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22 And Araunah said unto David, Let my lord the king take and offer up what seemeth good unto him: behold, here be oxen for burnt sacrifice, and threshing instruments and other instruments of the oxen for wood.

23 All these things did Araunah, as a king, give unto the king. And Araunah said unto the king, The Lord thy God accept thee.

24 And the king said unto Araunah, Nay; but I will surely buy it of thee at a price: neither will I offer burnt offerings unto the Lord my God of that which doth cost me nothing. So David bought the threshing-floor and the oxen for fifty shekels of silver.

25 And David built there an altar unto the Lord, and offered burnt offerings and peace offerings. So the Lord was intreated for the land, and the plague was stayed from Israel.

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23 oxen for the wood: ¹all this, O king, doth Araunah give unto the king. And Araunah said unto the king, The Lord thy God accept thee.

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¹ Or, all this did Araunah the king give &c.

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COMMONLY CALLED,

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¹ Heb. entered into days.

1 Now king David was old and ¹stricken in years; and they covered him with clothes, but he gat no heat.

¹ Heb. Let them seek.

2 Wherefore his servants said unto him, ¹Let there be sought for my lord the king ¹a young virgin: and let her stand before the king, and let her ¹cherish him, and let her lie in thy bosom, that my lord the king may get heat.

¹ Heb. a damsel, a virgin.

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

¹ Heb. be a cherisher unto him.

4 And the damsel was very fair, and cherished the king, and ministered to him: but the king knew her not.

¹ Heb. reign.

5 ¶ Then Adonijah the son of Haggith exalted himself, saying, I will ¹be king: and he prepared him chariots and horsemen, and fifty men to run before him.

¹ Heb. from his days.

6 And his father had not displeased him ¹at any time in saying, Why hast thou done so? and he also was a very goodly man; and his mother bare him after Absalom.

¹ Heb. his words were with Joab.

7 And ¹he conferred with Joab the son of Zeruiah, and with Abiathar the priest: and they ¹following Adonijah helped him.

¹ Heb. helped after Adonijah.

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

¹ Or, the well Royal.

9 And Adonijah slew sheep and oxen and fat cattle by the stone of Zoheleth, which is by ¹En-rogel, and called all his brethren the king's sons, and all the men of Judah the king's servants:

10 But Nathan the prophet, and Benaiah, and the mighty men, and Solomon his brother, he called not.

¹ 2 Sam. 3 4.

11 ¶ Wherefore Nathan spake unto Bath-sheba the mother of Solomon, saying, Hast thou not heard that Adonijah the son of ¹Haggith doth reign, and David our lord knoweth it not?

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¹ Or, all his life

² Or, sacrificed

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12 Now therefore come, let me, I pray thee, give thee counsel, that thou mayest save thine own life, and the life of thy son Solomon.

13 Go and get thee in unto king David, and say unto him, Didst not thou, my lord, O king, swear unto thine handmaid, saying, Assuredly Solomon thy son shall reign after me, and he shall sit upon my throne? why then doth Adonijah reign?

† Heb. *fill up.*

14 Behold, while thou yet talkest there with the king, I also will come in after thee, and † confirm thy words.

15 ¶ And Bath-sheba went in unto the king into the chamber: and the king was very old; and Abishag the Shunammite ministered unto the king.

† Heb. *What to thee?*

16 And Bath-sheba bowed, and did obeisance unto the king. And the king said, † What wouldest thou?

17 And she said unto him, My lord, thou swarest by the Lord thy God unto thine handmaid, saying, Assuredly Solomon thy son shall reign after me, and he shall sit upon my throne.

18 And now, behold, Adonijah reigneth; and now, my lord the king, thou knowest it not:

19 And he hath slain oxen and fat cattle and sheep in abundance, and hath called all the sons of the king, and Abiathar the priest, and Joab the captain of the host: but Solomon thy servant hath he not called.

20 And thou, my lord, O king, the eyes of all Israel are upon thee, that thou shouldst tell them who shall sit on the throne of my lord the king after him.

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

† Heb. *sinneth.*

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

23 And they told the king, saying, Behold Nathan the prophet. And when he was come in before the king, he bowed himself before the king with his face to the ground.

24 And Nathan said, My lord, O king, hast thou said, Adonijah shall reign after me, and he shall sit upon my throne?

25 For he is gone down this day, and hath slain oxen and fat cattle and sheep in abundance, and hath called all the king's sons, and the captains of the host, and Abiathar the priest; and, behold, they eat and drink before him, and say, † God save king Adonijah.

† Heb. *Let king Adonijah live.*

26 But me, even me thy servant, and Zadok the priest, and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, and thy servant Solomon, hath he not called.

27 Is this thing done by my lord the king, and thou hast not shewed it unto thy servant, who should sit on the throne of my lord the king after him?

28 ¶ Then king David answered and said, Call me Bath-sheba. And she came † into the king's presence, and stood before the king.

† Heb. *before the king.*

29 And the king sware, and said, As the Lord liveth, that hath redeemed my soul out of all distress,

30 Even as I sware unto thee by the Lord God of Israel, saying, Assuredly Solomon thy son shall reign after me, and he shall sit upon my throne in my stead; even so will I certainly do this day.

31 Then Bath-sheba bowed with her face to the earth, and did reverence to the king, and said, Let my lord king David live for ever.

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

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

† Heb. *which belongeth to me.*

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

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1 An-other reading is, and now, my lord the king, thou &c.

2 Or, sacrificed

3 An-other reading is, now.

4 Heb. *sinneth.*

5 An-other reading is, *servant.*

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35 Then ye shall come up after him, that he may come and sit upon my throne; for he shall be king in my stead: and I have appointed him to be ruler over Israel and over Judah.

36 And Benaiah the son of Jehoiada answered the king, and said, Amen: the Lord God of my lord the king say so too.

37 As the Lord hath been with my lord the king, even so be he with Solomon, and make his throne greater than the throne of my lord king David.

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

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

40 And all the people came up after him, and the people piped with pipes, and rejoiced with great joy, so that the earth rent with the sound of them.

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

42 And while he yet spake, behold, Jonathan the son of Abiathar the priest came: and Adonijah said unto him, Come in; for thou art a valiant man, and bringest good tidings.

43 And Jonathan answered and said to Adonijah, Verily our lord king David hath made Solomon king.

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

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

46 And also Solomon sitteth on the throne of the kingdom.

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

48 And also thus said the king, Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, which hath given one to sit on my throne this day, mine eyes even seeing it.

49 And all the guests that were with Adonijah were afraid, and rose up, and went every man his way.

50 ¶ And Adonijah feared because of Solomon, and arose, and went, and caught hold on the horns of the altar.

51 And it was told Solomon, saying, Behold, Adonijah feareth king Solomon: for, lo, he hath caught hold on the horns of the altar, saying, Let king Solomon swear unto me to day that he will not slay his servant with the sword.

52 And Solomon said, If he will shew himself a worthy man, there shall not an hair of him fall to the earth: but if wickedness shall be found in him, he shall die.

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

2 Now the days of David drew nigh that he should die; and he charged Solomon his son, saying,

2 I go the way of all the earth: be thou strong therefore, and shew thyself a man;

3 And keep the charge of the Lord thy God, to walk in his ways, to keep his statutes, and his commandments, and his judgments, and his

1 Or, Aules.

35 Then ye shall come up after him, and he shall come and sit upon my throne; for he shall be king in my stead: and I have appointed him to

36 be prince over Israel and over Judah. And Benaiah the son of Jehoiada answered the king, and said, Amen: the Lord, the God of my lord

37 the king, say so too. As the Lord hath been with my lord the king, even so be he with Solomon, and make his throne greater than the

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3 and keep the charge of the Lord thy God, to walk in his ways, to keep his statutes, and his commandments, and his judgements, and his

3 Or, first of all

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1 Or, leader

2 Another reading omits Thy.

3 Or, first of all

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* Deut. 29. 9.	testimonies, as it is written in the law of Moses, that thou mayest ¹ prosper in all that thou doest, and whithersoever thou turnest thyself:	testimonies, according to that which is written in the law of Moses, that thou mayest ¹ prosper in all that thou doest, and whithersoever thou	¹ Or, <i>do wisely</i>
Joah. 1. 7.	4 That the Lord may continue his word which he spake concerning me, saying, If thy children take heed to their way, to walk before me in truth with all their heart and with all their soul, ² there shall not fail thee (said he) a man on the throne of Israel.	4 turnest thyself: that the Lord may establish his word which he spake concerning me, saying, If thy children take heed to their way, to walk before me in truth with all their heart and with all their soul, there shall not fail thee	
† Or, <i>do wisely.</i>			
* 2 Sam. 7. 12.	5 Moreover thou knowest also what Joab the son of Zeruiah did to me, and what he did to the two captains of the hosts of Israel, unto ³ Abner the son of Ner, and unto ⁴ Amasa the son of Jether, whom he slew, and ⁵ shed the blood of war in peace, and put the blood of war upon his girdle that was about his loins, and in his shoes that were on his feet.	5 (said he) a man on the throne of Israel. Moreover thou knowest also what Joab the son of Zeruiah did unto me, even what he did to the two captains of the hosts of Israel, unto Abner the son of Ner, and unto Amasa the son of Jether, whom he slew, and ² shed the blood of war in peace, and put the blood of war upon his girdle that was about his loins, and in his	
† Heb. <i>be cut off from thee from the throne.</i>			
* 2 Sam. 8. 27.	6 Do therefore according to thy wisdom, and let not his hoar head go down to the grave in peace.	6 shoes that were on his feet. Do therefore according to thy wisdom, and let not his hoar	² Heb. <i>act.</i>
* 2 Sam. 20. 10.	7 But shew kindness unto the sons of ⁶ Barzillai the Gileadite, and let them be of those that eat at thy table: for so they came to me when I fled because of Absalom thy brother.	7 head go down to ³ the grave in peace. But shew kindness unto the sons of Barzillai the Gileadite, and let them be of those that eat at thy table: for so they came to me when I fled	
† Heb. <i>put.</i>			
* 2 Sam. 19. 31.	8 And, behold, <i>thou hast</i> with thee ⁷ Shimei the son of Gera, a Benjamite of Bahurim, which cursed me with a ⁸ grievous curse in the day when I went to Mahanaim: but he came down to meet me at Jordan, and I swear to him by the Lord, saying, ⁹ I will not put thee to death with the sword.	8 head go down to ³ the grave in peace. And, behold, there is with thee Shimei the son of Gera, the Benjamite, of Bahurim, who cursed me with a grievous curse in the day when I went to Mahanaim: but he came down to meet me at Jordan, and I swear to him by the Lord, saying, I will not put thee to death with the sword.	³ Heb. <i>Sheel.</i>
* 2 Sam. 16. 5.	9 Now therefore hold him not guiltless: for thou art a wise man, and knowest what thou oughtest to do unto him; but his hoar head bring thou down to the grave with blood.	9 Now therefore hold him not guiltless, for thou art a wise man; and thou wilt know what thou oughtest to do unto him, and thou shalt bring his hoar head down to ⁸ the grave with blood.	
† Heb. <i>strong.</i>			
* 2 Sam. 10. 23.	10 So ¹⁰ David slept with his fathers, and was buried in the city of David.	10 And David slept with his fathers, and was buried in the city of David. And the days that David reigned over Israel were forty years: seven years reigned he in Hebron, and thirty and three years reigned he in Jerusalem.	
* Acts 2. 29.	11 And the days that David ¹¹ reigned over Israel were forty years: seven years reigned he in Hebron, and thirty and three years reigned he in Jerusalem.		
* 2 Sam. 5. 4.	12 ¶ ¹² Then sat Solomon upon the throne of David his father; and his kingdom was established greatly.		
1 Chr. 29. 26, 27.	13 ¶ And Adonijah the son of Haggith came to Bath-sheba the mother of Solomon. And she said, Comest thou peaceably? And he said, Peaceably.		
* 2 Chr. 29. 23.	14 He said moreover, I have somewhat to say unto thee. And she said, Say on.		
* 2 Chr. 29. 23.	15 And he said, Thou knowest that the kingdom was mine, and that all Israel set their faces on me, that I should reign: howbeit the kingdom is turned about, and is become my brother's: for it was his from the Lord.		
† Heb. <i>turn not away my face.</i>			
16 And now I ask one petition of thee, ¹⁶ deny me not. And she said unto him, Say on.	16 And now I ask one petition of thee, ¹⁶ deny me not. And she said unto him, Say on.		
17 And he said, Speak, I pray thee, unto Solomon the king, (for he will not say thee nay,) that he give me Abishag the Shunammite to wife.	17 And he said, Speak, I pray thee, unto Solomon the king, (for he will not say thee nay,) that he give me Abishag the Shunammite to wife.		
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19 ¶ Bath-sheba therefore went unto king Solomon, to speak unto him for Adonijah. And the king rose up to meet her, and bowed himself unto her, and sat down on his throne, and caused a seat to be set for the king's mother; and she sat on his right hand.	19 ¶ Bath-sheba therefore went unto king Solomon, to speak unto him for Adonijah. And the king rose up to meet her, and bowed himself unto her, and sat down on his throne, and caused a seat to be set for the king's mother; and she sat on his right hand.		
20 Then she said, I desire one small petition of thee; I pray thee, say me not nay. And the king said unto her, Ask on, my mother: for I will not say thee nay.	20 Then she said, I desire one small petition of thee; I pray thee, say me not nay. And the king said unto her, Ask on, my mother: for I will not say thee nay.		
21 And she said, Let Abishag the Shunammite be given to Adonijah thy brother to wife.	21 And she said, Let Abishag the Shunammite be given to Adonijah thy brother to wife.		
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23 Then king Solomon sware by the LORD, saying, God do so to me, and more also, if Adonijah have not spoken this word against his own life.

24 Now therefore, as the LORD liveth, which hath established me, and set me on the throne of David my father, and who hath made me an house, as he *promised, Adonijah shall be put to death this day.

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

26 ¶ And unto Abiathar the priest said the king, Get thee to Anathoth, unto thine own fields; for thou art ¹worthy of death: but I will not at this time put thee to death, because thou barest the ark of the LORD God before David my father, and because thou hast been afflicted in all wherein my father was afflicted.

27 So Solomon thrust out Abiathar from being priest unto the LORD; that he might * fulfil the word of the LORD, which he spake concerning the house of Eli in Shiloh.

28 ¶ Then tidings came to Joab: for Joab had turned after Adonijah, though he turned not after Absalom. And Joab fled unto the tabernacle of the LORD, and caught hold on the horns of the altar.

29 And it was told king Solomon that Joab was fled unto the tabernacle of the LORD; and, behold, he is by the altar. Then Solomon sent Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, saying, Go, fall upon him.

30 And Benaiah came to the tabernacle of the LORD, and said unto him, Thus saith the king, Come forth. And he said, Nay; but I will die here. And Benaiah brought the king word again, saying, Thus said Joab, and thus he answered me.

31 And the king said unto him, Do as he hath said, and fall upon him, and bury him; that thou mayest take away the innocent blood, which Joab shed, from me, and from the house of my father.

32 And the LORD shall return his blood upon his own head, who fell upon two men more righteous and better than he, and slew them with the sword, my father David not knowing thereof, to wit, * Abner the son of Ner, captain of the host of Israel, and * Amasa the son of Jether, captain of the host of Judah.

33 Their blood shall therefore return upon the head of Joab, and upon the head of his seed for ever: but upon David, and upon his seed, and upon his house, and upon his throne, shall there be peace for ever from the LORD.

34 So Benaiah the son of Jehoiada went up, and fell upon him, and slew him: and he was buried in his own house in the wilderness.

35 ¶ And the king put Benaiah the son of Jehoiada in his room over the host: and Zadok the priest did the king put in the room of Abiathar.

36 ¶ And the king sent and called for Shimei, and said unto him, Build thee an house in Jerusalem, and dwell there, and go not forth thence any whither.

37 For it shall be, that on the day thou goest out, and passest over the brook Kidron, thou shalt know for certain that thou shalt surely die: thy blood shall be upon thine own head.

38 And Shimei said unto the king, The saying is good: as my lord the king hath said, so will thy servant do. And Shimei dwelt in Jerusalem many days.

39 And it came to pass at the end of three years, that two of the servants of Shimei ran away unto Achish son of Maachah king of Gath. And they told Shimei, saying, Behold, thy servants be in Gath.

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

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

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* 2 Sam. 7. 12, 13.

¹ Heb. a man of death.

* 1 Sam. 2. 31, 35.

* 2 Sam. 3. 27.

* 2 Sam. 20. 10.

¹ Heb. a man of.

² See 1 Sam. ii. 27-35.

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42 And the king sent and called for Shimei, and said unto him, Did I not make thee to swear by the Lord, and protested unto thee, saying, Know for a certain, on the day thou goest out, and walkest abroad any whither, that thou shalt surely die? and thou saidst unto me, The word that I have heard is good.

43 Why then hast thou not kept the oath of the Lord, and the commandment that I have charged thee with?

44 The king said moreover to Shimei, Thou knowest all the wickedness which thine heart is privy to, that thou didst to David my father: therefore the Lord shall return thy wickedness upon thine own head;

45 And king Solomon shall be blessed, and the throne of David shall be established before the Lord for ever.

46 So the king commanded Benaiah the son of Jehoiada; which went out, and fell upon him, that he died. And the kingdom was established in the hand of Solomon.

* 2 Chr. 1. 1.

* ch. 7. 8.

3 And Solomon made affinity with Pharaoh king of Egypt, and took Pharaoh's daughter, and brought her into the city of David, until he had made an end of building his own house, and the house of the Lord, and the wall of Jerusalem round about.

2 Only the people sacrificed in high places, because there was no house built unto the name of the Lord, until those days.

3 And Solomon loved the Lord, walking in the statutes of David his father: only he sacrificed and burnt incense in high places.

4 And the king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there; for that was the great high place: a thousand burnt offerings did Solomon offer upon that altar.

! [1611 up on]

5 ¶ In Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night: and God said, Ask what I shall give thee.

! Or, bounty.

6 And Solomon said, Thou hast shewed unto thy servant David my father great mercy, according as he walked before thee in truth, and in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart with thee; and thou hast kept for him this great kindness, that thou hast given him a son to sit on his throne, as it is this day.

7 And now, O Lord my God, thou hast made thy servant king instead of David my father: and I am but a little child: I know not how to go out or come in.

8 And thy servant is in the midst of thy people which thou hast chosen, a great people, that cannot be numbered nor counted for multitude.

* 2 Chr. 1. 10.

! Heb. hearing.

9 * Give therefore thy servant an understanding heart to judge thy people, that I may discern between good and bad: for who is able to judge this thy so great a people?

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

11 And God said unto him, Because thou hast asked this thing, and hast not asked for thyself long life; neither hast asked riches for thyself, nor hast asked the life of thine enemies; but hast asked for thyself understanding to discern judgement;

! Heb. many days.

! Heb. to hear.

! [1611 word]

12 Behold, I have done according to thy words: lo, I have given thee a wise and an understanding heart; so that there was none like thee before thee, neither after thee shall any arise like unto thee.

* Wisd. 7. 11. Matt. 6. 33.

! Or, hath not been.

* ch. 15. 5.

13 And I have also given thee that which thou hast not asked, both riches, and honour: so that there shall not be any among the kings like unto thee all thy days.

14 And if thou wilt walk in my ways, to keep my statutes and my commandments, as thy father David did walk, then I will lengthen thy days.

15 And Solomon awoke; and, behold, it was a dream. And he came to Jerusalem, and stood

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! See 2 Chr. 1. 3, &c.

* Heb. hearing.

* Heb. heavy.

* Heb. many days.

* Heb. hear.

* Or, hath not been

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 16 ¶ Then came there two women, *that were harlots*, unto the king, and stood before him.
 17 And the one woman said, O my lord, I and this woman dwell in one house; and I was delivered of a child with her in the house.
 18 And it came to pass the third day after that I was delivered, that this woman was delivered also: and we were together; *there was no stranger with us in the house, save we two in the house.*
 19 And this woman's child died in the night; because she overlaid it.
 20 And she arose at midnight, and took my son from beside me, while thine handmaid slept, and laid it in her bosom, and laid her dead child in my bosom.
 21 And when I rose in the morning to give my child suck, behold, it was dead: but when I had considered it in the morning, behold, it was not my son, which I did bear.
 22 And the other woman said, Nay; but the living is my son, and the dead is thy son. And this said, No; but the dead is thy son, and the living is my son. Thus they spake before the king.
 23 Then said the king, The one saith, This is my son that liveth, and thy son is the dead: and the other saith, Nay; but thy son is the dead, and my son is the living.
 24 And the king said, Bring me a sword. And they brought a sword before the king.
 25 And the king said, Divide the living child in two, and give half to the one, and half to the other.
 26 Then spake the woman whose the living child was unto the king, for her bowels yearned upon her son, and she said, O my lord, give her the living child, and in no wise slay it. But the other said, Let it be neither mine nor thine, *but divide it.*
 27 Then the king answered and said, Give her the living child, and in no wise slay it: she is the mother thereof.
 28 And all Israel heard of the judgment which the king had judged; and they feared the king: for they saw that the wisdom of God was [†]in him, to do judgment.
 4 So king Solomon was king over all Israel.
 2 And these were the princes which he had; Azariah the son of Zadok [†]the priest,
 3 Elihoreph and Ahiah, the sons of Shisha, [†]scribes; Jehoshaphat the son of Ahilud, the [†]recorder.
 4 And Benaiah the son of Jehoiada was over the host: and Zadok and Abiathar were the priests:
 5 And Azariah the son of Nathan was over the officers: and Zabud the son of Nathan was principal officer, and the king's friend:
 6 And Ahishar was over the household: and Adoniram the son of Abda was over the [†]tribute.
 7 ¶ And Solomon had twelve officers over all Israel, which provided victuals for the king and his household: each man his month in a year made provision.
 8 And these are their names: ¶ The son of Hur, in mount Ephraim:
 9 ¶ The son of Dekar, in Makaz, and in Shaalbim, and Beth-shemesh, and Elon-beth-hanan:
 10 ¶ The son of Heseid, in Aruboth; to him pertained Sochoh, and all the land of Hopher:
 11 ¶ The son of Abinadab, in all the region of Dor; which had Taphath the daughter of Solomon to wife:
 12 Baana the son of Ahilud; to him pertained Taanach and Megiddo, and all Beth-shean, which is by Zartanolah beneath Jezreel, from Beth-shean to Abel-meholah, even unto the place that is beyond Jokneam:
 13 ¶ The son of Geber, in Ramoth-gilead; to him pertained the towns of Jair the son of Manasseh, which are in Gilead; to him also pertained the region of Argob, which is in Bashan, threescore great cities with walls and brasen bars:

† Heb. were hot.

† Heb. in the midst of him.

† Or, the chief officer.
 † Or, secretaries.
 † Or, remembrancer.

* ch. 5. 14.
 † Or, levy.

† Or, Ben-hur.
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¹ See 1 Chr. vi. 10.

² Or, secretaries

³ Or, chronicler

⁴ See ver. 7.

⁵ Or, chief minister See 2 Sam. viii. 18.

⁶ Or, Naphthad

⁷ Or, region

⁸ Or, over against

⁹ Or, Havvoth-jair

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¹ Or, to Mahanaim.

* Ecclus. 47. 13.

¹ Heb. bread.

¹ Heb. cors.

¹ Heb. contently.

* 2 Chr. 9. 25.

¹ Or, mules, or, swift beasts.

* Ecclus. 47. 14, 15, 16.

* 2 Chr. 2. 3.

¹ Heb. say.
* 2 Sam. 7. 13.
¹ Chr. 22. 10.

14 Ahinadab the son of Iddo ^{had} Mahanaim: 15 Alumaaz ^{was} in Naphtali; he also took Basmath the daughter of Solomon to wife:

16 Baauah the son of Hushai ^{was} in Asher and in Aloth:

17 Jehoshaphat the son of Paruah, in Issachar:

18 Shimei the son of Elah, in Benjamin:

19 Geber the son of Uri ^{was} in the country of Gilead, in the country of Sihon king of the Amorites, and of Og king of Bashan; and ^{he was} the only officer which ^{was} in the land.

20 ¶ Judah and Israel ^{were} many, as the sand which ^{is} by the sea in multitude, eating and drinking, and making merry.

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

22 ¶ And Solomon's ¹ provision for one day ^{was} thirty ¹ measures of fine flour, and threescore measures of meal,

23 Ten fat oxen, and twenty oxen out of the pastures, and an hundred sheep, beside harts, and roebucks, and fallowdeer, and fatted fowl.

24 For he had dominion over all the region on this side the river, from Tiphseh even to Azzah, over all the kings on this side the river: and he had peace on all sides round about him.

25 And Judah and Israel dwelt ¹ safely, every man under his vine and under his fig tree, from Dan even to Beer-sheba, all the days of Solomon.

26 ¶ And ^{*} Solomon had forty thousand stalls of horses for his chariots, and twelve thousand horsemen.

27 And those officers provided victual for king Solomon, and for all that came unto king Solomon's table, every man in his month: they lacked nothing.

28 Barley also and straw for the horses and dromedaries brought they unto the place where the officers were, every man according to his charge.

29 ¶ And ^{*} God gave Solomon wisdom and understanding exceeding much, and largeness of heart, even as the sand that ^{is} on the sea shore.

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

31 For he was wiser than all men; than Ethan the Ezrahite, and Heman, and Chalcol, and Darda, the sons of Mahol: and his fame was in all nations round about.

32 And he spake three thousand proverbs: and his songs were a thousand and five.

33 And he spake of trees, from the cedar tree that ^{is} in Lebanon even unto the hyssop that springeth out of the wall: he spake also of beasts, and of fowl, and of creeping things, and of fishes.

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

5 And Hiram king of Tyre sent his servants unto Solomon; for he had heard that they had anointed him king in the room of his father: for Hiram was ever a lover of David.

2 And ^{*} Solomon sent to Hiram, saying,

3 Thou knowest how that David my father could not build an house unto the name of the LORD his God for the wars which were about him on every side, until the LORD put them under the soles of his feet.

4 But now the LORD my God hath given me rest on every side, so that there is neither adversary nor evil occurrent.

5 And, behold, I ¹ purpose to build an house unto the name of the LORD my God, ^{*} as the LORD spake unto David my father, saying, Thy son, whom I will set upon thy throne in thy room, he shall build an house unto my name.

6 Now therefore command thou that they hew me cedar trees out of Lebanon; and my servants

14 Ahinadab the son of Iddo, in Mahanaim: Ahimaaaz, in Naphtali; he also took Basemath the

16 daughter of Solomon to wife: Baana the son

17 of Hushai, in Asher and Bealoth: Jehoshaphat

18 the son of Paruah, in Issachar: Shimei the son

19 of Ela, in Benjamin: Geber the son of Uri,

in the land of Gilead, the country of Sihon

king of the Amorites and of Og king of Bashan;

and he was the only officer which was in the

20 land. Judah and Israel were many, as the sand

which is by the sea in multitude, eating and

drinking and making merry.

21 And Solomon ruled over all the kingdoms

from the River unto the land of the Philistines,

and unto the border of Egypt: they brought

presents, and served Solomon all the days of his

22 life. And Solomon's provision for one day was

thirty measures of fine flour, and threescore

23 measures of meal; ten fat oxen, and twenty

oxen out of the pastures, and an hundred sheep,

beside harts, and gazelles, and roebucks, and

24 fatted fowl. For he had dominion over all the

region on this side the River, from Tiphseh

even to Gaza, over all the kings on this side

the River: and he had peace on all sides round

25 about him. And Judah and Israel dwelt safely,

every man under his vine and under his fig

tree, from Dan even to Beer-sheba, all the days

26 of Solomon. And Solomon had forty thousand

stalls of horses for his chariots, and twelve

27 thousand horsemen. And those officers provided

victual for king Solomon, and for all that came

unto king Solomon's table, every man in his

28 month: they let nothing be lacking. Barley

also and straw for the horses and swift steeds

brought they unto the place where the officers

were, every man according to his charge.

29 And God gave Solomon wisdom and under-

standing exceeding much, and largeness of heart,

30 even as the sand that is on the sea shore. And

Solomon's wisdom excelled the wisdom of all

the children of the east, and all the wisdom of

31 Egypt. For he was wiser than all men; than

Ethan the Ezrahite, and Heman, and Calcol,

and Darda, the sons of Mahol: and his fame was

32 in all the nations round about. And he spake

three thousand proverbs: and his songs were a

33 thousand and five. And he spake of trees, from

the cedar that is in Lebanon even unto the

hyssop that springeth out of the wall: he spake

also of beasts, and of fowl, and of creeping

34 things, and of fishes. And there came of all

peoples to hear the wisdom of Solomon, from

all kings of the earth, which had heard of his

wisdom.

5 And Hiram king of Tyre sent his servants

unto Solomon; for he had heard that they had

anointed him king in the room of his father: for

Hiram was ever a lover of David. And Solomon

3 sent to Hiram, saying, Thou knowest how that

David my father could not build an house for

the name of the LORD his God for the wars

which were about him on every side, until the

4 LORD put them under the soles of his feet. But

now the LORD my God hath given me rest on

every side; there is neither adversary, nor evil

5 occurrent. And, behold, I purpose to build an

house for the name of the LORD my God, as the

LORD spake unto David my father, saying, Thy

son, whom I will set upon thy throne in thy

room, he shall build the house for my name.

6 Now therefore command thou that they hew me

cedar trees out of Lebanon; and my servants

R. V.

¹ Or, in Aloth

² Heb. and one officer.

[Ch. v. 1 in Heb.]

³ See 2 Chr. ix. 26.

⁴ Heb. cor.

⁵ Or, beyond the River

⁶ Some authorities read, with all his servants.

⁷ In 2 Chr. ix. 25, four thousand.

⁸ Or, where he (that is, the king) was Or, where it should be

[Ch. v. 15 in Heb.]

⁹ See 2 Chr. ii. 3, &c.

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† Heb. say.	shall be with thy servants: and unto thee will I give hire for thy servants according to all that thou shalt appoint: for thou knowest that there is not among us any that can skill to hew timber like unto the Sidonians.	shall be with thy servants; and I will give thee hire for thy servants according to all that thou shalt say: for thou knowest that there is not among us any that can skill to hew timber like	
	7 ¶ And it came to pass, when Hiram heard the words of Solomon, that he rejoiced greatly, and said, Blessed be the Lord this day, which hath given unto David a wise son over this great people.	7 unto the Sidonians. And it came to pass, when Hiram heard the words of Solomon, that he rejoiced greatly, and said, Blessed be the Lord this day, which hath given unto David a wise son over this great people.	
† Heb. heard.	8 And Hiram sent to Solomon, saying, I have considered the things which thou sentest to me for: and I will do all thy desire concerning timber of cedar, and concerning timber of fir.	8 son over this great people. And Hiram sent to Solomon, saying, I have heard the message which thou hast sent unto me: I will do all thy desire concerning timber of cedar, and concerning timber of fir.	
† Heb. send.	9 My servants shall bring them down from Lebanon unto the sea: and I will convey them by sea in floats unto the place that thou shalt appoint me, and will cause them to be discharged there, and thou shalt receive them: and thou shalt accomplish my desire, in giving food for my household.	9 ber of fir. My servants shall bring them down from Lebanon unto the sea: and I will make them into rafts to go by sea unto the place that thou shalt appoint me, and will cause them to be broken up there, and thou shalt receive them: and thou shalt accomplish my desire, in giving food for my household. So Hiram gave Solomon timber of cedar and timber of fir according to all his desire. And Solomon gave Hiram twenty thousand measures of wheat for food to his household, and twenty measures of pure oil: thus gave Solomon to Hiram year by year.	1 Or, cypress
† Heb. cors.	10 So Hiram gave Solomon cedar trees and fir trees according to all his desire.	10 giving food for my household. So Hiram gave Solomon timber of cedar and timber of fir according to all his desire. And Solomon gave Hiram twenty thousand measures of wheat for food to his household, and twenty measures of pure oil: thus gave Solomon to Hiram year by year.	2 Or, carry them away
* ch. 3. 12.	11 And Solomon gave Hiram twenty thousand measures of wheat for food to his household, and twenty measures of pure oil: thus gave Solomon to Hiram year by year.	11 cording to all his desire. And Solomon gave Hiram twenty thousand measures of wheat for food to his household, and twenty measures of pure oil: thus gave Solomon to Hiram year by year.	3 Heb. Hiram, and in ver. 18.
† Heb. tribute of men.	12 And the Lord gave Solomon wisdom, as he promised him: and there was peace between Hiram and Solomon; and they two made a league together.	12 year. And the Lord gave Solomon wisdom, as he promised him; and there was peace between Hiram and Solomon; and they two made a league together.	4 Heb. cor.
* ch. 4. 6	13 ¶ And king Solomon raised a levy out of all Israel; and the levy was thirty thousand men.	13 And king Solomon raised a levy out of all Israel; and the levy was thirty thousand men.	5 Or, beaten
† Heb. built.	14 And he sent them to Lebanon, ten thousand a month by courses: a month they were in Lebanon, and two months at home: and Adoniram was over the levy.	14 And he sent them to Lebanon, ten thousand a month by courses: a month they were in Lebanon, and two months at home: and Adoniram was over the levy.	
† Heb. brought away	15 And Solomon had threescore and ten thousand that bare burdens, and fourscore thousand hewers in the mountains;	15 was over the levy. And Solomon had threescore and ten thousand that bare burdens, and fourscore thousand that were hewers in the mountain; besides Solomon's chief officers that were over the work, three thousand and three hundred, which bare rule over the people that wrought in the work.	
† Heb. built.	16 Beside the chief of Solomon's officers which were over the work, three thousand and three hundred, which ruled over the people that wrought in the work.	16 aius; besides Solomon's chief officers that were over the work, three thousand and three hundred, which bare rule over the people that wrought in the work. And the king commanded, and they hewed out great stones, costly stones, to lay the foundation of the house with wrought stone. And Solomon's builders and Hiram's builders and the Gebalites did fashion them, and prepared the timber and the stones to build the house.	6 Or, brought away
† Heb. built.	17 And the king commanded, and they brought great stones, costly stones, and hewed stones, to lay the foundation of the house.	17 And it came to pass in the four hundred and eightieth year after the children of Israel were come out of the land of Egypt, in the fourth year of Solomon's reign over Israel, in the month Zif, which is the second month, that he began to build the house of the Lord.	7 See 2 Chr. iii. 1, 2.
† Heb. built.	18 And Solomon's builders and Hiram's builders did hew them, and the stonesquarers: so they prepared timber and stones to build the house.	18 Ziv, which is the second month, that he began to build the house of the Lord. And the house which king Solomon built for the Lord, the length thereof was threescore cubits, and the breadth thereof twenty cubits, and the height thereof thirty cubits.	8 Heb. built.
† Heb. built.	19 And the house which king Solomon built for the Lord, the length thereof was threescore cubits, and the breadth thereof twenty cubits, and the height thereof thirty cubits.	19 the temple of the house, twenty cubits was the length thereof, according to the breadth of the house; and ten cubits was the breadth thereof before the house.	9 That is, the holy place.
† Heb. built.	20 And the porch before the temple of the house, twenty cubits was the length thereof, according to the breadth of the house; and ten cubits was the breadth thereof before the house.	20 windows of fixed lattice-work. And against the wall of the house he built stories round about, against the walls of the house round about, both of the temple and of the oracle: and he made side-chambers round about: the nethermost story was five cubits broad, and the middle was six cubits broad, and the third was seven cubits broad: for on the outside he made rebatements in the wall of the house round about, that the beams should not have hold in the walls of the house.	10 Or, windows broad within, and narrow without.
† Heb. built.	21 And the porch before the temple of the house, twenty cubits was the length thereof, according to the breadth of the house; and ten cubits was the breadth thereof before the house.	21 That is, the most holy place.	11 That is, the most holy place.
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† Heb. built.	23 And the porch before the temple of the house, twenty cubits was the length thereof, according to the breadth of the house; and ten cubits was the breadth thereof before the house.	23 windows of fixed lattice-work. And against the wall of the house he built stories round about, against the walls of the house round about, both of the temple and of the oracle: and he made side-chambers round about: the nethermost story was five cubits broad, and the middle was six cubits broad, and the third was seven cubits broad: for on the outside he made rebatements in the wall of the house round about, that the beams should not have hold in the walls of the house.	
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† Heb. *shou-
lder.*

† Or, *the
vauk-
beams
and the
ceilings
with
cedar.*

* 2 Sam.
7. 13.
1 Chr.
22. 10.

† Or, *from
the
floor of
the house
unto the
walls,
&c.
and so
ver. 16.*

† Or, *gourds.*
† Heb. *openings
of
flowers.*

† Heb. *shut up.*

† Or, *oil.*
† Heb. *trees of
oil.*

* Ex. 25.
20.

† Or, *the
cherub-
ims
stretched
forth
their
wings.*

† Heb. *openings
of
flowers.*

† Or, *five-
square.*

† Or, *leaves
of the
doors.*

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of
flowers.*

nor any tool of iron heard in the house, while it was in building.

8 The door for the middle chamber was in the right side of the house: and they went up with winding stairs into the middle chamber, and out of the middle into the third.

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

10 And then he built chambers against all the house, five cubits high: and they rested on the house with timber of cedar.

11 ¶ And the word of the LORD came to Solomon, saying,

12 Concerning this house which thou art in building, if thou wilt walk in my statutes, and execute my judgments, and keep all my commandments to walk in them; then will I perform my word with thee, which I spake unto David thy father:

13 And I will dwell among the children of Israel, and will not forsake my people Israel.

14 So Solomon built the house, and finished it

15 And he built the walls of the house within with boards of cedar, both the floor of the house, and the walls of the ceiling: and he covered them on the inside with wood, and covered the floor of the house with planks of fir.

16 And he built twenty cubits on the sides of the house, both the floor and the walls with boards of cedar: he even built them for it within, even for the oracle, even for the most holy place.

17 And the house, that is, the temple before it, was forty cubits long.

18 And the cedar of the house within was carved with knops and open flowers: all was cedar; there was no stone seen.

19 And the oracle he prepared in the house within, to set there the ark of the covenant of the LORD.

20 And the oracle in the forepart was twenty cubits in length, and twenty cubits in breadth, and twenty cubits in the height thereof: and he overlaid it with pure gold; and so covered the altar which was of cedar.

21 So Solomon overlaid the house within with pure gold: and he made a partition by the chains of gold before the oracle; and he overlaid it with gold.

22 And the whole house he overlaid with gold, until he had finished all the house: also the whole altar that was by the oracle he overlaid with gold.

23 ¶ And within the oracle he made two cherubims of olive tree, each ten cubits high.

24 And five cubits was the one wing of the cherub, and five cubits the other wing of the cherub: from the uttermost part of the one wing unto the uttermost part of the other were ten cubits.

25 And the other cherub was ten cubits: both the cherubims were of one measure and one size.

26 The height of the one cherub was ten cubits, and so was it of the other cherub.

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

28 And he overlaid the cherubims with gold.

29 And he carved all the walls of the house round about with carved figures of cherubims and palm trees and open flowers, within and without.

30 And the floor of the house he overlaid with gold, within and without.

31 ¶ And for the entering of the oracle he made doors of olive tree: the lintel and side posts were a fifth part of the wall.

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

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14 So Solomon built the house, and finished it.

15 And he built the walls of the house within with boards of cedar; from the floor of the house unto the walls of the ceiling, he covered them on the inside with wood: and he covered the 16 floor of the house with boards of fir. And he built twenty cubits on the hinder part of the house with boards of cedar from the floor unto the walls: he even built them for it within, for an oracle, even for the most holy place.

17 And the house, that is, the temple before the 18 oracle, was forty cubits long. And there was cedar on the house within, carved with knops and open flowers: all was cedar; there was no 19 stone seen. And he prepared an oracle in the midst of the house within, to set there the ark 20 of the covenant of the LORD. And within the oracle was a space of twenty cubits in length, and twenty cubits in breadth, and twenty cubits in the height thereof; and he overlaid it with pure gold: and he covered the altar with cedar.

21 So Solomon overlaid the house within with pure gold: and he drew chains of gold across before 22 the oracle; and he overlaid it with gold. And the whole house he overlaid with gold, until all the house was finished: also the whole altar that belonged to the oracle he overlaid with gold.

23 And in the oracle he made two cherubim of 24 olive wood, each ten cubits high. And five cubits was the one wing of the cherub, and five cubits the other wing of the cherub: from the uttermost part of the one wing unto the uttermost part of the other were ten cubits. And the other cherub was ten cubits: both the cherubim were 26 of one measure and one form. The height of the one cherub was ten cubits, and so was it 27 of the other cherub. And he set the cherubim within the inner house: and the wings of the cherubim were stretched forth, so that the wing of the one touched the one wall, and the wing of the other cherub touched the other wall; and their wings touched one another in the midst of 28 the house. And he overlaid the cherubim with 29 gold. And he carved all the walls of the house round about with carved figures of cherubim and palm trees and open flowers, within and 30 without. And the floor of the house he overlaid with gold, within and without. And for the entering of the oracle he made doors of olive wood: the lintel and door posts were a fifth 32 part of the wall. So he made two doors of olive wood; and he carved upon them carvings of cherubim and palm trees and open flowers, and overlaid them with gold; and he spread the gold upon the cherubim, and upon the palm trees.

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27 And he set the cherubims within the inner house: and the wings of the cherubims, so that the wing of the one touched the one wall, and the wing of the other cherub touched the other wall; and their wings touched one another in the midst of the house.

28 And he overlaid the cherubims with gold.

29 And he carved all the walls of the house round about with carved figures of cherubims and palm trees and open flowers, within and without.

30 And the floor of the house he overlaid with gold, within and without.

31 ¶ And for the entering of the oracle he made doors of olive tree: the lintel and door posts were a fifth 32 part of the wall. So he made two doors of olive wood; and he carved upon them carvings of cherubim and palm trees and open flowers, and overlaid them with gold; and he spread the gold upon the cherubim, and upon the palm trees.

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

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1 The Sept. and Targum have, lowest.

2 Heb. *shou-
der.*

3 Heb. *rows.*

4 Or, *he fastened the house*

5 Or, *both the floor of the house and the walls &c. and so ver. 16.*

6 Or, *cypress*

7 See 2 Chr. iii. 8.

8 The Sept. has, beams.

9 Or, *gourds*

10 Or, *he overlaid the altar also, which was of cedar*

11 See 2 Chr. iii. 10-12.

12 Or, *posts*

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¹ Or, four-square.

¹ Or, with all the apartments thereof, and with all the ordinances thereof. * ch. 9. 10.

¹ Heb. ribs.

¹ Heb. eight against eight.

¹ Or, spaces and pillars were square in prospect.

¹ Or, according to them.

¹ Heb. from floor to floor.

* ch. 3. 1

¹ Heb. the son of a widow woman.

¹ Heb. fashion-ut.

33 So also made he for the door of the temple posts of olive tree, ¹a fourth part of the wall.

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

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

36 ¶ And he built the inner court with three rows of hewed stone, and a row of cedar beams.

37 ¶ In the fourth year was the foundation of the house of the Lord laid, in the month Zif:

38 And in the eleventh year, in the month Bul, which is the eighth month, was the house finished ¹throughout all the parts thereof, and according to all the fashion of it. So was he seven years in building it.

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

2 ¶ He built also the house of the forest of Lebanon; the length thereof was an hundred cubits, and the breadth thereof fifty cubits, and the height thereof thirty cubits, upon four rows of cedar pillars, with cedar beams upon the pillars.

3 And it was covered with cedar above upon the ¹beams, that lay on forty five pillars, fifteen in a row.

4 And there were windows in three rows, and ¹light was against light in three ranks.

5 And all the ¹doors and posts were square, with the windows: and light was against light in three ranks.

6 ¶ And he made a porch of pillars; the length thereof was fifty cubits, and the breadth thereof thirty cubits: and the porch was ¹before them: and the other pillars and the thick beam were ¹before them.

7 ¶ Then he made a porch for the throne where he might judge, even the porch of judgment: and it was covered with cedar ¹from one side of the floor to the other.

8 ¶ And his house where he dwelt had another court within the porch, which was of the like work. Solomon made also an house for Pharaoh's daughter, ¹whom he had taken to wife, like unto this porch.

9 All these were of costly stones, according to the measures of hewed stones, sawed with saws, within and without, even from the foundation unto the coping, and so on the outside toward the great court.

10 And the foundation was of costly stones, even great stones, stones of ten cubits, and stones of eight cubits.

11 And above were costly stones, after the measures of hewed stones, and cedars.

12 And the great court round about was with three rows of hewed stones, and a row of cedar beams, both for the inner court of the house of the Lord, and for the porch of the house.

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

14 He was ¹a widow's son of the tribe of Naphtali, and his father was a man of Tyre, a worker in brass: and he was filled with wisdom, and understanding, and cunning to work all works in brass. And he came to king Solomon, and wrought all his work.

15 For he ¹cast two pillars of brass, of eighteen cubits high apiece: and a line of twelve cubits did compass either of them about.

16 And he made two chapters of molten brass, to set upon the tops of the pillars: the height of the one chapter was five cubits, and the height of the other chapter was five cubits:

17 And nets of checker work, and wreaths of chain work, for the chapters which were upon the top of the pillars; seven for the one chapter, and seven for the other chapter.

18 And he made the pillars, and two rows round about upon the one network, to cover the chapters

33 So also made he for the entering of the temple door posts of olive wood, out of a fourth part of

34 the wall; and two doors of ¹fir wood; the two leaves of the one door were folding, and the two

35 leaves of the other door were folding. And he carved thereon cherubim and palm trees and open flowers: and he overlaid them with gold

36 fitted upon the graven work. And he built the inner court with three rows of hewn stone, and

37 a row of cedar beams. In the fourth year was the foundation of the house of the Lord laid, in the

38 month Ziv. And in the eleventh year, in the month Bul, which is the eighth month, was the house finished ²throughout all the parts thereof, and according to all the fashion of it. So was he seven years in building it.

7 And Solomon was building his own house ²thirteen years, and he finished all his house. For he built the house of the forest of Lebanon; the length thereof was an hundred cubits, and the breadth thereof fifty cubits, and the height thereof thirty cubits, upon four rows of cedar

3 pillars, with cedar beams upon the pillars. And it was covered with cedar above over the forty and five ³beams, that were upon the pillars; ⁴fifteen in a row. And there were ⁴prospects in three rows, and light was over against light in

5 three ranks. And all the doors and posts ⁵were square in prospect: and light was over against

6 light in three ranks. And he made the porch of pillars; the length thereof was fifty cubits, and the breadth thereof thirty cubits; and a porch before them; and pillars and ⁶thick beams before

7 them. And he made the porch of the throne where he might judge, even the porch of judgment: and it was covered with cedar from floor

8 to floor. And his house where he might dwell, the other court within the porch, was of the like work. He made also an house for Pharaoh's daughter, (whom Solomon had taken to wife,) ⁹like unto this porch. All these were of costly stones, even of hewn stone, ⁷according to measure, sawed with saws, within and without, even from the foundation unto the coping, and

10 so on the outside unto the great court. And the foundation was of costly stones, even great stones, stones of ten cubits, and stones of eight

11 cubits. And above were costly stones, even hewn stone, according to measure, and cedar

12 wood. And the great court round about had three rows of hewn stone, and a row of cedar beams; ⁸like as the inner court of the house of the Lord, and the porch of the house.

13 And king Solomon sent and fetched Hiram

14 out of Tyre. ⁹He was the son of a widow woman of the tribe of Naphtali, and his father was a man of Tyre, a worker in brass; and he was filled with wisdom and understanding and cunning, to work all works in brass. And he came to king Solomon, and wrought all his work.

15 For he fashioned the two pillars of brass, ¹⁰of eighteen cubits high apiece: and a line of twelve cubits compassed ¹¹either of them about. And he made two chapters of molten brass, to set upon the tops of the pillars: the height of the one chapter was five cubits, and the height of

17 the other chapter was five cubits. There were nets of checker work, and wreaths of chain work, for the chapters which were upon the top of the pillars; seven for the one chapter, and

18 seven for the other chapter. So he made the pillars; and there were two rows round about upon the one network, to cover the chapters

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¹ Or, copper

² Or, with all the appurtenances thereof, and with all the ordinances thereof

³ Or, side-chambers Heb. ribs.

⁴ Or, beams

⁵ Or, were made square with beams

⁶ Or, a threshold

⁷ Or, after divers measures

⁸ Or, both for and for

⁹ See 2 Chr II. 14.

¹⁰ Heb. eighteen cubits was the height of one pillar. ¹¹ Heb. the other pillar.

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that were upon the top, with pomegranates. and so did he for the other chapter.

19 And the chapters that were upon the top of the pillars were of lily work in the porch, four cubits.

20 And the chapters upon the two pillars had pomegranates also above, over against the belly which was by the network: and the pomegranates were two hundred in rows round about upon the other chapter.

21 * And he set up the pillars in the porch of the temple: and he set up the right pillar, and called the name thereof ¹Jachin: and he set up the left pillar, and called the name thereof ¹Boaz.

22 And upon the top of the pillars was lily work: so was the work of the pillars finished.

23 ¶ And he made a molten sea, ten cubits ¹from the one brim to the other: it was round all about, and his height was five cubits: and a line of thirty cubits did compass it round about.

24 And under the brim of it round about there were knobs compassing it, ten in a cubit, * compassing the sea round about: the knobs were cast in two rows, when it was cast.

25 It stood upon twelve oxen, three looking toward the north, and three looking toward the west, and three looking toward the south, and three looking toward the east: and the sea was set above upon them, and all their hinder parts were inward.

26 And it was an hand breadth thick, and the brim thereof was wrought like the brim of a cup, with flowers of lilies: it contained two thousand baths.

27 ¶ And he made ten bases of brass; four cubits was the length of one base, and four cubits the breadth thereof, and three cubits the height of it.

28 And the work of the bases was on this manner: they had borders, and the borders were between the ledges:

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

30 And every base had four brasen wheels, and plates of brass: and the four corners thereof had undersetters: under the laver were undersetters molten, at the side of every addition.

31 And the mouth of it within the chapter and above was a cubit: but the mouth thereof was round after the work of the base, a cubit and an half: and also upon the mouth of it were gravings with their borders, foursquare, not round.

32 And under the borders were four wheels; and the axletrees of the wheels were ¹joined to the base: and the height of a wheel was a cubit and half a cubit.

33 And the work of the wheels was like the work of a chariot wheel: their axletrees, and their naves, and their felloes, and their spokes, were all molten.

34 And there were four undersetters to the four corners of one base: and the undersetters were of the very base itself.

35 And in the top of the base was there a round compass of half a cubit high: and on the top of the base the ledges thereof and the borders thereof were of the same.

36 For on the plates of the ledges thereof, and on the borders thereof, he graved cherubims, lions, and palm trees, according to the ¹proportion of every one, and additions round about.

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

38 ¶ Then made he ten lavers of brass: one laver contained forty baths: and every laver was four cubits: and upon every one of the ten bases one laver.

39 And he put five bases on the right ¹side of the house, and five on the left side of the house: and he set the sea on the right side of the house eastward over against the south.

* 2 Chr. 3. 17.

¹ That is, He shall establish.

¹ That is, In it is strength.

¹ Heb. from his brim to his brim.

* 2 Chr. 4. 3.

¹ Heb. in the base.

¹ Heb. nakedness.

¹ Heb. shoulder.

that were upon the top of the ¹pillars: and so 19 did he for the other chapter. And the chapters

that were upon the top of the pillars in the porch 20 were of lily work, four cubits. And there were

chapters above also upon the two pillars, close by the belly which was beside the network: and the pomegranates were two hundred, in rows

21 round about upon the other chapter. ²And he set up the pillars at the porch of the temple: and he set up the right pillar, and called the name

thereof ³Jachin: and he set up the left pillar, 22 and called the name thereof ⁴Boaz. And upon

the top of the pillars was lily work: so was the 23 work of the pillars finished. ⁵And he made the

molten sea of ten cubits from brim to brim, round in compass, and the height thereof was five cubits: and a line of thirty cubits compassed

24 it round about. And under the brim of it round about there were knobs which did compass it,

25 ⁶for ten cubits, compassing the sea round about: the knobs were in two rows, cast when it was

26 cast. It stood upon twelve oxen, three looking toward the north, and three looking toward the west, and three looking toward the south, and three looking toward the east: and the sea was set upon them above, and all their hinder parts

27 were inward. And it was an hand breadth thick; and the brim thereof was wrought like the brim of a cup, like the flower of a lily: it held two

28 thousand baths. And he made the ten bases of brass; four cubits was the length of one base, and four cubits the breadth thereof, and three

29 cubits the height of it. And the work of the bases was on this manner: they had ⁷borders; and there were borders between the ledges:

29 and on the borders that were between the ledges were lions, oxen, and cherubim; and upon the ledges ⁸there was a pedestal above: and beneath the lions and oxen were wreaths of hanging work.

30 And every base had four brasen wheels, and axles of brass: and the four feet thereof had ¹⁰undersetters: beneath the laver were the undersetters molten, with wreaths at the side of each.

31 And the mouth of it within the chapter and above was a cubit: and the mouth thereof was round after the work of a pedestal, a cubit and an half: and also upon the mouth of it were gravings, and their borders were foursquare, not

32 round. And the four wheels were underneath the borders; and the axletrees of the wheels were in the base: and the height of a wheel was

33 a cubit and half a cubit. And the work of the wheels was like the work of a chariot wheel: their axletrees, and their felloes, and their spokes,

34 and their naves, were all molten. And there were four undersetters at the four corners of each base: the undersetters thereof were of the base itself.

35 And in the top of the base was there a round compass of half a cubit high: and on the top of the base the ¹¹stays thereof and the borders

36 thereof were of the same. And on the plates of the stays thereof, and on the borders thereof, he graved cherubim, lions, and palm trees, according to the space of each, with wreaths round

37 about. ¹²After this manner he made the ten bases: all of them had one casting, one measure, and one form. ¹³And he made ten lavers of brass: one laver contained forty baths: and every laver was four cubits: and upon every one of the ten

38 bases one laver. And he set the bases, five on the right ¹⁴side of the house, and five on the left side of the house: and he set the sea on the right side of the house eastward, toward the south.

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¹ So some ancient authorities. The text has, pomegranates.

² See 2 Chr. iii. 17.

³ That is, He shall establish.

⁴ That is, perhaps, In it is strength.

⁵ See 2 Chr. iv. 2, &c.

⁶ Or, ten in a cubit.

⁷ Or, panels (and so in ver. 23, &c.)

⁸ Or, even borders.

⁹ Or, it was in like manner above.

¹⁰ Heb. shoulders.

¹¹ Heb. hands.

¹² See 2 Chr. iv. 14.

¹³ See 2 Chr. iv. 6, &c.

¹⁴ Heb. shoulder.

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	41 The two pillars, and the two bowls of the chapters that were on the top of the two pillars; and the two networks, to cover the two bowls of the chapters which were upon the top of the pillars;	41 in the house of the LORD: the two pillars, and the two bowls of the chapters that were on the top of the pillars; and the two networks to cover the two bowls of the chapters that were on the	¹ Heb. <i>Hiram</i> . ² Many ancient authorities read, <i>pots</i> .
† Heb. upon the face of.	42 And four hundred pomegranates for the two networks, even two rows of pomegranates for one network, to cover the two bowls of the chapters that were upon the pillars;	42 top of the pillars; and the four hundred pomegranates for the two networks; two rows of pomegranates for each network, to cover the two bowls of the chapters that were upon the	³ Heb. upon the face of the pillars.
† Heb. made bright, or, scoured.	43 And the ten bases, and ten lavers on the bases;	43 pillars; and the ten bases, and the ten lavers	⁴ Another reading is, the vessels of the Tent.
† Heb. in the thickness of the ground.	44 And one sea, and twelve oxen under the sea;	44 on the bases; and the one sea, and the twelve	⁵ Or, was not searched out
† Heb. for the exceeding multitude.	45 And the pots, and the shovels, and the basons: and all these vessels, which Hiram made to king Solomon for the house of the LORD, were of bright brass.	45 oxen under the sea; and the pots, and the shovels, and the basons: even all these vessels, which Hiram made for king Solomon, in the	⁶ See 2 Chr. v. 1, &c.
† Heb. search-ed.	46 In the plain of Jordan did the king cast them, in the clay ground between Succoth and Zarthan.	46 house of the LORD, were of burnished brass. In the plain of Jordan did the king cast them, in the clay ground between Succoth and Zarethan.	
† Heb. ash pans.	47 And Solomon left all the vessels unweighed, because they were exceeding many: neither was the weight of the brass found out.	47 And Solomon left all the vessels unweighed, because they were exceeding many: the weight of	
† Heb. (holy) things of David.	48 And Solomon made all the vessels that pertained unto the house of the LORD: the altar of gold, and the table of gold, whereupon the shewbread was,	48 the brass could not be found out. And Solomon made all the vessels that were in the house of the LORD: the golden altar, and the table where-	
* 2 Chr. 5. 1.	49 And the candlesticks of pure gold, five on the right side, and five on the left, before the oracle, with the flowers, and the lamps, and the tongs of gold,	49 upon the shewbread was, of gold; and the candlesticks, five on the right side, and five on the left, before the oracle, of pure gold; and the flowers, and the lamps, and the tongs, of gold;	
* 2 Chr. 5. 2.	50 And the bowls, and the snuffers, and the basons, and the spoons, and the censers of pure gold; and the hinges of gold, both for the doors of the inner house, the most holy place, and for the doors of the house, to wit, of the temple,	50 and the cups, and the snuffers, and the basons, and the spoons, and the firepans, of pure gold; and the hinges, both for the doors of the inner house, the most holy place, and for the doors of the house, to wit, of the temple, of	
† Heb. princes.	51 So was ended all the work that king Solomon made for the house of the LORD. And Solomon brought in the things which David his father had dedicated; even the silver, and the gold, and the vessels, did he put among the treasures of the house of the LORD.	51 gold. Thus all the work that king Solomon wrought in the house of the LORD was finished. And Solomon brought in the things which David his father had dedicated, even the silver, and the gold, and the vessels, and put them in the treasuries of the house of the LORD.	
* 2 Chr. 5. 2.	8 Then Solomon assembled the elders of Israel, and all the heads of the tribes, the chief of the fathers of the children of Israel, unto king Solomon in Jerusalem, that they might bring up the ark of the covenant of the LORD out of the city of David, which is Zion.	8 Then Solomon assembled the elders of Israel, and all the heads of the tribes, the princes of the fathers' houses of the children of Israel, unto king Solomon in Jerusalem, to bring up the ark of the covenant of the LORD out of the city of	
† Heb. princes.	2 And all the men of Israel assembled themselves unto king Solomon at the feast in the month Ethanim, which is the seventh month.	2 David, which is Zion. And all the men of Israel assembled themselves unto king Solomon at the feast, in the month Ethanim, which is the	
† Heb. heads.	3 And all the elders of Israel came, and the priests took up the ark.	3 seventh month. And all the elders of Israel came, and the priests took up the ark. And they brought up the ark of the LORD, and the tent of meeting, and all the holy vessels that were in the Tent; even these did the priests	⁷ Or, they drew out the staves, so that &c.
† Or, ark: as 2 Chr. 5. 9.	4 And they brought up the ark of the LORD, and the tabernacle of the congregation, and all the holy vessels that were in the tabernacle, even those did the priests and the Levites bring up.	5 and the Levites bring up. And king Solomon and all the congregation of Israel, that were assembled unto him, were with him before the ark, sacrificing sheep and oxen, that could not	⁸ Or, where
* Deut. 10. 5.	5 And king Solomon, and all the congregation of Israel, that were assembled unto him, were with him before the ark, sacrificing sheep and oxen, that could not be told nor numbered for multitude.	6 be told nor numbered for multitude. And the priests brought in the ark of the covenant of the LORD unto its place, into the oracle of the house, to the most holy place, even under the	
† Or, where.	6 And the priests brought in the ark of the covenant of the LORD unto his place, into the oracle of the house, to the most holy place, even under the wings of the cherubims.	7 wings of the cherubim. For the cherubim spread forth their wings over the place of the ark, and the cherubim covered the ark and the staves thereof above. And the staves were so long that the ends of the staves were seen from the holy place before the oracle; but they were not seen without: and there	
† Heb. heads.	7 For the cherubims spread forth their two wings over the place of the ark, and the cherubims covered the ark and the staves thereof above.	9 they are, unto this day. There was nothing in the ark save the two tables of stone which Moses put there at Horeb, when the LORD made a covenant with the children of Israel, when they came out of the land of Egypt.	
† Or, ark: as 2 Chr. 5. 9.	8 And they drew out the staves, that the ends of the staves were seen out in the holy place before the oracle, and they were not seen without: and there they are unto this day.		
* Deut. 10. 5.	9 There was nothing in the ark save the two tables of stone, which Moses put there at Horeb, when the LORD made a covenant with the children		
† Or, where.	of Israel, when they came out of the land of Egypt.		

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thy dwelling place: and when thou hearest, forgive.

31 ¶ If any man trespass against his neighbour, and an oath be laid upon him to cause him to swear, and the oath come before thine altar in this house:

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

33 ¶ When thy people Israel be smitten down before the enemy, because they have sinned against thee, and shall turn again to thee, and confess thy name, and pray, and make supplication unto thee in this house:

34 Then hear thou in heaven, and forgive the sin of thy people Israel, and bring them again unto the land which thou gavest unto their fathers.

35 ¶ When heaven is shut up, and there is no rain, because they have sinned against thee; if they pray toward this place, and confess thy name, and turn from their sin, when thou afflictest them:

36 Then hear thou in heaven, and forgive the sin of thy servants, and of thy people Israel, that thou teach them the good way wherein they should walk, and give rain upon thy land, which thou hast given to thy people for an inheritance.

37 ¶ If there be in the land famine, if there be pestilence, blasting, mildew, locust, or if there be caterpillar; if their enemy besiege them in the land of their cities; whatsoever plague, whatsoever sickness there be;

38 What prayer and supplication soever be made by any man, or by all thy people Israel, which shall know every man the plague of his own heart, and spread forth his hands toward this house:

39 Then hear thou in heaven thy dwelling place, and forgive, and do, and give to every man according to his ways, whose heart thou knowest; (for thou, even thou only, knowest the hearts of all the children of men.)

40 That they may fear thee all the days that they live in the land which thou gavest unto our fathers.

41 Moreover concerning a stranger, that is not of thy people Israel, but cometh out of a far country for thy name's sake;

42 (For they shall hear of thy great name, and of thy strong hand, and of thy stretched out arm;) when he shall come and pray toward this house;

43 Hear thou in heaven thy dwelling place, and do according to all that the stranger calleth to thee for: that all people of the earth may know thy name, to fear thee, as do thy people Israel; and that they may know that this house, which I have builded, is called by thy name.

44 ¶ If thy people go out to battle against their enemy, whithersoever thou shalt send them, and shall pray unto the LORD toward the city which thou hast chosen, and toward the house that I have built for thy name:

45 Then hear thou in heaven their prayer and their supplication, and maintain their cause.

46 If they sin against thee, (* for there is no man that sinneth not,) and thou be angry with them, and deliver them to the enemy, so that they carry them away captives unto the land of the enemy, far or near;

47 Yet if they shall bethink themselves in the land whither they were carried captives, and repent, and make supplication unto thee in the land of them that carried them captives, saying, We have sinned, and have done perversely, we have committed wickedness;

48 And so return unto thee with all their heart, and with all their soul, in the land of their enemies, which led them away captive, and pray unto thee

thy dwelling place; and when thou hearest, 31 forgive. 1 If a man sin against his neighbour,

and an oath be laid upon him to cause him to swear, and he come and swear before thine altar

32 in this house: then hear thou in heaven, and do, and judge thy servants, condemning the wicked,

to bring his way upon his own head; and justifying the righteous, to give him according to

33 his righteousness. When thy people Israel be smitten down before the enemy, because they have sinned against thee; if they turn again to thee, and confess thy name, and pray and make supplication unto thee in this house:

34 then hear thou in heaven, and forgive the sin of thy people Israel, and bring them again unto the land which thou gavest unto their fathers.

35 When heaven is shut up, and there is no rain, because they have sinned against thee; if they pray toward this place, and confess thy name, and turn from their sin, when thou afflictest

36 them: then hear thou in heaven, and forgive the sin of thy servants, and of thy people Israel,

when thou teachest them the good way wherein they should walk; and send rain upon thy land,

which thou hast given to thy people for an inheritance. If there be in the land famine, if there be pestilence, if there be blasting or mildew, locust or caterpillar; if their enemy besiege them in the land of their cities; whatsoever

38 plague, whatsoever sickness there be; what prayer and supplication soever be made by any man, or by all thy people Israel, which shall know every man the plague of his own heart, and spread forth his hands toward this house:

39 then hear thou in heaven thy dwelling place, and forgive, and do, and render unto every man according to all his ways, whose heart thou knowest; (for thou, even thou only, knowest

40 the hearts of all the children of men;) that they may fear thee all the days that they live in the land which thou gavest unto our fathers.

41 Moreover concerning the stranger, that is not of thy people Israel, when he shall come out of

42 a far country for thy name's sake; (for they shall hear of thy great name, and of thy mighty hand, and of thy stretched out arm;) when he

43 shall come and pray toward this house; hear thou in heaven thy dwelling place, and do according to all that the stranger calleth to thee for; that all the peoples of the earth may know thy name, to fear thee, as doth thy people Israel, and that they may know that this house

44 which I have built is called by thy name. If thy people go out to battle against their enemy, by whatsoever way thou shalt send them, and they pray unto the LORD toward the city which thou hast chosen, and toward the house which

45 I have built for thy name: then hear thou in heaven their prayer and their supplication, and

46 maintain their cause. If they sin against thee, (for there is no man that sinneth not,) and thou be angry with them, and deliver them to the enemy, so that they carry them away captive unto the land of the enemy, far off or near;

47 yet if they shall bethink themselves in the land whither they are carried captive, and turn again, and make supplication unto thee in the land of them that carried them captive, saying, We have sinned, and have done perversely, we have dealt wickedly; if they return unto thee with all their heart and with all their soul in the land of their enemies, which carried them captive, and pray unto thee

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1 Or, Whereinsoever a man shall sin

2 Or, because 3 Or, answerest

4 Heb, gates.

5 Or, thy name is called upon this house &c.

6 Or, right

7 Heb. they that take them captive carry them away.

1 Heb. and he require an oath of him.

1 Or, towards.

1 Or, jurisdiction.

1 Heb. thy name is called upon this house.

1 Heb. the way of the city.

1 Or, right.

2 Chr. 6. 36. Eccles. 7. 22.

1 John 1. 8, 10.

1 Heb. bring back to their heart.

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toward their land, which thou gavest unto their fathers, the city which thou hast chosen, and the house which I have built for thy name:

49 Then hear thou their prayer and their supplication in heaven thy dwelling place, and maintain their cause.

* Or, right.

50 And forgive thy people that have sinned against thee, and all their transgressions wherein they have transgressed against thee, and give them compassion before them who carried them captive, that they may have compassion on them:

51 For they be thy people, and thine inheritance, which thou broughtest forth out of Egypt, from the midst of the furnace of iron:

52 That thine eyes may be open unto the supplication of thy servant, and unto the supplication of thy people Israel, to hearken unto them in all that they call for unto thee.

* Ex. 19. 6.

53 For thou didst separate them from among all the people of the earth, to be thine inheritance, * as thou spakest by the hand of Moses thy servant, when thou broughtest our fathers out of Egypt, O Lord God.

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

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

† Heb. fallen.

56 Blessed be the LORD, that hath given rest unto his people Israel, according to all that he promised: there hath not failed one word of all his good promise, which he promised by the hand of Moses his servant.

57 The LORD our God be with us, as he was with our fathers: let him not leave us, nor forsake us.

58 That he may incline our hearts unto him, to walk in all his ways, and to keep his commandments, and his statutes, and his judgments, which he commanded our fathers.

59 And let these my words, wherewith I have made supplication before the LORD, be nigh unto the LORD our God day and night, that he maintain the cause of his servant, and the cause of his people Israel: at all times, as the matter shall require:

† Heb. the thing of a day in his day.

60 That all the people of the earth may know that the LORD is God, and that there is none else.

† [1611 your]

61 Let your heart therefore be perfect with the LORD our God, to walk in his statutes, and to keep his commandments, as at this day.

* 2 Chr. 7. 4.

62 ¶ And * the king, and all Israel with him, offered sacrifice before the LORD.

63 And Solomon offered a sacrifice of peace offerings, which he offered unto the LORD, two and twenty thousand oxen, and an hundred and twenty thousand sheep. So the king and all the children of Israel dedicated the house of the LORD.

* 9 Chr. 7. 7.

64 * The same day did the king hallow the middle of the court that was before the house of the LORD: for there he offered burnt offerings, and meat offerings, and the fat of the peace offerings: because the brasen altar that was before the LORD was too little to receive the burnt offerings, and meat offerings, and the fat of the peace offerings.

65 And at that time Solomon held a feast, and all Israel with him, a great congregation, from the entering in of Hamath unto the river of Egypt, before the LORD our God, seven days and seven days, even fourteen days.

† Or, thanked.

66 On the eighth day he sent the people away: and they blessed the king, and went unto their tents joyful and glad of heart for all the goodness that the LORD had done for David his servant, and for Israel his people.

* 2 Chr. 7. 11.

¶ And * it came to pass, when Solomon had finished the building of the house of the LORD, and the king's house, and all Solomon's desire which he was pleased to do,

* ch. 3. 5.

2 That the LORD appeared to Solomon the second time, * as he had appeared unto him at Gibeon.

toward their land, which thou gavest unto their fathers, the city which thou hast chosen, and the house which I have built for thy name: then

hear thou their prayer and their supplication in heaven thy dwelling place, and maintain

50 their ¹ cause; and forgive thy people which have sinned against thee, and all their transgressions wherein they have transgressed against thee; and give them ² compassion before those who carried them captive, that they may have compassion on them: for they be thy people, and thine inheritance, which thou broughtest forth out of

Egypt, from the midst of the furnace of iron: 52 that thine eyes may be open unto the supplica-

tion of thy servant, and unto the supplication of thy people Israel, to hearken unto them 53 whensoever they cry unto thee. For thou didst separate them from among all the peoples of the earth, to be thine inheritance, as thou

spakest by the hand of Moses thy servant, when thou broughtest our fathers out of Egypt, O Lord God.

54 ³ And it was so, that when Solomon had made an end of praying all this prayer and supplication unto the LORD, he arose from before the altar of the LORD, from kneeling on his knees with his hands spread forth toward

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

56 Blessed be the LORD, that hath given rest unto his people Israel, according to all that he promised: there hath not ⁴ failed one word of all his good promise, which he promised by the

57 hand of Moses his servant. The LORD our God be with us, as he was with our fathers: let

58 him not leave us, nor forsake us: that he may incline our hearts unto him, to walk in all his ways, and to keep his commandments, and his

59 statutes, and his judgements, which he commanded our fathers. And let these my words, wherewith I have made supplication before the

LORD, be nigh unto the LORD our God day and night, that he maintain the cause of his serv-

ant, and the cause of his people Israel, ⁵ as every day shall require: that all the peoples

60 of the earth may know that the LORD, he is 61 God; there is none else. Let your heart there-

fore be perfect with the LORD our God, to walk in his statutes, and to keep his commandments, 62 as at this day. And the king, and all Israel with him, offered sacrifice before the LORD.

63 And Solomon offered for the sacrifice of peace offerings, which he offered unto the LORD, two and twenty thousand oxen, and an hundred and twenty thousand sheep. So the king and all the children of Israel dedicated the house

64 of the LORD. The same day did the king hallow the middle of the court that was before the house of the LORD; for there he offered the burnt offering, and the meal offering, and the fat of the peace offerings: because the brasen altar that was before the LORD was too little to receive the burnt offering, and the meal offering, and the fat of the peace

65 offerings. So Solomon held the feast at that time, and all Israel with him, a great congregation, from the entering in of Hamath unto the brook of Egypt, before the LORD our God, seven days and seven days, even fourteen

66 days. On the eighth day he sent the people away, and they blessed the king, and went unto their tents joyful and glad of heart for all the goodness that the LORD had shewed unto David his servant, and to Israel his people.

¶ And ⁶ it came to pass, when Solomon had finished the building of the house of the LORD, and the king's house, and all Solomon's ⁷ desire which he was pleased to do, that the LORD appeared to Solomon the second time, as he had appeared unto him at Gibeon.

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† Or, right

* Heb. to be for com- passion.

* See 2 Chr. vii. 1, &c.

† Heb. fallen.

* Heb. the thing of a day in its day.

* See 2 Chr. vii. 11, &c.

† Or, delight

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* ch. 8.
29.* 2 Sam.
7 12.
1 Chr.
22 10.* Jer. 7.
14.* Deut.
29 24.
Jer. 22.
8.* 2 Chr.
8 1.: [1611
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king]† Heb.
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his eyes.
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ing, or,
dirty.† Heb.
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desired.* Lev.
25, 39.* 2 Chr.
8 11.

3 And the LORD said unto him, I have heard thy prayer and thy supplication, that thou hast made before me: I have hallowed this house, which thou hast built, *to put my name there for ever; and mine eyes and mine heart shall be there perpetually.

4 And if thou wilt walk before me, as David thy father walked, in integrity of heart, and in uprightness, to do according to all that I have commanded thee, and wilt keep my statutes and my judgments:

5 Then I will establish the throne of thy kingdom upon Israel for ever, *as I promised to David thy father, saying, There shall not fail thee a man upon the throne of Israel.

6 But if ye shall at all turn from following me, ye or your children, and will not keep my commandments and my statutes which I have set before you, but go and serve other gods, and worship them:

7 Then will I cut off Israel out of the land which I have given them; and this house, which I have hallowed *for my name, will I cast out of my sight; and Israel shall be a proverb and a byword among all people:

8 And at this house, which is high, every one that passeth by it shall be astonished, and shall hiss; and they shall say, *Why hath the LORD done thus unto this land, and to this house?

9 And they shall answer, Because they forsook the LORD their God, who brought forth their fathers out of the land of Egypt, and have taken hold upon other gods, and have worshipped them, and served them: therefore hath the LORD brought upon them all this evil.

10 ¶ And *it came to pass at the end of twenty years, when Solomon had built the two houses, the house of the LORD, and the king's house,

11 (Now Hiram the king of Tyre had furnished Solomon with cedar trees and fir trees, and with gold, according to all his desire,) that then ¹king Solomon gave Hiram twenty cities in the land of Galilee.

12 And Hiram came out from Tyre to see the cities which Solomon had given him; and they ¹pleased him not.

13 And he said, What cities are these which thou hast given me, my brother? And he called them the land of ¹Cabul unto this day.

14 And Hiram sent to the king sixscore talents of gold.

15 ¶ And this is the reason of the levy which king Solomon raised; for to build the house of the LORD, and his own house, and Millo, and the wall of Jerusalem, and Hazor, and Megiddo, and Gezer.

16 For Pharaoh king of Egypt had gone up, and taken Gezer, and burnt it with fire, and slain the Canaanites that dwell in the city, and given it for a present unto his daughter, Solomon's wife.

17 And Solomon built Gezer, and Beth-horon the nether,

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

19 And all the cities of store that Solomon had, and cities for his chariots, and cities for his horsemen, and ¹that which Solomon desired to build in Jerusalem, and in Lebanon, and in all the land of his dominion.

20 And all the people that were left of the Amorites, Hittites, Perizzites, Hivites, and Jebusites, which were not of the children of Israel,

21 Their children that were left after them in the land, whom the children of Israel also were not able utterly to destroy, upon those did Solomon levy a tribute of bondservice unto this day.

22 But of the children of Israel did Solomon *make no bondmen: but they were men of war, and his servants, and his princes, and his captains, and rulers of his chariots, and his horsemen.

23 These were the chief of the officers that were over Solomon's work, five hundred and fifty, which bare rule over the people that wrought in the work.

24 ¶ But *Pharaoh's daughter came up out of the city of David unto her house which Solomon had built for her: then did he build Millo.

8 And the LORD said unto him, I have heard thy prayer and thy supplication, that thou hast made before me: I have hallowed this house, which thou hast built, to put my name there for ever; and mine eyes and mine heart shall be there perpetually.

4 And if thou wilt walk before me, as David thy father walked, in integrity of heart, and in uprightness, to do according to all that I have commanded thee, and wilt keep my statutes

5 and my judgments; then I will establish the throne of thy kingdom over Israel for ever; according as I ¹promised to David thy father, saying, There shall not fail thee a man upon the

6 throne of Israel. But if ye shall turn away from following me, ye or your children, and not keep my commandments and my statutes which I have set before you, but shall go and serve

7 other gods, and worship them: then will I cut off Israel out of the land which I have given them; and this house, which I have hallowed for my name, will I cast out of my sight; and Israel shall be a proverb and a byword among

8 all peoples: ²and though this house be so high, yet shall every one that passeth by it be astonished, and shall hiss; and they shall say, Why hath the LORD done thus unto this land,

9 and to this house? And they shall answer, Because they forsook the LORD their God, which brought forth their fathers out of the land of Egypt, and had hold on other gods, and worshipped them, and served them: therefore hath the LORD brought all this evil upon them.

10 ²And it came to pass at the end of twenty years, wherein Solomon had built the two houses, the house of the LORD and the king's

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

12 the land of Galilee. And Hiram came out from Tyre to see the cities which Solomon had given

13 him; and they pleased him not. And he said, What cities are these which thou hast given me, my brother? And ⁴he called them the land

14 of Cabul, unto this day. And Hiram sent to the king sixscore talents of gold.

15 And this is the ⁵reason of the levy which king Solomon raised; for to build the house of the LORD, and his own house, and Millo, and the wall of Jerusalem, and Hazor, and Megiddo,

16 and Gezer. Pharaoh king of Egypt had gone up, and taken Gezer, and burnt it with fire, and slain the Canaanites that dwell in the city, and given it for a portion unto his daughter, Solo-

17 mon's wife. And Solomon built Gezer, and

18 Beth-horon the nether, and Baalath, and ⁶Tamar

19 in the wilderness, in the land, and all the store cities that Solomon had, and the cities for his chariots, and the cities for his horsemen, and that which Solomon desired to build for his pleasure in Jerusalem, and in Lebanon, and in

20 all the land of his dominion. As for all the people that were left of the Amorites, the Hittites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites, which were not of the children of

21 Israel; their children that were left after them in the land, whom the children of Israel were not able utterly to destroy, of them did Solomon raise a levy of bondservants, unto this day.

22 But of the children of Israel did Solomon make no bondservants: but they were the men of war, and his servants, and his princes, and his captains, and rulers of his chariots and of his horse-

23 men. These were the chief officers that were over Solomon's work, five hundred and fifty, which bare rule over the people that wrought in

24 the work. But Pharaoh's daughter came up out of the city of David unto her house which Solomon had built for her: then did he build Millo.

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2 Chr.
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called5 Or,
account6 An-
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So 2 Chr.
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† Heb. upon it.	25 ¶ And three times in a year did Solomon offer burnt offerings and peace offerings upon the altar which he built unto the LORD, and he burnt incense † upon the altar that was before the LORD. So he finished the house.	25 And three times in a year did Solomon offer burnt offerings and peace offerings upon the altar which he built unto the LORD, burning incense therewith, upon the altar that was before the LORD. So he finished the house.	
† Heb. tip.	26 ¶ And king Solomon made a navy of ships in Ezion-geber, which is beside Eloth, on the † shore of the Red sea, in the land of Edom.	26 And king Solomon made a navy of ships in Ezion-geber, which is beside Eloth, on the shore of the Red Sea, in the land of Edom.	† Sec 2 Chr. ix. 1, &c
* 2 Chr. 9. 1. Matt. 12. 42. Luke 11. 31.	27 And Hiram sent in the navy his servants, shipmen that had knowledge of the sea, with the servants of Solomon.	27 of the Red Sea, in the land of Edom. And Hiram sent in the navy his servants, shipmen that had knowledge of the sea, with the servants of Solomon.	
† Heb. scords.	28 And they came to Ophir, and fetched from thence gold, four hundred and twenty talents, and brought it to king Solomon.	28 And they came to Ophir, and fetched from thence gold, four hundred and twenty talents, and brought it to king Solomon.	
† Heb. stand- ing. † Or, butlers † Heb. scord. † Or, sayings.	10 And when the * queen of Sheba heard of the fame of Solomon concerning the name of the LORD, she came to prove him with hard questions.	10 † And when the queen of Sheba heard of the fame of Solomon concerning the name of the LORD, she came to prove him with hard questions.	† Sec 2 Chr. ix. 1, &c
† Heb. thou hast added wisdom and goodness to the same.	2 And she came to Jerusalem with a very great train, with camels that bare spices, and very much gold, and precious stones: and when she was come to Solomon, she commended with him of all that was in her heart.	2 And she came to Jerusalem with a very great train, with camels that bare spices, and very much gold, and precious stones: and when she was come to Solomon, she commended with him of all that was in her heart.	
† Heb. thou hast added wisdom and goodness to the same.	3 And Solomon told her all her † questions: there was not any thing hid from the king, which he told her not.	3 And she came to Jerusalem with a very great train, with camels that bare spices, and very much gold, and precious stones: and when she was come to Solomon, she commended with him of all that was in her heart.	
† Or, rails. † Heb. a prop. * 2 Chr. 9. 10.	4 And when the queen of Sheba had seen all Solomon's wisdom, and the house that he had built,	4 And when the queen of Sheba had seen all the wisdom of Solomon, and the house that he had built,	
† Heb. according to the hand of king Solomon.	5 And the meat of his table, and the sitting of his servants, and the † attendance of his ministers, and their apparel, and his † cupbearers, and his ascent by which he went up unto the house of the LORD; there was no more spirit in her.	5 And the meat of his table, and the sitting of his servants, and the † attendance of his ministers, and their apparel, and his † cupbearers, and his ascent by which he went up unto the house of the LORD; there was no more spirit in her.	
† Or, capt- ains.	6 And she said to the king, It was a true † report that I heard in mine own land of thy † acts and of thy wisdom.	6 And she said to the king, It was a true report that I heard in mine own land of thine † acts, and of thy wisdom.	
* ch. 7. 2.	7 Howbeit I believed not the words, until I came, and mine eyes had seen it: and, behold, the half was not told me: † thy wisdom and prosperity exceedeth the fame which I heard.	7 thy wisdom. Howbeit I believed not the words, until I came, and mine eyes had seen it: and, behold, the half was not told me: † thy wisdom and prosperity exceedeth the fame which I heard.	
† Heb. thou hast added wisdom and goodness to the same.	8 Happy are thy men, happy are these thy servants, which stand continually before thee, and that hear thy wisdom.	8 Heard. Happy are thy men, happy are these thy servants, which stand continually before thee, and that hear thy wisdom.	
† Heb. thou hast added wisdom and goodness to the same.	9 Blessed be the LORD thy God, which delighted in thee, to set thee on the throne of Israel: because the LORD loved Israel for ever, therefore made he thee king, to do judgment and justice.	9 heard. Happy are thy men, happy are these thy servants, which stand continually before thee, and that hear thy wisdom.	
† Or, rails. † Heb. a prop. * 2 Chr. 9. 10.	10 And she gave the king an hundred and twenty talents of gold, and of spices very great store, and precious stones: there came no more such abundance of spices as these which the queen of Sheba gave to king Solomon.	10 king, to do judgement and justice. And she gave the king an hundred and twenty talents of gold, and of spices very great store, and precious stones: there came no more such abundance of spices as these which the queen of Sheba gave to king Solomon.	
† Heb. according to the hand of king Solomon.	11 And the navy also of Hiram, that brought gold from Ophir, brought in from Ophir great plenty of alnum trees, and precious stones.	11 to king Solomon. And the navy also of Hiram, that brought gold from Ophir, brought in from Ophir great plenty of † alnum trees and precious stones.	
† Or, capt- ains.	12 And the king made of the alnum trees † pillars for the house of the LORD, and for the king's house, harps also and psalteries for singers: there came no such † alnum trees, nor were seen unto this day.	12 stones. And the king made of the alnum trees † pillars for the house of the LORD, and for the king's house, harps also and psalteries for the singers: there came no such alnum trees, nor were seen, unto this day.	
* ch. 7. 2.	13 And king Solomon gave unto the queen of Sheba all her desire, whatsoever she asked, beside that which Solomon gave her † of his royal bounty. So she turned and went to her own country, she and her servants.	13 were seen, unto this day. And king Solomon gave to the queen of Sheba all her desire, whatsoever she asked, beside that † which Solomon gave her of his royal bounty. So she turned, and went to her own land, she and her servants.	
† Or, rails. † Heb. a prop. * 2 Chr. 9. 10.	14 ¶ Now the weight of gold that came to Solomon in one year was six hundred threescore and six talents of gold,	14 Now the weight of gold that came to Solomon in one year was six hundred threescore and six talents of gold, beside that which the chapmen brought, and the traffic of the merchants, and of all the kings of the mingled people, and of the governors of the country.	
† Heb. according to the hand of king Solomon.	15 Beside that he had of the merchantmen, and of the traffick of the spice merchants, and of all the kings of Arabia, and of the † governors of the country.	15 talents of gold, beside that which the chapmen brought, and the traffic of the merchants, and of all the kings of the mingled people, and of the governors of the country.	
† Or, capt- ains.	16 ¶ And king Solomon made two hundred targets of beaten gold: six hundred shekels of gold went to one target.	16 governors of the country. And king Solomon made two hundred targets of beaten gold: six hundred shekels of gold went to one target.	
* ch. 7. 2.	17 And he made three hundred shields of beaten gold; three pound of gold went to one shield: and the king put them in the † house of the forest of Lebanon.	17 hundred shekels of gold went to one target. And he made three hundred shields of beaten gold; three † pound of gold went to one shield: and the king put them in the house of the forest of Lebanon.	
† Heb. according to the hand of king Solomon.	18 Moreover the king made a great throne of ivory, and overlaid it with the best gold.	18 Lebanon. Moreover the king made a great throne of ivory, and overlaid it with the finest gold.	
* ch. 7. 2.	18 Moreover the king made a great throne of ivory, and overlaid it with the best gold.	18 Lebanon. Moreover the king made a great throne of ivory, and overlaid it with the finest gold.	

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† Heb. on the hinder part thereof. † Heb. kanuts. † Heb. so. † Or, there was no silver in them.

† Or, elephants' teeth.

† Heb. sought the face of.

- 2 Chr. 1. 14.

† Heb. gave.

* 2 Chr. 1. 16. & 9. 28.

† Heb. And the going forth of the horses which was Solomon's.

† Heb. by their hand.

* Deut. 17. 17. Ecclus. 47. 19.

† Or, besides.

* Ex. 34. 16.

* Judg. 2. 13.

† Heb. fulfilled not after.

* ch. 2. 5. & 9. 2.

* ch. 6. 12.

19 The throne had six steps, and the top of the throne was round behind: and there were stays on either side on the place of the seat, and two lions stood beside the stays.

20 And twelve lions stood there on the one side and on the other upon the six steps. there was not the like made in any kingdom.

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

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

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

24 ¶ And all the earth sought to Solomon, to hear his wisdom, which God had put in his heart.

25 And they brought every man his present, vessels of silver, and vessels of gold, and garments, and armour, and spices, horses, and mules, a rate year by year.

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

27 And the king made silver to be in Jerusalem as stones, and cedars made he to be as the sycamore trees that are in the vale, for abundance.

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

29 And a chariot came up and went out of Egypt for six hundred shekels of silver, and an horse for an hundred and fifty: and so for all the kings of the Hittites, and for the kings of Syria, did they bring them out by their means.

11 But king Solomon loved many strange women, together with the daughter of Pharaoh, women of the Moabites, Ammonites, Edomites, Zidonians, and Hittites;

2 Of the nations concerning which the Lord said unto the children of Israel, Ye shall not go in to them, neither shall they come in unto you: for surely they will turn away your heart after their gods: Solomon clave unto these in love.

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

4 For it came to pass, when Solomon was old, that his wives turned away his heart after other gods: and his heart was not perfect with the Lord his God, as was the heart of David his father.

5 For Solomon went after Ashtoreth the goddess of the Zidonians, and after Milcom the abomination of the Ammonites.

6 And Solomon did evil in the sight of the Lord, and went not fully after the Lord, as did David his father.

7 Then did Solomon build an high place for Chemosh, the abomination of Moab, in the hill that is before Jerusalem, and for Molech, the abomination of the children of Ammon.

8 And likewise did he for all his strange wives, which burnt incense and sacrificed unto their gods.

9 ¶ And the Lord was angry with Solomon, because his heart was turned from the Lord God of Israel, which had appeared unto him twice,

10 And had commanded him concerning this thing, that he should not go after other gods: but he kept not that which the Lord commanded.

11 Wherefore the Lord said unto Solomon, For-

19 There were six steps to the throne, and the top of the throne was round behind: and there were stays on either side by the place of the seat, and two lions standing beside the stays.

20 And twelve lions stood there on the one side and on the other upon the six steps: there was not the like made in any kingdom.

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

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23 So king Solomon exceeded all the kings of the earth in riches and in wisdom.

24 And all the earth sought the presence of Solomon, to hear his wisdom, which God had put in his heart.

25 And they brought every man his present, vessels of silver, and vessels of gold, and raiment, and armour, and spices, horses, and mules, a rate year by year.

26 And Solomon gathered together chariots and horsemen: and he had a thousand and four hundred chariots, and twelve thousand horsemen, which he bestowed in the chariot cities, and with the king at Jerusalem.

27 And the king made silver to be in Jerusalem as stones, and cedars made he to be as the sycamore trees that are in the lowland, for abundance.

28 And the horses which Solomon had were brought out of Egypt; and the king's merchants received them in droves, each drove at a price.

29 And a chariot came up and went out of Egypt for six hundred shekels of silver, and an horse for an hundred and fifty: and so for all the kings of the Hittites, and for the kings of Syria, did they bring them out by their means.

11 Now king Solomon loved many strange women, together with the daughter of Pharaoh, women of the Moabites, Ammonites, Edomites, Zidonians, and Hittites;

2 Of the nations concerning which the Lord said unto the children of Israel, Ye shall not go among them, neither shall they come among you: for surely they will turn away your heart after their gods: Solomon clave unto these in love.

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

4 For it came to pass, when Solomon was old, that his wives turned away his heart after other gods: and his heart was not perfect with the Lord his God, as was the heart of David his father.

5 For Solomon went after Ashtoreth the goddess of the Zidonians, and after Milcom the goddess of the Ammonites.

6 And Solomon did that which was evil in the sight of the Lord, and went not fully after the Lord, as did David his father.

7 Then did Solomon build an high place for Chemosh the abomination of Moab, in the mount that is before Jerusalem, and for Molech the abomination of the children of Ammon.

8 And so did he for all his strange wives, which burnt incense and sacrificed unto their gods.

9 And the Lord was angry with Solomon, because his heart was turned away from the Lord, the God of Israel, which had appeared unto him twice,

10 And had commanded him concerning this thing, that he should not go after other gods: but he kept not that which the Lord commanded.

11 Wherefore the Lord said unto Solomon, For-

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1 Or, arms Heb hands.

2 See 2 Chr. 1. 14-17.

3 See 2 Chr. 1. 16, ix. 28.

4 Heb. in their hand.

5 Or, boards

A. V.

† Heb.
is with
thee.
* ch. 12.
15.

asmuch as this ¹ is done of thee, and thou hast not kept my covenant and my statutes, which I have commanded thee, * I will surely rend the kingdom from thee, and will give it to thy servant.

12 Notwithstanding in thy days I will not do it for David thy father's sake: *but* I will rend it out of the hand of thy son.

13 Howbeit I will not rend away all the kingdom; *but* will give one tribe to thy son for David my servant's sake, and for Jerusalem's sake which I have chosen.

14 ¶ And the Lord stirred up an adversary unto Solomon, Hadad the Edomite: *he was* of the king's seed in Edom.

15 * For it came to pass, when David was in Edom, and Joab the captain of the host was gone up to bury the slain, after he had smitten every male in Edom;

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

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

18 And they arose out of Midian, and came to Paran: and they took men with them out of Paran, and they came to Egypt, unto Pharaoh king of Egypt; which gave him an house, and appointed him victuals, and gave him land.

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

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

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

22 Then Pharaoh said unto him, But what hast thou lacked with me, that, behold, thou seekest to go to thine own country? And he answered, † Nothing: howbeit let me go in any wise.

23 ¶ And God stirred him up *another* adversary, Rezon the son of Eliadah, which fled from his lord Hadadezer king of Zobah:

24 And he gathered men unto him, and became captain over a band, * when David slew them of Zobah: and they went to Damascus, and dwelt therein, and reigned in Damascus.

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

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

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

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

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

30 And Ahijah caught the new garment that was on him, and rent it in twelve pieces:

31 And he said to Jeroboam, Take thee ten pieces: for thus saith the Lord, the God of Israel, Behold, I will rend the kingdom out of the hand of Solomon, and will give ten tribes to thee:

* 2 Sam.
8. 14.

† Heb.
Send me
away.

† Heb.
Not.

* 2 Sam.
8. 2.
& 10. 18.

* 2 Chr.
13. 5.

† Heb.
closed.

† Heb.
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21 him land. And Hadad found great favour in the sight of Pharaoh, so that he gave him to wife

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R. V.

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thee.

² The
Sept.
and Syr.
read, de-
stroyed
Edom.

† Heb.
closed
up.

† Heb.
burden.

A. V.

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

83 Because that they have forsaken me, and have worshipped Ashtoreth the goddess of the Zidonians, Chemosh the god of the Moabites, and Milcom the god of the children of Ammon, and have not walked in my ways, to do *that which is right* in mine eyes, and to keep my statutes and my judgments, as *did* David his father.

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

85 But * I will take the kingdom out of his son's hand, and will give it unto thee, *even* ten tribes.

36 And unto his son will I give one tribe, that David my servant may have a *'light* alway before me in Jerusalem, the city which I have chosen me to put my name there.

87 And I will take thee, and thou shalt reign according to all that thy soul desireth, and shalt be king over Israel.

38 And it shall be, if thou wilt hearken unto all that I command thee, and wilt walk in my ways, and do *that is right* in my sight, to keep my statutes and my commandments, as David my servant did; that I will be with thee, and build thee a sure house, as I built for David, and will give Israel unto thee.

89 And I will for this afflict the seed of David, but not for ever.

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

41 ¶ And the rest of the *'acts* of Solomon, and all that he did, and his wisdom, *are* they not written in the book of the acts of Solomon?

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

43 And Solomon slept with his fathers, and was buried in the city of David his father: and ** Rehoboam* his son reigned in his stead.

12 And ** Rehoboam* went to Shechem: for all Israel were come to Shechem to make him king.

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

3 That they sent and called him. And Jeroboam and all the congregation of Israel came, and spake unto Rehoboam, saying,

4 Thy father made our ** yoke* grievous: now therefore make thou the grievous service of thy father, and his heavy yoke which he put upon us, lighter, and we will serve thee.

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

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

7 And they spake unto him, saying, If thou wilt be a servant unto this people this day, and wilt serve them, and answer them, and speak good words to them, then they will be thy servants for ever.

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

9 And he said unto them, What counsel give ye that we may answer this people, who have spoken to me, saying, Make the yoke which thy father did put upon us lighter?

32 (but he shall have one tribe, for my servant David's sake, and for Jerusalem's sake, the city which I have chosen out of all the tribes of

33 Israel:) because that they have forsaken me, and have worshipped Ashtoreth the goddess of the Zidonians, Chemosh the god of Moab, and Milcom the god of the children of Ammon; and they have not walked in my ways, to do that which is right in mine eyes, and to keep my statutes and

34 my judgements, as did David his father. Howbeit I will not take the whole kingdom out of his hand: but I will make him prince all the days of his life, for David my servant's sake, whom I chose, ¹because he kept my command-

35 ments and my statutes: but I will take the kingdom out of his son's hand, and will give it un-

36 to thee, even ten tribes. And unto his son will I give one tribe, that David my servant may have a lamp alway before me in Jerusalem, the city which I have chosen me to put my name

37 there. And I will take thee, and thou shalt reign

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whither he had fled from the presence of king

3 Solomon, and Jeroboam dwelt in Egypt, and

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all the congregation of Israel came, and spake

4 unto Rehoboam, saying, Thy father made our

yoke grievous: now therefore make thou the

grievous service of thy father, and his heavy

yoke which he put upon us, lighter, and we will

5 serve thee. And he said unto them, Depart

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6 the people departed. And king Rehoboam took

counsel with the old men, that had stood before

Solomon his father while he yet lived, saying,

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7 this people? And they spake unto him, saying,

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took counsel with the young men that were

grown up with him, that stood before him.

9 And he said unto them, What counsel give ye,

that we may return answer to this people,

who have spoken to me, saying, Make the

yoke that thy father did put upon us lighter?

R. V.

* ch. 12. 15.

† Heb. lamp, or, candle.

† Or, words, or, things.

† Heb. days.

* 2 Chr. 9. 30.

* Matt. 1. 7, called Rehoboam.

* 2 Chr. 10. 1.

* ch. 11. 40.

* ch. 4. 7.

¹ Or, who kept

² Or, over all

³ See 2 Chr. iv. 29, &c.

⁴ Or, words Or, matters

⁵ See 2 Chr. x. 1, &c.

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10 And the young men that were grown up with him spake unto him, saying, Thus shalt thou speak unto this people that spake unto thee, saying, Thy father made our yoke heavy, but make thou it lighter unto us; thus shalt thou say unto them, My little finger shall be thicker than my father's loins.

11 And now whereas my father did lade you with a heavy yoke, I will add to your yoke: my father hath chastised you with whips, but I will chastise you with scorpions.

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

¹ Heb. hardly.

13 And the king answered the people ¹roughly, and forsook the old men's counsel that they gave him;

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

* ch 11. 11.

15 Wherefore the king hearkened not unto the people; for the cause was from the Lord, that he might perform his saying, which the Lord ^{*}spake by Ahijah the Shilonite unto Jeroboam the son of Nebat.

16 ¶ So when all Israel saw that the king hearkened not unto them, the people answered the king, saying, What portion have we in David? neither have we inheritance in the son of Jesse: to your tents, O Israel: now see to thine own house, David. So Israel departed unto their tents.

17 But as for the children of Israel which dwelt in the cities of Judah, Rehoboam reigned over them.

18 Then king Rehoboam sent Adoram, who was over the tribute; and all Israel stoned him with stones, that he died. Therefore king Rehoboam ^{*}made speed to get him up to his chariot, to flee to Jerusalem.

¹ Heb. strengthened himself.

² Or, fell away.

19 So Israel ²rebelled against the house of David unto this day.

20 And it came to pass, when all Israel heard that Jeroboam was come again, that they sent and called him unto the congregation, and made him king over all Israel: there was none that followed the house of David, but the tribe of Judah ^{*}only.

* ch. 11. 13.

21 ¶ And when Rehoboam was come to Jerusalem, he assembled all the house of Judah, with the tribe of Benjamin, an hundred and fourscore thousand chosen men, which were warriors, to fight against the house of Israel, to bring the kingdom again to Rehoboam the son of Solomon.

* 2 Chr. 11. 2.

22 But ^{*}the word of God came unto Shemaiah the man of God, saying,

23 Speak unto Rehoboam, the son of Solomon, king of Judah, and unto all the house of Judah and Benjamin, and to the remnant of the people, saying,

24 Thus saith the Lord, Ye shall not go up, nor fight against your brethren the children of Israel: return every man to his house; for this thing is from me. They hearkened therefore to the word of the Lord, and returned to depart, according to the word of the Lord.

25 ¶ Then Jeroboam built Shechem in mount Ephraim, and dwelt therein; and went out from thence, and built Penuel.

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

27 If this people go up to do sacrifice in the house of the Lord at Jerusalem, then shall the heart of this people turn again unto their lord, even unto Rehoboam king of Judah, and they shall kill me, and go again to Rehoboam king of Judah.

28 Whereupon the king took counsel, and made two calves of gold, and said unto them, It is too much for you to go up to Jerusalem: ^{*}behold thy gods, O Israel, which brought thee up out of the land of Egypt.

* Ex. 32. 8.

10 And the young men that were grown up with him spake unto him, saying, Thus shalt thou say unto this people that spake unto thee, saying, Thy father made our yoke heavy, but make thou it lighter unto us; thus shalt thou speak unto them, My little finger is thicker than my father's loins.

11 And now whereas my father did lade you with a heavy yoke, I will add to your yoke: my father chastised you with whips, but I will chastise

12 you with scorpions. So Jeroboam and all the people came to Rehoboam the third day, as the king bade, saying, Come to me again the third

13 day. And now the king answered the people roughly, and forsook the counsel of the old men which

14 they had given him; and spake to them after the counsel of the young men, saying, My father made your yoke heavy, but I will add to your

15 yoke: my father chastised you with whips, but I will chastise you with scorpions. So the king

16 hearkened not unto the people; for it was a thing brought about of the Lord, that he might establish his word, which the Lord spake by the

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18 king hearkened not unto them, the people answered the king, saying, What portion have we

19 in David? neither have we inheritance in the son of Jesse: to your tents, O Israel: now see to thine own house, David. So Israel departed

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22 And king Rehoboam made speed to get him up to his chariot, to flee to Jerusalem. So Israel rebelled against the house of David, unto this day.

23 And it came to pass, when all Israel heard that Jeroboam was returned, that they sent and called him unto the congregation, and made him king

24 over all Israel: there was none that followed the house of David, but the tribe of Judah only.

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26 tribe of Benjamin, an hundred and fourscore thousand chosen men, which were warriors, to

27 fight against the house of Israel, to bring the kingdom again to Rehoboam the son of Solomon.

28 But the word of God came unto Shemaiah the man of God, saying, Speak unto Rehoboam the

29 son of Solomon, king of Judah, and unto all the house of Judah and Benjamin, and to the ²rest of the

30 people, saying, Thus saith the Lord, Ye shall not go up, nor fight against your brethren the

31 children of Israel: return every man to his house; for this thing is of me. So they hearkened

32 unto the word of the Lord, and returned and went their way, according to the word of the Lord.

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35 kingdom return to the house of David: if this people go up to offer sacrifices in the house

36 of the Lord at Jerusalem, then shall the heart of this people turn again unto their lord,

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38 of Judah. Whereupon the king took counsel, and made two calves of gold; and he said

39 unto them, ³It is too much for you to go up to Jerusalem; behold thy gods, O Israel, which

40 brought thee up out of the land of Egypt.

R. V.

¹ See 2 Chr. xi. 1, &c.

² See ver. 17.

³ Or, Ye have gone up long enough

A. V.

29 And he set the one in Beth-el, and the other put he in Dan.

30 And this thing became a sin: for the people went to worship before the one, even unto Dan.

31 And he made an house of high places, and made priests of the lowest of the people, which were not of the sons of Levi.

32 And Jeroboam ordained a feast in the eighth month, on the fifteenth day of the month, like unto the feast that is in Judah, and he offered upon the altar. So did he in Beth-el, sacrificing unto the calves that he had made: and he placed in Beth-el the priests of the high places which he had made.

33 So he offered upon the altar which he had made in Beth-el the fifteenth day of the eighth month, even in the month which he had devised of his own heart; and ordained a feast unto the children of Israel: and he offered upon the altar, and burnt incense.

13 And, behold, there came a man of God out of Judah by the word of the Lord unto Beth-el: and Jeroboam stood by the altar to burn incense.

2 And he cried against the altar in the word of the Lord, and said, O altar, altar, thus saith the Lord; Behold, a child shall be born unto the house of David, Josiah by name; and upon thee shall he offer the priests of the high places that burn incense upon thee, and men's bones shall be burnt upon thee.

3 And he gave a sign the same day, saying, This is the sign which the Lord hath spoken; Behold, the altar shall be rent, and the ashes that are upon it shall be poured out.

4 And it came to pass, when king Jeroboam heard the saying of the man of God, which had cried against the altar in Beth-el, that he put forth his hand from the altar, saying, Lay hold on him. And his hand, which he put forth against him, dried up, so that he could not pull it in again to him.

5 The altar also was rent, and the ashes poured out from the altar, according to the sign which the man of God had given by the word of the Lord.

6 And the king answered and said unto the man of God, Intreat now the face of the Lord thy God, and pray for me, that my hand may be restored me again. And the man of God besought the Lord, and the king's hand was restored to him again, and became as it was before.

7 And the king said unto the man of God, Come home with me, and refresh thyself, and I will give thee a reward.

8 And the man of God said unto the king, If thou wilt give me half thine house, I will not go in with thee, neither will I eat bread nor drink water in this place:

9 For so was it charged me by the word of the Lord, saying, Eat no bread, nor drink water, nor turn again by the same way that thou camest.

10 So he went another way, and returned not by the way that he came to Beth-el.

11 ¶ Now there dwelt an old prophet in Beth-el; and his sons came and told him all the works that the man of God had done that day in Beth-el: the words which he had spoken unto the king, them they told also to their father.

12 And their father said unto them, What way went he? For his sons had seen what way the man of God went, which came from Judah.

13 And he said unto his sons, Saddle me the ass. So they saddled him the ass: and he rode thereon.

14 And went after the man of God, and found him sitting under an oak: and he said unto him, Art thou the man of God that camest from Judah? And he said, I am.

29 And he set the one in Beth-el, and the other put he in Dan. And this thing became a sin:

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33 And he went up unto the altar which he had made in Beth-el on the fifteenth day in the eighth month, even in the month which he had devised of his own heart: and he ordained a feast for the children of Israel, and went up unto the altar, to burn incense.

13 And, behold; there came a man of God out of Judah by the word of the Lord unto Beth-el: and Jeroboam was standing by the altar to burn incense. And he cried against the altar by the word of the Lord, and said, O altar, altar, thus saith the Lord: Behold, a child shall be born unto the house of David, Josiah by name; and upon thee shall he sacrifice the priests of the high places that burn incense upon thee, and men's bones shall they burn

upon thee. And he gave a sign the same day, saying, This is the sign which the Lord hath spoken: Behold, the altar shall be rent, and the ashes that are upon it shall be poured out.

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And the man of God said unto the king, If thou wilt give me half thine house, I will not go in with thee, neither will I eat bread nor drink water in this place: for so was it charged me by the word of the Lord, saying, Thou shalt eat no bread, nor drink water, neither return by the way that thou camest.

So he went another way, and returned not by the way that he came to Beth-el.

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father. And their father said unto them, What way went he? Now his sons had seen what way the man of God went, which came from Judah. And he said unto his sons, Saddle me the ass. So they saddled him the ass: and he rode thereon.

And he went after the man of God, and found him sitting under an oak: and he said unto him, Art thou the man of God that camest from Judah? And he said, I am.

R. V.

¹ Or, each of them

² Or, offered upon

³ Or, to sacrifice

⁴ Another reading is, apart.

¹ Or, went up to the altar, &c.

¹ Or, to sacrifice.

¹ Or, went up to the altar, &c.

¹ Heb. to burn incense.

¹ Or, to offer.

² 2 Kings 23. 17.

¹ Heb. the face of the Lord.

¹ [1611 omits him]

¹ [1611 son]

⁶ Heb. his son.

⁶ According to some ancient versions, And his sons shee'd him.

⁷ Or, terebinth

A. V.

15 Then he said unto him, Come home with me, and eat bread.

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

17 For [†]it was said to me by the word of the LORD, Thou shalt eat no bread nor drink water there, nor turn again to go by the way that thou camest.

18 He said unto him, I am a prophet also as thou art; and an angel spake unto me by the word of the LORD, saying, Bring him back with thee into thine house, that he may eat bread and drink water. *But* he lied unto him.

19 So he went back with him, and did eat bread in his house, and drank water.

20 ¶ And it came to pass, as they sat at the table, that the word of the LORD came unto the prophet that brought him back:

21 And he cried unto the man of God that came from Judah, saying, Thus saith the LORD, Forasmuch as thou hast disobeyed the mouth of the LORD, and hast not kept the commandment which the LORD thy God commanded thee,

22 But camest back, and hast eaten bread and drunk water in the place, of the which the LORD did say to thee, Eat no bread, and drink no water; thy carcase shall not come unto the sepulchre of thy fathers.

23 ¶ And it came to pass, after he had eaten bread, and after he had drunk, that he saddled for him the ass, *to wit*, for the prophet whom he had brought back.

24 And when he was gone, a lion met him by the way, and slew him: and his carcase was cast in the way, and the ass stood by it, the lion also stood by the carcase.

25 And, behold, men passed by, and saw the carcase cast in the way, and the lion standing by the carcase: and they came and told *it* in the city where the old prophet dwelt.

26 And when the prophet that brought him back from the way heard *thereof*, he said, It is the man of God, who was disobedient unto the word of the LORD: therefore the LORD hath delivered him unto the lion, which hath [†]torn him, and slain him, according to the word of the LORD, which he spake unto him.

27 And he spake to his sons, saying, Saddle me the ass. And they saddled *him*.

28 And he went and found his carcase cast in the way, and the ass and the lion standing by the carcase: the lion had not eaten the carcase, nor [†]torn the ass.

29 And the prophet took up the carcase of the man of God, and laid it upon the ass, and brought it back: and the old prophet came to the city, to mourn and to bury him.

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

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

32 For the saying which he cried by the word of the LORD against the altar in Beth-el, and against all the houses of the high places which *are* in the cities of Samaria, shall surely come to pass.

33 ¶ After this thing Jeroboam returned not from his evil way, but [†]made again of the lowest of the people priests of the high places: whosoever would, he [†]consecrated him, and he became one of the priests of the high places.

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

14 At that time Abijah the son of Jeroboam fell sick.

2 And Jeroboam said to his wife, Arise, I

† Heb. a word was.

† Heb. broken.

† Heb. broken.

† Heb. returned and made.
† Heb. filled his hand.

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15 Then he said unto him, Come home with me, and eat bread. And he said, I may not return

with thee, nor go in with thee: neither will I eat bread nor drink water with thee in this

17 place: for it was said to me by the word of the LORD, Thou shalt eat no bread nor drink

18 water there, nor turn again to go by the way that thou camest. And he said unto him, I

also am a prophet as thou art; and an angel spake unto me by the word of the LORD, say-

19 ing, Bring him back with thee into thine house, that he may eat bread and drink water. *But*

20 he lied unto him. So he went back with him, and did eat bread in his house, and drank

21 water. And it came to pass, as they sat at the table, that the word of the LORD came unto

22 the prophet that brought him back: and he cried unto the man of God that came from

23 Judah, saying, Thus saith the LORD, Forasmuch as thou hast ¹been disobedient unto the

24 mouth of the LORD, and hast not kept the commandment which the LORD thy God commanded

25 thee, but camest back, and hast eaten bread and drunk water in the place of the which he

26 said to thee, Eat no bread, and drink no water; thy carcase shall not come unto the sepulchre

27 of thy fathers. And it came to pass, after he had eaten bread, and after he had drunk, that

28 he saddled for him the ass, *to wit*, for the prophet whom he had brought back. And when

29 he was gone, a lion met him by the way, and slew him: and his carcase was cast in the way,

30 and the ass stood by it; the lion also stood by the carcase. And, behold, men passed by, and

31 saw the carcase cast in the way, and the lion standing by the carcase: and they came and

32 told it in the city where the old prophet dwelt. And when the prophet that brought him back

33 from the way heard *thereof*, he said, It is the man of God, who ¹was disobedient unto the

34 mouth of the LORD: therefore the LORD hath delivered him unto the lion, which hath torn

35 him, and slain him, according to the word of the LORD, which he spake unto him. And he

36 spake to his sons, saying, Saddle me the ass. And they saddled *it*. And he went and found

37 his carcase cast in the way, and the ass and the lion standing by the carcase: the lion had

38 not eaten the carcase, nor torn the ass. And the prophet took up the carcase of the man of

39 God, and laid it upon the ass, and brought it back: and he came to the city of the old pro-

40 phet, to mourn, and to bury him. And he laid his carcase in his own grave; and they mourned

41 over him, *saying*, Alas, my brother! And it came to pass, after he had buried him, that he

42 spake to his sons, saying, When I am dead, then bury me in the sepulchre wherein the man

43 of God is buried; lay my bones beside his bones. For the saying which he cried by the word of the LORD against the altar in Beth-el, and against

44 all the houses of the high places which *are* in the cities of Samaria, shall surely come to pass.

45 After this thing Jeroboam returned not from his evil way, but made again from among all

the people priests of the high places: ²whosoever would, he consecrated him, that there

46 might be priests of the high places. And ³this thing became sin unto the house of Jeroboam,

47 even to cut it off, and to destroy it from off the face of the earth.

48 At that time Abijah the son of Jeroboam fell

49 sick. And Jeroboam said to his wife, Arise, I

¹ Or, rebelled against the word

² Or, whomsoever he would
³ Or, by this thing he became

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* ch. 11. 31.

† Heb. in thine hand.

† Or, cakes.

† Or, bottle.

† Heb. stood for his heartiness.

† Heb. hard.

* ch. 15. 29.

* ch. 21. 21. 2 Kings 9. 8.

† Heb. lay down.

* 2 Chr. 12. 13.

pray thee, and disguise thyself, that thou be not known to be the wife of Jeroboam; and get thee to Shiloh: behold, there is Ahijah the prophet, which told me that * I should be king over this people.

3 And take † with thee ten loaves and † cracknels, and a † cruse of honey, and go to him: he shall tell thee what shall become of the child.

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

5 ¶ And the Lord said unto Ahijah, Behold, the wife of Jeroboam cometh to ask a thing of thee for her son; for he is sick: thus and thus shalt thou say unto her: for it shall be, when she cometh in, that she shall feign herself to be another woman.

6 And it was so, when Ahijah heard the sound of her feet, as she came in at the door, that he said, Come in, thou wife of Jeroboam; why feignest thou thyself to be another? for I am sent to thee with † heavy tidings.

7 Go, tell Jeroboam, Thus saith the Lord God of Israel, Forasmuch as I exalted thee from among the people, and made thee prince over my people Israel,

8 And rent the kingdom away from the house of David, and gave it thee: and yet thou hast not been as my servant David, who kept my commandments, and who followed me with all his heart, to do that only which was right in mine eyes;

9 But hast done evil above all that were before thee: for thou hast gone and made thee other gods, and molten images, to provoke me to anger, and hast cast me behind thy back:

10 Therefore, behold, * I will bring evil upon the house of Jeroboam, and will cut off from Jeroboam * him that pisseth against the wall, and him that is shut up and left in Israel, and will take away the remnant of the house of Jeroboam, as a man taketh away dung, till it be all gone.

11 Him that dieth of Jeroboam in the city shall the dogs eat; and him that dieth in the field shall the fowls of the air eat: for the Lord hath spoken it.

12 Arise thou therefore, get thee to thine own house: and when thy feet enter into the city, the child shall die.

13 And all Israel shall mourn for him, and bury him: for he only of Jeroboam shall come to the grave, because in him there is found some good thing toward the Lord God of Israel in the house of Jeroboam.

14 Moreover the Lord shall raise him up a king over Israel, who shall cut off the house of Jeroboam that day: but what? even now.

15 For the Lord shall smite Israel, as a reed is shaken in the water, and he shall root up Israel out of this good land, which he gave to their fathers, and shall scatter them beyond the river, because they have made their groves, provoking the Lord to anger.

16 And he shall give Israel up because of the sins of Jeroboam, who did sin, and who made Israel to sin.

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

18 And they buried him; and all Israel mourned for him, according to the word of the Lord, which he spake by the hand of his servant Ahijah the prophet.

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

20 And the days which Jeroboam reigned were two and twenty years: and he † slept with his fathers, and Nadab his son reigned in his stead.

21 ¶ And Rehoboam the son of Solomon reigned in Judah. * Rehoboam was forty and one years old when he began to reign, and he reigned seventeen years in Jerusalem, the city which the Lord did choose out of all the tribes of Israel, to put his name there. And his mother's name was Naamah an Ammonitess.

pray thee, and disguise thyself, that thou be not known to be the wife of Jeroboam: and get thee to Shiloh; behold, there is Ahijah the prophet, which spake concerning me that I

3 should be king over this people. And take with thee ten loaves, and cracknels, and a

4 cruse of honey, and go to him: he shall tell thee what shall become of the child. And Jeroboam's wife did so, and arose, and went to Shiloh, and came to the house of Ahijah. Now Ahijah could not see; for his eyes were set by

5 reason of his age. And the Lord said unto Ahijah, Behold, the wife of Jeroboam cometh to inquire of thee concerning her son; for he is sick: thus and thus shalt thou say unto her: for it shall be, when she cometh in, that she

6 shall feign herself to be another woman. And it was so, when Ahijah heard the sound of her feet, as she came in at the door, that he said, Come in, thou wife of Jeroboam; why feignest thou thyself to be another? for I am sent to thee with heavy tidings. Go, tell Jeroboam,

Thus saith the Lord, the God of Israel: Forasmuch as I exalted thee from among the people, and made thee † prince over my people Israel,

8 And rent the kingdom away from the house of David, and gave it thee: and yet thou hast not been as my servant David, who kept my commandments, and who followed me with all his heart, to do that only which was right in mine

9 eyes; but hast done evil above all that were before thee, and hast gone and made thee other gods, and molten images, to provoke me to anger, and hast cast me behind thy back:

10 therefore, behold, I will bring evil upon the house of Jeroboam, and will cut off from Jeroboam every man child, him that is shut up and him that is left at large in Israel, and will utterly sweep away the house of Jeroboam, as a man sweepeth away dung, till it be all gone.

11 Him that dieth of Jeroboam in the city shall the dogs eat; and him that dieth in the field shall the fowls of the air eat: for the Lord

12 hath spoken it. Arise thou therefore, get thee to thine house: and when thy feet enter into

13 the city, the child shall die. And all Israel shall mourn for him, and bury him; for he only of Jeroboam shall come to the grave: because in him there is found some good thing toward the Lord, the God of Israel, in the

14 house of Jeroboam. Moreover the Lord shall raise him up a king over Israel, who shall cut off the house of Jeroboam that day: * but what?

15 even now. For the Lord shall smite Israel, as a reed is shaken in the water; and he shall root up Israel out of this good land, which he gave to their fathers, and shall scatter them beyond the River; because they have made their Asherim, provoking the Lord to anger.

16 And he shall give Israel up because of the sins of Jeroboam, † which he hath sinned, and

17 wherewith he hath made Israel to sin. And Jeroboam's wife arose, and departed, and came to Tirzah: and as she came to the threshold of

18 the house, the child died. And all Israel buried him, and mourned for him; according to the word of the Lord, which he spake by the hand

19 of his servant Ahijah the prophet. And the rest of the acts of Jeroboam, how he warred, and how he reigned, behold, they are written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel.

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R. V.

† Or, bottle

2 Or, leader

† Or, and what even now?

† Or, who did sin, and who made †.

† See 2 Chr. xii. 13.

A. V.			R. V.
	22 And Judah did evil in the sight of the Lord, and they provoked him to jealousy with their sins which they had committed, above all that their fathers had done.	22 And Judah did that which was evil in the sight of the Lord; and they provoked him to jealousy with their sins which they committed, above all 23 that their fathers had done. For they also built them high places, and pillars, and Asherim, on every high hill, and under every green tree; and there were also sodomites in the land: they did according to all the abominations of the nations which the Lord drave out before the children of Israel.	
¹ Or, standing images, or, statues.	23 For they also built them high places, and images, and groves, on every high hill, and under every green tree.	23 that their fathers had done. For they also built them high places, and pillars, and Asherim, on every high hill, and under every green tree; and there were also sodomites in the land: they did according to all the abominations of the nations which the Lord drave out before the children of Israel.	¹ Or, obelisks
	24 And there were also sodomites in the land: and they did according to all the abominations of the nations which the Lord cast out before the children of Israel.	24 tree; and there were also sodomites in the land: they did according to all the abominations of the nations which the Lord drave out before the children of Israel.	² See Deut. xviii. 17.
	25 ¶ And it came to pass in the fifth year of king Rehoboam, that Shishak king of Egypt came up against Jerusalem:	25 out before the children of Israel. ¶ And it came to pass in the fifth year of king Rehoboam, that Shishak king of Egypt came up against Jerusalem: and he took away the treasures of the house of the Lord, and the treasures of the king's house; he even took away all: and he took away all the shields of gold which Solomon had made.	³ See 2 Chr. vii. 2, 9-11.
* ch. 10. 17.	26 And he took away the treasures of the house of the Lord, and the treasures of the king's house; he even took away all: and he took away all the shields of gold which Solomon had made.	26 against Jerusalem: and he took away the treasures of the house of the Lord, and the treasures of the king's house; he even took away all: and he took away all the shields of gold which Solomon had made. And king Rehoboam made in their stead shields of brass, and committed them to the hands of the captains of the guard, which kept the door of the king's house.	
¹ Heb. runners.	27 And king Rehoboam made in their stead brassen shields, and committed them unto the hands of the chief of the guard, which kept the door of the king's house.	27 which Solomon had made. And king Rehoboam made in their stead shields of brass, and committed them to the hands of the captains of the guard, which kept the door of the king's house. And it was so, that as oft as the king went into the house of the Lord, the guard bare them, and brought them back into the guard chamber.	⁴ Heb. runners.
	28 And it was so, when the king went into the house of the Lord, that the guard bare them, and brought them back into the guard chamber.	28 house. And it was so, that as oft as the king went into the house of the Lord, the guard bare them, and brought them back into the guard chamber. ¶ Now the rest of the acts of Rehoboam, and all that he did, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the 30 kings of Judah? And there was war between Rehoboam and Jeroboam continually. And Rehoboam slept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the city of David: and his mother's name was Naamah the Ammonitess. And Abijam his son reigned in his stead.	⁵ See 2 Chr. xii. 15, 16.
	29 ¶ Now the rest of the acts of Rehoboam, and all that he did, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah?	29 guard chamber. ¶ Now the rest of the acts of Rehoboam, and all that he did, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the 30 kings of Judah? And there was war between Rehoboam and Jeroboam continually. And Rehoboam slept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the city of David: and his mother's name was Naamah the Ammonitess. And Abijam his son reigned in his stead.	⁶ In 2 Chr. xii. 16, Abijam.
	30 And there was war between Rehoboam and Jeroboam all their days.	30 Rehoboam and Jeroboam continually. And Rehoboam slept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the city of David: and his mother's name was Naamah the Ammonitess. And Abijam his son reigned in his stead.	⁷ See 2 Chr. xiii. 1, &c
	31 And Rehoboam slept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the city of David. And his mother's name was Naamah an Ammonitess. And Abijam his son reigned in his stead.	31 Rehoboam and Jeroboam continually. And Rehoboam slept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the city of David: and his mother's name was Naamah the Ammonitess. And Abijam his son reigned in his stead.	⁸ In 2 Chr. viii. 2, Micahah the daughter of Uriah.
	15 Now in the eighteenth year of king Jeroboam the son of Nebat reigned Abijam over Judah.	15 ¶ Now in the eighteenth year of king Jeroboam the son of Nebat began Abijam to reign over Judah. Three years reigned he in Jerusalem: and his mother's name was Maacah the daughter of Abishalom. And he walked in all the sins of his father, which he had done before him: and his heart was not perfect with the Lord his God, as the heart of David his father.	⁹ In 2 Chr. xi. 20, 21, Abshalom.
* 2 Chr. 11. 22.	2 Three years reigned he in Jerusalem. * And his mother's name was Maacah, the daughter of Abishalom.	2 over Judah. Three years reigned he in Jerusalem: and his mother's name was Maacah the daughter of Abishalom. And he walked in all the sins of his father, which he had done before him: and his heart was not perfect with the Lord his God, as the heart of David his father. Nevertheless for David's sake did the Lord his God give him a lamp in Jerusalem, to set up his son after him, and to establish Jerusalem: because David did that which was right in the eyes of the Lord, and turned not aside from any thing that he commanded him all the days of his life, save only in the matter of Uriah the Hittite.	¹⁰ According to some authorities, Abijam.
	3 And he walked in all the sins of his father, which he had done before him: and his heart was not perfect with the Lord his God, as the heart of David his father.	3 the daughter of Abishalom. And he walked in all the sins of his father, which he had done before him: and his heart was not perfect with the Lord his God, as the heart of David his father. Nevertheless for David's sake did the Lord his God give him a lamp in Jerusalem, to set up his son after him, and to establish Jerusalem: because David did that which was right in the eyes of the Lord, and turned not aside from any thing that he commanded him all the days of his life, save only in the matter of Uriah the Hittite. Now there was war between Rehoboam and Jeroboam all the 7 days of his life. And the rest of the acts of Abijam, and all that he did, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah? And there was war between Abijam and Jeroboam.	¹¹ See 2 Chr. xiv. 1, &c.
¹ Or, candle.	4 Nevertheless for David's sake did the Lord his God give him a lamp in Jerusalem, to set up his son after him, and to establish Jerusalem:	4 father. Nevertheless for David's sake did the Lord his God give him a lamp in Jerusalem, to set up his son after him, and to establish Jerusalem: because David did that which was right in the eyes of the Lord, and turned not aside from any thing that he commanded him all the days of his life, save only in the matter of Uriah the Hittite. Now there was war between Rehoboam and Jeroboam all the 7 days of his life. And the rest of the acts of Abijam, and all that he did, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah? And there was war between Abijam and Jeroboam.	
	5 Because David did that which was right in the eyes of the Lord, and turned not aside from any thing that he commanded him all the days of his life, * save only in the matter of Uriah the Hittite.	5 Jerusalem: because David did that which was right in the eyes of the Lord, and turned not aside from any thing that he commanded him all the days of his life, save only in the matter of Uriah the Hittite. Now there was war between Rehoboam and Jeroboam all the 7 days of his life. And the rest of the acts of Abijam, and all that he did, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah? And there was war between Abijam and Jeroboam.	
* 2 Sam. 11. 4. & 12. 9.	6 And there was war between Rehoboam and Jeroboam all the days of his life.	6 of Uriah the Hittite. Now there was war between Rehoboam and Jeroboam all the 7 days of his life. And the rest of the acts of Abijam, and all that he did, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah? And there was war between Abijam and Jeroboam.	
	7 Now the rest of the acts of Abijam, and all that he did, are they not written in the * book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah? And there was war between Abijam and Jeroboam.	7 days of his life. And the rest of the acts of Abijam, and all that he did, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah? And there was war between Abijam and Jeroboam.	
* 2 Chr. 13. 3.	8 And Abijam slept with his fathers; and they buried him in the city of David: and Asa his son reigned in his stead.	8 Abijam and Jeroboam. ¶ And Abijam slept with his fathers; and they buried him in the city of David: and Asa his son reigned in his stead.	
* 2 Chr. 14. 1.	9 ¶ And in the twentieth year of Jeroboam king of Israel reigned Asa over Judah.	9 And in the twentieth year of Jeroboam king of Israel began Asa to reign over Judah. And forty and one years reigned he in Jerusalem: and his mother's name was Maacah the daughter of Abishalom. And Asa did that which was right in the eyes of the Lord, as did David his father. And he put away the sodomites out of the land, and removed all the idols that his fathers had made.	
¹ That is, grand-mother's.	10 And forty and one years reigned he in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Maacah, the daughter of Abishalom.	10 of Israel began Asa to reign over Judah. And forty and one years reigned he in Jerusalem: and his mother's name was Maacah the daughter of Abishalom. And Asa did that which was right in the eyes of the Lord, as did David his father. And he put away the sodomites out of the land, and removed all the idols that his fathers had made. ¶ And also Maacah his mother he removed from being queen, because she had made an abominable image for an Asherah; and Asa cut down her image, and burnt it at the brook Kidron. But the high places were not taken away: nevertheless the heart of Asa was perfect with the Lord all his days.	¹² See 2 Chr. xv. 16-18. 19 Or, queen mother
	11 And Asa did that which was right in the eyes of the Lord, as did David his father.	11 ter of Abishalom. And Asa did that which was right in the eyes of the Lord, as did David his father. And he put away the sodomites out of the land, and removed all the idols that his fathers had made. ¶ And also Maacah his mother he removed from being queen, because she had made an abominable image for an Asherah; and Asa cut down her image, and burnt it at the brook Kidron. But the high places were not taken away: nevertheless the heart of Asa was perfect with the Lord all his days.	¹³ Or, for Asherah
* 2 Chr. 15. 16.	12 And he took away the sodomites out of the land, and removed all the idols that his fathers had made.	12 father. And he put away the sodomites out of the land, and removed all the idols that his fathers had made. ¶ And also Maacah his mother he removed from being queen, because she had made an abominable image for an Asherah; and Asa cut down her image, and burnt it at the brook Kidron. But the high places were not taken away: nevertheless the heart of Asa was perfect with the Lord all his days.	
¹ Heb. cut off.	13 And also Maacah his mother, even her he removed from being queen, because she had made an idol in a grove; and Asa destroyed her idol, and burnt it by the brook Kidron.	13 fathers had made. ¶ And also Maacah his mother he removed from being queen, because she had made an abominable image for an Asherah; and Asa cut down her image, and burnt it at the brook Kidron. But the high places were not taken away: nevertheless the heart of Asa was perfect with the Lord all his days.	
	14 But the high places were not removed: nevertheless Asa's heart was perfect with the Lord all his days.	14 it at the brook Kidron. But the high places were not taken away: nevertheless the heart of Asa was perfect with the Lord all his days.	

A. V.

† Heb. holy.

* 2 Chr. 16. 2.

:(1611 the)

† Heb. go up.

† Heb. free.

* Matt 1. 8. called Josaphat.

† Heb. reigned.

:(1611 belong-eth)

* ch. 14. 10

15 And he brought in the things which his father had dedicated, and the things which himself had dedicated, into the house of the Lord, silver, and gold, and vessels.

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

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

18 Then Asa took all the silver and the gold that were left in the treasures of the house of the Lord, and the treasures of the king's house, and delivered them into the hand of his servants: and king Asa sent them to Ben-hadad, the son of Tabrimon, the son of Hezion, king of Syria, that dwelt at Damascus, saying,

19 *There is a league between me and thee, and between my father and thy father: behold, I have sent unto thee a present of silver and gold; come and break thy league with Baasha king of Israel, that he may depart from me.*

20 So Ben-hadad hearkened unto king Asa, and sent the captains of the hosts which he had against the cities of Israel, and smote Ijon, and Dan, and Abel-beth-maacah, and all Cinneroth, with all the land of Naphtali.

21 And it came to pass, when Baasha heard thereof, that he left off building of Ramah, and dwelt in Tirzah.

22 Then king Asa made a proclamation throughout all Judah; none was exempted: and they took away the stones of Ramah, and the timber thereof, wherewith Baasha had builded; and king Asa built with them Geba of Benjamin, and Mizpah.

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

24 And Asa slept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the city of David his father: and Jehoshaphat his son reigned in his stead.

25 ¶ And Nadab the son of Jeroboam began to reign over Israel in the second year of Asa king of Judah, and reigned over Israel two years.

26 And he did evil in the sight of the Lord, and walked in the way of his father, and in his sin wherewith he made Israel to sin.

27 ¶ And Baasha the son of Ahijah, of the house of Issachar, conspired against him; and Baasha smote him at Gibbethon, which belonged to the Philistines; for Nadab and all Israel laid siege to Gibbethon.

28 Even in the third year of Asa king of Judah did Baasha slay him, and reigned in his stead.

29 And it came to pass, when he reigned, that he smote all the house of Jeroboam; he left not to Jeroboam any that breathed, until he had destroyed him, according unto the saying of the Lord, which he spake by his servant Ahijah the Shilonite:

30 Because of the sins of Jeroboam which he sinned, and which he made Israel sin, by his provocation wherewith he provoked the Lord God of Israel to anger.

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

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

33 In the third year of Asa king of Judah began Baasha the son of Ahijah to reign over all Israel in Tirzah, twenty and four years.

34 And he did evil in the sight of the Lord, and walked in the way of Jeroboam, and in his sin wherewith he made Israel to sin.

16 Then the word of the Lord came to Jehu the son of Hanani against Baasha, saying,

2 Forasmuch as I exalted thee out of the dust, and made thee prince over my people Israel; and thou hast walked in the way of Jeroboam, and hast made my people Israel to sin, to provoke me to anger with their sins;

15 And he brought into the house of the Lord the things that his father had dedicated, and the things that himself had dedicated, silver, and gold, and vessels. And there was war

between Asa and Baasha king of Israel all their days. And Baasha king of Israel went up against Judah, and built Ramah, that he might not suffer any to go out or come in to

18 Asa king of Judah. Then Asa took all the silver and the gold that were left in the treasures of the house of the Lord, and the treasures of the king's house, and delivered them into the hand of his servants: and king Asa sent them to Ben-hadad, the son of Tabrimon, the son of Hezion, king of Syria, that dwelt at Damascus, saying,

19 *There is a league between me and thee, between my father and thy father: behold, I have sent unto thee a present of silver and gold; go, break thy league with Baasha king of Israel, that he may depart*

20 *from me. And Ben-hadad hearkened unto king Asa, and sent the captains of his armies against the cities of Israel, and smote Ijon, and Dan, and Abel-beth-maacah, and all Cinneroth,*

21 *with all the land of Naphtali. And it came to pass, when Baasha heard thereof, that he left off building of Ramah, and dwelt in Tirzah.*

22 Then king Asa made a proclamation unto all Judah; none was exempted: and they carried away the stones of Ramah, and the timber thereof, wherewith Baasha had builded; and king Asa built therewith Geba of Benjamin,

23 and Mizpah. Now the rest of all the acts of Asa, and all his might, and all that he did, and the cities which he built, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah? But in the time of his old age he was

24 diseased in his feet. And Asa slept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the city of David his father: and Jehoshaphat his son reigned in his stead.

25 And Nadab the son of Jeroboam began to reign over Israel in the second year of Asa king of Judah, and he reigned over Israel two years.

26 And he did that which was evil in the sight of the Lord, and walked in the way of his father, and in his sin wherewith he made Israel to sin.

27 And Baasha the son of Ahijah, of the house of Issachar, conspired against him; and Baasha smote him at Gibbethon, which belonged to the Philistines; for Nadab and all Israel were laying siege to Gibbethon. Even in the third year of Asa king of Judah did Baasha slay him, and reigned in his stead.

28 And it came to pass that, as soon as he was king, he smote all the house of Jeroboam; he left not to Jeroboam any that breathed, until he had destroyed him; according unto the saying of the Lord, which he spake by the hand of his servant Ahijah the Shilonite: for the sins of Jeroboam which he sinned, and wherewith he made Israel to sin; because of his provocation wherewith he provoked the Lord,

31 the God of Israel, to anger. Now the rest of the acts of Nadab, and all that he did, are they not written in the book of the chronicles

32 of the kings of Israel? And there was war between Asa and Baasha king of Israel all their days.

33 In the third year of Asa king of Judah began Baasha the son of Ahijah to reign over all Israel in Tirzah, and reigned twenty and four years.

34 And he did that which was evil in the sight of the Lord, and walked in the way of Jeroboam, and in his sin wherewith he made Israel to

16 sin. And the word of the Lord came to Jehu the son of Hanani against Baasha, saying, Forasmuch as I exalted thee out of the dust, and made thee prince over my people Israel; and thou hast walked in the way of Jeroboam, and hast made my people Israel to sin, to provoke me to anger with their sins;

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1 See 2 Chr. xvi 1-6.

2 Or, Let there be

3 See 2 Chr. xvi 11-14.

4 Or, leader

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* ch. 14.
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* 2 Chr.
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3 Behold, I will take away the posterity of Baasha, and the posterity of his house; and will make thy house like * the house of Jeroboam the son of Nebat.
4 * Him that dieth of Baasha in the city shall the dogs eat; and him that dieth of his in the fields shall the fowls of the air eat.

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

6 So Baasha slept with his fathers, and was buried in Tirzah: and Elah his son reigned in his stead.

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

8 ¶ In the twenty and sixth year of Asa king of Judah began Elah the son of Baasha to reign over Israel in Tirzah, two years.

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

10 And Zimri went in and smote him, and killed him, in the twenty and seventh year of Asa king of Judah, and reigned in his stead.

11 ¶ And it came to pass, when he began to reign, as soon as he sat on his throne, that he slew all the house of Baasha: he left him not one that pisseth against a wall, neither of his kinsfolks, nor of his friends.

12 Thus did Zimri destroy all the house of Baasha, according to the word of the Lord, which he spake against Baasha: by Jehu the prophet.

13 For all the sins of Baasha, and the sins of Elah his son, by which they sinned, and by which they made Israel to sin, in provoking the Lord God of Israel to anger with their vanities.

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

15 ¶ In the twenty and seventh year of Asa king of Judah did Zimri reign seven days in Tirzah. And the people *were* encamped against Gibbethon, which belonged to the Philistines.

16 And the people that *were* encamped heard say, Zimri hath conspired, and hath also slain the king: wherefore all Israel made Omri, the captain of the host, king over Israel that day in the camp.

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

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

19 For his sins which he sinned in doing evil in the sight of the Lord, in walking in the way of Jeroboam, and in his sin which he did, to make Israel to sin.

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

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

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

23 ¶ In the thirty and first year of Asa king of Judah began Omri to reign over Israel, twelve years: six years reigned he in Tirzah.

24 And he bought the hill Samaria of Shemer for two talents of silver, and built on the hill, and called the name of the city which he built, after the name of Shemer, owner of the hill, Samaria.

25 ¶ But Omri wrought evil in the eyes of the Lord, and did worse than all that *were* before him.

26 For he walked in all the way of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, and in his sin wherewith he made Israel to sin, to provoke the Lord God of Israel to anger with their vanities.

3 behold, I will utterly sweep away Baasha and his house; and I will make thy house like the house 4 of Jeroboam the son of Nebat. Him that dieth

of Baasha in the city shall the dogs eat; and him that dieth of his in the field shall the fowls of the 5 air eat. Now the rest of the acts of Baasha, and

what he did, and his might, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Is- 6 rael? And Baasha slept with his fathers, and

was buried in Tirzah; and Elah his son reigned 7 in his stead. And moreover by the hand of the

prophet Jehu the son of Hanani came the word of the Lord against Baasha, and against his house, both because of all the evil that he did in the sight of the Lord, to provoke him to anger with the work of his hands, in being like the house of Jeroboam, and because he smote ¹ him.

8 In the twenty and sixth year of Asa king of Judah began Elah the son of Baasha to reign over Israel in Tirzah, and reigned two years.

9 And his servant Zimri, captain of half his chariots, conspired against him: now he was in Tirzah, drinking himself drunk in the house of Arza, which was over the household in Tirzah:

10 and Zimri went in and smote him, and killed him, in the twenty and seventh year of Asa king 11 of Judah, and reigned in his stead. And it came

to pass, when he began to reign, as soon as he sat on his throne, that he smote all the house of Baasha: he left him not a single man child,

12 neither of his kinsfolks, nor of his friends. Thus did Zimri destroy all the house of Baasha, according to the word of the Lord, which he spake

13 against Baasha by Jehu the prophet, for all the sins of Baasha, and the sins of Elah his son, which they sinned, and wherewith they made Israel to sin, to provoke the Lord, the God of

14 Israel, to anger with their vanities. Now the rest of the acts of Elah, and all that he did, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel?

15 In the twenty and seventh year of Asa king of Judah did Zimri reign seven days in Tirzah. Now the people were encamped against Gib-

16 bethon, which belonged to the Philistines. And the people that were encamped heard say, Zimri hath conspired, and hath also smitten the king: wherefore all Israel made Omri, the captain of the host, king over Israel that day in the camp.

17 And Omri went up from Gibbethon, and all Is- 18 rael with him, and they besieged Tirzah. And it came to pass, when Zimri saw that the city was taken, that he went into the ² castle of the king's house, and burnt the king's house over

19 him with fire, and died, for his sins which he sinned in doing that which was evil in the sight of the Lord, in walking in the way of Jeroboam, and in his sin which he did, to make Israel to

20 sin. Now the rest of the acts of Zimri, and his treason that he wrought, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel?

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

22 followed Omri. But the people that followed Omri prevailed against the people that followed Tibni the son of Ginath: so Tibni died, and Omri reigned. In the thirty and first year of Asa king of Judah began Omri to reign over Is-

23 rael, and reigned twelve years: six years reigned 24 he in Tirzah. And he bought the hill ³ Samaria of Shemer for two talents of silver; and he

⁴ built on the hill, and called the name of the city which he built, after the name of Shemer, the owner of the hill, ⁵ Samaria. And Omri did that which was evil in the sight of the Lord, and dealt wickedly above all that were before him. For he walked in all the way of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, and in his sins wherewith he made Israel to sin, to provoke the Lord, the God of Israel, to anger with their vanities.

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27 Now the rest of the acts of Omri which he did, and his might that he shewed, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel?
 28 So Omri slept with his fathers, and was buried in Samaria: and Ahab his son reigned in his stead.
 29 ¶ And in the thirty and eighth year of Asa king of Judah began Ahab the son of Omri to reign over Israel: and Ahab the son of Omri reigned over Israel in Samaria twenty and two years.
 30 And Ahab the son of Omri did evil in the sight of the Lord above all that *were* before him.
 31 And it came to pass, *as* if it had been a light thing for him to walk in the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, that he took to wife Jezebel the daughter of Ethbaal king of the Zidonians, and went and served Baal, and worshipped him.
 32 And he reared up an altar for Baal in the house of Baal, which he had built in Samaria.
 33 And Ahab made a grove; and Ahab did more to provoke the Lord God of Israel to anger than all the kings of Israel that were before him.
 34 ¶ In his days did Hiel the Beth-elite build Jericho: he laid the foundation thereof in Abiram his firstborn, and set up the gates thereof in his youngest son Segub, *according to the word of the Lord, which he spake by Joshua the son of Nun.*

† Heb. was it a light thing, &c.

* Josh. 6 26.

† Heb. Elijah. Luke 4. 25, he is called *Elias*. * Ecclus 48 3 James 5 17.

17 And *Elijah the Tishbite, who was of the inhabitants of Gilead, said unto Ahab, "As the Lord God of Israel liveth, before whom I stand, there shall not be dew nor rain these years, but according to my word.*
 2 And the word of the Lord came unto him, saying,
 3 Get thee hence, and turn thee eastward, and hide thyself by the brook Cherith, that *is* before Jordan.
 4 And it shall be, *that* thou shalt drink of the brook; and I have commanded the ravens to feed thee there.
 5 So he went and did according unto the word of the Lord: for he went and dwelt by the brook Cherith, that *is* before Jordan.
 6 And the ravens brought him bread and flesh in the morning, and bread and flesh in the evening; and he drank of the brook.
 7 And it came to pass *after a while, that the brook dried up, because there had been no rain in the land.*
 8 ¶ And the word of the Lord came unto him, saying,
 9 Arise, get thee to *Zarephath, which belongeth to Zidon, and dwell there: behold, I have commanded a widow woman there to sustain thee.*
 10 So he arose and went to Zarephath. And when he came to the gate of the city, behold, the widow woman *was* there gathering of sticks: and he called to her, and said, Fetch me, I pray thee, a little water in a vessel, that I may drink.
 11 And as she was going to fetch *it*, he called to her, and said, Bring me, I pray thee, a morsel of bread in thine hand.
 12 And she said, *As the Lord thy God liveth, I have not a cake, but an handful of meal in a barrel, and a little oil in a cruse: and, behold, I am gathering two sticks, that I may go in and dress it for me and my son, that we may eat it, and die.*
 13 And Elijah said unto her, Fear not; go and do as thou hast said: but make me thereof a little cake first, and bring *it* unto me, and after make for thee and for thy son.
 14 For thus saith the Lord God of Israel, The barrel of meal shall not waste, neither shall the cruse of oil fail, until the day *that the Lord sendeth rain upon the earth.*
 15 And she went and did according to the saying of Elijah: and she, and he, and her house, did eat *many days.*
 16 And the barrel of meal wasted not, neither did the cruse of oil fail, according to the word of the Lord, which he spake *by* Elijah.
 17 ¶ And it came to pass after these things, *that the son of the woman, the mistress of the house, fell sick; and his sickness was so sore, that there was no breath left in him.*

† Heb. at the end of days.

* Luke 4. 26, called *Sarepta*.

† Heb. dwelt.

† Or, a full year.

† Heb. by the hand of.

27 Now the rest of the acts of Omri which he did, and his might that he shewed, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel? So Omri slept with his fathers, and was buried in Samaria: and Ahab his son reigned in his stead.
 29 And in the thirty and eighth year of Asa king of Judah began Ahab the son of Omri to reign over Israel: and Ahab the son of Omri reigned over Israel in Samaria twenty and two years.
 30 And Ahab the son of Omri did that which was evil in the sight of the Lord above all that were before him. And it came to pass, as if it had been a light thing for him to walk in the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, that he took to wife *Jezebel the daughter of Ethbaal king of the Zidonians, and went and served Baal, and worshipped him. And he reared up an altar for Baal in the house of Baal, which he had built in Samaria. And Ahab made the Asherah; and Ahab did yet more to provoke the Lord, the God of Israel, to anger than all the kings of Israel that were before him.*
 3 In his days did Hiel the Beth-elite build Jericho: he laid the foundation thereof with the loss of his youngest son Segub; according to the word of the Lord, which he spake by the hand of Joshua the son of Nun.
 17 And Elijah the Tishbite, who was *of the sojourners of Gilead, said unto Ahab, As the Lord, the God of Israel, liveth, before whom I stand, there shall not be dew nor rain these 2 years, but according to my word.* And the word of the Lord came unto him, saying, Get thee hence, and turn thee eastward, and hide thyself by the brook Cherith, that *is* before Jordan.
 4 And it shall be, that thou shalt drink of the brook; and I have commanded the ravens to feed thee there. So he went and did according unto the word of the Lord: for he went and dwelt by the brook Cherith, that *is* before Jordan. And the ravens brought him bread and flesh in the morning, and bread and flesh in the evening; and he drank of the brook.
 7 And it came to pass after a while, that the brook dried up, because there was no rain in the land.
 8 And the word of the Lord came unto him, saying, Arise, get thee to Zarephath, which belongeth to Zidon, and dwell there: behold, I have commanded a widow woman there to sustain thee. So he arose and went to Zarephath; and when he came to the gate of the city, behold, a widow woman was there gathering sticks: and he called to her, and said, Fetch me, I pray thee, a little water in a vessel, that I may drink.
 11 And as she was going to fetch *it*, he called to her, and said, Bring me, I pray thee, a morsel of bread in thine hand. And she said, As the Lord thy God liveth, I have not a cake, but an handful of meal in the barrel, and a little oil in the cruse: and, behold, I am gathering two sticks, that I may go in and dress it for me and my son, that we may eat it, and die. And Elijah said unto her, Fear not; go and do as thou hast said: but make me thereof a little cake first, and bring it forth unto me, and afterward make for thee and for thy son. For thus saith the Lord, the God of Israel, The barrel of meal shall not waste, neither shall the cruse of oil fail, until the day that the Lord sendeth rain upon the earth. And she went and did according to the saying of Elijah: and she, and he, and her house, did eat many days. The barrel of meal wasted not, neither did the cruse of oil fail, according to the word of the Lord, which he spake by Elijah. And it came to pass after these things, that the son of the woman, the mistress of the house, fell sick; and his sickness was so sore, that there was no breath left in him.

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† Heb. Jezebel.

2 See 2 Kings xiii 6.

3 See Josh. vi 26.

4 According to the Sept. of Tishbe of Gilead.

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18 And she said unto Elijah, What have I to do with thee, O thou man of God? art thou come unto me to call my sin to remembrance, and to slay my son?

19 And he said unto her, Give me thy son And he took him out of her bosom, and carried him up into a loft, where he abode, and laid him upon his own bed.

20 And he cried unto the LORD, and said, O LORD my God, hast thou also brought evil upon the widow with whom I sojourn, by slaying her son?

21 And he stretched himself upon the child three times, and cried unto the LORD, and said, O LORD my God, I pray thee, let this child's soul come into him again.

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

23 And Elijah took the child, and brought him down out of the chamber into the house, and delivered him unto his mother: and Elijah said, See, thy son liveth.

24 ¶ And the woman said to Elijah, Now by this I know that thou art a man of God, and that the word of the LORD in thy mouth is truth.

18 And it came to pass after many days, that the word of the LORD came to Elijah in the third year, saying, Go, shew thyself unto Ahab; and I will send rain upon the earth.

2 And Elijah went to shew himself unto Ahab. And there was a sore famine in Samaria.

3 And Ahab called Obadiah, which was the governor of his house. (Now Obadiah feared the LORD greatly:

4 For it was so, when Jezebel cut off the prophets of the LORD, that Obadiah took an hundred prophets, and hid them by fifty in a cave, and fed them with bread and water.)

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

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

7 ¶ And as Obadiah was in the way, behold, Elijah met him: and he knew him, and fell on his face, and said, Art thou that my lord Elijah?

8 And he answered him, I am: go, tell thy lord, Behold, Elijah is here.

9 And he said, What have I sinned, that thou wouldest deliver thy servant into the hand of Ahab, to slay me?

10 As the LORD thy God liveth, there is no nation or kingdom, whither my lord hath not sent to seek thee: and when they said, He is not there; he took an oath of the kingdom and nation, that they found thee not.

11 And now thou sayest, Go, tell thy lord, Behold, Elijah is here.

12 And it shall come to pass, as soon as I am gone from thee, that the Spirit of the LORD shall carry thee whither I know not; and so when I come and tell Ahab, and he cannot find thee, he shall slay me: but I thy servant fear the LORD from my youth.

13 Was it not told my lord what I did when Jezebel slew the prophets of the LORD, how I hid an hundred men of the LORD's prophets by fifty in a cave, and fed them with bread and water?

14 And now thou sayest, Go, tell thy lord, Behold, Elijah is here: and he shall slay me.

15 And Elijah said, As the LORD of hosts liveth, before whom I stand, I will surely shew myself unto him to day.

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

17 ¶ And it came to pass, when Ahab saw Elijah, that Ahab said unto him, Art thou he that troubleth Israel?

18 And he answered, I have not troubled Israel; but thou, and thy father's house, in that ye have

† Heb. incurred.

† Heb. into his inward parts.

† Heb. Obadiah.

† Heb. over his house.

† Heb. Jezebel.

† Heb. that we cut not off ourselves from the beasts.

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18 And she said unto Elijah, What have I to do with thee, O thou man of God? 1 thou art come unto me to bring my sin to remembrance, and

19 to slay my son! And he said unto her, Give me thy son. And he took him out of her bosom, and carried him up into the chamber, where he

20 abode, and laid him upon his own bed. And he cried unto the LORD, and said, O LORD my God, hast thou also brought evil upon the widow with

21 whom I sojourn, by slaying her son? And he stretched himself upon the child three times, and cried unto the LORD, and said, O LORD my God, I pray thee, let this child's soul come into

22 him again. And the LORD hearkened unto the voice of Elijah; and the soul of the child came

23 into him again, and he revived. And Elijah took the child, and brought him down out of the chamber into the house, and delivered him unto his mother: and Elijah said, See, thy son liveth

24 And the woman said to Elijah, Now I know that thou art a man of God, and that the word of the LORD in thy mouth is truth.

18 And it came to pass after many days, that the word of the LORD came to Elijah, in the third year, saying, Go, shew thyself unto Ahab; and

2 I will send rain upon the earth. And Elijah went to shew himself unto Ahab. And the

3 famine was sore in Samaria. And Ahab called Obadiah, which was over the household. (Now

4 Obadiah feared the LORD greatly: for it was so, when Jezebel cut off the prophets of the LORD, that Obadiah took an hundred prophets, and hid them by fifty in a cave, and fed them with bread

5 and water.) And Ahab said unto Obadiah, Go through the land, unto all the fountains of water, and unto all the brooks: peradventure we may find grass and save the horses and mules alive,

6 that we lose not all the beasts. So they divided the land between them to pass throughout it: Ahab went one way by himself, and Obadiah

7 went another way by himself. And as Obadiah was in the way, behold, Elijah met him: and he knew him, and fell on his face, and said, Is

8 it thou, my lord Elijah? And he answered him, It is I: go, tell thy lord, Behold, Elijah is here.

9 And he said, Wherein have I sinned, that thou wouldest deliver thy servant into the hand of

10 Ahab, to slay me? As the LORD thy God liveth, there is no nation or kingdom, whither my lord hath not sent to seek thee: and when they said, He is not here, he took an oath of the kingdom

11 and nation, that they found thee not. And now thou sayest, Go, tell thy lord, Behold, Elijah is

12 here. And it shall come to pass, as soon as I am gone from thee, that the spirit of the LORD shall carry thee whither I know not; and so when I come and tell Ahab, and he cannot find thee, he shall slay me: but I thy servant fear

13 the LORD from my youth. Was it not told my lord what I did when Jezebel slew the prophets of the LORD, how I hid an hundred men of the LORD's prophets by fifty in a cave, and fed them

14 with bread and water? And now thou sayest, Go, tell thy lord, Behold, Elijah is here: and he

15 shall slay me. And Elijah said, As the LORD of hosts liveth, before whom I stand, I will surely shew myself unto him to-day. So Obadiah

16 went to meet Ahab, and told him: and Ahab went to meet Elijah. And it came to pass, when Ahab saw Elijah, that Ahab said unto

17 him, Is it thou, thou troubler of Israel? And he answered, I have not troubled Israel; but thou, and thy father's house, in that ye have

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forsaken the commandments of the Lord, and thou hast followed Baalim.

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

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

21 And Elijah came unto all the people, and said, How long halt ye between two opinions? if the Lord be God, follow him: but if Baal, then follow him. And the people answered him not a word.

22 Then said Elijah unto the people, I, even I only, remain a prophet of the Lord; but Baal's prophets are four hundred and fifty men.

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

24 And call ye on the name of your gods, and I will call on the name of the Lord: and the God that answereth by fire, let him be God. And all the people answered and said, It is well spoken.

25 And Elijah said unto the prophets of Baal, Choose you one bullock for yourselves, and dress it first; for ye are many; and call on the name of your gods, but put no fire under.

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

27 And it came to pass at noon, that Elijah mocked them, and said, Cry aloud: for he is a god; either he is talking, or he is pursuing, or he is in a journey, or peradventure he sleepeth, and must be awaked.

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

29 And it came to pass, when midday was past, and they prophesied until the time of the offering of the evening sacrifice, that there was neither voice, nor any to answer, nor any that regarded.

30 And Elijah said unto all the people, Come near unto me. And all the people came near unto him. And he repaired the altar of the Lord that was broken down.

31 And Elijah took twelve stones, according to the number of the tribes of the sons of Jacob, unto whom the word of the Lord came, saying, Israel shall be thy name:

32 And with the stones he built an altar in the name of the Lord: and he made a trench about the altar, as great as would contain two measures of seed.

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

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

35 And the water ran round about the altar; and he filled the trench also with water.

36 And it came to pass at the time of the offering of the evening sacrifice, that Elijah the prophet came near, and said, Lord God of Abraham, Isaac, and of Israel, let it be known this day that thou art God in Israel, and that I am thy servant, and that I have done all these things at thy word.

37 Hear me, O Lord, hear me, that this people may know that thou art the Lord God, and that thou hast turned their heart back again.

1 Or, thoughts.

1 Heb. The word is good.

1 Or, answer. 1 Or, heard.

1 Or, leaped up and down at the altar.

1 Heb. with a great voice.

1 Or, he meditated.

1 Heb. hath a pursuit.

1 [1611 loud]

1 Heb. poured out blood upon them.

1 Heb. ascend- ing.

1 Heb. atten- tion.

* Gen. 32. 28 2 Kings 17. 34.

1 Heb. recut.

forsaken the commandments of the Lord,

19 and thou hast followed the Baalim. Now therefore send, and gather to me all Israel unto mount Carmel, and the prophets of Baal four hundred and fifty, and the prophets of the Asherah four hundred, which eat at

20 Jezebel's table. So Ahab sent unto all the children of Israel, and gathered the prophets

21 together unto mount Carmel. And Elijah came near unto all the people, and said, How long halt ye between two opinions? if the Lord be God, follow him: but if Baal, then follow him.

22 And the people answered him not a word. Then said Elijah unto the people, I, even I only, am left a prophet of the Lord; but Baal's prophets

23 are four hundred and fifty men. Let them therefore give us two bullocks; and let them choose one bullock for themselves, and cut it in pieces, and lay it on the wood, and put no fire under: and I will dress the other bullock, and lay it on

24 the wood, and put no fire under. And call ye on the name of your god, and I will call on the name of the Lord: and the God that answereth by fire, let him be God. And all the people

25 answered and said, It is well spoken. And Elijah said unto the prophets of Baal, Choose you one bullock for yourselves, and dress it first; for ye are many; and call on the name of your god,

26 but put no fire under. And they took the bullock which was given them, and they dressed it, and called on the name of Baal from morning even until noon, saying, O Baal, hear us. But there was no voice, nor any that answered. And they

27 leaped about the altar which was made. And it came to pass at noon, that Elijah mocked them, and said, Cry aloud: for he is a god; either he is musing, or he is gone aside, or he is in a journey, or peradventure he sleepeth, and must

28 be awaked. And they cried aloud, and cut themselves after their manner with knives and lances, till the blood gushed out upon them.

29 And it was so, when midday was past, that they prophesied until the time of the offering of the evening oblation; but there was neither voice,

30 nor any to answer, nor any that regarded. And Elijah said unto all the people, Come near unto me; and all the people came near unto him. And he repaired the altar of the Lord that was

31 thrown down. And Elijah took twelve stones, according to the number of the tribes of the sons of Jacob, unto whom the word of the Lord

32 came, saying, Israel shall be thy name. And with the stones he built an altar in the name of the Lord; and he made a trench about the altar, as great as would contain two measures

33 of seed. And he put the wood in order, and cut the bullock in pieces, and laid it on the wood. And he said, Fill four barrels with water, and pour it on the burnt offering, and on the wood.

34 And he said, Do it the second time; and they did it the second time. And he said, Do it the

35 third time; and they did it the third time. And the water ran round about the altar; and he

36 filled the trench also with water. And it came to pass at the time of the offering of the evening oblation, that Elijah the prophet came near, and said, O Lord, the God of Abraham, of Isaac, and of Israel, let it be known this day that thou art God in Israel, and that I am thy servant, and that I have done all these things at thy

37 word. Hear me, O Lord, hear me, that this people may know that thou, Lord, art God, and that thou hast turned their heart back again.

R. V.

1 Or, answer 2 Or, impact

3 Or, swords

4 Heb. atten- tion.

5 Or, a two-srah measure

6 Or, for thou didst turn their heart back- ward

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38 Then the fire of the LORD fell, and consumed the burnt sacrifice, and the wood, and the stones, and the dust, and licked up the water that was in the trench.

39 And when all the people saw it, they fell on their faces: and they said, The LORD, he is the God; the LORD, he is the God.

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

41 ¶ And Elijah said unto Ahab, Get thee up, eat and drink; for there is a sound of abundance of rain.

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

43 And said to his servant, Go up now, look toward the sea. And he went up, and looked, and said, There is nothing. And he said, Go again seven times

44 And it came to pass at the seventh time, that he said, Behold, there ariseth a little cloud out of the sea, like a man's hand. And he said, Go up, say unto Ahab, Prepare thy chariot, and get thee down, that the rain stop thee not.

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

46 And the hand of the LORD was on Elijah; and he girded up his loins, and ran before Ahab to the entrance of Jezreel.

19 And Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and withal how he had slain all the prophets with the sword.

2 Then Jezebel sent a messenger unto Elijah, saying, So let the gods do to me, and more also, if I make not thy life as the life of one of them by to-morrow about this time.

3 And when he saw that, he arose, and went for his life, and came to Beer-sheba, which belongeth to Judah, and left his servant there.

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

5 And as he lay and slept under a juniper tree, behold, then an angel touched him, and said unto him, Arise and eat.

6 And he looked, and, behold, there was a cake baken on the coals, and a cruse of water at his head. And he did eat and drink, and laid him down again.

7 And the angel of the LORD came again the second time, and touched him, and said, Arise and eat; because the journey is too great for thee.

8 And he arose, and did eat and drink, and went in the strength of that meat forty days and forty nights unto Horeb the mount of God.

9 ¶ And he came thither unto a cave, and lodged there; and, behold, the word of the LORD came to him, and he said unto him, What doest thou here, Elijah?

10 And he said, I have been very jealous for the LORD God of hosts: for the children of Israel have forsaken thy covenant, thrown down thine altars, and slain thy prophets with the sword; and I, even I only, am left; and they seek my life, to take it away.

11 And he said, Go forth, and stand upon the mount before the LORD. And, behold, the LORD passed by, and a great and strong wind rent the mountains, and brake in pieces the rocks before the LORD; but the LORD was not in the wind: and after the wind an earthquake; but the LORD was not in the earthquake:

1 Or, Apprehend.

1 Or, a sound of a noise of rain.

1 Heb. Tie, or, Bind.

1 Heb. till thou come to Jezreel.

1 Heb. for his life.

1 Heb. bolster.

1 Rom. 11. 3.

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44 down upon the earth, and put his face between his knees. And he said to his servant, Go up

45 now, look toward the sea. And he went up, and looked, and said, There is nothing. And

46 he said, Go again seven times. And it came to pass at the seventh time, that he said, Behold,

47 there ariseth a cloud out of the sea, as small as a man's hand. And he said, Go up, say unto

48 Ahab, Make ready thy chariot, and get thee down, that the rain stop thee not. And it came

49 to pass in a little while, that the heaven grew black with clouds and wind, and there was a

50 great rain. And Ahab rode, and went to Jezreel. And the hand of the LORD was on Elijah;

51 and he girded up his loins, and ran before Ahab to the entrance of Jezreel.

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20 prophets with the sword. Then Jezebel sent a messenger unto Elijah, saying, So let the

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23 sheba, which belongeth to Judah, and left his servant there. But he himself went a day's

24 journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a juniper tree: and he requested

25 for himself that he might die; and said, It is enough; now, O LORD, take away my life; for I

1 Or, Yoke

2 According to some ancient authorities, And he was afraid, and arose.
3 Or, broom

4 Or, hot stones

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12 And after the earthquake a fire; but the LORD was not in the fire: and after the fire a still small voice.

13 And it was so, when Elijah heard it, that he wrapped his face in his mantle, and went out, and stood in the entering in of the cave. And, behold, there came a voice unto him, and said, What doest thou here, Elijah?

14 And he said, I have been very jealous for the LORD God of hosts. because the children of Israel have forsaken thy covenant, thrown down thine altars, and slain thy prophets with the sword, and I, even I only, am left; and they seek my life, to take it away.

15 And the LORD said unto him, Go, return on thy way to the wilderness of Damascus: and when thou comest, anoint Hazael to be king over Syria:

16 And Jehu the son of Nimshi shalt thou anoint to be king over Israel: and Elisha the son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah shalt thou anoint to be prophet in thy room.

17 And *it shall come to pass, that him that escapeth the sword of Hazael shall Jehu slay: and him that escapeth from the sword of Jehu shall Elisha slay.

18 *Yet †I have left me seven thousand in Israel, all the knees which have not bowed unto Baal, and every mouth which hath not kissed him.

19 † So he departed thence, and found Elisha the son of Shaphat, who was plowing with twelve yoke of oxen before him, and he with the twelfth: and Elijah passed over unto him, and cast his mantle upon him.

20 And he left the oxen, and ran after Elijah, and said, Let me, I pray thee, kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow thee. And he said unto him, Go back again: for what have I done to thee?

21 And he returned back from him, and took a yoke of oxen, and slew them, and boiled their flesh with the instruments of the oxen, and gave unto the people, and they did eat. Then he arose, and went after Elijah, and ministered unto him.

20 And Ben-hadad the king of Syria gathered all his host together: and there were thirty and two kings with him, and horses, and chariots: and he went up and besieged Samaria, and warred against it.

2 And he sent messengers to Ahab king of Israel into the city, and said unto him, Thus saith Ben-hadad,

3 Thy silver and thy gold is mine; thy wives also and thy children, even the goodliest, are mine

4 And the king of Israel answered and said, My lord, O king, according to thy saying, I am thine, and all that I have.

5 And the messengers came again, and said, Thus speaketh Ben-hadad, saying, Although I have sent unto thee, saying, Thou shalt deliver me thy silver, and thy gold, and thy wives, and thy children;

6 Yet I will send my servants unto thee to-morrow about this time, and they shall search thine house, and the houses of thy servants; and it shall be, that whatsoever is pleasant in thine eyes, they shall put it in their hand, and take it away.

7 Then the king of Israel called all the elders of the land, and said, Mark, I pray you, and see how this man seeketh mischief: for he sent unto me for my wives, and for my children, and for my silver, and for my gold; and †I denied him not.

8 And all the elders and all the people said unto him, Hearken not unto him, nor consent.

9 Wherefore he said unto the messengers of Ben-hadad, Tell my lord the king, All that thou didst send for to thy servant at the first I will do: but this thing I may not do. And the messengers departed, and brought him word again.

12 and after the earthquake a fire; but the LORD was not in the fire: and after the fire ^{1a} still small voice.

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14 Elijah? And he said, I have been very jealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the children of Israel have forsaken thy covenant, thrown down thine altars, and slain thy prophets with the sword; and I, even I only, am left; and they

15 seek my life, to take it away. And the LORD said unto him, Go, return on thy way ² to the wilderness of Damascus: and when thou comest, thou shalt anoint Hazael to be king over Syria:

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17 be prophet in thy room. And it shall come to pass, that him that escapeth from the sword of Hazael shall Jehu slay: and him that escapeth

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19 every mouth which hath not kissed him. So he departed thence, and found Elisha the son of Shaphat, who was plowing, with twelve yoke of oxen before him, and he with the twelfth: and

20 Elijah passed over unto him, and cast his mantle upon him. And he left the oxen, and ran after Elijah, and said, Let me, I pray thee, kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow thee. And he said unto him, Go back again;

21 for what have I done to thee? And he returned from following him, and took the yoke of oxen, and slew them, and ³boiled their flesh with the instruments of the oxen, and gave unto the people, and they did eat. Then he arose, and went after Elijah, and ministered unto him.

20 And Ben-hadad the king of Syria gathered all his host together: and there were thirty and two kings with him, and horses and chariots: and he went up and besieged Samaria, and

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3 him, Thus saith Ben-hadad, Thy silver and thy gold is mine; thy wives also and thy children,

4 even the goodliest, are mine. And the king of Israel answered and said, It is according to thy saying, my lord, O king; I am thine, and all

5 that I have. And the messengers came again, and said, Thus speaketh Ben-hadad, saying, I sent indeed unto thee, saying, Thou shalt deliver me thy silver, and thy gold, and thy wives,

6 and thy children; but I will send my servants unto thee to-morrow about this time, and they shall search thine house, and the houses of thy servants; and it shall be, that ⁴whatsoever is pleasant in thine eyes, they shall put it in their

7 hand, and take it away. Then the king of Israel called all the elders of the land, and said, Mark, I pray you, and see how this man seeketh mischief: for he sent unto me for my wives, and for my children, and for my silver, and for my gold; and I denied him not. And all the elders and all the people said unto him,

9 Hearken thou not, neither consent. Wherefore he said unto the messengers of Ben-hadad, Tell my lord the king, All that thou didst send for to thy servant at the first I will do: but this thing I may not do. And the messengers departed, and brought him word again.

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¹ Heb. a sound of gentle stillness.

² Or, by the wilderness to

³ Or, roasted

⁴ Heb. all the desire of thine eyes.

* Luke 4. 27. called Elisha.
* 2 Kings 9 1, 3
1ccclus. 48. 8.
* Rom. 11. 4.
† Or, I will leave.

† Heb. Go return.

† Heb. desirable.

† Heb. I kept not back from him.

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† Heb. are at my feet.

† Heb. scord.
† Or, tents.
† Or, Place the engines: And they placed engines.

† Heb. approach-ed.

† Or, servants.

† Heb. bind, or, tie.

10 And Ben-hadad sent unto him, and said, The gods do so unto me, and more also, if the dust of Samaria shall suffice for handfuls for all the people that follow me.

11 And the king of Israel answered and said, Tell him, Let not him that girdeth on his harness boast himself as he that putteth it off.

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

13 ¶ And, behold, there came a prophet unto Ahab king of Israel, saying, Thus saith the LORD, Hast thou seen all this great multitude? behold, I will deliver it into thine hand this day; and thou shalt know that I am the LORD.

14 And Ahab said, By whom? And he said, Thus saith the LORD, Even by the young men of the princes of the provinces. Then he said, Who shall order the battle? And he answered, Thou.

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

16 And they went out at noon. But Ben-hadad was drinking himself drunk in the pavilions, he and the kings, the thirty and two kings that helped him.

17 And the young men of the princes of the provinces went out first; and Ben-hadad sent out, and they told him, saying, There are men come out of Samaria.

18 And he said, Whether they be come out for peace, take them alive; or whether they be come out for war, take them alive.

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

20 And they slew every one his man: and the Syrians fled; and Israel pursued them: and Ben-hadad the king of Syria escaped on an horse with the horsemen.

21 And the king of Israel went out, and smote the horses and chariots, and slew the Syrians with a great slaughter.

22 ¶ And the prophet came to the king of Israel, and said unto him, Go, strengthen thyself, and mark, and see what thou doest: for at the return of the year the king of Syria will come up against thee.

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

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

25 And number thee an army, like the army that thou hast lost, horse for horse, and chariot for chariot: and we will fight against them in the plain, and surely we shall be stronger than they. And he hearkened unto their voice, and did so.

26 And it came to pass at the return of the year, that Ben-hadad numbered the Syrians, and went up to Aphek, to fight against Israel.

27 And the children of Israel were numbered, and were all present, and went against them: and the children of Israel pitched before them like two little flocks of kids; but the Syrians filled the country.

28 ¶ And there came a man of God, and spake unto the king of Israel, and said, Thus saith the LORD, Because the Syrians have said, The LORD is God of the hills, but he is not God of the valleys, therefore will I deliver all this great multitude into thine hand, and ye shall know that I am the LORD.

† Heb. that was fallen.

† Heb. to the war with Israel.

† Or, were victualled.

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† Heb. are at my feet.

† Or, huts
† Or, Place the engines. And they placed the engines

† Or, servants

† Heb. bind.

† Or, with horse and horsemen

† Or, governors See ch. x. 15.

† Or, the

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18 Samaria. And he said, Whether they be come out for peace, take them alive; or whether they be come out for war, take them alive. So these

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29 And they pitched one over against the other seven days. And so it was, that in the seventh day the battle was joined: and the children of Israel slew of the Syrians an hundred thousand footmen in one day.

30 But the rest fled to Aphek, into the city; and there a wall fell upon twenty and seven thousand of the men that were left. And Ben-hadad fled, and came into the city, ¹ into an inner chamber.

31 ¶ And his servants said unto him, Behold now, we have heard that the kings of the house of Israel are merciful kings: let us, I pray thee, put sackcloth on our loins, and ropes upon our heads, and go out to the king of Israel: peradventure he will save thy life.

32 So they girded sackcloth on their loins, and put ropes on their heads, and came to the king of Israel, and said, Thy servant Ben-hadad saith, I pray thee, let me live. And he said, Is he yet alive? he is my brother.

33 Now the men did diligently observe whether any thing would come from him, and did hastily catch it: and they said, Thy brother Ben-hadad. Then he said, Go ye, bring him. Then Ben-hadad came forth to him; and he caused him to come up into the chariot.

34 And Ben-hadad said unto him, The cities, which my father took from thy father, I will restore; and thou shalt make streets for thee in Damascus, as my father made in Samaria. Then said Ahab, I will send thee away with this covenant. So he made a covenant with him, and sent him away.

35 ¶ And a certain man of the sons of the prophets said unto his neighbour in the word of the LORD, Smite me, I pray thee. And the man refused to smite him.

36 Then said he unto him, Because thou hast not obeyed the voice of the LORD, behold, as soon as thou art departed from me, a lion shall slay thee. And as soon as he was departed from him, a lion found him, and slew him.

37 Then he found another man, and said, Smite me, I pray thee. And the man smote him, ¹ so that in smiting he wounded him.

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

39 And as the king passed by, he cried unto the king: and he said, Thy servant went out into the midst of the battle; and, behold, a man turned aside, and brought a man unto me, and said, Keep this man: if by any means he be missing, then shall thy life be for his life, or else thou shalt ¹ pay a talent of silver.

40 And as thy servant was busy here and there, ¹ he was gone. And the king of Israel said unto him, So shall thy judgment be; thyself hast decided it.

41 And he hastened, and took the ashes away from his face; and the king of Israel discerned him that he was of the prophets.

42 And he said unto him, Thus saith the LORD, *Because thou hast let go out of thy hand a man whom I appointed to utter destruction, therefore thy life shall go for his life, and thy people for his people.

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

21 And it came to pass after these things, that Naboth the Jezreelite had a vineyard, which was in Jezreel, hard by the palace of Ahab king of Samaria.

2 And Ahab spake unto Naboth, saying, Give me thy vineyard, that I may have it for a garden of herbs, because it is near unto my house: and I will give thee for it a better vineyard than it; or, if it seem good to thee, I will give thee the worth of it in money.

¹ Or, from chamber to chamber.

¹ Heb. into a chamber within a chamber.

¹ Heb. smiting and wounding.

¹ Heb. weigh.

¹ Heb. he was not.

ch 22.
38.

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31 city, ¹ into an inner chamber. And his servants said unto him, Behold now, we have heard that the kings of the house of Israel are merciful kings: let us, we pray thee, put sackcloth on our loins, and ropes upon our heads, and go out to the king of Israel: peradventure he will

32 save thy life. So they girded sackcloth on their loins, and put ropes on their heads, and came to the king of Israel, and said, Thy servant Ben-hadad saith, I pray thee, let me live. And he said, Is he yet alive? he is my brother.

33 Now the men ²observed diligently, and hastened ³to catch whether it were ⁴his mind; and they said, Thy brother Ben-hadad. Then he said, Go ye, bring him. Then Ben-hadad came forth to him; and he caused him to come up into the

34 chariot. And Ben-hadad said unto him, The cities which my father took from thy father I will restore; and thou shalt make streets for thee in Damascus, as my father made in Samaria. And I, said Ahab, will let thee go with this covenant. So he made a covenant with him, and let him go.

35 And a certain man of the sons of the prophets said unto his fellow by the word of the LORD, Smite me, I pray thee. And the man

36 refused to smite him. Then said he unto him, Because thou hast not obeyed the voice of the LORD, behold, as soon as thou art departed from me, a lion shall slay thee. And as soon as he was departed from him, a lion found him,

37 and slew him. Then he found another man, and said, Smite me, I pray thee. And the man

38 smote him, smiting and wounding him. So the prophet departed, and waited for the king by the way, and disguised himself with his head-

39 band over his eyes. And as the king passed by, he cried unto the king: and he said, Thy servant went out into the midst of the battle; and, behold, a man turned aside, and brought a man unto me, and said, Keep this man: if by any means he be missing, then shall thy life be

40 for his life, or else thou shalt pay a talent of silver. And as thy servant was busy here and there, he was gone. And the king of Israel said unto him, So shall thy judgement be; thy-

41 self hast decided it. And he hastened, and took the headband away from his eyes; and the king of Israel discerned him that he was of the pro-

42 phets. And he said unto him, Thus saith the LORD, Because thou hast let go out of thy hand the man whom I had devoted to destruction, therefore thy life shall go for his life, and thy

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

21 And it came to pass after these things, that Naboth the Jezreelite had a vineyard, which was in Jezreel, hard by the palace of Ahab king

2 of Samaria. And Ahab spake unto Naboth, saying, Give me thy vineyard, that I may have it for a garden of herbs, because it is near unto my house; and I will give thee for it a better vineyard than it: or, if it seem good to thee, I will give thee the worth of it in money.

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¹ Or, from chamber to chamber

² Or, took it as an omen (Heb. *divined*), and hastened

³ Another reading is, to catch it from him.

⁴ Heb. from him.

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8 And Naboth said to Ahab, The Lord forbid it me, that I should give the inheritance of my fathers unto thee.

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

5 ¶ But Jezebel his wife came to him, and said unto him, Why is thy spirit so sad, that thou eatest no bread?

6 And he said unto her, Because I spake unto Naboth the Jezreelite, and said unto him, Give me thy vineyard for money; or else, if it please thee, I will give thee another vineyard for it: and he answered, I will not give thee my vineyard.

7 And Jezebel his wife said unto him, Dost thou now govern the kingdom of Israel? arise, and eat bread, and let thine heart be merry: I will give thee the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite.

8 So she wrote letters in Ahab's name, and sealed them with his seal, and sent the letters unto the elders and to the nobles that were in his city, dwelling with Naboth.

9 And she wrote in the letters, saying, Proclaim a fast, and set Naboth ¹ on high among the people:

10 And set two men, sons of Behal, before him, to bear witness against him, saying, Thou didst blaspheme God and the king. And then carry him out, and stone him, that he may die.

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

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

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

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

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

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

17 ¶ And the word of the Lord came to Elijah the Tishbite, saying,

18 Arise, go down to meet Ahab king of Israel, which is in Samaria: behold, *he is* in the vineyard of Naboth, whither he is gone down to possess it.

19 And thou shalt speak unto him, saying, Thus saith the Lord, Hast thou killed, and also taken possession? And thou shalt speak unto him, saying, Thus saith the Lord, In the place where dogs licked the blood of Naboth shall dogs lick thy blood, *even* thine.

20 And Ahab said to Elijah, Hast thou found me, O mine enemy? And he answered, I have found thee: because thou hast sold thyself to work evil in the sight of the Lord.

21 Behold, *I will bring evil upon thee, and will take away thy posterity, and will cut off from Ahab *him that pisseth against the wall, and *him that is shut up and left in Israel.

22 And will make thine house like the house of *Jeroboam the son of Nebat, and like the house of *Baasha the son of Ahijah, for the

+ Heb. in the top of the people.

* ch. 14. 10.
9 Kings 9. 8.

* 1 Sam. 25. 22.

* ch. 14. 10.

* ch. 15. 29.

* ch. 16. 3.

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11 him out, and stone him, that he die. And the men of his city, even the elders and the nobles who dwelt in his city, did as Jezebel had sent unto them, according as it was written in the 12 letters which she had sent unto them. They proclaimed a fast, and set Naboth ² on high

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20 thy blood, *even* thine. And Ahab said to Elijah, Hast thou found me, O mine enemy? And he answered, I have found thee: because thou hast sold thyself to do that which is evil in the

21 sight of the Lord. Behold, I will bring evil upon thee, and will utterly sweep thee away, and will cut off from Ahab every man child, and him that is shut up and him that is left at large in

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* 2 Chr.
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* 2 Kings
3. 7.

† Or,
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† Heb.
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23 And * of Jezebel also spake the LORD, saying, The dogs shall eat Jezebel by the wall of Jezreel.

24 Him that dieth of Ahab in the city the dogs shall eat; and him that dieth in the field shall the fowls of the air eat.

25 ¶ But there was none like unto Ahab, which did sell himself to work wickedness in the sight of the LORD, whom Jezebel his wife stirred up.

26 And he did very abominably in following idols, according to all things as did the Amorites, whom the LORD cast out before the children of Israel.

27 And it came to pass, when Ahab heard those words, that he rent his clothes, and put sackcloth upon his flesh, and fasted, and lay in sackcloth, and went softly.

28 And the word of the LORD came to Elijah the Tishbite, saying,

29 Seest thou how Ahab humbleth himself before me? because he humbleth himself before me, I will not bring the evil in his days: but in his son's days will I bring the evil upon his house.

22 And they continued three years without war between Syria and Israel.

2 And it came to pass in the third year, that * Jehoshaphat the king of Judah came down to the king of Israel.

3 And the king of Israel said unto his servants, Know ye that Ramoth in Gilead is ours, and we be still, and take it not out of the hand of the king of Syria?

4 And he said unto Jehoshaphat, Wilt thou go with me to battle to Ramoth-gilead? And Jehoshaphat said to the king of Israel, * I am as thou art, my people as thy people, my horses as thy horses.

5 And Jehoshaphat said unto the king of Israel, Enquire, I pray thee, at the word of the LORD to day.

6 Then the king of Israel gathered the prophets together, about four hundred men, and said unto them, Shall I go against Ramoth-gilead to battle, or shall I forbear? And they said, Go up; for the LORD shall deliver it into the hand of the king.

7 And Jehoshaphat said, Is there not here a prophet of the LORD besides, that we might enquire of him?

8 And the king of Israel said unto Jehoshaphat, There is yet one man, Micaiah the son of Imlah, by whom we may enquire of the LORD: but I hate him; for he doth not prophesy good concerning me, but evil. And Jehoshaphat said, Let not the king say so.

9 Then the king of Israel called an † officer, and said, Hasten hither Micaiah the son of Imlah.

10 And the king of Israel and Jehoshaphat the king of Judah sat each on his throne, having put on their robes, in a † void place in the entrance of the gate of Samaria; and all the prophets prophesied before them.

11 And Zedekiah the son of Chenaanah made him horns of iron: and he said, Thus saith the LORD, With these shalt thou push the Syrians, until thou have consumed them.

12 And all the prophets prophesied so, saying, Go up to Ramoth-gilead, and prosper: for the LORD shall deliver it into the king's hand.

13 And the messenger that was gone to call Micaiah spake unto him, saying, Behold now, the words of the prophets declare good unto the king with one mouth: let thy word, I pray thee, be like the word of one of them, and speak that which is good.

14 And Micaiah said, As the LORD liveth, what the LORD saith unto me, that will I speak.

15 ¶ So he came to the king. And the king said unto him, Micaiah, shall we go against Ramoth-gilead to battle, or shall we forbear? And

provocation wherewith thou hast provoked me to anger, and hast made Israel to sin.

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25 field shall the fowls of the air eat. (But there was none like unto Ahab, which did sell himself to do that which was evil in the sight of the LORD, whom Jezebel his wife stirred up.

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he answered him, Go, and prosper. for the Lord shall deliver it into the hand of the king.

16 And the king said unto him, How many times shall I adjure thee that thou tell me nothing but that which is true in the name of the Lord?

17 And he said, I saw all Israel scattered upon the hills, as sheep that have no master: and the Lord said, These have no master: let them return every man to his house in peace.

18 And the king of Israel said unto Jehoshaphat, Did I not tell thee that he would prophesy no good concerning me, but evil?

19 And he said, Hear thou therefore the word of the Lord: I saw the Lord sitting on his throne, and all the host of heaven standing by him on his right hand and on his left.

¹ Or, deceive.

20 And the Lord said, Who shall persuade Ahab, that he may go up and fall at Ramoth-gilead? And one said on this manner, and another said on that manner.

21 And there came forth a spirit, and stood before the Lord, and said, I will persuade him.

22 And the Lord said unto him, Wherewith? And he said, I will go forth, and I will be a lying spirit in the mouth of all his prophets. And he said, Thou shalt persuade him, and prevail also: go forth, and do so.

23 Now therefore, behold, the Lord hath put a lying spirit in the mouth of all these thy prophets, and the Lord hath spoken evil concerning thee.

24 But Zedekiah the son of Chenaanah went near, and smote Micaiah on the cheek, and said, * Which way went the Spirit of the Lord from me to speak unto thee?

² Chr. 18. 23.

25 And Micaiah said, Behold, thou shalt see in that day, when thou shalt go into an inner chamber to hide thyself.

¹ Or, from chamber to chamber.

26 And the king of Israel said, Take Micaiah, and carry him back unto Amon the governor of the city, and to Joash the king's son;

¹ Heb a chamber in a chamber.

27 And say, Thus saith the king, Put this fellow in the prison, and feed him with bread of affliction and with water of affliction, until I come in peace.

28 And Micaiah said, If thou return at all in peace, the Lord hath not spoken by me. And he said, Hearken, O people, every one of you.

29 So the king of Israel and Jehoshaphat the king of Judah went up to Ramoth-gilead.

30 And the king of Israel said unto Jehoshaphat, I will disguise myself, and enter into the battle; but put thou on thy robes. And the king of Israel disguised himself, and went into the battle.

¹ Or, when he was to disguise himself, and enter into the battle.

31 But the king of Syria commanded his thirty and two captains that had rule over his chariots, saying, Fight neither with small nor great, save only with the king of Israel.

32 And it came to pass, when the captains of the chariots saw Jehoshaphat, that they said, Surely it is the king of Israel. And they turned aside to fight against him: and Jehoshaphat cried out.

33 And it came to pass, when the captains of the chariots perceived that it was not the king of Israel, that they turned back from pursuing him.

34 And a certain man drew a bow at a venture, and smote the king of Israel between the joints of the harness: wherefore he said unto the driver of his chariot, Turn thine hand, and carry me out of the host; for I am wounded.

¹ Heb. in his simplicity.

35 And the battle increased that day: and the king was stayed up in his chariot against the Syrians, and died at even: and the blood ran out of the wound into the midst of the chariot.

¹ Heb. joints and the breast-plate.

36 And there went a proclamation throughout the host about the going down of the sun, saying, Every man to his city, and every man to his own country.

¹ Heb. made sick.

37 ¶ So the king died, and was brought to Samaria; and they buried the king in Samaria.

¹ Heb. ascended.

38 And one washed the chariot in the pool of Samaria; and the dogs licked up his blood; and they washed his armour; according unto the word of the Lord which he spake.

¹ Heb. bosom.

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² ch. 21. 19.

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⁴ See Micah i. 2.

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37 city, and every man to his country. So the king died, and was brought to Samaria; and

38 they buried the king in Samaria. And they washed the chariot by the pool of Samaria; and the dogs licked up his blood; (now the harlots washed themselves there; according unto the word of the Lord which he spake.

⁷ Or, and they washed the armour.

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39 Now the rest of the acts of Ahab, and all that he did, and the ivory house which he made, and all the cities that he built, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel?

40 So Ahab slept with his fathers; and Ahaziah his son reigned in his stead.

* 2 Chr. 20. 31.

41 ¶ And * Jehoshaphat the son of Asa began to reign over Judah in the fourth year of Ahab king of Israel.

42 Jehoshaphat was thirty and five years old when he began to reign; and he reigned twenty and five years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Azubah the daughter of Shilhi.

43 And he walked in all the ways of Asa his father; he turned not aside from it, doing that which was right in the eyes of the Lord: nevertheless the high places were not taken away; for the people offered and burnt incense yet in the high places.

44 And Jehoshaphat made peace with the king of Israel.

45 Now the rest of the acts of Jehoshaphat, and his might that he shewed, and how he warred, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah?

46 And the remnant of the sodomites, which remained in the days of his father Asa, he took out of the land

47 There was then no king in Edom: a deputy was king.

1 Or, had ten ships.

48 Jehoshaphat made ships of Tharshish to go to Ophir for gold: but they went not; for the ships were broken at Ezion-geber.

49 Then said Ahaziah the son of Ahab unto Jehoshaphat, Let my servants go with thy servants in the ships. But Jehoshaphat would not.

50 ¶ And Jehoshaphat slept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the city of David his father: and Jehoram his son reigned in his stead.

51 ¶ Ahaziah the son of Ahab began to reign over Israel in Samaria the seventeenth year of Jehoshaphat king of Judah, and reigned two years over Israel.

52 And he did evil in the sight of the Lord, and walked in the way of his father, and in the way of his mother, and in the way of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who made Israel to sin:

53 For he served Baal, and worshipped him, and provoked to anger the Lord God of Israel, according to all that his father had done.

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51 Ahaziah the son of Ahab began to reign over Israel in Samaria in the seventeenth year of Jehoshaphat king of Judah, and he reigned two years over Israel. And he did that which was evil in the sight of the Lord, and walked in the way of his father, and in the way of his mother, and in the way of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, 53 wherein he made Israel to sin. And he served Baal, and worshipped him, and provoked to anger the Lord, the God of Israel, according to all that his father had done.

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