, and was chief.

11:7 And David dwelled in the castle; therefore they called it the city of David.

11:8 And he built the city round about, even from Millo round about: and Joab repaired the rest of the city.

11:9 So David waxed greater and greater: for *Yehovah* of hosts was with him.

11:10 These also are the chief of the mighty men whom David had, who strengthened themselves with him in his kingdom, and with all Israel, to make him king, according to the word of *Yehovah* concerning Israel.

11:11 And this is the number of the mighty men whom David had; Jashobeam, a hachmonite, the chief of the captains: he lifted up his spear against three hundred slain by him at one time.

11:12 And after him was Eleazar the son of Dodo, the Ahohite, who was one of the three mighty men.

11:13 He was with David at Pasdammim, and there the Philistines were gathered together to battle, where was a parcel of ground full of barley; and the people fled from before the Philistines.

11:14 And they set themselves in the middle of that parcel, and delivered it, and slew the Philistines; and *Yehovah* saved them by a great deliverance.

11:15 Now three of the thirty captains went down to the rock to David, into the cave of Adullam; and the host of the Philistines encamped in the valley of Rephaim.

11:16 And David was then in the hold, and the Philistines' garrison was then at Bethlehem.

11:17 And David longed, and said, Oh that one would give me drink of the water of the well of Bethlehem, that is at the gate!

11:18 And the three broke through the host 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: but David would not drink of it, but poured it out to *Yehovah*.

11:19 And said, My God forbid it me, that I should do this thing: shall I drink the blood of these men that have put their lives in jeopardy? for with the jeopardy of their lives they brought it. Therefore he would not drink it. These things did these three mightiest.

11:20 And Abishai the brother of Joab, he was chief of the three: for lifting up his spear against three hundred, he slew them, and had a name among the three.

11:21 Of the three, he was more honorable than the two; for he was their captain: however, he attained not to the first three.

11:22 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: also he went down and slew a lion in a pit in a snowy day.

11:23 And he slew an Egyptian, a man of great stature, five cubits high; and in the Egyptian's hand was a spear like a weaver's beam; and 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.

11:24 These things did Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, and had the name among the three mighty men.

11:25 Behold, he was honorable among the thirty, but attained not to the first three: and David set him over his guard.

11:26 Also the valiant men of the armies were, Asahel the brother of Joab, Elhanan the son of Dodo of Bethlehem,

11:27 Shammoth the Harorite, Helez the Pelonite,

11:28 Ira the son of Ikkesh the Tekoite, Abiezer the Antothite,

11:29 Sibbecai the Hushathite, Ilai the Ahohite,

11:30 Maharai the Netophathite, Heled the son of Baanah the Netophathite,

11:31 Ithai the son of Ribai of Gibeah, that pertained to the children of Benjamin, Benaiah the Pirathonite,

11:32 Hurai of the brooks of Gaash, Abiel the Arbathite,

11:33 Azmaveth the Baharumite, Eliahba the Shaalbonite,

11:34 The sons of Hashem the Gizonite, Jonathan the son of Shage the Hararite,

11:35 Ahiam the son of Sacar the Hararite, Eliphai the son of Ur,

11:36 Hephher the Mecherathite, Ahijah the Pelonite,

11:37 Hezro the Carmelite, Naarai the son of Ezbai,

11:38 Joel the brother of Nathan, Mibhar the son of Haggeri,

11:39 Zelek the Ammonite, Naharai the Berothite, the armor bearer of Joab the son of Zeruah,

11:40 Ira the Ithrite, Gareb the Ithrite,

11:41 Uriah the Hittite, Zabad the son of Ahlai,

11:42 Adina the son of Shiza the Reubenite, a captain of the Reubenites, and thirty with him,

11:43 Hanan the son of Maachah, and Joshaphat the Mithnite,

11:44 Uzzia the Ashterathite, Shama and Jehiel the sons of Hothan the Aroerite,

11:45 Jediael the son of Shimri, and Joha his brother, the Tizite,

11:46 Eliel the Mahavite, and Jeribai, and Joshaviah, the sons of Elnaam, and Ithmah the Moabite,

11:47 Eliel, and Obed, and Jasiel the Mesobaite.

## ***1 Chronicles*** – Chapter 12

12:1 Now these are they that came to David to Ziklag, while he yet kept himself close because of Saul the son of Kish: and they were among the mighty men, helpers of the war.

12:2 They were armed with bows, and could use both the right hand and the left in hurling stones and shooting arrows out of a bow, even of Saul's brothers of Benjamin.

12:3 The chief was Ahiezer, then Joash, the sons of Shemaah the Gibeathite; and Jeziel, and Pelet, the sons of Azmaveth; and Berachah, and Jehu the Antothite.

12:4 And Ismaiah the Gibeonite, a mighty man among the thirty, and over the thirty; and Jeremiah, and Jahaziel, and Johanan, and Josabad the Gederathite,

12:5 Eluzai, and Jerimoth, and Bealiah, and Shemariah, and Shephatiah the Haruphite,

12:6 Elkanah, and Jesiah, and Azareel, and Joezer, and Jashobeam, the Korhites,

12:7 And Joelah, and Zebadiah, the sons of Jeroham of Gedor.

12:8 And of the Gadites there separated themselves to David into the hold to the wilderness men of might, and men of war fit for the battle, that could handle shield and buckler, whose faces were like the faces of lions, and were as swift as the roes on the mountains;

12:9 Ezer the first, Obadiah the second, Eliab the third,

12:10 Mishmannah the fourth, Jeremiah the fifth,

12:11 Attai the sixth, Eliel the seventh,

12:12 Johanan the eighth, Elzabad the ninth,

12:13 Jeremiah the tenth, Machbanai the eleventh.

12:14 These were of the sons of Gad, captains of the host: one of the least was over a hundred, and the greatest over a thousand.

12:15 These are they that went over Jordan in the first month, when it had overflowed all his banks; and they put to flight all them of the valleys, both toward the east, and toward the west.

12:16 And there came of the children of Benjamin and Judah to the hold to David.

12:17 And David went out to meet them, and answered and said to them, If you be come peaceably to me to help me, my heart shall be knit to you: but if you be come to betray me to my enemies, seeing there is no wrong in my hands, the God of our fathers look thereon, and rebuke it.

12:18 Then the spirit came on Amasai, who was chief of the captains, and he said, Your are we, David, and on your side, you son of Jesse: peace, peace be to you, and peace be to your helpers; for your God helps you. Then David received them, and made them captains of the band.

12:19 And there fell some of Manasseh to David, when he came with the Philistines against Saul to battle: but they helped them not: for *Yehovahs* of the Philistines on advisement sent him away, saying, He will fall to his master Saul to the jeopardy of our heads.

12:20 As he went to Ziklag, there fell to him of Manasseh, Adnah, and Jozabad, and Jediahel, and Michael, and Jozabad, and Elihu, and Zilthai, captains of the thousands that were of Manasseh.

12:21 And they helped David against the band of the rovers: for they were all mighty men of valor, and were captains in the host.

12:22 For at that time day by day there came to David to help him, until it was a great host, like the host of God.

12:23 And these are the numbers of the bands that were ready armed to the war, and came to David to Hebron, to turn the kingdom of Saul to him, according to the word of *Yehovah*.

12:24 The children of Judah that bore shield and spear were six thousand and eight hundred, ready armed to the war.

12:25 Of the children of Simeon, mighty men of valor for the war, seven thousand and one hundred.

12:26 Of the children of Levi four thousand and six hundred.

12:27 And Jehoiada was the leader of the Aaronites, and with him were three thousand and seven hundred;

12:28 And Zadok, a young man mighty of valor, and of his father's house twenty and two captains.

12:29 And of the children of Benjamin, the kindred of Saul, three thousand: for till now the greatest part of them had kept the ward of the house of Saul.

12:30 And of the children of Ephraim twenty thousand and eight hundred, mighty men of valor, famous throughout the house of their fathers.

12:31 And of the half tribe of Manasseh eighteen thousand, which were expressed by name, to come and make David king.

12:32 And of the children of Issachar, which were men that had understanding of the times, to know what Israel ought to do; the heads of them were two hundred; and all their brothers were at their commandment.

12:33 Of Zebulun, such as went forth to battle, expert in war, with all instruments of war, fifty thousand, which could keep rank: they were not of double heart.

12:34 And of Naphtali a thousand captains, and with them with shield and spear thirty and seven thousand.

12:35 And of the Danites expert in war twenty and eight thousand and six hundred.

12:36 And of Asher, such as went forth to battle, expert in war, forty thousand.

12:37 And on the other side of Jordan, of the Reubenites, and the Gadites, and of the half tribe of Manasseh, with all manner of instruments of war for the battle, a hundred and twenty thousand.

12:38 All these men of war, that could keep rank, came with a perfect heart to Hebron, to make David king over all Israel: and all the rest also of Israel were of one heart to make David king.

12:39 And there they were with David three days, eating and drinking: for their brothers had prepared for them.

12:40 Moreover they that were near them, even to Issachar and Zebulun and Naphtali, brought bread on asses, and on camels, and on mules, and on oxen, and meat, meal, cakes of figs, and bunches of raisins, and wine, and oil, and oxen, and sheep abundantly: for there was joy in Israel.

## ***1 Chronicles*** – Chapter 13

13:1 And David consulted with the captains of thousands and hundreds, and with every leader.

13:2 And David said to all the congregation of Israel, If it seem good to you, and that it be of *Yehovah* our God, let us send abroad to our brothers everywhere, that are left in all the land of Israel, and with them also to the priests and Levites which are in their cities and suburbs, that they may gather themselves to us:

13:3 And let us bring again the ark of our God to us: for we inquired not at it in the days of Saul.

13:4 And all the congregation said that they would do so: for the thing was right in the eyes of all the people.

13:5 So David gathered all Israel together, from Shihor of Egypt even to the entering of Hemath, to bring the ark of God from Kirjathjearim.

13:6 And David went up, and all Israel, to Baalah, that is, to Kirjathjearim, which belonged to Judah, to bring up there the ark of God *Yehovah*, that dwells between the cherubim, whose name is called on it.

13:7 And they carried the ark of God in a new cart out of the house of Abinadab: and Uzza and Ahio drove the cart.

13:8 And David and all Israel played before God with all their might, and with singing, and with harps, and with psalteries, and with tambourines, and with cymbals, and with trumpets.

13:9 And when they came to the threshing floor of Chidon, Uzza put forth his hand to hold the ark; for the oxen stumbled.

13:10 And the anger of *Yehovah* was kindled against Uzza, and he smote him, because he put his hand to the ark: and there he died before God.

13:11 And David was displeased, because *Yehovah* had made a breach on Uzza: why that place is called Perezuzza to this day.

13:12 And David was afraid of God that day, saying, How shall I bring the ark of God home to me?

13:13 So David brought not the ark home to himself to the city of David, but carried it aside into the house of Obedom the Gittite.

13:14 And the ark of God remained with the family of Obedom in his house three months. And *Yehovah* blessed the house of Obedom, and all that he had.

## ***1 Chronicles*** – Chapter 14

14:1 Now Hiram king of Tyre sent messengers to David, and timber of cedars, with masons and carpenters, to build him a house.

14:2 And David perceived that *Yehovah* had confirmed him king over Israel, for his kingdom was lifted up on high, because of his people Israel.

14:3 And David took more wives at Jerusalem: and David begat more sons and daughters.

14:4 Now these are the names of his children which he had in Jerusalem; Shammua, and Shobab, Nathan, and Solomon,

14:5 And Ibhar, and Elishua, and Elpalet,

14:6 And Nogah, and Nepheg, and Japhia,

14:7 And Elishama, and Beeliada, and Eliphalet.

14:8 And when the Philistines heard that David was anointed king over all Israel, all the Philistines went up to seek David. And David heard of it, and went out against them.

14:9 And the Philistines came and spread themselves in the valley of Rephaim.

14:10 And David inquired of God, saying, Shall I go up against the Philistines? And will you deliver them into my hand? And *Yehovah* said to him, Go up; for I will deliver them into your hand.

14:11 So they came up to Baalperazim; and David smote them there. Then David said, God has broken in on my enemies by my hand like the breaking forth of waters: therefore they called the name of that place Baalperazim.

14:12 And when they had left their gods there, David gave a commandment, and they were burned with fire.

14:13 And the Philistines yet again spread themselves abroad in the valley.

14:14 Therefore David inquired again of God; and God said to him, Go not up after them; turn away from them, and come on them over against the mulberry trees.

14:15 And it shall be, when you shall hear a sound of going in the tops of the mulberry trees, that then you shall go out to battle: for God is gone forth before you to smite the host of the Philistines.

14:16 David therefore did as God commanded him: and they smote the host of the Philistines from Gibeon even to Gazer.

14:17 And the fame of David went out into all lands; and *Yehovah* brought the fear of him on all nations.

## *1 Chronicles* – Chapter 15

15:1 And David made him houses in the city of David, and prepared a place for the ark of God, and pitched for it a tent.

15:2 Then David said, None ought to carry the ark of God but the Levites: for them has *Yehovah* chosen to carry the ark of God, and to minister to him forever.

15:3 And David gathered all Israel together to Jerusalem, to bring up the ark of *Yehovah* to his place, which he had prepared for it.

15:4 And David assembled the children of Aaron, and the Levites:

15:5 Of the sons of Kohath; Uriel the chief, and his brothers a hundred and twenty:

15:6 Of the sons of Merari; Asaiah the chief, and his brothers two hundred and twenty:

15:7 Of the sons of Gershom; Joel the chief and his brothers a hundred and thirty:

15:8 Of the sons of Elizaphan; Shemaiah the chief, and his brothers two hundred:

15:9 Of the sons of Hebron; Eliel the chief, and his brothers fourscore:

15:10 Of the sons of Uzziel; Amminadab the chief, and his brothers a hundred and twelve.

15:11 And David called for Zadok and Abiathar the priests, and for the Levites, for Uriel, Asaiah, and Joel, Shemaiah, and Eliel, and Amminadab,

15:12 And said to them, You are the chief of the fathers of the Levites: sanctify yourselves, both you and your brothers, that you may bring up the ark of *Yehovah* God of Israel to the place that I have prepared for it.

15:13 For because you did it not at the first, *Yehovah* our God made a breach on us, for that we sought him not after the due order.

15:14 So the priests and the Levites sanctified themselves to bring up the ark of *Yehovah* God of Israel.

15:15 And the children of the Levites bore the ark of God on their shoulders with the staves thereon, as Moses commanded according to the word of *Yehovah*.

15:16 And David spoke to the chief of the Levites to appoint their brothers to be the singers with instruments of music, psalteries and harps and cymbals, sounding, by lifting up the voice with joy.

15:17 So the Levites appointed Heman the son of Joel; and of his brothers, Asaph the son of Berechiah; and of the sons of Merari their brothers, Ethan the son of Kushaiah;

15:18 And with them their brothers of the second degree, Zechariah, Ben, and Jaaziel, and Shemiramoth, and Jehiel, and Unni, Eliab, and Benaiah, and Maaseiah, and Mattithiah, and Eliphelah, and Mikneiah, and Obedom, and Jeiel, the porters.

15:19 So the singers, Heman, Asaph, and Ethan, were appointed to sound with cymbals of brass;

15:20 And Zechariah, and Aziel, and Shemiramoth, and Jehiel, and Unni, and Eliab, and Maaseiah, and Benaiah, with psalteries on Alamoth;

15:21 And Mattithiah, and Elipheleh, and Mikneiah, and Obedom, and Jeiel, and Azariah, with harps on the Sheminith to excel.

15:22 And Chenaniah, chief of the Levites, was for song: he instructed about the song, because he was skillful.

15:23 And Berechiah and Elkanah were doorkeepers for the ark.

15:24 And Shebaniah, and Jehoshaphat, and Nethaneel, and Amasai, and Zechariah, and Benaiah, and Eliezer, the priests, did blow with the trumpets before the ark of God: and Obedom and Jehiah were doorkeepers for the ark.

15:25 So David, and the elders of Israel, and the captains over thousands, went to bring up the ark of the covenant of *Yehovah* out of the house of Obedom with joy.

15:26 And it came to pass, when God helped the Levites that bore the ark of the covenant of *Yehovah*, that they offered seven bullocks and seven rams.

15:27 And David was clothed with a robe of fine linen, and all the Levites that bore the ark, and the singers, and Chenaniah the master of the song with the singers: David also had on him an ephod of linen.

15:28 Thus all Israel brought up the ark of the covenant of *Yehovah* with shouting, and with sound of the cornet, and with trumpets, and with cymbals, making a noise with psalteries and harps.

15:29 And it came to pass, as the ark of the covenant of *Yehovah* came to the city of David, that Michal, the daughter of Saul looking out at a window saw king David dancing and playing: and she despised him in her heart.

## ***1 Chronicles*** – Chapter 16

16:1 So they brought the ark of God, and set it in the middle of the tent that David had pitched for it: and they offered burnt sacrifices and peace offerings before God.

16:2 And when David had made an end of offering the burnt offerings and the peace offerings, he blessed the people in the name of *Yehovah*.

16:3 And he dealt to everyone of Israel, both man and woman, to everyone a loaf of bread, and a good piece of flesh, and a flagon of wine.

16:4 And he appointed certain of the Levites to minister before the ark of *Yehovah*, and to record, and to thank and praise *Yehovah* God of Israel:

16:5 Asaph the chief, and next to him Zechariah, Jeiel, and Shemiramoth, and Jehiel, and Mattithiah, and Eliab, and Benaiah, and Obedom: and Jeiel with psalteries and with harps; but Asaph made a sound with cymbals;

16:6 Benaiah also and Jahaziel the priests with trumpets continually before the ark of the covenant of God.

16:7 Then on that day David delivered first this psalm to thank *Yehovah* into the hand of Asaph and his brothers.

16:8 Give thanks to *Yehovah*, call on his name, make known his deeds among the people.

16:9 Sing to him, sing psalms to him, talk you of all his wondrous works.

16:10 Glory you in his holy name: let the heart of them rejoice that seek *Yehovah*.

16:11 Seek *Yehovah* and his strength, seek his face continually.

16:12 Remember his marvelous works that he has done, his wonders, and the judgments of his mouth;

16:13 O you seed of Israel his servant, you children of Jacob, his chosen ones.

16:14 He is *Yehovah* our God; his judgments are in all the earth.

16:15 Be you mindful always of his covenant; the word which he commanded to a thousand generations;

16:16 Even of the covenant which he made with Abraham, and of his oath to Isaac;

16:17 And has confirmed the same to Jacob for a law, and to Israel for an everlasting covenant,

16:18 Saying, To you will I give the land of Canaan, the lot of your inheritance;

16:19 When you were but few, even a few, and strangers in it.

16:20 And when they went from nation to nation, and from one kingdom to another people;

16:21 He suffered no man to do them wrong: yes, he reprov'd kings for their sakes,

16:22 Saying, Touch not my anointed, and do my prophets no harm.

16:23 Sing to *Yehovah*, all the earth; show forth from day to day his salvation.

16:24 Declare his glory among the heathen; his marvelous works among all nations.

16:25 For great is *Yehovah*, and greatly to be praised: he also is to be feared above all gods.

16:26 For all the gods of the people are idols: but *Yehovah* made the heavens.

16:27 Glory and honor are in his presence; strength and gladness are in his place.

16:28 Give to *Yehovah*, you kindreds of the people, give to *Yehovah* glory and strength.

16:29 Give to *Yehovah* the glory due to his name: bring an offering, and come before him: worship *Yehovah* in the beauty of holiness.

16:30 Fear before him, all the earth: the world also shall be stable, that it be not moved.

16:31 Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice: and let men say among the nations, *Yehovah* reigns.

16:32 Let the sea roar, and the fullness of it: let the fields rejoice, and all that is therein.

16:33 Then shall the trees of the wood sing out at the presence of *Yehovah*, because he comes to judge the earth.

16:34 O give thanks to *Yehovah*; for he is good; for his mercy endures forever.

16:35 And say you, Save us, O God of our salvation, and gather us together, and deliver us from the heathen, that we may give thanks to your holy name, and glory in your praise.

16:36 Blessed be *Yehovah* God of Israel forever and ever. And all the people said, Amen, and praised *Yehovah*.

16:37 So he left there before the ark of the covenant of *Yehovah* Asaph and his brothers, to minister before the ark continually, as every day's work required:

16:38 And Obededom with their brothers, three score and eight; Obededom also the son of Jeduthun and Hosah to be porters:

16:39 And Zadok the priest, and his brothers the priests, before the tabernacle of *Yehovah* in the high place that was at Gibeon,

16:40 To offer burnt offerings to *Yehovah* on the altar of the burnt offering continually morning and evening, and to do according to all that is written in the law of *Yehovah*, which he commanded Israel;

16:41 And with them Heman and Jeduthun, and the rest that were chosen, who were expressed by name, to give thanks to *Yehovah*, because his mercy endures forever;

16:42 And with them Heman and Jeduthun with trumpets and cymbals for those that should make a sound, and with musical instruments of God. And the sons of Jeduthun were porters.

16:43 And all the people departed every man to his house: and David returned to bless his house.

## ***1 Chronicles*** – Chapter 17

17:1 Now it came to pass, as David sat in his house, that David said to Nathan the prophet, See, I dwell in a house of cedars, but the ark of the covenant of *Yehovah* remains under curtains.

17:2 Then Nathan said to David, Do all that is in your heart; for God is with you.

17:3 And it came to pass the same night, that the word of God came to Nathan, saying,

17:4 Go and tell David my servant, Thus said *Yehovah*, You shall not build me a house to dwell in:

17:5 For I have not dwelled in a house since the day that I brought up Israel to this day; but have gone from tent to tent, and from one tabernacle to another.

17:6 Wherever I have walked with all Israel, spoke I a word to any of the judges of Israel, whom I commanded to feed my people, saying, Why have you not built me a house of cedars?

17:7 Now therefore thus shall you say to my servant David, Thus said *Yehovah* of hosts, I took you from the sheepcote, even from following the sheep, that you should be ruler over my people Israel:

17:8 And I have been with you wherever you have walked, and have cut off all your enemies from before you, and have made you a name like the name of the great men that are in the earth.

17:9 Also I will ordain a place for my people Israel, and will plant them, and they shall dwell in their place, and shall be moved no more; neither shall the children of wickedness waste them any more, as at the beginning,

17:10 And since the time that I commanded judges to be over my people Israel. Moreover I will subdue all your enemies. Furthermore I tell you that *Yehovah* will build you a house.

17:11 And it shall come to pass, when your days be expired that you must go to be with your fathers, that I will raise up your seed after you, which shall be of your sons; and I will establish his kingdom.

17:12 He shall build me a house, and I will establish his throne forever.

17:13 I will be his father, and he shall be my son: and I will not take my mercy away from him, as I took it from him that was before you:

17:14 But I will settle him in my house and in my kingdom forever: and his throne shall be established forever more.

17:15 According to all these words, and according to all this vision, so did Nathan speak to David.

17:16 And David the king came and sat before *Yehovah*, and said, Who am I, O *YEHOUVAH* God, and what is my house, that you have brought me till now?

17:17 And yet this was a small thing in your eyes, O God; for you have also spoken of your servant's house for a great while to come, and have regarded me according to the estate of a man of high degree, O *YEHOUVAH* God.

17:18 What can David speak more to you for the honor of your servant? for you know your servant.

17:19 O *YEHOUVAH*, for your servant's sake, and according to your own heart, have you done all this greatness, in making known all these great things.

17:20 O *YEHOUVAH*, there is none like you, neither is there any God beside you, according to all that we have heard with our ears.

17:21 And what one nation in the earth is like your people Israel, whom God went to redeem to be his own people, to make you a name of greatness and terribleness, by driving out nations from before your people whom you have redeemed out of Egypt?

17:22 For your people Israel did you make your own people forever; and you, *YEHOVAH*, became their God.

17:23 Therefore now, *YEHOVAH*, let the thing that you have spoken concerning your servant and concerning his house be established forever, and do as you have said.

17:24 Let it even be established, that your name may be magnified forever, saying, *Yehovah* of hosts is the God of Israel, even a God to Israel: and let the house of David your servant be established before you.

17:25 For you, O my God, have told your servant that you will build him a house: therefore your servant has found in his heart to pray before you.

17:26 And now, *YEHOVAH*, you are God, and have promised this goodness to your servant:

17:27 Now therefore let it please you to bless the house of your servant, that it may be before you forever: for you bless, O *YEHOVAH*, and it shall be blessed forever.

## ***1 Chronicles*** – Chapter 18

18:1 Now after this it came to pass, that David smote the Philistines, and subdued them, and took Gath and her towns out of the hand of the Philistines.

18:2 And he smote Moab; and the Moabites became David's servants, and brought gifts.

18:3 And David smote Hadarezer king of Zobah to Hamath, as he went to establish his dominion by the river Euphrates.

18:4 And David took from him a thousand chariots, and seven thousand horsemen, and twenty thousand footmen: David also hamstrung all the chariot horses, but reserved of them a hundred chariots.

18:5 And when the Syrians of Damascus came to help Hadarezer king of Zobah, David slew of the Syrians two and twenty thousand men.

18:6 Then David put garrisons in Syriadamascus; and the Syrians became David's servants, and brought gifts. Thus *Yehovah* preserved David wherever he went.

18:7 And David took the shields of gold that were on the servants of Hadarezer, and brought them to Jerusalem.

18:8 Likewise from Tibhath, and from Chun, cities of Hadarezer, brought David very much brass, with which Solomon made the brazen sea, and the pillars, and the vessels of brass.

18:9 Now when Tou king of Hamath heard how David had smitten all the host of Hadarezer king of Zobah;

18:10 He sent Hadoram his son to king David, to inquire of his welfare, and to congratulate him, because he had fought against Hadarezer, and smitten him; (for Hadarezer had war with Tou;) and with him all manner of vessels of gold and silver and brass.

18:11 Them also king David dedicated to *Yehovah*, with the silver and the gold that he brought from all these nations; from Edom, and from Moab, and from the children of Ammon, and from the Philistines, and from Amalek.

18:12 Moreover Abishai the son of Zeruiah slew of the Edomites in the valley of salt eighteen thousand.

18:13 And he put garrisons in Edom; and all the Edomites became David's servants. Thus *Yehovah* preserved David wherever he went.

18:14 So David reigned over all Israel, and executed judgment and justice among all his people.

18:15 And Joab the son of Zeruiah was over the host; and Jehoshaphat the son of Ahilud, recorder.

18:16 And Zadok the son of Ahitub, and Abimelech the son of Abiathar, were the priests; and Shavsha was scribe;

18:17 And Benaiah the son of Jehoiada was over the Cherethites and the Pelethites; and the sons of David were chief about the king.

## ***1 Chronicles*** – Chapter 19

19:1 Now it came to pass after this, that Nahash the king of the children of Ammon died, and his son reigned in his stead.

19:2 And David said, I will show kindness to Hanun the son of Nahash, because his father showed kindness to me. And David sent messengers to comfort him concerning his father. So the servants of David came into the land of the children of Ammon to Hanun, to comfort him.

19:3 But the princes of the children of Ammon said to Hanun, Think you that David does honor your father, that he has sent comforters to you? are not his servants come to you for to search, and to overthrow, and to spy out the land?

19:4 Why Hanun took David's servants, and shaved them, and cut off their garments in the middle hard by their buttocks, and sent them away.

19:5 Then there went certain, and told David how the men were served. And he sent to meet them: for the men were greatly ashamed. And the king said, Tarry at Jericho until your beards be grown, and then return.

19:6 And when the children of Ammon saw that they had made themselves odious to David, Hanun and the children of Ammon sent a thousand talents of silver to hire them chariots and horsemen out of Mesopotamia, and out of Syriamaachah, and out of Zobah.

19:7 So they hired thirty and two thousand chariots, and the king of Maachah and his people; who came and pitched before Medeba. And the

children of Ammon gathered themselves together from their cities, and came to battle.

19:8 And when David heard of it, he sent Joab, and all the host of the mighty men.

19:9 And the children of Ammon came out, and put the battle in array before the gate of the city: and the kings that were come were by themselves in the field.

19:10 Now when Joab saw that the battle was set against him before and behind, he chose out of all the choice of Israel, and put them in array against the Syrians.

19:11 And the rest of the people he delivered to the hand of Abishai his brother, and they set themselves in array against the children of Ammon.

19:12 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 help you.

19:13 Be of good courage, and let us behave ourselves valiantly for our people, and for the cities of our God: and let *Yehovah* do that which is good in his sight.

19:14 So Joab and the people that were with him drew near before the Syrians to the battle; and they fled before him.

19:15 And when the children of Ammon saw that the Syrians were fled, they likewise fled before Abishai his brother, and entered into the city. Then Joab came to Jerusalem.

19:16 And when the Syrians saw that they were put to the worse before Israel, they sent messengers, and drew forth the Syrians that were beyond the river: and Shophach the captain of the host of Hadarezer went before them.

19:17 And it was told David; and he gathered all Israel, and passed over Jordan, and came on them, and set the battle in array against them. So when David had put the battle in array against the Syrians, they fought with him.

19:18 But the Syrians fled before Israel; and David slew of the Syrians seven thousand men which fought in chariots, and forty thousand footmen, and killed Shophach the captain of the host.

19:19 And when the servants of Hadarezer saw that they were put to the worse before Israel, they made peace with David, and became his servants: neither would the Syrians help the children of Ammon any more.

## ***1 Chronicles*** – Chapter 20

20:1 And it came to pass, that after the year was expired, at the time that kings go out to battle, Joab led forth the power of the army, and wasted the country of the children of Ammon, and came and besieged Rabbah. But David tarried at Jerusalem. And Joab smote Rabbah, and destroyed it.

20:2 And David took the crown of their king from off his head, and found it to weigh a talent of gold, and there were precious stones in it; and it was set on David's head: and he brought also exceeding much spoil out of the city.

20:3 And he brought out the people that were in it, and cut them with saws, and with harrows of iron, and with axes. Even so dealt David with all the cities of the children of Ammon. And David and all the people returned to Jerusalem.

20:4 And it came to pass after this, that there arose war at Gezer with the Philistines; at which time Sibbechai the Hushathite slew Sippai, that was of the children of the giant: and they were subdued.

20:5 And there was war again with the Philistines; and Elhanan the son of Jair slew Lahmi the brother of Goliath the Gittite, whose spear staff was like a weaver's beam.

20:6 And yet again there was war at Gath, where was a man of great stature, whose fingers and toes were four and twenty, six on each hand, and six on each foot and he also was the son of the giant.

20:7 But when he defied Israel, Jonathan the son of Shimea David's brother slew him.

20:8 These were born to the giant in Gath; and they fell by the hand of David, and by the hand of his servants.

## ***1 Chronicles*** – Chapter 21

21:1 And Satan stood up against Israel, and provoked David to number Israel.

21:2 And David said to Joab and to the rulers of the people, Go, number Israel from Beersheba even to Dan; and bring the number of them to me, that I may know it.

21:3 And Joab answered, *Yehovah* make his people a hundred times so many more as they be: but, my lord the king, are they not all my lord's servants? why then does my lord require this thing? why will he be a cause of trespass to Israel?

21:4 Nevertheless the king's word prevailed against Joab. Why Joab departed, and went throughout all Israel, and came to Jerusalem.

21:5 And Joab gave the sum of the number of the people to David. And all they of Israel were a thousand thousand and a hundred thousand men that drew sword: and Judah was four hundred three score and ten thousand men that drew sword.

21:6 But Levi and Benjamin counted he not among them: for the king's word was abominable to Joab.

21:7 And God was displeased with this thing; therefore he smote Israel.

21:8 And David said to God, I have sinned greatly, because I have done this thing: but now, I beseech you, do away the iniquity of your servant; for I have done very foolishly.

21:9 And *Yehovah* spoke to Gad, David's seer, saying,

21:10 Go and tell David, saying, Thus said *Yehovah*, I offer you three things: choose you one of them, that I may do it to you.

21:11 So Gad came to David, and said to him, Thus said *Yehovah*, Choose you

21:12 Either three years' famine; or three months to be destroyed before your foes, while that the sword of your enemies overtakes you; or else three days the sword of *Yehovah*, even the pestilence, in the land, and the angel of *Yehovah* destroying throughout all the coasts of Israel. Now therefore advise yourself what word I shall bring again to him that sent me.

21:13 And David said to Gad, I am in a great strait: let me fall now into the hand of *Yehovah*; for very great are his mercies: but let me not fall into the hand of man.

21:14 So *Yehovah* sent pestilence on Israel: and there fell of Israel seventy thousand men.

21:15 And God sent an angel to Jerusalem to destroy it: and as he was destroying, *Yehovah* beheld, and he repented him of the evil, and said to the angel that destroyed, It is enough, stay now your hand. And the angel of *Yehovah* stood by the threshing floor of Ornan the Jebusite.

21:16 And David lifted up his eyes, and saw the angel of *Yehovah* stand between the earth and the heaven, having a drawn sword in his hand stretched out over Jerusalem. Then David and the elders of Israel, who were clothed in sackcloth, fell on their faces.

21:17 And David said to God, Is it not I that commanded the people to be numbered? even I it is that have sinned and done evil indeed; but as for these sheep, what have they done? let your hand, I pray you, O *YEHOVAH* my God, be on me, and on my father's house; but not on your people, that they should be plagued.

21:18 Then the angel of *Yehovah* commanded Gad to say to David, that David should go up, and set up an altar to *Yehovah* in the threshing floor of Ornan the Jebusite.

21:19 And David went up at the saying of Gad, which he spoke in the name of *Yehovah*.

21:20 And Ornan turned back, and saw the angel; and his four sons with him hid themselves. Now Ornan was threshing wheat.

21:21 And as David came to Ornan, Ornan looked and saw David, and went out of the threshing floor, and bowed himself to David with his face to the ground.

21:22 Then David said to Ornan, Grant me the place of this threshing floor, that I may build an altar therein to *Yehovah*: you shall grant it me for the full price: that the plague may be stayed from the people.

21:23 And Ornan said to David, Take it to you, and let my lord the king do that which is good in his eyes: see, I give you the oxen also for burnt offerings, and the threshing instruments for wood, and the wheat for the meat offering; I give it all.

21:24 And king David said to Ornan, No; but I will truly buy it for the full price: for I will not take that which is your for *Yehovah*, nor offer burnt offerings without cost.

21:25 So David gave to Ornan for the place six hundred shekels of gold by weight.

21:26 And David built there an altar to *Yehovah*, and offered burnt offerings and peace offerings, and called on *Yehovah*; and he answered him from heaven by fire on the altar of burnt offering.

21:27 And *Yehovah* commanded the angel; and he put up his sword again into the sheath of it.

21:28 At that time when David saw that *Yehovah* had answered him in the threshing floor of Ornan the Jebusite, then he sacrificed there.

21:29 For the tabernacle of *Yehovah*, which Moses made in the wilderness, and the altar of the burnt offering, were at that season in the high place at Gibeon.

21:30 But David could not go before it to inquire of God: for he was afraid because of the sword of the angel of *Yehovah*.

## ***1 Chronicles*** – Chapter 22

22:1 Then David said, This is the house of *Yehovah* God, and this is the altar of the burnt offering for Israel.

22:2 And David commanded to gather together the strangers that were in the land of Israel; and he set masons to hew worked stones to build the house of God.

22:3 And David prepared iron in abundance for the nails for the doors of the gates, and for the joinings; and brass in abundance without weight;

22:4 Also cedar trees in abundance: for the Zidonians and they of Tyre brought much cedar wood to David.

22:5 And David said, Solomon my son is young and tender, and the house that is to be built for *Yehovah* must be exceeding magnificent, of fame and of glory throughout all countries: I will therefore now make preparation for it. So David prepared abundantly before his death.

22:6 Then he called for Solomon his son, and charged him to build a house for *Yehovah* God of Israel.

22:7 And David said to Solomon, My son, as for me, it was in my mind to build a house to the name of *Yehovah* my God:

22:8 But the word of *Yehovah* came to me, saying, You have shed blood abundantly, and have made great wars: you shall not build a house to my name, because you have shed much blood on the earth in my sight.

22:9 Behold, a son shall be born to you, who shall be a man of rest; and I will give him rest from all his enemies round about: for his name shall be Solomon, and I will give peace and quietness to Israel in his days.

22:10 He shall build a house for my name; and he shall be my son, and I will be his father; and I will establish the throne of his kingdom over Israel forever.

22:11 Now, my son, *Yehovah* be with you; and prosper you, and build the house of *Yehovah* your God, as he has said of you.

22:12 Only *Yehovah* give you wisdom and understanding, and give you charge concerning Israel, that you may keep the law of *Yehovah* your God.

22:13 Then shall you prosper, if you take heed to fulfill the statutes and judgments which *Yehovah* charged Moses with concerning Israel: be strong, and of good courage; dread not, nor be dismayed.

22:14 Now, behold, in my trouble I have prepared for the house of *Yehovah* a hundred thousand talents of gold, and a thousand thousand talents of silver; and of brass and iron without weight; for it is in abundance: timber also and stone have I prepared; and you may add thereto.

22:15 Moreover there are workmen with you in abundance, hewers and workers of stone and timber, and all manner of cunning men for every manner of work.

22:16 Of the gold, the silver, and the brass, and the iron, there is no number. Arise therefore, and be doing, and *Yehovah* be with you.

22:17 David also commanded all the princes of Israel to help Solomon his son, saying,

22:18 Is not *Yehovah* your God with you? and has he not given you rest on every side? for he has given the inhabitants of the land into my hand; and the land is subdued before *Yehovah*, and before his people.

22:19 Now set your heart and your soul to seek *Yehovah* your God; arise therefore, and build you the sanctuary of *Yehovah* God, to bring the ark of the covenant of *Yehovah*, and the holy vessels of God, into the house that is to be built to the name of *Yehovah*.

## ***1 Chronicles*** – Chapter 23

23:1 So when David was old and full of days, he made Solomon his son king over Israel.

23:2 And he gathered together all the princes of Israel, with the priests and the Levites.

23:3 Now the Levites were numbered from the age of thirty years and upward: and their number by their polls, man by man, was thirty and eight thousand.

23:4 Of which, twenty and four thousand were to set forward the work of the house of *Yehovah*; and six thousand were officers and judges:

23:5 Moreover four thousand were porters; and four thousand praised *Yehovah* with the instruments which I made, said David, to praise therewith.

23:6 And David divided them into courses among the sons of Levi, namely, Gershon, Kohath, and Merari.

23:7 Of the Gershonites were, Laadan, and Shimei.

23:8 The sons of Laadan; the chief was Jehiel, and Zetham, and Joel, three.

23:9 The sons of Shimei; Shelomith, and Haziël, and Haran, three. These were the chief of the fathers of Laadan.

23:10 And the sons of Shimei were, Jahath, Zina, and Jeush, and Beriah. These four were the sons of Shimei.

23:11 And Jahath was the chief, and Zizah the second: but Jeush and Beriah had not many sons; therefore they were in one reckoning, according to their father's house.

23:12 The sons of Kohath; Amram, Izhar, Hebron, and Uzziel, four.

23:13 The sons of Amram; Aaron and Moses: and Aaron was separated, that he should sanctify the most holy things, he and his sons forever, to burn incense before *Yehovah*, to minister to him, and to bless in his name forever.

23:14 Now concerning Moses the man of God, his sons were named of the tribe of Levi.

23:15 The sons of Moses were, Gershom, and Eliezer.

23:16 Of the sons of Gershom, Shebuel was the chief.

23:17 And the sons of Eliezer were, Rehabiah the chief. And Eliezer had none other sons; but the sons of Rehabiah were very many.

23:18 Of the sons of Izhar; Shelomith the chief.

23:19 Of the sons of Hebron; Jeriah the first, Amariah the second, Jahaziel the third, and Jekameam the fourth.

23:20 Of the sons of Uzziel; Micah the first and Jesiah the second.

23:21 The sons of Merari; Mahli, and Mushi. The sons of Mahli; Eleazar, and Kish.

23:22 And Eleazar died, and had no sons, but daughters: and their brothers the sons of Kish took them.

23:23 The sons of Mushi; Mahli, and Eder, and Jeremoth, three.

23:24 These were the sons of Levi after the house of their fathers; even the chief of the fathers, as they were counted by number of names by their polls, that did the work for the service of the house of *Yehovah*, from the age of twenty years and upward.

23:25 For David said, *Yehovah* God of Israel has given rest to his people, that they may dwell in Jerusalem forever:

23:26 And also to the Levites; they shall no more carry the tabernacle, nor any vessels of it for the service of it.

23:27 For by the last words of David the Levites were numbered from twenty years old and above:

23:28 Because their office was to wait on the sons of Aaron for the service of the house of *Yehovah*, in the courts, and in the chambers, and in the purifying of all holy things, and the work of the service of the house of God;

23:29 Both for the show bread, and for the fine flour for meat offering, and for the unleavened cakes, and for that which is baked in the pan, and for that which is fried, and for all manner of measure and size;

23:30 And to stand every morning to thank and praise *Yehovah*, and likewise at even:

23:31 And to offer all burnt sacrifices to *Yehovah* in the sabbaths, in the new moons, and on the set feasts, by number, according to the order commanded to them, continually before *Yehovah*:

23:32 And that they should keep the charge of the tabernacle of the congregation, and the charge of the holy place, and the charge of the sons of Aaron their brothers, in the service of the house of *Yehovah*.

## ***1 Chronicles*** – Chapter 24

24:1 Now these are the divisions of the sons of Aaron. The sons of Aaron; Nadab, and Abihu, Eleazar, and Ithamar.

24:2 But Nadab and Abihu died before their father, and had no children: therefore Eleazar and Ithamar executed the priest's office.

24:3 And David distributed them, both Zadok of the sons of Eleazar, and Ahimelech of the sons of Ithamar, according to their offices in their service.

24:4 And there were more chief men found of the sons of Eleazar than of the sons of Ithamar, and thus were they divided. Among the sons of Eleazar there were sixteen chief men of the house of their fathers, and eight among the sons of Ithamar according to the house of their fathers.

24:5 Thus were they divided by lot, one sort with another; for the governors of the sanctuary, and governors of the house of God, were of the sons of Eleazar, and of the sons of Ithamar.

24:6 And Shemaiah the son of Nethaneel the scribe, one of the Levites, wrote them before the king, and the princes, and Zadok the priest, and Ahimelech the son of Abiathar, and before the chief of the fathers of the priests and Levites: one principal household being taken for Eleazar, and one taken for Ithamar.

24:7 Now the first lot came forth to Jehoiarib, the second to Jedaiah,

24:8 The third to Harim, the fourth to Seorim,

24:9 The fifth to Malchijah, the sixth to Mijamin,  
24:10 The seventh to Hakkoz, the eighth to Abijah,  
24:11 The ninth to Jeshuah, the tenth to Shecaniah,  
24:12 The eleventh to Eliashib, the twelfth to Jakim,  
24:13 The thirteenth to Huppah, the fourteenth to Jeshebeab,  
24:14 The fifteenth to Bilgah, the sixteenth to Immer,  
24:15 The seventeenth to Hezir, the eighteenth to Apses,  
24:16 The nineteenth to Pethahiah, the twentieth to Jehezkel,  
24:17 The one and twentieth to Jachin, the two and twentieth to Gamul,  
24:18 The three and twentieth to Delaiah, the four and twentieth to Maaziah.

24:19 These were the orderings of them in their service to come into the house of *Yehovah*, according to their manner, under Aaron their father, as *Yehovah* God of Israel had commanded him.

24:20 And the rest of the sons of Levi were these: Of the sons of Amram; Shubael: of the sons of Shubael; Jehdeiah.

24:21 Concerning Rehabiah: of the sons of Rehabiah, the first was Isshiah.

24:22 Of the Izharites; Shelomoth: of the sons of Shelomoth; Jahath.

24:23 And the sons of Hebron; Jeriah the first, Amariah the second, Jahaziel the third, Jekameam the fourth.

24:24 Of the sons of Uzziel; Michah: of the sons of Michah; Shamir.

24:25 The brother of Michah was Isshiah: of the sons of Isshiah; Zechariah.

24:26 The sons of Merari were Mahli and Mushi: the sons of Jaaziah; Beno.

24:27 The sons of Merari by Jaaziah; Beno, and Shoham, and Zaccur, and Ibri.

24:28 Of Mahli came Eleazar, who had no sons.

24:29 Concerning Kish: the son of Kish was Jerahmeel.

24:30 The sons also of Mushi; Mahli, and Eder, and Jerimoth. These were the sons of the Levites after the house of their fathers.

24:31 These likewise cast lots over against their brothers the sons of Aaron in the presence of David the king, and Zadok, and Ahimelech, and the chief of the fathers of the priests and Levites, even the principal fathers over against their younger brothers.

## ***1 Chronicles*** – Chapter 25

25:1 Moreover David and the captains of the host separated to the service of the sons of Asaph, and of Heman, and of Jeduthun, who should prophesy with harps, with psalteries, and with cymbals: and the number of the workmen according to their service was:

25:2 Of the sons of Asaph; Zaccur, and Joseph, and Nethaniah, and Asarelah, the sons of Asaph under the hands of Asaph, which prophesied according to the order of the king.

25:3 Of Jeduthun: the sons of Jeduthun; Gedaliah, and Zeri, and Jeshaiah, Hashabiah, and Mattithiah, six, under the hands of their father Jeduthun, who prophesied with a harp, to give thanks and to praise *Yehovah*.

25:4 Of Heman: the sons of Heman: Bukkiah, Mattaniah, Uzziel, Shebuel, and Jerimoth, Hananiah, Hanani, Eliathah, Giddalti, and Romamtiezer, Joshbekashah, Mallothi, Hothir, and Mahazioth:

25:5 All these were the sons of Heman the king's seer in the words of God, to lift up the horn. And God gave to Heman fourteen sons and three daughters.

25:6 All these were under the hands of their father for song in the house of *Yehovah*, with cymbals, psalteries, and harps, for the service of the house of God, according to the king's order to Asaph, Jeduthun, and Heman.

25:7 So the number of them, with their brothers that were instructed in the songs of *Yehovah*, even all that were cunning, was two hundred fourscore and eight.

25:8 And they cast lots, ward against ward, as well the small as the great, the teacher as the scholar.

25:9 Now the first lot came forth for Asaph to Joseph: the second to Gedaliah, who with his brothers and sons were twelve:

25:10 The third to Zaccur, he, his sons, and his brothers, were twelve:

25:11 The fourth to Izri, he, his sons, and his brothers, were twelve:

25:12 The fifth to Nethaniah, he, his sons, and his brothers, were twelve:

25:13 The sixth to Bukkiah, he, his sons, and his brothers, were twelve:

25:14 The seventh to Jesharelah, he, his sons, and his brothers, were twelve:

25:15 The eighth to Jeshaiah, he, his sons, and his brothers, were twelve:

25:16 The ninth to Mattaniah, he, his sons, and his brothers, were twelve:

25:17 The tenth to Shimei, he, his sons, and his brothers, were twelve:

25:18 The eleventh to Azareel, he, his sons, and his brothers, were twelve:

25:19 The twelfth to Hashabiah, he, his sons, and his brothers, were twelve:

25:20 The thirteenth to Shubael, he, his sons, and his brothers, were twelve:

25:21 The fourteenth to Mattithiah, he, his sons, and his brothers, were twelve:

25:22 The fifteenth to Jeremoth, he, his sons, and his brothers, were twelve:

25:23 The sixteenth to Hananiah, he, his sons, and his brothers, were twelve:

25:24 The seventeenth to Joshbekashah, he, his sons, and his brothers, were twelve:

25:25 The eighteenth to Hanani, he, his sons, and his brothers, were twelve:

25:26 The nineteenth to Mallothi, he, his sons, and his brothers, were twelve:

25:27 The twentieth to Eliathah, he, his sons, and his brothers, were twelve:

25:28 The one and twentieth to Hothir, he, his sons, and his brothers, were twelve:

25:29 The two and twentieth to Giddalti, he, his sons, and his brothers, were twelve:

25:30 The three and twentieth to Mahazioth, he, his sons, and his brothers, were twelve:

25:31 The four and twentieth to Romamtiezer, he, his sons, and his brothers, were twelve.

## ***1 Chronicles*** – Chapter 26

26:1 Concerning the divisions of the porters: Of the Korhites was Meshelemiah the son of Kore, of the sons of Asaph.

26:2 And the sons of Meshelemiah were, Zechariah the firstborn, Jediael the second, Zebadiah the third, Jathniel the fourth,

26:3 Elam the fifth, Jehohanan the sixth, Elioenai the seventh.

26:4 Moreover the sons of Obededom were, Shemaiah the firstborn, Jehozabad the second, Joah the third, and Sacar the fourth, and Nethaneel the fifth.

26:5 Ammiel the sixth, Issachar the seventh, Peulthai the eighth: for God blessed him.

26:6 Also to Shemaiah his son were sons born, that ruled throughout the house of their father: for they were mighty men of valor.

26:7 The sons of Shemaiah; Othni, and Rephael, and Obed, Elzabad, whose brothers were strong men, Elihu, and Semachiah.

26:8 All these of the sons of Obededom: they and their sons and their brothers, able men for strength for the service, were three score and two of Obededom.

26:9 And Meshelemiah had sons and brothers, strong men, eighteen.

26:10 Also Hosah, of the children of Merari, had sons; Simri the chief, (for though he was not the firstborn, yet his father made him the chief;)

26:11 Hilkiyah the second, Tebaliah the third, Zechariah the fourth: all the sons and brothers of Hosah were thirteen.

26:12 Among these were the divisions of the porters, even among the chief men, having wards one against another, to minister in the house of *Yehovah*.

26:13 And they cast lots, as well the small as the great, according to the house of their fathers, for every gate.

26:14 And the lot eastward fell to Shelemiah. Then for Zechariah his son, a wise counselor, they cast lots; and his lot came out northward.

26:15 To Obededom southward; and to his sons the house of Asuppim.

26:16 To Shuppim and Hosah the lot came forth westward, with the gate Shallecheth, by the causeway of the going up, ward against ward.

26:17 Eastward were six Levites, northward four a day, southward four a day, and toward Asuppim two and two.

26:18 At Parbar westward, four at the causeway, and two at Parbar.

26:19 These are the divisions of the porters among the sons of Kore, and among the sons of Merari.

26:20 And of the Levites, Ahijah was over the treasures of the house of God, and over the treasures of the dedicated things.

26:21 As concerning the sons of Laadan; the sons of the Gershonite Laadan, chief fathers, even of Laadan the Gershonite, were Jehieli.

26:22 The sons of Jehieli; Zetham, and Joel his brother, which were over the treasures of the house of *Yehovah*.

26:23 Of the Amramites, and the Izharites, the Hebronites, and the Uzzielites:

26:24 And Shebuel the son of Gershom, the son of Moses, was ruler of the treasures.

26:25 And his brothers by Eliezer; Rehabiah his son, and Jeshaiiah his son, and Joram his son, and Zichri his son, and Shelomith his son.

26:26 Which Shelomith and his brothers were over all the treasures of the dedicated things, which David the king, and the chief fathers, the captains over thousands and hundreds, and the captains of the host, had dedicated.

26:27 Out of the spoils won in battles did they dedicate to maintain the house of *Yehovah*.

26:28 And all that Samuel the seer, and Saul the son of Kish, and Abner the son of Ner, and Joab the son of Zeruah, had dedicated; and whoever had dedicated any thing, it was under the hand of Shelomith, and of his brothers.

26:29 Of the Izharites, Chenaniah and his sons were for the outward business over Israel, for officers and judges.

26:30 And of the Hebronites, Hashabiah and his brothers, men of valor, a thousand and seven hundred, were officers among them of Israel on this side Jordan westward in all the business of *Yehovah*, and in the service of the king.

26:31 Among the Hebronites was Jerijah the chief, even among the Hebronites, according to the generations of his fathers. In the fortieth year of the reign of David they were sought for, and there were found among them mighty men of valor at Jazer of Gilead.

26:32 And his brothers, men of valor, were two thousand and seven hundred chief fathers, whom king David made rulers over the Reubenites, the Gadites, and the half tribe of Manasseh, for every matter pertaining to God, and affairs of the king.

## *1 Chronicles – Chapter 27*

27:1 Now the children of Israel after their number, to wit, the chief fathers and captains of thousands and hundreds, and their officers that served the king in any matter of the courses, which came in and went out month by month throughout all the months of the year, of every course were twenty and four thousand.

27:2 Over the first course for the first month was Jashobeam the son of Zabdiel: and in his course were twenty and four thousand.

27:3 Of the children of Perez was the chief of all the captains of the host for the first month.

27:4 And over the course of the second month was Dodai an Ahohite, and of his course was Mikloth also the ruler: in his course likewise were twenty and four thousand.

27:5 The third captain of the host for the third month was Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, a chief priest: and in his course were twenty and four thousand.

27:6 This is that Benaiah, who was mighty among the thirty, and above the thirty: and in his course was Ammizabad his son.

27:7 The fourth captain for the fourth month was Asahel the brother of Joab, and Zebadiah his son after him: and in his course were twenty and four thousand.

27:8 The fifth captain for the fifth month was Shamhuth the Izrahite: and in his course were twenty and four thousand.

27:9 The sixth captain for the sixth month was Ira the son of Ikkesh the Tekoite: and in his course were twenty and four thousand.

27:10 The seventh captain for the seventh month was Helez the Pelonite, of the children of Ephraim: and in his course were twenty and four thousand.

27:11 The eighth captain for the eighth month was Sibbecai the Hushathite, of the Zarhites: and in his course were twenty and four thousand.

27:12 The ninth captain for the ninth month was Abiezer the Anetothite, of the Benjamites: and in his course were twenty and four thousand.

27:13 The tenth captain for the tenth month was Maharai the Netophathite, of the Zarhites: and in his course were twenty and four thousand.

27:14 The eleventh captain for the eleventh month was Benaiah the Pirathonite, of the children of Ephraim: and in his course were twenty and four thousand.

27:15 The twelfth captain for the twelfth month was Heldai the Netophathite, of Othniel: and in his course were twenty and four thousand.

27:16 Furthermore over the tribes of Israel: the ruler of the Reubenites was Eliezer the son of Zichri: of the Simeonites, Shephatiah the son of Maachah:

27:17 Of the Levites, Hashabiah the son of Kemuel: of the Aaronites, Zadok:

27:18 Of Judah, Elihu, one of the brothers of David: of Issachar, Omri the son of Michael:

27:19 Of Zebulun, Ishmaiah the son of Obadiah: of Naphtali, Jerimoth the son of Azriel:

27:20 Of the children of Ephraim, Hoshea the son of Azaziah: of the half tribe of Manasseh, Joel the son of Pedaiah:

27:21 Of the half tribe of Manasseh in Gilead, Iddo the son of Zechariah: of Benjamin, Jaasiel the son of Abner:

27:22 Of Dan, Azareel the son of Jeroham. These were the princes of the tribes of Israel.

27:23 But David took not the number of them from twenty years old and under: because *Yehovah* had said he would increase Israel like to the stars of the heavens.

27:24 Joab the son of Zeruiah began to number, but he finished not, because there fell wrath for it against Israel; neither was the number put in the account of the chronicles of king David.

27:25 And over the king's treasures was Azmaveth the son of Adiel: and over the storehouses in the fields, in the cities, and in the villages, and in the castles, was Jehonathan the son of Uzziah:

27:26 And over them that did the work of the field for tillage of the ground was Ezri the son of Chelub:

27:27 And over the vineyards was Shimei the Ramathite: over the increase of the vineyards for the wine cellars was Zabdi the Shiphmite:

27:28 And over the olive trees and the sycomore trees that were in the low plains was Baalhanan the Gederite: and over the cellars of oil was Joash:

27:29 And over the herds that fed in Sharon was Shitrai the Sharonite: and over the herds that were in the valleys was Shaphat the son of Adlai:

27:30 Over the camels also was Obil the Ishmaelite: and over the asses was Jehdeiah the Meronothite:

27:31 And over the flocks was Jaziz the Hagerite. All these were the rulers of the substance which was king David's.

27:32 Also Jonathan David's uncle was a counselor, a wise man, and a scribe: and Jehiel the son of Hachmoni was with the king's sons:

27:33 And Ahithophel was the king's counselor: and Hushai the Archite was the king's companion:

27:34 And after Ahithophel was Jehoiada the son of Benaiah, and Abiathar: and the general of the king's army was Joab.

## *1 Chronicles – Chapter 28*

28:1 And David assembled all the princes of Israel, the princes of the tribes, and the captains of the companies that ministered to the king by course, and the captains over the thousands, and captains over the hundreds, and the stewards over all the substance and possession of the king, and of his sons, with the officers, and with the mighty men, and with all the valiant men, to Jerusalem.

28:2 Then David the king stood up on his feet, and said, Hear me, my brothers, and my people: As for me, I had in my heart to build a house of rest for the ark of the covenant of *Yehovah*, and for the footstool of our God, and had made ready for the building:

28:3 But God said to me, You shall not build a house for my name, because you have been a man of war, and have shed blood.

28:4 However, *Yehovah* God of Israel chose me before all the house of my father to be king over Israel forever: for he has chosen Judah to be the ruler; and of the house of Judah, the house of my father; and among the sons of my father he liked me to make me king over all Israel:

28:5 And of all my sons, (for *Yehovah* has given me many sons,) he has chosen Solomon my son to sit on the throne of the kingdom of *Yehovah* over Israel.

28:6 And he said to me, Solomon your son, he shall build my house and my courts: for I have chosen him to be my son, and I will be his father.

28:7 Moreover I will establish his kingdom forever, if he be constant to do my commandments and my judgments, as at this day.

28:8 Now therefore in the sight of all Israel the congregation of *Yehovah*, and in the audience of our God, keep and seek for all the commandments of *Yehovah* your God: that you may possess this good land, and leave it for an inheritance for your children after you forever.

28:9 And you, Solomon my son, know you the God of your father, and serve him with a perfect heart and with a willing mind: for *Yehovah* searches all hearts, and understands all the imaginations of the thoughts: if you seek him, he will be found of you; but if you forsake him, he will cast you off forever.

28:10 Take heed now; for *Yehovah* has chosen you to build a house for the sanctuary: be strong, and do it.

28:11 Then David gave to Solomon his son the pattern of the porch, and of the houses of it, and of the treasuries of it, and of the upper chambers of it, and of the inner parlors of it, and of the place of the mercy seat,

28:12 And the pattern of all that he had by the spirit, of the courts of the house of *Yehovah*, and of all the chambers round about, of the treasuries of the house of God, and of the treasuries of the dedicated things:

28:13 Also for the courses of the priests and the Levites, and for all the work of the service of the house of *Yehovah*, and for all the vessels of service in the house of *Yehovah*.

28:14 He gave of gold by weight for things of gold, for all instruments of all manner of service; silver also for all instruments of silver by weight, for all instruments of every kind of service:

28:15 Even the weight for the candlesticks of gold, and for their lamps of gold, by weight for every candlestick, and for the lamps of it: and for the candlesticks of silver by weight, both for the candlestick, and also for the lamps of it, according to the use of every candlestick.

28:16 And by weight he gave gold for the tables of show bread, for every table; and likewise silver for the tables of silver:

28:17 Also pure gold for the meat hooks, and the bowls, and the cups: and for the golden basins he gave gold by weight for every basin; and likewise silver by weight for every basin of silver:

28:18 And for the altar of incense refined gold by weight; and gold for the pattern of the chariot of the cherubim, that spread out their wings, and covered the ark of the covenant of *Yehovah*.

28:19 All this, said David, *Yehovah* made me understand in writing by his hand on me, even all the works of this pattern.

28:20 And David said to Solomon his son, Be strong and of good courage, and do it: fear not, nor be dismayed: for *Yehovah* God, even my God, will be with you; he will not fail you, nor forsake you, until you have finished all the work for the service of the house of *Yehovah*.

28:21 And, behold, the courses of the priests and the Levites, even they shall be with you for all the service of the house of God: and there shall be with you for all manner of workmanship every willing skillful man, for any manner of service: also the princes and all the people will be wholly at your commandment.

## ***1 Chronicles*** – Chapter 29

29:1 Furthermore David the king said to all the congregation, Solomon my son, whom alone God has chosen, is yet young and tender, and the work is great: for the palace is not for man, but for *Yehovah* God.

29:2 Now I have prepared with all my might for the house of my God the gold for things to be made of gold, and the silver for things of silver, and the brass for things of brass, the iron for things of iron, and wood for things of wood; onyx stones, and stones to be set, glistening stones, and of divers colors, and all manner of precious stones, and marble stones in abundance.

29:3 Moreover, because I have set my affection to the house of my God, I have of my own proper good, of gold and silver, which I have given to the house of my God, over and above all that I have prepared for the holy house.

29:4 Even three thousand talents of gold, of the gold of Ophir, and seven thousand talents of refined silver, to overlay the walls of the houses with:

29:5 The gold for things of gold, and the silver for things of silver, and for all manner of work to be made by the hands of artificers. And who then is willing to consecrate his service this day to *Yehovah*?

29:6 Then the chief of the fathers and princes of the tribes of Israel and the captains of thousands and of hundreds, with the rulers of the king's work, offered willingly,

29:7 And gave for the service of the house of God of gold five thousand talents and ten thousand drams, and of silver ten thousand talents, and of brass eighteen thousand talents, and one hundred thousand talents of iron.

29:8 And they with whom precious stones were found gave them to the treasure of the house of *Yehovah*, by the hand of Jehiel the Gershonite.

29:9 Then the people rejoiced, for that they offered willingly, because with perfect heart they offered willingly to *Yehovah*: and David the king also rejoiced with great joy.

29:10 Why David blessed *Yehovah* before all the congregation: and David said, Blessed be you, *YEHOUAH* God of Israel our father, forever and ever.

29:11 Yours, O *YEHOUAH* is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for all that is in the heaven and in the earth is yours; your is the kingdom, O *YEHOUAH*, and you are exalted as head above all.

29:12 Both riches and honor come of you, and you reign over all; and in your hand is power and might; and in your hand it is to make great, and to give strength to all.

29:13 Now therefore, our God, we thank you, and praise your glorious name.

29:14 But who am I, and what is my people, that we should be able to offer so willingly after this sort? for all things come of you, and of your own have we given you.

29:15 For we are strangers before you, and sojourners, as were all our fathers: our days on the earth are as a shadow, and there is none abiding.

29:16 O *YEHOUAH* our God, all this store that we have prepared to build you a house for your holy name comes of your hand, and is all your own.

29:17 I know also, my God, that you try the heart, and have pleasure in uprightness. As for me, in the uprightness of my heart I have willingly offered all these things: and now have I seen with joy your people, which are present here, to offer willingly to you.

29:18 O *YEHOVAH* God of Abraham, Isaac, and of Israel, our fathers, keep this forever in the imagination of the thoughts of the heart of your people, and prepare their heart to you:

29:19 And give to Solomon my son a perfect heart, to keep your commandments, your testimonies, and your statutes, and to do all these things, and to build the palace, for the which I have made provision.

29:20 And David said to all the congregation, Now bless *Yehovah* your God.

And all the congregation blessed *Yehovah* God of their fathers, and bowed down their heads, and worshipped *Yehovah*, and the king.

29:21 And they sacrificed sacrifices to *Yehovah*, and offered burnt offerings to *Yehovah*, on the morrow after that day, even a thousand bullocks, a thousand rams, and a thousand lambs, with their drink offerings, and sacrifices in abundance for all Israel:

29:22 And did eat and drink before *Yehovah* on that day with great gladness. And they made Solomon the son of David king the second time, and anointed him to *Yehovah* to be the chief governor, and Zadok to be priest.

29:23 Then Solomon sat on the throne of *Yehovah* as king instead of David his father, and prospered; and all Israel obeyed him.

29:24 And all the princes, and the mighty men, and all the sons likewise of king David, submitted themselves to Solomon the king.

29:25 And *Yehovah* magnified Solomon exceedingly in the sight of all Israel, and bestowed on him such royal majesty as had not been on any king before him in Israel.

29:26 Thus David the son of Jesse reigned over all Israel.

29:27 And the time that he reigned over Israel was forty years; seven years reigned he in Hebron, and thirty and three years reigned he in Jerusalem.

29:28 And he died in a good old age, full of days, riches, and honor: and Solomon his son reigned in his stead.

29:29 Now the acts of David the king, first and last, behold, they are written in the book of Samuel the seer, and in the book of Nathan the prophet, and in the book of Gad the seer,

29:30 With all his reign and his might, and the times that went over him, and over Israel, and over all the kingdoms of the countries.

# *Book of 2 Chronicles*

*Divrei Hayamim* (Daily Matters)

## *2 Chronicles – Chapter 1*

1:1 And Solomon the son of David was strengthened in his kingdom, and *Yehovah* his God was with him, and magnified him exceedingly.

1:2 Then Solomon spoke to all Israel, to the captains of thousands and of hundreds, and to the judges, and to every governor in all Israel, the chief of the fathers.

1:3 So Solomon, and all the congregation with him, went to the high place that was at Gibeon; for there was the tabernacle of the congregation of God, which Moses the servant of *Yehovah* had made in the wilderness.

1:4 But the ark of God had David brought up from Kirjathjearim to the place which David had prepared for it: for he had pitched a tent for it at Jerusalem.

1:5 Moreover the brazen altar, that Bezaleel the son of Uri, the son of Hur, had made, he put before the tabernacle of *Yehovah*: and Solomon and the congregation sought to it.

1:6 And Solomon went up thither to the brazen altar before *Yehovah*, which was at the tabernacle of the congregation, and offered a thousand burnt offerings on it.

1:7 In that night did God appear to Solomon, and said to him, Ask what I shall give you.

1:8 And Solomon said to God, You have showed great mercy to David my father, and have made me to reign in his stead.

1:9 Now, O *YEHOVAH* God, let your promise to David my father be established: for you have made me king over a people like the dust of the earth in multitude.

1:10 Give me now wisdom and knowledge, that I may go out and come in before this people: for who can judge this your people, that is so great?

1:11 And God said to Solomon, Because this was in your heart, and you have not asked riches, wealth, or honor, nor the life of your enemies, neither yet have asked long life; but have asked wisdom and knowledge for yourself, that you may judge my people, over whom I have made you king:

1:12 Wisdom and knowledge is granted to you; and I will give you riches, and wealth, and honor, such as none of the kings have had that have been before you, neither shall there any after you have the like.

1:13 Then Solomon came from his journey to the high place that was at Gibeon to Jerusalem, from before the tabernacle of the congregation, and reigned over Israel.

1:14 And Solomon gathered chariots and horsemen: and he had a thousand and four hundred chariots, and twelve thousand horsemen, which he placed in the chariot cities, and with the king at Jerusalem.

1:15 And the king made silver and gold at Jerusalem as plenteous as stones, and cedar trees made he as the sycamore trees that are in the vale for abundance.

1:16 And Solomon had horses brought out of Egypt, and linen yarn: the king's merchants received the linen yarn at a price.

1:17 And they fetched up, and brought forth out of Egypt a chariot for six hundred shekels of silver, and a horse for a hundred and fifty: and so brought they out horses for all the kings of the Hittites, and for the kings of Syria, by their means.

## **2 Chronicles** – Chapter 2

2:1 And Solomon determined to build a house for the name of *Yehovah*, and a house for his kingdom.

2:2 And Solomon told out three score and ten thousand men to bear burdens, and fourscore thousand to hew in the mountain, and three thousand and six hundred to oversee them.

2:3 And Solomon sent to Hiram the king of Tyre, saying, As you did deal with David my father, and did send him cedars to build him a house to dwell therein, even so deal with me.

2:4 Behold, I build a house to the name of *Yehovah* my God, to dedicate it to him, and to burn before him sweet incense, and for the continual show bread, and for the burnt offerings morning and evening, on the sabbaths, and on the new moons, and on the solemn feasts of *Yehovah* our God. This is an ordinance forever to Israel.

2:5 And the house which I build is great: for great is our God above all gods.

2:6 But who is able to build him a house, seeing the heaven and heaven of heavens cannot contain him? who am I then, that I should build him a house, save only to burn sacrifice before him?

2:7 Send me now therefore a man cunning to work in gold, and in silver, and in brass, and in iron, and in purple, and crimson, and blue, and that can skill to grave with the cunning men that are with me in Judah and in Jerusalem, whom David my father did provide.

2:8 Send me also cedar trees, fir trees, and algum trees, out of Lebanon: for I know that your servants can skill to cut timber in Lebanon; and, behold, my servants shall be with your servants,

2:9 Even to prepare me timber in abundance: for the house which I am about to build shall be wonderful great.

2:10 And, behold, I will give to your servants, the hewers that cut timber, twenty thousand measures of beaten wheat, and twenty thousand measures of barley, and twenty thousand baths of wine, and twenty thousand baths of oil.

2:11 Then Hiram the king of Tyre answered in writing, which he sent to Solomon, Because *Yehovah* has loved his people, he has made you king over them.

2:12 Hiram said moreover, Blessed be *Yehovah* God of Israel, that made heaven and earth, who has given to David the king a wise son, endued with prudence and understanding, that might build a house for *Yehovah*, and a house for his kingdom.

2:13 And now I have sent a cunning man, endued with understanding, of Hiram my father's,

2:14 The son of a woman of the daughters of Dan, and his father was a man of Tyre, skillful to work in gold, and in silver, in brass, in iron, in stone, and in timber, in purple, in blue, and in fine linen, and in crimson; also to grave any manner of engraving, and to find out every device which shall be put to him, with your cunning men, and with the cunning men of my lord David your father.

2:15 Now therefore the wheat, and the barley, the oil, and the wine, which my lord has spoken of, let him send to his servants:

2:16 And we will cut wood out of Lebanon, as much as you shall need: and we will bring it to you in floats by sea to Joppa; and you shall carry it up to Jerusalem.

2:17 And Solomon numbered all the strangers that were in the land of Israel, after the numbering with which David his father had numbered them; and they were found a hundred and fifty thousand and three thousand and six hundred.

2:18 And he set three score and ten thousand of them to be bearers of burdens, and fourscore thousand to be hewers in the mountain, and three thousand and six hundred overseers to set the people a work.

## ***2 Chronicles*** – Chapter 3

3:1 Then Solomon began to build the house of *Yehovah* at Jerusalem in mount Moriah, where *Yehovah* appeared to David his father, in the place that David had prepared in the threshing floor of Ornan the Jebusite.

3:2 And he began to build in the second day of the second month, in the fourth year of his reign.

3:3 Now these are the things in which Solomon was instructed for the building of the house of God. The length by cubits after the first measure was three score cubits, and the breadth twenty cubits.

3:4 And the porch that was in the front of the house, the length of it was according to the breadth of the house, twenty cubits, and the height was a hundred and twenty: and he overlaid it within with pure gold.

3:5 And the greater house he paneled with fir tree, which he overlaid with fine gold, and set thereon palm trees and chains.

3:6 And he garnished the house with precious stones for beauty: and the gold was gold of Parvaim.

3:7 He overlaid also the house, the beams, the posts, and the walls of it, and the doors of it, with gold; and graved cherubim on the walls.

3:8 And he made the most holy house, the length whereof was according to the breadth of the house, twenty cubits, and the breadth of it twenty cubits: and he overlaid it with fine gold, amounting to six hundred talents.

3:9 And the weight of the nails was fifty shekels of gold. And he overlaid the upper chambers with gold.

3:10 And in the most holy house he made two cherubim of image work, and overlaid them with gold.

3:11 And the wings of the cherubim were twenty cubits long: one wing of the one cherub was five cubits, reaching to the wall of the house: and the other wing was likewise five cubits, reaching to the wing of the other cherub.

3:12 And one wing of the other cherub was five cubits, reaching to the wall of the house: and the other wing was five cubits also, joining to the wing of the other cherub.

3:13 The wings of these cherubim spread themselves forth twenty cubits: and they stood on their feet, and their faces were inward.

3:14 And he made the veil of blue, and purple, and crimson, and fine linen, and worked cherubim thereon.

3:15 Also he made before the house two pillars of thirty and five cubits high, and the capital that was on the top of each of them was five cubits.

3:16 And he made chains, as in the oracle, and put them on the heads of the pillars; and made a hundred pomegranates, and put them on the chains.

3:17 And he reared up the pillars before the temple, one on the right hand, and the other on the left; and called the name of that on the right hand Jachin, and the name of that on the left Boaz.

## ***2 Chronicles*** – Chapter 4

4:1 Moreover he made an altar of brass, twenty cubits the length of it, and twenty cubits the breadth of it, and ten cubits the height of it.

4:2 Also he made a molten sea of ten cubits from brim to brim, round in compass, and five cubits the height of it; and a line of thirty cubits did compass it round about.

4:3 And under it was the similitude of oxen, which did compass it round about: ten in a cubit, compassing the sea round about. Two rows of oxen were cast, when it was cast.

4:4 It stood on twelve oxen, three looking toward the north, and three looking toward the west, and three looking toward the south, and three looking toward the east: and the sea was set above on them, and all their hinder parts were inward.

4:5 And the thickness of it was a handbreadth, and the brim of it like the work of the brim of a cup, with flowers of lilies; and it received and held three thousand baths.

4:6 He made also ten lavers, and put five on the right hand, and five on the left, to wash in them: such things as they offered for the burnt offering they washed in them; but the sea was for the priests to wash in.

4:7 And he made ten candlesticks of gold according to their form, and set them in the temple, five on the right hand, and five on the left.

4:8 He made also ten tables, and placed them in the temple, five on the right side, and five on the left. And he made a hundred basins of gold.

4:9 Furthermore he made the court of the priests, and the great court, and doors for the court, and overlaid the doors of them with brass.

4:10 And he set the sea on the right side of the east end, over against the south.

4:11 And Hiram made the pots, and the shovels, and the basins. And Hiram finished the work that he was to make for king Solomon for the house of God;

4:12 To wit, the two pillars, and the pommels, and the capitals which were on the top of the two pillars, and the two wreaths to cover the two pommels of the capitals which were on the top of the pillars;

4:13 And four hundred pomegranates on the two wreaths; two rows of pomegranates on each wreath, to cover the two pommels of the capitals which were on the pillars.

4:14 He made also bases, and lavers made he on the bases;

4:15 One sea, and twelve oxen under it.

4:16 The pots also, and the shovels, and the meat hooks, and all their instruments, did Hiram his father make to king Solomon for the house of *Yehovah* of bright brass.

4:17 In the plain of Jordan did the king cast them, in the clay ground between Succoth and Zeredathah.

4:18 Thus Solomon made all these vessels in great abundance: for the weight of the brass could not be found out.

4:19 And Solomon made all the vessels that were for the house of God, the golden altar also, and the tables where on the show bread was set;

4:20 Moreover the candlesticks with their lamps, that they should burn after the manner before the oracle, of pure gold;

4:21 And the flowers, and the lamps, and the tongs, made he of gold, and that perfect gold;

4:22 And the snuffers, and the basins, and the spoons, and the censers, of pure gold: and the entry of the house, the inner doors of it for the most holy place, and the doors of the house of the temple, were of gold.

## **2 Chronicles** – Chapter 5

5:1 Thus all the work that Solomon made for the house of *Yehovah* was finished: and Solomon brought in all the things that David his father had dedicated; and the silver, and the gold, and all the instruments, put he among the treasures of the house of God.

5:2 Then Solomon assembled the elders of Israel, and all the heads of the tribes, the chief of the fathers of the children of Israel, to Jerusalem, to bring up the ark of the covenant of *Yehovah* out of the city of David, which is Zion.

5:3 Why all the men of Israel assembled themselves to the king in the feast which was in the seventh month.

5:4 And all the elders of Israel came; and the Levites took up the ark.

5:5 And they brought up the ark, and the tabernacle of the congregation, and all the holy vessels that were in the tabernacle, these did the priests and the Levites bring up.

5:6 Also king Solomon, and all the congregation of Israel that were assembled to him before the ark, sacrificed sheep and oxen, which could not be told nor numbered for multitude.

5:7 And the priests brought in the ark of the covenant of *Yehovah* to his place, to the oracle of the house, into the most holy place, even under the wings of the cherubim:

5:8 For the cherubim spread forth their wings over the place of the ark, and the cherubim covered the ark and the staves of it above.

5:9 And they drew out the staves of the ark, that the ends of the staves were seen from the ark before the oracle; but they were not seen without. And there it is to this day.

5:10 There was nothing in the ark save the two tables which Moses put therein at Horeb, when *Yehovah* made a covenant with the children of Israel, when they came out of Egypt.

5:11 And it came to pass, when the priests were come out of the holy place: (for all the priests that were present were sanctified, and did not then wait by course:

5:12 Also the Levites which were the singers, all of them of Asaph, of Heman, of Jeduthun, with their sons and their brothers, being arrayed in white linen, having cymbals and psalteries and harps, stood at the east end of the altar, and with them a hundred and twenty priests sounding with trumpets:)

5:13 It came even to pass, as the trumpeters and singers were as one, to make one sound to be heard in praising and thanking *Yehovah*; and when they lifted up their voice with the trumpets and cymbals and instruments of music, and praised *Yehovah*, saying, For he is good; for his mercy endures forever: that then the house was filled with a cloud, even the house of *Yehovah*;

5:14 So that the priests could not stand to minister by reason of the cloud: for the glory of *Yehovah* had filled the house of God.

## **2 Chronicles** – Chapter 6

6:1 Then said Solomon, *Yehovah* has said that he would dwell in the thick darkness.

6:2 But I have built a house of habitation for you, and a place for your dwelling forever.

6:3 And the king turned his face, and blessed the whole congregation of Israel: and all the congregation of Israel stood.

6:4 And he said, Blessed be *Yehovah* God of Israel, who has with his hands fulfilled that which he spoke with his mouth to my father David, saying,

6:5 Since the day that I brought forth my people out of the land of Egypt I chose no city among all the tribes of Israel to build a house in, that my name might be there; neither chose I any man to be a ruler over my people Israel:

6:6 But I have chosen Jerusalem, that my name might be there; and have chosen David to be over my people Israel.

6:7 Now it was in the heart of David my father to build a house for the name of *Yehovah* God of Israel.

6:8 But *Yehovah* said to David my father, For as much as it was in your heart to build a house for my name, you did well in that it was in your heart:

6:9 Notwithstanding you shall not build the house; but your son which shall come forth out of your loins, he shall build the house for my name.

6:10 *Yehovah* therefore has performed his word that he has spoken: for I am risen up in the room of David my father, and am set on the throne of Israel, as *Yehovah* promised, and have built the house for the name of *Yehovah* God of Israel.

6:11 And in it have I put the ark, in which is the covenant of *Yehovah*, that he made with the children of Israel.

6:12 And he stood before the altar of *Yehovah* in the presence of all the congregation of Israel, and spread forth his hands:

6:13 For Solomon had made a brazen scaffold of five cubits long, and five cubits broad, and three cubits high, and had set it in the middle of the court: and on it he stood, and kneeled down on his knees before all the congregation of Israel, and spread forth his hands toward heaven.

6:14 And said, O *YEHOWAH* God of Israel, there is no God like you in the heaven, nor in the earth; which keep covenant, and show mercy to your servants, that walk before you with all their hearts:

6:15 You which have kept with your servant David my father that which you have promised him; and spoke with your mouth, and have fulfilled it with your hand, as it is this day.

6:16 Now therefore, O *YEHOWAH* God of Israel, keep with your servant David my father that which you have promised him, saying, There shall not fail you a man in my sight to sit on the throne of Israel; yet so that your children take heed to their way to walk in my law, as you have walked before me.

6:17 Now then, O *YEHOWAH* God of Israel, let your word be verified, which you have spoken to your servant David.

6:18 But will God in very deed dwell with men on the earth? behold, heaven and the heaven of heavens cannot contain you; how much less this house which I have built!

6:19 Have respect therefore to the prayer of your servant, and to his supplication, O *YEHOWAH* my God, to listen to the cry and the prayer which your servant prays before you:

6:20 That your eyes may be open on this house day and night, on the place whereof you have said that you would put your name there; to listen to the prayer which your servant prays toward this place.

6:21 Listen therefore to the supplications of your servant, and of your people Israel, which they shall make toward this place: hear you from your dwelling place, even from heaven; and when you hear, forgive.

6:22 If a man sin against his neighbor, and an oath be laid on him to make him swear, and the oath come before your altar in this house;

6:23 Then hear you from heaven, and do, and judge your servants, by requiting the wicked, by recompensing his way on his own head; and by justifying the righteous, by giving him according to his righteousness.

6:24 And if your people Israel be put to the worse before the enemy, because they have sinned against you; and shall return and confess your name, and pray and make supplication before you in this house;

6:25 Then hear you from the heavens, and forgive the sin of your people Israel, and bring them again to the land which you gave to them and to their fathers.

6:26 When the heaven is shut up, and there is no rain, because they have sinned against you; yet if they pray toward this place, and confess your name, and turn from their sin, when you do afflict them;

6:27 Then hear you from heaven, and forgive the sin of your servants, and of your people Israel, when you have taught them the good way, in which they should walk; and send rain on your land, which you have given to your people for an inheritance.

6:28 If there be dearth in the land, if there be pestilence, if there be blasting, or mildew, locusts, or caterpillars; if their enemies besiege them in the cities of their land; whatever sore or whatever sickness there be:

6:29 Then what prayer or what supplication soever shall be made of any man, or of all your people Israel, when everyone shall know his own sore and his own grief, and shall spread forth his hands in this house:

6:30 Then hear you from heaven your dwelling place, and forgive, and render to every man according to all his ways, whose heart you know; (for you only know the hearts of the children of men:)

6:31 That they may fear you, to walk in your ways, so long as they live in the land which you gave to our fathers.

6:32 Moreover concerning the stranger, which is not of your people Israel, but is come from a far country for your great name's sake, and your mighty hand, and your stretched out arm; if they come and pray in this house;

6:33 Then hear you from the heavens, even from 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, and fear you, as does your people Israel, and may know that this house which I have built is called by your name.

6:34 If your people go out to war against their enemies by the way that you shall send them, and they pray to you toward this city which you have chosen, and the house which I have built for your name;

6:35 Then hear you from the heavens their prayer and their supplication, and maintain their cause.

6:36 If they sin against you, (for there is no man which sins not,) and you be angry with them, and deliver them over before their enemies, and they carry them away captives to a land far off or near;

6:37 Yet if they bethink themselves in the land where they are carried captive, and turn and pray to you in the land of their captivity, saying, We have sinned, we have done amiss, and have dealt wickedly;

6:38 If they return to you with all their heart and with all their soul in the land of their captivity, where they have carried them captives, and pray toward their land, which you gave to their fathers, and toward the city which you have chosen, and toward the house which I have built for your name:

6:39 Then hear you from the heavens, even from your dwelling place, their prayer and their supplications, and maintain their cause, and forgive your people which have sinned against you.

6:40 Now, my God, let, I beseech you, your eyes be open, and let your ears be attentive to the prayer that is made in this place.

6:41 Now therefore arise, O *YEHOVAH* God, into your resting place, you, and the ark of your strength: let your priests, O *YEHOVAH* God, be clothed with salvation, and let your saints rejoice in goodness.

6:42 O *YEHOVAH* God, turn not away the face of your anointed: remember the mercies of David your servant.

## 2 Chronicles – Chapter 7

7:1 Now when Solomon had made an end of praying, the fire came down from heaven, and consumed the burnt offering and the sacrifices; and the glory of *Yehovah* filled the house.

7:2 And the priests could not enter into the house of *Yehovah*, because the glory of *Yehovah* had filled *Yehovah's* house.

7:3 And when all the children of Israel saw how the fire came down, and the glory of *Yehovah* on the house, they bowed themselves with their faces to the ground on the pavement, and worshipped, and praised *Yehovah*, saying, For he is good; for his mercy endures forever.

7:4 Then the king and all the people offered sacrifices before *Yehovah*.

7:5 And king Solomon offered a sacrifice of twenty and two thousand oxen, and a hundred and twenty thousand sheep: so the king and all the people dedicated the house of God.

7:6 And the priests waited on their offices: the Levites also with instruments of music of *Yehovah*, which David the king had made to praise *Yehovah*, because his mercy endures forever, when David praised by their ministry; and the priests sounded trumpets before them, and all Israel stood.

7:7 Moreover Solomon hallowed the middle of the court that was before the house of *Yehovah*: for there he offered burnt offerings, and the fat of the peace offerings, because the brazen altar which Solomon had made was not able to receive the burnt offerings, and the meat offerings, and the fat.

7:8 Also at the same time Solomon kept the feast seven days, and all Israel with him, a very great congregation, from the entering in of Hamath to the river of Egypt.

7:9 And in the eighth day they made a solemn assembly: for they kept the dedication of the altar seven days, and the feast seven days.

7:10 And on the three and twentieth day of the seventh month he sent the people away into their tents, glad and merry in heart for the goodness that *Yehovah* had showed to David, and to Solomon, and to Israel his people.

7:11 Thus Solomon finished the house of *Yehovah*, and the king's house: and all that came into Solomon's heart to make in the house of *Yehovah*, and in his own house, he prosperously effected.

7:12 And *Yehovah* appeared to Solomon by night, and said to him, I have heard your prayer, and have chosen this place to myself for a house of sacrifice.

7:13 If I shut up heaven that there be no rain, or if I command the locusts to devour the land, or if I send pestilence among my people;

7:14 If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.

7:15 Now my eyes shall be open, and my ears attentive to the prayer that is made in this place.

7:16 For now have I chosen and sanctified this house, that my name may be there forever: and my eyes and my heart shall be there perpetually.

7:17 And as for you, if you will walk before me, as David your father walked, and do according to all that I have commanded you, and shall observe my statutes and my judgments;

7:18 Then will I establish the throne of your kingdom, according as I have covenanted with David your father, saying, There shall not fail you a man to be ruler in Israel.

7:19 But if you turn away, and forsake my statutes and my commandments, which I have set before you, and shall go and serve other gods, and worship them;

7:20 Then will I pluck them up by the roots out of my land which I have given them; and this house, which I have sanctified for my name, will I cast out of my sight, and will make it to be a proverb and a byword among all nations.

7:21 And this house, which is high, shall be an astonishment to everyone that passes by it; so that he shall say, Why has *Yehovah* done thus to this land, and to this house?

7:22 And it shall be answered, Because they forsook *Yehovah* God of their fathers, which brought them forth out of the land of Egypt, and laid hold on other gods, and worshipped them, and served them: therefore has he brought all this evil on them.

## ***2 Chronicles*** – Chapter 8

8:1 And it came to pass at the end of twenty years, in which Solomon had built the house of *Yehovah*, and his own house,

8:2 That the cities which Hiram had restored to Solomon, Solomon built them, and caused the children of Israel to dwell there.

8:3 And Solomon went to Hamathzobah, and prevailed against it.

8:4 And he built Tadmor in the wilderness, and all the store cities, which he built in Hamath.

8:5 Also he built Bethhoron the upper, and Bethhoron the nether, fenced cities, with walls, gates, and bars;

8:6 And Baalath, and all the store cities that Solomon had, and all the chariot cities, and the cities of the horsemen, and all that Solomon desired to build in Jerusalem, and in Lebanon, and throughout all the land of his dominion.

8:7 As for all the people that were left of the Hittites, and the Amorites, and the Perizzites, and the Hivites, and the Jebusites, which were not of Israel,

8:8 But of their children, who were left after them in the land, whom the children of Israel consumed not, them did Solomon make to pay tribute until this day.

8:9 But of the children of Israel did Solomon make no servants for his work; but they were men of war, and chief of his captains, and captains of his chariots and horsemen.

8:10 And these were the chief of king Solomon's officers, even two hundred and fifty, that bore rule over the people.

8:11 And Solomon brought up the daughter of Pharaoh out of the city of David to the house that he had built for her: for he said, My wife shall not dwell in the house of David king of Israel, because the places are holy, whereunto the ark of *Yehovah* has come.

8:12 Then Solomon offered burnt offerings to *Yehovah* on the altar of *Yehovah*, which he had built before the porch,

8:13 Even after a certain rate every day, offering according to the commandment of Moses, on the sabbaths, and on the new moons, and on the solemn feasts, three times in the year, even in the feast of unleavened bread, and in the feast of weeks, and in the feast of tabernacles.

8:14 And he appointed, according to the order of David his father, the courses of the priests to their service, and the Levites to their charges, to praise and minister before the priests, as the duty of every day required: the porters also by their courses at every gate: for so had David the man of God commanded.

8:15 And they departed not from the commandment of the king to the priests and Levites concerning any matter, or concerning the treasures.

8:16 Now all the work of Solomon was prepared to the day of the foundation of the house of *Yehovah*, and until it was finished. So the house of *Yehovah* was perfected.

8:17 Then went Solomon to Eziongeber, and to Eloth, at the sea side in the land of Edom.

8:18 And Hiram sent him by the hands of his servants ships, and servants that had knowledge of the sea; and they went with the servants of Solomon to Ophir, and took there four hundred and fifty talents of gold, and brought them to king Solomon.

## **2 Chronicles** – Chapter 9

9:1 And when the queen of Sheba heard of the fame of Solomon, she came to prove Solomon with hard questions at Jerusalem, with a very great company, and camels that bore spices, and gold in abundance, and precious stones: and when she was come to Solomon, she communed with him of all that was in her heart.

9:2 And Solomon told her all her questions: and there was nothing hid from Solomon which he told her not.

9:3 And when the queen of Sheba had seen the wisdom of Solomon, and the house that he had built,

9:4 And the meat of his table, and the sitting of his servants, and the attendance of his ministers, and their apparel; his cupbearers also, and their apparel; and his ascent by which he went up into the house of *Yehovah*; there was no more spirit in her.

9:5 And she said to the king, It was a true report which I heard in my own land of your acts, and of your wisdom:

9:6 However, I believed not their words, until I came, and my eyes had seen it: and, behold, the one half of the greatness of your wisdom was not told me: for you exceed the fame that I heard.

9:7 Happy are your men, and happy are these your servants, which stand continually before you, and hear your wisdom.

9:8 Blessed be *Yehovah* your God, which delighted in you to set you on his throne, to be king for *Yehovah* your God: because your God loved Israel, to establish them forever, therefore made he you king over them, to do judgment and justice.

9:9 And she gave the king a hundred and twenty talents of gold, and of spices great abundance, and precious stones: neither was there any such spice as the queen of Sheba gave king Solomon.

9:10 And the servants also of Hiram, and the servants of Solomon, which brought gold from Ophir, brought alnum trees and precious stones.

9:11 And the king made of the alnum trees terraces to the house of *Yehovah*, and to the king's palace, and harps and psalteries for singers: and there were none such seen before in the land of Judah.

9:12 And king Solomon gave to the queen of Sheba all her desire, whatever she asked, beside that which she had brought to the king. So she turned, and went away to her own land, she and her servants.

9:13 Now the weight of gold that came to Solomon in one year was six hundred and three score and six talents of gold;

9:14 Beside that which chapmen and merchants brought. And all the kings of Arabia and governors of the country brought gold and silver to Solomon.

9:15 And king Solomon made two hundred targets of beaten gold: six hundred shekels of beaten gold went to one target.

9:16 And three hundred shields made he of beaten gold: three hundred shekels of gold went to one shield. And the king put them in the house of the forest of Lebanon.

9:17 Moreover the king made a great throne of ivory, and overlaid it with pure gold.

9:18 And there were six steps to the throne, with a footstool of gold, which were fastened to the throne, and stays on each side of the sitting place, and two lions standing by the stays:

9:19 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.

9:20 And all the drinking vessels of king Solomon were of gold, and all the vessels of the house of the forest of Lebanon were of pure gold: none were of silver; it was not any thing accounted of in the days of Solomon.

9:21 For the king's ships went to Tarshish with the servants of Hiram: every three years once came the ships of Tarshish bringing gold, and silver, ivory, and apes, and peacocks.

9:22 And king Solomon passed all the kings of the earth in riches and wisdom.

9:23 And all the kings of the earth sought the presence of Solomon, to hear his wisdom, that God had put in his heart.

9:24 And they brought every man his present, vessels of silver, and vessels of gold, and raiment, harness, and spices, horses, and mules, a rate year by year.

9:25 And Solomon had four thousand stalls for horses and chariots, and twelve thousand horsemen; whom he bestowed in the chariot cities, and with the king at Jerusalem.

9:26 And he reigned over all the kings from the river even to the land of the Philistines, and to the border of Egypt.

9:27 And the king made silver in Jerusalem as stones, and cedar trees made he as the sycamore trees that are in the low plains in abundance.

9:28 And they brought to Solomon horses out of Egypt, and out of all lands.

9:29 Now the rest of the acts of Solomon, first and last, are they not written in the book of Nathan the prophet, and in the prophecy of Ahijah the Shilonite, and in the visions of Iddo the seer against Jeroboam the son of Nebat?

9:30 And Solomon reigned in Jerusalem over all Israel forty years.

9:31 And Solomon slept with his fathers, and he was buried in the city of David his father: and Rehoboam his son reigned in his stead.

## ***2 Chronicles*** – *Chapter 10*

10:1 And Rehoboam went to Shechem: for to Shechem were all Israel come to make him king.

10:2 And it came to pass, when Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who was in Egypt, where he fled from the presence of Solomon the king, heard it, that Jeroboam returned out of Egypt.

10:3 And they sent and called him. So Jeroboam and all Israel came and spoke to Rehoboam, saying,

10:4 Your father made our yoke grievous: now therefore ease you somewhat the grievous servitude of your father, and his heavy yoke that he put on us, and we will serve you.

10:5 And he said to them, Come again to me after three days. And the people departed.

10:6 And king Rehoboam took counsel with the old men that had stood before Solomon his father while he yet lived, saying, What counsel give you me to return answer to this people?

10:7 And they spoke to him, saying, If you be kind to this people, and please them, and speak good words to them, they will be your servants forever.

10:8 But he forsook the counsel which the old men gave him, and took counsel with the young men that were brought up with him, that stood before him.

10:9 And he said to them, What advice give you that we may return answer to this people, which have spoken to me, saying, Ease somewhat the yoke that your father did put on us?

10:10 And the young men that were brought up with him spoke to him, saying, Thus shall you answer the people that spoke to you, saying, Your father made our yoke heavy, but make you it somewhat lighter for us; thus shall you say to them, My little finger shall be thicker than my father's loins.

10:11 For whereas my father put a heavy yoke on you, I will put more to your yoke: my father chastised you with whips, but I will chastise you with scorpions.

10:12 So Jeroboam and all the people came to Rehoboam on the third day, as the king bade, saying, Come again to me on the third day.

10:13 And the king answered them roughly; and king Rehoboam forsook the counsel of the old men,

10:14 And answered them after the advice of the young men, saying, My father made your yoke heavy, but I will add thereto: my father chastised you with whips, but I will chastise you with scorpions.

10:15 So the king listened not to the people: for the cause was of God, that *Yehovah* might perform his word, which he spoke by the hand of Ahijah the Shilonite to Jeroboam the son of Nebat.

10:16 And when all Israel saw that the king would not listen to them, the people answered the king, saying, What portion have we in David? and we have none inheritance in the son of Jesse: every man to your tents, O Israel: and now, David, see to your own house. So all Israel went to their tents.

10:17 But as for the children of Israel that dwelled in the cities of Judah, Rehoboam reigned over them.

10:18 Then king Rehoboam sent Hadoram that was over the tribute; and the children of Israel stoned him with stones, that he died. But king Rehoboam made speed to get him up to his chariot, to flee to Jerusalem.

10:19 And Israel rebelled against the house of David to this day.

## **2 Chronicles** – Chapter 11

11:1 And when Rehoboam was come to Jerusalem, he gathered of the house of Judah and Benjamin a hundred and fourscore thousand chosen men, which were warriors, to fight against Israel, that he might bring the kingdom again to Rehoboam.

11:2 But the word of *Yehovah* came to Shemaiah the man of God, saying,

11:3 Speak to Rehoboam the son of Solomon, king of Judah, and to all Israel in Judah and Benjamin, saying,

11:4 Thus said *Yehovah*, You shall not go up, nor fight against your brothers: return every man to his house: for this thing is done of me. And they obeyed the words of *Yehovah*, and returned from going against Jeroboam.

11:5 And Rehoboam dwelled in Jerusalem, and built cities for defense in Judah.

11:6 He built even Bethlehem, and Etam, and Tekoa,

11:7 And Bethzur, and Shoco, and Adullam,

11:8 And Gath, and Mareshah, and Ziph,

11:9 And Adoraim, and Lachish, and Azekah,

11:10 And Zorah, and Aijalon, and Hebron, which are in Judah and in Benjamin fenced cities.

11:11 And he fortified the strong holds, and put captains in them, and store of victual, and of oil and wine.

11:12 And in every several city he put shields and spears, and made them exceeding strong, having Judah and Benjamin on his side.

11:13 And the priests and the Levites that were in all Israel resorted to him out of all their coasts.

11:14 For the Levites left their suburbs and their possession, and came to Judah and Jerusalem: for Jeroboam and his sons had cast them off from executing the priest's office to *Yehovah*:

11:15 And he ordained him priests for the high places, and for the devils, and for the calves which he had made.

11:16 And after them out of all the tribes of Israel such as set their hearts to seek *Yehovah* God of Israel came to Jerusalem, to sacrifice to *Yehovah* God of their fathers.

11:17 So they strengthened the kingdom of Judah, and made Rehoboam the son of Solomon strong, three years: for three years they walked in the way of David and Solomon.

11:18 And Rehoboam took him Mahalath the daughter of Jerimoth the son of David to wife, and Abihail the daughter of Eliab the son of Jesse;

11:19 Which bore him children; Jeush, and Shamariah, and Zaham.

11:20 And after her he took Maachah the daughter of Absalom; which bore him Abijah, and Attai, and Ziza, and Shelomith.

11:21 And Rehoboam loved Maachah the daughter of Absalom above all his wives and his concubines: (for he took eighteen wives, and three score concubines; and begat twenty and eight sons, and three score daughters.)

11:22 And Rehoboam made Abijah the son of Maachah the chief, to be ruler among his brothers: for he thought to make him king.

11:23 And he dealt wisely, and dispersed of all his children throughout all the countries of Judah and Benjamin, to every fenced city: and he gave them victual in abundance. And he desired many wives.

## **2 Chronicles** – Chapter 12

12:1 And it came to pass, when Rehoboam had established the kingdom, and had strengthened himself, he forsook the law of *Yehovah*, and all Israel with him.

12:2 And it came to pass, that in the fifth year of king Rehoboam Shishak king of Egypt came up against Jerusalem, because they had transgressed against *Yehovah*,

12:3 With twelve hundred chariots, and three score thousand horsemen: and the people were without number that came with him out of Egypt; the Lubims, the Sukkiims, and the Ethiopians.

12:4 And he took the fenced cities which pertained to Judah, and came to Jerusalem.

12:5 Then came Shemaiah the prophet to Rehoboam, and to the princes of Judah, that were gathered together to Jerusalem because of Shishak, and said to them, Thus said *Yehovah*, You have forsaken me, and therefore have I also left you in the hand of Shishak.

12:6 Whereupon the princes of Israel and the king humbled themselves; and they said, *Yehovah* is righteous.

12:7 And when *Yehovah* saw that they humbled themselves, the word of *Yehovah* came to Shemaiah, saying, They have humbled themselves; therefore I will not destroy them, but I will grant them some deliverance; and my wrath shall not be poured out on Jerusalem by the hand of Shishak.

12:8 Nevertheless they shall be his servants; that they may know my service, and the service of the kingdoms of the countries.

12:9 So Shishak king of Egypt came up against Jerusalem, and took away the treasures of the house of *Yehovah*, and the treasures of the king's house; he took all: he carried away also the shields of gold which Solomon had made.

12:10 Instead of which king Rehoboam made shields of brass, and committed them to the hands of the chief of the guard, that kept the entrance of the king's house.

12:11 And when the king entered into the house of *Yehovah*, the guard came and fetched them, and brought them again into the guard chamber.

12:12 And when he humbled himself, the wrath of *Yehovah* turned from him, that he would not destroy him altogether: and also in Judah things went well.

12:13 So king Rehoboam strengthened himself in Jerusalem, and reigned: for Rehoboam was one and forty years old when he began to reign, and he reigned seventeen years in Jerusalem, the city which *Yehovah* had chosen out of all the tribes of Israel, to put his name there. And his mother's name was Naamah an Ammonitess.

12:14 And he did evil, because he prepared not his heart to seek *Yehovah*.

12:15 Now the acts of Rehoboam, first and last, are they not written in the book of Shemaiah the prophet, and of Iddo the seer concerning genealogies? And there were wars between Rehoboam and Jeroboam continually.

12:16 And Rehoboam slept with his fathers, and was buried in the city of David: and Abijah his son reigned in his stead.

## ***2 Chronicles*** – Chapter 13

13:1 Now in the eighteenth year of king Jeroboam began Abijah to reign over Judah.

13:2 He reigned three years in Jerusalem. His mother's name also was Michaiah the daughter of Uriel of Gibeah. And there was war between Abijah and Jeroboam.

13:3 And Abijah set the battle in array with an army of valiant men of war, even four hundred thousand chosen men: Jeroboam also set the battle in array against him with eight hundred thousand chosen men, being mighty men of valor.

13:4 And Abijah stood up on mount Zemaraim, which is in mount Ephraim, and said, Hear me, you Jeroboam, and all Israel;

13:5 Ought you not to know that *Yehovah* God of Israel gave the kingdom over Israel to David forever, even to him and to his sons by a covenant of salt?

13:6 Yet Jeroboam the son of Nebat, the servant of Solomon the son of David, is risen up, and has rebelled against his lord.

13:7 And there are gathered to him vain men, the children of Belial, and have strengthened themselves against Rehoboam the son of Solomon, when Rehoboam was young and tenderhearted, and could not withstand them.

13:8 And now you think to withstand the kingdom of *Yehovah* in the hand of the sons of David; and you be a great multitude, and there are with your golden calves, which Jeroboam made you for gods.

13:9 Have you not cast out the priests of *Yehovah*, the sons of Aaron, and the Levites, and have made you priests after the manner of the nations of other lands? so that whoever comes to consecrate himself with a young bullock and seven rams, the same may be a priest of them that are no gods.

13:10 But as for us, *Yehovah* is our God, and we have not forsaken him; and the priests, which minister to *Yehovah*, are the sons of Aaron, and the Levites wait on their business:

13:11 And they burn to *Yehovah* every morning and every evening burnt sacrifices and sweet incense: the show bread also set they in order on the pure table; and the candlestick of gold with the lamps of it, to burn every evening: for we keep the charge of *Yehovah* our God; but you have forsaken him.

13:12 And, behold, God himself is with us for our captain, and his priests with sounding trumpets to cry alarm against you. O children of Israel, fight you not against *Yehovah* God of your fathers; for you shall not prosper.

13:13 But Jeroboam caused an ambush to come about behind them: so they were before Judah, and the ambush was behind them.

13:14 And when Judah looked back, behold, the battle was before and behind: and they cried to *Yehovah*, and the priests sounded with the trumpets.

13:15 Then the men of Judah gave a shout: and as the men of Judah shouted, it came to pass, that God smote Jeroboam and all Israel before Abijah and Judah.

13:16 And the children of Israel fled before Judah: and God delivered them into their hand.

13:17 And Abijah and his people slew them with a great slaughter: so there fell down slain of Israel five hundred thousand chosen men.

13:18 Thus the children of Israel were brought under at that time, and the children of Judah prevailed, because they relied on *Yehovah* God of their fathers.

13:19 And Abijah pursued after Jeroboam, and took cities from him, Bethel with the towns of it, and Jeshanah with the towns of it, and Ephraim with the towns of it.

13:20 Neither did Jeroboam recover strength again in the days of Abijah: and *Yehovah* struck him, and he died.

13:21 But Abijah waxed mighty, and married fourteen wives, and begat twenty and two sons, and sixteen daughters.

13:22 And the rest of the acts of Abijah, and his ways, and his sayings, are written in the story of the prophet Iddo.

## 2 Chronicles – Chapter 14

14:1 So Abijah slept with his fathers, and they buried him in the city of David: and Asa his son reigned in his stead. In his days the land was quiet ten years.

14:2 And Asa did that which was good and right in the eyes of *Yehovah* his God:

14:3 For he took away the altars of the strange gods, and the high places, and broke down the images, and cut down the groves:

14:4 And commanded Judah to seek *Yehovah* God of their fathers, and to do the law and the commandment.

14:5 Also he took away out of all the cities of Judah the high places and the images: and the kingdom was quiet before him.

14:6 And he built fenced cities in Judah: for the land had rest, and he had no war in those years; because *Yehovah* had given him rest.

14:7 Therefore he said to Judah, Let us build these cities, and make about them walls, and towers, gates, and bars, while the land is yet before us; because we have sought *Yehovah* our God, we have sought him, and he has given us rest on every side. So they built and prospered.

14:8 And Asa had an army of men that bore targets and spears, out of Judah three hundred thousand; and out of Benjamin, that bore shields and drew bows, two hundred and fourscore thousand: all these were mighty men of valor.

14:9 And there came out against them Zerah the Ethiopian with a host of a thousand thousand, and three hundred chariots; and came to Mareshah.

14:10 Then Asa went out against him, and they set the battle in array in the valley of Zephathah at Mareshah.

14:11 And Asa cried to *Yehovah* his God, and said, *YEHOVAH*, it is nothing with you to help, whether with many, or with them that have no power: help us, O *YEHOVAH* our God; for we rest on you, and in your name we go against this multitude. O *YEHOVAH*, you are our God; let no man prevail against you.

14:12 So *Yehovah* smote the Ethiopians before Asa, and before Judah; and the Ethiopians fled.

14:13 And Asa and the people that were with him pursued them to Gerar: and the Ethiopians were overthrown, that they could not recover themselves; for they were destroyed before *Yehovah*, and before his host; and they carried away very much spoil.

14:14 And they smote all the cities round about Gerar; for the fear of *Yehovah* came on them: and they spoiled all the cities; for there was exceeding much spoil in them.

14:15 They smote also the tents of cattle, and carried away sheep and camels in abundance, and returned to Jerusalem.

## 2 Chronicles – Chapter 15

15:1 And the Spirit of God came on Azariah the son of Oded:

15:2 And he went out to meet Asa, and said to him, Hear you me, Asa, and all Judah and Benjamin; *Yehovah* is with you, while you be with him; and if you seek him, he will be found of you; but if you forsake him, he will forsake you.

15:3 Now for a long season Israel has been without the true God, and without a teaching priest, and without law.

15:4 But when they in their trouble did turn to *Yehovah* God of Israel, and sought him, he was found of them.

15:5 And in those times there was no peace to him that went out, nor to him that came in, but great vexations were on all the inhabitants of the countries.

15:6 And nation was destroyed of nation, and city of city: for God did vex them with all adversity.

15:7 Be you strong therefore, and let not your hands be weak: for your work shall be rewarded.

15:8 And when Asa heard these words, and the prophecy of Oded the prophet, he took courage, and put away the abominable idols out of all the land of Judah and Benjamin, and out of the cities which he had taken from mount Ephraim, and renewed the altar of *Yehovah*, that was before the porch of *Yehovah*.

15:9 And he gathered all Judah and Benjamin, and the strangers with them out of Ephraim and Manasseh, and out of Simeon: for they fell to him out of Israel in abundance, when they saw that *Yehovah* his God was with him.

15:10 So they gathered themselves together at Jerusalem in the third month, in the fifteenth year of the reign of Asa.

15:11 And they offered to *Yehovah* the same time, of the spoil which they had brought, seven hundred oxen and seven thousand sheep.

15:12 And they entered into a covenant to seek *Yehovah* God of their fathers with all their heart and with all their soul;

15:13 That whoever would not seek *Yehovah* God of Israel should be put to death, whether small or great, whether man or woman.

15:14 And they swore to *Yehovah* with a loud voice, and with shouting, and with trumpets, and with cornets.

15:15 And all Judah rejoiced at the oath: for they had sworn with all their heart, and sought him with their whole desire; and he was found of them: and *Yehovah* gave them rest round about.

15:16 And also concerning Maachah the mother of Asa the king, he removed her from being queen, because she had made an idol in a grove: and Asa cut down her idol, and stamped it, and burned it at the brook Kidron.

15:17 But the high places were not taken away out of Israel: nevertheless the heart of Asa was perfect all his days.

15:18 And he brought into the house of God the things that his father had dedicated, and that he himself had dedicated, silver, and gold, and vessels.

15:19 And there was no more war to the five and thirtieth year of the reign of Asa.

## ***2 Chronicles*** – Chapter 16

16:1 In the six and thirtieth year of the reign of Asa Baasha king of Israel came up against Judah, and built Ramah, to the intent that he might let none go out or come in to Asa king of Judah.

16:2 Then Asa brought out silver and gold out of the treasures of the house of *Yehovah* and of the king's house, and sent to Benhadad king of Syria, that dwelled at Damascus, saying,

16:3 There is a league between me and you, as there was between my father and your father: behold, I have sent you silver and gold; go, break your league with Baasha king of Israel, that he may depart from me.

16:4 And Benhadad listened to king Asa, and sent the captains of his armies against the cities of Israel; and they smote Ijon, and Dan, and Abelmaim, and all the store cities of Naphtali.

16:5 And it came to pass, when Baasha heard it, that he left off building of Ramah, and let his work cease.

16:6 Then Asa the king took all Judah; and they carried away the stones of Ramah, and the timber of it, with which Baasha was building; and he built therewith Geba and Mizpah.

16:7 And at that time Hanani the seer came to Asa king of Judah, and said to him, Because you have relied on the king of Syria, and not relied on *Yehovah* your God, therefore is the host of the king of Syria escaped out of your hand.

16:8 Were not the Ethiopians and the Lubims a huge host, with very many chariots and horsemen? yet, because you did rely on *Yehovah*, he delivered them into your hand.

16:9 For the eyes of *Yehovah* run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show himself strong in the behalf of them whose heart is perfect toward him. Herein you have done foolishly: therefore from now on you shall have wars.

16:10 Then Asa was wroth with the seer, and put him in a prison house; for he was in a rage with him because of this thing. And Asa oppressed some of the people the same time.

16:11 And, behold, the acts of Asa, first and last, see, they are written in the book of the kings of Judah and Israel.

16:12 And Asa in the thirty and ninth year of his reign was diseased in his feet, until his disease was exceeding great: yet in his disease he sought not to *Yehovah*, but to the physicians.

16:13 And Asa slept with his fathers, and died in the one and fortieth year of his reign.

16:14 And they buried him in his own sepulchers, which he had made for himself in the city of David, and laid him in the bed which was filled with sweet odors and divers kinds of spices prepared by the apothecaries: and they made a very great burning for him.

## ***2 Chronicles – Chapter 17***

17:1 And Jehoshaphat his son reigned in his stead, and strengthened himself against Israel.

17:2 And he placed forces in all the fenced cities of Judah, and set garrisons in the land of Judah, and in the cities of Ephraim, which Asa his father had taken.

17:3 And *Yehovah* was with Jehoshaphat, because he walked in the first ways of his father David, and sought not to Baalim;

17:4 But sought to *Yehovah* God of his father, and walked in his commandments, and not after the doings of Israel.

17:5 Therefore *Yehovah* established the kingdom in his hand; and all Judah brought to Jehoshaphat presents; and he had riches and honor in abundance.

17:6 And his heart was lifted up in the ways of *Yehovah*: moreover he took away the high places and groves out of Judah.

17:7 Also in the third year of his reign he sent to his princes, even to Benhail, and to Obadiah, and to Zechariah, and to Nethaneel, and to Michaiiah, to teach in the cities of Judah.

17:8 And with them he sent Levites, even Shemaiah, and Nethaniah, and Zebadiah, and Asahel, and Shemiramoth, and Jehonathan, and Adonijah, and Tobijah, and Tobadonijah, Levites; and with them Elishama and Jehoram, priests.

17:9 And they taught in Judah, and had the book of the law of *Yehovah* with them, and went about throughout all the cities of Judah, and taught the people.

17:10 And the fear of *Yehovah* fell on all the kingdoms of the lands that were round about Judah, so that they made no war against Jehoshaphat.

17:11 Also some of the Philistines brought Jehoshaphat presents, and tribute silver; and the Arabians brought him flocks, seven thousand and seven hundred rams, and seven thousand and seven hundred he goats.

17:12 And Jehoshaphat waxed great exceedingly; and he built in Judah castles, and cities of store.

17:13 And he had much business in the cities of Judah: and the men of war, mighty men of valor, were in Jerusalem.

17:14 And these are the numbers of them according to the house of their fathers: Of Judah, the captains of thousands; Adnah the chief, and with him mighty men of valor three hundred thousand.

17:15 And next to him was Jehohanan the captain, and with him two hundred and fourscore thousand.

17:16 And next him was Amasiah the son of Zichri, who willingly offered himself to *Yehovah*; and with him two hundred thousand mighty men of valor.

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

17:18 And next him was Jehozabad, and with him a hundred and fourscore thousand ready prepared for the war.

17:19 These waited on the king, beside those whom the king put in the fenced cities throughout all Judah.

## **2 Chronicles** – Chapter 18

18:1 Now Jehoshaphat had riches and honor in abundance, and joined affinity with Ahab.

18:2 And after certain years he went down to Ahab to Samaria. And Ahab killed sheep and oxen for him in abundance, and for the people that he had with him, and persuaded him to go up with him to Ramothgilead.

18:3 And Ahab king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat king of Judah, Will you go with me to Ramothgilead? And he answered him, I am as you are, and my people as your people; and we will be with you in the war.

18:4 And Jehoshaphat said to the king of Israel, Inquire, I pray you, at the word of *Yehovah* today.

18:5 Therefore the king of Israel gathered together of prophets four hundred men, and said to them, Shall we go to Ramothgilead to battle, or shall I forbear? And they said, Go up; for God will deliver it into the king's hand.

18:6 But Jehoshaphat said, Is there not here a prophet of *Yehovah* besides, that we might inquire of him?

18:7 And the king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat, There is yet one man, by whom we may inquire of *Yehovah*: but I hate him; for he never prophesied good to me, but always evil: the same is Micaiah the son of Imla. And Jehoshaphat said, Let not the king say so.

18:8 And the king of Israel called for one of his officers, and said, Fetch quickly Micaiah the son of Imla.

18:9 And the king of Israel and Jehoshaphat king of Judah sat either of them on his throne, clothed in their robes, and they sat in a void place at the entering in of the gate of Samaria; and all the prophets prophesied before them.

18:10 And Zedekiah the son of Chenaanah had made him horns of iron, and said, Thus said *Yehovah*, With these you shall push Syria until they be consumed.

18:11 And all the prophets prophesied so, saying, Go up to Ramothgilead, and prosper: for *Yehovah* shall deliver it into the hand of the king.

18:12 And the messenger that went to call Micaiah spoke to him, saying, Behold, the words of the prophets declare good to the king with one assent; let your word therefore, I pray you, be like one of their's, and speak you good.

18:13 And Micaiah said, As *Yehovah* lives, even what my God said, that will I speak.

18:14 And when he was come to the king, the king said to him, Micaiah, shall we go to Ramothgilead to battle, or shall I forbear? And he said, Go you up, and prosper, and they shall be delivered into your hand.

18:15 And the king said to him, How many times shall I adjure you that you say nothing but the truth to me in the name of *Yehovah*?

18:16 Then he said, I did see all Israel scattered on the mountains, as sheep that have no shepherd: and *Yehovah* said, These have no master; let them return therefore every man to his house in peace.

18:17 And the king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat, Did I not tell you that he would not prophesy good to me, but evil?

18:18 Again he said, Therefore hear the word of *Yehovah*; I saw *Yehovah* sitting on his throne, and all the host of heaven standing on his right hand and on his left.

18:19 And *Yehovah* said, Who shall entice Ahab king of Israel, that he may go up and fall at Ramothgilead? And one spoke saying after this manner, and another saying after that manner.

18:20 Then there came out a spirit, and stood before *Yehovah*, and said, I will entice him. And *Yehovah* said to him, With which?

18:21 And he said, I will go out, and be a lying spirit in the mouth of all his prophets. And *Yehovah* said, You shall entice him, and you shall also prevail: go out, and do even so.

18:22 Now therefore, behold, *Yehovah* has put a lying spirit in the mouth of these your prophets, and *Yehovah* has spoken evil against you.

18:23 Then Zedekiah the son of Chenaanah came near, and smote Micaiah on the cheek, and said, Which way went the Spirit of *Yehovah* from me to speak to you?

18:24 And Micaiah said, Behold, you shall see on that day when you shall go into an inner chamber to hide yourself.

18:25 Then the king of Israel said, Take you Micaiah, and carry him back to Amon the governor of the city, and to Joash the king's son;

18:26 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 return in peace.

18:27 And Micaiah said, If you certainly return in peace, then has not *Yehovah* spoken by me. And he said, Listen, all you people.

18:28 So the king of Israel and Jehoshaphat the king of Judah went up to Ramothgilead.

18:29 And the king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat, I will disguise myself, and I will go to the battle; but put you on your robes. So the king of Israel disguised himself; and they went to the battle.

18:30 Now the king of Syria had commanded the captains of the chariots that were with him, saying, Fight you not with small or great, save only with the king of Israel.

18:31 And it came to pass, when the captains of the chariots saw Jehoshaphat, that they said, It is the king of Israel. Therefore they compassed about him to fight: but Jehoshaphat cried out, and *Yehovah* helped him; and God moved them to depart from him.

18:32 For it came to pass, that, when the captains of the chariots perceived that it was not the king of Israel, they turned back again from pursuing him.

18:33 And a certain man drew a bow at a venture, and smote the king of Israel between the joints of the harness: therefore he said to his chariot man, Turn your hand, that you may carry me out of the host; for I am wounded.

18:34 And the battle increased that day: however, the king of Israel stayed himself up in his chariot against the Syrians until the even: and about the time of the sun going down he died.

## ***2 Chronicles*** – Chapter 19

19:1 And Jehoshaphat the king of Judah returned to his house in peace to Jerusalem.

19:2 And Jehu the son of Hanani the seer went out to meet him, and said to king Jehoshaphat, Should you help the ungodly, and love them that hate *Yehovah*? therefore is wrath on you from before *Yehovah*.

19:3 Nevertheless there are good things found in you, in that you have taken away the groves out of the land, and have prepared your heart to seek God.

19:4 And Jehoshaphat dwelled at Jerusalem: and he went out again through the people from Beersheba to mount Ephraim, and brought them back to *Yehovah* God of their fathers.

19:5 And he set judges in the land throughout all the fenced cities of Judah, city by city,

19:6 And said to the judges, Take heed what you do: for you judge not for man, but for *Yehovah*, who is with you in the judgment.

19:7 Why now let the fear of *Yehovah* be on you; take heed and do it: for there is no iniquity with *Yehovah* our God, nor respect of persons, nor taking of gifts.

19:8 Moreover in Jerusalem did Jehoshaphat set of the Levites, and of the priests, and of the chief of the fathers of Israel, for the judgment of *Yehovah*, and for controversies, when they returned to Jerusalem.

19:9 And he charged them, saying, Thus shall you do in the fear of *Yehovah*, faithfully, and with a perfect heart.

19:10 And what cause soever shall come to you of your brothers that dwell in your cities, between blood and blood, between law and commandment, statutes and judgments, you shall even warn them that they trespass not against *Yehovah*, and so wrath come on you, and on your brothers: this do, and you shall not trespass.

19:11 And, behold, Amariah the chief priest is over you in all matters of *Yehovah*; and Zebadiah the son of Ishmael, the ruler of the house of Judah, for all the king's matters: also the Levites shall be officers before you. Deal courageously, and *Yehovah* shall be with the good.

## **2 Chronicles** – Chapter 20

20:1 It came to pass after this also, that the children of Moab, and the children of Ammon, and with them other beside the Ammonites, came against Jehoshaphat to battle.

20:2 Then there came some that told Jehoshaphat, saying, There comes a great multitude against you from beyond the sea on this side Syria; and, behold, they be in Hazazontamar, which is Engedi.

20:3 And Jehoshaphat feared, and set himself to seek *Yehovah*, and proclaimed a fast throughout all Judah.

20:4 And Judah gathered themselves together, to ask help of *Yehovah*: even out of all the cities of Judah they came to seek *Yehovah*.

20:5 And Jehoshaphat stood in the congregation of Judah and Jerusalem, in the house of *Yehovah*, before the new court,

20:6 And said, O *YEHOWAH* God of our fathers, are not you God in heaven? and rule not you over all the kingdoms of the heathen? and in your hand is there not power and might, so that none is able to withstand you?

20:7 Are not you our God, who did drive out the inhabitants of this land before your people Israel, and gave it to the seed of Abraham your friend forever?

20:8 And they dwelled therein, and have built you a sanctuary therein for your name, saying,

20:9 If, when evil comes on us, as the sword, judgment, or pestilence, or famine, we stand before this house, and in your presence, (for your name is in this house,) and cry to you in our affliction, then you will hear and help.

20:10 And now, behold, the children of Ammon and Moab and mount Seir, whom you would not let Israel invade, when they came out of the land of Egypt, but they turned from them, and destroyed them not;

20:11 Behold, I say, how they reward us, to come to cast us out of your possession, which you have given us to inherit.

20:12 O our God, will you not judge them? for we have no might against this great company that comes against us; neither know we what to do: but our eyes are on you.

20:13 And all Judah stood before *Yehovah*, with their little ones, their wives, and their children.

20:14 Then on Jahaziel the son of Zechariah, the son of Benaiah, the son of Jeiel, the son of Mattaniah, a Levite of the sons of Asaph, came the Spirit of *Yehovah* in the middle of the congregation;

20:15 And he said, Listen you, all Judah, and you inhabitants of Jerusalem, and you king Jehoshaphat, Thus said *Yehovah* to you, Be not afraid nor dismayed by reason of this great multitude; for the battle is not yours, but God's.

20:16 Tomorrow go you down against them: behold, they come up by the cliff of Ziz; and you shall find them at the end of the brook, before the wilderness of Jeruel.

20:17 You shall not need to fight in this battle: set yourselves, stand you still, and see the salvation of *Yehovah* with you, O Judah and Jerusalem: fear not, nor be dismayed; tomorrow go out against them: for *Yehovah* will be with you.

20:18 And Jehoshaphat bowed his head with his face to the ground: and all Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem fell before *Yehovah*, worshipping *Yehovah*.

20:19 And the Levites, of the children of the Kohathites, and of the children of the Korhites, stood up to praise *Yehovah* God of Israel with a loud voice on high.

20:20 And they rose early in the morning, and went forth into the wilderness of Tekoa: and as they went forth, Jehoshaphat stood and said, Hear me, O Judah, and you inhabitants of Jerusalem; Believe in *Yehovah* your God, so shall you be established; believe his prophets, so shall you prosper.

20:21 And when he had consulted with the people, he appointed singers to *Yehovah*, and that should praise the beauty of holiness, as they went out before the army, and to say, Praise *Yehovah*; for his mercy endures forever.

20:22 And when they began to sing and to praise, *Yehovah* set ambushes against the children of Ammon, Moab, and mount Seir, which were come against Judah; and they were smitten.

20:23 For the children of Ammon and Moab stood up against the inhabitants of mount Seir, utterly to slay and destroy them: and when they had made an end of the inhabitants of Seir, everyone helped to destroy another.

20:24 And when Judah came toward the watch tower in the wilderness, they looked to the multitude, and, behold, they were dead bodies fallen to the earth, and none escaped.

20:25 And when Jehoshaphat and his people came to take away the spoil of them, they found among them in abundance both riches with the dead bodies, and precious jewels, which they stripped off for themselves, more than they could carry away: and they were three days in gathering of the spoil, it was so much.

20:26 And on the fourth day they assembled themselves in the valley of Berachah; for there they blessed *Yehovah*: therefore the name of the same place was called, The valley of Berachah, to this day.

20:27 Then they returned, every man of Judah and Jerusalem, and Jehoshaphat in the forefront of them, to go again to Jerusalem with joy; for *Yehovah* had made them to rejoice over their enemies.

20:28 And they came to Jerusalem with psalteries and harps and trumpets to the house of *Yehovah*.

20:29 And the fear of God was on all the kingdoms of those countries, when they had heard that *Yehovah* fought against the enemies of Israel.

20:30 So the realm of Jehoshaphat was quiet: for his God gave him rest round about.

20:31 And Jehoshaphat reigned over Judah: he 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.

20:32 And he walked in the way of Asa his father, and departed not from it, doing that which was right in the sight of *Yehovah*.

20:33 However, the high places were not taken away: for as yet the people had not prepared their hearts to the God of their fathers.

20:34 Now the rest of the acts of Jehoshaphat, first and last, behold, they are written in the book of Jehu the son of Hanani, who is mentioned in the book of the kings of Israel.

20:35 And after this did Jehoshaphat king of Judah join himself with Ahaziah king of Israel, who did very wickedly:

20:36 And he joined himself with him to make ships to go to Tarshish: and they made the ships in Eziongaber.

20:37 Then Eliezer the son of Dodavah of Mareshah prophesied against Jehoshaphat, saying, Because you have joined yourself with Ahaziah, *Yehovah* has broken your works. And the ships were broken, that they were not able to go to Tarshish.

## 2 Chronicles – Chapter 21

21:1 Now Jehoshaphat slept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the city of David. And Jehoram his son reigned in his stead.

21:2 And he had brothers the sons of Jehoshaphat, Azariah, and Jehiel, and Zechariah, and Azariah, and Michael, and Shephatiah: all these were the sons of Jehoshaphat king of Israel.

21:3 And their father gave them great gifts of silver, and of gold, and of precious things, with fenced cities in Judah: but the kingdom gave he to Jehoram; because he was the firstborn.

21:4 Now when Jehoram was risen up to the kingdom of his father, he strengthened himself, and slew all his brothers with the sword, and divers also of the princes of Israel.

21:5 Jehoram was thirty and two years old when he began to reign, and he reigned eight years in Jerusalem.

21:6 And he walked in the way of the kings of Israel, like as did the house of Ahab: for he had the daughter of Ahab to wife: and he worked that which was evil in the eyes of *Yehovah*.

21:7 However, *Yehovah* would not destroy the house of David, because of the covenant that he had made with David, and as he promised to give a light to him and to his sons forever.

21:8 In his days the Edomites revolted from under the dominion of Judah, and made themselves a king.

21:9 Then Jehoram went forth with his princes, and all his chariots with him: and he rose up by night, and smote the Edomites which compassed him in, and the captains of the chariots.

21:10 So the Edomites revolted from under the hand of Judah to this day. The same time also did Libnah revolt from under his hand; because he had forsaken *Yehovah* God of his fathers.

21:11 Moreover he made high places in the mountains of Judah and caused the inhabitants of Jerusalem to commit fornication, and compelled Judah thereto.

21:12 And there came a writing to him from Elijah the prophet, saying, Thus said *Yehovah* God of David your father, Because you have not walked in the ways of Jehoshaphat your father, nor in the ways of Asa king of Judah,

21:13 But have walked in the way of the kings of Israel, and have made Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem to go a whoring, like to the prostitutions of the house of Ahab, and also have slain your brothers of your father's house, which were better than yourself:

21:14 Behold, with a great plague will *Yehovah* smite your people, and your children, and your wives, and all your goods:

21:15 And you shall have great sickness by disease of your bowels, until your bowels fall out by reason of the sickness day by day.

21:16 Moreover *Yehovah* stirred up against Jehoram the spirit of the Philistines, and of the Arabians, that were near the Ethiopians:

21:17 And they came up into Judah, and broke into it, and carried away all the substance that was found in the king's house, and his sons also, and his wives; so that there was never a son left him, save Jehoahaz, the youngest of his sons.

21:18 And after all this *Yehovah* smote him in his bowels with an incurable disease.

21:19 And it came to pass, that in process of time, after the end of two years, his bowels fell out by reason of his sickness: so he died of sore diseases. And his people made no burning for him, like the burning of his fathers.

21:20 Thirty and two years old was he when he began to reign, and he reigned in Jerusalem eight years, and departed without being desired. However, they buried him in the city of David, but not in the sepulchers of the kings.

## **2 Chronicles** – Chapter 22

22:1 And the inhabitants of Jerusalem made Ahaziah his youngest son king in his stead: for the band of men that came with the Arabians to the camp had slain all the oldest. So Ahaziah the son of Jehoram king of Judah reigned.

22:2 Forty and two years old was Ahaziah when he began to reign, and he reigned one year in Jerusalem. His mother's name also was Athaliah the daughter of Omri.

22:3 He also walked in the ways of the house of Ahab: for his mother was his counselor to do wickedly.

22:4 Why he did evil in the sight of *Yehovah* like the house of Ahab: for they were his counsellors after the death of his father to his destruction.

22:5 He walked also after their counsel, and went with Jehoram the son of Ahab king of Israel to war against Hazael king of Syria at Ramothgilead: and the Syrians smote Joram.

22:6 And he returned to be healed in Jezreel because of the wounds which were given him at Ramah, when he fought with Hazael king of Syria. And Azariah the son of Jehoram king of Judah went down to see Jehoram the son of Ahab at Jezreel, because he was sick.

22:7 And the destruction of Ahaziah was of God by coming to Joram: for when he was come, he went out with Jehoram against Jehu the son of Nimshi, whom *Yehovah* had anointed to cut off the house of Ahab.

22:8 And it came to pass, that, when Jehu was executing judgment on the house of Ahab, and found the princes of Judah, and the sons of the brothers of Ahaziah, that ministered to Ahaziah, he slew them.

22:9 And he sought Ahaziah: and they caught him, (for he was hid in Samaria,) and brought him to Jehu: and when they had slain him, they buried

him: Because, said they, he is the son of Jehoshaphat, who sought *Yehovah* with all his heart. So the house of Ahaziah had no power to keep still the kingdom.

22:10 But when Athaliah the mother of Ahaziah saw that her son was dead, she arose and destroyed all the seed royal of the house of Judah.

22:11 But Jehoshabeath, the daughter of the king, took Joash the son of Ahaziah, and stole him from among the king's sons that were slain, and put him and his nurse in a bedchamber. So Jehoshabeath, the daughter of king Jehoram, the wife of Jehoiada the priest, (for she was the sister of Ahaziah,) hid him from Athaliah, so that she slew him not.

22:12 And he was with them hid in the house of God six years: and Athaliah reigned over the land.

## **2 Chronicles** – Chapter 23

23:1 And in the seventh year Jehoiada strengthened himself, and took the captains of hundreds, Azariah the son of Jeroham, and Ishmael the son of Jehohanan, and Azariah the son of Obed, and Maaseiah the son of Adaiah, and Elishaphat the son of Zichri, into covenant with him.

23:2 And they went about in Judah, and gathered the Levites out of all the cities of Judah, and the chief of the fathers of Israel, and they came to Jerusalem.

23:3 And all the congregation made a covenant with the king in the house of God. And he said to them, Behold, the king's son shall reign, as *Yehovah* has said of the sons of David.

23:4 This is the thing that you shall do; A third part of you entering on the sabbath, of the priests and of the Levites, shall be porters of the doors;

23:5 And a third part shall be at the king's house; and a third part at the gate of the foundation: and all the people shall be in the courts of the house of *Yehovah*.

23:6 But let none come into the house of *Yehovah*, save the priests, and they that minister of the Levites; they shall go in, for they are holy: but all the people shall keep the watch of *Yehovah*.

23:7 And the Levites shall compass the king round about, every man with his weapons in his hand; and whoever else comes into the house, he shall be put to death: but be you with the king when he comes in, and when he goes out.

23:8 So the Levites and all Judah did according to all things that Jehoiada the priest had commanded, and took every man his men that were to come in on the sabbath, with them that were to go out on the sabbath: for Jehoiada the priest dismissed not the courses.

23:9 Moreover Jehoiada the priest delivered to the captains of hundreds spears, and bucklers, and shields, that had been king David's, which were in the house of God.

23:10 And he set all the people, every man having his weapon in his hand, from the right side of the temple to the left side of the temple, along by the altar and the temple, by the king round about.

23:11 Then they brought out the king's son, and put on him the crown, and gave him the testimony, and made him king. And Jehoiada and his sons anointed him, and said, God save the king.

23:12 Now when Athaliah heard the noise of the people running and praising the king, she came to the people into the house of *Yehovah*:

23:13 And she looked, and, behold, the king stood at his pillar at the entering in, and the princes and the trumpets by the king: and all the people of the land rejoiced, and sounded with trumpets, also the singers with instruments of music, and such as taught to sing praise. Then Athaliah rent her clothes, and said, Treason, Treason.

23:14 Then Jehoiada the priest brought out the captains of hundreds that were set over the host, and said to them, Have her forth of the ranges: and whoever follows her, let him be slain with the sword. For the priest said, Slay her not in the house of *Yehovah*.

23:15 So they laid hands on her; and when she was come to the entering of the horse gate by the king's house, they slew her there.

23:16 And Jehoiada made a covenant between him, and between all the people, and between the king, that they should be *Yehovah's* people.

23:17 Then all the people went to the house of Baal, and broke it down, and broke his altars and his images in pieces, and slew Mattan the priest of Baal before the altars.

23:18 Also Jehoiada appointed the offices of the house of *Yehovah* by the hand of the priests the Levites, whom David had distributed in the house of *Yehovah*, to offer the burnt offerings of *Yehovah*, as it is written in the law of Moses, with rejoicing and with singing, as it was ordained by David.

23:19 And he set the porters at the gates of the house of *Yehovah*, that none which was unclean in any thing should enter in.

23:20 And he took the captains of hundreds, and the nobles, and the governors of the people, and all the people of the land, and brought down the king from the house of *Yehovah*: and they came through the high gate into the king's house, and set the king on the throne of the kingdom.

23:21 And all the people of the land rejoiced: and the city was quiet, after that they had slain Athaliah with the sword.

## 2 *Chronicles* – Chapter 24

24:1 Joash was seven years old when he began to reign, and he reigned forty years in Jerusalem. His mother's name also was Zibiah of Beersheba.

24:2 And Joash did that which was right in the sight of *Yehovah* all the days of Jehoiada the priest.

24:3 And Jehoiada took for him two wives; and he begat sons and daughters.

24:4 And it came to pass after this, that Joash was minded to repair the house of *Yehovah*.

24:5 And he gathered together the priests and the Levites, and said to them, Go out to the cities of Judah, and gather of all Israel money to repair the house of your God from year to year, and see that you hasten the matter. However, the Levites hastened it not.

24:6 And the king called for Jehoiada the chief, and said to him, Why have you not required of the Levites to bring in out of Judah and out of Jerusalem the collection, according to the commandment of Moses the servant of *Yehovah*, and of the congregation of Israel, for the tabernacle of witness?

24:7 For the sons of Athaliah, that wicked woman, had broken up the house of God; and also all the dedicated things of the house of *Yehovah* did they bestow on Baalim.

24:8 And at the king's commandment they made a chest, and set it without at the gate of the house of *Yehovah*.

24:9 And they made a proclamation through Judah and Jerusalem, to bring in to *Yehovah* the collection that Moses the servant of God laid on Israel in the wilderness.

24:10 And all the princes and all the people rejoiced, and brought in, and cast into the chest, until they had made an end.

24:11 Now it came to pass, that at what time the chest was brought to the king's office by the hand of the Levites, and when they saw that there was much money, the king's scribe and the high priest's officer came and emptied the chest, and took it, and carried it to his place again. Thus they did day by day, and gathered money in abundance.

24:12 And the king and Jehoiada gave it to such as did the work of the service of the house of *Yehovah*, and hired masons and carpenters to repair the house of *Yehovah*, and also such as worked iron and brass to mend the house of *Yehovah*.

24:13 So the workmen worked, and the work was perfected by them, and they set the house of God in his state, and strengthened it.

24:14 And when they had finished it, they brought the rest of the money before the king and Jehoiada, whereof were made vessels for the house of *Yehovah*, even vessels to minister, and to offer with, and spoons, and vessels

of gold and silver. And they offered burnt offerings in the house of *Yehovah* continually all the days of Jehoiada.

24:15 But Jehoiada waxed old, and was full of days when he died; a hundred and thirty years old was he when he died.

24:16 And they buried him in the city of David among the kings, because he had done good in Israel, both toward God, and toward his house.

24:17 Now after the death of Jehoiada came the princes of Judah, and made obeisance to the king. Then the king listened to them.

24:18 And they left the house of *Yehovah* God of their fathers, and served groves and idols: and wrath came on Judah and Jerusalem for this their trespass.

24:19 Yet he sent prophets to them, to bring them again to *Yehovah*; and they testified against them: but they would not give ear.

24:20 And the Spirit of God came on Zechariah the son of Jehoiada the priest, which stood above the people, and said to them, Thus said God, Why transgress you the commandments of *Yehovah*, that you cannot prosper? because you have forsaken *Yehovah*, he has also forsaken you.

24:21 And they conspired against him, and stoned him with stones at the commandment of the king in the court of the house of *Yehovah*.

24:22 Thus Joash the king remembered not the kindness which Jehoiada his father had done to him, but slew his son. And when he died, he said, *Yehovah* look on it, and require it.

24:23 And it came to pass at the end of the year, that the host of Syria came up against him: and they came to Judah and Jerusalem, and destroyed all the princes of the people from among the people, and sent all the spoil of them to the king of Damascus.

24:24 For the army of the Syrians came with a small company of men, and *Yehovah* delivered a very great host into their hand, because they had forsaken *Yehovah* God of their fathers. So they executed judgment against Joash.

24:25 And when they were departed from him, (for they left him in great diseases,) his own servants conspired against him for the blood of the sons of Jehoiada the priest, and slew him on his bed, and he died: and they buried him in the city of David, but they buried him not in the sepulchers of the kings.

24:26 And these are they that conspired against him; Zabad the son of Shimeath an Ammonite, and Jehozabad the son of Shimrith a Moabitess.

24:27 Now concerning his sons, and the greatness of the burdens laid on him, and the repairing of the house of God, behold, they are written in the story of the book of the kings. And Amaziah his son reigned in his stead.

## 2 Chronicles – Chapter 25

25:1 Amaziah was twenty and five years old when he began to reign, and he reigned twenty and nine years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Jehoaddan of Jerusalem.

25:2 And he did that which was right in the sight of *Yehovah*, but not with a perfect heart.

25:3 Now it came to pass, when the kingdom was established to him, that he slew his servants that had killed the king his father.

25:4 But he slew not their children, but did as it is written in the law in the book of Moses, where *Yehovah* commanded, saying, The fathers shall not die for the children, neither shall the children die for the fathers, but every man shall die for his own sin.

25:5 Moreover Amaziah gathered Judah together, and made them captains over thousands, and captains over hundreds, according to the houses of their fathers, throughout all Judah and Benjamin: and he numbered them from twenty years old and above, and found them three hundred thousand choice men, able to go forth to war, that could handle spear and shield.

25:6 He hired also a hundred thousand mighty men of valor out of Israel for a hundred talents of silver.

25:7 But there came a man of God to him, saying, O king, let not the army of Israel go with you; for *Yehovah* is not with Israel, to wit, with all the children of Ephraim.

25:8 But if you will go, do it; be strong for the battle: God shall make you fall before the enemy: for God has power to help, and to cast down.

25:9 And Amaziah said to the man of God, But what shall we do for the hundred talents which I have given to the army of Israel? And the man of God answered, *Yehovah* is able to give you much more than this.

25:10 Then Amaziah separated them, to wit, the army that was come to him out of Ephraim, to go home again: why their anger was greatly kindled against Judah, and they returned home in great anger.

25:11 And Amaziah strengthened himself, and led forth his people, and went to the valley of salt, and smote of the children of Seir ten thousand.

25:12 And other ten thousand left alive did the children of Judah carry away captive, and brought them to the top of the rock, and cast them down from the top of the rock, that they all were broken in pieces.

25:13 But the soldiers of the army which Amaziah sent back, that they should not go with him to battle, fell on the cities of Judah, from Samaria even to Bethhoron, and smote three thousand of them, and took much spoil.

25:14 Now it came to pass, after that Amaziah was come from the slaughter of the Edomites, that he brought the gods of the children of Seir, and set them up to be his gods, and bowed down himself before them, and burned incense to them.

25:15 Why the anger of *Yehovah* was kindled against Amaziah, and he sent to him a prophet, which said to him, Why have you sought after the gods of the people, which could not deliver their own people out of your hand?

25:16 And it came to pass, as he talked with him, that the king said to him, Are you made of the king's counsel? forbear; why should you be smitten? Then the prophet declined, and said, I know that God has determined to destroy you, because you have done this, and have not listened to my counsel.

25:17 Then Amaziah king of Judah took advice, and sent to Joash, the son of Jehoahaz, the son of Jehu, king of Israel, saying, Come, let us see one another in the face.

25:18 And Joash king of Israel sent to Amaziah king of Judah, saying, The thistle that was in Lebanon sent to the cedar that was in Lebanon, saying, Give your daughter to my son to wife: and there passed by a wild beast that was in Lebanon, and stepped down the thistle.

25:19 You say, See, you have smitten the Edomites; and your heart lifts you up to boast: abide now at home; why should you meddle to your hurt, that you should fall, even you, and Judah with you?

25:20 But Amaziah would not hear; for it came of God, that he might deliver them into the hand of their enemies, because they sought after the gods of Edom.

25:21 So Joash the king of Israel went up; and they saw one another in the face, both he and Amaziah king of Judah, at Bethshemesh, which belongs to Judah.

25:22 And Judah was put to the worse before Israel, and they fled every man to his tent.

25:23 And Joash the king of Israel took Amaziah king of Judah, the son of Joash, the son of Jehoahaz, at Bethshemesh, and brought him to Jerusalem, and broke down the wall of Jerusalem from the gate of Ephraim to the corner gate, four hundred cubits.

25:24 And he took all the gold and the silver, and all the vessels that were found in the house of God with Obedom, and the treasures of the king's house, the hostages also, and returned to Samaria.

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

25:26 Now the rest of the acts of Amaziah, first and last, behold, are they not written in the book of the kings of Judah and Israel?

25:27 Now after the time that Amaziah did turn away from following *Yehovah* they made a conspiracy against him in Jerusalem; and he fled to Lachish: but they sent to Lachish after him, and slew him there.

25:28 And they brought him on horses, and buried him with his fathers in the city of Judah.

## 2 Chronicles – Chapter 26

26:1 Then all the people of Judah took Uzziah, who was sixteen years old, and made him king in the room of his father Amaziah.

26:2 He built Eloth, and restored it to Judah, after that the king slept with his fathers.

26:3 Sixteen years old was Uzziah when he began to reign, and he reigned fifty and two years in Jerusalem. His mother's name also was Jecoliah of Jerusalem.

26:4 And he did that which was right in the sight of *Yehovah*, according to all that his father Amaziah did.

26:5 And he sought God in the days of Zechariah, who had understanding in the visions of God: and as long as he sought *Yehovah*, God made him to prosper.

26:6 And he went forth and warred against the Philistines, and broke down the wall of Gath, and the wall of Jabneh, and the wall of Ashdod, and built cities about Ashdod, and among the Philistines.

26:7 And God helped him against the Philistines, and against the Arabians that dwelled in Gurbaal, and the Mehunims.

26:8 And the Ammonites gave gifts to Uzziah: and his name spread abroad even to the entering in of Egypt; for he strengthened himself exceedingly.

26:9 Moreover Uzziah built towers in Jerusalem at the corner gate, and at the valley gate, and at the turning of the wall, and fortified them.

26:10 Also he built towers in the desert, and dig many wells: for he had much cattle, both in the low country, and in the plains: farmers also, and vine dressers in the mountains, and in Carmel: for he loved husbandry.

26:11 Moreover Uzziah had a host of fighting men, that went out to war by bands, according to the number of their account by the hand of Jeiel the scribe and Maaseiah the ruler, under the hand of Hananiah, one of the king's captains.

26:12 The whole number of the chief of the fathers of the mighty men of valor were two thousand and six hundred.

26:13 And under their hand was an army, three hundred thousand and seven thousand and five hundred, that made war with mighty power, to help the king against the enemy.

26:14 And Uzziah prepared for them throughout all the host shields, and spears, and helmets, and habergeons, and bows, and slings to cast stones.

26:15 And he made in Jerusalem engines, invented by cunning men, to be on the towers and on the bulwarks, to shoot arrows and great stones with. And his name spread far abroad; for he was marvelously helped, till he was strong.

26:16 But when he was strong, his heart was lifted up to his destruction: for he transgressed against *Yehovah* his God, and went into the temple of *Yehovah* to burn incense on the altar of incense.

26:17 And Azariah the priest went in after him, and with him fourscore priests of *Yehovah*, that were valiant men:

26:18 And they withstood Uzziah the king, and said to him, It appertains not to you, Uzziah, to burn incense to *Yehovah*, but to the priests the sons of Aaron, that are consecrated to burn incense: go out of the sanctuary; for you have trespassed; neither shall it be for your honor from *Yehovah* God.

26:19 Then Uzziah was wroth, and had a censer in his hand to burn incense: and while he was wroth with the priests, the leprosy even rose up in his forehead before the priests in the house of *Yehovah*, from beside the incense altar.

26:20 And Azariah the chief priest, and all the priests, looked on him, and, behold, he was leprous in his forehead, and they thrust him out from there; yes, himself hurried also to go out, because *Yehovah* had smitten him.

26:21 And Uzziah the king was a leper to the day of his death, and dwelled in a several house, being a leper; for he was cut off from the house of *Yehovah*: and Jotham his son was over the king's house, judging the people of the land.

26:22 Now the rest of the acts of Uzziah, first and last, did Isaiah the prophet, the son of Amoz, write.

26:23 So Uzziah slept with his fathers, and they buried him with his fathers in the field of the burial which belonged to the kings; for they said, He is a leper: and Jotham his son reigned in his stead.

## **2 Chronicles** – Chapter 27

27:1 Jotham was twenty and five years old when he began to reign, and he reigned sixteen years in Jerusalem. His mother's name also was Jerushah, the daughter of Zadok.

27:2 And he did that which was right in the sight of *Yehovah*, according to all that his father Uzziah did: however, he entered not into the temple of *Yehovah*. And the people did yet corruptly.

27:3 He built the high gate of the house of *Yehovah*, and on the wall of Ophel he built much.

27:4 Moreover he built cities in the mountains of Judah, and in the forests he built castles and towers.

27:5 He fought also with the king of the Ammonites, and prevailed against them. And the children of Ammon gave him the same year a hundred talents of silver, and ten thousand measures of wheat, and ten thousand of barley. So much did the children of Ammon pay to him, both the second year, and the third.

27:6 So Jotham became mighty, because he prepared his ways before *Yehovah* his God.

27:7 Now the rest of the acts of Jotham, and all his wars, and his ways, see, they are written in the book of the kings of Israel and Judah.

27:8 He was five and twenty years old when he began to reign, and reigned sixteen years in Jerusalem.

27:9 And Jotham slept with his fathers, and they buried him in the city of David: and Ahaz his son reigned in his stead.

## **2 Chronicles** – Chapter 28

28:1 Ahaz was twenty years old when he began to reign, and he reigned sixteen years in Jerusalem: but he did not that which was right in the sight of *Yehovah*, like David his father:

28:2 For he walked in the ways of the kings of Israel, and made also molten images for Baalim.

28:3 Moreover he burnt incense in the valley of the son of Hinnom, and burnt his children in the fire, after the abominations of the heathen whom *Yehovah* had cast out before the children of Israel.

28:4 He sacrificed also and burnt incense in the high places, and on the hills, and under every green tree.

28:5 Why *Yehovah* his God delivered him into the hand of the king of Syria; and they smote him, and carried away a great multitude of them captives, and brought them to Damascus. And he was also delivered into the hand of the king of Israel, who smote him with a great slaughter.

28:6 For Pekah the son of Remaliah slew in Judah a hundred and twenty thousand in one day, which were all valiant men; because they had forsaken *Yehovah* God of their fathers.

28:7 And Zichri, a mighty man of Ephraim, slew Maaseiah the king's son, and Azrikam the governor of the house, and Elkanah that was next to the king.

28:8 And the children of Israel carried away captive of their brothers two hundred thousand, women, sons, and daughters, and took also away much spoil from them, and brought the spoil to Samaria.

28:9 But a prophet of *Yehovah* was there, whose name was Oded: and he went out before the host that came to Samaria, and said to them, Behold, because *Yehovah* God of your fathers was wroth with Judah, he has delivered them into your hand, and you have slain them in a rage that reaches up to heaven.

28:10 And now you purpose to keep under the children of Judah and Jerusalem for slaves and bondwomen to you: but are there not with you, even with you, sins against *Yehovah* your God?

28:11 Now hear me therefore, and deliver the captives again, which you have taken captive of your brothers: for the fierce wrath of *Yehovah* is on you.

28:12 Then certain of the heads of the children of Ephraim, Azariah the son of Johanan, Berechiah the son of Meshillemoth, and Jehizkiah the son of Shallum, and Amasa the son of Hadlai, stood up against them that came from the war,

28:13 And said to them, You shall not bring in the captives here: for whereas we have offended against *Yehovah* already, you intend to add more to our sins and to our trespass: for our trespass is great, and there is fierce wrath against Israel.

28:14 So the armed men left the captives and the spoil before the princes and all the congregation.

28:15 And the men which were expressed by name rose up, and took the captives, and with the spoil clothed all that were naked among them, and arrayed them, and shod them, and gave them to eat and to drink, and anointed them, and carried all the feeble of them on asses, and brought them to Jericho, the city of palm trees, to their brothers: then they returned to Samaria.

28:16 At that time did king Ahaz send to the kings of Assyria to help him.

28:17 For again the Edomites had come and smitten Judah, and carried away captives.

28:18 The Philistines also had invaded the cities of the low country, and of the south of Judah, and had taken Bethshemesh, and Ajalon, and Gederoth, and Shocho with the villages of it, and Timnah with the villages of it, Gimzo also and the villages of it: and they dwelled there.

28:19 For *Yehovah* brought Judah low because of Ahaz king of Israel; for he made Judah naked, and transgressed sore against *Yehovah*.

28:20 And Tilgathpilneser king of Assyria came to him, and distressed him, but strengthened him not.

28:21 For Ahaz took away a portion out of the house of *Yehovah*, and out of the house of the king, and of the princes, and gave it to the king of Assyria: but he helped him not.

28:22 And in the time of his distress did he trespass yet more against *Yehovah*: this is that king Ahaz.

28:23 For he sacrificed to the gods of Damascus, which smote him: and he said, Because the gods of the kings of Syria help them, therefore will I sacrifice to them, that they may help me. But they were the ruin of him, and of all Israel.

28:24 And Ahaz gathered together the vessels of the house of God, and cut in pieces the vessels of the house of God, and shut up the doors of the house of *Yehovah*, and he made him altars in every corner of Jerusalem.

28:25 And in every several city of Judah he made high places to burn incense to other gods, and provoked to anger *Yehovah* God of his fathers.

28:26 Now the rest of his acts and of all his ways, first and last, behold, they are written in the book of the kings of Judah and Israel.

28:27 And Ahaz slept with his fathers, and they buried him in the city, even in Jerusalem: but they brought him not into the sepulchers of the kings of Israel: and Hezekiah his son reigned in his stead.

## **2 Chronicles** – Chapter 29

29:1 Hezekiah began to reign when he was five and twenty years old, and he reigned nine and twenty years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Abijah, the daughter of Zechariah.

29:2 And he did that which was right in the sight of *Yehovah*, according to all that David his father had done.

29:3 He in the first year of his reign, in the first month, opened the doors of the house of *Yehovah*, and repaired them.

29:4 And he brought in the priests and the Levites, and gathered them together into the east street,

29:5 And said to them, Hear me, you Levites, sanctify now yourselves, and sanctify the house of *Yehovah* God of your fathers, and carry forth the filthiness out of the holy place.

29:6 For our fathers have trespassed, and done that which was evil in the eyes of *Yehovah* our God, and have forsaken him, and have turned away their faces from the habitation of *Yehovah*, and turned their backs.

29:7 Also they have shut up the doors of the porch, and put out the lamps, and have not burned incense nor offered burnt offerings in the holy place to the God of Israel.

29:8 Why the wrath of *Yehovah* was on Judah and Jerusalem, and he has delivered them to trouble, to astonishment, and to hissing, as you see with your eyes.

29:9 For, see, our fathers have fallen by the sword, and our sons and our daughters and our wives are in captivity for this.

29:10 Now it is in my heart to make a covenant with *Yehovah* God of Israel, that his fierce wrath may turn away from us.

29:11 My sons, be not now negligent: for *Yehovah* has chosen you to stand before him, to serve him, and that you should minister to him, and burn incense.

29:12 Then the Levites arose, Mahath the son of Amasai, and Joel the son of Azariah, of the sons of the Kohathites: and of the sons of Merari, Kish the son of Abdi, and Azariah the son of Jehalelel: and of the Gershonites; Joah the son of Zimmah, and Eden the son of Joah:

29:13 And of the sons of Elizaphan; Shimri, and Jeiel: and of the sons of Asaph; Zechariah, and Mattaniah:

29:14 And of the sons of Heman; Jehiel, and Shimei: and of the sons of Jeduthun; Shemaiah, and Uzziel.

29:15 And they gathered their brothers, and sanctified themselves, and came, according to the commandment of the king, by the words of *Yehovah*, to cleanse the house of *Yehovah*.

29:16 And the priests went into the inner part of the house of *Yehovah*, to cleanse it, and brought out all the uncleanness that they found in the temple of *Yehovah* into the court of the house of *Yehovah*. And the Levites took it, to carry it out abroad into the brook Kidron.

29:17 Now they began on the first day of the first month to sanctify, and on the eighth day of the month came they to the porch of *Yehovah*: so they sanctified the house of *Yehovah* in eight days; and in the sixteenth day of the first month they made an end.

29:18 Then they went in to Hezekiah the king, and said, We have cleansed all the house of *Yehovah*, and the altar of burnt offering, with all the vessels of it, and the show bread table, with all the vessels of it.

29:19 Moreover all the vessels, which king Ahaz in his reign did cast away in his transgression, have we prepared and sanctified, and, behold, they are before the altar of *Yehovah*.

29:20 Then Hezekiah the king rose early, and gathered the rulers of the city, and went up to the house of *Yehovah*.

29:21 And they brought seven bullocks, and seven rams, and seven lambs, and seven he goats, for a sin offering for the kingdom, and for the sanctuary, and for Judah. And he commanded the priests the sons of Aaron to offer them on the altar of *Yehovah*.

29:22 So they killed the bullocks, and the priests received the blood, and sprinkled it on the altar: likewise, when they had killed the rams, they sprinkled the blood on the altar: they killed also the lambs, and they sprinkled the blood on the altar.

29:23 And they brought forth the he goats for the sin offering before the king and the congregation; and they laid their hands on them:

29:24 And the priests killed them, and they made reconciliation with their blood on the altar, to make an atonement for all Israel: for the king commanded that the burnt offering and the sin offering should be made for all Israel.

29:25 And he set the Levites in the house of *Yehovah* with cymbals, with psalteries, and with harps, according to the commandment of David, and of Gad the king's seer, and Nathan the prophet: for so was the commandment of *Yehovah* by his prophets.

29:26 And the Levites stood with the instruments of David, and the priests with the trumpets.

29:27 And Hezekiah commanded to offer the burnt offering on the altar. And when the burnt offering began, the song of *Yehovah* began also with the trumpets, and with the instruments ordained by David king of Israel.

29:28 And all the congregation worshipped, and the singers sang, and the trumpeters sounded: and all this continued until the burnt offering was finished.

29:29 And when they had made an end of offering, the king and all that were present with him bowed themselves, and worshipped.

29:30 Moreover Hezekiah the king and the princes commanded the Levites to sing praise to *Yehovah* with the words of David, and of Asaph the seer. And they sang praises with gladness, and they bowed their heads and worshipped.

29:31 Then Hezekiah answered and said, Now you have consecrated yourselves to *Yehovah*, come near and bring sacrifices and thank offerings into the house of *Yehovah*. And the congregation brought in sacrifices and thank offerings; and as many as were of a free heart burnt offerings.

29:32 And the number of the burnt offerings, which the congregation brought, was three score and ten bullocks, a hundred rams, and two hundred lambs: all these were for a burnt offering to *Yehovah*.

29:33 And the consecrated things were six hundred oxen and three thousand sheep.

29:34 But the priests were too few, so that they could not flay all the burnt offerings: why their brothers the Levites did help them, till the work was ended, and until the other priests had sanctified themselves: for the Levites were more upright in heart to sanctify themselves than the priests.

29:35 And also the burnt offerings were in abundance, with the fat of the peace offerings, and the drink offerings for every burnt offering. So the service of the house of *Yehovah* was set in order.

29:36 And Hezekiah rejoiced, and all the people, that God had prepared the people: for the thing was done suddenly.

## ***2 Chronicles*** – Chapter 30

30:1 And Hezekiah sent to all Israel and Judah, and wrote letters also to Ephraim and Manasseh, that they should come to the house of *Yehovah* at Jerusalem, to keep the *pesach* to *Yehovah* God of Israel.

30:2 For the king had taken counsel, and his princes, and all the congregation in Jerusalem, to keep the *pesach* in the second month.

30:3 For they could not keep it at that time, because the priests had not sanctified themselves sufficiently, neither had the people gathered themselves together to Jerusalem.

30:4 And the thing pleased the king and all the congregation.

30:5 So they established a decree to make proclamation throughout all Israel, from Beersheba even to Dan, that they should come to keep the *pesach* to *Yehovah* God of Israel at Jerusalem: for they had not done it of a long time in such sort as it was written.

30:6 So the posts went with the letters from the king and his princes throughout all Israel and Judah, and according to the commandment of the king, saying, You children of Israel, turn again to *Yehovah* God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, and he will return to the remnant of you, that are escaped out of the hand of the kings of Assyria.

30:7 And be not you like your fathers, and like your brothers, which trespassed against *Yehovah* God of their fathers, who therefore gave them up to desolation, as you see.

30:8 Now be you not stiff necked, as your fathers were, but yield yourselves to *Yehovah*, and enter into his sanctuary, which he has sanctified forever: and serve *Yehovah* your God, that the fierceness of his wrath may turn away from you.

30:9 For if you turn again to *Yehovah*, your brothers and your children shall find compassion before them that lead them captive, so that they shall come again into this land: for *Yehovah* your God is gracious and merciful, and will not turn away his face from you, if you return to him.

30:10 So the posts passed from city to city through the country of Ephraim and Manasseh even to Zebulun: but they laughed them to scorn, and mocked them.

30:11 Nevertheless divers of Asher and Manasseh and of Zebulun humbled themselves, and came to Jerusalem.

30:12 Also in Judah the hand of God was to give them one heart to do the commandment of the king and of the princes, by the word of *Yehovah*.

30:13 And there assembled at Jerusalem much people to keep the feast of unleavened bread in the second month, a very great congregation.

30:14 And they arose and took away the altars that were in Jerusalem, and all the altars for incense took they away, and cast them into the brook Kidron.

30:15 Then they killed the *pesach* on the fourteenth day of the second month: and the priests and the Levites were ashamed, and sanctified themselves, and brought in the burnt offerings into the house of *Yehovah*.

30:16 And they stood in their place after their manner, according to the law of Moses the man of God: the priests sprinkled the blood, which they received of the hand of the Levites.

30:17 For there were many in the congregation that were not sanctified: therefore the Levites had the charge of the killing of the *pesachs* for everyone that was not clean, to sanctify them to *Yehovah*.

30:18 For a multitude of the people, even many of Ephraim, and Manasseh, Issachar, and Zebulun, had not cleansed themselves, yet did they

eat the *pesach* otherwise than it was written. But Hezekiah prayed for them, saying, The good *Yehovah* pardon every one

30:19 That prepares his heart to seek God, *Yehovah* God of his fathers, though he be not cleansed according to the purification of the sanctuary.

30:20 And *Yehovah* listened to Hezekiah, and healed the people.

30:21 And the children of Israel that were present at Jerusalem kept the feast of unleavened bread seven days with great gladness: and the Levites and the priests praised *Yehovah* day by day, singing with loud instruments to *Yehovah*.

30:22 And Hezekiah spoke comfortably to all the Levites that taught the good knowledge of *Yehovah*: and they did eat throughout the feast seven days, offering peace offerings, and making confession to *Yehovah* God of their fathers.

30:23 And the whole assembly took counsel to keep other seven days: and they kept other seven days with gladness.

30:24 For Hezekiah king of Judah did give to the congregation a thousand bullocks and seven thousand sheep; and the princes gave to the congregation a thousand bullocks and ten thousand sheep: and a great number of priests sanctified themselves.

30:25 And all the congregation of Judah, with the priests and the Levites, and all the congregation that came out of Israel, and the strangers that came out of the land of Israel, and that dwelled in Judah, rejoiced.

30:26 So there was great joy in Jerusalem: for since the time of Solomon the son of David king of Israel there was not the like in Jerusalem.

30:27 Then the priests the Levites arose and blessed the people: and their voice was heard, and their prayer came up to his holy dwelling place, even to heaven.

## ***2 Chronicles*** – Chapter 31

31:1 Now when all this was finished, all Israel that were present went out to the cities of Judah, and broke the images in pieces, and cut down the groves, and threw down the high places and the altars out of all Judah and Benjamin, in Ephraim also and Manasseh, until they had utterly destroyed them all. Then all the children of Israel returned, every man to his possession, into their own cities.

31:2 And Hezekiah appointed the courses of the priests and the Levites after their courses, every man according to his service, the priests and Levites for burnt offerings and for peace offerings, to minister, and to give thanks, and to praise in the gates of the tents of *Yehovah*.

31:3 He appointed also the king's portion of his substance for the burnt offerings, to wit, for the morning and evening burnt offerings, and the burnt offerings for the sabbaths, and for the new moons, and for the set feasts, as it is written in the law of *Yehovah*.

31:4 Moreover he commanded the people that dwelled in Jerusalem to give the portion of the priests and the Levites, that they might be encouraged in the law of *Yehovah*.

31:5 And as soon as the commandment came abroad, the children of Israel brought in abundance the first fruits of corn, wine, and oil, and honey, and of all the increase of the field; and the tithe of all things brought they in abundantly.

31:6 And concerning the children of Israel and Judah, that dwelled in the cities of Judah, they also brought in the tithe of oxen and sheep, and the tithe of holy things which were consecrated to *Yehovah* their God, and laid them by heaps.

31:7 In the third month they began to lay the foundation of the heaps, and finished them in the seventh month.

31:8 And when Hezekiah and the princes came and saw the heaps, they blessed *Yehovah*, and his people Israel.

31:9 Then Hezekiah questioned with the priests and the Levites concerning the heaps.

31:10 And Azariah the chief priest of the house of Zadok answered him, and said, Since the people began to bring the offerings into the house of *Yehovah*, we have had enough to eat, and have left plenty: for *Yehovah* has blessed his people; and that which is left is this great store.

31:11 Then Hezekiah commanded to prepare chambers in the house of *Yehovah*; and they prepared them,

31:12 And brought in the offerings and the tithes and the dedicated things faithfully: over which Cononiah the Levite was ruler, and Shimei his brother was the next.

31:13 And Jehiel, and Azaziah, and Nahath, and Asahel, and Jerimoth, and Jozabad, and Eliel, and Ismachiah, and Mahath, and Benaiah, were overseers under the hand of Cononiah and Shimei his brother, at the commandment of Hezekiah the king, and Azariah the ruler of the house of God.

31:14 And Kore the son of Imnah the Levite, the porter toward the east, was over the freewill offerings of God, to distribute the oblations of *Yehovah*, and the most holy things.

31:15 And next him were Eden, and Miniamin, and Jeshua, and Shemaiah, Amariah, and Shecaniah, in the cities of the priests, in their set office, to give to their brothers by courses, as well to the great as to the small:

31:16 Beside their genealogy of males, from three years old and upward, even to everyone that enters into the house of *Yehovah*, his daily portion for their service in their charges according to their courses;

31:17 Both to the genealogy of the priests by the house of their fathers, and the Levites from twenty years old and upward, in their charges by their courses;

31:18 And to the genealogy of all their little ones, their wives, and their sons, and their daughters, through all the congregation: for in their set office they sanctified themselves in holiness:

31:19 Also of the sons of Aaron the priests, which were in the fields of the suburbs of their cities, in every several city, the men that were expressed by name, to give portions to all the males among the priests, and to all that were reckoned by genealogies among the Levites.

31:20 And thus did Hezekiah throughout all Judah, and worked that which was good and right and truth before *Yehovah* his God.

31:21 And in every work that he began in the service of the house of God, and in the law, and in the commandments, to seek his God, he did it with all his heart, and prospered.

## **2 Chronicles** – Chapter 32

32:1 After these things, and the establishment of it, Sennacherib king of Assyria came, and entered into Judah, and encamped against the fenced cities, and thought to win them for himself.

32:2 And when Hezekiah saw that Sennacherib was come, and that he was purposed to fight against Jerusalem,

32:3 He took counsel with his princes and his mighty men to stop the waters of the fountains which were without the city: and they did help him.

32:4 So there was gathered much people together, who stopped all the fountains, and the brook that ran through the middle of the land, saying, Why should the kings of Assyria come, and find much water?

32:5 Also he strengthened himself, and built up all the wall that was broken, and raised it up to the towers, and another wall without, and repaired Millo in the city of David, and made darts and shields in abundance.

32:6 And he set captains of war over the people, and gathered them together to him in the street of the gate of the city, and spoke comfortably to them, saying,

32:7 Be strong and courageous, be not afraid nor dismayed for the king of Assyria, nor for all the multitude that is with him: for there be more with us than with him:

32:8 With him is an arm of flesh; but with us is *Yehovah* our God to help us, and to fight our battles. And the people rested themselves on the words of Hezekiah king of Judah.

32:9 After this did Sennacherib king of Assyria send his servants to Jerusalem, (but he himself laid siege against Lachish, and all his power with him,) to Hezekiah king of Judah, and to all Judah that were at Jerusalem, saying,

32:10 Thus said Sennacherib king of Assyria, Where on do you trust, that you abide in the siege in Jerusalem?

32:11 Does not Hezekiah persuade you to give over yourselves to die by famine and by thirst, saying, *Yehovah* our God shall deliver us out of the hand of the king of Assyria?

32:12 Has not the same Hezekiah taken away his high places and his altars, and commanded Judah and Jerusalem, saying, You shall worship before one altar, and burn incense on it?

32:13 Know you not what I and my fathers have done to all the people of other lands? were the gods of the nations of those lands any ways able to deliver their lands out of my hand?

32:14 Who was there among all the gods of those nations that my fathers utterly destroyed, that could deliver his people out of my hand, that your God should be able to deliver you out of my hand?

32:15 Now therefore let not Hezekiah deceive you, nor persuade you on this manner, neither yet believe him: for no god of any nation or kingdom was able to deliver his people out of my hand, and out of the hand of my fathers: how much less shall your God deliver you out of my hand?

32:16 And his servants spoke yet more against *Yehovah* God, and against his servant Hezekiah.

32:17 He wrote also letters to rail on *Yehovah* God of Israel, and to speak against him, saying, As the gods of the nations of other lands have not delivered their people out of my hand, so shall not the God of Hezekiah deliver his people out of my hand.

32:18 Then they cried with a loud voice in the *Hebrew* speech to the people of Jerusalem that were on the wall, to affright them, and to trouble them; that they might take the city.

32:19 And they spoke against the God of Jerusalem, as against the gods of the people of the earth, which were the work of the hands of man.

32:20 And for this cause Hezekiah the king, and the prophet Isaiah the son of Amoz, prayed and cried to heaven.

32:21 And *Yehovah* sent an angel, which cut off all the mighty men of valor, and the leaders and captains in the camp of the king of Assyria. So he returned with shame of face to his own land. And when he was come into the house of his god, they that came forth of his own bowels slew him there with the sword.

32:22 Thus *Yehovah* saved Hezekiah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem from the hand of Sennacherib the king of Assyria, and from the hand of all other, and guided them on every side.

32:23 And many brought gifts to *Yehovah* to Jerusalem, and presents to Hezekiah king of Judah: so that he was magnified in the sight of all nations from thereafter.

32:24 In those days Hezekiah was sick to the death, and prayed to *Yehovah*: and he spoke to him, and he gave him a sign.

32:25 But Hezekiah rendered not again according to the benefit done to him; for his heart was lifted up: therefore there was wrath on him, and on Judah and Jerusalem.

32:26 Notwithstanding Hezekiah humbled himself for the pride of his heart, both he and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so that the wrath of *Yehovah* came not on them in the days of Hezekiah.

32:27 And Hezekiah had exceeding much riches and honor: and he made himself treasuries for silver, and for gold, and for precious stones, and for spices, and for shields, and for all manner of pleasant jewels;

32:28 Storehouses also for the increase of corn, and wine, and oil; and stalls for all manner of beasts, and cotes for flocks.

32:29 Moreover he provided him cities, and possessions of flocks and herds in abundance: for God had given him substance very much.

32:30 This same Hezekiah also stopped the upper watercourse of Gihon, and brought it straight down to the west side of the city of David. And Hezekiah prospered in all his works.

32:31 However, in the business of the ambassadors of the princes of Babylon, who sent to him to inquire of the wonder that was done in the land, God left him, to try him, that he might know all that was in his heart.

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

32:33 And Hezekiah slept with his fathers, and they buried him in the most chief of the sepulchers of the sons of David: and all Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem did him honor at his death. And Manasseh his son reigned in his stead.

## **2 Chronicles** – Chapter 33

33:1 Manasseh was twelve years old when he began to reign, and he reigned fifty and five years in Jerusalem:

33:2 But did that which was evil in the sight of *Yehovah*, like to the abominations of the heathen, whom *Yehovah* had cast out before the children of Israel.

33:3 For he built again the high places which Hezekiah his father had broken down, and he reared up altars for Baalim, and made groves, and worshipped all the host of heaven, and served them.

33:4 Also he built altars in the house of *Yehovah*, whereof *Yehovah* had said, In Jerusalem shall my name be forever.

33:5 And he built altars for all the host of heaven in the two courts of the house of *Yehovah*.

33:6 And he caused his children to pass through the fire in the valley of the son of Hinnom: also he observed times, and used enchantments, and used witchcraft, and dealt with a familiar spirit, and with wizards: he worked much evil in the sight of *Yehovah*, to provoke him to anger.

33:7 And he set a carved image, the idol which he had made, in the house of God, of which God had said to David and to Solomon his son, In this house, and in Jerusalem, which I have chosen before all the tribes of Israel, will I put my name forever:

33:8 Neither will I any more remove the foot of Israel from out of the land which I have appointed for your fathers; so that they will take heed to do all that I have commanded them, according to the whole law and the statutes and the ordinances by the hand of Moses.

33:9 So Manasseh made Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem to err, and to do worse than the heathen, whom *Yehovah* had destroyed before the children of Israel.

33:10 And *Yehovah* spoke to Manasseh, and to his people: but they would not listen.

33:11 Why *Yehovah* brought on them the captains of the host of the king of Assyria, which took Manasseh among the thorns, and bound him with fetters, and carried him to Babylon.

33:12 And when he was in affliction, he sought *Yehovah* his God, and humbled himself greatly before the God of his fathers,

33:13 And prayed to him: and he was entreated of him, and heard his supplication, and brought him again to Jerusalem into his kingdom. Then Manasseh knew that *Yehovah* he was God.

33:14 Now after this he built a wall without the city of David, on the west side of Gihon, in the valley, even to the entering in at the fish gate, and compassed about Ophel, and raised it up a very great height, and put captains of war in all the fenced cities of Judah.

33:15 And he took away the strange gods, and the idol out of the house of *Yehovah*, and all the altars that he had built in the mount of the house of *Yehovah*, and in Jerusalem, and cast them out of the city.

33:16 And he repaired the altar of *Yehovah*, and sacrificed thereon peace offerings and thank offerings, and commanded Judah to serve *Yehovah* God of Israel.

33:17 Nevertheless the people did sacrifice still in the high places, yet to *Yehovah* their God only.

33:18 Now the rest of the acts of Manasseh, and his prayer to his God, and the words of the seers that spoke to him in the name of *Yehovah* God of Israel, behold, they are written in the book of the kings of Israel.

33:19 His prayer also, and how God was entreated of him, and all his sins, and his trespass, and the places in which he built high places, and set up groves and graven images, before he was humbled: behold, they are written among the sayings of the seers.

33:20 So Manasseh slept with his fathers, and they buried him in his own house: and Amon his son reigned in his stead.

33:21 Amon was two and twenty years old when he began to reign, and reigned two years in Jerusalem.

33:22 But he did that which was evil in the sight of *Yehovah*, as did Manasseh his father: for Amon sacrificed to all the carved images which Manasseh his father had made, and served them;

33:23 And humbled not himself before *Yehovah*, as Manasseh his father had humbled himself; but Amon trespassed more and more.

33:24 And his servants conspired against him, and slew him in his own house.

33:25 But the people of the land slew all them that had conspired against king Amon; and the people of the land made Josiah his son king in his stead.

## ***2 Chronicles*** – Chapter 34

34:1 Josiah was eight years old when he began to reign, and he reigned in Jerusalem one and thirty years.

34:2 And he did that which was right in the sight of *Yehovah*, and walked in the ways of David his father, and declined neither to the right hand, nor to the left.

34:3 For in the eighth year of his reign, while he was yet young, he began to seek after the God of David his father: and in the twelfth year he began to purge Judah and Jerusalem from the high places, and the groves, and the carved images, and the molten images.

34:4 And they broke down the altars of Baalim in his presence; and the images, that were on high above them, he cut down; and the groves, and the carved images, and the molten images, he broke in pieces, and made dust of them, and strewed it on the graves of them that had sacrificed to them.

34:5 And he burnt the bones of the priests on their altars, and cleansed Judah and Jerusalem.

34:6 And so did he in the cities of Manasseh, and Ephraim, and Simeon, even to Naphtali, with their mattocks round about.

34:7 And when he had broken down the altars and the groves, and had beaten the graven images into powder, and cut down all the idols throughout all the land of Israel, he returned to Jerusalem.

34:8 Now in the eighteenth year of his reign, when he had purged the land, and the house, he sent Shaphan the son of Azaliah, and Maaseiah the governor of the city, and Joah the son of Joahaz the recorder, to repair the house of *Yehovah* his God.

34:9 And when they came to Hilkiyah the high priest, they delivered the money that was brought into the house of God, which the Levites that kept the doors had gathered of the hand of Manasseh and Ephraim, and of all the remnant of Israel, and of all Judah and Benjamin; and they returned to Jerusalem.

34:10 And they put it in the hand of the workmen that had the oversight of the house of *Yehovah*, and they gave it to the workmen that worked in the house of *Yehovah*, to repair and amend the house:

34:11 Even to the artificers and builders gave they it, to buy hewn stone, and timber for couplings, and to floor the houses which the kings of Judah had destroyed.

34:12 And the men did the work faithfully: and the overseers of them were Jahath and Obadiah, the Levites, of the sons of Merari; and Zechariah and Meshullam, of the sons of the Kohathites, to set it forward; and other of the Levites, all that could skill of instruments of music.

34:13 Also they were over the bearers of burdens, and were overseers of all that worked the work in any manner of service: and of the Levites there were scribes, and officers, and porters.

34:14 And when they brought out the money that was brought into the house of *Yehovah*, Hilkiyah the priest found a book of the law of *Yehovah* given by Moses.

34:15 And Hilkiyah answered and said to Shaphan the scribe, I have found the book of the law in the house of *Yehovah*. And Hilkiyah delivered the book to Shaphan.

34:16 And Shaphan carried the book to the king, and brought the king word back again, saying, All that was committed to your servants, they do it.

34:17 And they have gathered together the money that was found in the house of *Yehovah*, and have delivered it into the hand of the overseers, and to the hand of the workmen.

34:18 Then Shaphan the scribe told the king, saying, Hilkiyah the priest has given me a book. And Shaphan read it before the king.

34:19 And it came to pass, when the king had heard the words of the law, that he rent his clothes.

34:20 And the king commanded Hilkiyah, and Ahikam the son of Shaphan, and Abdon the son of Micah, and Shaphan the scribe, and Asaiah a servant of the king's, saying,

34:21 Go, inquire of *Yehovah* for me, and for them that are left in Israel and in Judah, concerning the words of the book that is found: for great is the wrath of *Yehovah* that is poured out on us, because our fathers have not kept the word of *Yehovah*, to do after all that is written in this book.

34:22 And Hilkiyah, and they that the king had appointed, went to Huldah the prophetess, the wife of Shallum the son of Tikvath, the son of Hasrah, keeper of the wardrobe; (now she dwelled in Jerusalem in the college:) and they spoke to her to that effect.

34:23 And she answered them, Thus said *Yehovah* God of Israel, Tell you the man that sent you to me,

34:24 Thus said *Yehovah*, Behold, I will bring evil on this place, and on the inhabitants of it, even all the curses that are written in the book which they have read before the king of Judah:

34:25 Because they have forsaken me, and have burned incense to other gods, that they might provoke me to anger with all the works of their hands; therefore my wrath shall be poured out on this place, and shall not be quenched.

34:26 And as for the king of Judah, who sent you to inquire of *Yehovah*, so shall you say to him, Thus said *Yehovah* God of Israel concerning the words which you have heard;

34:27 Because your heart was tender, and you did humble yourself before God, when you heard his words against this place, and against the inhabitants of it, and humbled yourself before me, and did rend your clothes, and weep before me; I have even heard you also, said *Yehovah*.

34:28 Behold, I will gather you to your fathers, and you shall be gathered to your grave in peace, neither shall your eyes see all the evil that I will bring on this place, and on the inhabitants of the same. So they brought the king word again.

34:29 Then the king sent and gathered together all the elders of Judah and Jerusalem.

34:30 And the king went up into the house of *Yehovah*, and all the men of Judah, and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and the priests, and the Levites, and all the people, great and small: and he read in their ears all the words of the book of the covenant that was found in the house of *Yehovah*.

34:31 And the king stood in his place, and made a covenant before *Yehovah*, to walk after *Yehovah*, and to keep his commandments, and his testimonies, and his statutes, with all his heart, and with all his soul, to perform the words of the covenant which are written in this book.

34:32 And he caused all that were present in Jerusalem and Benjamin to stand to it. And the inhabitants of Jerusalem did according to the covenant of God, the God of their fathers.

34:33 And Josiah took away all the abominations out of all the countries that pertained to the children of Israel, and made all that were present in Israel to serve, even to serve *Yehovah* their God. And all his days they departed not from following *Yehovah*, the God of their fathers.

## **2 Chronicles** – Chapter 35

35:1 Moreover Josiah kept a *pesach* to *Yehovah* in Jerusalem: and they killed the *pesach* on the fourteenth day of the first month.

35:2 And he set the priests in their charges, and encouraged them to the service of the house of *Yehovah*,

35:3 And said to the Levites that taught all Israel, which were holy to *Yehovah*, Put the holy ark in the house which Solomon the son of David king of Israel did build; it shall not be a burden on your shoulders: serve now *Yehovah* your God, and his people Israel,

35:4 And prepare yourselves by the houses of your fathers, after your courses, according to the writing of David king of Israel, and according to the writing of Solomon his son.

35:5 And stand in the holy place according to the divisions of the families of the fathers of your brothers the people, and after the division of the families of the Levites.

35:6 So kill the *pesach*, and sanctify yourselves, and prepare your brothers, that they may do according to the word of *Yehovah* by the hand of Moses.

35:7 And Josiah gave to the people, of the flock, lambs and kids, all for the *pesach* offerings, for all that were present, to the number of thirty thousand, and three thousand bullocks: these were of the king's substance.

35:8 And his princes gave willingly to the people, to the priests, and to the Levites: Hilkiah and Zechariah and Jehiel, rulers of the house of God, gave to the priests for the *pesach* offerings two thousand and six hundred small cattle and three hundred oxen.

35:9 Conaniah also, and Shemaiah and Nethaneel, his brothers, and Hashabiah and Jeiel and Jozabad, chief of the Levites, gave to the Levites for *pesach* offerings five thousand small cattle, and five hundred oxen.

35:10 So the service was prepared, and the priests stood in their place, and the Levites in their courses, according to the king's commandment.

35:11 And they killed the *pesach*, and the priests sprinkled the blood from their hands, and the Levites flayed them.

35:12 And they removed the burnt offerings, that they might give according to the divisions of the families of the people, to offer to *Yehovah*, as it is written in the book of Moses. And so did they with the oxen.

35:13 And they roasted the *pesach* with fire according to the ordinance: but the other holy offerings sod they in pots, and in caldrons, and in pans, and divided them speedily among all the people.

35:14 And afterward they made ready for themselves, and for the priests: because the priests the sons of Aaron were busied in offering of burnt offerings and the fat until night; therefore the Levites prepared for themselves, and for the priests the sons of Aaron.

35:15 And the singers the sons of Asaph were in their place, according to the commandment of David, and Asaph, and Heman, and Jeduthun the king's seer; and the porters waited at every gate; they might not depart from their service; for their brothers the Levites prepared for them.

35:16 So all the service of *Yehovah* was prepared the same day, to keep the *pesach*, and to offer burnt offerings on the altar of *Yehovah*, according to the commandment of king Josiah.

35:17 And the children of Israel that were present kept the *pesach* at that time, and the feast of unleavened bread seven days.

35:18 And there was no *pesach* like to that kept in Israel from the days of Samuel the prophet; neither did all the kings of Israel keep such a *pesach* as Josiah kept, and the priests, and the Levites, and all Judah and Israel that were present, and the inhabitants of Jerusalem.

35:19 In the eighteenth year of the reign of Josiah was this *pesach* kept.

35:20 After all this, when Josiah had prepared the temple, Necho king of Egypt came up to fight against Charchemish by Euphrates: and Josiah went out against him.

35:21 But he sent ambassadors to him, saying, What have I to do with you, you king of Judah? I come not against you this day, but against the house with which I have war: for God commanded me to make haste: forbear you from meddling with God, who is with me, that he destroy you not.

35:22 Nevertheless Josiah would not turn his face from him, but disguised himself, that he might fight with him, and listened not to the words of Necho from the mouth of God, and came to fight in the valley of Megiddo.

35:23 And the archers shot at king Josiah; and the king said to his servants, Have me away; for I am sore wounded.

35:24 His servants therefore took him out of that chariot, and put him in the second chariot that he had; and they brought him to Jerusalem, and he died, and was buried in one of the sepulchers of his fathers. And all Judah and Jerusalem mourned for Josiah.

35:25 And Jeremiah lamented for Josiah: and all the singing men and the singing women spoke of Josiah in their lamentations to this day, and made them an ordinance in Israel: and, behold, they are written in the lamentations.

35:26 Now the rest of the acts of Josiah, and his goodness, according to that which was written in the law of *Yehovah*,

35:27 And his deeds, first and last, behold, they are written in the book of the kings of Israel and Judah.

## **2 Chronicles** – Chapter 36

36:1 Then the people of the land took Jehoahaz the son of Josiah, and made him king in his father's stead in Jerusalem.

36:2 Jehoahaz was twenty and three years old when he began to reign, and he reigned three months in Jerusalem.

36:3 And the king of Egypt put him down at Jerusalem, and condemned the land in a hundred talents of silver and a talent of gold.

36:4 And the king of Egypt made Eliakim his brother king over Judah and Jerusalem, and turned his name to Jehoiakim. And Necho took Jehoahaz his brother, and carried him to Egypt.

36:5 Jehoiakim was twenty and five years old when he began to reign, and he reigned eleven years in Jerusalem: and he did that which was evil in the sight of *Yehovah* his God.

36:6 Against him came up Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, and bound him in fetters, to carry him to Babylon.

36:7 Nebuchadnezzar also carried of the vessels of the house of *Yehovah* to Babylon, and put them in his temple at Babylon.

36:8 Now the rest of the acts of Jehoiakim, and his abominations which he did, and that which was found in him, behold, they are written in the book of the kings of Israel and Judah: and Jehoiachin his son reigned in his stead.

36:9 Jehoiachin was eight years old when he began to reign, and he reigned three months and ten days in Jerusalem: and he did that which was evil in the sight of *Yehovah*.

36:10 And when the year was expired, king Nebuchadnezzar sent, and brought him to Babylon, with the goodly vessels of the house of *Yehovah*, and made Zedekiah his brother king over Judah and Jerusalem.

36:11 Zedekiah was one and twenty years old when he began to reign, and reigned eleven years in Jerusalem.

36:12 And he did that which was evil in the sight of *Yehovah* his God, and humbled not himself before Jeremiah the prophet speaking from the mouth of *Yehovah*.

36:13 And he also rebelled against king Nebuchadnezzar, who had made him swear by God: but he stiffened his neck, and hardened his heart from turning to *Yehovah* God of Israel.

36:14 Moreover all the chief of the priests, and the people, transgressed very much after all the abominations of the heathen; and polluted the house of *Yehovah* which he had hallowed in Jerusalem.

36:15 And *Yehovah* God of their fathers sent to them by his messengers, rising up betimes, and sending; because he had compassion on his people, and on his dwelling place:

36:16 But they mocked the messengers of God, and despised his words, and misused his prophets, until the wrath of *Yehovah* arose against his people, till there was no remedy.

36:17 Therefore he brought on them the king of the Chaldees, who slew their young men with the sword in the house of their sanctuary, and had no compassion on young man or maiden, old man, or him that stooped for age: he gave them all into his hand.

36:18 And all the vessels of the house of God, great and small, and the treasures of the house of *Yehovah*, and the treasures of the king, and of his princes; all these he brought to Babylon.

36:19 And they burnt the house of God, and broke down the wall of Jerusalem, and burnt all the palaces of it with fire, and destroyed all the goodly vessels of it.

36:20 And them that had escaped from the sword carried he away to Babylon; where they were servants to him and his sons until the reign of the kingdom of Persia:

36:21 To fulfill the word of *Yehovah* by the mouth of Jeremiah, until the land had enjoyed her sabbaths: for as long as she lay desolate she kept sabbath, to fulfill three score and ten years.

36:22 Now in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, that the word of *Yehovah* spoken by the mouth of Jeremiah might be accomplished, *Yehovah* stirred up the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia, that he made a proclamation throughout all his kingdom, and put it also in writing, saying,

36:23 Thus said Cyrus king of Persia, All the kingdoms of the earth has *Yehovah* God of heaven given me; and he has charged me to build him a house in Jerusalem, which is in Judah. Who is there among you of all his people? *Yehovah* his God be with him, and let him go up.

## *Kings of the Kingdoms*

King <b>Saul</b>	1 Samuel 11:15
King <b>Ishbosheth</b>	2 Samuel 2:8–9
King <b>David</b>	2 Samuel 5:3-5
King <b>Solomon</b>	1 Kings 2:12
King <b>Rehoboam</b>	1 Kings 11:43, 1 Chronicles 11:17
(Israel) <b>Jeroboam</b>	
King <b>Abijah</b>	1 Kings 14:31, 2 Chronicles 13:1
King <b>Asa</b>	1 Kings 15:8, 2 Chronicles 14:1
(Israel) <b>Nadab, Baasha, Elah, Zimri, Omri, Ahab</b>	
King <b>Jehoshaphat</b>	1 Kings 15:24, 2 Chronicles 17:1
(Israel) <b>Ahaziah, Jehoram</b>	
King <b>Jehoram</b>	1 Kings 22:50, 2 Chronicles 21:5
King <b>Ahaziah</b>	2 Kings 8:24, 2 Chronicles 22:1
(Israel) <b>Jehu</b>	
Queen <b>Athaliah</b>	2 Kings 11:3, 2 Chronicles 22:12
King <b>Jehoiada</b>	2 Kings 11:21, 2 Chronicles 23:1
(Israel) <b>Jehoahaz, Jehoash</b>	
King <b>Amaziah</b>	2 Kings 14:1, 2 Chronicles 25:1
(Israel) <b>Jeroboam II</b>	
King <b>Uzziah</b> (Azariah)	2 Kings 15:1, 2 Chronicles 26:1
(Israel) <b>Zachariah, Shallum, Menahem, Pekaiiah, Pekah</b>	
King <b>Jotham</b>	2 Kings 15:32, 2 Chronicles 27:1
King <b>Ahaz</b>	2 Kings 16:1, 2 Chronicles 28:1
(Israel) <b>Hoshea Last King of Israel</b>	
King <b>Hezekiah</b>	2 Kings 18:1, 2 Chronicles 29:1
Assyrian Empire destroyed Northern Kingdom 722 BCE	
King <b>Manasseh</b>	2 Kings 20:21, 2 Chronicles 33:1
King <b>Amon</b>	2 Kings 21:18, 2 Chronicles 33:21
King <b>Josiah</b>	2 Kings 21:26, 2 Chronicles 34:1
King <b>Jehoahaz</b>	2 Kings 23:30, 2 Chronicles 36:1
King <b>Jehoiakim</b>	2 Kings 23:34, 2 Chronicles 36:5
King <b>Jehoiachin</b>	2 Kings 24:6, 2 Chronicles 36:9
King <b>Zedekiah</b>	2 Kings 24:17, 2 Chronicles 36:11

# *Inspired Order of the 22 Original OT Books*

## *Books of the Law*

**Genesis** - 1

**Exodus** - 2

**Leviticus** - 3

**Numbers** - 4

**Deuteronomy** - 5

## *Prophets*

**Joshua / Judges** - 6

**Books of the Kingdoms** - 7

1 Samuel / 2 Samuel

1 Kings / 2 Kings

**Isaiah** - 8

**Jeremiah** - 9

**Ezekiel** - 10

**Book of the Twelve** - 11

Hosea

Joel

Amos

Obadiah

Jonah

Micah

Nahum

Habakkuk

Zephaniah

Haggai

Zechariah

Malachi

## *Psalms & Writings*

**Psalms** - 12

**Proverbs** - 13

**Job** - 14

## *The Festival Books (Megillot)*

**Song of Songs** - 15

**Ruth** - 16

**Lamentations** - 17

**Ecclesiastes** - 18

**Esther** - 19

**Daniel** - 20

**Ezra / Nehemiah** - 21

**1 Chronicles / 2 Chronicles** - 22

## *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.

***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.

***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.

***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)

Acacia = Shittim (KJV)

Angry = Wrath (KJV)

Attractive = Well Favored (KJV)

Brooches = Ouches (KJV)

Chief = Duke (KJV)

Earthen = Earthy (KJV)

Example = Ensample (KJV)

Grain = Corn (KJV)

Heads of Grain = Ears of Corn (KJV)

Hebrew = Jew (KJV)

Israelite = Israelitish (KJV)

Joshua = Hoshea (KJV)

Midianite = Midianitish (KJV)

Perversion = Frowardness (KJV)

Pesach = Passover (KJV)

Plundered = Spoiled (KJV)

Qohelet = Preacher (KJV)

Spirit = Ghost (KJV)

Striped = Ringstraked (KJV)

Talkative = Prating (KJV)

Unattractive = Ill Favored (KJV)

Which = Whether (KJV)

Wild Ox = Unicorn (KJV)

Womb = Matrix (KJV)

## *Psalms 23*

Yehovah is my shepherd; I shall not want.

He makes me to lie down in green pastures: He leads me beside the still waters.

He restores my soul: He leads me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake.

Yes, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies: You anoint my head with oil; my cup runs over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of Yehovah forever.