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First Kings

1 Now King David had aged, he had come into days, and they covered him with garments, but it was not warm for him. 2 And his servants said to him, “Let them seek for my lord the king a young woman, a virgin, and let her stand to the face of the king, and let her be caring for him, and let her lie in your bosom, that it may be warm for my lord the king.”

3 And they sought a beautiful young woman in all of the border of Israel, and they found Abishag the Shunammitess, and they brought her to the king. 4 Now the young woman was beautiful to abundance. And she became one caring for the king, and she served him, but the king did not know her.

5 Now Adonijah, the son of Haggith, was lifting himself up, saying, “I, I will reign.” And he made for himself a chariot and horses and 50 men running to his face. 6 And his father had not grieved him from his days, saying, “Why have you done thus?” And he was also very good of appearance, and she had borne him after Absalom.

7 And his words were with Joab, the son of Zeruiah, and with Abiathar the priest. And they helped after Adonijah. 8 But Zadok the priest and Benaiah, the son of Jehoiada, and Nathan the prophet and Shimei and Rei and the warriors who *were* to David were not with Adonijah.

9 And Adonijah sacrificed sheep and cattle and fatling at the stone of Zoheleth, which *is* near En Rogel. And he called all of his brothers, the sons of the king, and to all of the men of Judah, the servants of the king. 10 But he did not call Nathan the prophet or Benaiah or the warriors or his brother Solomon.

11 And Nathan spoke to Bathsheba, the mother of Solomon, saying, “Have you not heard that Adonijah, the son of Haggith, reigns, and our master David does not know? 12 And now, come, please let me counsel you counsel, and escape with your life and with the life of your son Solomon. 13 Go, and come to King David, and you shall say to him, ‘My lord the king, you, have you not sworn to your female servant, saying, “Surely Solomon your son will reign after me, and he will sit on my throne”? Then why does Adonijah reign?’ 14 Behold, you will still be speaking there with the king, and I, I will come after you, and I will fill your words.”

15 So Bathsheba came to the king, into the room. (Now the king had aged greatly, and Abishag the Shunammitess was serving the king.) 16 And Bathsheba bowed and prostrated herself to the king. And the king said, “What to you?”

17 And she said to him, “My lord, you, you swore to your female servant by Yahweh your God, ‘Surely Solomon your son will reign after me, and he will sit on my throne.’ 18 But now, behold, Adonijah reigns, and now, my lord the king, you do not know. 19 And he has sacrificed ox and fatling and sheep to abundance, and he has called to all of the sons of the king and to Abiathar the priest and to Joab the commander of the army, but to Solomon your servant he has not called. 20 And you, my lord the king, the eyes of all of Israel are on you, to declare to them who will sit on the throne of my lord the king after him. 21 And it will happen, when my lord the king lies down with his fathers, that I will be, I and my son Solomon, offenders.”

22 And behold, she was still speaking with the king, and Nathan the prophet came. 23 And they declared to the king, saying, “Behold, Nathan the prophet.” And he came to the face of the king, and he prostrated himself to the king with his nose to the ground.

24 And Nathan said, “My lord the king, you, have you said, ‘Adonijah will reign after me, and he will sit on my throne’? 25 For he has gone down today and sacrificed ox and fatling and sheep to abundance, and he has called to all of the sons of the king and to the commanders of the army and to Abiathar the priest. And behold them, eating and drinking to his face. And they are saying, ‘May King Adonijah live!’ 26 But to me, me your servant, and to Zadok the priest and to Benaiah, the son of Jehoiada, and to Solomon your servant, he has not called. 27 Has this thing been done from with my lord the king and you have not made your servants know who will sit on the throne of my lord the king after him?”

28 And King David answered and said, “Call to Bathsheba for me.” And she came to the face of the king, and she stood to the face of the king.

29 And the king swore and said, “The life of Yahweh, who has rescued my life from every distress, 30 that just as I swore to you by Yahweh the God of Israel, saying, ‘Surely Solomon your son will reign after me, and he will sit on my throne in my place,’ surely thus I will do this day.”

31 And Bathsheba bowed, nostrils *to* the ground, and she prostrated herself to the king, and she said, “May my lord King David live to forever!”

32 And King David said, “Call to me to Zadok the priest and to Nathan the prophet and to Benaiah, the son of Jehoiada.” And they came to the face of the king. 33 And the king said to them, “Take the servants of your master with you, and you shall make Solomon my son ride on the female mule that is to me, and you shall bring him down to Gihon. 34 And Zadok the priest and Nathan the prophet shall anoint him there as king over Israel. And you shall blow on a shofar, and you shall say, ‘May King Solomon live!’ 35 And you shall go up after him, and he shall come and sit on my throne, and he, he will reign in my place. And I have commanded him to be ruler over Israel and over Judah.”

36 And Benaiah, the son of Jehoiada, answered the king and said, “Truly! May Yahweh, the God of my lord the king, say thus! 37 Just as Yahweh has been with my lord the king, so may he be with Solomon. And may he make his throne greater than the throne of my lord King David.”

38 Then Zadok the priest and Nathan the prophet and Benaiah, the son of Jehoiada, and the Cherethite and the Pelethite went down, and they made Solomon ride on the female mule of King David. And they brought him to Gihon. 39 And Zadok the priest took the horn of oil from the tent, and he anointed Solomon. And they blew on the shofar, and all of the people said, “May King Solomon live!” 40 Then all of the people went up after him. And the people were piping with pipes and rejoicing a great rejoicing. And the earth was split by their sound.

41 And Adonijah and all of the called ones who *were* with him heard, and they had finished eating. And Joab heard the sound of the shofar, and he said, "Why is the sound of the city being noisy?"

42 He was still speaking, and behold, Jonathan, the son of Abiathar the priest, came. And Adonijah said, "Come, for you are a man of valor, and you will bring good news."

43 And Jonathan answered and said to Adonijah, "Truly, our master King David has made Solomon reign. 44 And the king sent with him Zadok the priest and Nathan the prophet and Benaiah, the son of Jehoiada, and the Cherethite and the Pelethite. And they made him ride on the female mule of the king. 45 And Zadok the priest and Nathan the prophet anointed him as king at Gihon, and they have come up from there rejoicing, and the city is agitated. This *is* the sound that you have heard. 46 And also, Solomon is sitting on the throne of the kingdom. 47 And also, the servants of the king came to bless our master King David, saying, 'May God make the name of Solomon better than your name, and may he make his throne greater than your throne.' And the king bowed himself on the bed. 48 And also, thus said the king, 'Blessed *be* Yahweh, the God of Israel, who today has given a sitter on my throne, and my eyes are seeing.'"

49 Then all of the called ones who *were* with Adonijah trembled and arose. And they went, a man to his way. 50 And Adonijah was afraid from the face of Solomon. And he arose and went and grasped the horns of the altar. 51 And it was declared to Solomon, saying, "Behold, Adonijah fears King Solomon. And behold, he has grasped the horns of the altar, saying, 'Let King Solomon swear to me as today if he will kill his servant with the sword.'"

52 And Solomon said, "If he will be a son of valor, from his hair shall not fall to the ground. But if evil is found in him, then he shall die." 53 And King Solomon sent, and they brought him down from beside the altar. And he came and prostrated himself to King Solomon. And Solomon said to him, "Go to your house."

2 Now the days of David to die approached, and he commanded Solomon his son, saying, 2 "I am going in the way of all of the earth. So you shall be strong, and you shall be a man. 3 And you shall keep the keeping of Yahweh your God, to walk in his ways, to keep his statutes, his commandments, and his judgments, and his testimonies, as written in the law of Moses, so that you may succeed *in* all that you do and everywhere that you turn there, 4 so that Yahweh may raise up his word, which he spoke about me, saying, 'If your sons keep their way, to walk to my face in truth with all of their heart and with all of their soul,' saying, 'a man to you will not be cut off from upon the throne of Israel.' 5 And also, you, you know what Joab, the son of Zeruiah, did to me, what he did to two of the commanders of the armies of Israel, to Abner, the son of Ner, and to Amasa, the son of Jether, that he murdered them. For he put the blood of war in peace, and he put the blood of war on his belt that *was* on his loins and on his sandal that *was* on his feet. 6 And you shall act according to your wisdom, and you shall not let his gray hair go down in peace to Sheol. 7 But to the sons of Barzillai the Gileadite do covenant faithfulness, and let them be among the eaters at your table. For thus they came near to me, when I fled from the face of Absalom your brother. 8 And behold, with you *is* Shimei, the son of Gera, the Benjaminite from Bahurim. And he, he cursed me with a severe curse on the day of my going to Mahanaim. But he, he went down to meet me *at* the Jordan, and I swore to him by Yahweh, saying, 'If I should kill you with the sword.' 9 But now, may you not acquit him. For you *are* a wise man, and you know what you shall do to him. And you shall make his gray hair go down with blood to Sheol."

10 And David lay down with his fathers, and he was buried in the City of David. 11 And the days that David had reigned over Israel *were* 40 years. In Hebron he had reigned 7 years, and in Jerusalem he had reigned 33 years. 12 And Solomon sat on the throne of David his father, and his kingdom was established greatly.

13 Now Adonijah, the son of Haggith, came to Bathsheba, the mother of Solomon. And she said, "*Is* your coming *in* peace?" And he said, "*In* peace." 14 And he said, "A word *is* to me for you." And she said, "Speak." 15 And he said, "You, you know that the kingdom was to me, and all of Israel had set their faces on me to reign. But the kingdom turned and became to my brother, for it was to him from Yahweh. 16 And now, one request I am requesting from you. Do not turn away my face." And she said to him, "Speak." 17 And he said, "Please speak to King Solomon, for he will not turn away your face, that he may give to me Abishag the Shunammitess for a wife." 18 And Bathsheba said, "Good. I, I will speak about you to the king."

19 And Bathsheba came to King Solomon to speak to him about Adonijah. And the king arose to meet her, and he bowed down to her. And he sat on his throne, and he set a throne for the mother of the king, and she sat at his right side. 20 And she said, "One small request I am requesting from you. Do not turn away my face." And the king said to her, "Request, my mother, for I will not turn away your face." 21 And she said, "Let Abishag the Shunammitess be given to Adonijah your brother for a wife." 22 And King Solomon answered and said to his mother, "And why are you requesting Abishag the Shunammitess for Adonijah? Then request for him the kingdom, for he is my brother, older than me, and for him and for Abiathar the priest and for Joab, the son of Zeruiah!" 23 And King Solomon swore by Yahweh, saying, "Thus may God do to me, and thus may he add, for against his life Adonijah has spoken this word. 24 And now, the life of Yahweh, who has established me and made me sit on the throne of David my father, and who has made a house for me, just as he said, surely Adonijah shall be killed today." 25 And King Solomon sent by the hand of Benaiah, the son of Jehoiada, and he attacked him, and he died.

26 And to Abiathar the priest the king said, "Go *to* Anathoth, to your fields. For you *are* a man of death, but I will not kill you on this day, because you carried the Box of my Lord Yahweh to the face of David my father and because you were afflicted with everything *with* which my father was afflicted." 27 So Solomon drove out Abiathar from being a priest to Yahweh, to fulfill the word of Yahweh that he had spoken concerning the house of Eli at Shiloh.

28 And the report came to Joab, for Joab had turned aside after Adonijah, but he had not turned aside after Absalom. And Joab fled to the tent of Yahweh, and he grasped the horns of the altar. 29 And it was declared to King Solomon that Joab had fled to the tent of Yahweh, and behold, *he was* beside

the altar. And Solomon sent Benaiah, the son of Jehoiada, saying, “Go, attack him.” 30 And Benaiah came to the tent of Yahweh, and he said to him, “Thus says the king, ‘Come out!’” And he said, “No, for here I will die.” And Benaiah brought back word to the king, saying, “Thus Joab spoke, and thus he answered me.” 31 And the king said to him, “Do just as he has spoken and attack him and bury him. And you shall remove the blood that Joab poured out without cause from upon me and from upon the house of my father. 32 And Yahweh will return his blood on his head because he attacked two men more righteous and better than him, and he killed them with the sword, and my father David did not know, Abner, the son of Ner, the commander of the army of Israel, and Amasa, the son of Jether, the commander of the army of Judah. 33 And their blood will return on the head of Joab and on the head of his seed to forever. But for David and for his seed and for his house and for his throne will be peace until forever from with Yahweh.” 34 And Benaiah, the son of Jehoiada, went up and attacked him and killed him. And he was buried in his house in the wilderness. 35 And the king put Benaiah, the son of Jehoiada, in place of him over the army, and the king put Zadok the priest in place of Abiathar.

36 And the king sent and called for Shimei, and he said to him, “Build a house for yourself in Jerusalem and dwell there. And do not go out from there where or where. 37 And it will happen on the day of your going out and you pass over the wadi of Kidron, knowing, you shall know that dying, you shall die. Your blood will be on your head.” 38 And Shimei said to the king, “The word is good. Just as my lord the king has spoken, thus will your servant do.” And Shimei dwelled in Jerusalem many days.

39 And it happened at the end of three years that two of the slaves of Shimei fled to Achish, the son of Maacah, the king of Gath. And they declared to Shimei, saying, “Behold, your slaves *are* in Gath.” 40 So Shimei arose and saddled his donkey and went to Gath, to Achish, to seek his slaves. And Shimei went and brought back his slaves from Gath. 41 And it was declared to Solomon that Shimei had gone from Jerusalem *to* Gath and had returned. 42 And the king sent and called for Shimei, and he said to him, “Did I not make you swear by Yahweh and testify against you, saying, ‘On the day of your going out, and you go where or where, knowing, you shall know that dying, you shall die’? And you said to me, ‘The word I have heard is good.’ 43 So why did you not keep the oath of Yahweh and the command that I commanded upon you?” 44 And the king said to Shimei, “You, you know all of the evil that your heart knows, which you did to David my father. And Yahweh will return your evil on your head. 45 But King Solomon will be blessed, and the throne of David will be established to the face of Yahweh to forever.” 46 And the king commanded Benaiah, the son of Jehoiada, and he went out and attacked him, and he died. And the kingdom was established in the hand of Solomon.

3 And Solomon made himself a son-in-law to Pharaoh, the king of Egypt. And he took the daughter of Pharaoh and brought her into the City of David until his finishing to build his house and the house of Yahweh and the wall of Jerusalem round about. 2 However, the people were sacrificing at the high places because a house had not been built for the name of Yahweh up to those days. 3 And Solomon loved Yahweh, to walk in the statutes of David his father, but at the high places he was sacrificing and burning incense.

4 And the king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there, for it was the great high place. Solomon offered a thousand burnt offerings on that altar. 5 At Gibeon, Yahweh appeared to Solomon in a dream that night. And God said, “Ask! What shall I give to you?” 6 And Solomon said, “You, you did great covenant faithfulness with your servant David, my father because he walked to your face in faithfulness and in righteousness and in uprightness of heart with you. And you have kept for him this great covenant faithfulness, and you have given to him a son sitting on his throne, as *it is* this day. 7 And now, Yahweh my God, you, you have made your servant reign in place of David my father, but I *am* a little child. I do not know going out or coming in. 8 And your servant *is* in the midst of your people whom you have chosen, an abundant people who can not be numbered and can not be counted from abundance. 9 So may you give to your servant a hearing heart to judge your people, to discern between good to evil. For who is able to judge this your heavy people?”

10 And the thing was good in the eyes of the Lord, that Solomon had requested this thing. 11 And God said to him, “Because you have requested this thing and you have not requested for yourself many days, and you have not requested riches for yourself, and you have not requested the life of your enemies, but you have requested for yourself to discern to hear justice, 12 behold, I have done according to your word. Behold, I have given to you a wise and discerning heart, that one like you has not been to your face and one like you will not arise after you. 13 And also, what you have not requested, I have given to you, both riches and honor, so that there will not be a man like you among kings all of your days. 14 And if you walk in my ways to keep my statutes and my commandments, just as David your father walked, then I will lengthen your days.” 15 And Solomon awoke, and behold, *it had been* a dream. And he entered Jerusalem, and he stood to the face of the Box of the Covenant of the Lord. And he offered burnt offerings, and he made peace offerings. And he made a feast for all of his servants.

16 Then two women, prostitutes, came to the king, and they stood to his face. 17 And one woman said, “Please, my lord, I and this woman are dwelling in one house, and I gave birth with her in the house. 18 And it happened on the third day of my giving birth that this woman also gave birth. And we *were* together, no stranger *was* with us in the house, only we two *were* in the house. 19 And the son of this woman died *at* night, because she lay on him. 20 And she arose in the middle of the night, and she took my son from my side, and your female servant was asleep. And she laid him in her bosom. And her son, the one having died, she laid in my bosom. 21 And I arose in the morning to nurse my son, and behold, he had died. But I looked carefully upon him in the morning, and behold, he was not my son whom I had borne.” 22 And the other woman said, “No, for my son *is* the living one, and your son *is* the one having died.” But this one was saying, “No, for your son *is* the one having died, and my son *is* the living one.” And they spoke to the face of the king.

23 And the king said, “This one says, ‘This *is* my son, the living one, and your son *is* the one having died,’ but that one

says, ‘No, but your son *is* the one having died, and my son *is* the living one.’” 24 And the king said, “Get a sword for me.” And they brought the sword to the face of the king. 25 And the king said, “Divide the living child in two, and give half to one and half to the other.” 26 And the woman whose son *was* the living one spoke to the king, for her compassions for her son were kindled. And she said, “Please, my lord, give the living child to her, but killing, you must not kill him!” But this one was saying, “He will not be either for me or for you. Divide.” 27 And the king answered and said, “Give the living child to her, and killing, you shall not kill him. She is his mother.” 28 And all of Israel heard the judgment that the king had judged, and they were afraid from the face of the king, because they saw that the wisdom of God was within him to do justice.

4 Now King Solomon was king over all of Israel. 2 And these *were* the officials who *were* to him. Azariah, the son of Zadok, was the priest. 3 Elihoreph and Ahijah, the sons of Shisha, were scribes. Jehoshaphat, the son of Ahilud, was the recorder. 4 And Benaiah, the son of Jehoiada, was over the army. And Zadok and Abiathar were priests. 5 And Azariah, the son of Nathan, *was* over the deputies. And Zabud, the son of Nathan, *was* a priest, a friend of the king. 6 And Ahishar was over the house. And Adoniram, the son of Abda, was over the forced labor.

7 Now to Solomon *were* 12 deputies over all of Israel, and they sustained the king and his house. A month in the year was upon one to sustain. 8 And these *were* their names. Ben Hur, in the hill country of Ephraim. 9 Ben Deker, in Makaz and in Shaalbim and Beth Shemesh and Elon Beth Hanan. 10 Ben Hesed, in Arubboth (to him *was* Sokoh and all of the land of Hepher). 11 Ben Abinadab, all of Naphoth Dor. (Taphath, the daughter of Solomon, was to him for a wife.) 12 Baana, the son of Ahilud, in Taanach and Megiddo and all of Beth Shan that *is* beside Zarethan from below Jezreel, from Beth Shan to Abel Meholah, as far as from the other side of Jokmeam. 13 Ben Geber, in Ramoth Gilead. (To him *were* the villages of Jair, the son of Manasseh, that *were* in Gilead; to him *was* the region of Argob, which *was* in Bashan, 60 great cities *with* a wall and a bar of bronze). 14 Ahinadab, the son of Iddo, in Mahanaim. 15 Ahimaaz, in Naphtali. (He also took Basemath, the daughter of Solomon, for a wife.) 16 Baana, the son of Hushai, in Asher and Bealoth. 17 Jehoshaphat, the son of Paruah, in Issachar. 18 Shimei, the son of Ela, in Benjamin. 19 Geber, the son of Uri, in the land of Gilead, the land of Sihon, the king of the Amorite, and Og, the king of Bashan, and *there was* one deputy who *was* in the land.

20 Judah and Israel *were* numerous, like the sand that *is* at the sea for abundance, eating and drinking and rejoicing. 21 And Solomon was ruling over all of the kingdoms from the River *to* the land of the Philistines and to the border of Egypt, bringing tribute and serving Solomon all of the days of his life. 22 And the bread of Solomon for one day was 30 cors of fine flour and 60 cors of flour, 23 ten fat cattle and 20 pasture cattle and 100 sheep, apart from deer and gazelle and roebuck and fattened fowl. 24 For he ruled over everything beyond the River from Tiphsah and to Gaza, over all of the kings of beyond the River. And peace was to him from all of his sides, from all around. 25 And Judah and Israel dwelled in safety, a man under his vine and under his fig tree, from Dan and to Beersheba, all of the days of Solomon. 26 And 40,000 stalls of horses were to Solomon for his chariotry, and 12,000 horsemen. 27 And those deputies sustained King Solomon and all of the *ones* near to the table of King Solomon, a man his month. They did not let a thing lack. 28 And they brought the barley and the straw for the horses and for the steed to the place where it should be there, a man according to his ordinance.

29 And God gave wisdom to Solomon and very much understanding and breadth of heart like the sand that *is* on the shore of the sea. 30 And the wisdom of Solomon was greater than the wisdom of all of the sons of the east and than all of the wisdom of Egypt. 31 And he was wiser than every man, than Ethan the Ezrahite and Heman and Calcol and Darda, the sons of Mahol. And his name was in all of the surrounding nations. 32 And he spoke 3,000 proverbs, and his songs were 1,005. 33 And he spoke about trees, from the cedar that *is* in Lebanon and to the hyssop that comes out in the wall. And he spoke about the beast and about the bird and about the creeping thing and about the fish. 34 And they came from all of the peoples to hear the wisdom of Solomon, from with all of the kings of the earth who had heard *about* his wisdom.

5 And Hiram, king of Tyre, sent his servants to Solomon when he heard that they had anointed him as king in place of his father, for Hiram was a friend to David all of the days. 2 And Solomon sent to Hiram, saying, 3 “You, you know David my father, that he was not able to build a house for the name of Yahweh his God from the face of the warfare *with* which they surrounded him until Yahweh put them under the soles of his foot. 4 And now Yahweh my God has given rest to me from all around. There is no adversary, and there is no evil occurrence. 5 And behold me, saying to build a house for the name of Yahweh my God, just as Yahweh spoke to David my father, saying, ‘Your son, whom I will put in your place on your throne, he, he will build the house for my name.’ 6 And now, command, and may they cut for me cedars from Lebanon, and may my servants be with your servants, and I will give to you the wage of your servants according to all that you say. For you, you know that *there is* no man among us knowing *how* to cut trees like the Sidonians.”

7 And it happened, when Hiram heard the words of Solomon, that he rejoiced greatly. And he said, “Blessed *be* Yahweh today, who has given to David a wise son over this numerous people.” 8 And Hiram sent to Solomon, saying, “I have heard what you sent to me. I, I will do all of your desire with the trees of cedar and with the trees of cypress. 9 And my servants will bring down from Lebanon to the sea, and I, I will set rafts on the sea to the place that you send to me, and I will break them up there. And you, you will lift. And you, you will do my desire by giving the bread of my house.” 10 So Hiram was giving to Solomon trees of cedar and trees of cypress, all of his desire. 11 And Solomon gave to Hiram 20,000 cors of wheat *as* food for his house and 20 cors of beaten oil. Thus Solomon would give to Hiram year by year. 12 And Yahweh gave wisdom to Solomon, just as he had spoken to him. And peace was between Hiram and between Solomon, and the two of them cut a covenant.

13 And King Solomon brought up forced labor from all of Israel. And the forced labor was 30,000 men. 14 And he sent

them to Lebanon, 10,000 by month, *in* shifts. They were a month in Lebanon, two months in his house. And Adoniram was over the forced labor. 15 And it was to Solomon 70,000, a carrier of a burden, and 80,000, a quarrier in the hill country, 16 apart from the commanders of the deputies of Solomon who *were* over the work, 3,300 *were* the ones ruling over the people doing the work. 17 And the king commanded, and they removed great stones, valuable stones, to found the house, stones of hewing. 18 And the builders of Solomon and the builders of Hiram and the Gebalites hewed, and they prepared the wood and the stones to build the house.

6 And it happened, in year 80 and year 400 of the going out of the sons of Israel from the land of Egypt, in the fourth year, in the month of Ziv (it *is* the second month), of the reigning of Solomon over Israel, that he built the house of Yahweh. 2 And the house that King Solomon built for Yahweh, 60 cubits *was* its length, and 20 *was* its width, and 30 cubits *was* its height. 3 And the porch on the face of the nave of the house, 20 cubits *was* its length, on the face of the width of the house. Ten by the cubit *was* its depth, on the face of the house. 4 And he made for the house windows with narrowed frames. 5 And he built an addition against the wall of the house all around, the walls of the house all around, of the nave and of the inner sanctuary. And he made chambers all around. 6 The lowest addition, five by the cubit *was* its width, and the middle, six by the cubit *was* its width, and the third, seven by the cubit *was* its width. For he made ledges for the house all around the outside, so as not to hold onto the walls of the house. 7 And the house, in its being built, was built *of* finished stone *from* a quarry. So hammers or the chisel, any implement of iron, was not heard in the house in its being built. 8 The entrance of the middle chamber *was* to the shoulder of the house *at* the right, and they went up by stairs onto the middle, and from the middle to the third. 9 And he built the house and finished it. And he roofed the house with beams and boards of cedars. 10 And he built the addition against all of the house, five cubits *was* its height, and it held *onto* the house with wood of cedars.

11 And the word of Yahweh was to Solomon, saying, 12 "This house that you are building, if you walk in my statutes and do my judgments and keep all of my commandments by walking in them, then I will make my word stand with you that I spoke to David your father, 13 and I will dwell in the midst of the sons of Israel, and I will not forsake my people Israel."

14 And Solomon built the house and finished it. 15 And he built the walls of the house on the inside with boards of cedar. From the floor of the house to the walls of the ceiling, he overlaid wood on the inside, and he overlaid the floor of the house with boards of cypress. 16 And he built 20 cubits from the recesses of the house with boards of cedar from the floor to the walls. And he built *them* for it on the inside as an inner sanctuary, as the Holy of Holies. 17 And 40 by the cubit was the house (that *is*, the nave) to the face of it. 18 And cedar was to the house within, carving of gourds and opened ones of flowers. The whole *was* cedar, no stone was seen. 19 And he prepared the inner sanctuary in the midst of the house on the inside to put the Box of the Covenant of Yahweh there. 20 And the interior of the inner sanctuary, *it was* 20 cubits *in* length and 20 cubits *in* width, and 20 cubits *was* its height. And he overlaid it *with* pure gold, and he overlaid an altar *with* cedar. 21 And Solomon overlaid the house on the inside *with* pure gold. And he made chains of gold cross to the face of the inner sanctuary, and he overlaid it *with* gold. 22 So he overlaid all of the house *with* gold until finishing all of the house. And the whole of the altar that *was* to the inner sanctuary, he overlaid *with* gold.

23 And he made in the inner sanctuary two cherubs of wood of oil. Ten cubits *was* its height. 24 And five cubits *was* the one wing of the cherub, and five cubits *was* the second wing of the cherub. Ten cubits *were* from the ends of its wings and to the ends of its wings. 25 And ten by the cubit *was* the second cherub. One size and one shape *were* to the two cherubs. 26 The height of the one cherub was ten by the cubit, and thus *was* the second cherub. 27 And he put the cherubs in the midst of the inner house. And they spread out the wings of the cherubs, and the wing of the one touched against the wall, and the wing of the second cherub was touching against the second wall. And their wings toward the middle of the house were touching wing to wing. 28 And he overlaid the cherubs *with* gold.

29 And all of the walls of the house round about, he carved *with* engravings of carvings of cherubs and palm trees and opened ones of flowers, from the inside and to the outside. 30 And the floor of the house, he overlaid *with* gold, to the inside and to the outside. 31 And the entrance of the inner sanctuary, he made doors of wood of oil. The lintel, the doorposts, *were* a fifth. 32 And the two of the doors *were* wood of oil, and he carved on them carvings of cherubs and palm trees and opened ones of flowers, and he overlaid them *with* gold. And he beat out the gold on the cherubs and on the palm trees. 33 And thus he made for the entrance of the nave, doorposts of wood of oil from a fourth. 34 And the two of the doors *were* wood of cypress. The two of the leaves *of* the one door *were* folding, and the two of the curtains *of* the second door *were* folding. 35 And he carved cherubs and palm trees and opened ones of flowers. And he overlaid *with* gold, smoothed onto the carved things. 36 And he built the inner courtyard *with* three rows of hewn stone and a row of beams of cedar.

37 In the fourth year, the house of Yahweh was founded, in the month of Ziv. 38 And in year 11, in the month of Bul (it *is* the eighth month), the house finished, in all of its matters and according to all of its plans. So he built it seven years.

7 And Solomon built his house 13 years, and he finished all of his house. 2 And he built the House of the Forest of Lebanon. 100 cubits *was* its length and 50 cubits *was* its width and 30 cubits *was* its height, upon four rows of pillars of cedar and beams of cedar upon the pillars. 3 And it was covered with cedar from above, upon the beams that were on 45 pillars, 15 the row. 4 And the *window* frames *were* three rows, and window *was* opposite window *in* three tiers. 5 And all of the entrances and doorposts *were* square *in* frame, and window *was* directly opposite to window *in* three tiers. 6 And he made the Porch of Pillars. 50 cubits *was* its length and 30 cubits *was* its width. And a porch *was* on their face, and pillars and a roof *were* on their face. 7 And he made the Porch of the Throne where he would judge there, the Porch of Judgment. And it was covered with cedar from the floor to the floor. 8 And his house where he would dwell there, *in* the other courtyard from the house of the porch, was like this work. And he made a house for

the daughter of Pharaoh, whom Solomon had taken, like this porch.

9 All of these *were* valuable stones, according to the measurements of hewn stone, sawn with the saw on the inside and on the outside, and from the foundation to the eaves and from outside to the great courtyard. 10 And it was founded with valuable stones, great stones, stones of ten cubits and stones of eight cubits. 11 And from above *were* valuable stones, according to the measurements of hewn stone, and cedar. 12 And a great courtyard *was* all around, three rows *of* hewn stone and a row of beams of cedar, and for the inner courtyard of the house of Yahweh and for the porch of the house.

13 And King Solomon sent and took Hiram from Tyre. 14 He *was* the son of a woman, a widow, from the tribe of Naphtali, and his father was a man of Tyre, a crafter of bronze. And he was filled with wisdom and understanding and knowledge to do all work in bronze. And he came to King Solomon, and he did all of his work. 15 And he fashioned two bronze pillars. 18 cubits *was* the height of the one pillar, and a cord of 12 cubits surrounded the second pillar. 16 And he made two capitals to put on the heads of the pillars, casting of bronze. Five cubits *was* the height of one capital, and five cubits *was* the height of the second capital. 17 Networks, a work of netting, strands, a work of chains, *were* to the capitals that *were* on the head of the pillars. Seven were to one capital, and seven were to the second capital. 18 And he made pillars, and two rows all around on one network, to cover the capitals that were on the head of the pomegranates, and thus he did for the second capital. 19 And the capitals that *were* on the head of the pillars *were* the work of a lily, on the porch, four cubits. 20 And the capitals on the two pillars also from above, from near the belly that was on the other side of the network, and the pomegranates *were* 200, *in* rows all around on the second capital. 21 And he set up the pillars at the porch of the temple. And he set up the right pillar and called its name Jachin. And he set up the left pillar and called its name Boaz. 22 And on the head of the pillars *was* the work of a lily. And the work of the pillars was finished.

23 And he made a cast sea, ten by the cubit from its lip to its lip, circular around. And five by the cubit was its height, and a cord of thirty by the cubit surrounded it around. 24 And gourds *were* from underneath to its lip all around, surrounding it, ten in a cubit, encircling the sea all around *in* two rows. The gourds were cast when it was cast. 25 *It was* standing upon 12 cattle, three facing northward and three facing westward and three facing southward and three facing eastward, and the sea *was* upon them from above. And all of their hindquarters *were* inward. 26 And its thickness *was* a handbreadth, and its lip *was* like the work of the lip of a cup, the blossom of a lily. It contained 2,000 baths.

27 And he made ten bronze stands. Four by the cubit *was* the length of one stand, and four by the cubit *was* its width, and three by the cubit *was* its height. 28 And this *was* the work of the stand. Panels *were* to them, and the panels *were* between the frames. 29 And on the panels that *were* between the frames *were* lions, cattle, and cherubs. And on the frames *was* a pedestal from above, and from below to the lions and to the cattle *were* wreaths, the work of descent. 30 And four wheels of bronze *were* to one stand, and axles of bronze. And its four corners, shoulders *were* to them, from below to the basin. The shoulders were cast on the side of each *with* wreaths. 31 And its mouth from the inside of the capital and upward *was* by a cubit. And its mouth *was* circular, the work of a pedestal, a cubit and half of a cubit, and also on its mouth *were* carvings. But their panels were square, not circular. 32 And the four of the wheels *were* beneath the panels, and the hands of the wheels *were* in the stand. And the height of one wheel *was* a cubit and half of a cubit. 33 And the work of the wheels *was* like the work of the wheel of a chariot. Their hands and their rims and their spokes and their hubs, the whole was cast. 34 And four shoulders *were* to the four corners of one stand, from the stand *were* its shoulders. 35 And on the head of the stand, half of a cubit *was* the height, circular all around. And on the head of the stand, its hands and its panels *were* from it. 36 And he engraved cherubs, lions, and palm trees on the plates of its hands and on its panels, according to the bare space of each, and wreaths all around. 37 Like this he made the ten stands. One casting, one size, one shape *was* to all of them.

38 And he made ten bronze basins. One basin contained 40 baths. One basin *was* four by the cubit. One basin *was* on one stand, for the ten stands. 39 And he put the stands, five on the shoulder of the house from the right and five on the shoulder of the house from its left. And he put the sea from the right shoulder of the house, eastward toward the south.

40 And Hiram made basins and shovels and bowls. And Hiram finished doing all of the work that he did for King Solomon *for* the house of Yahweh: 41 the two pillars, and the bowls of the capitals that *were* on the head of the two pillars, and the two networks for covering the two bowls of the capitals that *were* on the head of the pillars, 42 and the 400 pomegranates for the two networks, two rows of pomegranates for one network, to cover the two bowls of the capitals that were on the faces of the pillars, 43 and the ten stands, and the ten basins on the stands, 44 and the one sea, and the 12 cattle under the sea, 45 and the pots and the shovels and the bowls. And all of these vessels that Hiram made for King Solomon *for* the house of Yahweh *were* polished bronze. 46 In the plain of the Jordan the king cast them, in the clay of the ground between Succoth and between Zarethan. 47 And Solomon let all of the vessels rest, from great, great abundance. The weight of the bronze was not sought out.

48 And Solomon made all of the vessels that *were* in the house of Yahweh: the altar of gold, and the table that on it *was* the bread of the face, gold, 49 and the five lampstands on the right and five on the left to the face of the inner sanctuary, pure gold, and the blossom and the lamps and the tongs, gold, 50 and the basins and the trimmers and the sprinkling bowls and the palms and the firepans, pure gold, and the sockets of the doors of the inner house, for the Holy of Holies, for the doors of the house, for the temple, gold.

51 And all of the work that King Solomon did *for* the house of Yahweh was complete. And Solomon brought in the holy things of David, his father. The silver and the gold and the vessels, he put in the storerooms of the house of Yahweh.

8 Then Solomon assembled the elders of Israel, all of the heads of the tribes, the leaders of the fathers of the sons of Israel, to King Solomon *at* Jerusalem, to bring up the Box of the Covenant of Yahweh from the City of David (it *is* Zion). 2 And all of the men of Israel assembled to King Solomon in

the month of Ethanim, at the feast (it *is* the seventh month).
3 And all of the elders of Israel came, and the priests carried
the Box. 4 And they brought up the Box of Yahweh and the tent
of meeting and all of the vessels of holiness that *were* in the
tent. And the priests and the Levites brought them up. 5 And
King Solomon and all of the congregation of Israel, the ones
having congregated themselves to him, *who were* with him to
the face of the Box, were sacrificing sheep and cattle that were
not counted and were not numbered from abundance. 6 And
the priests brought the Box of the Covenant of Yahweh into its
place, into the inner sanctuary of the house, into the Holy of
Holies, to beneath the wings of the cherubs. 7 For the cherubs
were spreading wings toward the place of the Box, and the
cherubs covered over the Box and over its poles from above.
8 And the poles were long, and the heads of the poles were
seen from the Holy Place, at the face of the inner sanctuary,
but they were not seen on the outside. And they are there to
this day. 9 Nothing *was* in the Box except the two tablets of
stone that Moses had placed there at Horeb, where Yahweh
cut with the sons of Israel when they came out from the land
of Egypt. 10 And it happened, when the priests came out from
the Holy Place, that the cloud filled the house of Yahweh.
11 And the priests were not able to stand to minister from the
face of the cloud, for the glory of Yahweh filled the house of
Yahweh.

12 Then Solomon said, "Yahweh said he would dwell in
a dark cloud. 13 Building, I have built a house of habitation
for you, a place for your dwelling *for* ages." 14 And the king
turned his face around, and he blessed all of the assembly of
Israel. Now all of the assembly of Israel was standing. 15 And
he said, "Blessed *be* Yahweh, the God of Israel, who spoke by
his mouth to David my father and fulfilled by his hand, saying,
16 'From the day when I brought out my people, Israel, from
Egypt, I did not choose a city from all of the tribes of Israel to
build a house for my name to be there. But I chose David to be
over my people Israel.' 17 And it was with the heart of David
my father to build a house for the name of Yahweh, the God
of Israel. 18 But Yahweh said to David my father, 'Because it
was with your heart to build a house for my name, you did
well that it was with your heart. 19 However, you, you will not
build the house, but rather your son coming out from your
loins, he, he will build the house for my name.' 20 And Yahweh
has raised up his word that he spoke. And I have arisen in
place of David my father, and I sit on the throne of Israel, just
as Yahweh spoke. And I have built the house for the name of
Yahweh, the God of Israel. 21 And I have made a place there
for the Box where the Covenant of Yahweh *is* there, which he
cut with our fathers when he brought them out from the land
of Egypt."

22 And Solomon stood to the face of the altar of Yahweh,
in front of all of the assembly of Israel. And he spread out
his palms to the heavens, 23 and he said, "Yahweh, the God
of Israel, no god *is* like you in the heavens from above or
on the earth from below, keeping the covenant and covenant
faithfulness with your servants walking to your face with all
of their heart, 24 which you have kept for your servant David,
my father, what you spoke to him. And you spoke with your
mouth, and by your hand you fulfilled, as this day. 25 And
now, Yahweh, the God of Israel, keep for your servant David,
my father, what you spoke to him, saying, 'A man to you will
not be cut off from to my face, sitting on the throne of Israel,
if only your sons will keep their way, to walk to my face just
as you have walked to my face.' 26 And now, God of Israel,
may your word please be confirmed that you spoke to your
servant David, my father.

27 But will God truly dwell on the earth? Behold, the heavens
and the heavens of the heavens do not contain you. How much
less this house that I have built! 28 Yet may you turn to the
prayer of your servant and to his supplication, Yahweh my
God, to listen to the cry and to the prayer that your servant is
praying to your face today, 29 that your eyes may be opened
to this house night and day, to the place *about* which you have
said, 'My name will be there,' to listen to the prayer that your
servant will pray toward this place. 30 And may you listen to
the supplication of your servant and your people Israel that
they will pray toward this place. And you, may you hear in
the place of your dwelling, in the heavens, and may you hear
and forgive.

31 Whoever sins, a man against his neighbor, and he lifts
an oath against him to adjure him, and an oath comes to the
face of your altar in this house, 32 then you, may you hear *in*
the heavens and act and judge your servants, to condemn the
wicked, to put his way on his head, and to acquit the righteous,
to give to him according to his righteousness.

33 When your people Israel are struck to the face of an
enemy because they have sinned against you, and they turn
back to you and they confess your name and they pray and
they supplicate toward you in this house, 34 then you, may
you hear *in* the heavens, and may you forgive the sin of your
people Israel and bring them back to the land that you gave
to their fathers.

35 When the heavens are restrained and there is no rain
because they have sinned against you, and they pray toward
this place and they confess your name and they turn back from
their sin because you have afflicted them, 36 then you, may
you hear *in* the heavens, and may you forgive the sin of your
servants and your people Israel, for you teach the good way
in which they should walk. And may you give rain on your
land that you have given to your people for an inheritance.

37 If famine is in the land, if *there* is pestilence, if *there*
is blight, mildew, locust, grasshopper, if his enemy makes
it narrow to him in the land of his gates, any plague, any
sickness, 38 any prayer, any supplication that is to any man,
to any of your people Israel who know, a man the plague of
his heart, and he spreads out his palms toward this house,
39 then you, may you hear *in* the heavens, the place of your
dwelling, and may you forgive, and may you act and give to a
man according to all of his ways, for you know his heart. For
you, you know, you alone, the heart of all of the sons of man,
40 so that they may fear you all of the days that they *are* alive
on the face of the land that you gave to our fathers.

41 And also, concerning the foreigner, he who *is* not from
your people Israel, and he comes from a distant land because
of your name, 42 for they will hear *about* your great name
and your mighty hand and your outstretched arm, and he
will come and pray toward this house, 43 you, may you hear
in the heavens, the place of your dwelling, and may you act
according to all that the foreigner has cried out to you, so that
all of the peoples of the earth will know your name, to fear

you as your people Israel *do* and to know that your name has been called over this house that I have built.

44 If your people goes out to battle against its enemy by the way that you send them, and they pray to Yahweh *in* the way of the city upon which you have chosen and the house that I have built for your name, 45 then may you hear *in* the heavens their prayer and their supplication, and may you do their justice.

46 If they sin against you (for *there is* no man who does not sin) and you are angry with them and you give them to the face of an enemy and they take them captive *as* their captives to the land of the enemy, distant or near, 47 and they bring back to their heart in the land where they have been taken captive there, and they turn back and supplicate to you in the land of their captors, saying, 'We have sinned and done iniquity, we have acted wickedly,' 48 and they return to you with all of their heart and with all of their soul in the land of their enemies where they took them captive, and they pray to you *in* the way of their land, which you gave to their fathers, the city that you have chosen and the house that I have built for your name, 49 then may you hear *in* the heavens, the place of your dwelling, their prayer and their supplication, and may you do their justice. 50 And may you forgive your people who have sinned against you and all of their transgressions that they have transgressed against you. And may you give them compassion to the face of their captors, and may they have compassion on them. 51 For they *are* your people and your inheritance, whom you brought out from Egypt, from the midst of the furnace of iron, 52 for your eyes to be opened to the supplication of your servant and to the supplication of your people Israel, to listen to them in all of their crying out to you. 53 For you, you separated them for yourself as an inheritance from all of the peoples of the earth, just as you spoke by the hand of Moses your servant when you brought out our fathers from Egypt, my Lord Yahweh."

54 And it happened that when Solomon finished praying to Yahweh all of this prayer and supplication, he arose from to the face of the altar of Yahweh, from kneeling on his knees with his palms spread out *toward* the heavens. 55 And he stood, and he blessed all of the assembly of Israel *in* a great voice, saying, 56 "Blessed *be* Yahweh, who has given rest to his people Israel, according to all that he spoke. One word has not fallen from all of his good word that he spoke by the hand of Moses his servant. 57 May Yahweh our God be with us, just as he was with our fathers. May he not forsake us and may he not abandon us, 58 may he stretch out our heart to him, to walk in all of his ways and to keep his commandments and his statutes and his judgments, which he commanded our fathers. 59 And may these my words, which I have supplicated to the face of Yahweh, be near to Yahweh our God by day and *by* night, to do the justice of his servant and the justice of his people Israel, the matter of a day in its day, 60 so that all of the peoples of the earth may know that Yahweh, he *is* God, *there is* no other! 61 And may your heart be complete with Yahweh our God, to walk in his statutes and to keep his commandments, as this day."

62 And the king and all of Israel with him were sacrificing sacrifices to the face of Yahweh. 63 And Solomon sacrificed a sacrifice of peace offerings that he sacrificed to Yahweh, 22, 000 cattle and 120, 000 sheep. And the king and all of the sons of Israel dedicated the house of Yahweh. 64 On that day the king consecrated the middle of the courtyard that was to the face of the house of Yahweh, so that there he made the burnt offering and the grain offering and the fat of the peace offerings, for the altar of bronze that *was* to the face of Yahweh was small from the containing of the burnt offering and the grain offering and the fat of the peace offerings. 65 And Solomon made the feast at that time, and all of Israel with him, a great assembly, from Lebo Hamath to the wadi of Egypt, to the face of Yahweh our God, seven days and seven days, fourteen days. 66 On the eighth day he sent the people away, and they blessed the king, and they went to their tents rejoicing and good of heart over all of the good that Yahweh had done for David his servant and for Israel his people.

9 And it happened, when Solomon finished building the house of Yahweh and the house of the king and all of the desire of Solomon that he delighted to do, 2 that Yahweh appeared to Solomon a second time, just as he had appeared to him at Gibeon. 3 And Yahweh said to him, "I have heard your prayer and your supplication that you supplicated to my face. I have consecrated this house that you have built, to put my name there to forever. And my eyes and my heart will be there all of the days. 4 And you, if you walk to my face just as David your father walked, in integrity of heart and in uprightness, to do according to all that I have commanded you, *if* you keep my statutes and my judgments, 5 then I will raise up the throne of your kingdom over Israel to forever, just as I spoke to David your father, saying, 'A man to you will not be cut off from upon the throne of Israel.' 6 If turning, you turn, you or your sons, from after me, and you do not keep my commandments, my statutes that I have set to your faces, and you go and serve other gods and prostrate yourselves to them, 7 then I will cut off Israel from upon the face of the ground that I have given to them, and the house that I have consecrated for my name, I will send away from before my face, and Israel will be for a proverb and for a taunt among all of the peoples. 8 And this house *that* is exalted, everyone passing by it will be appalled and will hiss. And they will say, 'Why did Yahweh do thus to this land and to this house?' 9 And they will say, 'Because they forsook Yahweh their God, who brought their fathers out from the land of Egypt, and they held onto other gods and prostrated themselves to them and served them. Therefore Yahweh brought upon them all of this harm.'" 10 And it happened at the end of 20 years that Solomon had built the two houses, the house of Yahweh and the house of the king. 11 Hiram, the king of Tyre, had supplied Solomon with trees of cedar and with trees of cypress and with gold, according to all of his delight. Then King Solomon gave to Hiram 20 cities in the land of Galilee. 12 And Hiram came out from Tyre to see the cities that Solomon had given to him, but they were not right in his eyes. 13 And he said, "What are these cities that you have given to me, my brother?" And he called them the land of Cabul, to this day. 14 Now Hiram had sent to the king 120 kikkars of gold.

15 Now this is the matter of the forced labor that King Solomon brought up to build the house of Yahweh and his house and the Millo and the wall of Jerusalem and Hazor and Megiddo and Gezer. 16 Pharaoh, the king of Egypt, had gone up and captured Gezer, and he had burned it with fire, and he

had killed the Canaanite, the dweller of the city. And he had given it *as* a dowry to his daughter, the wife of Solomon. 17 And Solomon built Gezer and Lower Beth Horon 18 and Baalath and Tadmor in the wilderness in the land 19 and all of the cities of the storehouses that were to Solomon and the cities of the chariotry and the cities of the horsemen and the desire of Solomon, whatever he desired to build in Jerusalem and in Lebanon and in all of the land of his dominion. 20 All of the people being left from the Amorite, the Hittite, the Perizzite, the Hivite, and the Jebusite, they who *were* not from the sons of Israel, 21 their sons who were left after them in the land, whom the sons of Israel were not able to devote them, Solomon brought them up for the forced labor of working, to this day. 22 But from the sons of Israel Solomon did not make a servant, for they *were* men of war and his servants and his commanders and his captains and the commanders of his chariotry and his horsemen.

23 These *were* the commanders of the deputies who *were* over the work for Solomon, 550, ruling over the people doing the work.

24 Once the daughter of Pharoah had gone up from the City of David to her house that he had built for her, then he built the Millo.

25 And three times in the year Solomon offered burnt offerings and peace offerings on the altar that he had built for Yahweh, and he burned incense with it, which *was* to the face of Yahweh. And he completed the house.

26 And King Solomon made a fleet in Ezion Geber, which *is* near Elath on the lip of the Sea of Reeds in the land of Edom. 27 And Hiram sent his servants in the fleet, men of ships, knowers of the sea, with the servants of Solomon. 28 And they came to Ophir, and they took gold from there, 420 kikkars. And they brought it to King Solomon.

10 Now the Queen of Sheba heard the report of Solomon regarding the name of Yahweh. And she came to test him with difficult questions. 2 And she came to Jerusalem with a very great entourage, camels carrying spices and very much gold and precious stone. And she came to Solomon and spoke to him all that was with her heart. 3 And Solomon declared to her all of her matters. No matter was hidden from the king that he did not declare to her. 4 And the Queen of Sheba saw all of the wisdom of Solomon and the house that he had built 5 and the food of his table and the seating of his servants and the service of his attendants and their apparel and his cupbearers and his burnt offerings that he offered *at* the house of Yahweh. And no more breath was in her. 6 And she said to the king, “The word is true that I heard in my land about your words and about your wisdom. 7 But I did not believe the words until when I came and my eyes saw, and behold, the half had not been declared to me! You have added wisdom and goodness to the report that I heard. 8 The happiness of your men! The happiness of these servants of yours, the ones standing to your face continually, the ones hearing your wisdom! 9 May Yahweh your God be blessed, who has delighted in you to put you on the throne of Israel. Because Yahweh loves Israel to forever, he has set you as king, to do justice and righteousness!” 10 And she gave to the king 120 kikkars of gold and very many spices and precious stone. *There* has not come again for abundance like that spice that the Queen of Sheba gave to King Solomon.

11 (And also the fleet of Hiram, which carried gold from Ophir, brought from Ophir very much wood of almug and precious stone. 12 And the king made the wood of almug a support for the house of Yahweh and for the house of the king and harps and lyres for the singers. Such wood of almug had not come and has not been seen to this day.)

13 And King Solomon gave to the Queen of Sheba all of her desire that she asked, besides what he gave to her according to the hand of King Solomon. And she turned and went to her land, she and her servants.

14 And the weight of the gold that came to Solomon in one year was 666 kikkars of gold, 15 apart from the men of the searchers and from the merchandise of the traders and all of the kings of the Arab and the governors of the land. 16 And King Solomon made 200 beaten-gold large shields (he brought up 600 gold onto one large shield) 17 and 300 beaten-gold shields (he brought up three gold minas onto one shield). And the king put them *in* the House of the Forest of Lebanon. 18 And the king made a great ivory throne, and he overlaid it *with* refined gold. 19 Six steps *were* to the throne, and a round head *was* to the throne from behind it. And hands *were* from this and from this to the place of the seat. And two lions were standing beside the hands. 20 And 12 lions were standing there on the six steps, from this side and from that side. It had not been done thus for any of the kingdoms. 21 And all of the vessels of the drink of King Solomon were gold, and all of the vessels of the House of the Forest of Lebanon were beaten gold. *There was* no silver. It was not reckoned as anything in the days of Solomon. 22 For a fleet of Tarshish *was* to the king on the sea with the fleet of Hiram. One in three years the fleet of Tarshish would come carrying gold and silver, elephant tusks and apes and peacocks.

23 And King Solomon became greater than all of the kings of the earth in wealth and in wisdom. 24 And all of the earth was seeking the face of Solomon to hear his wisdom, which God had put in his heart. 25 And they were bringing, a man his gift, vessels of silver and vessels of gold and garments and weaponry and spices, horses and mules, a matter of year by year.

26 And Solomon accumulated chariotry and horsemen. And 1,400 chariots and 12,000 horsemen were to him. And he stationed them in the cities of chariotry and with the king in Jerusalem. 27 And the king made silver in Jerusalem like stones, and he made cedars like the sycamores that *are* in the Shephelah for abundance. 28 And the going out of the horses that *were* to Solomon *was* from Egypt and from Kue. The traders of the king took from Kue for a price. 29 And a chariot came up and went out from Egypt for 600 silver, and a horse for 150, and thus by their hand they brought out to all of the kings of the Hittites and to the kings of Aram.

11 Now King Solomon loved many foreign women and the daughter of Pharaoh: Moabitesses, Ammonitesses, Edomitesses, Sidonianesses, Hittitesses, 2 from the nations *about* which Yahweh had said to the sons of Israel, “You must not enter into them, and they must not enter into you. Surely they will stretch out your heart after their gods.” Solomon clung to them in love. 3 And to him were 700 wives, princesses, and 300 concubines. And his wives stretched out his heart. 4 And it happened in the time of the old age of Solomon *that* his

wives stretched out his heart after other gods. And his heart was not complete with Yahweh his God like the heart of David his father. 5 And Solomon went after Ashtoreth, the goddess of the Sidonians, and after Milcom, the abomination of the Ammonites. 6 And Solomon did evil in the eyes of Yahweh, and he was not full after Yahweh like David his father. 7 Then Solomon built a high place for Chemosh, the abomination of Moab, on the hill that *is* on the face of Jerusalem, and for Molech, the abomination of the sons of Ammon. 8 And thus he did for all of his foreign wives burning incense and sacrificing to their gods.

9 And Yahweh became angry with Solomon, for his heart had stretched away from with Yahweh, the God of Israel, the one having appeared to him two times, 10 and he had commanded to him about this thing, not to go after other gods. But he did not keep what Yahweh had commanded. 11 And Yahweh said to Solomon, "Because this is with you, that you have not kept my covenant and my statutes that I commanded concerning you, tearing, I will tear the kingdom away from you, and I will give it to your servant. 12 However, I will not do it in your days, for the sake of David your father. From the hand of your son I will tear it away. 13 Only I will not tear away all of the kingdom. I will give one tribe to your son for the sake of David my servant and for the sake of Jerusalem, which I have chosen."

14 And Yahweh raised up an adversary against Solomon, Hadad the Edomite. He *was* from the seed of the king in Edom. 15 Now it had happened, when David was in Edom, when Joab, the commander of the army, had gone up to bury the slain, that he had struck every male in Edom. 16 For Joab and all of Israel dwelled there six months until he had cut off every male in Edom. 17 But Adad fled, he and Edomite men from the servants of his father with him, to enter Egypt. And Hadad *was* a little boy. 18 And they arose from Midian and entered Paran. And they took men with them from Paran and came *to* Egypt, to Pharaoh, the king of Egypt. And he gave a house to him, and he ordered bread for him, and he gave land to him. 19 And Hadad found much favor in the eyes of Pharaoh. And he gave to him a wife, the sister of his wife, the sister of Tahpenes the queen. 20 And the sister of Tahpenes bore to him Genubath, his son, and Tahpenes weaned him in the midst of the house of Pharaoh. And Genubath was in the house of Pharaoh in the midst of the sons of Pharaoh. 21 And Hadad heard in Egypt that David had lain down with his fathers and that Joab, the commander of the army, had died. And Hadad said to Pharaoh, "Send me away, that I may go to my land." 22 And Pharaoh said to him, "But what *are* you lacking with me, that behold you, seeking to go to your land?" And he said, "Nothing, but sending, may you send me away."

23 And God raised up an adversary against him, Rezon, the son of Eliada, who had fled from Hadadezer, the king of Zobah, his master. 24 And he gathered men to himself, and he became the commander of a raiding band when David killed them. And they went *to* Damascus, and they dwelled in it and they reigned in Damascus. 25 And he was an adversary against Israel all of the days of Solomon, and the harm that Hadad *did*. And he loathed Israel, and he reigned over Aram.

26 And Jeroboam, the son of Nebat, an Ephrathite from Zeredah, and the name of his mother *was* Zeruah, a woman, a widow, *was* a servant of Solomon, and he raised a hand against the king. 27 Now this *was* the matter *by* which he raised a hand against the king. Solomon had built the Millo; he had closed up the breach of the City of David his father. 28 And the man Jeroboam *was* mighty of strength. And Solomon had seen the young man, that he was a doer of work, so he had appointed him over all of the forced labor of the house of Joseph. 29 And it happened at that time that Jeroboam went out from Jerusalem, and the prophet Ahijah the Shilonite found him in the road. And he was covering himself with a new cloak, and the two of them *were* by themselves in the field. 30 And Ahijah took hold of the new cloak that was upon him, and he tore it *into* 12 pieces. 31 And he said to Jeroboam, "Take for yourself ten pieces. For thus says Yahweh, the God of Israel, 'Behold me, tearing the kingdom from the hand of Solomon, and I will give ten tribes to you. 32 But one tribe will be to him for the sake of my servant David and for the sake of Jerusalem, the city upon which I have chosen from all of the tribes of Israel. 33 For they have forsaken me, and they have bowed down to Ashtoreth, the goddess of the Sidonians, to Chemosh, the god of Moab, and to Milcom, the god of the sons of Ammon. And they do not walk in my ways, to do right in my eyes, or my statutes or my judgments, like David his father. 34 But I will not take all of the kingdom from his hand. Rather, I will put him as a leader all of the days of his life for the sake of David my servant, him whom I chose, who kept my commandments and my statutes. 35 But I will take the kingdom from the hand of his son, and I will give it to you, ten of the tribes. 36 But to his son I will give one tribe so that there may be a lamp for David my servant all of the days to my face in Jerusalem, the city that I have chosen for myself to put my name there. 37 And I will take you, and you will reign over all that your soul desires, and you will be king over Israel. 38 And it will be, if you hear all that I command you and you walk in my ways and you do right in my eyes, to keep my statutes and my commandments, just as David my servant did, then I will be with you and I will build for you an established house, just as I built for David, and I will give Israel to you. 39 And I will afflict the seed of David on account of this, only not all of the days.'" 40 And Solomon sought to kill Jeroboam. But Jeroboam arose and fled to Egypt, to Shishak, the king of Egypt. And he was in Egypt until the death of Solomon.

41 Now the rest of the matters of Solomon and all that he did and his wisdom, *are* they not written in the book of the matters of Solomon? 42 And the days that Solomon reigned in Jerusalem over all of Israel were 40 years. 43 And Solomon lay down with his fathers, and he was buried in the City of David, his father. And Rehoboam his son reigned in his place.

12 And Rehoboam went *to* Shechem, for all of Israel had come *to* Shechem to make him reign. 2 And it happened when Jeroboam, the son of Nebat, heard (now he, he *was* still in Egypt, where he had fled from the face of King Solomon, and Jeroboam dwelled in Egypt), 3 that they sent and they called for him. And Jeroboam came, and all of the assembly of Israel, and they spoke to Rehoboam, saying, 4 "Your father made our yoke hard. But you, now make *it* lighter than the hard service of your father and than his heavy yoke that he put on us, and we will serve you." 5 And he said to them, "Go until three days, then return to me." So the people went.

6 And King Rehoboam consulted with the elders who had
been standing to the face of Solomon his father while he was
alive, saying, "How are you advising to answer this people *with*
a word?" 7 And they spoke to him, saying, "If today you will be
a servant to this people and serve them and you answer them
and speak good words to them, then they will be servants to
you all of the days." 8 But he forsook the counsel of the elders
that they had counseled him, and he consulted with the young
men who had grown up with him who were standing to his
face. 9 And he said to them, "How are you advising that we
should return a word *to* this people who spoke to me saying,
'Make lighter than the yoke that your father put on us'?" 10 And
the young men who had grown up with him spoke to him,
saying, "Thus you shall say to this people who spoke to you,
saying, 'Your father made our yoke heavy, but you, make light
from upon us.' Thus you shall speak to them, 'My little finger
is thicker than the loins of my father. 11 And now, my father
loaded a heavy yoke on you, but I, I will add to your yoke.
My father disciplined you with whips, but I, I will discipline
you with scorpions.'"
12 And Jeroboam and all of the people came to Rehoboam
on the third day, just as the king had spoken, saying, "Return
to me on the third day." 13 And the king answered the people
harshly, and he forsook the counsel of the elders that they
had counseled him. 14 And he spoke to them according to the
counsel of the young men, saying, "My father made your yoke
heavy, but I, I will add to your yoke. My father disciplined
you with whips, but I, I will discipline you with scorpions."
15 And the king did not listen to the people, for the turn was
from with Yahweh, so that he might raise up his word, which
Yahweh had spoken by the hand of Ahijah the Shilonite to
Jeroboam, the son of Nebat.
16 And all of Israel saw that the king had not listened to
them, and the people answered the king *with* a word, saying,
"What portion *is* to us in David? And no inheritance in the son
of Jesse! To your tents, Israel! Now see your house, David!"
And Israel went to its tents.
17 (But the sons of Israel dwelling in the cities of Judah,
Rehoboam reigned over them.) 18 And King Rehoboam sent
Adoram, who *was* over the forced labor, but all of Israel stoned
him *with* stone, and he died. And King Rehoboam strengthened
himself to go up into the chariot to flee to Jerusalem. 19 And
Israel has rebelled against the house of David to this day.
20 And it happened, when all of Israel heard that Jeroboam
had returned, that they sent and called him to the congregation,
and they made him reign over all of Israel. One was not after
the house of David except the tribe of Judah by itself.
21 And Rehoboam entered Jerusalem, and he assembled all
of the house of Judah and the tribe of Benjamin, 180,000
chosen makers of war, to fight with the house of Israel to
return the kingdom to Rehoboam, the son of Solomon. 22 But
the word of God was to Shemaiah the man of God, saying,
23 "Speak to Rehoboam, the son of Solomon, the king of Judah,
and to all of the house of Judah and Benjamin and the rest of
the people, saying, 24 'Thus says Yahweh, "You shall not go up
and you shall not fight with your brothers, the sons of Israel.
Return, a man to his house, for this thing has been from with
me."'" And they heard the word of Yahweh, and they returned
to go, according to the word of Yahweh.
25 And Jeroboam built Shechem in the hill country of
Ephraim, and he dwelled in it. And he went out from there,
and he built Penuel. 26 And Jeroboam said in his heart, "Now
the kingdom will return to the house of David. 27 If this people
goes up to make sacrifices in the house of Yahweh in Jerusalem,
then the heart of this people will return to their master, to
Rehoboam, the king of Judah. And they will kill me, and they
will return to Rehoboam, the king of Judah." 28 And the king
consulted, and he made two calves of gold. And he said to
them, "Going up to Jerusalem *is* too much for you. Behold
your gods, Israel, who brought you up from the land of Egypt!"
29 And he set one in Bethel, and he put one in Dan. 30 And this
thing became a sin, and the people went to the face of the
one as far as Dan. 31 And he made a house of high places. And
he made priests from the extremities of the people, who were
not from the sons of Levi. 32 And Jeroboam made a feast in
the eighth month, on the fifteenth day of the month, like the
feast that *was* in Judah, and he offered on the altar. Thus he
did at Bethel, sacrificing to the calves that he had made. And
he stationed at Bethel the priests of the high places that he
had made. 33 And he offered on the altar that he had made at
Bethel on the fifteenth day in the eighth month, in the month
that he had devised by himself. And he made a festival for the
sons of Israel, and he offered on the altar to burn incense.

13 And behold, a man of God came from Judah by the
word of Yahweh to Bethel. And Jeroboam was standing
by the altar to burn incense. 2 And he cried out against the
altar by the word of Yahweh and said: "Altar! Altar! Thus says
Yahweh, 'Behold, a son will be born to the house of David,
Josiah *will be* his name. And he will sacrifice on you the priests
of the high places, the ones burning incense on you. And they
will burn the bones of a human on you.'" 3 And he gave a sign
on that day, saying, "This *is* the sign that Yahweh has spoken,
'Behold, the altar will be split open, and the ash that *is* on it
will be poured out.'" 4 And it happened, when the king heard
the word of the man of God that he had cried out against the
altar at Bethel, that Jeroboam stretched out his hand from
over the altar, saying, "Seize him!" And his hand that he had
stretched out against him dried up, and he was not able to
bring it back to himself. 5 And the altar was split open, and the
ash was poured out from the altar, according to the sign that
the man of God had given by the word of Yahweh. 6 And the
king answered and said to the man of God, "Entreat, please,
the face of Yahweh your God and pray for me, that my hand
may return to me." And the man of God entreated the face
of Yahweh, and the hand of the king returned to him, and it
became like at the first. 7 And the king spoke to the man of
God, "Come with me to the house and refresh yourself, and I
will give a gift to you." 8 But the man of God said to the king,
"If you gave half of your house to me, I would not come with
you, and I would not eat bread and I would not drink water
in this place. 9 For thus he has commanded me by the word of
Yahweh, saying, 'You shall not eat bread, and you shall not
drink water, and you shall not return by the road *by* which
you went.'" 10 And he went by another road, and he did not
return by the road *by* which he had come to Bethel.
11 Now an old prophet was dwelling in Bethel, and his son
came, and he recounted to him all of the deed that the man
of God had done that day in Bethel. The words that he had

spoken to the king, also they recounted them to their father.
12 And their father spoke to them, “Where *is* this, the road
he walked?” Now his sons had seen the road that the man of
God had walked who had come from Judah. 13 And he said to
his sons, “Saddle the donkey for me.” And they saddled the
donkey for him, and he mounted on it. 14 And he went after
the man of God, and he found him sitting under the oak tree.
And he said to him, “*Are* you the man of God who came from
Judah?” And he said, “I *am*.” 15 And he said to him, “Go with
me to the house and eat bread.” 16 And he said, “I am not
able to return with you or to come with you. And I will not
eat bread and I will not drink water with you in this place.
17 For a word *was* to me by the word of Yahweh, ‘You shall not
eat bread and you shall not drink water there. You shall not
return to go by the road by which you went.’” 18 And he said
to him, “I also *am* a prophet like you, and an angel spoke to
me by the word of Yahweh, saying, ‘Bring him back with you
to your house, that he may eat bread and drink water.’” (He
lied to him.) 19 And he returned with him, and he ate bread in
his house and drank water.

20 And it happened, *as* they were sitting at the table, that
the word of Yahweh *was* to the prophet who had brought him
back. 21 And he cried out to the man of God who had come
from Judah, saying, “Thus says Yahweh, ‘Because you have
disobeyed the mouth of Yahweh and you have not kept the
command that Yahweh your God commanded you, 22 and you
have returned and you have eaten bread and you have drunk
water in the place *about* which he spoke to you, “You shall not
eat bread and you shall not drink water,” your corpse shall not
enter into the grave of your fathers.’” 23 And it happened after
his eating bread and after his drinking that he saddled the
donkey for him, for the prophet, him whom he had brought
back. 24 And he went, and a lion found him in the road, and
it killed him. And his corpse was thrown on the road, and
the donkey was standing beside it, and the lion was standing
beside the corpse. 25 And behold, men were passing by, and
they saw the corpse thrown in the road and the lion standing
beside the corpse. And they came and spoke in the city in
which the old prophet was dwelling.

26 And the prophet who had brought him back from the
road heard, and he said, “He is the man of God who disobeyed
the mouth of Yahweh. And Yahweh gave him to the lion, and
it tore him apart and killed him, according to the word of
Yahweh that he spoke to him.” 27 And he spoke to his sons,
saying, “Saddle the donkey for me.” And they saddled it. 28 And
he went, and he found the corpse thrown in the road and the
donkey and the lion standing beside the corpse. The lion had
not eaten the corpse, and it had not torn apart the donkey.
29 And the prophet lifted up the corpse of the man of God,
and he laid it on the donkey, and he brought it back. And he
entered into the city of the old prophet to mourn and to bury
him. 30 And he laid his corpse in his grave. And they mourned
over him, “Alas, my brother!” 31 And it happened after his
burying him that he spoke to his sons, saying, “When I die,
then you shall bury me in the grave in which the man of God
is buried. Lay my bones beside his bones. 32 For the word that
he cried out by the word of Yahweh against the altar that *is*
in Bethel and against all of the houses of the high places that
are in the cities of Samaria, happening, it will happen.”

33 After this matter Jeroboam did not return from his evil
way, but he returned and made priests of the high places from
the extremities of the people. The one desiring, he would fill
his hand, and he became priests of the high places. 34 And it
became in this thing a sin of the house of Jeroboam, both to
annihilate and to destroy from upon the face of the ground.

14 At that time Abijah, the son of Jeroboam, became
sick. 2 And Jeroboam said to his wife, “Arise, please,
and change yourself, so they will not know that you *are* the
wife of Jeroboam. And you shall go *to* Shiloh. Behold, Ahijah
the prophet *is* there. He, he spoke about me as king over this
people. 3 And you shall take in your hand ten *loaves of* bread
and cakes and a jar of honey, and you shall go to him. He, he
will declare to you what will happen to the boy.” 4 And the
wife of Jeroboam did thus. And she arose and went *to* Shiloh,
and she entered the house of Ahijah. (Now Ahijah was not able
to see, for his eyes had set because of his age.) 5 And Yahweh
said to Ahijah, “Behold, the wife of Jeroboam is coming to
seek a word from you about her son, for he is sick. Like this
and like this you shall speak to her. And it will happen when
she comes that she will be disguising herself.”

6 And it happened, when Ahijah heard the sound of her
feet coming into the entrance, that he said, “Enter, wife of
Jeroboam. Why is this, you are disguising yourself? Now I
have been sent to you harshly. 7 Go, say to Jeroboam, ‘Thus
says Yahweh, the God of Israel, “Because I raised you up from
the midst of the people and made you a leader over my people
Israel, 8 and I tore the kingdom away from the house of David
and I gave it to you, but you are not like my servant David,
who kept my commandments and who walked after me with
all of his heart, to do only the right in my eyes, 9 and you
have been evil to do more than all who were to your face, and
you have gone and made for yourself other gods and molded
images to anger me, and you have thrown me behind your
back, 10 therefore, behold me, bringing harm to the house of
Jeroboam, and I will cut off from Jeroboam one pissing against
a wall, one restrained and one set free in Israel. And I will
burn after the house of Jeroboam, just as dung burns until
the finishing of it. 11 The one to Jeroboam dying in the city,
dogs will eat, and the one dying in the field, birds of the sky
will eat.” For Yahweh has spoken.’ 12 Now you, arise, go to
your house. When your feet enter the city, then the child will
die. 13 And all of Israel will mourn for him, and they will bury
him. For this *one* alone from Jeroboam will enter into a grave,
because a good thing was found in him for Yahweh, the God
of Israel, in the house of Jeroboam. 14 And Yahweh by himself
will raise up a king over Israel who will cut off the house
of Jeroboam this day. But what, even now! 15 And Yahweh
will strike Israel, just as a reed sways in the waters, and he
will uproot Israel from upon this good ground that he gave
to their fathers. And he will scatter them beyond the River
because they made their Asherahs, provoking Yahweh. 16 And
he will give Israel up on account of the sins of Jeroboam that
he sinned and that he caused Israel to sin.”

17 And the wife of Jeroboam arose and went, and she came
to Tirzah. She was entering at the threshold of the house, and
the boy died. 18 And they buried him, and all of Israel mourned
for him, according to the word of Yahweh that he had spoken
by the hand of his servant Ahijah the prophet.

19 Now the rest of the matters of Jeroboam, how he fought
and how he reigned, behold them, written in the book of the
matters of the days of the kings of Israel. 20 And the days that
Jeroboam reigned were 22 years. And he lay down with his
fathers, and Nadab his son reigned in his place.
21 Now Rehoboam, the son of Solomon, reigned in Judah.
Rehoboam *was* a son of 41 years when he reigned. And he
reigned 17 years in Jerusalem, the city where Yahweh had
chosen to put his name there from all of the tribes of Israel.
And the name of his mother was Naamah the Ammonitess.
22 And Judah did evil in the eyes of Yahweh. And they made
him jealous more than all that their fathers had done by their
sins that they sinned. 23 And they built for themselves, they
also, high places and pillars and Asherahs on every high hill
and under every green tree. 24 And also a cultic prostitute was
in the land. They did according to all of the abominations of
the nations that Yahweh had dispossessed from the face of the
sons of Israel.
25 And it happened that in the fifth year of King Rehoboam,
Shishak the king of Egypt came up against Jerusalem. 26 And
he took the treasures of the house of Yahweh and the treasures
of the house of the king. And he took everything. And he
took all of the shields of gold that Solomon had made. 27 And
King Rehoboam made shields of bronze in their place, and
he committed them to the hand of the commanders of the
runners, the ones keeping the entrance of the house of the
king. 28 And it happened that whenever the king entered the
house of Yahweh, the runners bore them, and they brought
them back to the chamber of the runners.
29 Now the rest of the matters of Rehoboam and all that he
did, are they not written in the book of the matters of the days
of the kings of Judah? 30 And war was between Rehoboam
and between Jeroboam all of the days. 31 And Rehoboam lay
down with his fathers, and he was buried with his fathers in
the City of David. And the name of his mother was Naamah
the Ammonitess. And Abijam his son reigned in his place.

15 Now in the year of 18 to King Jeroboam, the son of
Nebat, Abijam reigned over Judah. 2 He reigned three
years in Jerusalem. And the name of his mother was Maacah,
the daughter of Abishalom. 3 And he walked in all of the sins
of his father that he had done to his face. And his heart was
not complete with Yahweh his God like the heart of David his
father. 4 But for the sake of David, Yahweh his God gave to
him a lamp in Jerusalem by raising up his son after him, and
by making Jerusalem stand, 5 because David had done right
in the eyes of Yahweh, and he had not turned from all that he
had commanded him all of the days of his life, except in the
matter of Uriah the Hittite. 6 And war was between Rehoboam
and between Jeroboam all of the days of his life.
7 Now the rest of the matters of Abijam and all that he
did, are they not written in the book of the matters of the
days of the kings of Judah? And war was between Abijam and
between Jeroboam. 8 And Abijam lay down with his fathers,
and they buried him in the City of David. And Asa his son
reigned in his place.
9 Now in the year of 20 to Jeroboam, the king of Israel,
Asa reigned *as* the king of Judah. 10 And he reigned 41 years
in Jerusalem. And the name of his mother was Maacah the
daughter of Abishalom. 11 And Asa did right in the eyes of
Yahweh like David his father. 12 And he made the cultic
prostitutes pass over from the land, and he removed all of
the idols that his fathers had made. 13 And also Maacah his
mother, he removed her from *being* queen mother because she
had made a horror for Asherah. And Asa cut down her horror,
and he burned *it* in the wadi of Kidron. 14 But they did not
remove the high places. Nevertheless, the heart of Asa was
complete with Yahweh all of his days. 15 And he brought the
holy things of his father and his holy things *into* the house of
Yahweh, silver and gold and vessels.
16 And war was between Asa and between Baasha, the king
of Israel, all of their days. 17 And Baasha, the king of Israel,
went up against Judah, and he built Ramah so as not to give
going out or coming in to Asa, the king of Judah. 18 And Asa
took all of the silver and the gold remaining in the storerooms
of the house of Yahweh and the storerooms of the house of
the king, and he gave them into the hand of his servants. And
King Asa sent them to Ben Hadad, the son of Tabrimmon, the
son of Hezion, the king of Aram, the dweller in Damascus,
saying, 19 "A covenant between me and between you, between
my father and between your father. Behold, I have sent to
you a gift of silver and gold. Go, break your covenant with
Baasha, the king of Israel, that he may go up from against
me." 20 And Ben Hadad listened to King Asa, and he sent the
commanders of the armies that *were* to him against the cities
of Israel. And he struck Ijon and Dan and Abel Beth Maacah
and all of Chinnereth, with all of the land of Naphtali. 21 And
it happened, when Baasha heard, that he ceased from building
Ramah, and he dwelled in Tirzah. 22 And King Asa made all
of Judah hear. None *was* exempt. And they carried away the
stones of Ramah and its wood, *with* which Baasha had been
building. And with them King Asa built Geba of Benjamin and
Mizpah.
23 Now the rest of all of the matters of Asa and all of his
might and all that he did and the cities that he built, are they
not written in the book of the matters of the days of the kings
of Judah? (But in the time of his old age he became sick in
his feet.) 24 And Asa lay down with his fathers, and he was
buried with his fathers in the City of David his father. And
Jehoshaphat his son reigned in his place.
25 Now Nadab, the son of Jeroboam, reigned over Israel in
year two of Asa, the king of Judah. And he reigned over Israel
two years. 26 And he did evil in the eyes of Yahweh. And he
walked in the way of his father and in his sin that he caused
Israel to sin. 27 And Baasha, the son of Ahijah, from the house
of Issachar, conspired against him, and Baasha struck him at
Gibbethon, which *is* to the Philistines. Now Nadab and all of
Israel were besieging against Gibbethon. 28 And Baasha killed
him in year three of Asa, the king of Judah. And he reigned in
his place. 29 And it happened when he reigned *that* he struck
all of the house of Jeroboam. He did not leave any breathing
one to Jeroboam, until he had destroyed him, according to the
word of Yahweh that he had spoken by the hand of his servant
Ahijah the Shilonite 30 because of the sins of Jeroboam that
he sinned and that he caused Israel to sin, by his provocation
by which he provoked Yahweh, the God of Israel.
31 Now the rest of the matters of Nadab and all that he did,
are they not written in the book of the matters of the days of
the kings of Israel? 32 And war was between Asa and between
Baasha, the king of Israel, all of their days.

33 In year three of Asa the king of Judah, Baasha, the son of Ahijah, reigned over all of Israel in Tirzah 24 years. 34 And he did evil in the eyes of Yahweh. And he walked in the way of Jeroboam and in his sin that he caused Israel to sin.

16 And the word of Yahweh was to Jehu, the son of Hanani, against Baasha, saying, 2 "Because I raised you from the dust and made you the leader over my people Israel, but you walked in the way of Jeroboam and caused my people Israel to sin, provoking me by their sins, 3 behold me, burning after Baasha and after his house. And I will make your house like the house of Jeroboam, the son of Nebat. 4 The one to Baasha dying in the city, dogs will eat, and the one to him dying in the field, birds of the sky will eat."

5 Now the rest of the matters of Baasha and what he did and his might, are they not written in the book of the matters of the days of the kings of Israel? 6 And Baasha lay down with his fathers, and he was buried in Tirzah. And Elah his son reigned in his place. 7 And also by the hand of Jehu, the son of Hanani, the prophet, the word of Yahweh was to Baasha and to his house and against all of the evil that he had done in the eyes of Yahweh, provoking him with the work of his hands, by being like the house of Jeroboam and because he had struck him.

8 In the year of 26, the year to Asa, the king of Judah, Elah the son of Baasha reigned over Israel in Tirzah, two years. 9 And his servant Zimri, the commander of half of the chariotry, conspired against him. Now he *was* in Tirzah, drinking drunk *in* the house of Arza, who *was* over the house in Tirzah. 10 And Zimri entered, and he struck him and killed him, in the year of 27 to Asa, the king of Judah. And he reigned in his place. 11 And it happened that when he reigned, as soon as he sat on his throne, he struck all of the house of Baasha. He did not leave to him one pissing against a wall, both his kinsmen and his friend. 12 And Zimri destroyed all of the house of Baasha, according to the word of Yahweh that he had spoken against Baasha by the hand of Jehu the prophet 13 concerning all of the sins of Baasha and the sins of Elah his son that they sinned, and because they caused Israel to sin, provoking Yahweh, the God of Israel, with their vapors. 14 Now the rest of the matters of Elah and all that he did, are they not written in the book of the matters of the days of the kings of Israel?

15 In the year of 27, the year to Asa, the king of Judah, Zimri reigned seven days in Tirzah. Now the people *were* camping against Gibbethon, which *was* to the Philistines. 16 And the people camping heard, saying, "Zimri has conspired and has also struck the king!" And all of Israel made Omri, the commander of the army, reign over Israel on that day in the camp. 17 And Omri went up from Gibbethon, and all of Israel with him, and they besieged against Tirzah. 18 And it happened, when Zimri saw that the city had been taken, that he entered into the citadel of the house of the king. And he burned the house of the king over himself with fire, and he died, 19 because of his sin that he sinned by doing evil in the eyes of Yahweh, by walking in the way of Jeroboam and in his sin that he did, causing Israel to sin. 20 Now the rest of the matters of Zimri and his conspiracy that he conspired, are they not written in the book of the matters of the days of the kings of Israel?

21 Then the people of Israel were divided in half. Half of the people were behind Tibni, the son of Ginath, to make him reign, and half *were* behind Omri. 22 And the people who *were* behind Omri prevailed against the people who *were* behind Tibni, the son of Ginath. And Tibni died, and Omri reigned. 23 In the year of 31, the year to Asa, the king of Judah, Omri reigned over Israel 12 years. In Tirzah he reigned six years. 24 Then he bought the hill *of* Samaria from Shemer for two silver kikkars. And he built on the hill, and he called the name of the city that he built Samaria, after the name of Shemer, the owner of the hill. 25 And Omri did evil in the eyes of Yahweh, and he did evil more than all who *were* to his face. 26 And he walked in all of the way of Jeroboam, the son of Nebat, and in his sins *by* which he caused Israel to sin, provoking Yahweh, the God of Israel, with their vapors. 27 Now the rest of the matters of Omri, what he did and his might that he did, are they not written in the book of the matters of the days of the kings of Israel? 28 And Omri lay down with his fathers, and he was buried in Samaria. And Ahab his son reigned in his place.

29 Now Ahab, the son of Omri, reigned over Israel in the year of 38, the year of Asa, the king of Judah. And Ahab, the son of Omri, reigned over Israel in Samaria 22 years. 30 And Ahab, the son of Omri, did evil in the eyes of Yahweh, more than all who *were* to his face. 31 And it happened (was his walking in the sins of Jeroboam, the son of Nebat, trivial?) that he took a wife, Jezebel, the daughter of Ethbaal, the king of the Sidonians. And he went and served Baal, and he bowed down to him. 32 And he set up an altar for Baal *in* the house of Baal that he built in Samaria. 33 And Ahab made an Asherah, and Ahab added to do to provoke Yahweh, the God of Israel, more than all of the kings of Israel who were to his face. 34 In his days, Hiel the Bethelite built Jericho. By Abiram, his firstborn, he founded it, and by Segub, his youngest, he set up its doors, according to the word of Yahweh that he spoke by the hand of Joshua, the son of Nun.

17 Now Elijah the Tishbite, from the Tishbites of Gilead, said to Ahab, "The life of Yahweh, the God of Israel, to whose face I stand, if there will be dew or rain these years except by the mouth of my word." 2 And the word of Yahweh was to him, saying, 3 "Go from here and turn for yourself eastward, and you shall hide yourself at the wadi of Cherith, which *is* on the face of the Jordan. 4 And it will happen that you shall drink from the wadi. And I have commanded the ravens to sustain you there." 5 And he went and did according to the word of Yahweh. And he went and dwelled at the wadi of Cherith, which *is* on the face of the Jordan. 6 And the ravens were bringing bread and meat to him in the morning, and bread and meat in the evening. And he drank from the wadi. 7 And it happened, at the end of some days, that the wadi dried up because no rain was in the land.

8 And the word of Yahweh was to him, saying, 9 "Arise, go to Zarephath, which *is* to Sidon, and you shall dwell there. Behold, I have commanded a woman, a widow, there to sustain you." 10 So he arose and went to Zarephath. And he came to the entrance of the city, and behold, a woman, a widow, *was* there, gathering sticks. And he called to her and said, "Please take to me a little water in a vessel, and I shall drink." 11 And she went to take, and he called to her and said, "Please take to me a piece of bread in your hand." 12 And she said, "The

life of Yahweh your God, if *there* is to me a bread-cake, but only the fullness of a palm of flour in a jar and a little bit of oil in a jug. And behold me, gathering two sticks, and I will enter, and I will make it for me and for my son, and we will eat it, and we will die." 13 And Elijah said to her, "Do not fear. Come, do according to your word, only first make for me from there a little bread-cake and bring it out to me. And make for yourself and for your son afterward. 14 For thus says Yahweh, the God of Israel, 'The jar of flour will not finish, and the jug of oil will not lack, up to the day Yahweh gives rain on the face of the ground.'" 15 And she went and did according to the word of Elijah. And she ate, he and she and her house, *for* days. 16 The jar of flour did not finish, and the jug of oil did not lack, according to the word of Yahweh that he had spoken by the hand of Elijah.

17 And it happened after these things *that* the son of the woman, the mistress of the house, became sick, and his sickness became very strong until breath did not remain in him. 18 And she said to Elijah, "What to me and to you, man of God? Did you come to me to bring my iniquity to remembrance and to kill my son?" 19 And he said to her, "Give your son to me." And he took him from her lap, and he brought him up to the upper room where he was dwelling there, and he laid him down on his bed. 20 And he cried out to Yahweh and said, "Yahweh my God, have you even brought harm upon the widow with whom I am sojourning, by killing her son?" 21 And he stretched himself out over the child three times. And he called out to Yahweh and said, "Yahweh my God, please let the life of this child return into his midst." 22 And Yahweh heard the voice of Elijah. And the life of the child returned into his midst, and he lived. 23 And Elijah took the child, and he brought him down from the upper room to the house, and he gave him to his mother. And Elijah said, "See, your son lives." 24 And the woman said to Elijah, "Now I know this, that you *are* a man of God and the word of Yahweh in your mouth *is* truth."

18 And it was many days, and the word of Yahweh was to Elijah in the third year, saying, "Go, show yourself to Ahab, and I will give rain on the face of the ground." 2 So Elijah went to show himself to Ahab. (Now the famine *was* strong in Samaria.) 3 And Ahab called to Obadiah, who *was* over the house. (Now Obadiah was fearing Yahweh greatly. 4 Now it had happened, when Jezebel cut off the prophets of Yahweh, that Obadiah had taken 100 prophets and hidden them, 50 men in the cave, and he had sustained them *with* bread and water.) 5 And Ahab said to Obadiah, "Go into the land, to all of the springs of water and to all of the wadis. Perhaps we will find grass, and we will keep alive a horse or a mule, and we will not cut off from the cattle." 6 And they divided the land between them to pass through it. Ahab went in one way by himself, and Obadiah went in one way by himself.

7 And it happened that Obadiah *was* on the road, and behold, Elijah met him. And he recognized him, and he fell on his face and said, "*Is* this you, my lord Elijah?" 8 And he said to him, "*It is* I. Go, say to your master, 'Behold, Elijah.'" 9 And he said, "How have I sinned, that you are putting your servant into the hand of Ahab to kill me? 10 The life of Yahweh your God, if *there* is a nation or a kingdom where my master has not sent to seek you there. If they said 'Not,' then he made the kingdom or the nation swear that it had not found you. 11 And now you are saying, 'Go, say to your master, "Behold, Elijah."' 12 And it will happen that I, I will go from with you, and the Spirit of Yahweh will carry you to where I do not know. And I will come to declare to Ahab, but he will not find you, and he will kill me. But your servant *has been* fearing Yahweh from my youth. 13 Has it not been declared to my lord what I did when Jezebel killed the prophets of Yahweh, that I hid 100 men from the prophets of Yahweh, 50, 50 men in the cave, and I sustained them with bread and water? 14 And now you are saying, 'Go, say to your master, "Behold, Elijah,"' and he will kill me." 15 And Elijah said, "The life of Yahweh of Armies, to whose face I stand, surely today I will show myself to him."

16 So Obadiah went to meet Ahab, and he declared to him. And Ahab went to meet Elijah. 17 And it happened, when Ahab saw Elijah, that Ahab said to him, "*Is* this you, one troubling Israel?" 18 And he said, "I have not troubled Israel, but rather you and the house of your father, by your forsaking the commandments of Yahweh and going after the Baals. 19 And now, send, gather to me all of Israel to Mount Carmel, and the 450 prophets of Baal and the 400 prophets of Asherah, eaters at the table of Jezebel."

20 And Ahab sent among all of the sons of Israel, and he gathered the prophets to Mount Carmel. 21 And Elijah approached to all of the people, and he said, "Until when *will* you *be* limping on two opinions? If Yahweh *is* God, go after him, but if Baal, go after him." But the people did not answer him a word. 22 And Elijah said to the people, "I, I remain a prophet of Yahweh by myself, but the prophets of Baal *are* 450 men. 23 Now let them give two bulls to us, and let them choose for themselves one bull, and let them cut it up. And let them set *it* on the wood, but let them not set a fire. And I, I will prepare one bull, and I will put *it* on the wood, but I will not set a fire. 24 And you will call on the name of your god, and I, I will call on the name of Yahweh. And it will happen that the God who answers with fire, he *is* God." And all of the people answered and said, "The word *is* good."

25 And Elijah said to the prophets of Baal, "Choose for yourselves one bull, and prepare *it* first, for you are many. And call on the name of your god, but you shall not set a fire." 26 And they took the bull that one gave to them, and they prepared, and they called on the name of Baal from morning and to midday, saying, "Baal, answer us!" But *there was* no voice, and *there was* no answering. And they limped beside the altar that one had made. 27 And it happened at midday that Elijah mocked them and said, "Call out with a great voice, for he is a god. Surely *he is in* contemplation, or surely *he has* a withdrawal for himself, or surely a way *is* to him. Perhaps he *is* asleep and he will awaken." 28 And they called out with a great voice, and they cut themselves, according to their custom, with swords and with spears until a pouring of blood *was* on them. 29 And it happened, when midday passed, that they prophesied until the offering of the grain offering. But *there was* no voice, and *there was* no answering, and there was no attention.

30 And Elijah said to all of the people, "Come near to me." And all of the people came near to him. And he repaired the broken-down altar of Yahweh. 31 And Elijah took 12 stones, according to the number of the tribes of the sons of Jacob, to whom the word of Yahweh had been, saying, "Israel shall be your name." 32 And with the stones he built an altar in

the name of Yahweh. And he made a trench around the altar like the house of two seahs *of* seed. 33 And he arranged the wood, and he cut up the bull, and he set *it* on the wood. 34 And he said, "Fill four jars *with* water, and pour *it* on the burnt offering and on the wood." And he said, "Do a second time," and they did a second time. And he said, "Do a third time," and they did a third time. 35 And the water went around the altar, and it even filled the trench with water. 36 And it happened at the offering of the grain offering that Elijah the prophet came near, and he said, "Yahweh, God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, let it be known today that you are God in Israel and I *am* your servant and by your word I have done all these things. 37 Answer me, Yahweh! Answer me so that this people may know that you, Yahweh, *are* God, and you, you have turned their heart back." 38 And the fire of Yahweh fell, and it consumed the burnt offering and the wood and the stones and the dust. And it licked up the water that *was* in the trench. 39 And all of the people saw, and they fell on their faces. And they said, "Yahweh, he *is* God! Yahweh, he *is* God!" 40 And Elijah said to them, "Seize the prophets of Baal! Do not let a man from them escape." And they seized them. And Elijah led them down to the wadi Kishon, and he slaughtered them there.

41 And Elijah said to Ahab, "Go up, eat and drink, for *there is* the sound of the roar of a shower." 42 So Ahab went up to eat and to drink. And Elijah went up to the head of Carmel, and he bowed down to the ground, and he put his face between his knees. 43 And he said to his servant, "Go up, please, look the way of the sea." And he went up, and he looked, and he said, "*There is* not anything." And he said, "Return," seven times. 44 And it happened on the seventh time that he said, "Behold, a small cloud like the palm of a man is coming up from the sea." And he said, "Go up, say to Ahab, 'Harness and go down so the rain does not stop you.'" 45 And it happened to thus and to thus that the heavens darkened *with* clouds and wind, and *there* was a great shower. And Ahab rode and went to Jezreel. 46 And the hand of Yahweh was on Elijah, and he girded up his loins, and he ran to the face of Ahab to your coming *to* Jezreel.

19 And Ahab declared to Jezebel all that Elijah had done and all that he had killed all of the prophets with the sword. 2 And Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, "Thus may the gods do, and thus may they add, unless about *this* time tomorrow I make your life like the life of one of them." 3 And he saw, and he arose and went for his life, and he came *to* Beersheba, which is to Judah. And he made his servant stay there. 4 And he, he went the journey of a day into the wilderness, and he came and sat under a juniper tree. And he asked, *regarding* his life, to die, and he said, "Enough! Take my life now, Yahweh, for I am not better than my fathers." 5 And he lay down and slept under a juniper tree. And behold this, an angel was touching him, and he said to him, "Arise, eat!" 6 And he looked, and behold, by his head *was* a bread-cake of hot stones and a jug of water. And he ate and drank, and he returned and lay down. 7 And the angel of Yahweh returned a second time, and he touched him and said, "Arise, eat! For the journey *will be* too much for you." 8 So he arose, and he ate and drank. And he went in the strength of that food 40 days and 40 nights to the mountain of God, Horeb.

9 And he entered into a cave there, and he lodged there. And behold, the word of Yahweh was to him, and he said to him, "What to you here, Elijah?" 10 And he said, "Being jealous, I have been jealous for Yahweh, the God of Armies, for the sons of Israel have forsaken your covenant, they have torn down your altars, and they have killed your prophets with the sword. And I am left, I alone, and they seek my life, to take it." 11 And he said, "Go out, and you shall stand on the mountain to the face of Yahweh." And behold, Yahweh was passing over, and a great and strong wind was tearing the mountains and breaking rocks to the face of Yahweh. Yahweh *was* not in the wind. And after the wind, *there was* an earthquake. Yahweh *was* not in the earthquake. 12 And after the earthquake, *there was* a fire. Yahweh *was* not in the fire. And after the fire, *there was* a voice of small stillness. 13 And it happened when Elijah heard that he wrapped his face in his cloak. And he went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. And behold, a voice *was* to him, and it said, "What to you here, Elijah?" 14 And he said, "Being jealous, I have been jealous for Yahweh, the God of Armies, for the sons of Israel have forsaken your covenant, they have torn down your altars, and they have killed your prophets with the sword. And I am left, I alone, and they seek my life, to take it."

15 And Yahweh said to him, "Go, return to your way toward the wilderness of Damascus. And you shall come and anoint Hazael as king over Aram. 16 And you shall anoint Jehu, the son of Nimshi, as king over Israel. And you shall anoint Elisha, the son of Shaphat, from Abel Meholah, as prophet in your place. 17 And it will happen that the one escaping from the sword of Hazael, Jehu will kill. And the one escaping from the sword of Jehu, Elisha will kill. 18 But I will leave in Israel 7,000, all of the knees that have not bowed to Baal and every mouth that has not kissed him."

19 And he went from there, and he found Elisha, the son of Shaphat. And he was plowing *with* 12 pairs to his face, and he was with the twelfth. And Elijah passed over to him, and he threw his cloak on him. 20 And he left the oxen, and he ran after Elijah, and he said, "Please let me kiss my father and my mother, then let me go after you." And he said to him, "Go, return, for what have I done to you?" 21 And he returned from after him. And he took the pair of oxen, and he sacrificed it. And with the equipment of the oxen he boiled them, the flesh. And he gave to the people, and they ate. Then he arose and went after Elijah, and he served him.

20 Now Ben Hadad, the king of Aram, gathered all of his army, and 32 kings with him, and horse and chariot. And he went up and besieged against Samaria, and he fought with it. 2 And he sent messengers to Ahab, the king of Israel, at the city, 3 and he said to him, "Thus says Ben Hadad, 'Your silver and your gold, it *is* to me, and your wives and your sons, the best ones, they *are* to me.'" 4 And the king of Israel answered and said, "According to your word, my lord the king, I and all that *is* to me *are* to you." 5 And the messengers returned and said, "Thus says Ben Hadad, saying, 'Indeed I sent to you, saying, "Your silver and your gold and your wives and your sons, you shall give to me," 6 but rather, around *this* time tomorrow I will send my servants to you, and they will search your house and the houses of your servants. And it will

happen, every desire of your eyes, they will put in their hand and take away.'"

7 And the king of Israel called to all of the elders of the land. And he said, "Please know and see that this one is seeking harm, for he sent to me for my wives and for my sons and for my silver and for my gold, and I did not withhold from him." 8 And all of the elders and all of the people said to him, "Do not hear and do not consent." 9 And he said to the messengers of Ben Hadad, "Say to my lord the king, 'All that you sent to your servant at first, I will do, but this thing I am not able to do.'" And the messengers went and returned him word. 10 And Ben Hadad sent to him and said, "Thus may the gods do to me, and thus may they add, if the dust of Samaria is enough for handfuls for all of the people who *are* at my feet!" 11 And the king of Israel answered and said, "Tell *him*, 'Let one girding not boast like one ungirding.'" 12 And it happened when he heard this word (and he was drinking, he and the kings, in huts), that he said to his servants, "Set!" And they set against the city.

13 And behold, a prophet came near to Ahab, the king of Israel, and he said, "Thus says Yahweh, 'Have you seen all of this great multitude? Behold me, giving it into your hand today, and you will know that I *am* Yahweh.'" 14 And Ahab said, "By whom?" And he said, "Thus says Yahweh, 'By the servants of the leaders of the districts.'" And he said, "Who will bind the battle?" And he said, "You." 15 And he mustered the servants of the leaders of the districts, and they were 232. And after them he mustered all of the people. All of the sons of Israel *were* 7,000.

16 And they went out at midday. (Now Ben Hadad was drinking drunk in the huts, he and the kings, 32 kings who helped him.) 17 And the servants of the leaders of the districts went out at first. And Ben Hadad sent, and they declared to him, saying, "Men have gone out from Samaria." 18 And he said, "If they have gone out for peace, seize them alive, and if they have gone out for battle, seize them alive." 19 And these went out from the city, the servants of the leaders of the districts, and the army that was behind them. 20 And they struck, a man his man. And Aram fled, and Israel pursued them. And Ben Hadad, the king of Aram, escaped on a horse with the horsemen. 21 And the king of Israel went out, and he struck the horse and the chariot. And he struck Aram a great striking.

22 And the prophet came near to the king of Israel and said to him, "Go, strengthen yourself, and know and see what you shall do, because at the return of the year the king of Aram will be coming up against you." 23 And the servants of the king of Aram said to him, "Their gods *are* gods of the hills. Therefore they were stronger than us. But indeed, we shall fight them in the plain, surely we will be stronger than them. 24 And do this thing: remove the kings, a man from his place, and appoint captains instead of them. 25 And you, you shall muster for yourself an army like the army having fallen from with you, and a horse like the horse and a chariot like the chariot, and we will fight them in the plain. Surely will we be stronger than them." And he listened to their voice and did so.

26 And it happened at the return of the year that Ben Hadad mustered Aram. And he went up to Aphek for battle with Israel. 27 And the sons of Israel were mustered and were sustained, and they went to meet them. And the sons of Israel camped in front of them like two little flocks of goats, but Aram filled the land. 28 And a man of God came near and spoke to the king of Israel and said, "Thus says Yahweh, 'Because Aram has said, "Yahweh *is* a god of the hills, but he *is* not a god of the valleys," I will give all of this great multitude into your hand, and you will know that I *am* Yahweh.'" 29 And they camped, these opposite these, seven days. And it happened on the seventh day that the battle approached, and the sons of Israel struck Aram, 100,000 foot soldiers in one day. 30 And the remaining ones fled to Aphek, into the city, and the wall fell on 27,000 remaining men. And Ben Hadad fled and entered into the city, a chamber in a chamber.

31 And his servants said to him, "Behold, please, we have heard that the kings of the house of Israel, that they *are* kings of mercy. Please let us put sackcloth on our loins and ropes on our heads, and we will go out to the king of Israel. Perhaps he will let your soul live." 32 And they girded sackcloth on their waists and ropes on their heads, and they came to the king of Israel. And they said, "Your servant Ben Hadad says, 'Please let my soul live.'" And he said, "*Is* he still alive? He *is* my brother." 33 And the men were observing signs, and they hastened and caught the *thing* from him. And they said, "Your brother Ben Hadad." And he said, "Come, bring him!" And Ben Hadad came out to him, and he brought him up onto the chariot. 34 And he said to him, "I will return the cities that my father took from your father, and you may establish marketplaces for yourself in Damascus, just as my father established in Samaria." "And I, I will send you away with a covenant." And he cut a covenant with him, and he sent him away.

35 And a man from the sons of the prophets said to his fellow, "By the word of Yahweh, strike me, please." But the man refused to strike him. 36 And he said to him, "Because you did not listen to the voice of Yahweh, behold you, going from with me, and a lion will strike you." And he went from beside him, and a lion found him and struck him. 37 And he found a man and said, "Strike me, please." And the man struck him, striking and wounding. 38 And the prophet went, and he stood on the road for the king. And he disguised himself with a covering over his eyes. 39 And it happened that the king was passing by, and he, he cried out to the king and said, "Your servant went out into the middle of the battle, and behold, a man turned and brought a man to me. And he said, 'Guard this man. If missing, he is missing, then your life will be in place of his life, or you shall pay a kikkar of silver.' 40 And it happened that your servant was doing here and there, and he *was* not *there*." And the king of Israel said to him, "Thus *is* your judgment, you, you have decided." 41 And he hurried and removed the covering from upon his eyes, and the king of Israel recognized him, that he *was* from the prophets. 42 And he said to him, "Thus says Yahweh, 'Because you have sent away a man of my devotion from *your* hand, so it will be your life in place of his life and your people in place of his people.'" 43 And the king of Israel went to his house sullen and angry, and he came to Samaria.

21 And it happened after these things *that* a vineyard was to Naboth the Jezreelite that was in Jezreel, beside the palace of Ahab, the king of Samaria. 2 And Ahab spoke to Naboth, saying, "Give your vineyard to me, and it will be to me for a garden of vegetables, for it is near beside my

house. And let me give to you in its place a better vineyard than it. If it is good in your eyes, let me give to you silver of the price of this." 3 And Naboth said to Ahab, "Profane to me from Yahweh, from my giving the inheritance of my fathers to you!" 4 And Ahab entered into his house sullen and angry because of the word that Naboth the Jezreelite had spoken to him, for he had said, "I will not give to you the inheritance of my fathers." And he lay down on his bed, and he turned his face away, and he did not eat bread.

5 And Jezebel his wife came to him and said to him, "What is this? Your spirit *is* sullen, and you are not eating bread!" 6 And he said to her, "Because I spoke to Naboth the Jezreelite, and I said to him, 'Give your vineyard to me for silver or, if you are desiring, let me give a vineyard to you in its place.' But he said, 'I will not give my vineyard to you.'" 7 And Jezebel his wife said to him, "Now you, you do the kingship over Israel. Get up, eat bread, and let your heart be good! I, I will give to you the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite." 8 And she wrote letters in the name of Ahab, and she sealed *them* with his seal. And she sent the letters to the elders and to the nobles who *were* in his city, the dwellers with Naboth. 9 And she wrote in the letters, saying, "Proclaim a fast, and seat Naboth at the head of the people. 10 And seat two men, sons of wickedness, in front of him, and let them witness against him, saying, 'You blessed God and the king.' And take him out and stone him, and may he die."

11 And the men of his city, the elders and the nobles who were dwelling in his city, did just as Jezebel sent to them, just as was written in the letters that she sent to them. 12 They proclaimed a fast, and they seated Naboth at the head of the people. 13 And the two men came, the sons of wickedness, and they sat in front of him, and the men of wickedness witnessed against Naboth in front of the people, saying, "Naboth blessed God and the king." And they brought him to the outside of the city, and they stoned him with stones, and he died. 14 And they sent to Jezebel, saying, "Naboth has been stoned, and he has died." 15 And it happened, when Jezebel heard that Naboth had been stoned and had died, that Jezebel said to Ahab, "Arise! Possess the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite that he refused to give to you for silver, for Naboth *is* not alive, but he is dead!" 16 And it happened, when Ahab heard that Naboth had died, that Ahab arose to go down to the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite to possess it.

17 And the word of Yahweh was to Elijah the Tishbite, saying, 18 "Arise! Go down to meet Ahab, the king of Israel, who *is* in Samaria. Behold, *he is* in the vineyard of Naboth, where he has gone down there to possess it. 19 And you shall speak to him, saying, 'Thus says Yahweh, "Have you murdered and also taken possession?"' And you shall speak to him, saying, 'Thus says Yahweh, "In the place where the dogs licked the blood of Naboth, the dogs will lick your blood, even you."'" 20 And Ahab said to Elijah, "Have you found me, my enemy?" And he said, "I have found *you* because you have sold yourself to do evil in the eyes of Yahweh. 21 'Behold me, bringing harm on you, and I will burn after you, and I will cut off from Ahab one pissing against a wall, both one restrained and one set free in Israel. 22 And I will make your house like the house of Jeroboam, the son of Nebat, and like the house of Baasha, the son of Ahijah, because of the provocation *by* which you have provoked *me*, and you have caused Israel to sin.' 23 And also about Jezebel Yahweh has spoken, saying, 'Dogs will eat Jezebel at the rampart of Jezreel.' 24 The one to Ahab dying in the city, dogs will eat, and the one dying in the field, the birds of the sky will eat." 25 Surely one was not like Ahab, who sold himself to do evil in the eyes of Yahweh, he whom Jezebel his wife incited. 26 And he acted very abominably by walking after idols, like all that the Amorite had done, whom Yahweh had dispossessed from the face of the sons of Israel.

27 And it happened, when Ahab heard these words, that he tore his garments and put sackcloth upon his flesh, and he fasted. And he lay down in sackcloth, and he walked softly. 28 And the word of Yahweh was to Elijah the Tishbite, saying, 29 "Have you seen that Ahab has humbled himself from to my face? Because he has humbled himself from my face, I will not bring harm in his days. In the days of his son, I will bring harm on his house."

22 And they continued three years without war between Aram and between Israel. 2 And it happened in the third year that Jehoshaphat, the king of Judah, went down to the king of Israel. 3 And the king of Israel said to his servants, "Do you know that Ramoth Gilead is to us, but we are being silent from taking it from the hand of the king of Aram?" 4 And he said to Jehoshaphat, "Will you go with me to battle *at* Ramoth Gilead?" And Jehoshaphat said to the king of Israel, "Like me, like you. Like my people, like your people. Like my horses, like your horses."

5 And Jehoshaphat said to the king of Israel, "Please seek as today the word of Yahweh." 6 And the king of Israel gathered the prophets, about 400 men, and he said to them, "Shall I go to war against Ramoth Gilead, or shall I refrain?" And they said, "Go up, for the Lord will give *it* into the hand of the king." 7 And Jehoshaphat said, "*Is* no prophet of Yahweh still here, that we may seek from him?" 8 And the king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat, "*There is* still one man for seeking Yahweh from him, but I, I hate him because he does not prophesy good about me, but rather evil, Micaiah, the son of Imlah." And Jehoshaphat said, "May the king not say thus." 9 So the king of Israel called to a eunuch and said, "Hasten Micaiah, the son of Imlah." 10 Now the king of Israel and Jehoshaphat, the king of Judah, were sitting, a man on his throne, clothed *in* robes, by the threshing floor at the entrance of the gate of Samaria. And all of the prophets were prophesying to their faces. 11 And Zedekiah, the son of Kenaanah, made horns of iron for himself, and he said, "Thus says Yahweh: 'With these you will gore Aram until their finishing.'" 12 And all of the prophets were prophesying thus, saying, "Go up *to* Ramoth Gilead and prosper, for Yahweh will give *it* into the hand of the king."

13 And the messenger who went to call Micaiah spoke to him, saying, "Behold, please, the words of the prophets *with* one mouth *are* good for the king. Please let your word be like the word of one from them, and may you speak good." 14 And Micaiah said, "The life of Yahweh, surely what Yahweh says to me, I will speak it." 15 And he came to the king, and the king said to him, "Micaiah, shall we go to Ramoth Gilead for battle, or shall we refrain?" And he said to him, "Go up and prosper, for Yahweh will give *it* into the hand of the king." 16 And the king said to him, "Up to how many times have I been making you swear that you would not speak about me except truth

in the name of Yahweh?” 17 And he said, “I saw all of Israel
scattered on the hills like a flock when no shepherd *is* to them.
And Yahweh said, ‘No masters *are* to these. Let them return,
a man to his house, in peace.’” 18 And the king of Israel said
to Jehoshaphat, “Did I not say to you, ‘He will not prophesy
good about me, but rather evil’?” 19 And he said, “Therefore,
hear the word of Yahweh. I saw Yahweh sitting on his throne,
and all of the army of the heavens was standing beside him
on his right and on his left. 20 And Yahweh said, ‘Who will
deceive Ahab so that he may go up and fall *at* Ramoth Gilead?’
And this *one* said, ‘By thus,’ and that *one* was saying, ‘By thus.’
21 Then a spirit came out and stood to the face of Yahweh. And
he said, ‘I, I will deceive *him*.’ And Yahweh said to him, ‘By
what?’ 22 And he said, ‘I will go out and be a spirit of falsehood
in the mouth of all of his prophets.’ And he said, ‘You will
deceive and also you will be able. Go out and do thus.’ 23 And
now, behold, Yahweh has put a spirit of falsehood into the
mouth of all of these your prophets. For Yahweh has spoken
harm against you.”

24 And Zedekiah, the son of Kenaanah, approached and
struck Micaiah on the cheek. And he said, “What *is* this, the
Spirit of Yahweh has passed over from with me to speak to
you?” 25 And Micaiah said, “Behold you, seeing on that day
when you enter a chamber in a chamber to hide yourself.”
26 And the king of Israel said, “Take Micaiah and bring him
back to Amon, the commander of the city, and to Joash, the
son of the king. 27 And you shall say, ‘Thus says the king, “Put
this *one* in the house of imprisonment and feed him bread of
affliction and water of affliction until my coming in peace.”’”
28 And Micaiah said, “If returning, you return in peace, Yahweh
has not spoken by me.” And he said, “Listen, peoples, all of
them!”

29 And the king of Israel and Jehoshaphat, the king of Judah,
went up *to* Ramoth Gilead. 30 And the king of Israel said to
Jehoshaphat, “I will disguise myself and come into the battle,
but you, wear your robes.” And the king of Israel disguised
himself, and he came into the battle. 31 Now the king of Aram
had commanded the 32 commanders of the chariotry that *was*
to him, saying, “You shall not fight with small or with great
except with the king of Israel alone.” 32 And it happened, when
the commanders of the chariotry saw Jehoshaphat, that they,
they said, “Surely he *is* the king of Israel!” And they turned
aside to fight against him, and Jehoshaphat cried out. 33 And
it happened, when the commanders of the chariotry saw that
he *was* not the king of Israel, that they turned back from after
him. 34 But a man drew the bow in his innocence, and he struck
the king of Israel between the joints and between the armor.
And he said to his charioteer, “Turn your hand and bring me
out from the camp, for I am wounded.” 35 And the battle went
up on that day, and the king was propped up in the chariot
opposite Aram. And he died in the evening, and the blood of
the wound poured out onto the bosom of the chariot. 36 And
a cry passed through in the camp about the going of the sun,
saying, “A man to his city, and a man to his land!”

37 And the king died, and he came to Samaria. And they
buried the king in Samaria. 38 And one washed the chariot at
the pool of Samaria. And dogs licked up his blood (now the
prostitutes bathed *there*), according to the word of Yahweh
that he had spoken. 39 Now the rest of the matters of Ahab
and all that he did, and the house of ivory that he built, and
all of the cities that he built, are they not written in the book
of the matters of the days of the kings of Israel? 40 And Ahab
lay down with his fathers. And Ahaziah his son reigned in his
place.

41 And Jehoshaphat, the son of Asa, reigned over Judah
in year four of Ahab, the king of Israel. 42 Jehoshaphat *was*
a son of 35 years when he reigned, and he reigned 25 years
in Jerusalem. And the name of his mother was Azubah, the
daughter of Shilhi. 43 And he walked in every way of Asa his
father, he did not turn from it, doing right in the eyes of
Yahweh. However, they did not remove the high places. The
people were still sacrificing and burning incense at the high
places. 44 And Jehoshaphat made peace with the king of Israel.

45 Now the rest of the matters of Jehoshaphat, and his
mighty things that he did and how he fought, are they not
written in the book of the matters of the days of the kings of
Judah? 46 And the rest of the cultic prostitutes who were left
in the days of Asa his father, he burned from the land. 47 And
no king *was* in Edom. A deputy was king. 48 Jehoshaphat made
ships of Tarshish to go to Ophir for gold, but he did not go,
because the ships were broken at Ezion Geber. 49 Then Ahaziah,
the son of Ahab, said to Jehoshaphat, “Let my servants go with
your servants in the ships.” But Jehoshaphat was not willing.
50 And Jehoshaphat lay down with his fathers, and he was
buried with his fathers in the City of David his father. And
Jehoram his son reigned in his place.

51 Ahaziah, the son of Ahab, reigned over Israel in Samaria
in year 17 of Jehoshaphat, the king of Judah. And he reigned
over Israel two years. 52 And he did evil in the eyes of Yahweh.
And he walked in the way of his father and in the way of his
mother and in the way of Jeroboam, the son of Nebat, who
caused Israel to sin. 53 And he served Baal, and he bowed down
to him. And he provoked Yahweh, the God of Israel, according
to all that his father had done.