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The Holy Scriptures

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Genesis

Chapter 1

1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the
earth. 2 And the earth was waste and void; and
darkness was upon the face of the deep: and the
Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.
3 And God said, Let there be light: and there was light.
4 And God saw the light, that it was good: and God
divided the light from the darkness. 5 And God called
the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And
there was evening and there was morning, one day.
6 And God said, Let there be a firmament in the midst
of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the
waters. 7 And God made the firmament, and divided
the waters which were under the firmament from the
waters which were above the firmament: and it was
so. 8 And God called the firmament Heaven. And there
was evening and there was morning, a second day.
9 And God said, Let the waters under the heavens be
gathered together to one place, and let the dry land
appear: and it was so. 10 And God called the dry land
Earth; and the gathering together of the waters he
called Seas: and God saw that it was good. 11 And God
said, Let the earth put forth grass, herbs yielding
seed, and fruit-trees bearing fruit after their kind, in
which is their seed, upon the earth: and it was so.
12 And the earth brought forth grass, herbs yielding
seed after their kind, and trees bearing fruit, in
which is their seed, after their kind: and God saw
that it was good. 13 And there was evening and there
was morning, a third day. 14 And God said, Let there
be lights in the firmament of heaven to divide the day
from the night; and let them be for signs, and for
seasons, and for days and years: 15 and let them be for
lights in the firmament of heaven to give light upon
the earth: and it was so. 16 And God made the two
great lights; the greater light to rule the day, and the
lesser light to rule the night: he made the stars also.
17 And God set them in the firmament of heaven to
give light upon the earth, 18 and to rule over the day
and over the night, and to divide the light from the
darkness: and God saw that it was good. 19 And there
was evening and there was morning, a fourth day.
20 And God said, Let the waters swarm with swarms of
living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth in
the open firmament of heaven. 21 And God created the
great sea-monsters, and every living creature that
moves, with which the waters swarmed, after their
kind, and every winged bird after its kind: and God
saw that it was good. 22 And God blessed them, saying,
Be fruitful, and multiply, and fill the waters in the
seas, and let birds multiply on the earth. 23 And there
was evening and there was morning, a fifth day.
24 And God said, Let the earth bring forth living
creatures after their kind, cattle, and creeping
things, and beasts of the earth after their kind: and it
was so. 25 And God made the beasts of the earth after
their kind, and the cattle after their kind, and
everything that creeps upon the ground after its
kind: and God saw that it was good. 26 And God said,
Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and
let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and
over the birds of the heavens, and over the cattle, and
over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that
creeps upon the earth. 27 And God created man in his
own image, in the image of God he created him; male
and female he created them. 28 And God blessed them:
and God said to them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and
fill the earth, and subdue it; and have dominion over
the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the heavens,
and over every living thing that moves upon the
earth. 29 And God said, Behold, I have given you every
herb yielding seed, which is upon the face of all the
earth, and every tree, in which is the fruit of a tree
yielding seed; to you it shall be for food: 30 and to
every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the
heavens, and to everything that creeps upon the
earth, in which there is life, I have given every green
herb for food: and it was so. 31 And God saw
everything that he had made, and, behold, it was
very good. And there was evening and there was
morning, the sixth day.

Chapter 2

1 And the heavens and the earth were finished, and all
the host of them. 2 And on the seventh day God
finished his work which he had made; and he rested
on the seventh day from all his work which he had
made. 3 And God blessed the seventh day, and
hallowed it; because in it he rested from all his work
which God had created and made. 4 These are the
generations of the heavens and of the earth when
they were created, in the day that Yehovah God made
earth and heaven. 5 And no plant of the field was yet
in the earth, and no herb of the field had yet sprung
up; for Yehovah God had not caused it to rain upon

the earth: and there was not a man to till the ground;
6but there went up a mist from the earth, and
watered the whole face of the ground. 7And Yehovah
God formed man of the dust of the ground, and
breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man
became a living soul. 8And Yehovah God planted a
garden eastward, in Eden; and there he put the man
whom he had formed. 9And out of the ground
Yehovah God caused to grow every tree that is
pleasant to the sight, and good for food; the tree of
life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the
knowledge of good and evil. 10And a river went out of
Eden to water the garden; and from there it was
parted, and became four heads. 11The name of the
first is Pishon: it is the one that encircles the whole
land of Havilah, where there is gold; 12and the gold of
that land is good: there is bdellium and the onyx
stone. 13And the name of the second river is Gihon: it
is the one that encircles the whole land of Cush. 14And
the name of the third river is Hiddekel: it is the one
that goes in front of Assyria. And the fourth river is
the Euphrates. 15And Yehovah God took the man, and
put him into the garden of Eden to cultivate it and to
keep it. 16And Yehovah God commanded the man,
saying, Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat:
17but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil,
you shall not eat of it: for in the day that you eat of it
you shall surely die. 18And Yehovah God said, It is not
good that the man should be alone; I will make him a
helper suitable for him. 19And out of the ground
Yehovah God formed every beast of the field, and
every bird of the heavens; and brought them to the
man to see what he would call them: and whatever
the man called every living creature, that was its
name. 20And the man gave names to all cattle, and to
the birds of the heavens, and to every beast of the
field; but for man there was not found a helper
suitable for him. 21And Yehovah God caused a deep
sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; and he took
one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh in its place:
22and the rib, which Yehovah God had taken from the
man, he made into a woman, and brought her to the
man. 23And the man said, This is now bone of my
bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called
Woman, because she was taken out of Man.
24Therefore a man shall leave his father and his
mother, and shall hold fast to his wife: and they shall
be one flesh. 25And they were both naked, the man
and his wife, and were not ashamed.

Chapter 3

1Now the serpent was more crafty than any beast of
the field which Yehovah God had made. And he said
to the woman, Indeed, has God said, You shall not eat
of any tree of the garden? 2And the woman said to the
serpent, Of the fruit of the trees of the garden we may
eat: 3but of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst
of the garden, God has said, You shall not eat of it,
neither shall you touch it, lest you die. 4And the
serpent said to the woman, You shall not surely die:
5for God knows that in the day you eat of it, then your
eyes shall be opened, and you shall be as God,
knowing good and evil. 6And when the woman saw
that the tree was good for food, and that it was a
delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired
to make one wise, she took of its fruit, and ate; and
she gave also to her husband with her, and he ate.
7And the eyes of them both were opened, and they
knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig-leaves
together, and made themselves aprons. 8And they
heard the voice of Yehovah God walking in the
garden in the cool of the day: and the man and his
wife hid themselves from the presence of Yehovah
God among the trees of the garden. 9And Yehovah
God called to the man, and said to him, Where are
you? 10And he said, I heard your voice in the garden,
and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid
myself. 11And he said, Who told you that you were
naked? Have you eaten of the tree, of which I
commanded you that you should not eat? 12And the
man said, The woman whom you gave to be with me,
she gave me of the tree, and I ate. 13And Yehovah God
said to the woman, What is this you have done? And
the woman said, The serpent deceived me, and I ate.
14And Yehovah God said to the serpent, Because you
have done this, cursed are you above all cattle, and
above every beast of the field; on your belly you shall
go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life:
15and I will put enmity between you and the woman,
and between your seed and her seed: he shall bruise
your head, and you shall bruise his heel. 16To the
woman he said, I will greatly multiply your pain and
your conception; in pain you shall bring forth
children; and your desire shall be to your husband,
and he shall rule over you. 17And to Adam he said,
Because you have listened to the voice of your wife,
and have eaten of the tree, of which I commanded
you, saying, You shall not eat of it: cursed is the
ground for your sake; in toil you shall eat of it all the
days of your life; 18thorns also and thistles it shall

bring forth to you; and you shall eat the herb of the field; 19in the sweat of your face you shall eat bread, till you return to the ground; for out of it you were taken: for dust you are, and to dust shall you return. 20And the man called his wife's name Eve; because she was the mother of all living. 21And Yehovah God made for Adam and for his wife coats of skins, and clothed them. 22And Yehovah God said, Behold, the man has become as one of us, to know good and evil; and now, lest he put forth his hand, and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live forever— 23therefore Yehovah God sent him forth from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from which he was taken. 24So he drove out the man; and he placed at the east of the garden of Eden the Cherubim, and the flame of a sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life.

Chapter 4

1And the man knew Eve his wife; and she conceived, and bore Cain, and said, I have gotten a man with the help of Yehovah. 2And again she bore his brother Abel. And Abel was a keeper of sheep, but Cain was a tiller of the ground. 3And in the course of time it happened, that Cain brought of the fruit of the ground an offering to Yehovah. 4And Abel, he also brought of the firstlings of his flock and of their fat. And Yehovah had regard for Abel and to his offering: 5but to Cain and to his offering he did not have regard. And Cain was very angry, and his countenance fell. 6And Yehovah said to Cain, Why are you angry? and why is your countenance fallen? 7If you do well, shall it not be lifted up? and if you do not do well, sin couches at the door; and to you shall be its desire; but you must rule over it. 8And Cain told Abel his brother. And it happened, when they were in the field, that Cain rose up against Abel his brother, and slew him. 9And Yehovah said to Cain, Where is Abel your brother? And he said, I do not know: am I my brother's keeper? 10And he said, What have you done? the voice of your brother's blood cries to me from the ground. 11And now cursed are you from the ground, which has opened its mouth to receive your brother's blood from your hand; 12when you till the ground, it shall no longer yield to you its strength; a fugitive and a wanderer you shall be in the earth. 13And Cain said to Yehovah, My punishment is greater than I can bear. 14Behold, you have driven me out this day from the face of the ground; and from your face I shall be hidden; and I shall be a fugitive and a wanderer in the earth; and it will happen, that whoever finds me will slay me. 15And Yehovah said to him, Therefore whoever slays Cain, vengeance shall be taken on him sevenfold. And Yehovah appointed a sign for Cain, lest any finding him should strike him. 16And Cain went out from the presence of Yehovah, and dwelt in the land of Nod, on the east of Eden. 17And Cain knew his wife; and she conceived, and bore Enoch: and he built a city, and called the name of the city, after the name of his son, Enoch. 18And to Enoch was born Irad: and Irad fathered Mehujael; and Mehujael fathered Methushael; and Methushael fathered Lamech. 19And Lamech took for himself two wives: the name of the one was Adah, and the name of the other Zillah. 20And Adah bore Jabal: he was the father of those who dwell in tents and have cattle. 21And his brother's name was Jubal: he was the father of all those who handle the harp and pipe. 22And Zillah, she also bore Tubal-cain, the forger of every cutting instrument of bronze and iron: and the sister of Tubal-cain was Naamah. 23And Lamech said to his wives: Adah and Zillah, hear my voice; You wives of Lamech, listen to my speech: For I have slain a man for wounding me, And a young man for bruising me: 24If Cain shall be avenged sevenfold, Truly Lamech seventy-sevenfold. 25And Adam knew his wife again; and she bore a son, and called his name Seth: For, she said, God has appointed me another seed instead of Abel; for Cain slew him. 26And to Seth, to him also there was born a son; and he called his name Enosh. Then men began to call upon the name of Yehovah.

Chapter 5

1This is the book of the generations of Adam. In the day that God created man, in the likeness of God he made him; 2male and female he created them, and blessed them, and called their name Adam, in the day when they were created. 3And Adam lived a hundred and thirty years, and fathered a son in his own likeness, after his image; and called his name Seth: 4and the days of Adam after he fathered Seth were eight hundred years: and he fathered sons and daughters. 5And all the days that Adam lived were nine hundred and thirty years: and he died. 6And Seth lived a hundred and five years, and fathered Enosh: 7and Seth lived after he fathered Enosh eight hundred and seven years, and fathered sons and daughters: 8and all the days of Seth were nine hundred and twelve years: and he died. 9And Enosh lived ninety years, and fathered Kenan: 10and Enosh lived after he fathered Kenan eight hundred and fifteen years, and fathered sons and daughters: 11and

all the days of Enosh were nine hundred and five years: and he died. 12And Kenan lived seventy years, and fathered Mahalalel: 13and Kenan lived after he fathered Mahalalel eight hundred and forty years, and fathered sons and daughters: 14and all the days of Kenan were nine hundred and ten years: and he died. 15And Mahalalel lived sixty-five years, and fathered Jared: 16and Mahalalel lived after he fathered Jared eight hundred and thirty years, and fathered sons and daughters: 17and all the days of Mahalalel were eight hundred and ninety-five years: and he died. 18And Jared lived a hundred and sixty-two years, and fathered Enoch: 19and Jared lived after he fathered Enoch eight hundred years, and fathered sons and daughters: 20and all the days of Jared were nine hundred and sixty-two years: and he died. 21And Enoch lived sixty-five years, and fathered Methuselah: 22and Enoch walked with God after he fathered Methuselah three hundred years, and fathered sons and daughters: 23and all the days of Enoch were three hundred and sixty-five years: 24and Enoch walked with God: and he was not; for God took him. 25And Methuselah lived a hundred and eighty-seven years, and fathered Lamech: 26and Methuselah lived after he fathered Lamech seven hundred and eighty-two years, and fathered sons and daughters: 27and all the days of Methuselah were nine hundred and sixty-nine years: and he died. 28And Lamech lived a hundred and eighty-two years, and fathered a son: 29and he called his name Noah, saying, This one shall comfort us in our work and in the toil of our hands, which comes because of the ground which Yehovah has cursed. 30And Lamech lived after he fathered Noah five hundred and ninety-five years, and fathered sons and daughters: 31And all the days of Lamech were seven hundred and seventy-seven years: and he died. 32And Noah was five hundred years old: and Noah fathered Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

Chapter 6

1And it happened, when men began to multiply on the face of the ground, and daughters were born to them, 2that the sons of God saw the daughters of men that they were fair; and they took wives for themselves of all that they chose. 3And Yehovah said, My Spirit shall not strive with man forever, for he also is flesh: yet his days shall be a hundred and twenty years. 4The Nephilim were in the earth in those days, and also after that, when the sons of God came in to the daughters of men, and they bore children to them: these were the mighty men who were of old, the men of renown. 5And Yehovah saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. 6And Yehovah regretted that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart. 7And Yehovah said, I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the ground; both man, and beast, and creeping things, and birds of the heavens; for I regret that I have made them. 8But Noah found favor in the eyes of Yehovah. 9These are the generations of Noah. Noah was a righteous man, and perfect in his generations: Noah walked with God. 10And Noah fathered three sons, Shem, Ham, and Japheth. 11And the earth was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence. 12And God saw the earth, and, behold, it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted their way upon the earth. 13And God said to Noah, The end of all flesh has come before me; for the earth is filled with violence through them; and, behold, I will destroy them with the earth. 14Make an ark of gopher wood; rooms you shall make in the ark, and you shall pitch it within and without with pitch. 15And this is how you shall make it: the length of the ark three hundred cubits, the breadth of it fifty cubits, and the height of it thirty cubits. 16A light you shall make to the ark, and to a cubit you shall finish it upward; and the door of the ark you shall set in its side; with lower, second, and third stories you shall make it. 17And I, behold, I am bringing the flood of waters upon the earth, to destroy all flesh, in which is the breath of life, from under heaven; everything that is in the earth shall die. 18But I will establish my covenant with you; and you shall come into the ark, you, and your sons, and your wife, and your sons' wives with you. 19And of every living thing of all flesh, two of every sort you shall bring into the ark, to keep them alive with you; they shall be male and female. 20Of the birds after their kind, and of the cattle after their kind, of every creeping thing of the ground after its kind, two of every sort shall come to you, to keep them alive. 21And take for yourself of all food that is eaten, and gather it to you; and it shall be for food for you, and for them. 22Thus Noah did; according to all that God commanded him, so he did.

Chapter 7

1And Yehovah said to Noah, Come into the ark, you and all your house; for I have seen you righteous before me in this generation. 2Of every clean beast

you shall take with you seven and seven, the male and his female; and of the beasts that are not clean two, the male and his female: 3of the birds also of the heavens, seven and seven, male and female, to keep seed alive upon the face of all the earth. 4For yet seven days, and I will cause it to rain upon the earth forty days and forty nights; and every living thing that I have made I will destroy from off the face of the ground. 5And Noah did according to all that Yehovah commanded him. 6And Noah was six hundred years old when the flood of waters was upon the earth. 7And Noah went in, and his sons, and his wife, and his sons' wives with him, into the ark, because of the waters of the flood. 8Of clean beasts, and of beasts that are not clean, and of birds, and of everything that creeps upon the ground, 9there went in two and two to Noah into the ark, male and female, as God commanded Noah. 10And it happened after the seven days, that the waters of the flood were upon the earth. 11In the six hundredth year of Noah's life, in the second month, on the seventeenth day of the month, on that same day all the fountains of the great deep were broken up, and the windows of heaven were opened. 12And the rain was upon the earth forty days and forty nights. 13On that very day Noah, and Shem, and Ham, and Japheth, the sons of Noah, and Noah's wife, and the three wives of his sons with them, entered into the ark; 14they, and every beast after its kind, and all the cattle after their kind, and every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth after its kind, and every bird after its kind, every bird of every sort. 15And they went in to Noah into the ark, two and two of all flesh in which is the breath of life. 16And those that went in, went in male and female of all flesh, as God commanded him: and Yehovah shut him in. 17And the flood was forty days upon the earth; and the waters increased, and bore up the ark, and it was lifted up above the earth. 18And the waters prevailed, and increased greatly upon the earth; and the ark went upon the face of the waters. 19And the waters prevailed exceedingly upon the earth; and all the high mountains that were under the whole heaven were covered. 20Fifteen cubits upward the waters prevailed; and the mountains were covered. 21And all flesh died that moved upon the earth, both birds, and cattle, and beasts, and every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth, and every man: 22all in whose nostrils was the breath of the spirit of life, of all that was on the dry land, died. 23And every living thing was destroyed that was upon the face of the ground, both man, and cattle, and creeping things, and birds of the heavens; and they were destroyed from the earth: and Noah only was left, and those who were with him in the ark. 24And the waters prevailed upon the earth a hundred and fifty days.

Chapter 8

1And God remembered Noah, and all the beasts, and all the cattle that were with him in the ark: and God made a wind to pass over the earth, and the waters subsided; 2the fountains also of the deep and the windows of heaven were stopped, and the rain from heaven was restrained; 3and the waters returned from off the earth continually: and after the end of a hundred and fifty days the waters decreased. 4And the ark rested in the seventh month, on the seventeenth day of the month, upon the mountains of Ararat. 5And the waters decreased continually until the tenth month: in the tenth month, on the first day of the month, the tops of the mountains were seen. 6And it happened at the end of forty days, that Noah opened the window of the ark which he had made: 7and he sent forth a raven, and it went forth to and fro, until the waters were dried up from off the earth. 8And he sent forth a dove from him, to see if the waters had abated from off the face of the ground; 9but the dove found no rest for the sole of her foot, and she returned to him to the ark; for the waters were on the face of the whole earth: and he put forth his hand, and took her, and brought her in to him into the ark. 10And he waited another seven days; and again he sent forth the dove out of the ark; 11and the dove came in to him at evening; and, look, in her mouth an olive-leaf plucked off: so Noah knew that the waters had abated from off the earth. 12And he waited another seven days, and sent forth the dove; and she did not return again to him any more. 13And it happened in the six hundred and first year, in the first month, the first day of the month, the waters were dried up from off the earth: and Noah removed the covering of the ark, and looked, and, behold, the face of the ground was dried. 14And in the second month, on the twenty-seventh day of the month, the earth was dry. 15And God spoke to Noah, saying, 16Go forth from the ark, you, and your wife, and your sons, and your sons' wives with you. 17Bring forth with you every living thing that is with you of all flesh, both birds, and cattle, and every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth; that they may breed abundantly in the earth, and be fruitful, and multiply

upon the earth. 18And Noah went forth, and his sons, and his wife, and his sons' wives with him: 19every beast, every creeping thing, and every bird, whatever moves upon the earth, after their families, went forth out of the ark. 20And Noah built an altar to Yehovah, and took of every clean beast, and of every clean bird, and offered burnt-offerings on the altar. 21And Yehovah smelled the sweet savor; and Yehovah said in his heart, I will not again curse the ground any more for man's sake, because the imagination of man's heart is evil from his youth; neither will I again strike any more everything living, as I have done. 22While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease.

Chapter 9

1And God blessed Noah and his sons, and said to them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and fill the earth. 2And the fear of you and the dread of you shall be upon every beast of the earth, and upon every bird of the heavens; with all with which the ground teems, and all the fishes of the sea, into your hand they are delivered. 3Every moving thing that lives shall be food for you; as the green herb I have given you all. 4But flesh with its life, which is its blood, you shall not eat. 5And surely your blood, the blood of your lives, I will require; at the hand of every beast I will require it: and at the hand of man, even at the hand of every man's brother, I will require the life of man. 6Whoever sheds man's blood, by man shall his blood be shed: for in the image of God he made man. 7And you, be fruitful, and multiply; bring forth abundantly in the earth, and multiply in it. 8And God spoke to Noah, and to his sons with him, saying, 9And I, behold, I establish my covenant with you, and with your seed after you; 10and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the cattle, and every beast of the earth with you; of all that go out of the ark, even every beast of the earth. 11And I will establish my covenant with you; neither shall all flesh be cut off any more by the waters of the flood; neither shall there any more be a flood to destroy the earth. 12And God said, This is the token of the covenant which I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for perpetual generations: 13I set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be for a token of a covenant between me and the earth. 14And it shall happen, when I bring a cloud over the earth, that the bow shall be seen in the cloud, 15and I will remember my covenant, which is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall no more become a flood to destroy all flesh. 16And the bow shall be in the cloud; and I will look upon it, that I may remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is upon the earth. 17And God said to Noah, This is the token of the covenant which I have established between me and all flesh that is upon the earth. 18And the sons of Noah, who went forth from the ark, were Shem, and Ham, and Japheth: and Ham is the father of Canaan. 19These three were the sons of Noah: and of these the whole earth was overspread. 20And Noah began to be a farmer, and planted a vineyard: 21and he drank of the wine, and was drunk; and he was uncovered within his tent. 22And Ham, the father of Canaan, saw the nakedness of his father, and told his two brothers outside. 23And Shem and Japheth took a garment, and laid it upon both their shoulders, and went backward, and covered the nakedness of their father; and their faces were backward, and they did not see their father's nakedness. 24And Noah awoke from his wine, and knew what his youngest son had done to him. 25And he said, Cursed be Canaan; A servant of servants he shall be to his brothers. 26And he said, Blessed be Yehovah, the God of Shem; And let Canaan be his servant. 27God enlarge Japheth, And let him dwell in the tents of Shem; And let Canaan be his servant. 28And Noah lived after the flood three hundred and fifty years. 29And all the days of Noah were nine hundred and fifty years: and he died.

Chapter 10

1Now these are the generations of the sons of Noah, namely, of Shem, Ham, and Japheth: and to them were sons born after the flood. 2The sons of Japheth: Gomer, and Magog, and Madai, and Javan, and Tubal, and Meshech, and Tiras. 3And the sons of Gomer: Ashkenaz, and Riphath, and Togarmah. 4And the sons of Javan: Elishah, and Tarshish, Kittim, and Dodanim. 5Of these were the isles of the nations divided in their lands, every one after his tongue, after their families, in their nations. 6And the sons of Ham: Cush, and Mizraim, and Put, and Canaan. 7And the sons of Cush: Seba, and Havilah, and Sabtah, and Raamah, and Sabteca; and the sons of Raamah: Sheba, and Dedan. 8And Cush fathered Nimrod: he began to be a mighty one in the earth. 9He was a mighty hunter before Yehovah: therefore it is said, Like Nimrod a mighty hunter before Yehovah. 10And the beginning of his kingdom was Babel, and Erech,

and Accad, and Calneh, in the land of Shinar. 11Out of that land he went forth into Assyria, and built Nineveh, and Rehoboth-Ir, and Calah, 12and Resen between Nineveh and Calah (that is the great city). 13And Mizraim fathered Ludim, and Anamim, and Lehabim, and Naphtuhim, 14and Pathrusim, and Casluhim (from whom went forth the Philistines), and Caphtorim. 15And Canaan fathered Sidon his first-born, and Heth, 16and the Jebusite, and the Amorite, and the Girgashite, 17and the Hivite, and the Arkite, and the Sinite, 18and the Arvadite, and the Zemarite, and the Hamathite: and afterward the families of the Canaanite were spread abroad. 19And the border of the Canaanite was from Sidon, as you go toward Gerar, to Gaza; as you go toward Sodom and Gomorrah and Admah and Zeboiim, to Lasha. 20These are the sons of Ham, after their families, after their tongues, in their lands, in their nations. 21And to Shem, the father of all the children of Eber, the elder brother of Japheth, to him also were children born. 22The sons of Shem: Elam, and Asshur, and Arpachshad, and Lud, and Aram. 23And the sons of Aram: Uz, and Hul, and Gether, and Mash. 24And Arpachshad fathered Shelah; and Shelah fathered Eber. 25And to Eber were born two sons: the name of the one was Peleg; for in his days the earth was divided; and his brother's name was Joktan. 26And Joktan fathered Almodad, and Sheleph, and Hazarmaveth, and Jerah, 27and Hadoram, and Uzal, and Diklah, 28and Obal, and Abimael, and Sheba, 29and Ophir, and Havilah, and Jobab: all these were the sons of Joktan. 30And their dwelling was from Mesha, as you go toward Sephar, the mountain of the east. 31These are the sons of Shem, after their families, after their tongues, in their lands, after their nations. 32These are the families of the sons of Noah, after their generations, in their nations: and of these the nations were divided in the earth after the flood.

Chapter 11

1And the whole earth was of one language and of one speech. 2And it happened, as they journeyed east, that they found a plain in the land of Shinar; and they dwelt there. 3And they said one to another, Come, let us make brick, and burn them thoroughly. And they had brick for stone, and they had tar for mortar. 4And they said, Come, let us build ourselves a city, and a tower, whose top may reach to heaven, and let us make a name for ourselves; lest we be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth. 5And Yehovah came down to see the city and the tower, which the children of men built. 6And Yehovah said, Behold, they are one people, and they have all one language; and this is what they begin to do: and now nothing will be withheld from them, which they purpose to do. 7Come, let us go down, and there confound their language, that they may not understand one another's speech. 8So Yehovah scattered them abroad from there upon the face of all the earth: and they left off building the city. 9Therefore its name was called Babel; because Yehovah there confounded the language of all the earth: and from there Yehovah scattered them abroad upon the face of all the earth. 10These are the generations of Shem. Shem was a hundred years old, and fathered Arpachshad two years after the flood: 11and Shem lived after he fathered Arpachshad five hundred years, and fathered sons and daughters. 12And Arpachshad lived thirty-five years, and fathered Shelah: 13and Arpachshad lived after he fathered Shelah four hundred and three years, and fathered sons and daughters. 14And Shelah lived thirty years, and fathered Eber: 15and Shelah lived after he fathered Eber four hundred and three years, and fathered sons and daughters. 16And Eber lived thirty-four years, and fathered Peleg: 17and Eber lived after he fathered Peleg four hundred and thirty years, and fathered sons and daughters. 18And Peleg lived thirty years, and fathered Reu: 19and Peleg lived after he fathered Reu two hundred and nine years, and fathered sons and daughters. 20And Reu lived thirty-two years, and fathered Serug: 21and Reu lived after he fathered Serug two hundred and seven years, and fathered sons and daughters. 22And Serug lived thirty years, and fathered Nahor: 23and Serug lived after he fathered Nahor two hundred years, and fathered sons and daughters. 24And Nahor lived twenty-nine years, and fathered Terah: 25and Nahor lived after he fathered Terah a hundred and nineteen years, and fathered sons and daughters. 26And Terah lived seventy years, and fathered Abram, Nahor, and Haran. 27Now these are the generations of Terah. Terah fathered Abram, Nahor, and Haran; and Haran fathered Lot. 28And Haran died before his father Terah in the land of his birth, in Ur of the Chaldees. 29And Abram and Nahor took wives for themselves: the name of Abram's wife was Sarai; and the name of Nahor's wife, Milcah, the daughter of Haran, the father of Milcah, and the father of Iscah. 30And Sarai was barren; she had no child. 31And Terah took

Abram his son, and Lot the son of Haran, his son's son, and Sarai his daughter-in-law, his son Abram's wife; and they went forth with them from Ur of the Chaldees, to go into the land of Canaan; and they came to Haran, and dwelt there. 32And the days of Terah were two hundred and five years: and Terah died in Haran.

Chapter 12

1Now Yehovah said to Abram, Go out from your country, and from your kindred, and from your father's house, to the land that I will show you: 2and I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great; and be a blessing: 3and I will bless those who bless you, and him who curses you I will curse: and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed. 4So Abram went, as Yehovah had spoken to him; and Lot went with him: and Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed out of Haran. 5And Abram took Sarai his wife, and Lot his brother's son, and all their substance that they had gathered, and the souls that they had acquired in Haran; and they went forth to go into the land of Canaan; and into the land of Canaan they came. 6And Abram passed through the land to the place of Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. And the Canaanite was then in the land. 7And Yehovah appeared to Abram, and said, To your seed I will give this land: and there he built an altar to Yehovah, who appeared to him. 8And he moved from there to the mountain on the east of Beth-el, and pitched his tent, having Beth-el on the west, and Ai on the east: and there he built an altar to Yehovah, and called upon the name of Yehovah. 9And Abram journeyed, going on still toward the South. 10And there was a famine in the land: and Abram went down into Egypt to sojourn there; for the famine was severe in the land. 11And it happened, when he had come near to enter into Egypt, that he said to Sarai his wife, Behold now, I know that you are a beautiful woman to look upon: 12and it will happen, when the Egyptians see you, that they will say, This is his wife: and they will kill me, but they will let you live. 13Please say that you are my sister; that it may be well with me for your sake, and that my soul may live because of you. 14And it happened, that, when Abram had come into Egypt, the Egyptians beheld the woman that she was very beautiful. 15And the princes of Pharaoh saw her, and praised her to Pharaoh: and the woman was taken into Pharaoh's house. 16And he dealt well with Abram for her sake: and he had sheep, and oxen, and male donkeys, and male servants, and female servants, and female donkeys, and camels. 17And Yehovah plagued Pharaoh and his house with great plagues because of Sarai, Abram's wife. 18And Pharaoh called Abram, and said, What is this that you have done to me? why did you not tell me that she was your wife? 19why did you say, She is my sister, so that I took her to be my wife? now therefore behold your wife, take her, and go your way. 20And Pharaoh gave men orders concerning him: and they sent him on his way, and his wife, and all that he had.

Chapter 13

1And Abram went up out of Egypt, he, and his wife, and all that he had, and Lot with him, into the South. 2And Abram was very rich in cattle, in silver, and in gold. 3And he went on his journeys from the South even to Beth-el, to the place where his tent had been at the beginning, between Beth-el and Ai, 4to the place of the altar, which he had made there at first: and there Abram called on the name of Yehovah. 5And Lot also, who went with Abram, had flocks, and herds, and tents. 6And the land was not able to bear them, that they might dwell together: for their possessions were great, so that they could not dwell together. 7And there was strife between the herdsmen of Abram's cattle and the herdsmen of Lot's cattle: and the Canaanite and the Perizzite dwelt then in the land. 8And Abram said to Lot, Let there be no strife, please, between me and you, and between my herdsmen and your herdsmen; for we are brothers. 9Is not the whole land before you? please separate yourself from me: if you will take the left hand, then I will go to the right; or if you take the right hand, then I will go to the left. 10And Lot lifted up his eyes, and beheld all the Plain of the Jordan, that it was well watered everywhere, before Yehovah destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah, like the garden of Yehovah, like the land of Egypt, as you go to Zoar. 11So Lot chose for himself all the Plain of the Jordan; and Lot journeyed east: and they separated themselves the one from the other. 12Abram dwelt in the land of Canaan, and Lot dwelt in the cities of the Plain, and moved his tent as far as Sodom. 13Now the men of Sodom were wicked and sinners against Yehovah exceedingly. 14And Yehovah said to Abram, after Lot had separated from him, Lift up now your eyes, and look from the place where you are, northward and southward and eastward and westward: 15for all the land which you see, to you I will give it, and to your seed forever. 16And I will

make your seed as the dust of the earth: so that if a man can number the dust of the earth, then your seed also may be numbered. 17Arise, walk through the land in its length and in its breadth; for to you I will give it. 18And Abram moved his tent, and came and dwelt by the oaks of Mamre, which are in Hebron, and built there an altar to Yehovah.

Chapter 14

1And it happened in the days of Amraphel king of Shinar, Arioch king of Ellasar, Chedorlaomer king of Elam, and Tidal king of Goiim, 2that they made war with Bera king of Sodom, and with Birsha king of Gomorrah, Shinab king of Admah, and Shemeber king of Zeboiim, and the king of Bela (that is, Zoar). 3All these joined together in the vale of Siddim (that is, the Salt Sea). 4Twelve years they served Chedorlaomer, and in the thirteenth year they rebelled. 5And in the fourteenth year Chedorlaomer came, and the kings that were with him, and struck the Rephaim in Ashteroth-karnaim, and the Zuzim in Ham, and the Emim in Shaveh-kiriathaim, 6and the Horites in their mount Seir, to El-paran, which is by the wilderness. 7And they returned, and came to En-mishpat (that is, Kadesh), and struck all the country of the Amalekites, and also the Amorites, who dwelt in Hazazon-tamar. 8And there went out the king of Sodom, and the king of Gomorrah, and the king of Admah, and the king of Zeboiim, and the king of Bela (that is, Zoar); and they drew up the battle against them in the vale of Siddim; 9against Chedorlaomer king of Elam, and Tidal king of Goiim, and Amraphel king of Shinar, and Arioch king of Ellasar; four kings against the five. 10Now the vale of Siddim was full of tar pits; and the kings of Sodom and Gomorrah fled, and they fell there, and those who remained fled to the mountain. 11And they took all the goods of Sodom and Gomorrah, and all their provisions, and went their way. 12And they took Lot, Abram's brother's son, who dwelt in Sodom, and his goods, and departed. 13And there came one who had escaped, and told Abram the Hebrew: now he dwelt by the oaks of Mamre, the Amorite, brother of Eshcol, and brother of Aner; and these were confederate with Abram. 14And when Abram heard that his brother had been taken captive, he led forth his trained men, born in his house, three hundred and eighteen, and pursued as far as Dan. 15And he divided himself against them by night, he and his servants, and struck them, and pursued them to Hobah, which is on the left hand of Damascus. 16And he brought back all the goods, and also brought back his brother Lot, and his goods, and the women also, and the people. 17And the king of Sodom went out to meet him, after his return from the slaughter of Chedorlaomer and the kings that were with him, at the vale of Shaveh (that is, the King's Vale). 18And Melchizedek king of Salem brought forth bread and wine: and he was priest of God Most High. 19And he blessed him, and said, Blessed be Abram of God Most High, possessor of heaven and earth: 20and blessed be God Most High, who has delivered your enemies into your hand. And he gave him a tenth of all. 21And the king of Sodom said to Abram, Give me the persons, and take the goods to yourself. 22And Abram said to the king of Sodom, I have lifted up my hand to Yehovah, God Most High, possessor of heaven and earth, 23that I will not take a thread nor a sandal strap nor anything that is yours, lest you should say, I have made Abram rich: 24except only that which the young men have eaten, and the portion of the men who went with me, Aner, Eshcol, and Mamre; let them take their portion.

Chapter 15

1After these things the word of Yehovah came to Abram in a vision, saying, Do not fear, Abram: I am your shield, and your exceeding great reward. 2And Abram said, O Lord Yehovah, what will you give me, seeing I go childless, and he who shall be possessor of my house is Eliezer of Damascus? 3And Abram said, Behold, to me you have given no seed: and, look, one born in my house is my heir. 4And, behold, the word of Yehovah came to him, saying, This man shall not be your heir; but he who shall come forth out of your own bowels shall be your heir. 5And he brought him forth abroad, and said, Look now toward heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them: and he said to him, So shall your seed be. 6And he believed in Yehovah; and he reckoned it to him for righteousness. 7And he said to him, I am Yehovah who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldees, to give you this land to inherit it. 8And he said, O Lord Yehovah, how shall I know that I shall inherit it? 9And he said to him, Bring me a heifer three years old, and a she-goat three years old, and a ram three years old, and a turtle-dove, and a young pigeon. 10And he took for himself all these, and divided them in the midst, and laid each half over against the other: but he did not divide the birds. 11And the birds of prey came down upon the carcasses, and Abram drove them away. 12And when the sun was going

down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram; and, look, a horror of great darkness fell upon him. 13And he said to Abram, Know for certain that your seed shall be sojourners in a land that is not theirs, and shall serve them; and they shall afflict them four hundred years; 14and also that nation, whom they shall serve, I will judge: and afterward they shall come out with great substance. 15But you shall go to your fathers in peace; you shall be buried in a good old age. 16And in the fourth generation they shall come here again: for the iniquity of the Amorite is not yet full. 17And it happened, that, when the sun went down, and it was dark, behold, a smoking furnace, and a flaming torch that passed between these pieces. 18In that day Yehovah made a covenant with Abram, saying, To your seed I have given this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates: 19the Kenite, and the Kenizzite, and the Kadmonite, 20and the Hittite, and the Perizzite, and the Rephaim, 21and the Amorite, and the Canaanite, and the Girgashite, and the Jebusite.

Chapter 16

1Now Sarai, Abram's wife, bore him no children: and she had a handmaid, an Egyptian, whose name was Hagar. 2And Sarai said to Abram, Behold now, Yehovah has restrained me from bearing; please go in to my handmaid; it may be that I shall obtain children by her. And Abram listened to the voice of Sarai. 3And Sarai, Abram's wife, took Hagar the Egyptian, her handmaid, after Abram had dwelt ten years in the land of Canaan, and gave her to Abram her husband to be his wife. 4And he went in to Hagar, and she conceived: and when she saw that she had conceived, her mistress was despised in her eyes. 5And Sarai said to Abram, My wrong be upon you: I gave my handmaid into your bosom; and when she saw that she had conceived, I was despised in her eyes: Yehovah judge between me and you. 6But Abram said to Sarai, Behold, your maid is in your hand; do to her that which is good in your eyes. And Sarai dealt harshly with her, and she fled from her face. 7And the angel of Yehovah found her by a fountain of water in the wilderness, by the fountain in the way to Shur. 8And he said, Hagar, Sarai's handmaid, where have you come from? and where are you going? And she said, I am fleeing from the face of my mistress Sarai. 9And the angel of Yehovah said to her, Return to your mistress, and submit yourself under her hands. 10And the angel of Yehovah said to her, I will greatly multiply your seed, that it shall not be numbered for multitude. 11And the angel of Yehovah said to her, Behold, you are with child, and shall bear a son; and you shall call his name Ishmael, because Yehovah has heard your affliction. 12And he shall be as a wild donkey among men; his hand shall be against every man, and every man's hand against him; and he shall dwell over against all his brothers. 13And she called the name of Yehovah that spoke to her, You are a God that sees: for she said, Have I even here looked after him who sees me? 14Therefore the well was called Beer-lahai-roi; behold, it is between Kadesh and Bered. 15And Hagar bore Abram a son: and Abram called the name of his son, whom Hagar bore, Ishmael. 16And Abram was eighty-six years old, when Hagar bore Ishmael to Abram.

Chapter 17

1And when Abram was ninety-nine years old, Yehovah appeared to Abram, and said to him, I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be perfect. 2And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will multiply you exceedingly. 3And Abram fell on his face: and God talked with him, saying, 4As for me, behold, my covenant is with you, and you shall be the father of a multitude of nations. 5Neither shall your name be called Abram any more, but your name shall be Abraham; for the father of a multitude of nations I have made you. 6And I will make you exceedingly fruitful, and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come out of you. 7And I will establish my covenant between me and you and your seed after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be a God to you and to your seed after you. 8And I will give to you, and to your seed after you, the land of your sojournings, all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession; and I will be their God. 9And God said to Abraham, And as for you, you shall keep my covenant, you, and your seed after you throughout their generations. 10This is my covenant, which you shall keep, between me and you and your seed after you: every male among you shall be circumcised. 11And you shall be circumcised in the flesh of your foreskin; and it shall be a token of a covenant between me and you. 12And he who is eight days old shall be circumcised among you, every male throughout your generations, he who is born in the house, or bought with money of any foreigner who is not of your seed. 13He who is born in your house, and he who is bought with your money, must be circumcised: and my covenant shall be in your flesh

for an everlasting covenant. 14And the uncircumcised male who is not circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin, that soul shall be cut off from his people; he has broken my covenant. 15And God said to Abraham, As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her name Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. 16And I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her: indeed, I will bless her, and she shall be a mother of nations; kings of peoples shall be of her. 17Then Abraham fell upon his face, and laughed, and said in his heart, Shall a child be born to him who is a hundred years old? and shall Sarah, who is ninety years old, bear? 18And Abraham said to God, Oh that Ishmael might live before you! 19And God said, No, but Sarah your wife shall bear you a son; and you shall call his name Isaac: and I will establish my covenant with him for an everlasting covenant for his seed after him. 20And as for Ishmael, I have heard you: behold, I have blessed him, and will make him fruitful, and will multiply him exceedingly; twelve princes he shall father, and I will make him a great nation. 21But my covenant I will establish with Isaac, whom Sarah shall bear to you at this set time in the next year. 22And he finished talking with him, and God went up from Abraham. 23And Abraham took Ishmael his son, and all that were born in his house, and all that were bought with his money, every male among the men of Abraham's house, and circumcised the flesh of their foreskin on that very day, as God had said to him. 24And Abraham was ninety-nine years old, when he was circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin. 25And Ishmael his son was thirteen years old, when he was circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin. 26On that very day Abraham was circumcised, and Ishmael his son. 27And all the men of his house, those born in the house, and those bought with money of a foreigner, were circumcised with him.

Chapter 18

1And Yehovah appeared to him by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat in the tent door in the heat of the day; 2and he lifted up his eyes and looked, and, look, three men stood opposite him: and when he saw them, he ran to meet them from the tent door, and bowed himself to the earth, 3and said, My lord, if now I have found favor in your sight, please do not pass away from your servant: 4let now a little water be fetched, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree: 5and I will fetch a morsel of bread, and strengthen your heart; after that you shall pass on: since you have come to your servant. And they said, So do, as you have said. 6And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, Make ready quickly three measures of fine meal, knead it, and make cakes. 7And Abraham ran to the herd, and fetched a calf tender and good, and gave it to the servant; and he hurried to prepare it. 8And he took butter, and milk, and the calf which he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree, and they ate. 9And they said to him, Where is Sarah your wife? And he said, Behold, in the tent. 10And he said, I will certainly return to you when the season comes round; and, look, Sarah your wife shall have a son. And Sarah heard in the tent door, which was behind him. 11Now Abraham and Sarah were old, and advanced in age; it had ceased to be with Sarah after the manner of women. 12And Sarah laughed within herself, saying, After I have grown old shall I have pleasure, my lord being old also? 13And Yehovah said to Abraham, Why did Sarah laugh, saying, Shall I indeed bear a child, who am old? 14Is anything too hard for Yehovah? At the set time I will return to you, when the season comes round, and Sarah shall have a son. 15Then Sarah denied, saying, I did not laugh; for she was afraid. And he said, No; but you did laugh. 16And the men rose up from there, and looked toward Sodom: and Abraham went with them to send them on their way. 17And Yehovah said, Shall I hide from Abraham that which I do; 18seeing that Abraham shall surely become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth shall be blessed in him? 19For I have known him, to the end that he may command his children and his household after him, that they may keep the way of Yehovah, to do righteousness and justice; to the end that Yehovah may bring upon Abraham that which he has spoken of him. 20And Yehovah said, Because the cry of Sodom and Gomorrah is great, and because their sin is very grievous; 21I will go down now, and see whether they have done altogether according to its cry, which has come to me; and if not, I will know. 22And the men turned from there, and went toward Sodom: but Abraham still stood before Yehovah. 23And Abraham drew near, and said, Will you consume the righteous with the wicked? 24Perhaps there are fifty righteous within the city: will you consume and not spare the place for the fifty righteous that are in it? 25That be far from you to do in this manner, to slay the righteous with the wicked, that so the righteous should be as the wicked; that be

far from you: shall not the Judge of all the earth do right? 26And Yehovah said, If I find in Sodom fifty righteous within the city, then I will spare all the place for their sake. 27And Abraham answered and said, Behold now, I have taken it upon myself to speak to the Lord, who am but dust and ashes: 28perhaps five shall be lacking of the fifty righteous: will you destroy all the city for lack of five? And he said, I will not destroy it, if I find there forty-five. 29And he spoke to him yet again, and said, Perhaps there shall be forty found there. And he said, I will not do it for the forty's sake. 30And he said, Oh let the Lord not be angry, and I will speak: perhaps thirty shall be found there. And he said, I will not do it, if I find thirty there. 31And he said, Behold now, I have taken it upon myself to speak to the Lord: perhaps there shall be twenty found there. And he said, I will not destroy it for the twenty's sake. 32And he said, Oh let the Lord not be angry, and I will speak yet but this once: perhaps ten shall be found there. And he said, I will not destroy it for the ten's sake. 33And Yehovah went his way, as soon as he had finished speaking with Abraham: and Abraham returned to his place.

Chapter 19

1And the two angels came to Sodom in the evening; and Lot sat in the gate of Sodom: and Lot saw them, and rose up to meet them; and he bowed himself with his face to the earth; 2and he said, Behold now, my lords, please turn aside into your servant's house, and spend the night, and wash your feet, and you shall rise up early, and go on your way. And they said, No; but we will spend the night in the street. 3And he urged them greatly; and they turned in to him, and entered into his house; and he made them a feast, and baked unleavened bread, and they ate. 4But before they lay down, the men of the city, even the men of Sodom, surrounded the house, both young and old, all the people from every quarter; 5and they called to Lot, and said to him, Where are the men who came in to you this night? bring them out to us, that we may know them. 6And Lot went out to them to the door, and shut the door after him. 7And he said, Please, my brothers, do not act so wickedly. 8Behold now, I have two daughters who have not known man; please let me bring them out to you, and do to them as is good in your eyes: only to these men do nothing, since they have come under the shadow of my roof. 9And they said, Stand back. And they said, This one fellow came in to sojourn, and he must be a judge: now we will deal worse with you, than with them. And they pressed hard against the man, even Lot, and drew near to break the door. 10But the men put forth their hand, and brought Lot into the house to them, and shut the door. 11And they struck the men that were at the door of the house with blindness, both small and great, so that they wearied themselves to find the door. 12And the men said to Lot, Do you have anyone else here? son-in-law, and your sons, and your daughters, and whomever you have in the city, bring them out of the place: 13for we will destroy this place, because their cry has grown great before Yehovah; and Yehovah has sent us to destroy it. 14And Lot went out, and spoke to his sons-in-law, who married his daughters, and said, Up, get out of this place; for Yehovah will destroy the city. But he seemed to his sons-in-law as one who was joking. 15And when the morning arose, then the angels hastened Lot, saying, Arise, take your wife, and your two daughters that are here, lest you be consumed in the iniquity of the city. 16But he lingered; and the men laid hold upon his hand, and upon the hand of his wife, and upon the hand of his two daughters, Yehovah being merciful to him: and they brought him forth, and set him outside the city. 17And it happened, when they had brought them forth abroad, that he said, Escape for your life; do not look behind you, nor stay anywhere in the Plain; escape to the mountain, lest you be consumed. 18And Lot said to them, Oh, not so, my lord: 19behold now, your servant has found favor in your sight, and you have magnified your lovingkindness, which you have shown to me in saving my life; and I cannot escape to the mountain, lest evil overtake me, and I die: 20behold now, this city is near to flee to, and it is a little one. Oh let me escape there (is it not a little one?), and my soul shall live. 21And he said to him, See, I have accepted you concerning this thing also, that I will not overthrow the city of which you have spoken. 22Hurry, escape there; for I cannot do anything till you have come there. Therefore the name of the city was called Zoar. 23The sun had risen upon the earth when Lot came to Zoar. 24Then Yehovah rained upon Sodom and upon Gomorrah brimstone and fire from Yehovah out of heaven; 25and he overthrew those cities, and all the Plain, and all the inhabitants of the cities, and that which grew upon the ground. 26But his wife looked back from behind him, and she became a pillar of salt. 27And Abraham got up early in the morning to the place where he had stood before Yehovah: 28and he looked toward Sodom and Gomorrah, and toward

all the land of the Plain, and beheld, and, look, the smoke of the land went up as the smoke of a furnace. 29And it happened, when God destroyed the cities of the Plain, that God remembered Abraham, and sent Lot out of the midst of the overthrow, when he overthrew the cities in which Lot dwelt. 30And Lot went up out of Zoar, and dwelt in the mountain, and his two daughters with him; for he feared to dwell in Zoar: and he dwelt in a cave, he and his two daughters. 31And the first-born said to the younger, Our father is old, and there is not a man in the earth to come in to us after the manner of all the earth: 32come, let us make our father drink wine, and we will lie with him, that we may preserve seed of our father. 33And they made their father drink wine that night: and the first-born went in, and lay with her father; and he did not know when she lay down, nor when she arose. 34And it happened the next day, that the first-born said to the younger, Behold, I lay last night with my father: let us make him drink wine this night also; and go in, and lie with him, that we may preserve seed of our father. 35And they made their father drink wine that night also: and the younger arose, and lay with him; and he did not know when she lay down, nor when she arose. 36Thus both the daughters of Lot were with child by their father. 37And the first-born bore a son, and called his name Moab: he is the father of the Moabites to this day. 38And the younger, she also bore a son, and called his name Ben-ammi: he is the father of the children of Ammon to this day.

Chapter 20

1And Abraham journeyed from there toward the land of the South, and dwelt between Kadesh and Shur; and he sojourned in Gerar. 2And Abraham said of Sarah his wife, She is my sister: and Abimelech king of Gerar sent, and took Sarah. 3But God came to Abimelech in a dream of the night, and said to him, Behold, you are but a dead man, because of the woman whom you have taken; for she is a man's wife. 4Now Abimelech had not come near her: and he said, Lord, will you slay even a righteous nation? 5Did he not himself say to me, She is my sister? and she, even she herself said, He is my brother: in the integrity of my heart and the innocence of my hands I have done this. 6And God said to him in the dream, Yes, I know that in the integrity of your heart you have done this, and I also withheld you from sinning against me: therefore I did not allow you to touch her. 7Now therefore restore the man's wife; for he is a prophet, and he shall pray for you, and you shall live: and if you do not restore her, know that you shall surely die, you, and all that are yours. 8And Abimelech rose early in the morning, and called all his servants, and told all these things in their ears: and the men were greatly afraid. 9Then Abimelech called Abraham, and said to him, What have you done to us? and how have I sinned against you, that you have brought on me and on my kingdom a great sin? you have done deeds to me that ought not to be done. 10And Abimelech said to Abraham, What did you see, that you have done this thing? 11And Abraham said, Because I thought, Surely the fear of God is not in this place; and they will slay me for my wife's sake. 12And moreover she is indeed my sister, the daughter of my father, but not the daughter of my mother; and she became my wife: 13and it happened, when God caused me to wander from my father's house, that I said to her, This is your kindness which you shall show to me: at every place where we shall come, say of me, He is my brother. 14And Abimelech took sheep and oxen, and male servants and female servants, and gave them to Abraham, and restored Sarah his wife to him. 15And Abimelech said, Behold, my land is before you: dwell where it pleases you. 16And to Sarah he said, Behold, I have given your brother a thousand pieces of silver: behold, it is for you a covering of the eyes to all that are with you; and in respect of all you are righted. 17And Abraham prayed to God: and God healed Abimelech, and his wife, and his female servants; and they bore children. 18For Yehovah had fast closed up all the wombs of the house of Abimelech, because of Sarah, Abraham's wife.

Chapter 21

1And Yehovah visited Sarah as he had said, and Yehovah did to Sarah as he had spoken. 2And Sarah conceived, and bore Abraham a son in his old age, at the set time of which God had spoken to him. 3And Abraham called the name of his son who was born to him, whom Sarah bore to him, Isaac. 4And Abraham circumcised his son Isaac when he was eight days old, as God had commanded him. 5And Abraham was a hundred years old, when his son Isaac was born to him. 6And Sarah said, God has made me laugh; everyone who hears will laugh with me. 7And she said, Who would have said to Abraham, that Sarah should nurse children? for I have borne him a son in his old age. 8And the child grew, and was weaned: and Abraham made a great feast on the day that Isaac was weaned. 9And Sarah saw the son of Hagar the

Egyptian, whom she had borne to Abraham, mocking. 10Therefore she said to Abraham, Cast out this handmaid and her son: for the son of this handmaid shall not be heir with my son, even with Isaac. 11And the thing was very grievous in Abraham's sight on account of his son. 12And God said to Abraham, Do not let it be grievous in your sight because of the lad, and because of your handmaid; in all that Sarah says to you, listen to her voice; for in Isaac your seed shall be called. 13And also of the son of the handmaid I will make a nation, because he is your seed. 14And Abraham rose up early in the morning, and took bread and a bottle of water, and gave it to Hagar, putting it on her shoulder, and gave her the child, and sent her away: and she departed, and wandered in the wilderness of Beer-sheba. 15And the water in the bottle was spent, and she cast the child under one of the shrubs. 16And she went, and sat down opposite him a good way off, as it were a bowshot: for she said, Let me not look on the death of the child. And she sat opposite him, and lifted up her voice, and wept. 17And God heard the voice of the lad; and the angel of God called to Hagar out of heaven, and said to her, What troubles you, Hagar? do not fear; for God has heard the voice of the lad where he is. 18Arise, lift up the lad, and hold him in your hand; for I will make him a great nation. 19And God opened her eyes, and she saw a well of water; and she went, and filled the bottle with water, and gave the lad drink. 20And God was with the lad, and he grew; and he dwelt in the wilderness, and became, as he grew up, an archer. 21And he dwelt in the wilderness of Paran: and his mother took a wife for him out of the land of Egypt. 22And it happened at that time, that Abimelech and Phicol the commander of his army spoke to Abraham, saying, God is with you in all that you do: 23now therefore swear to me here by God that you will not deal falsely with me, nor with my son, nor with my son's son: but according to the kindness that I have done to you, you shall do to me, and to the land in which you have sojourned. 24And Abraham said, I will swear. 25And Abraham reproved Abimelech because of the well of water, which Abimelech's servants had violently taken away. 26And Abimelech said, I do not know who has done this thing: neither did you tell me, nor did I hear of it, until today. 27And Abraham took sheep and oxen, and gave them to Abimelech; and they two made a covenant. 28And Abraham set seven ewe lambs of the flock by themselves. 29And Abimelech said to Abraham, What do these seven ewe lambs mean which you have set by themselves? 30And he said, These seven ewe lambs you shall take from my hand, that it may be a witness to me, that I have dug this well. 31Therefore he called that place Beer-sheba; because there both of them swore. 32So they made a covenant at Beer-sheba: and Abimelech rose up, and Phicol the commander of his army, and they returned into the land of the Philistines. 33And Abraham planted a tamarisk tree in Beer-sheba, and called there on the name of Yehovah, the Everlasting God. 34And Abraham sojourned in the land of the Philistines many days.

Chapter 22

1And it happened after these things, that God tested Abraham, and said to him, Abraham; and he said, Here I am. 2And he said, Take now your son, your only son, whom you love, even Isaac, and go into the land of Moriah; and offer him there for a burnt-offering upon one of the mountains which I will tell you of. 3And Abraham rose early in the morning, and saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and Isaac his son; and he split the wood for the burnt-offering, and rose up, and went to the place of which God had told him. 4On the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes, and saw the place afar off. 5And Abraham said to his young men, Stay here with the donkey, and I and the lad will go over there; and we will worship, and come again to you. 6And Abraham took the wood of the burnt-offering, and laid it upon Isaac his son; and he took in his hand the fire and the knife; and both of them went together. 7And Isaac spoke to Abraham his father, and said, My father: and he said, Here I am, my son. And he said, Behold, the fire and the wood: but where is the lamb for a burnt-offering? 8And Abraham said, God will provide for himself the lamb for a burnt-offering, my son: so both of them went together. 9And they came to the place which God had told him of; and Abraham built the altar there, and laid the wood in order, and bound Isaac his son, and laid him on the altar, upon the wood. 10And Abraham stretched forth his hand, and took the knife to slay his son. 11And the angel of Yehovah called to him out of heaven, and said, Abraham, Abraham: and he said, Here I am. 12And he said, Do not lay your hand on the lad, nor do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me. 13And Abraham lifted up his eyes, and looked, and, behold, behind him a ram caught in the

thicket by his horns: and Abraham went and took the ram, and offered him up for a burnt-offering instead of his son. 14And Abraham called the name of that place Yehovah-jireh: as it is said to this day, In the mount of Yehovah it shall be provided. 15And the angel of Yehovah called to Abraham a second time out of heaven, 16and said, By myself I have sworn, says Yehovah, because you have done this thing, and have not withheld your son, your only son, 17that in blessing I will bless you, and in multiplying I will multiply your seed as the stars of the heavens, and as the sand which is upon the sea-shore; and your seed shall possess the gate of his enemies; 18and in your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed; because you have obeyed my voice. 19So Abraham returned to his young men, and they rose up and went together to Beer-sheba; and Abraham dwelt at Beer-sheba. 20And it happened after these things, that it was told Abraham, saying, Behold, Milcah, she also has borne children to your brother Nahor: 21Uz his first-born, and Buz his brother, and Kemuel the father of Aram, 22and Chesed, and Hazo, and Pildash, and Jidlaph, and Bethuel. 23And Bethuel fathered Rebekah: these eight Milcah bore to Nahor, Abraham's brother. 24And his concubine, whose name was Reumah, she also bore Tebah, and Gaham, and Tahash, and Maacah.

Chapter 23

1And the life of Sarah was a hundred and twenty-seven years: these were the years of the life of Sarah. 2And Sarah died in Kiriath-arba (that is, Hebron), in the land of Canaan: and Abraham came to mourn for Sarah, and to weep for her. 3And Abraham rose up from before his dead, and spoke to the children of Heth, saying, 4I am a stranger and a sojourner with you: give me a possession of a burying-place with you, that I may bury my dead out of my sight. 5And the children of Heth answered Abraham, saying to him, 6Hear us, my lord; you are a prince of God among us: in the choicest of our tombs bury your dead; none of us shall withhold from you his tomb, so that you may bury your dead. 7And Abraham rose up, and bowed himself to the people of the land, even to the children of Heth. 8And he spoke with them, saying, If it is your mind that I should bury my dead out of my sight, hear me, and entreat for me to Ephron the son of Zohar, 9that he may give me the cave of Machpelah, which he has, which is in the end of his field; for the full price let him give it to me in the midst of you for a possession of a burying-place. 10Now Ephron was sitting in the midst of the children of Heth: and Ephron the Hittite answered Abraham in the hearing of the children of Heth, even of all who went in at the gate of his city, saying, 11No, my lord, hear me: I give you the field, and the cave that is in it, I give it to you; in the presence of the children of my people I give it to you: bury your dead. 12And Abraham bowed himself down before the people of the land. 13And he spoke to Ephron in the hearing of the people of the land, saying, But if you will, please hear me: I will give the price of the field; take it from me, and I will bury my dead there. 14And Ephron answered Abraham, saying to him, 15My lord, listen to me: a piece of land worth four hundred shekels of silver, what is that between me and you? bury therefore your dead. 16And Abraham listened to Ephron; and Abraham weighed to Ephron the silver which he had named in the hearing of the children of Heth, four hundred shekels of silver, current money with the merchant. 17So the field of Ephron, which was in Machpelah, which was before Mamre, the field, and the cave which was in it, and all the trees that were in the field, that were within all its border all around, were made over 18to Abraham for a possession in the presence of the children of Heth, before all who went in at the gate of his city. 19And after this, Abraham buried Sarah his wife in the cave of the field of Machpelah before Mamre (that is, Hebron), in the land of Canaan. 20And the field, and the cave that is in it, were made over to Abraham for a possession of a burying-place by the children of Heth.

Chapter 24

1And Abraham was old, and advanced in age: and Yehovah had blessed Abraham in all things. 2And Abraham said to his servant, the elder of his house, who ruled over all that he had, Please put your hand under my thigh: 3and I will make you swear by Yehovah, the God of heaven and the God of the earth, that you will not take a wife for my son of the daughters of the Canaanites, among whom I dwell: 4but you shall go to my country, and to my kindred, and take a wife for my son Isaac. 5And the servant said to him, Perhaps the woman will not be willing to follow me to this land: must I bring your son back to the land from which you came? 6And Abraham said to him, Beware that you do not bring my son back there. 7Yehovah, the God of heaven, who took me from my father's house, and from the land of my birth, and who spoke to me, and who swore to me,

saying, To your seed I will give this land; he will send his angel before you, and you shall take a wife for my son from there. 8And if the woman is not willing to follow you, then you shall be clear from this my oath; only you shall not bring my son back there. 9And the servant put his hand under the thigh of Abraham his master, and swore to him concerning this matter. 10And the servant took ten camels, of the camels of his master, and departed, having all kinds of good things of his master's in his hand: and he arose, and went to Mesopotamia, to the city of Nahor. 11And he made the camels kneel down outside the city by the well of water at the time of evening, the time that women go out to draw water. 12And he said, O Yehovah, the God of my master Abraham, please grant me success this day, and show kindness to my master Abraham. 13Behold, I am standing by the fountain of water; and the daughters of the men of the city are coming out to draw water: 14and let it happen, that the young woman to whom I shall say, Please let down your pitcher, that I may drink; and she shall say, Drink, and I will give your camels drink also: let her be the one whom you have appointed for your servant Isaac; and by this I shall know that you have shown kindness to my master. 15And it happened, before he had finished speaking, that, behold, Rebekah came out, who was born to Bethuel the son of Milcah, the wife of Nahor, Abraham's brother, with her pitcher upon her shoulder. 16And the young woman was very beautiful to look upon, a virgin, neither had any man known her: and she went down to the fountain, and filled her pitcher, and came up. 17And the servant ran to meet her, and said, Please give me a little water to drink from your pitcher. 18And she said, Drink, my lord: and she hurried, and let down her pitcher upon her hand, and gave him drink. 19And when she had finished giving him drink, she said, I will draw for your camels also, until they have finished drinking. 20And she hurried, and emptied her pitcher into the trough, and ran again to the well to draw, and drew for all his camels. 21And the man gazed at her, holding his peace, to know whether Yehovah had made his journey prosperous or not. 22And it happened, when the camels had finished drinking, that the man took a golden ring of half a shekel weight, and two bracelets for her hands of ten shekels weight of gold, 23and said, Whose daughter are you? please tell me. Is there room in your father's house for us to lodge in? 24And she said to him, I am the daughter of Bethuel the son of Milcah, whom she bore to Nahor. 25She said moreover to him, We have both straw and fodder enough, and room to lodge in. 26And the man bowed his head, and worshipped Yehovah. 27And he said, Blessed be Yehovah, the God of my master Abraham, who has not forsaken his lovingkindness and his truth toward my master: as for me, Yehovah has led me in the way to the house of my master's brothers. 28And the young woman ran, and told her mother's house according to these words. 29And Rebekah had a brother, and his name was Laban: and Laban ran out to the man, to the fountain. 30And it happened, when he saw the ring, and the bracelets upon his sister's hands, and when he heard the words of Rebekah his sister, saying, Thus the man spoke to me; that he came to the man; and, behold, he was standing by the camels at the fountain. 31And he said, Come in, you blessed of Yehovah; why do you stand outside? for I have prepared the house, and room for the camels. 32And the man came into the house, and he ungirded the camels; and he gave straw and fodder for the camels, and water to wash his feet and the feet of the men who were with him. 33And food was set before him to eat: but he said, I will not eat, until I have told my errand. And he said, Speak on. 34And he said, I am Abraham's servant. 35And Yehovah has blessed my master greatly; and he has become great: and he has given him flocks and herds, and silver and gold, and male servants and female servants, and camels and donkeys. 36And Sarah my master's wife bore a son to my master when she was old: and to him he has given all that he has. 37And my master made me swear, saying, You shall not take a wife for my son of the daughters of the Canaanites, in whose land I dwell: 38but you shall go to my father's house, and to my kindred, and take a wife for my son. 39And I said to my master, Perhaps the woman will not follow me. 40And he said to me, Yehovah, before whom I walk, will send his angel with you, and prosper your way; and you shall take a wife for my son of my kindred, and of my father's house: 41then you shall be clear from my oath, when you come to my kindred; and if they do not give her to you, you shall be clear from my oath. 42And I came this day to the fountain, and said, O Yehovah, the God of my master Abraham, if now you will prosper my way which I go: 43behold, I am standing by the fountain of water; and let it happen, that the maiden who comes forth to draw, to whom I shall say, Please give me a little water from your pitcher to drink; 44and she shall say to me,

Drink, and I will also draw for your camels: let her be the woman whom Yehovah has appointed for my master's son. 45And before I had finished speaking in my heart, behold, Rebekah came forth with her pitcher on her shoulder; and she went down to the fountain, and drew: and I said to her, Please let me drink. 46And she made haste, and let down her pitcher from her shoulder, and said, Drink, and I will give your camels drink also: so I drank, and she made the camels drink also. 47And I asked her, and said, Whose daughter are you? And she said, The daughter of Bethuel, Nahor's son, whom Milcah bore to him: and I put the ring upon her nose, and the bracelets upon her hands. 48And I bowed my head, and worshipped Yehovah, and blessed Yehovah, the God of my master Abraham, who had led me in the right way to take my master's brother's daughter for his son. 49And now if you will deal kindly and truly with my master, tell me: and if not, tell me; that I may turn to the right hand, or to the left. 50Then Laban and Bethuel answered and said, The thing proceeds from Yehovah: we cannot speak to you bad or good. 51Behold, Rebekah is before you, take her, and go, and let her be your master's son's wife, as Yehovah has spoken. 52And it happened, that, when Abraham's servant heard their words, he bowed himself down to the earth to Yehovah. 53And the servant brought forth jewels of silver, and jewels of gold, and clothing, and gave them to Rebekah: he gave also to her brother and to her mother precious things. 54And they ate and drank, he and the men who were with him, and stayed all night; and they rose up in the morning, and he said, Send me away to my master. 55And her brother and her mother said, Let the young woman stay with us a few days, at the least ten; after that she shall go. 56And he said to them, Do not hinder me, seeing Yehovah has prospered my way; send me away that I may go to my master. 57And they said, We will call the young woman, and ask her. 58And they called Rebekah, and said to her, Will you go with this man? And she said, I will go. 59And they sent away Rebekah their sister, and her nurse, and Abraham's servant, and his men. 60And they blessed Rebekah, and said to her, Our sister, become the mother of thousands of ten thousands, and let your seed possess the gate of those who hate them. 61And Rebekah arose, and her maids, and they rode upon the camels, and followed the man: and the servant took Rebekah, and went his way. 62And Isaac came from the way of Beer-lahai-roi; for he dwelt in the land of the South. 63And Isaac went out to meditate in the field in the evening: and he lifted up his eyes, and saw, and, behold, there were camels coming. 64And Rebekah lifted up her eyes, and when she saw Isaac, she got down from the camel. 65And she said to the servant, What man is this that walks in the field to meet us? And the servant said, It is my master: and she took her veil, and covered herself. 66And the servant told Isaac all the things that he had done. 67And Isaac brought her into his mother Sarah's tent, and took Rebekah, and she became his wife; and he loved her. And Isaac was comforted after his mother's death.

Chapter 25

1And Abraham took another wife, and her name was Keturah. 2And she bore him Zimran, and Jokshan, and Medan, and Midian, and Ishbak, and Shuah. 3And Jokshan fathered Sheba, and Dedan. And the sons of Dedan were Asshurim, and Letushim, and Leummim. 4And the sons of Midian: Ephah, and Epher, and Hanoch, and Abida, and Eldaah. All these were the children of Keturah. 5And Abraham gave all that he had to Isaac. 6But to the sons of the concubines, whom Abraham had, Abraham gave gifts; and he sent them away from Isaac his son, while he was still living, eastward, to the east country. 7And these are the days of the years of Abraham's life which he lived, a hundred and seventy-five years. 8And Abraham breathed his last, and died in a good old age, an old man, and full of years, and was gathered to his people. 9And Isaac and Ishmael his sons buried him in the cave of Machpelah, in the field of Ephron the son of Zohar the Hittite, which is before Mamre; 10the field which Abraham purchased from the children of Heth: there Abraham was buried, and Sarah his wife. 11And it happened after the death of Abraham, that God blessed Isaac his son: and Isaac dwelt by Beer-lahai-roi. 12Now these are the generations of Ishmael, Abraham's son, whom Hagar the Egyptian, Sarah's handmaid, bore to Abraham: 13and these are the names of the sons of Ishmael, by their names, according to their generations: the first-born of Ishmael, Nebaioth; and Kedar, and Adbeel, and Mibsam, 14and Mishma, and Dumah, and Massa, 15Hadad, and Tema, Jetur, Naphish, and Kedemah: 16these are the sons of Ishmael, and these are their names, by their villages, and by their encampments; twelve princes according to their nations. 17And these are the years of the life of Ishmael, a hundred and thirty-seven years: and he breathed his last and died,

and was gathered to his people. 18And they dwelt from Havilah to Shur that is before Egypt, as you go toward Assyria: he settled opposite all his brothers. 19And these are the generations of Isaac, Abraham's son: Abraham fathered Isaac: 20and Isaac was forty years old when he took Rebekah, the daughter of Bethuel the Syrian of Paddan-aram, the sister of Laban the Syrian, to be his wife. 21And Isaac entreated Yehovah for his wife, because she was barren: and Yehovah was entreated by him, and Rebekah his wife conceived. 22And the children struggled together within her; and she said, If it is so, why do I live? And she went to inquire of Yehovah. 23And Yehovah said to her, Two nations are in your womb, And two peoples shall be separated from your bowels: And the one people shall be stronger than the other people; And the elder shall serve the younger. 24And when her days to be delivered were fulfilled, behold, there were twins in her womb. 25And the first came forth red, all over like a hairy garment; and they called his name Esau. 26And after that his brother came forth, and his hand had hold on Esau's heel; and his name was called Jacob: and Isaac was sixty years old when she bore them. 27And the boys grew: and Esau was a skillful hunter, a man of the field; and Jacob was a quiet man, dwelling in tents. 28Now Isaac loved Esau, because he ate of his game: and Rebekah loved Jacob. 29And Jacob cooked stew: and Esau came in from the field, and he was faint: 30and Esau said to Jacob, Please feed me with that same red stew; for I am faint: therefore his name was called Edom. 31And Jacob said, Sell me first your birthright. 32And Esau said, Behold, I am about to die: and what profit shall the birthright do to me? 33And Jacob said, Swear to me first; and he swore to him: and he sold his birthright to Jacob. 34And Jacob gave Esau bread and stew of lentils; and he ate and drank, and rose up, and went his way: so Esau despised his birthright.

Chapter 26

1And there was a famine in the land, besides the first famine that was in the days of Abraham. And Isaac went to Abimelech king of the Philistines, to Gerar. 2And Yehovah appeared to him, and said, Do not go down into Egypt; dwell in the land which I shall tell you of: 3sojourn in this land, and I will be with you, and will bless you; for to you, and to your seed, I will give all these lands, and I will establish the oath which I swore to Abraham your father; 4and I will multiply your seed as the stars of heaven, and will give to your seed all these lands; and in your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed; 5because Abraham obeyed my voice, and kept my charge, my commandments, my statutes, and my laws. 6And Isaac dwelt in Gerar: 7and the men of the place asked him about his wife; and he said, She is my sister: for he feared to say, My wife; lest, he said, the men of the place should kill me for Rebekah; because she was beautiful to look upon. 8And it happened, when he had been there a long time, that Abimelech king of the Philistines looked out at a window, and saw, and, behold, Isaac was caressing Rebekah his wife. 9And Abimelech called Isaac, and said, Behold, surely she is your wife: and how could you say, She is my sister? And Isaac said to him, Because I said, Lest I die because of her. 10And Abimelech said, What is this you have done to us? one of the people might easily have lain with your wife, and you would have brought guiltiness upon us. 11And Abimelech charged all the people, saying, He who touches this man or his wife shall surely be put to death. 12And Isaac sowed in that land, and found in the same year a hundredfold: and Yehovah blessed him. 13And the man became great, and grew more and more until he became very great: 14and he had possessions of flocks, and possessions of herds, and a great household: and the Philistines envied him. 15Now all the wells which his father's servants had dug in the days of Abraham his father, the Philistines had stopped, and filled with earth. 16And Abimelech said to Isaac, Go from us; for you are much mightier than we. 17And Isaac departed from there, and encamped in the valley of Gerar, and dwelt there. 18And Isaac dug again the wells of water, which they had dug in the days of Abraham his father; for the Philistines had stopped them after the death of Abraham: and he called their names after the names by which his father had called them. 19And Isaac's servants dug in the valley, and found there a well of springing water. 20And the herdsmen of Gerar strove with Isaac's herdsmen, saying, The water is ours: and he called the name of the well Esek, because they contended with him. 21And they dug another well, and they strove for that also: and he called its name Sitnah. 22And he moved from there, and dug another well; and for that they did not strive: and he called its name Rehoboth; and he said, For now Yehovah has made room for us, and we shall be fruitful in the land. 23And he went up from there to Beer-sheba. 24And Yehovah appeared to him the same night, and said, I am the God of Abraham your

father: do not fear, for I am with you, and will bless you, and multiply your seed for my servant Abraham's sake. 25And he built an altar there, and called upon the name of Yehovah, and pitched his tent there: and there Isaac's servants dug a well. 26Then Abimelech went to him from Gerar, and Ahuzzath his friend, and Phicol the commander of his army. 27And Isaac said to them, Why have you come to me, seeing you hate me, and have sent me away from you? 28And they said, We saw plainly that Yehovah was with you: and we said, Let there now be an oath between us, even between us and you, and let us make a covenant with you, 29that you will do us no harm, as we have not touched you, and as we have done to you nothing but good, and have sent you away in peace: you are now the blessed of Yehovah. 30And he made them a feast, and they ate and drank. 31And they rose up early in the morning, and swore one to another: and Isaac sent them away, and they departed from him in peace. 32And it happened the same day, that Isaac's servants came, and told him concerning the well which they had dug, and said to him, We have found water. 33And he called it Shibah: therefore the name of the city is Beer-sheba to this day. 34And when Esau was forty years old he took as wife Judith the daughter of Beeri the Hittite, and Basemath the daughter of Elon the Hittite: 35and they were a grief of mind to Isaac and to Rebekah.

Chapter 27

1And it happened, that when Isaac was old, and his eyes were dim, so that he could not see, he called Esau his elder son, and said to him, My son: and he said to him, Here I am. 2And he said, Behold now, I am old, I do not know the day of my death. 3Now therefore please take your weapons, your quiver and your bow, and go out to the field, and hunt game for me; 4and make me savory food, such as I love, and bring it to me, that I may eat; that my soul may bless you before I die. 5And Rebekah heard when Isaac spoke to Esau his son. And Esau went to the field to hunt for game, and to bring it. 6And Rebekah spoke to Jacob her son, saying, Behold, I heard your father speak to Esau your brother, saying, 7Bring me game, and make me savory food, that I may eat, and bless you before Yehovah before my death. 8Now therefore, my son, obey my voice according to that which I command you. 9Go now to the flock, and fetch me from there two good kids of the goats; and I will make them savory food for your father, such as he loves: 10and you shall bring it to your father, that he may eat, so that he may bless you before his death. 11And Jacob said to Rebekah his mother, Behold, Esau my brother is a hairy man, and I am a smooth man. 12Perhaps my father will feel me, and I shall seem to him as a deceiver; and I shall bring a curse upon me, and not a blessing. 13And his mother said to him, Upon me be your curse, my son; only obey my voice, and go fetch them for me. 14And he went, and fetched, and brought them to his mother: and his mother made savory food, such as his father loved. 15And Rebekah took the best garments of Esau her elder son, which were with her in the house, and put them upon Jacob her younger son; 16and she put the skins of the kids of the goats upon his hands, and upon the smooth of his neck: 17and she gave the savory food and the bread, which she had prepared, into the hand of her son Jacob. 18And he came to his father, and said, My father: and he said, Here I am; who are you, my son? 19And Jacob said to his father, I am Esau your first-born; I have done as you told me: please arise, sit and eat of my game, that your soul may bless me. 20And Isaac said to his son, How is it that you have found it so quickly, my son? And he said, Because Yehovah your God granted me success. 21And Isaac said to Jacob, Please come near, that I may feel you, my son, whether you are really my son Esau or not. 22And Jacob went near to Isaac his father; and he felt him, and said, The voice is Jacob's voice, but the hands are the hands of Esau. 23And he did not recognize him, because his hands were hairy, as his brother Esau's hands: so he blessed him. 24And he said, Are you really my son Esau? And he said, I am. 25And he said, Bring it near to me, and I will eat of my son's game, that my soul may bless you. And he brought it near to him, and he ate: and he brought him wine, and he drank. 26And his father Isaac said to him, Come near now, and kiss me, my son. 27And he came near, and kissed him: and he smelled the smell of his clothing, and blessed him, and said, See, the smell of my son Is as the smell of a field which Yehovah has blessed: 28And God give you of the dew of heaven, And of the fatness of the earth, And plenty of grain and new wine: 29Let peoples serve you, And nations bow down to you: Be lord over your brothers, And let your mother's sons bow down to you: Cursed be everyone who curses you, And blessed be everyone who blesses you. 30And it happened, as soon as Isaac had finished blessing Jacob, and Jacob had scarcely gone out from the presence of Isaac his father, that Esau his brother came in from his hunting. 31And he

also made savory food, and brought it to his father; and he said to his father, Let my father arise, and eat of his son's game, that your soul may bless me. 32And Isaac his father said to him, Who are you? And he said, I am your son, your first-born, Esau. 33And Isaac trembled very greatly, and said, Who then is he who has hunted game, and brought it to me, and I have eaten of all before you came, and have blessed him? yes, and he shall be blessed. 34When Esau heard the words of his father, he cried with an exceedingly great and bitter cry, and said to his father, Bless me, even me also, O my father. 35And he said, Your brother came with deceit, and has taken away your blessing. 36And he said, Is he not rightly named Jacob? for he has supplanted me these two times: he took away my birthright; and, behold, now he has taken away my blessing. And he said, Have you not reserved a blessing for me? 37And Isaac answered and said to Esau, Behold, I have made him your lord, and all his brothers I have given to him for servants; and with grain and new wine I have sustained him: and what then shall I do for you, my son? 38And Esau said to his father, Have you but one blessing, my father? bless me, even me also, O my father. And Esau lifted up his voice, and wept. 39And Isaac his father answered and said to him, Behold, of the fatness of the earth shall be your dwelling, And of the dew of heaven from above; 40And by your sword you shall live, and you shall serve your brother; And it shall happen, when you break loose, That you shall shake his yoke from off your neck. 41And Esau hated Jacob because of the blessing with which his father blessed him: and Esau said in his heart, The days of mourning for my father are at hand; then I will slay my brother Jacob. 42And the words of Esau her elder son were told to Rebekah; and she sent and called Jacob her younger son, and said to him, Behold, your brother Esau, concerning you, comforts himself, purposing to kill you. 43Now therefore, my son, obey my voice; and arise, flee to Laban my brother to Haran; 44and stay with him a few days, until your brother's fury turns away; 45until your brother's anger turns away from you, and he forgets that which you have done to him: then I will send, and fetch you from there: why should I be bereaved of you both in one day? 46And Rebekah said to Isaac, I am weary of my life because of the daughters of Heth: if Jacob takes a wife of the daughters of Heth, such as these, of the daughters of the land, what good shall my life do me?

Chapter 28

1And Isaac called Jacob, and blessed him, and charged him, and said to him, You shall not take a wife of the daughters of Canaan. 2Arise, go to Paddan-aram, to the house of Bethuel your mother's father; and take a wife from there of the daughters of Laban your mother's brother. 3And God Almighty bless you, and make you fruitful, and multiply you, that you may be a company of peoples; 4and give you the blessing of Abraham, to you, and to your seed with you; that you may inherit the land of your sojournings, which God gave to Abraham. 5And Isaac sent away Jacob: and he went to Paddan-aram to Laban, son of Bethuel the Syrian, the brother of Rebekah, Jacob's and Esau's mother. 6Now Esau saw that Isaac had blessed Jacob and sent him away to Paddan-aram, to take a wife from there; and that as he blessed him he gave him a charge, saying, You shall not take a wife of the daughters of Canaan; 7and that Jacob obeyed his father and his mother, and had gone to Paddan-aram: 8and Esau saw that the daughters of Canaan did not please Isaac his father; 9and Esau went to Ishmael, and took, besides the wives that he had, Mahalath the daughter of Ishmael Abraham's son, the sister of Nebaioth, to be his wife. 10And Jacob went out from Beer-sheba, and went toward Haran. 11And he came upon a certain place, and stayed there all night, because the sun had set; and he took one of the stones of the place, and put it under his head, and lay down in that place to sleep. 12And he dreamed; and behold, a ladder set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven; and behold, the angels of God ascending and descending on it. 13And, behold, Yehovah stood above it, and said, I am Yehovah, the God of Abraham your father, and the God of Isaac: the land on which you lie, to you I will give it, and to your seed; 14and your seed shall be as the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west, and to the east, and to the north, and to the south: and in you and in your seed all the families of the earth shall be blessed. 15And, behold, I am with you, and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back into this land; for I will not leave you, until I have done that which I have spoken to you of. 16And Jacob awoke out of his sleep, and he said, Surely Yehovah is in this place; and I did not know it. 17And he was afraid, and said, How dreadful is this place! this is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven. 18And Jacob rose up early in the morning, and took the stone that he had put

under his head, and set it up for a pillar, and poured oil upon the top of it. 19And he called the name of that place Beth-el: but the name of the city was Luz at first. 20And Jacob vowed a vow, saying, If God will be with me, and will keep me in this way that I go, and will give me bread to eat, and clothing to put on, 21so that I come again to my father's house in peace, and Yehovah will be my God, 22then this stone, which I have set up for a pillar, shall be God's house: and of all that you shall give me I will surely give the tenth to you.

Chapter 29

1Then Jacob went on his journey, and came to the land of the children of the east. 2And he looked, and, behold, a well in the field, and, look, three flocks of sheep lying there by it; for out of that well they watered the flocks: and the stone upon the well's mouth was great. 3And there all the flocks were gathered: and they rolled the stone from the well's mouth, and watered the sheep, and put the stone back on the well's mouth in its place. 4And Jacob said to them, My brothers, where are you from? And they said, We are from Haran. 5And he said to them, Do you know Laban the son of Nahor? And they said, We know him. 6And he said to them, Is it well with him? And they said, It is well: and, behold, Rachel his daughter comes with the sheep. 7And he said, Look, it is still high day, neither is it time that the cattle should be gathered together: water the sheep, and go and feed them. 8And they said, We cannot, until all the flocks are gathered together, and they roll the stone from the well's mouth; then we water the sheep. 9While he was still speaking with them, Rachel came with her father's sheep; for she kept them. 10And it happened, when Jacob saw Rachel the daughter of Laban his mother's brother, and the sheep of Laban his mother's brother, that Jacob went near, and rolled the stone from the well's mouth, and watered the flock of Laban his mother's brother. 11And Jacob kissed Rachel, and lifted up his voice, and wept. 12And Jacob told Rachel that he was her father's brother, and that he was Rebekah's son: and she ran and told her father. 13And it happened, when Laban heard the news of Jacob his sister's son, that he ran to meet him, and embraced him, and kissed him, and brought him to his house. And he told Laban all these things. 14And Laban said to him, Surely you are my bone and my flesh. And he stayed with him for a month. 15And Laban said to Jacob, Because you are my brother, should you therefore serve me for nothing? tell me, what shall your wages be? 16And Laban had two daughters: the name of the elder was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel. 17And Leah's eyes were weak; but Rachel was beautiful in form and appearance. 18And Jacob loved Rachel; and he said, I will serve you seven years for Rachel your younger daughter. 19And Laban said, It is better that I give her to you, than that I should give her to another man: stay with me. 20And Jacob served seven years for Rachel; and they seemed to him only a few days, for the love he had for her. 21And Jacob said to Laban, Give me my wife, for my days are fulfilled, that I may go in to her. 22And Laban gathered together all the men of the place, and made a feast. 23And it happened in the evening, that he took Leah his daughter, and brought her to him; and he went in to her. 24And Laban gave Zilpah his handmaid to his daughter Leah for a handmaid. 25And it happened in the morning that, behold, it was Leah: and he said to Laban, What is this you have done to me? did I not serve with you for Rachel? why then have you deceived me? 26And Laban said, It is not so done in our place, to give the younger before the first-born. 27Fulfill the week of this one, and we will give you the other also for the service which you shall serve with me another seven years. 28And Jacob did so, and fulfilled her week: and he gave him Rachel his daughter as wife. 29And Laban gave to Rachel his daughter Bilhah his handmaid to be her handmaid. 30And he went in also to Rachel, and he also loved Rachel more than Leah, and served with him another seven years. 31And Yehovah saw that Leah was hated, and he opened her womb: but Rachel was barren. 32And Leah conceived, and bore a son, and she called his name Reuben: for she said, Because Yehovah has looked upon my affliction; for now my husband will love me. 33And she conceived again, and bore a son: and said, Because Yehovah has heard that I am hated, he has therefore given me this son also: and she called his name Simeon. 34And she conceived again, and bore a son; and said, Now this time my husband will be joined to me, because I have borne him three sons: therefore his name was called Levi. 35And she conceived again, and bore a son: and she said, This time I will praise Yehovah: therefore she called his name Judah; and she stopped bearing.

Chapter 30

1And when Rachel saw that she bore Jacob no children, Rachel envied her sister; and she said to Jacob, Give me children, or else I die. 2And Jacob's anger was kindled against Rachel: and he said, Am I

in God's place, who has withheld from you the fruit of the womb? 3And she said, Behold, my maid Bilhah, go in to her; that she may bear on my knees, and I also may obtain children by her. 4And she gave him Bilhah her handmaid as wife: and Jacob went in to her. 5And Bilhah conceived, and bore Jacob a son. 6And Rachel said, God has judged me, and has also heard my voice, and has given me a son: therefore she called his name Dan. 7And Bilhah Rachel's handmaid conceived again, and bore Jacob a second son. 8And Rachel said, With mighty wrestlings I have wrestled with my sister, and have prevailed: and she called his name Naphtali. 9When Leah saw that she had stopped bearing, she took Zilpah her handmaid, and gave her to Jacob as wife. 10And Zilpah Leah's handmaid bore Jacob a son. 11And Leah said, Fortunate! and she called his name Gad. 12And Zilpah Leah's handmaid bore Jacob a second son. 13And Leah said, Happy am I! for the daughters will call me happy: and she called his name Asher. 14And Reuben went in the days of wheat harvest, and found mandrakes in the field, and brought them to his mother Leah. Then Rachel said to Leah, Please give me some of your son's mandrakes. 15And she said to her, Is it a small matter that you have taken away my husband? and would you take away my son's mandrakes also? And Rachel said, Therefore he shall lie with you tonight for your son's mandrakes. 16And Jacob came from the field in the evening, and Leah went out to meet him, and said, You must come in to me; for I have surely hired you with my son's mandrakes. And he lay with her that night. 17And God listened to Leah, and she conceived, and bore Jacob a fifth son. 18And Leah said, God has given me my wages, because I gave my handmaid to my husband: and she called his name Issachar. 19And Leah conceived again, and bore a sixth son to Jacob. 20And Leah said, God has endowed me with a good dowry; now my husband will dwell with me, because I have borne him six sons: and she called his name Zebulun. 21And afterwards she bore a daughter, and called her name Dinah. 22And God remembered Rachel, and God listened to her, and opened her womb. 23And she conceived, and bore a son: and said, God has taken away my reproach: 24and she called his name Joseph, saying, Yehovah add to me another son. 25And it happened, when Rachel had borne Joseph, that Jacob said to Laban, Send me away, that I may go to my own place, and to my country. 26Give me my wives and my children for whom I have served you, and let me go: for you know my service with which I have served you. 27And Laban said to him, If now I have found favor in your eyes, stay: for I have divined that Yehovah has blessed me for your sake. 28And he said, Name me your wages, and I will give it. 29And he said to him, You know how I have served you, and how your cattle have fared with me. 30For it was little which you had before I came, and it has increased to a multitude; and Yehovah has blessed you wherever I turned: and now when shall I provide for my own house also? 31And he said, What shall I give you? And Jacob said, You shall not give me anything: if you will do this thing for me, I will again feed your flock and keep it. 32I will pass through all your flock today, removing from there every speckled and spotted one, and every black one among the sheep, and the spotted and speckled among the goats: and such shall be my wages. 33So my righteousness shall answer for me later, when you come concerning my wages that are before you: every one that is not speckled and spotted among the goats, and black among the sheep, that, if found with me, shall be counted stolen. 34And Laban said, Behold, let it be according to your word. 35And he removed that day the male goats that were striped and spotted, and all the female goats that were speckled and spotted, every one that had white in it, and all the black ones among the sheep, and gave them into the hand of his sons; 36and he set three days' journey between himself and Jacob: and Jacob fed the rest of Laban's flocks. 37And Jacob took for himself rods of fresh poplar, and of the almond and of the plane-tree; and peeled white streaks in them, and made the white appear which was in the rods. 38And he set the rods which he had peeled in front of the flocks in the gutters in the watering-troughs where the flocks came to drink; and they conceived when they came to drink. 39And the flocks conceived before the rods, and the flocks brought forth striped, speckled, and spotted. 40And Jacob separated the lambs, and set the faces of the flocks toward the striped and all the black in the flock of Laban: and he put his own droves apart, and did not put them with Laban's flock. 41And it happened, whenever the stronger of the flock conceived, that Jacob laid the rods before the eyes of the flock in the gutters, that they might conceive among the rods; 42but when the flock were feeble, he did not put them in: so the feebler were Laban's, and the stronger Jacob's. 43And the man increased

exceedingly, and had large flocks, and female servants and male servants, and camels and donkeys.

Chapter 31

[1]And he heard the words of Laban's sons, saying, Jacob has taken away all that was our father's; and of that which was our father's he has gotten all this glory. [2]And Jacob beheld the countenance of Laban, and, behold, it was not toward him as before. [3]And Yehovah said to Jacob, Return to the land of your fathers, and to your kindred; and I will be with you. [4]And Jacob sent and called Rachel and Leah to the field to his flock, [5]and said to them, I see your father's countenance, that it is not toward me as before; but the God of my father has been with me. [6]And you know that with all my power I have served your father. [7]And your father has deceived me, and changed my wages ten times; but God did not allow him to hurt me. [8]If he said thus, The speckled shall be your wages; then all the flock bore speckled: and if he said thus, The striped shall be your wages; then all the flock bore striped. [9]Thus God has taken away the cattle of your father, and given them to me. [10]And it happened at the time that the flock conceived, that I lifted up my eyes, and saw in a dream, and, behold, the male goats which mated with the flock were striped, speckled, and grizzled. [11]And the angel of God said to me in the dream, Jacob: and I said, Here I am. [12]And he said, Lift up now your eyes, and see: all the male goats which mate with the flock are striped, speckled, and grizzled: for I have seen all that Laban does to you. [13]I am the God of Beth-el, where you anointed a pillar, where you vowed a vow to me: now arise, go out from this land, and return to the land of your birth. [14]And Rachel and Leah answered and said to him, Is there still any portion or inheritance for us in our father's house? [15]Are we not accounted by him as foreigners? for he has sold us, and has also completely devoured our money. [16]For all the riches which God has taken away from our father, that is ours and our children's: now then, whatever God has said to you, do. [17]Then Jacob rose up, and set his sons and his wives upon the camels; [18]and he carried away all his cattle, and all his possessions which he had gathered, the cattle of his acquiring, which he had gathered in Paddan-aram, to go to Isaac his father to the land of Canaan. [19]Now Laban had gone to shear his sheep: and Rachel stole the teraphim that were her father's. [20]And Jacob stole away from Laban the Syrian unawares, in that he did not tell him that he fled. [21]So he fled with all that he had; and he rose up, and passed over the River, and set his face toward the mountain of Gilead. [22]And it was told Laban on the third day that Jacob had fled. [23]And he took his brothers with him, and pursued after him seven days' journey; and he overtook him in the mountain of Gilead. [24]And God came to Laban the Syrian in a dream of the night, and said to him, Take heed to yourself that you do not speak to Jacob either good or bad. [25]And Laban came up with Jacob. Now Jacob had pitched his tent in the mountain: and Laban with his brothers encamped in the mountain of Gilead. [26]And Laban said to Jacob, What have you done, that you have stolen away from me unawares, and carried away my daughters as captives of the sword? [27]Why did you flee secretly, and steal away from me, and did not tell me, that I might have sent you away with mirth and with songs, with tambourine and with harp; [28]and did not allow me to kiss my sons and my daughters? now you have done foolishly. [29]It is in the power of my hand to do you harm: but the God of your father spoke to me last night, saying, Take heed to yourself that you do not speak to Jacob either good or bad. [30]And now, though you had to go, because you greatly longed for your father's house, yet why have you stolen my gods? [31]And Jacob answered and said to Laban, Because I was afraid: for I said, Lest you should take your daughters from me by force. [32]With whomever you find your gods, he shall not live: before our brothers point out what is yours with me, and take it. For Jacob did not know that Rachel had stolen them. [33]And Laban went into Jacob's tent, and into Leah's tent, and into the tent of the two maid-servants; but he did not find them. And he went out of Leah's tent, and entered into Rachel's tent. [34]Now Rachel had taken the teraphim, and put them in the camel's saddle, and sat upon them. And Laban felt about all the tent, but did not find them. [35]And she said to her father, Let my lord not be angry that I cannot rise up before you; for the manner of women is upon me. And he searched, but did not find the teraphim. [36]And Jacob was angry, and argued with Laban: and Jacob answered and said to Laban, What is my trespass? what is my sin, that you have hotly pursued after me? [37]Though you have felt through all my goods, what have you found of all your household goods? Set it here before my brothers and your brothers, that they may judge between us two. [38]These twenty years I have been with you; your ewes and your she-goats have not cast their young, and the rams of your flocks I have not eaten. [39]That which

was torn by beasts I did not bring to you; I bore its loss; from my hand you required it, whether stolen by day or stolen by night. 40Thus I was; in the day the drought consumed me, and the frost by night; and my sleep fled from my eyes. 41These twenty years I have been in your house; I served you fourteen years for your two daughters, and six years for your flock: and you have changed my wages ten times. 42Unless the God of my father, the God of Abraham, and the Fear of Isaac, had been with me, surely now you would have sent me away empty. God has seen my affliction and the labor of my hands, and rebuked you last night. 43And Laban answered and said to Jacob, The daughters are my daughters, and the children are my children, and the flocks are my flocks, and all that you see is mine: and what can I do this day to these my daughters, or to their children whom they have borne? 44And now come, let us make a covenant, I and you; and let it be for a witness between me and you. 45And Jacob took a stone, and set it up for a pillar. 46And Jacob said to his brothers, Gather stones; and they took stones, and made a heap: and they ate there by the heap. 47And Laban called it Jegar-saha-dutha: but Jacob called it Galeed. 48And Laban said, This heap is witness between me and you this day. Therefore its name was called Galeed: 49and Mizpah, for he said, Yehovah watch between me and you, when we are absent one from another. 50If you afflict my daughters, and if you take wives besides my daughters, no man is with us; see, God is witness between me and you. 51And Laban said to Jacob, Behold this heap, and behold the pillar, which I have set between me and you. 52This heap is witness, and the pillar is witness, that I will not pass over this heap to you, and that you shall not pass over this heap and this pillar to me, for harm. 53The God of Abraham, and the God of Nahor, the God of their father, judge between us. And Jacob swore by the Fear of his father Isaac. 54And Jacob offered a sacrifice in the mountain, and called his brothers to eat bread: and they ate bread, and stayed all night in the mountain. 55And early in the morning Laban rose up, and kissed his sons and his daughters, and blessed them: and Laban departed, and returned to his place.

Chapter 32

1And Jacob went on his way, and the angels of God met him. 2And Jacob said when he saw them, This is God's camp: and he called the name of that place Mahanaim. 3And Jacob sent messengers before him to Esau his brother to the land of Seir, the field of Edom. 4And he commanded them, saying, Thus shall you say to my lord Esau: Thus says your servant Jacob, I have sojourned with Laban, and stayed until now: 5and I have oxen, and donkeys, and flocks, and male servants, and female servants: and I have sent to tell my lord, that I may find favor in your sight. 6And the messengers returned to Jacob, saying, We came to your brother Esau, and moreover he comes to meet you, and four hundred men with him. 7Then Jacob was greatly afraid and was distressed: and he divided the people that were with him, and the flocks, and the herds, and the camels, into two companies; 8and he said, If Esau comes to the one company, and strikes it, then the company which is left shall escape. 9And Jacob said, O God of my father Abraham, and God of my father Isaac, O Yehovah, who said to me, Return to your country, and to your kindred, and I will do you good: 10I am not worthy of the least of all the lovingkindnesses, and of all the truth, which you have shown to your servant; for with my staff I passed over this Jordan; and now I have become two companies. 11Please deliver me from the hand of my brother, from the hand of Esau: for I fear him, lest he come and strike me, the mother with the children. 12And you said, I will surely do you good, and make your seed as the sand of the sea, which cannot be numbered for multitude. 13And he lodged there that night, and took of that which he had with him a present for Esau his brother: 14two hundred female goats and twenty male goats, two hundred ewes and twenty rams, 15thirty milk camels and their colts, forty cows and ten bulls, twenty female donkeys and ten foals. 16And he delivered them into the hand of his servants, every drove by itself, and said to his servants, Pass over before me, and put a space between drove and drove. 17And he commanded the foremost, saying, When Esau my brother meets you, and asks you, saying, Whose are you? and where are you going? and whose are these before you? 18then you shall say, They are your servant Jacob's; it is a present sent to my lord Esau: and, behold, he also is behind us. 19And he commanded also the second, and the third, and all that followed the droves, saying, In this manner you shall speak to Esau, when you find him; 20and you shall say, Moreover, behold, your servant Jacob is behind us. For he said, I will appease him with the present that goes before me, and afterward I will see his face; perhaps he will accept me. 21So the present

passed over before him: and he himself lodged that night in the company. 22And he rose up that night, and took his two wives, and his two handmaids, and his eleven children, and passed over the ford of the Jabbok. 23And he took them, and sent them over the stream, and sent over that which he had. 24And Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until the breaking of the day. 25And when he saw that he did not prevail against him, he touched the hollow of his thigh; and the hollow of Jacob's thigh was strained, as he wrestled with him. 26And he said, Let me go, for the day breaks. And he said, I will not let you go, unless you bless me. 27And he said to him, What is your name? And he said, Jacob. 28And he said, Your name shall no more be called Jacob, but Israel: for you have striven with God and with men, and have prevailed. 29And Jacob asked him, and said, Please tell me your name. And he said, Why is it that you ask my name? And he blessed him there. 30And Jacob called the name of the place Peniel: for, he said, I have seen God face to face, and my life is preserved. 31And the sun rose upon him as he passed over Penuel, and he limped upon his thigh. 32Therefore the children of Israel do not eat the sinew of the hip which is upon the hollow of the thigh, to this day: because he touched the hollow of Jacob's thigh in the sinew of the hip.

Chapter 33

1And Jacob lifted up his eyes, and looked, and, behold, Esau was coming, and with him four hundred men. And he divided the children to Leah, and to Rachel, and to the two handmaids. 2And he put the handmaids and their children foremost, and Leah and her children after, and Rachel and Joseph last. 3And he himself passed over before them, and bowed himself to the ground seven times, until he came near to his brother. 4And Esau ran to meet him, and embraced him, and fell on his neck, and kissed him: and they wept. 5And he lifted up his eyes, and saw the women and the children; and said, Who are these with you? And he said, The children whom God has graciously given your servant. 6Then the handmaids came near, they and their children, and they bowed themselves. 7And Leah also and her children came near, and bowed themselves: and after that Joseph and Rachel came near, and they bowed themselves. 8And he said, What do you mean by all this company which I met? And he said, To find favor in the sight of my lord. 9And Esau said, I have enough, my brother; let that which you have be yours. 10And Jacob said, No, please, if now I have found favor in your sight, then receive my present at my hand; since I have seen your face, as one sees the face of God, and you were pleased with me. 11Please take my gift that is brought to you; because God has dealt graciously with me, and because I have enough. And he urged him, and he took it. 12And he said, Let us take our journey, and let us go, and I will go before you. 13And he said to him, My lord knows that the children are tender, and that the flocks and herds with me have their young: and if they overdrive them one day, all the flocks will die. 14Please let my lord pass over before his servant: and I will lead on gently, according to the pace of the cattle that are before me and according to the pace of the children, until I come to my lord to Seir. 15And Esau said, Let me now leave with you some of the folk that are with me. And he said, What need is there? let me find favor in the sight of my lord. 16So Esau returned that day on his way to Seir. 17And Jacob journeyed to Succoth, and built himself a house, and made booths for his cattle: therefore the name of the place is called Succoth. 18And Jacob came in peace to the city of Shechem, which is in the land of Canaan, when he came from Paddan-aram; and encamped before the city. 19And he bought the parcel of ground, where he had spread his tent, from the hand of the children of Hamor, Shechem's father, for a hundred pieces of money. 20And he erected there an altar, and called it El-Elohe-Israel.

Chapter 34

1And Dinah the daughter of Leah, whom she bore to Jacob, went out to see the daughters of the land. 2And Shechem the son of Hamor the Hivite, the prince of the land, saw her; and he took her, and lay with her, and humbled her. 3And his soul clung to Dinah the daughter of Jacob, and he loved the young woman, and spoke kindly to the young woman. 4And Shechem spoke to his father Hamor, saying, Get me this young woman as wife. 5Now Jacob heard that he had defiled Dinah his daughter; and his sons were with his cattle in the field: and Jacob held his peace until they came. 6And Hamor the father of Shechem went out to Jacob to speak with him. 7And the sons of Jacob came in from the field when they heard it: and the men were grieved, and they were very angry, because he had done folly in Israel in lying with Jacob's daughter; which thing ought not to be done. 8And Hamor spoke with them, saying, The soul of my son Shechem longs for your daughter: please give her

to him as wife. 9And make marriages with us; give your daughters to us, and take our daughters to you. 10And you shall dwell with us: and the land shall be before you; dwell and trade in it, and get possessions in it. 11And Shechem said to her father and to her brothers, Let me find favor in your eyes, and what you shall say to me I will give. 12Ask me ever so much dowry and gift, and I will give according as you say to me: but give me the young woman as wife. 13And the sons of Jacob answered Shechem and Hamor his father with deceit, and spoke, because he had defiled Dinah their sister, 14and said to them, We cannot do this thing, to give our sister to one who is uncircumcised; for that would be a reproach to us. 15Only on this condition we will consent to you: if you will be as we are, that every male of you is circumcised; 16then we will give our daughters to you, and we will take your daughters to us, and we will dwell with you, and we will become one people. 17But if you will not listen to us, to be circumcised; then we will take our daughter, and we will go. 18And their words pleased Hamor, and Shechem Hamor's son. 19And the young man did not delay to do the thing, because he had delight in Jacob's daughter: and he was honored above all the house of his father. 20And Hamor and Shechem his son came to the gate of their city, and spoke with the men of their city, saying, 21These men are peaceable with us; therefore let them dwell in the land, and trade in it; for, behold, the land is large enough for them; let us take their daughters to us for wives, and let us give them our daughters. 22Only on this condition the men will consent to us to dwell with us, to become one people, if every male among us is circumcised, as they are circumcised. 23Shall not their cattle and their possessions and all their beasts be ours? only let us consent to them, and they will dwell with us. 24And all who went out of the gate of his city listened to Hamor and to Shechem his son; and every male was circumcised, all who went out of the gate of his city. 25And it happened on the third day, when they were sore, that two of the sons of Jacob, Simeon and Levi, Dinah's brothers, took each man his sword, and came upon the city unawares, and slew all the males. 26And they slew Hamor and Shechem his son with the edge of the sword, and took Dinah out of Shechem's house, and went forth. 27The sons of Jacob came upon the slain, and plundered the city, because they had defiled their sister. 28They took their flocks and their herds and their donkeys, and that which was in the city, and that which was in the field; 29and all their wealth, and all their little ones and their wives, they took captive and made a prey, even all that was in the house. 30And Jacob said to Simeon and Levi, You have troubled me, to make me odious to the inhabitants of the land, among the Canaanites and the Perizzites: and, I being few in number, they will gather themselves together against me and strike me; and I shall be destroyed, I and my house. 31And they said, Should he deal with our sister as with a prostitute?

Chapter 35

1And God said to Jacob, Arise, go up to Beth-el, and dwell there: and make there an altar to God, who appeared to you when you fled from the face of Esau your brother. 2Then Jacob said to his household, and to all that were with him, Put away the foreign gods that are among you, and purify yourselves, and change your garments: 3and let us arise, and go up to Beth-el; and I will make there an altar to God, who answered me in the day of my distress, and was with me in the way which I went. 4And they gave to Jacob all the foreign gods which were in their hand, and the rings which were in their ears; and Jacob hid them under the oak which was by Shechem. 5And they journeyed: and a terror of God was upon the cities that were all around them, and they did not pursue after the sons of Jacob. 6So Jacob came to Luz, which is in the land of Canaan (that is, Beth-el), he and all the people that were with him. 7And he built there an altar, and called the place El-beth-el; because there God was revealed to him, when he fled from the face of his brother. 8And Deborah Rebekah's nurse died, and she was buried below Beth-el under the oak: and its name was called Allon-bacuth. 9And God appeared to Jacob again, when he came from Paddan-aram, and blessed him. 10And God said to him, Your name is Jacob: your name shall not be called Jacob any more, but Israel shall be your name: and he called his name Israel. 11And God said to him, I am God Almighty: be fruitful and multiply; a nation and a company of nations shall be of you, and kings shall come out of your loins; 12and the land which I gave to Abraham and Isaac, to you I will give it, and to your seed after you I will give the land. 13And God went up from him in the place where he spoke with him. 14And Jacob set up a pillar in the place where he spoke with him, a pillar of stone: and he poured out a drink-offering on it, and poured oil on it. 15And Jacob called the name of the place where God spoke with him, Beth-el. 16And they journeyed from Beth-el; and

there was still some distance to come to Ephrath: and Rachel went into labor, and she had hard labor. 17And it happened, when she was in hard labor, that the midwife said to her, Do not fear; for now you shall have another son. 18And it happened, as her soul was departing (for she died), that she called his name Ben-oni: but his father called him Benjamin. 19And Rachel died, and was buried in the way to Ephrath (that is, Beth-lehem). 20And Jacob set up a pillar upon her grave: that is the Pillar of Rachel's grave to this day. 21And Israel journeyed, and spread his tent beyond the tower of Eder. 22And it happened, while Israel dwelt in that land, that Reuben went and lay with Bilhah his father's concubine: and Israel heard of it. Now the sons of Jacob were twelve: 23the sons of Leah: Reuben, Jacob's first-born, and Simeon, and Levi, and Judah, and Issachar, and Zebulun; 24the sons of Rachel: Joseph and Benjamin; 25and the sons of Bilhah, Rachel's handmaid: Dan and Naphtali; 26and the sons of Zilpah, Leah's handmaid: Gad and Asher: these are the sons of Jacob, who were born to him in Paddan-aram. 27And Jacob came to Isaac his father to Mamre, to Kiriath-arba (that is, Hebron), where Abraham and Isaac sojourned. 28And the days of Isaac were a hundred and eighty years. 29And Isaac breathed his last, and died, and was gathered to his people, old and full of days: and Esau and Jacob his sons buried him.

Chapter 36

1Now these are the generations of Esau (that is, Edom). 2Esau took his wives from the daughters of Canaan: Adah the daughter of Elon the Hittite, and Oholibamah the daughter of Anah, the daughter of Zibeon the Hivite, 3and Basemath Ishmael's daughter, sister of Nebaioth. 4And Adah bore to Esau Eliphaz; and Basemath bore Reuel; 5and Oholibamah bore Jeush, and Jalam, and Korah: these are the sons of Esau, who were born to him in the land of Canaan. 6And Esau took his wives, and his sons, and his daughters, and all the souls of his house, and his cattle, and all his beasts, and all his possessions, which he had gathered in the land of Canaan; and went into a land away from his brother Jacob. 7For their possessions were too great for them to dwell together; and the land of their sojournings could not bear them because of their cattle. 8And Esau dwelt in mount Seir: Esau is Edom. 9And these are the generations of Esau the father of the Edomites in mount Seir: 10these are the names of Esau's sons: Eliphaz the son of Adah the wife of Esau, Reuel the son of Basemath the wife of Esau. 11And the sons of Eliphaz were Teman, Omar, Zepho, and Gatam, and Kenaz. 12And Timna was concubine to Eliphaz Esau's son; and she bore to Eliphaz Amalek: these are the sons of Adah, Esau's wife. 13And these are the sons of Reuel: Nahath, and Zerah, Shammah, and Mizzah: these were the sons of Basemath, Esau's wife. 14And these were the sons of Oholibamah the daughter of Anah, the daughter of Zibeon, Esau's wife: and she bore to Esau Jeush, and Jalam, and Korah. 15These are the chiefs of the sons of Esau: the sons of Eliphaz the first-born of Esau: chief Teman, chief Omar, chief Zepho, chief Kenaz, 16chief Korah, chief Gatam, chief Amalek: these are the chiefs that came from Eliphaz in the land of Edom; these are the sons of Adah. 17And these are the sons of Reuel, Esau's son: chief Nahath, chief Zerah, chief Shammah, chief Mizzah: these are the chiefs that came from Reuel in the land of Edom; these are the sons of Basemath, Esau's wife. 18And these are the sons of Oholibamah, Esau's wife: chief Jeush, chief Jalam, chief Korah: these are the chiefs that came from Oholibamah the daughter of Anah, Esau's wife. 19These are the sons of Esau, and these are their chiefs: that is, Edom. 20These are the sons of Seir the Horite, the inhabitants of the land: Lotan and Shobal and Zibeon and Anah, 21and Dishon and Ezer and Dishan: these are the chiefs that came from the Horites, the children of Seir in the land of Edom. 22And the children of Lotan were Hori and Heman; and Lotan's sister was Timna. 23And these are the children of Shobal: Alvan and Manahath and Ebal, Shepho and Onam. 24And these are the children of Zibeon: Aiah and Anah; this is Anah who found the hot springs in the wilderness, as he fed the donkeys of Zibeon his father. 25And these are the children of Anah: Dishon and Oholibamah the daughter of Anah. 26And these are the children of Dishon: Hemdan and Eshban and Ithran and Cheran. 27These are the children of Ezer: Bilhan and Zaavan and Akan. 28These are the children of Dishan: Uz and Aran. 29These are the chiefs that came from the Horites: chief Lotan, chief Shobal, chief Zibeon, chief Anah, 30chief Dishon, chief Ezer, chief Dishan: these are the chiefs that came from the Horites, according to their chiefs in the land of Seir. 31And these are the kings that reigned in the land of Edom, before there reigned any king over the children of Israel. 32And Bela the son of Beor reigned in Edom; and the name of his city was Dinhabah. 33And Bela died, and Jobab the son of Zerah of Bozrah reigned in his place. 34And

Jobab died, and Husham of the land of the Temanites reigned in his place. 35And Husham died, and Hadad the son of Bedad, who struck Midian in the field of Moab, reigned in his place: and the name of his city was Avith. 36And Hadad died, and Samlah of Masrekah reigned in his place. 37And Samlah died, and Shaul of Rehoboth by the River reigned in his place. 38And Shaul died, and Baal-hanan the son of Achbor reigned in his place. 39And Baal-hanan the son of Achbor died, and Hadar reigned in his place: and the name of his city was Pau; and his wife's name was Mehetabel, the daughter of Matred, the daughter of Me-zahab. 40And these are the names of the chiefs that came from Esau, according to their families, after their places, by their names: chief Timna, chief Alvah, chief Jetheth, 41chief Oholibamah, chief Elah, chief Pinon, 42chief Kenaz, chief Teman, chief Mibzar, 43chief Magdiel, chief Iram: these are the chiefs of Edom, according to their habitations in the land of their possession. This is Esau, the father of the Edomites.

Chapter 37

1And Jacob dwelt in the land of his father's sojournings, in the land of Canaan. 2These are the generations of Jacob. Joseph, being seventeen years old, was feeding the flock with his brothers; and he was a lad with the sons of Bilhah, and with the sons of Zilpah, his father's wives: and Joseph brought the evil report of them to their father. 3Now Israel loved Joseph more than all his children, because he was the son of his old age: and he made him a coat of many colors. 4And his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers; and they hated him, and could not speak peaceably to him. 5And Joseph dreamed a dream, and he told it to his brothers: and they hated him even more. 6And he said to them, Please hear this dream which I have dreamed: 7for, behold, we were binding sheaves in the field, and, look, my sheaf arose, and also stood upright; and, behold, your sheaves gathered around, and bowed down to my sheaf. 8And his brothers said to him, Shall you indeed reign over us? or shall you indeed have dominion over us? And they hated him even more for his dreams, and for his words. 9And he dreamed still another dream, and told it to his brothers, and said, Behold, I have dreamed another dream; and, behold, the sun and the moon and eleven stars bowed down to me. 10And he told it to his father, and to his brothers; and his father rebuked him, and said to him, What is this dream that you have dreamed? Shall I and your mother and your brothers indeed come to bow ourselves down to you to the earth? 11And his brothers envied him; but his father kept the saying in mind. 12And his brothers went to feed their father's flock in Shechem. 13And Israel said to Joseph, Are not your brothers feeding the flock in Shechem? come, and I will send you to them. And he said to him, Here I am. 14And he said to him, Go now, see whether it is well with your brothers, and well with the flock; and bring word back to me. So he sent him out of the vale of Hebron, and he came to Shechem. 15And a certain man found him, and, behold, he was wandering in the field: and the man asked him, saying, What are you seeking? 16And he said, I am seeking my brothers: please tell me where they are feeding the flock. 17And the man said, They have departed from here; for I heard them say, Let us go to Dothan. And Joseph went after his brothers, and found them in Dothan. 18And they saw him afar off, and before he came near to them, they conspired against him to slay him. 19And they said one to another, Behold, this dreamer comes. 20Come now therefore, and let us slay him, and cast him into one of the pits, and we will say, An evil beast has devoured him: and we shall see what will become of his dreams. 21And Reuben heard it, and delivered him out of their hand, and said, Let us not take his life. 22And Reuben said to them, Shed no blood; cast him into this pit that is in the wilderness, but lay no hand on him: that he might deliver him out of their hand, to restore him to his father. 23And it happened, when Joseph had come to his brothers, that they stripped Joseph of his coat, the coat of many colors that was on him; 24and they took him, and cast him into the pit: and the pit was empty, there was no water in it. 25And they sat down to eat bread: and they lifted up their eyes and looked, and, behold, a caravan of Ishmaelites was coming from Gilead, with their camels bearing spices and balm and myrrh, going to carry it down to Egypt. 26And Judah said to his brothers, What profit is it if we slay our brother and conceal his blood? 27Come, and let us sell him to the Ishmaelites, and let our hand not be upon him; for he is our brother, our flesh. And his brothers listened to him. 28And there passed by Midianites, merchants; and they drew and lifted up Joseph out of the pit, and sold Joseph to the Ishmaelites for twenty pieces of silver. And they brought Joseph into Egypt. 29And Reuben returned to the pit; and, behold, Joseph was not in the pit; and he tore his clothes. 30And he

returned to his brothers, and said, The child is not there; and I, where shall I go? 31And they took Joseph's coat, and killed a male goat, and dipped the coat in the blood; 32and they sent the coat of many colors, and they brought it to their father, and said, This we have found: know now whether it is your son's coat or not. 33And he knew it, and said, It is my son's coat: an evil beast has devoured him; Joseph is without doubt torn in pieces. 34And Jacob tore his garments, and put sackcloth upon his loins, and mourned for his son many days. 35And all his sons and all his daughters rose up to comfort him; but he refused to be comforted; and he said, For I will go down to Sheol to my son mourning. And his father wept for him. 36And the Midianites sold him into Egypt to Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh's, the captain of the guard.

Chapter 38

1And it happened at that time, that Judah went down from his brothers, and turned in to a certain Adullamite, whose name was Hirah. 2And Judah saw there a daughter of a certain Canaanite whose name was Shua; and he took her, and went in to her. 3And she conceived, and bore a son; and he called his name Er. 4And she conceived again, and bore a son; and she called his name Onan. 5And she once again bore a son, and called his name Shelah: and he was at Chezib, when she bore him. 6And Judah took a wife for Er his first-born, and her name was Tamar. 7And Er, Judah's first-born, was wicked in the sight of Yehovah; and Yehovah slew him. 8And Judah said to Onan, Go in to your brother's wife, and perform the duty of a husband's brother to her, and raise up seed to your brother. 9And Onan knew that the seed would not be his; and it happened, when he went in to his brother's wife, that he spilled it on the ground, lest he should give seed to his brother. 10And the thing which he did was evil in the sight of Yehovah: and he slew him also. 11Then Judah said to Tamar his daughter-in-law, Remain a widow in your father's house, till Shelah my son has grown up; for he said, Lest he also die, like his brothers. And Tamar went and dwelt in her father's house. 12And in the course of time Shua's daughter, the wife of Judah, died; and Judah was comforted, and went up to his sheep-shearers to Timnah, he and his friend Hirah the Adullamite. 13And it was told Tamar, saying, Behold, your father-in-law goes up to Timnah to shear his sheep. 14And she put off from her the garments of her widowhood, and covered herself with her veil, and wrapped herself, and sat in the gate of Enaim, which is by the way to Timnah; for she saw that Shelah had grown up, and she had not been given to him as wife. 15When Judah saw her, he thought her to be a prostitute; for she had covered her face. 16And he turned to her by the way, and said, Come, please let me come in to you: for he did not know that she was his daughter-in-law. And she said, What will you give me, that you may come in to me? 17And he said, I will send you a kid of the goats from the flock. And she said, Will you give me a pledge, till you send it? 18And he said, What pledge shall I give you? And she said, Your signet and your cord, and your staff that is in your hand. And he gave them to her, and came in to her, and she conceived by him. 19And she arose, and went away, and put off her veil from her, and put on the garments of her widowhood. 20And Judah sent the kid of the goats by the hand of his friend the Adullamite, to receive the pledge from the woman's hand: but he did not find her. 21Then he asked the men of her place, saying, Where is the prostitute, who was at Enaim by the wayside? And they said, There has been no prostitute here. 22And he returned to Judah, and said, I have not found her; and also the men of the place said, There has been no prostitute here. 23And Judah said, Let her keep it for herself, lest we be put to shame: behold, I sent this kid, and you have not found her. 24And it happened about three months after, that it was told Judah, saying, Tamar your daughter-in-law has played the prostitute; and moreover, behold, she is with child by prostitution. And Judah said, Bring her forth, and let her be burnt. 25When she was brought forth, she sent to her father-in-law, saying, By the man, whose these are, I am with child: and she said, Please discern whose these are, the signet, and the cords, and the staff. 26And Judah acknowledged them, and said, She is more righteous than I, since I did not give her to Shelah my son. And he knew her again no more. 27And it happened in the time of her labor, that, behold, twins were in her womb. 28And it happened, when she was in labor, that one put out a hand: and the midwife took and bound upon his hand a scarlet thread, saying, This came out first. 29And it happened, as he drew back his hand, that, behold, his brother came out: and she said, Why have you made a breach for yourself? therefore his name was called Perez. 30And afterward his brother came out, who had the scarlet thread upon his hand: and his name was called Zerah.

Chapter 39

[1]And Joseph was brought down to Egypt; and Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh's, the captain of the guard, an Egyptian, bought him from the hand of the Ishmaelites, who had brought him down there. [2]And Yehovah was with Joseph, and he was a prosperous man; and he was in the house of his master the Egyptian. [3]And his master saw that Yehovah was with him, and that Yehovah made all that he did prosper in his hand. [4]And Joseph found favor in his sight, and he ministered to him: and he made him overseer over his house, and all that he had he put into his hand. [5]And it happened from the time that he made him overseer in his house, and over all that he had, that Yehovah blessed the Egyptian's house for Joseph's sake; and the blessing of Yehovah was upon all that he had, in the house and in the field. [6]And he left all that he had in Joseph's hand; and he did not know anything that was with him, except the bread which he ate. And Joseph was handsome in form and appearance. [7]And it happened after these things, that his master's wife cast her eyes upon Joseph; and she said, Lie with me. [8]But he refused, and said to his master's wife, Behold, my master does not know what is with me in the house, and he has put all that he has into my hand: [9]he is not greater in this house than I; neither has he kept back anything from me but you, because you are his wife: how then can I do this great wickedness, and sin against God? [10]And it happened, as she spoke to Joseph day by day, that he did not listen to her, to lie by her, or to be with her. [11]And it happened about this time, that he went into the house to do his work; and there was none of the men of the house there within. [12]And she caught him by his garment, saying, Lie with me: and he left his garment in her hand, and fled, and got out. [13]And it happened, when she saw that he had left his garment in her hand, and had fled out, [14]that she called to the men of her house, and spoke to them, saying, See, he has brought in a Hebrew to us to mock us: he came in to me to lie with me, and I cried with a loud voice: [15]and it happened, when he heard that I lifted up my voice and cried, that he left his garment by me, and fled, and got out. [16]And she laid up his garment by her, until his master came home. [17]And she spoke to him according to these words, saying, The Hebrew servant, whom you have brought to us, came in to me to mock me: [18]and it happened, as I lifted up my voice and cried, that he left his garment by me, and fled out. [19]And it happened, when his master heard the words of his wife, which she spoke to him, saying, In this manner your servant did to me; that his wrath was kindled. [20]And Joseph's master took him, and put him into the prison, the place where the king's prisoners were bound: and he was there in the prison. [21]But Yehovah was with Joseph, and showed kindness to him, and gave him favor in the sight of the keeper of the prison. [22]And the keeper of the prison committed to Joseph's hand all the prisoners that were in the prison; and whatever they did there, he was the doer of it. [23]The keeper of the prison did not look to anything that was under his hand, because Yehovah was with him; and that which he did, Yehovah made it prosper.

Chapter 40

[1]And it happened after these things, that the cupbearer of the king of Egypt and his baker offended their lord the king of Egypt. [2]And Pharaoh was angry against his two officers, against the chief of the cupbearers, and against the chief of the bakers. [3]And he put them in custody in the house of the captain of the guard, into the prison, the place where Joseph was bound. [4]And the captain of the guard charged Joseph with them, and he ministered to them: and they continued for a time in custody. [5]And both of them dreamed a dream, each man his dream, in one night, each man according to the interpretation of his dream, the cupbearer and the baker of the king of Egypt, who were bound in the prison. [6]And Joseph came in to them in the morning, and saw them, and, behold, they were sad. [7]And he asked Pharaoh's officers who were with him in custody in his master's house, saying, Why do you look so sad today? [8]And they said to him, We have dreamed a dream, and there is no one who can interpret it. And Joseph said to them, Do not interpretations belong to God? please tell it to me. [9]And the chief cupbearer told his dream to Joseph, and said to him, In my dream, behold, a vine was before me; [10]and in the vine were three branches: and it was as though it budded, and its blossoms shot forth; and its clusters brought forth ripe grapes: [11]and Pharaoh's cup was in my hand; and I took the grapes, and pressed them into Pharaoh's cup, and I gave the cup into Pharaoh's hand. [12]And Joseph said to him, This is the interpretation of it: the three branches are three days; [13]within three more days Pharaoh shall lift up your head, and restore you to your office: and you shall give Pharaoh's cup into his hand, after the former manner when you were his cupbearer. [14]But have me in your remembrance when

it is well with you, and please show kindness to me, and make mention of me to Pharaoh, and bring me out of this house: 15for indeed I was stolen away out of the land of the Hebrews: and here also I have done nothing that they should put me into the dungeon. 16When the chief baker saw that the interpretation was good, he said to Joseph, I also was in my dream, and, behold, three baskets of white bread were on my head: 17and in the uppermost basket there was of all manner of baked food for Pharaoh; and the birds ate them out of the basket upon my head. 18And Joseph answered and said, This is its interpretation: the three baskets are three days; 19within three more days Pharaoh shall lift up your head from off you, and shall hang you on a tree; and the birds shall eat your flesh from off you. 20And it happened the third day, which was Pharaoh's birthday, that he made a feast to all his servants: and he lifted up the head of the chief cupbearer and the head of the chief baker among his servants. 21And he restored the chief cupbearer to his position again; and he gave the cup into Pharaoh's hand: 22but he hanged the chief baker: as Joseph had interpreted to them. 23Yet the chief cupbearer did not remember Joseph, but forgot him.

Chapter 41

1And it happened at the end of two full years, that Pharaoh dreamed: and, behold, he stood by the river. 2And, behold, there came up out of the river seven cows, attractive and fat-fleshed; and they fed in the reed-grass. 3And, behold, seven other cows came up after them out of the river, ugly and lean-fleshed, and stood by the other cows upon the brink of the river. 4And the ugly and lean-fleshed cows ate up the seven attractive and fat cows. So Pharaoh awoke. 5And he slept and dreamed a second time: and, behold, seven ears of grain came up upon one stalk, plump and good. 6And, behold, seven ears, thin and scorched by the east wind, sprouted after them. 7And the thin ears swallowed up the seven plump and full ears. And Pharaoh awoke, and, behold, it was a dream. 8And it happened in the morning that his spirit was troubled; and he sent and called for all the magicians of Egypt, and all its wise men: and Pharaoh told them his dream; but there was no one who could interpret them to Pharaoh. 9Then the chief cupbearer spoke to Pharaoh, saying, I remember my faults this day: 10Pharaoh was angry with his servants, and put me in custody in the house of the captain of the guard, me and the chief baker: 11and we dreamed a dream in one night, I and he; we dreamed each man according to the interpretation of his dream. 12And there was with us there a young man, a Hebrew, servant to the captain of the guard; and we told him, and he interpreted to us our dreams; to each man according to his dream he interpreted. 13And it happened, as he interpreted to us, so it was; me he restored to my office, and him he hanged. 14Then Pharaoh sent and called Joseph, and they brought him hastily out of the dungeon: and he shaved himself, and changed his clothing, and came in to Pharaoh. 15And Pharaoh said to Joseph, I have dreamed a dream, and there is no one who can interpret it: and I have heard it said of you, that when you hear a dream you can interpret it. 16And Joseph answered Pharaoh, saying, It is not in me: God will give Pharaoh an answer of peace. 17And Pharaoh spoke to Joseph, In my dream, behold, I stood upon the brink of the river: 18and, behold, there came up out of the river seven cows, fat-fleshed and attractive: and they fed in the reed-grass: 19and, behold, seven other cows came up after them, poor and very ugly and lean-fleshed, such as I never saw in all the land of Egypt for badness: 20and the lean and ugly cows ate up the first seven fat cows: 21and when they had eaten them up, it could not be known that they had eaten them; but they were still ugly, as at the beginning. So I awoke. 22And I saw in my dream, and, behold, seven ears came up upon one stalk, full and good: 23and, behold, seven ears, withered, thin, and scorched by the east wind, sprouted after them: 24and the thin ears swallowed up the seven good ears: and I told it to the magicians; but there was no one who could declare it to me. 25And Joseph said to Pharaoh, The dream of Pharaoh is one: what God is about to do he has declared to Pharaoh. 26The seven good cows are seven years; and the seven good ears are seven years: the dream is one. 27And the seven lean and ugly cows that came up after them are seven years, and also the seven empty ears scorched by the east wind; they shall be seven years of famine. 28That is the thing which I spoke to Pharaoh: what God is about to do he has shown to Pharaoh. 29Behold, there come seven years of great plenty throughout all the land of Egypt: 30and there shall arise after them seven years of famine; and all the plenty shall be forgotten in the land of Egypt; and the famine shall consume the land; 31and the plenty shall not be known in the land by reason of that famine which follows; for it shall be very grievous. 32And because the dream was doubled to Pharaoh, it is because the thing is established by God, and God will shortly bring it to

pass. 33Now therefore let Pharaoh look for a man discreet and wise, and set him over the land of Egypt. 34Let Pharaoh do this, and let him appoint overseers over the land, and take up the fifth part of the land of Egypt in the seven plentiful years. 35And let them gather all the food of these good years that come, and lay up grain under the hand of Pharaoh for food in the cities, and let them keep it. 36And the food shall be for a store to the land against the seven years of famine, which shall be in the land of Egypt; that the land may not perish through the famine. 37And the thing was good in the eyes of Pharaoh, and in the eyes of all his servants. 38And Pharaoh said to his servants, Can we find such a one as this, a man in whom the spirit of God is? 39And Pharaoh said to Joseph, Since God has shown you all this, there is no one so discreet and wise as you: 40you shall be over my house, and according to your word all my people shall be ruled: only in the throne I will be greater than you. 41And Pharaoh said to Joseph, See, I have set you over all the land of Egypt. 42And Pharaoh took off his signet ring from his hand, and put it upon Joseph's hand, and clothed him in garments of fine linen, and put a gold chain about his neck; 43and he made him ride in the second chariot which he had; and they cried before him, Bow the knee: and he set him over all the land of Egypt. 44And Pharaoh said to Joseph, I am Pharaoh, and without you no man shall lift up his hand or his foot in all the land of Egypt. 45And Pharaoh called Joseph's name Zaphenath-paneah; and he gave him as wife Asenath, the daughter of Poti-phera priest of On. And Joseph went out over the land of Egypt. 46And Joseph was thirty years old when he stood before Pharaoh king of Egypt. And Joseph went out from the presence of Pharaoh, and went throughout all the land of Egypt. 47And in the seven plentiful years the earth brought forth by handfuls. 48And he gathered up all the food of the seven years which were in the land of Egypt, and laid up the food in the cities: the food of the field, which was all around every city, he laid up in it. 49And Joseph laid up grain as the sand of the sea, very much, until he stopped counting; for it was without number. 50And to Joseph were born two sons before the year of famine came, whom Asenath, the daughter of Poti-phera priest of On, bore to him. 51And Joseph called the name of the first-born Manasseh: For, he said, God has made me forget all my toil, and all my father's house. 52And the name of the second he called Ephraim: For God has made me fruitful in the land of my affliction. 53And the seven years of plenty, that were in the land of Egypt, came to an end. 54And the seven years of famine began to come, according as Joseph had said: and there was famine in all lands; but in all the land of Egypt there was bread. 55And when all the land of Egypt was famished, the people cried to Pharaoh for bread: and Pharaoh said to all the Egyptians, Go to Joseph; what he says to you, do. 56And the famine was over all the face of the earth: and Joseph opened all the store-houses, and sold to the Egyptians; and the famine was severe in the land of Egypt. 57And all countries came into Egypt to Joseph to buy grain, because the famine was severe in all the earth.

Chapter 42

1Now Jacob saw that there was grain in Egypt, and Jacob said to his sons, Why do you look one upon another? 2And he said, Behold, I have heard that there is grain in Egypt: go down there, and buy for us from there; that we may live, and not die. 3And Joseph's ten brothers went down to buy grain from Egypt. 4But Benjamin, Joseph's brother, Jacob did not send with his brothers; for he said, Lest perhaps harm befall him. 5And the sons of Israel came to buy among those that came: for the famine was in the land of Canaan. 6And Joseph was the governor over the land; it was he who sold to all the people of the land. And Joseph's brothers came, and bowed themselves down to him with their faces to the earth. 7And Joseph saw his brothers, and he knew them, but made himself strange to them, and spoke roughly with them; and he said to them, Where have you come from? And they said, From the land of Canaan to buy food. 8And Joseph recognized his brothers, but they did not recognize him. 9And Joseph remembered the dreams which he dreamed of them, and said to them, You are spies; to see the nakedness of the land you have come. 10And they said to him, No, my lord, but to buy food your servants have come. 11We are all one man's sons; we are true men, your servants are no spies. 12And he said to them, No, but to see the nakedness of the land you have come. 13And they said, We your servants are twelve brothers, the sons of one man in the land of Canaan; and, behold, the youngest is this day with our father, and one is not. 14And Joseph said to them, That is it that I spoke to you, saying, You are spies: 15by this you shall be tested: by the life of Pharaoh you shall not go forth from here, unless your youngest brother comes here. 16Send one of you, and let him fetch your

brother, and you shall be bound, that your words may be proved, whether there is truth in you: or else by the life of Pharaoh surely you are spies. 17And he put them all together into custody three days. 18And Joseph said to them the third day, This do, and live; for I fear God: 19if you are true men, let one of your brothers be bound in your prison-house; but go, carry grain for the famine of your houses: 20and bring your youngest brother to me; so your words shall be verified, and you shall not die. And they did so. 21And they said one to another, We are truly guilty concerning our brother, in that we saw the distress of his soul, when he pleaded with us, and we would not hear; therefore this distress has come upon us. 22And Reuben answered them, saying, Did I not speak to you, saying, Do not sin against the child; and you would not hear? therefore also, behold, his blood is required. 23And they did not know that Joseph understood them; for there was an interpreter between them. 24And he turned himself about from them, and wept; and he returned to them, and spoke to them, and took Simeon from among them, and bound him before their eyes. 25Then Joseph commanded to fill their vessels with grain, and to restore every man's money into his sack, and to give them provision for the way: and thus it was done to them. 26And they loaded their donkeys with their grain, and departed from there. 27And as one of them opened his sack to give his donkey fodder in the lodging-place, he saw his money; and, behold, it was in the mouth of his sack. 28And he said to his brothers, My money is restored; and, look, it is even in my sack: and their heart failed them, and they turned trembling one to another, saying, What is this that God has done to us? 29And they came to Jacob their father to the land of Canaan, and told him all that had befallen them, saying, 30The man, the lord of the land, spoke roughly with us, and took us for spies of the country. 31And we said to him, We are true men; we are no spies: 32we are twelve brothers, sons of our father; one is not, and the youngest is this day with our father in the land of Canaan. 33And the man, the lord of the land, said to us, By this I shall know that you are true men: leave one of your brothers with me, and take grain for the famine of your houses, and go your way; 34and bring your youngest brother to me: then I shall know that you are no spies, but that you are true men: so I will deliver your brother to you, and you shall trade in the land. 35And it happened as they emptied their sacks, that, behold, every man's bundle of money was in his sack: and when they and their father saw their bundles of money, they were afraid. 36And Jacob their father said to them, You have bereaved me of my children: Joseph is not, and Simeon is not, and you will take Benjamin away: all these things are against me. 37And Reuben spoke to his father, saying, Slay my two sons, if I do not bring him to you: deliver him into my hand, and I will bring him back to you. 38And he said, My son shall not go down with you; for his brother is dead, and he only is left: if harm befalls him by the way in which you go, then you will bring down my gray hairs with sorrow to Sheol.

Chapter 43

1And the famine was severe in the land. 2And it happened, when they had eaten up the grain which they had brought out of Egypt, their father said to them, Go again, buy us a little food. 3And Judah spoke to him, saying, The man solemnly warned us, saying, You shall not see my face, unless your brother is with you. 4If you will send our brother with us, we will go down and buy you food: 5but if you will not send him, we will not go down; for the man said to us, You shall not see my face, unless your brother is with you. 6And Israel said, Why did you treat me so badly, as to tell the man whether you still had a brother? 7And they said, The man asked closely concerning ourselves, and concerning our kindred, saying, Is your father still alive? do you have another brother? and we told him according to the tenor of these words: could we in any way know that he would say, Bring your brother down? 8And Judah said to Israel his father, Send the lad with me, and we will arise and go; that we may live, and not die, both we, and you, and also our little ones. 9I will be surety for him; from my hand you shall require him: if I do not bring him to you, and set him before you, then let me bear the blame forever: 10for if we had not lingered, surely we would now have returned a second time. 11And their father Israel said to them, If it is so now, do this: take of the choice fruits of the land in your vessels, and carry down a present to the man, a little balm, and a little honey, spices and myrrh, nuts, and almonds; 12and take double money in your hand; and the money that was returned in the mouth of your sacks carry back in your hand; perhaps it was an oversight: 13take also your brother, and arise, go again to the man: 14and God Almighty give you mercy before the man, that he may release to you your other brother and Benjamin. And if I am bereaved of my

children, I am bereaved. 15And the men took that present, and they took double money in their hand, and Benjamin; and rose up, and went down to Egypt, and stood before Joseph. 16And when Joseph saw Benjamin with them, he said to the steward of his house, Bring the men into the house, and slaughter, and make ready; for the men shall dine with me at noon. 17And the man did as Joseph told him; and the man brought the men to Joseph's house. 18And the men were afraid, because they were brought to Joseph's house; and they said, Because of the money that was returned in our sacks at the first time we are brought in; that he may seek occasion against us, and fall upon us, and take us for slaves, and our donkeys. 19And they came near to the steward of Joseph's house, and they spoke to him at the door of the house, 20and said, Oh, my lord, we indeed came down the first time to buy food: 21and it happened, when we came to the lodging-place, that we opened our sacks, and, behold, every man's money was in the mouth of his sack, our money in full weight: and we have brought it back in our hand. 22And other money we have brought down in our hand to buy food: we do not know who put our money in our sacks. 23And he said, Peace be to you, do not fear: your God, and the God of your father, has given you treasure in your sacks: I had your money. And he brought Simeon out to them. 24And the man brought the men into Joseph's house, and gave them water, and they washed their feet; and he gave their donkeys fodder. 25And they made ready the present for Joseph's coming at noon: for they heard that they should eat bread there. 26And when Joseph came home, they brought him the present which was in their hand into the house, and bowed themselves down to him to the earth. 27And he asked them about their welfare, and said, Is your father well, the old man of whom you spoke? Is he still alive? 28And they said, Your servant our father is well, he is still alive. And they bowed the head, and bowed down. 29And he lifted up his eyes, and saw Benjamin his brother, his mother's son, and said, Is this your youngest brother, of whom you spoke to me? And he said, God be gracious to you, my son. 30And Joseph made haste; for his heart yearned for his brother: and he sought where to weep; and he entered into his chamber, and wept there. 31And he washed his face, and came out; and he refrained himself, and said, Serve the bread. 32And they served him by himself, and for them by themselves, and for the Egyptians, who ate with him, by themselves: because the Egyptians could not eat bread with the Hebrews; for that is an abomination to the Egyptians. 33And they sat before him, the first-born according to his birthright, and the youngest according to his youth: and the men marveled one with another. 34And he took and sent portions to them from before him: but Benjamin's portion was five times as much as any of theirs. And they drank, and were merry with him.

Chapter 44

1And he commanded the steward of his house, saying, Fill the men's sacks with food, as much as they can carry, and put every man's money in his sack's mouth. 2And put my cup, the silver cup, in the sack's mouth of the youngest, and his grain money. And he did according to the word that Joseph had spoken. 3As soon as the morning was light, the men were sent away, they and their donkeys. 4And when they had gone out of the city, and were not yet far off, Joseph said to his steward, Up, follow after the men; and when you overtake them, say to them, Why have you rewarded evil for good? 5Is not this that in which my lord drinks, and by which he indeed divines? you have done evil in so doing. 6And he overtook them, and he spoke to them these words. 7And they said to him, Why does my lord speak such words as these? Far be it from your servants that they should do such a thing. 8Behold, the money, which we found in our sacks' mouths, we brought back to you out of the land of Canaan: how then should we steal out of your lord's house silver or gold? 9With whomever of your servants it is found, let him die, and we also will be my lord's slaves. 10And he said, Now also let it be according to your words: he with whom it is found shall be my slave; and you shall be blameless. 11Then they hurried, and each man took down his sack to the ground, and each man opened his sack. 12And he searched, and began at the eldest, and ended at the youngest: and the cup was found in Benjamin's sack. 13Then they tore their clothes, and each man loaded his donkey, and returned to the city. 14And Judah and his brothers came to Joseph's house; and he was still there: and they fell before him on the ground. 15And Joseph said to them, What deed is this that you have done? do you not know that such a man as I can indeed divine? 16And Judah said, What shall we say to my lord? what shall we speak? or how shall we clear ourselves? God has found out the iniquity of your servants: behold, we are my lord's slaves, both we, and he also in whose hand the cup is found. 17And he

said, Far be it from me that I should do so: the man in whose hand the cup is found, he shall be my slave; but as for you, go up in peace to your father. 18Then Judah came near to him, and said, Oh, my lord, please let your servant speak a word in my lord's ears, and do not let your anger burn against your servant; for you are even as Pharaoh. 19My lord asked his servants, saying, Do you have a father, or a brother? 20And we said to my lord, We have a father, an old man, and a child of his old age, a little one; and his brother is dead, and he alone is left of his mother; and his father loves him. 21And you said to your servants, Bring him down to me, that I may set my eyes upon him. 22And we said to my lord, The lad cannot leave his father: for if he should leave his father, his father would die. 23And you said to your servants, Unless your youngest brother comes down with you, you shall see my face no more. 24And it happened when we came up to your servant my father, we told him the words of my lord. 25And our father said, Go again, buy us a little food. 26And we said, We cannot go down: if our youngest brother is with us, then we will go down; for we may not see the man's face, unless our youngest brother is with us. 27And your servant my father said to us, You know that my wife bore me two sons: 28and the one went out from me, and I said, Surely he is torn in pieces; and I have not seen him since: 29and if you take this one also from me, and harm befalls him, you will bring down my gray hairs with sorrow to Sheol. 30Now therefore when I come to your servant my father, and the lad is not with us; seeing that his life is bound up in the lad's life; 31it will happen, when he sees that the lad is not with us, that he will die: and your servants will bring down the gray hairs of your servant our father with sorrow to Sheol. 32For your servant became surety for the lad to my father, saying, If I do not bring him to you, then I shall bear the blame to my father forever. 33Now therefore, please let your servant remain instead of the lad as a slave to my lord; and let the lad go up with his brothers. 34For how shall I go up to my father, if the lad is not with me? lest I see the evil that shall come on my father.

Chapter 45

1Then Joseph could not refrain himself before all those who stood by him; and he cried, Cause every man to go out from me. And there stood no man with him, while Joseph made himself known to his brothers. 2And he wept aloud: and the Egyptians heard, and the house of Pharaoh heard. 3And Joseph said to his brothers, I am Joseph; does my father still live? And his brothers could not answer him; for they were troubled at his presence. 4And Joseph said to his brothers, Please come near to me. And they came near. And he said, I am Joseph your brother, whom you sold into Egypt. 5And now do not be grieved, nor angry with yourselves, that you sold me here: for God sent me before you to preserve life. 6For these two years the famine has been in the land: and there are still five years, in which there shall be neither plowing nor harvest. 7And God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant in the earth, and to keep you alive by a great deliverance. 8So now it was not you who sent me here, but God: and he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house, and ruler over all the land of Egypt. 9Hurry, and go up to my father, and say to him, Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt: come down to me, do not delay; 10and you shall dwell in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near to me, you, and your children, and your children's children, and your flocks, and your herds, and all that you have: 11and there I will nourish you; for there are still five years of famine; lest you come to poverty, you, and your household, and all that you have. 12And, behold, your eyes see, and the eyes of my brother Benjamin, that it is my mouth that speaks to you. 13And you shall tell my father of all my glory in Egypt, and of all that you have seen: and you shall hurry and bring down my father here. 14And he fell upon his brother Benjamin's neck, and wept; and Benjamin wept upon his neck. 15And he kissed all his brothers, and wept upon them: and after that his brothers talked with him. 16And its report was heard in Pharaoh's house, saying, Joseph's brothers have come: and it pleased Pharaoh well, and his servants. 17And Pharaoh said to Joseph, Say to your brothers, Do this: load your beasts, and go on to the land of Canaan; 18and take your father and your households, and come to me: and I will give you the good of the land of Egypt, and you shall eat the fat of the land. 19Now you are commanded, do this: take wagons out of the land of Egypt for your little ones, and for your wives, and bring your father, and come. 20Also do not be concerned about your goods; for the good of all the land of Egypt is yours. 21And the sons of Israel did so: and Joseph gave them wagons, according to the commandment of Pharaoh, and gave them provision for the way. 22To all of them he gave each man changes of clothing; but to Benjamin he

gave three hundred pieces of silver, and five changes of clothing. 23And to his father he sent in this manner: ten donkeys loaded with the good things of Egypt, and ten female donkeys loaded with grain and bread and provision for his father by the way. 24So he sent his brothers away, and they departed: and he said to them, See that you do not quarrel on the way. 25And they went up out of Egypt, and came into the land of Canaan to Jacob their father. 26And they told him, saying, Joseph is still alive, and he is ruler over all the land of Egypt. And his heart fainted, for he did not believe them. 27And they told him all the words of Joseph, which he had said to them: and when he saw the wagons which Joseph had sent to carry him, the spirit of Jacob their father revived: 28and Israel said, It is enough; Joseph my son is still alive: I will go and see him before I die.

Chapter 46

1And Israel took his journey with all that he had, and came to Beer-sheba, and offered sacrifices to the God of his father Isaac. 2And God spoke to Israel in the visions of the night, and said, Jacob, Jacob. And he said, Here I am. 3And he said, I am God, the God of your father: do not fear to go down into Egypt; for there I will make of you a great nation: 4I will go down with you into Egypt; and I will also surely bring you up again: and Joseph shall put his hand upon your eyes. 5And Jacob rose up from Beer-sheba: and the sons of Israel carried Jacob their father, and their little ones, and their wives, in the wagons which Pharaoh had sent to carry him. 6And they took their cattle, and their goods, which they had gotten in the land of Canaan, and came into Egypt, Jacob, and all his seed with him: 7his sons, and his sons' sons with him, his daughters, and his sons' daughters, and all his seed he brought with him into Egypt. 8And these are the names of the children of Israel, who came into Egypt, Jacob and his sons: Reuben, Jacob's first-born. 9And the sons of Reuben: Hanoch, and Pallu, and Hezron, and Carmi. 10And the sons of Simeon: Jemuel, and Jamin, and Ohad, and Jachin, and Zohar, and Shaul the son of a Canaanite woman. 11And the sons of Levi: Gershon, Kohath, and Merari. 12And the sons of Judah: Er, and Onan, and Shelah, and Perez, and Zerah; but Er and Onan died in the land of Canaan. And the sons of Perez were Hezron and Hamul. 13And the sons of Issachar: Tola, and Puvah, and Iob, and Shimron. 14And the sons of Zebulun: Sered, and Elon, and Jahleel. 15These are the sons of Leah, whom she bore to Jacob in Paddan-aram, with his daughter Dinah: all the souls of his sons and his daughters were thirty-three. 16And the sons of Gad: Ziphion, and Haggi, Shuni, and Ezbon, Eri, and Arodi, and Areli. 17And the sons of Asher: Imnah, and Ishvah, and Ishvi, and Beriah, and Serah their sister; and the sons of Beriah: Heber, and Malchiel. 18These are the sons of Zilpah, whom Laban gave to Leah his daughter; and these she bore to Jacob, even sixteen souls. 19The sons of Rachel Jacob's wife: Joseph and Benjamin. 20And to Joseph in the land of Egypt were born Manasseh and Ephraim, whom Asenath, the daughter of Poti-phera priest of On, bore to him. 21And the sons of Benjamin: Bela, and Becher, and Ashbel, Gera, and Naaman, Ehi, and Rosh, Muppim, and Huppim, and Ard. 22These are the sons of Rachel, who were born to Jacob: all the souls were fourteen. 23And the sons of Dan: Hushim. 24And the sons of Naphtali: Jahzeel, and Guni, and Jezer, and Shillem. 25These are the sons of Bilhah, whom Laban gave to Rachel his daughter, and these she bore to Jacob: all the souls were seven. 26All the souls that came with Jacob into Egypt, who came out of his loins, besides Jacob's sons' wives, all the souls were sixty-six; 27and the sons of Joseph, who were born to him in Egypt, were two souls: all the souls of the house of Jacob, who came into Egypt, were seventy. 28And he sent Judah before him to Joseph, to show the way before him to Goshen; and they came into the land of Goshen. 29And Joseph made ready his chariot, and went up to meet Israel his father, to Goshen; and he presented himself to him, and fell on his neck, and wept on his neck a good while. 30And Israel said to Joseph, Now let me die, since I have seen your face, that you are still alive. 31And Joseph said to his brothers, and to his father's house, I will go up, and tell Pharaoh, and will say to him, My brothers, and my father's house, who were in the land of Canaan, have come to me; 32and the men are shepherds, for they have been keepers of cattle; and they have brought their flocks, and their herds, and all that they have. 33And it shall happen, when Pharaoh calls you, and says, What is your occupation? 34that you shall say, Your servants have been keepers of cattle from our youth even until now, both we, and our fathers: that you may dwell in the land of Goshen; for every shepherd is an abomination to the Egyptians.

Chapter 47

1Then Joseph went in and told Pharaoh, and said, My father and my brothers, and their flocks, and their

herds, and all that they have, have come out of the land of Canaan; and, behold, they are in the land of Goshen. 2And from among his brothers he took five men, and presented them to Pharaoh. 3And Pharaoh said to his brothers, What is your occupation? And they said to Pharaoh, Your servants are shepherds, both we, and our fathers. 4And they said to Pharaoh, To sojourn in the land we have come; for there is no pasture for your servants' flocks; for the famine is severe in the land of Canaan: now therefore, please let your servants dwell in the land of Goshen. 5And Pharaoh spoke to Joseph, saying, Your father and your brothers have come to you: 6the land of Egypt is before you; in the best of the land make your father and your brothers dwell; in the land of Goshen let them dwell: and if you know any able men among them, then make them rulers over my cattle. 7And Joseph brought in Jacob his father, and set him before Pharaoh: and Jacob blessed Pharaoh. 8And Pharaoh said to Jacob, How many are the days of the years of your life? 9And Jacob said to Pharaoh, The days of the years of my pilgrimage are a hundred and thirty years: few and evil have been the days of the years of my life, and they have not attained to the days of the years of the life of my fathers in the days of their pilgrimage. 10And Jacob blessed Pharaoh, and went out from the presence of Pharaoh. 11And Joseph placed his father and his brothers, and gave them a possession in the land of Egypt, in the best of the land, in the land of Rameses, as Pharaoh had commanded. 12And Joseph nourished his father, and his brothers, and all his father's household, with bread, according to their families. 13And there was no bread in all the land; for the famine was very severe, so that the land of Egypt and the land of Canaan fainted because of the famine. 14And Joseph gathered up all the money that was found in the land of Egypt, and in the land of Canaan, for the grain which they bought: and Joseph brought the money into Pharaoh's house. 15And when the money was all spent in the land of Egypt, and in the land of Canaan, all the Egyptians came to Joseph, and said, Give us bread: for why should we die in your presence? for our money fails. 16And Joseph said, Give your cattle; and I will give you for your cattle, if money fails. 17And they brought their cattle to Joseph; and Joseph gave them bread in exchange for the horses, and for the flocks, and for the herds, and for the donkeys: and he fed them with bread in exchange for all their cattle for that year. 18And when that year was ended, they came to him the second year, and said to him, We will not hide from my lord, that our money is all spent; and the herds of cattle are my lord's; there is nothing left in the sight of my lord, but our bodies, and our lands: 19why should we die before your eyes, both we and our land? buy us and our land for bread, and we and our land will be servants to Pharaoh: and give us seed, that we may live, and not die, and that the land may not be desolate. 20So Joseph bought all the land of Egypt for Pharaoh; for the Egyptians each sold his field, because the famine was severe upon them: and the land became Pharaoh's. 21And as for the people, he removed them to the cities from one end of the border of Egypt even to its other end. 22Only the land of the priests he did not buy: for the priests had a portion from Pharaoh, and ate their portion which Pharaoh gave them; therefore they did not sell their land. 23Then Joseph said to the people, Behold, I have bought you this day and your land for Pharaoh: look, here is seed for you, and you shall sow the land. 24And it shall happen at the harvests, that you shall give a fifth to Pharaoh, and four parts shall be your own, for seed of the field, and for your food, and for those of your households, and for food for your little ones. 25And they said, You have saved our lives: let us find favor in the sight of my lord, and we will be Pharaoh's servants. 26And Joseph made it a statute concerning the land of Egypt to this day, that Pharaoh should have the fifth; only the land of the priests alone did not become Pharaoh's. 27And Israel dwelt in the land of Egypt, in the land of Goshen; and they got possessions in it, and were fruitful, and multiplied exceedingly. 28And Jacob lived in the land of Egypt seventeen years: so the days of Jacob, the years of his life, were a hundred and forty-seven years. 29And the time drew near that Israel must die: and he called his son Joseph, and said to him, If now I have found favor in your sight, please put your hand under my thigh, and deal kindly and truly with me: please do not bury me in Egypt; 30but when I sleep with my fathers, you shall carry me out of Egypt, and bury me in their burying-place. And he said, I will do as you have said. 31And he said, Swear to me: and he swore to him. And Israel bowed himself upon the head of the bed.

Chapter 48

1And it happened after these things, that one said to Joseph, Behold, your father is sick: and he took with him his two sons, Manasseh and Ephraim. 2And one told Jacob, and said, Behold, your son Joseph comes

to you: and Israel strengthened himself, and sat upon the bed. 3And Jacob said to Joseph, God Almighty appeared to me at Luz in the land of Canaan, and blessed me, 4and said to me, Behold, I will make you fruitful, and multiply you, and I will make of you a company of peoples, and will give this land to your seed after you for an everlasting possession. 5And now your two sons, who were born to you in the land of Egypt before I came to you into Egypt, are mine; Ephraim and Manasseh, even as Reuben and Simeon, shall be mine. 6And your offspring, whom you father after them, shall be yours; they shall be called after the name of their brothers in their inheritance. 7And as for me, when I came from Paddan, Rachel died by me in the land of Canaan in the way, when there was still some distance to come to Ephrath: and I buried her there in the way to Ephrath (that is, Beth-lehem). 8And Israel beheld Joseph's sons, and said, Who are these? 9And Joseph said to his father, They are my sons, whom God has given me here. And he said, Please bring them to me, and I will bless them. 10Now the eyes of Israel were dim for age, so that he could not see. And he brought them near to him; and he kissed them, and embraced them. 11And Israel said to Joseph, I had not thought to see your face: and, look, God has let me see your seed also. 12And Joseph brought them out from between his knees; and he bowed himself with his face to the earth. 13And Joseph took them both, Ephraim in his right hand toward Israel's left hand, and Manasseh in his left hand toward Israel's right hand, and brought them near to him. 14And Israel stretched out his right hand, and laid it upon Ephraim's head, who was the younger, and his left hand upon Manasseh's head, crossing his hands knowingly; for Manasseh was the first-born. 15And he blessed Joseph, and said, The God before whom my fathers Abraham and Isaac walked, the God who has fed me all my life long to this day, 16the angel who has redeemed me from all evil, bless the lads; and let my name be named on them, and the name of my fathers Abraham and Isaac; and let them grow into a multitude in the midst of the earth. 17And when Joseph saw that his father laid his right hand upon the head of Ephraim, it displeased him: and he held up his father's hand, to remove it from Ephraim's head to Manasseh's head. 18And Joseph said to his father, Not so, my father; for this is the first-born; put your right hand upon his head. 19And his father refused, and said, I know it, my son, I know it; he also shall become a people, and he also shall be great: however his younger brother shall be greater than he, and his seed shall become a multitude of nations. 20And he blessed them that day, saying, In you Israel will bless, saying, God make you as Ephraim and as Manasseh: and he set Ephraim before Manasseh. 21And Israel said to Joseph, Behold, I die: but God will be with you, and bring you back to the land of your fathers. 22Moreover I have given to you one portion above your brothers, which I took out of the hand of the Amorite with my sword and with my bow.

Chapter 49

1And Jacob called to his sons, and said: Gather yourselves together, that I may tell you that which shall befall you in the latter days. 2Assemble yourselves, and hear, you sons of Jacob; And listen to Israel your father. 3Reuben, you are my first-born, my might, and the beginning of my strength; The pre-eminence of dignity, and the pre-eminence of power. 4Boiling over as water, you shall not have the pre-eminence; Because you went up to your father's bed; Then you defiled it: he went up to my couch. 5Simeon and Levi are brothers; Weapons of violence are their swords. 6O my soul, do not come into their council; To their assembly, my glory, do not be united; For in their anger they slew a man, And in their self-will they hamstrung an ox. 7Cursed be their anger, for it was fierce; And their wrath, for it was cruel: I will divide them in Jacob, And scatter them in Israel. 8Judah, your brothers shall praise you: Your hand shall be on the neck of your enemies; Your father's sons shall bow down before you. 9Judah is a lion's whelp; From the prey, my son, you have gone up: He stooped down, he crouched as a lion, And as a lioness; who shall rouse him up? 10The scepter shall not depart from Judah, Nor the ruler's staff from between his feet, Until Shiloh comes; And to him shall the obedience of the peoples be. 11Binding his foal to the vine, And his donkey's colt to the choice vine; He has washed his garments in wine, And his robe in the blood of grapes: 12His eyes shall be red with wine, And his teeth white with milk. 13Zebulun shall dwell at the haven of the sea; And he shall be for a haven of ships; And his border shall be upon Sidon. 14Issachar is a strong donkey, Lying down between the sheepfolds: 15And he saw a resting-place that it was good, And the land that it was pleasant; And he bowed his shoulder to bear, And became a servant under forced labor. 16Dan shall judge his people, As one of the tribes of Israel. 17Dan shall be a serpent in

the way, An adder in the path, That bites the horse's heels, So that his rider falls backward. 18I have waited for your salvation, O Yehovah. 19Gad, a troop shall press upon him; But he shall press upon their heel. 20Out of Asher his bread shall be fat, And he shall yield royal dainties. 21Naphtali is a hind let loose: He gives beautiful words. 22Joseph is a fruitful bough, A fruitful bough by a fountain; His branches run over the wall. 23The archers have bitterly grieved him, And shot at him, and persecuted him: 24But his bow remained in strength, And the arms of his hands were made strong, By the hands of the Mighty One of Jacob (From there is the shepherd, the stone of Israel), 25Even by the God of your father, who shall help you, And by the Almighty, who shall bless you, With blessings of heaven above, Blessings of the deep that lies beneath, Blessings of the breasts, and of the womb. 26The blessings of your father Have prevailed above the blessings of my progenitors To the utmost bound of the everlasting hills: They shall be on the head of Joseph, And on the crown of the head of him who was separate from his brothers. 27Benjamin is a ravenous wolf: In the morning he shall devour the prey, And at evening he shall divide the spoil. 28All these are the twelve tribes of Israel: and this is what their father spoke to them and blessed them; every one according to his blessing he blessed them. 29And he charged them, and said to them, I am to be gathered to my people: bury me with my fathers in the cave that is in the field of Ephron the Hittite, 30in the cave that is in the field of Machpelah, which is before Mamre, in the land of Canaan, which Abraham bought with the field from Ephron the Hittite for a possession of a burying-place. 31There they buried Abraham and Sarah his wife; there they buried Isaac and Rebekah his wife; and there I buried Leah— 32the field and the cave that is in it, which was purchased from the children of Heth. 33And when Jacob finished charging his sons, he gathered up his feet into the bed, and breathed his last, and was gathered to his people.

Chapter 50

1And Joseph fell upon his father's face, and wept upon him, and kissed him. 2And Joseph commanded his servants the physicians to embalm his father: and the physicians embalmed Israel. 3And forty days were fulfilled for him; for so the days of embalming are fulfilled: and the Egyptians wept for him seventy days. 4And when the days of weeping for him were past, Joseph spoke to the house of Pharaoh, saying, If now I have found favor in your eyes, please speak in the ears of Pharaoh, saying, 5My father made me swear, saying, Look, I am dying: in my grave which I have dug for myself in the land of Canaan, there you shall bury me. Now therefore please let me go up, and bury my father, and I will come back. 6And Pharaoh said, Go up, and bury your father, according as he made you swear. 7And Joseph went up to bury his father; and with him went up all the servants of Pharaoh, the elders of his house, and all the elders of the land of Egypt, 8and all the house of Joseph, and his brothers, and his father's house: only their little ones, and their flocks, and their herds, they left in the land of Goshen. 9And there went up with him both chariots and horsemen: and it was a very great company. 10And they came to the threshing-floor of Atad, which is beyond the Jordan, and there they lamented with a very great and bitter lamentation: and he made a mourning for his father seven days. 11And when the inhabitants of the land, the Canaanites, saw the mourning in the floor of Atad, they said, This is a grievous mourning to the Egyptians: therefore its name was called Abel-mizraim, which is beyond the Jordan. 12And his sons did to him according as he commanded them: 13for his sons carried him into the land of Canaan, and buried him in the cave of the field of Machpelah, which Abraham bought with the field, for a possession of a burying-place, from Ephron the Hittite, before Mamre. 14And Joseph returned into Egypt, he, and his brothers, and all who went up with him to bury his father, after he had buried his father. 15And when Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, It may be that Joseph will hate us, and will fully repay us all the evil which we did to him. 16And they sent a message to Joseph, saying, Your father commanded before he died, saying, 17So you shall say to Joseph, Please forgive now the transgression of your brothers, and their sin, because they did evil to you. And now, please forgive the transgression of the servants of the God of your father. And Joseph wept when they spoke to him. 18And his brothers also went and fell down before his face; and they said, Behold, we are your servants. 19And Joseph said to them, Do not fear: for am I in the place of God? 20And as for you, you meant evil against me; but God meant it for good, to bring to pass, as it is this day, to keep many people alive. 21Now therefore do not fear: I will nourish you, and your little ones. And he comforted them, and spoke kindly to them.

22 And Joseph dwelt in Egypt, he, and his father's house: and Joseph lived a hundred and ten years. 23 And Joseph saw Ephraim's children of the third generation: the children also of Machir the son of Manasseh were born upon Joseph's knees. 24 And Joseph said to his brothers, I am dying; but God will surely visit you, and bring you up out of this land to the land which he swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob. 25 And Joseph took an oath from the children of Israel, saying, God will surely visit you, and you shall carry up my bones from here. 26 So Joseph died, being a hundred and ten years old: and they embalmed him, and he was put in a coffin in Egypt.

Exodus

Chapter 1

[1]Now these are the names of the sons of Israel, who came into Egypt (every man and his household came with Jacob): [2]Reuben, Simeon, Levi, and Judah, [3]Issachar, Zebulun, and Benjamin, [4]Dan and Naphtali, Gad and Asher. [5]And all the souls that came out of the loins of Jacob were seventy souls: and Joseph was in Egypt already. [6]And Joseph died, and all his brothers, and all that generation. [7]And the children of Israel were fruitful, and increased abundantly, and multiplied, and grew exceedingly mighty; and the land was filled with them. [8]Now there arose a new king over Egypt, who did not know Joseph. [9]And he said to his people, Behold, the people of the children of Israel are more and mightier than we: [10]come, let us deal wisely with them, lest they multiply, and it happen that, when any war breaks out, they also join themselves to our enemies, and fight against us, and go up out of the land. [11]Therefore they set over them taskmasters to afflict them with their burdens. And they built for Pharaoh store-cities, Pithom and Raamses. [12]But the more they afflicted them, the more they multiplied and the more they spread abroad. And they were grieved because of the children of Israel. [13]And the Egyptians made the children of Israel serve with rigor: [14]and they made their lives bitter with hard service, in mortar and in brick, and in all manner of service in the field, all their service, in which they made them serve with rigor. [15]And the king of Egypt spoke to the Hebrew midwives, of whom the name of the one was Shiphrah, and the name of the other Puah: [16]and he said, When you serve as midwife to the Hebrew women, and see them upon the birth-stool; if it is a son, then you shall kill him; but if it is a daughter, then she shall live. [17]But the midwives feared God, and did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but kept the male children alive. [18]And the king of Egypt called for the midwives, and said to them, Why have you done this thing, and have kept the male children alive? [19]And the midwives said to Pharaoh, Because the Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women; for they are lively, and are delivered before the midwife comes to them. [20]And God dealt well with the midwives: and the people multiplied, and grew very mighty. [21]And it happened, because the midwives feared God, that he made them households. [22]And Pharaoh charged all his people, saying, Every son that is born you shall cast into the river, and every daughter you shall keep alive.

Chapter 2

[1]And a man of the house of Levi went and took as his wife a daughter of Levi. [2]And the woman conceived, and bore a son: and when she saw that he was a fine child, she hid him three months. [3]And when she could no longer hide him, she took for him an ark of bulrushes, and daubed it with bitumen and with pitch; and she put the child in it, and laid it in the reeds by the river's brink. [4]And his sister stood far off, to know what would be done to him. [5]And the daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river; and her maidens walked along by the river-side; and she saw the ark among the reeds, and sent her maid to fetch it. [6]And she opened it, and saw the child: and, behold, the baby wept. And she had compassion on him, and said, This is one of the Hebrews' children. [7]Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, Shall I go and call you a nurse of the Hebrew women, that she may nurse the child for you? [8]And Pharaoh's daughter said to her, Go. And the maiden went and called the child's mother. [9]And Pharaoh's daughter said to her, Take this child away, and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages. And the woman took the child, and nursed it. [10]And the child grew, and she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and he became her son. And she called his name Moses, and said, Because I drew him out of the water. [11]And it happened in those days, when Moses was grown up, that he went out to his brothers, and looked on their burdens: and he saw an Egyptian striking a Hebrew, one of his brothers. [12]And he looked this way and that way, and when he saw that there was no man, he struck the Egyptian, and hid him in the sand. [13]And he went out the second day, and, behold, two men of the Hebrews were striving together: and he said to the one who did the wrong, Why do you strike your fellow? [14]And he said, Who made you a prince and a judge over us? do you intend to kill me, as you killed the Egyptian? And Moses feared, and said, Surely the thing is known. [15]Now when Pharaoh heard this thing, he sought to slay Moses. But Moses fled from the face of Pharaoh, and dwelt in the land of Midian: and he sat down by a well. [16]Now the priest of Midian had seven daughters: and they came and drew water,

and filled the troughs to water their father's flock. 17And the shepherds came and drove them away; but Moses stood up and helped them, and watered their flock. 18And when they came to Reuel their father, he said, How is it that you have come so soon today? 19And they said, An Egyptian delivered us out of the hand of the shepherds, and moreover he drew water for us, and watered the flock. 20And he said to his daughters, And where is he? why is it that you have left the man? call him, that he may eat bread. 21And Moses was content to dwell with the man: and he gave Moses Zipporah his daughter. 22And she bore a son, and he called his name Gershom; for he said, I have been a sojourner in a foreign land. 23And it happened in the course of those many days, that the king of Egypt died: and the children of Israel sighed by reason of the bondage, and they cried, and their cry came up to God by reason of the bondage. 24And God heard their groaning, and God remembered his covenant with Abraham, with Isaac, and with Jacob. 25And God saw the children of Israel, and God took knowledge of them.

Chapter 3

1Now Moses was keeping the flock of Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian: and he led the flock to the back of the wilderness, and came to the mountain of God, to Horeb. 2And the angel of Yehovah appeared to him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush: and he looked, and, behold, the bush burned with fire, and the bush was not consumed. 3And Moses said, I will turn aside now, and see this great sight, why the bush is not burned. 4And when Yehovah saw that he turned aside to see, God called to him out of the midst of the bush, and said, Moses, Moses. And he said, Here I am. 5And he said, Do not draw near here: take your shoes off your feet, for the place on which you stand is holy ground. 6Moreover he said, I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. And Moses hid his face; for he was afraid to look upon God. 7And Yehovah said, I have surely seen the affliction of my people who are in Egypt, and have heard their cry by reason of their taskmasters; for I know their sorrows; 8and I have come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and large land, to a land flowing with milk and honey; to the place of the Canaanite, and the Hittite, and the Amorite, and the Perizzite, and the Hivite, and the Jebusite. 9And now, behold, the cry of the children of Israel has come to me: moreover I have seen the oppression with which the Egyptians oppress them. 10Come now therefore, and I will send you to Pharaoh, that you may bring forth my people the children of Israel out of Egypt. 11And Moses said to God, Who am I, that I should go to Pharaoh, and that I should bring forth the children of Israel out of Egypt? 12And he said, Certainly I will be with you; and this shall be the token to you, that I have sent you: when you have brought forth the people out of Egypt, you shall serve God upon this mountain. 13And Moses said to God, Behold, when I come to the children of Israel, and say to them, The God of your fathers has sent me to you; and they say to me, What is his name? What shall I say to them? 14And God said to Moses, I AM THAT I AM: and he said, Thus you shall say to the children of Israel, I AM has sent me to you. 15And God said moreover to Moses, Thus you shall say to the children of Israel, Yehovah, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you: this is my name forever, and this is my memorial to all generations. 16Go, and gather the elders of Israel together, and say to them, Yehovah, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, of Isaac, and of Jacob, has appeared to me, saying, I have surely visited you, and seen what is done to you in Egypt: 17and I have said, I will bring you up out of the affliction of Egypt to the land of the Canaanite, and the Hittite, and the Amorite, and the Perizzite, and the Hivite, and the Jebusite, to a land flowing with milk and honey. 18And they shall listen to your voice: and you shall come, you and the elders of Israel, to the king of Egypt, and you shall say to him, Yehovah, the God of the Hebrews, has met with us: and now please let us go three days' journey into the wilderness, that we may sacrifice to Yehovah our God. 19And I know that the king of Egypt will not permit you to go, no, not by a mighty hand. 20And I will put out my hand, and strike Egypt with all my wonders which I will do in the midst of it: and after that he will let you go. 21And I will give this people favor in the sight of the Egyptians: and it shall happen, that, when you go, you shall not go empty. 22But every woman shall ask of her neighbor, and of her who sojourns in her house, jewels of silver, and jewels of gold, and clothing: and you shall put them upon your sons, and upon your daughters; and you shall despoil the Egyptians.

Chapter 4

[1]And Moses answered and said, But, behold, they will not believe me, nor listen to my voice; for they will say, Yehovah has not appeared to you. [2]And Yehovah said to him, What is that in your hand? And he said, A rod. [3]And he said, Cast it on the ground. And he cast it on the ground, and it became a serpent; and Moses fled from before it. [4]And Yehovah said to Moses, Put out your hand, and take it by the tail: (and he put out his hand, and laid hold of it, and it became a rod in his hand); [5]that they may believe that Yehovah, the God of their fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has appeared to you. [6]And Yehovah said furthermore to him, Now put your hand into your bosom. And he put his hand into his bosom: and when he took it out, behold, his hand was leprous, as white as snow. [7]And he said, Put your hand into your bosom again. (And he put his hand into his bosom again; and when he took it out of his bosom, behold, it was restored again like his other flesh.) [8]And it shall happen, if they will not believe you, nor listen to the voice of the first sign, that they will believe the voice of the latter sign. [9]And it shall happen, if they will not believe even these two signs, nor listen to your voice, that you shall take some of the water of the river, and pour it upon the dry land: and the water which you take out of the river shall become blood upon the dry land. [10]And Moses said to Yehovah, Oh, Lord, I am not eloquent, neither in the past, nor since you have spoken to your servant; for I am slow of speech, and of a slow tongue. [11]And Yehovah said to him, Who has made man's mouth? or who makes a man mute, or deaf, or seeing, or blind? is it not I, Yehovah? [12]Now therefore go, and I will be with your mouth, and teach you what you shall speak. [13]And he said, Oh, Lord, please send by the hand of him whom you will send. [14]And the anger of Yehovah was kindled against Moses, and he said, Is there not Aaron your brother the Levite? I know that he can speak well. And also, behold, he is coming out to meet you: and when he sees you, he will be glad in his heart. [15]And you shall speak to him, and put the words in his mouth: and I will be with your mouth, and with his mouth, and will teach you what you shall do. [16]And he shall be your spokesman to the people; and it shall happen, that he shall be to you a mouth, and you shall be to him as God. [17]And you shall take in your hand this rod, with which you shall do the signs. [18]And Moses went and returned to Jethro his father-in-law, and said to him, Please let me go and return to my brothers who are in Egypt, and see whether they are still alive. And Jethro said to Moses, Go in peace. [19]And Yehovah said to Moses in Midian, Go, return into Egypt; for all the men who sought your life are dead. [20]And Moses took his wife and his sons, and set them upon a donkey, and he returned to the land of Egypt: and Moses took the rod of God in his hand. [21]And Yehovah said to Moses, When you go back into Egypt, see that you do before Pharaoh all the wonders which I have put in your hand: but I will harden his heart and he will not let the people go. [22]And you shall say to Pharaoh, Thus says Yehovah, Israel is my son, my first-born: [23]and I have said to you, Let my son go, that he may serve me; and you have refused to let him go: behold, I will slay your son, your first-born. [24]And it happened on the way at the lodging-place, that Yehovah met him, and sought to kill him. [25]Then Zipporah took a flint, and cut off the foreskin of her son, and cast it at his feet; and she said, Surely you are a bridegroom of blood to me. [26]So he let him alone. Then she said, You are a bridegroom of blood, because of the circumcision. [27]And Yehovah said to Aaron, Go into the wilderness to meet Moses. And he went, and met him in the mountain of God, and kissed him. [28]And Moses told Aaron all the words of Yehovah with which he had sent him, and all the signs with which he had charged him. [29]And Moses and Aaron went and gathered together all the elders of the children of Israel: [30]and Aaron spoke all the words which Yehovah had spoken to Moses, and did the signs in the sight of the people. [31]And the people believed: and when they heard that Yehovah had visited the children of Israel, and that he had seen their affliction, then they bowed their heads and worshipped.

Chapter 5

[1]And afterward Moses and Aaron came, and said to Pharaoh, Thus says Yehovah, the God of Israel, Let my people go, that they may hold a feast to me in the wilderness. [2]And Pharaoh said, Who is Yehovah, that I should listen to his voice to let Israel go? I do not know Yehovah, and moreover I will not let Israel go. [3]And they said, The God of the Hebrews has met with us: please let us go three days' journey into the wilderness, and sacrifice to Yehovah our God, lest he fall upon us with pestilence, or with the sword. [4]And the king of Egypt said to them, Why do you, Moses and Aaron, release the people from their works? Get to your burdens. [5]And Pharaoh said, Behold, the

people of the land are now many, and you make them rest from their burdens. 6And the same day Pharaoh commanded the taskmasters of the people, and their officers, saying, 7You shall no longer give the people straw to make brick, as before: let them go and gather straw for themselves. 8And the number of the bricks, which they made before, you shall lay upon them; you shall not diminish any of it: for they are idle; therefore they cry, saying, Let us go and sacrifice to our God. 9Let heavier work be laid upon the men, that they may labor at it; and let them pay no regard to lying words. 10And the taskmasters of the people went out, and their officers, and they spoke to the people, saying, Thus says Pharaoh, I will not give you straw. 11Go yourselves, get straw where you can find it: for none of your work shall be diminished. 12So the people were scattered abroad throughout all the land of Egypt to gather stubble for straw. 13And the taskmasters were urgent saying, Fulfill your works, your daily tasks, as when there was straw. 14And the officers of the children of Israel, whom Pharaoh's taskmasters had set over them, were beaten, and demanded, Why have you not fulfilled your task both yesterday and today, in making brick as before? 15Then the officers of the children of Israel came and cried to Pharaoh, saying, Why do you deal this way with your servants? 16There is no straw given to your servants, and they say to us, Make brick: and, behold, your servants are beaten; but the fault is in your own people. 17But he said, You are idle, you are idle: therefore you say, Let us go and sacrifice to Yehovah. 18Go therefore now, and work; for no straw shall be given you, yet you shall deliver the number of bricks. 19And the officers of the children of Israel saw that they were in trouble, when it was said, You shall not diminish anything from your bricks, your daily tasks. 20And they met Moses and Aaron, who stood in the way, as they came out from Pharaoh: 21and they said to them, Yehovah look upon you, and judge: because you have made our savor to be abhorred in the eyes of Pharaoh, and in the eyes of his servants, to put a sword in their hand to slay us. 22And Moses returned to Yehovah, and said, Lord, why have you dealt ill with this people? why is it that you have sent me? 23For since I came to Pharaoh to speak in your name, he has dealt ill with this people; neither have you delivered your people at all.

Chapter 6

1And Yehovah said to Moses, Now you shall see what I will do to Pharaoh: for by a strong hand he shall let them go, and by a strong hand he shall drive them out of his land. 2And God spoke to Moses, and said to him, I am Yehovah: 3and I appeared to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, as God Almighty; but by my name Yehovah I was not known to them. 4And I have also established my covenant with them, to give them the land of Canaan, the land of their sojournings, in which they sojourned. 5And moreover I have heard the groaning of the children of Israel, whom the Egyptians keep in bondage; and I have remembered my covenant. 6Therefore say to the children of Israel, I am Yehovah, and I will bring you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians, and I will rid you out of their bondage, and I will redeem you with an outstretched arm, and with great judgments: 7and I will take you to me for a people, and I will be to you a God; and you shall know that I am Yehovah your God, who brings you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians. 8And I will bring you in to the land which I swore to give to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob; and I will give it to you for a heritage: I am Yehovah. 9And Moses spoke so to the children of Israel: but they did not listen to Moses because of anguish of spirit, and because of cruel bondage. 10And Yehovah spoke to Moses, saying, 11Go in, speak to Pharaoh king of Egypt, that he let the children of Israel go out of his land. 12And Moses spoke before Yehovah, saying, Behold, the children of Israel have not listened to me; how then shall Pharaoh hear me, who am of uncircumcised lips? 13And Yehovah spoke to Moses and to Aaron, and gave them a charge to the children of Israel, and to Pharaoh king of Egypt, to bring the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt. 14These are the heads of their fathers' houses. The sons of Reuben the first-born of Israel: Hanoch, and Pallu, Hezron, and Carmi; these are the families of Reuben. 15And the sons of Simeon: Jemuel, and Jamin, and Ohad, and Jachin, and Zohar, and Shaul the son of a Canaanite woman; these are the families of Simeon. 16And these are the names of the sons of Levi according to their generations: Gershon, and Kohath, and Merari; and the years of the life of Levi were a hundred and thirty-seven years. 17The sons of Gershon: Libni and Shimei, according to their families. 18And the sons of Kohath: Amram, and Izhar, and Hebron, and Uzziel; and the years of the life of Kohath were a hundred and thirty-three years. 19And the sons of Merari: Mahli and Mushi. These are the families of the Levites according to their generations. 20And Amram took Jochebed his father's

sister as his wife; and she bore him Aaron and Moses: and the years of the life of Amram were a hundred and thirty-seven years. 21And the sons of Izhar: Korah, and Nepheg, and Zichri. 22And the sons of Uzziel: Mishael, and Elzaphan, and Sithri. 23And Aaron took Elisheba, the daughter of Amminadab, the sister of Nahshon, as his wife; and she bore him Nadab and Abihu, Eleazar and Ithamar. 24And the sons of Korah: Assir, and Elkanah, and Abiasaph; these are the families of the Korahites. 25And Eleazar Aaron's son took one of the daughters of Putiel as his wife; and she bore him Phinehas. These are the heads of the fathers' houses of the Levites according to their families. 26These are the Aaron and Moses to whom Yehovah said, Bring out the children of Israel from the land of Egypt according to their hosts. 27These are the ones who spoke to Pharaoh king of Egypt, to bring out the children of Israel from Egypt: these are this Moses and Aaron. 28And it happened on the day when Yehovah spoke to Moses in the land of Egypt, 29that Yehovah spoke to Moses, saying, I am Yehovah: speak to Pharaoh king of Egypt all that I speak to you. 30And Moses said before Yehovah, Behold, I am of uncircumcised lips, and how shall Pharaoh listen to me?

Chapter 7

1And Yehovah said to Moses, See, I have made you as God to Pharaoh; and Aaron your brother shall be your prophet. 2You shall speak all that I command you; and Aaron your brother shall speak to Pharaoh, that he let the children of Israel go out of his land. 3And I will harden Pharaoh's heart, and multiply my signs and my wonders in the land of Egypt. 4But Pharaoh will not listen to you, and I will lay my hand upon Egypt, and bring forth my hosts, my people the children of Israel, out of the land of Egypt by great judgments. 5And the Egyptians shall know that I am Yehovah, when I stretch out my hand upon Egypt, and bring out the children of Israel from among them. 6And Moses and Aaron did so; as Yehovah commanded them, so did they. 7And Moses was eighty years old, and Aaron eighty-three years old, when they spoke to Pharaoh. 8And Yehovah spoke to Moses and to Aaron, saying, 9When Pharaoh speaks to you, saying, Show a wonder for yourselves; then you shall say to Aaron, Take your rod, and cast it down before Pharaoh, that it may become a serpent. 10And Moses and Aaron went in to Pharaoh, and they did so, as Yehovah had commanded: and Aaron cast down his rod before Pharaoh and before his servants, and it became a serpent. 11Then Pharaoh also called for the wise men and the sorcerers: and they also, the magicians of Egypt, did in like manner with their enchantments. 12For every man cast down his rod, and they became serpents: but Aaron's rod swallowed up their rods. 13And Pharaoh's heart was hardened, and he did not listen to them; as Yehovah had spoken. 14And Yehovah said to Moses, Pharaoh's heart is stubborn, he refuses to let the people go. 15Go to Pharaoh in the morning; look, he is going out to the water; and you shall stand by the river's brink to meet him; and the rod which was turned to a serpent you shall take in your hand. 16And you shall say to him, Yehovah, the God of the Hebrews, has sent me to you, saying, Let my people go, that they may serve me in the wilderness: and, behold, until now you have not listened. 17Thus says Yehovah, In this you shall know that I am Yehovah: behold, I will strike with the rod that is in my hand upon the waters which are in the river, and they shall be turned to blood. 18And the fish that are in the river shall die, and the river shall become foul; and the Egyptians shall loathe to drink water from the river. 19And Yehovah said to Moses, Say to Aaron, Take your rod, and stretch out your hand over the waters of Egypt, over their rivers, over their streams, and over their pools, and over all their ponds of water, that they may become blood; and there shall be blood throughout all the land of Egypt, both in vessels of wood and in vessels of stone. 20And Moses and Aaron did so, as Yehovah commanded; and he lifted up the rod, and struck the waters that were in the river, in the sight of Pharaoh, and in the sight of his servants; and all the waters that were in the river were turned to blood. 21And the fish that were in the river died; and the river became foul, and the Egyptians could not drink water from the river; and the blood was throughout all the land of Egypt. 22And the magicians of Egypt did in like manner with their enchantments: and Pharaoh's heart was hardened, and he did not listen to them; as Yehovah had spoken. 23And Pharaoh turned and went into his house, nor did he take even this to heart. 24And all the Egyptians dug around the river for water to drink; for they could not drink of the water of the river. 25And seven days were fulfilled, after Yehovah had struck the river.

Chapter 8

1And Yehovah spoke to Moses, Go in to Pharaoh, and say to him, Thus says Yehovah, Let my people go, that they may serve me. 2And if you refuse to let them go,

behold, I will strike all your borders with frogs: 3and the river shall swarm with frogs, which shall go up and come into your house, and into your bedchamber, and upon your bed, and into the house of your servants, and upon your people, and into your ovens, and into your kneading-troughs: 4and the frogs shall come up both upon you, and upon your people, and upon all your servants. 5And Yehovah said to Moses, Say to Aaron, Stretch out your hand with your rod over the rivers, over the streams, and over the pools, and cause frogs to come up upon the land of Egypt. 6And Aaron stretched out his hand over the waters of Egypt; and the frogs came up, and covered the land of Egypt. 7And the magicians did in like manner with their enchantments, and brought up frogs upon the land of Egypt. 8Then Pharaoh called for Moses and Aaron, and said, Entreat Yehovah, that he take away the frogs from me, and from my people; and I will let the people go, that they may sacrifice to Yehovah. 9And Moses said to Pharaoh, Have this glory over me: for what time shall I entreat for you, and for your servants, and for your people, that the frogs may be destroyed from you and your houses, and remain in the river only? 10And he said, For tomorrow. And he said, Let it be according to your word; that you may know that there is none like Yehovah our God. 11And the frogs shall depart from you, and from your houses, and from your servants, and from your people; they shall remain in the river only. 12And Moses and Aaron went out from Pharaoh: and Moses cried to Yehovah concerning the frogs which he had brought upon Pharaoh. 13And Yehovah did according to the word of Moses; and the frogs died out of the houses, out of the courts, and out of the fields. 14And they gathered them together in heaps; and the land stank. 15But when Pharaoh saw that there was respite, he hardened his heart, and did not listen to them, as Yehovah had spoken. 16And Yehovah said to Moses, Say to Aaron, Stretch out your rod, and strike the dust of the earth, that it may become lice throughout all the land of Egypt. 17And they did so; and Aaron stretched out his hand with his rod, and struck the dust of the earth, and there were lice upon man, and upon beast; all the dust of the earth became lice throughout all the land of Egypt. 18And the magicians did so with their enchantments to bring forth lice, but they could not: and there were lice upon man, and upon beast. 19Then the magicians said to Pharaoh, This is the finger of God: and Pharaoh's heart was hardened, and he did not listen to them; as Yehovah had spoken. 20And Yehovah said to Moses, Rise up early in the morning, and stand before Pharaoh; look, he is coming out to the water; and say to him, Thus says Yehovah, Let my people go, that they may serve me. 21Otherwise, if you will not let my people go, behold, I will send swarms of flies upon you, and upon your servants, and upon your people, and into your houses: and the houses of the Egyptians shall be full of swarms of flies, and also the ground on which they are. 22And I will set apart in that day the land of Goshen, in which my people dwell, that no swarms of flies shall be there; so that you may know that I am Yehovah in the midst of the earth. 23And I will put a division between my people and your people: by tomorrow this sign shall be. 24And Yehovah did so; and there came grievous swarms of flies into the house of Pharaoh, and into his servants' houses: and in all the land of Egypt the land was corrupted by reason of the swarms of flies. 25And Pharaoh called for Moses and for Aaron, and said, Go, sacrifice to your God in the land. 26And Moses said, It is not right to do so; for we shall sacrifice the abomination of the Egyptians to Yehovah our God: look, shall we sacrifice the abomination of the Egyptians before their eyes, and will they not stone us? 27We will go three days' journey into the wilderness, and sacrifice to Yehovah our God, as he shall command us. 28And Pharaoh said, I will let you go, that you may sacrifice to Yehovah your God in the wilderness; only you shall not go very far away: entreat for me. 29And Moses said, Behold, I am going out from you, and I will entreat Yehovah that the swarms of flies may depart from Pharaoh, from his servants, and from his people, tomorrow: only let Pharaoh not deal deceitfully any more by not letting the people go to sacrifice to Yehovah. 30And Moses went out from Pharaoh, and entreated Yehovah. 31And Yehovah did according to the word of Moses; and he removed the swarms of flies from Pharaoh, from his servants, and from his people; not one remained. 32And Pharaoh hardened his heart this time also, and he did not let the people go.

Chapter 9

1Then Yehovah said to Moses, Go in to Pharaoh, and tell him, Thus says Yehovah, the God of the Hebrews, Let my people go, that they may serve me. 2For if you refuse to let them go, and still hold them, 3behold, the hand of Yehovah is upon your cattle which are in

the field, upon the horses, upon the donkeys, upon the camels, upon the herds, and upon the flocks: there shall be a very grievous plague. 4And Yehovah shall make a distinction between the cattle of Israel and the cattle of Egypt; and nothing shall die of all that belongs to the children of Israel. 5And Yehovah appointed a set time, saying, Tomorrow Yehovah shall do this thing in the land. 6And Yehovah did that thing on the next day; and all the cattle of Egypt died; but of the cattle of the children of Israel not one died. 7And Pharaoh sent, and, behold, there was not so much as one of the cattle of the Israelites dead. But the heart of Pharaoh was stubborn, and he did not let the people go. 8And Yehovah said to Moses and to Aaron, Take for yourselves handfuls of ashes of the furnace, and let Moses sprinkle it toward heaven in the sight of Pharaoh. 9And it shall become small dust over all the land of Egypt, and shall be a boil breaking out with sores upon man and upon beast, throughout all the land of Egypt. 10And they took ashes of the furnace, and stood before Pharaoh; and Moses sprinkled it up toward heaven; and it became a boil breaking out with sores upon man and upon beast. 11And the magicians could not stand before Moses because of the boils; for the boils were upon the magicians, and upon all the Egyptians. 12And Yehovah hardened the heart of Pharaoh, and he did not listen to them, as Yehovah had spoken to Moses. 13And Yehovah said to Moses, Rise up early in the morning, and stand before Pharaoh, and say to him, Thus says Yehovah, the God of the Hebrews, Let my people go, that they may serve me. 14For I will this time send all my plagues upon your heart, and upon your servants, and upon your people; that you may know that there is none like me in all the earth. 15For by now I would have put out my hand, and struck you and your people with pestilence, and you would have been cut off from the earth: 16but indeed for this reason I have made you stand, to show you my power, and that my name may be declared throughout all the earth. 17Do you still exalt yourself against my people, that you will not let them go? 18Behold, tomorrow about this time I will cause it to rain a very grievous hail, such as has not been in Egypt since the day it was founded even until now. 19Now therefore send, bring in quickly your cattle and all that you have in the field; for every man and beast that is found in the field, and is not brought home, the hail shall come down upon them, and they shall die. 20He who feared the word of Yehovah among the servants of Pharaoh made his servants and his cattle flee into the houses: 21and he who did not regard the word of Yehovah left his servants and his cattle in the field. 22And Yehovah said to Moses, Stretch out your hand toward heaven, that there may be hail in all the land of Egypt, upon man, and upon beast, and upon every herb of the field, throughout the land of Egypt. 23And Moses stretched out his rod toward heaven: and Yehovah sent thunder and hail, and fire ran down to the earth; and Yehovah rained hail upon the land of Egypt. 24So there was hail, and fire mingled with the hail, very grievous, such as had not been in all the land of Egypt since it became a nation. 25And the hail struck throughout all the land of Egypt all that was in the field, both man and beast; and the hail struck every herb of the field, and broke every tree of the field. 26Only in the land of Goshen, where the children of Israel were, was there no hail. 27And Pharaoh sent, and called for Moses and Aaron, and said to them, I have sinned this time: Yehovah is righteous, and I and my people are wicked. 28Entreat Yehovah; for there has been enough of these mighty thunderings and hail; and I will let you go, and you shall stay no longer. 29And Moses said to him, As soon as I have gone out of the city, I will spread out my hands to Yehovah; the thunders shall cease, nor shall there be any more hail; that you may know that the earth is Yehovah's. 30But as for you and your servants, I know that you will not yet fear Yehovah God. 31And the flax and the barley were struck: for the barley was in the ear, and the flax was in bloom. 32But the wheat and the spelt were not struck: for they were not grown up. 33And Moses went out of the city from Pharaoh, and spread out his hands to Yehovah: and the thunders and hail ceased, and the rain was not poured upon the earth. 34And when Pharaoh saw that the rain and the hail and the thunders had ceased, he sinned yet more, and hardened his heart, he and his servants. 35And the heart of Pharaoh was hardened, and he did not let the children of Israel go, as Yehovah had spoken by Moses.

Chapter 10

1And Yehovah said to Moses, Go in to Pharaoh: for I have hardened his heart, and the heart of his servants, that I may show these my signs in the midst of them, 2and that you may tell in the ears of your son, and of your son's son, what things I have done to Egypt, and my signs which I have done among them; that you may know that I am Yehovah. 3And Moses and Aaron went in to Pharaoh, and said to him, Thus

says Yehovah, the God of the Hebrews, How long will you refuse to humble yourself before me? let my people go, that they may serve me. 4Otherwise, if you refuse to let my people go, behold, tomorrow I will bring locusts into your border: 5and they shall cover the face of the earth, so that one shall not be able to see the earth: and they shall eat the residue of what has escaped, which remains to you from the hail, and shall eat every tree which grows for you out of the field: 6and your houses shall be filled, and the houses of all your servants, and the houses of all the Egyptians; as neither your fathers nor your fathers' fathers have seen, since the day that they were upon the earth to this day. And he turned, and went out from Pharaoh. 7And Pharaoh's servants said to him, How long shall this man be a snare to us? let the men go, that they may serve Yehovah their God: do you not yet know that Egypt is destroyed? 8And Moses and Aaron were brought again to Pharaoh: and he said to them, Go, serve Yehovah your God; but who are those who shall go? 9And Moses said, We will go with our young and with our old; with our sons and with our daughters, with our flocks and with our herds will we go; for we must hold a feast to Yehovah. 10And he said to them, So may Yehovah be with you, as I will let you go, and your little ones: beware; for evil is before you. 11Not so: go now, you who are men, and serve Yehovah; for that is what you desire. And they were driven out from Pharaoh's presence. 12And Yehovah said to Moses, Stretch out your hand over the land of Egypt for the locusts, that they may come up upon the land of Egypt, and eat every herb of the land, even all that the hail has left. 13And Moses stretched out his rod over the land of Egypt, and Yehovah brought an east wind upon the land all that day, and all the night; and when it was morning, the east wind brought the locusts. 14And the locusts went up over all the land of Egypt, and rested in all the borders of Egypt; very grievous were they; before them there were no such locusts as they, nor after them shall there be such. 15For they covered the face of the whole earth, so that the land was darkened; and they ate every herb of the land, and all the fruit of the trees which the hail had left: and there remained no green thing, either tree or herb of the field, through all the land of Egypt. 16Then Pharaoh called for Moses and Aaron in haste; and he said, I have sinned against Yehovah your God, and against you. 17Now therefore please forgive my sin only this once, and entreat Yehovah your God, that he may take away from me this death only. 18And he went out from Pharaoh, and entreated Yehovah. 19And Yehovah turned an exceedingly strong west wind, which took up the locusts, and drove them into the Red Sea; not one locust remained in all the border of Egypt. 20But Yehovah hardened Pharaoh's heart, and he did not let the children of Israel go. 21And Yehovah said to Moses, Stretch out your hand toward heaven, that there may be darkness over the land of Egypt, even darkness which may be felt. 22And Moses stretched out his hand toward heaven; and there was a thick darkness in all the land of Egypt three days; 23they did not see one another, nor did anyone rise from his place for three days: but all the children of Israel had light in their dwellings. 24And Pharaoh called to Moses, and said, Go, serve Yehovah; only let your flocks and your herds stay behind: let your little ones also go with you. 25And Moses said, You must also give into our hand sacrifices and burnt-offerings, that we may sacrifice to Yehovah our God. 26Our cattle also shall go with us; not a hoof shall be left behind: for we must take of them to serve Yehovah our God; and we do not know with what we must serve Yehovah, until we come there. 27But Yehovah hardened Pharaoh's heart, and he would not let them go. 28And Pharaoh said to him, Get away from me, take heed to yourself, see my face no more; for in the day you see my face you shall die. 29And Moses said, You have spoken well; I will see your face again no more.

Chapter 11

1And Yehovah said to Moses, Yet one more plague I will bring upon Pharaoh, and upon Egypt; afterward he will let you go from here: when he lets you go, he shall surely thrust you out from here altogether. 2Speak now in the ears of the people, and let them ask every man of his neighbor, and every woman of her neighbor, jewels of silver, and jewels of gold. 3And Yehovah gave the people favor in the sight of the Egyptians. Moreover the man Moses was very great in the land of Egypt, in the sight of Pharaoh's servants, and in the sight of the people. 4And Moses said, Thus says Yehovah, About midnight I will go out into the midst of Egypt: 5and all the first-born in the land of Egypt shall die, from the first-born of Pharaoh who sits upon his throne, even to the first-born of the maid-servant who is behind the mill; and all the first-born of cattle. 6And there shall be a great cry throughout all the land of Egypt, such as there has not been, nor shall be any more. 7But against any

of the children of Israel not a dog shall move his tongue, against man or beast: that you may know that Yehovah makes a distinction between the Egyptians and Israel. 8And all these your servants shall come down to me, and bow themselves down to me, saying, Get out, you and all the people who follow you: and after that I will go out. And he went out from Pharaoh in hot anger. 9And Yehovah said to Moses, Pharaoh will not listen to you; that my wonders may be multiplied in the land of Egypt. 10And Moses and Aaron did all these wonders before Pharaoh: and Yehovah hardened Pharaoh's heart, and he did not let the children of Israel go out of his land.

Chapter 12

1And Yehovah spoke to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, saying, 2This month shall be to you the beginning of months: it shall be the first month of the year to you. 3Speak to all the congregation of Israel, saying, On the tenth day of this month they shall take for themselves every man a lamb, according to their fathers' houses, a lamb for a household: 4and if the household is too small for a lamb, then he and his neighbor next to his house shall take one according to the number of the souls; according to every man's eating you shall make your count for the lamb. 5Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male a year old: you shall take it from the sheep, or from the goats: 6and you shall keep it until the fourteenth day of the same month; and the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill it at evening. 7And they shall take of the blood, and put it on the two side-posts and on the lintel, upon the houses in which they shall eat it. 8And they shall eat the flesh in that night, roasted with fire, and unleavened bread; with bitter herbs they shall eat it. 9Do not eat any of it raw, nor boiled at all with water, but roasted with fire; its head with its legs and with its inner parts. 10And you shall let nothing of it remain until the morning; but what remains of it until the morning you shall burn with fire. 11And thus you shall eat it: with your loins girded, your shoes on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it in haste: it is Yehovah's passover. 12For I will go through the land of Egypt in that night, and will strike all the first-born in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and against all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am Yehovah. 13And the blood shall be to you for a token upon the houses where you are: and when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall be upon you to destroy you, when I strike the land of Egypt. 14And this day shall be to you for a memorial, and you shall keep it a feast to Yehovah: throughout your generations you shall keep it a feast by an ordinance forever. 15Seven days you shall eat unleavened bread; even the first day you shall put away leaven out of your houses: for whoever eats leavened bread from the first day until the seventh day, that soul shall be cut off from Israel. 16And on the first day there shall be to you a holy convocation, and on the seventh day a holy convocation; no kind of work shall be done in them, except what every man must eat, that only may be done by you. 17And you shall observe the feast of unleavened bread; for on this very day I have brought your hosts out of the land of Egypt: therefore you shall observe this day throughout your generations by an ordinance forever. 18In the first month, on the fourteenth day of the month at evening, you shall eat unleavened bread, until the twenty-first day of the month at evening. 19Seven days no leaven shall be found in your houses: for whoever eats what is leavened, that soul shall be cut off from the congregation of Israel, whether he is a sojourner, or one who is born in the land. 20You shall eat nothing leavened; in all your habitations you shall eat unleavened bread. 21Then Moses called for all the elders of Israel, and said to them, Draw out, and take lambs for yourselves according to your families, and kill the passover. 22And you shall take a bunch of hyssop, and dip it in the blood that is in the basin, and strike the lintel and the two side-posts with the blood that is in the basin; and none of you shall go out of the door of his house until the morning. 23For Yehovah will pass through to strike the Egyptians; and when he sees the blood upon the lintel, and on the two side-posts, Yehovah will pass over the door, and will not allow the destroyer to come in to your houses to strike you. 24And you shall observe this thing for an ordinance to you and to your sons forever. 25And it shall happen, when you have come to the land which Yehovah will give you, as he has promised, that you shall keep this service. 26And it shall happen, when your children say to you, What do you mean by this service? 27that you shall say, It is the sacrifice of Yehovah's passover, who passed over the houses of the children of Israel in Egypt, when he struck the Egyptians, and delivered our houses. And the people bowed the head and worshipped. 28And the children of Israel went and did so; as Yehovah

had commanded Moses and Aaron, so did they. 29And it happened at midnight, that Yehovah struck all the first-born in the land of Egypt, from the first-born of Pharaoh who sat on his throne to the first-born of the captive who was in the dungeon; and all the first-born of cattle. 30And Pharaoh rose up in the night, he, and all his servants, and all the Egyptians; and there was a great cry in Egypt; for there was not a house where there was not one dead. 31And he called for Moses and Aaron by night, and said, Rise up, go out from among my people, both you and the children of Israel; and go, serve Yehovah, as you have said. 32Take both your flocks and your herds, as you have said, and be gone; and bless me also. 33And the Egyptians were urgent upon the people, to send them out of the land in haste; for they said, We are all dead men. 34And the people took their dough before it was leavened, their kneading-troughs being bound up in their clothes upon their shoulders. 35And the children of Israel did according to the word of Moses; and they asked of the Egyptians jewels of silver, and jewels of gold, and clothing: 36and Yehovah gave the people favor in the sight of the Egyptians, so that they let them have what they asked. And they despoiled the Egyptians. 37And the children of Israel journeyed from Rameses to Succoth, about six hundred thousand men on foot, besides children. 38And a mixed multitude went up also with them; and flocks, and herds, even very much cattle. 39And they baked unleavened cakes of the dough which they brought out of Egypt; for it was not leavened, because they were thrust out of Egypt, and could not delay, nor had they prepared for themselves any provisions. 40Now the time that the children of Israel dwelt in Egypt was four hundred and thirty years. 41And it happened at the end of four hundred and thirty years, even on that very day it happened, that all the hosts of Yehovah went out from the land of Egypt. 42It is a night to be much observed to Yehovah for bringing them out from the land of Egypt: this is that night of Yehovah, to be much observed by all the children of Israel throughout their generations. 43And Yehovah said to Moses and Aaron, This is the ordinance of the passover: no foreigner shall eat of it; 44but every man's servant that is bought for money, when you have circumcised him, then he shall eat of it. 45A sojourner and a hired servant shall not eat of it. 46In one house it shall be eaten; you shall not carry any of the flesh outside the house; nor shall you break a bone of it. 47All the congregation of Israel shall keep it. 48And when a stranger sojourns with you, and would keep the passover to Yehovah, let all his males be circumcised, and then let him come near and keep it; and he shall be as one who is born in the land: but no uncircumcised person shall eat of it. 49One law shall be to him who is home-born, and to the stranger who sojourns among you. 50Thus did all the children of Israel; as Yehovah commanded Moses and Aaron, so did they. 51And it happened on that very day, that Yehovah brought the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt by their hosts.

Chapter 13

1And Yehovah spoke to Moses, saying, 2Sanctify to me all the first-born, whatever opens the womb among the children of Israel, both of man and of beast: it is mine. 3And Moses said to the people, Remember this day, in which you came out from Egypt, out of the house of bondage; for by strength of hand Yehovah brought you out from this place: no leavened bread shall be eaten. 4This day you are going out in the month Abib. 5And it shall be, when Yehovah brings you into the land of the Canaanite, and the Hittite, and the Amorite, and the Hivite, and the Jebusite, which he swore to your fathers to give you, a land flowing with milk and honey, that you shall keep this service in this month. 6Seven days you shall eat unleavened bread, and in the seventh day shall be a feast to Yehovah. 7Unleavened bread shall be eaten throughout the seven days; and no leavened bread shall be seen with you, nor shall leaven be seen with you, in all your borders. 8And you shall tell your son in that day, saying, It is because of what Yehovah did for me when I came out of Egypt. 9And it shall be for a sign to you upon your hand, and for a memorial between your eyes, that the law of Yehovah may be in your mouth: for with a strong hand has Yehovah brought you out of Egypt. 10You shall therefore keep this ordinance in its season from year to year. 11And it shall be, when Yehovah brings you into the land of the Canaanite, as he swore to you and to your fathers, and gives it to you, 12that you shall set apart to Yehovah all that opens the womb, and every firstling which you have that comes of a beast; the males shall be Yehovah's. 13And every firstling of a donkey you shall redeem with a lamb; and if you will not redeem it, then you shall break its neck: and all the first-born of man among your sons you shall redeem. 14And it shall be, when your son asks you in time to come, saying, What is this? that you shall say to him, By strength of hand Yehovah brought us out from Egypt,

from the house of bondage: 15and it happened, when Pharaoh stubbornly refused to let us go, that Yehovah slew all the first-born in the land of Egypt, both the first-born of man, and the first-born of beast: therefore I sacrifice to Yehovah all that opens the womb, being males; but all the first-born of my sons I redeem. 16And it shall be for a sign upon your hand, and for frontlets between your eyes: for by strength of hand Yehovah brought us forth out of Egypt. 17And it happened, when Pharaoh had let the people go, that God did not lead them by the way of the land of the Philistines, although that was near; for God said, Lest perhaps the people repent when they see war, and they return to Egypt: 18but God led the people about, by the way of the wilderness by the Red Sea: and the children of Israel went up armed out of the land of Egypt. 19And Moses took the bones of Joseph with him: for he had solemnly made the children of Israel swear, saying, God will surely visit you; and you shall carry up my bones away from here with you. 20And they took their journey from Succoth, and encamped in Etham, in the edge of the wilderness. 21And Yehovah went before them by day in a pillar of cloud, to lead them the way, and by night in a pillar of fire, to give them light; that they might go by day and by night: 22the pillar of cloud by day, and the pillar of fire by night, did not depart from before the people.

Chapter 14

1And Yehovah spoke to Moses, saying, 2Speak to the children of Israel, that they turn back and encamp before Pi-hahiroth, between Migdol and the sea, before Baal-zephon: opposite it you shall encamp by the sea. 3And Pharaoh will say of the children of Israel, They are entangled in the land, the wilderness has shut them in. 4And I will harden Pharaoh's heart, and he shall follow after them; and I will get myself honor upon Pharaoh, and upon all his host: and the Egyptians shall know that I am Yehovah. And they did so. 5And it was told the king of Egypt that the people had fled: and the heart of Pharaoh and of his servants was changed toward the people, and they said, What is this we have done, that we have let Israel go from serving us? 6And he made ready his chariot, and took his people with him: 7and he took six hundred chosen chariots, and all the chariots of Egypt, and captains over all of them. 8And Yehovah hardened the heart of Pharaoh king of Egypt, and he pursued after the children of Israel: for the children of Israel went out with a high hand. 9And the Egyptians pursued after them, all the horses and chariots of Pharaoh, and his horsemen, and his army, and overtook them encamping by the sea, beside Pi-hahiroth, before Baal-zephon. 10And when Pharaoh drew near, the children of Israel lifted up their eyes, and, behold, the Egyptians were marching after them; and they were greatly afraid: and the children of Israel cried out to Yehovah. 11And they said to Moses, Because there were no graves in Egypt, have you taken us away to die in the wilderness? why have you dealt this way with us, to bring us out of Egypt? 12Is not this the word that we spoke to you in Egypt, saying, Let us alone, that we may serve the Egyptians? For it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians, than that we should die in the wilderness. 13And Moses said to the people, Do not fear, stand still, and see the salvation of Yehovah, which he will work for you today: for the Egyptians whom you have seen today, you shall see them again no more forever. 14Yehovah will fight for you, and you shall hold your peace. 15And Yehovah said to Moses, Why do you cry to me? speak to the children of Israel, that they go forward. 16And lift up your rod, and stretch out your hand over the sea, and divide it: and the children of Israel shall go into the midst of the sea on dry ground. 17And I, behold, I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians, and they shall go in after them: and I will get myself honor upon Pharaoh, and upon all his host, upon his chariots, and upon his horsemen. 18And the Egyptians shall know that I am Yehovah, when I have gotten myself honor upon Pharaoh, upon his chariots, and upon his horsemen. 19And the angel of God, who went before the camp of Israel, removed and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud removed from before them, and stood behind them: 20and it came between the camp of Egypt and the camp of Israel; and there was the cloud and the darkness, yet it gave light by night: and the one did not come near the other all the night. 21And Moses stretched out his hand over the sea; and Yehovah caused the sea to go back by a strong east wind all the night, and made the sea dry land, and the waters were divided. 22And the children of Israel went into the midst of the sea upon the dry ground: and the waters were a wall to them on their right hand, and on their left. 23And the Egyptians pursued, and went in after them into the midst of the sea, all Pharaoh's horses, his chariots, and his horsemen. 24And it happened in the morning watch, that Yehovah looked down upon the host of the Egyptians through the pillar of fire and of cloud, and threw the

host of the Egyptians into confusion. 25And he took off their chariot wheels, and they drove them heavily; so that the Egyptians said, Let us flee from the face of Israel; for Yehovah fights for them against the Egyptians. 26And Yehovah said to Moses, Stretch out your hand over the sea, that the waters may come again upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots, and upon their horsemen. 27And Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and the sea returned to its strength when the morning appeared; and the Egyptians fled against it; and Yehovah overthrew the Egyptians in the midst of the sea. 28And the waters returned, and covered the chariots, and the horsemen, even all the host of Pharaoh that went in after them into the sea; not so much as one of them remained. 29But the children of Israel walked upon dry land in the midst of the sea; and the waters were a wall to them on their right hand, and on their left. 30Thus Yehovah saved Israel that day out of the hand of the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead upon the sea-shore. 31And Israel saw the great work which Yehovah did upon the Egyptians, and the people feared Yehovah: and they believed in Yehovah, and in his servant Moses.

Chapter 15

1Then Moses and the children of Israel sang this song to Yehovah, and spoke, saying, I will sing to Yehovah, for he has triumphed gloriously: The horse and his rider he has thrown into the sea. 2Yehovah is my strength and song, And he has become my salvation: This is my God, and I will praise him; My father's God, and I will exalt him. 3Yehovah is a man of war: Yehovah is his name. 4Pharaoh's chariots and his host he has cast into the sea; And his chosen captains are sunk in the Red Sea. 5The deeps cover them: They went down into the depths like a stone. 6Your right hand, O Yehovah, is glorious in power, Your right hand, O Yehovah, dashes in pieces the enemy. 7And in the greatness of your excellency you overthrow those who rise up against you: You send forth your wrath, it consumes them as stubble. 8And with the blast of your nostrils the waters were piled up, The floods stood upright as a heap; The deeps were congealed in the heart of the sea. 9The enemy said, I will pursue, I will overtake, I will divide the spoil; My desire shall be satisfied upon them; I will draw my sword, my hand shall destroy them. 10You blew with your wind, the sea covered them: They sank as lead in the mighty waters. 11Who is like you, O Yehovah, among the gods? Who is like you, glorious in holiness, Fearful in praises, doing wonders? 12You stretched out your right hand, The earth swallowed them. 13You in your lovingkindness have led the people whom you have redeemed: You have guided them in your strength to your holy habitation. 14The peoples have heard, they tremble: Pangs have taken hold on the inhabitants of Philistia. 15Then the chiefs of Edom were dismayed; The mighty men of Moab, trembling takes hold upon them: All the inhabitants of Canaan have melted away. 16Terror and dread fall upon them; By the greatness of your arm they are as still as a stone; Till your people pass over, O Yehovah, Till the people pass over whom you have purchased. 17You will bring them in, and plant them in the mountain of your inheritance, The place, O Yehovah, which you have made for yourself to dwell in, The sanctuary, O Lord, which your hands have established. 18Yehovah shall reign forever and ever. 19For the horses of Pharaoh went in with his chariots and with his horsemen into the sea, and Yehovah brought back the waters of the sea upon them; but the children of Israel walked on dry land in the midst of the sea. 20And Miriam the prophetess, the sister of Aaron, took a timbrel in her hand; and all the women went out after her with timbrels and with dances. 21And Miriam answered them, Sing to Yehovah, for he has triumphed gloriously; The horse and his rider he has thrown into the sea. 22And Moses led Israel onward from the Red Sea, and they went out into the wilderness of Shur; and they went three days in the wilderness, and found no water. 23And when they came to Marah, they could not drink of the waters of Marah, for they were bitter: therefore the name of it was called Marah. 24And the people murmured against Moses, saying, What shall we drink? 25And he cried to Yehovah; and Yehovah showed him a tree, and he cast it into the waters, and the waters were made sweet. There he made for them a statute and an ordinance, and there he tested them; 26and he said, If you will diligently listen to the voice of Yehovah your God, and will do what is right in his eyes, and will give ear to his commandments, and keep all his statutes, I will put none of the diseases upon you, which I have put upon the Egyptians: for I am Yehovah who heals you. 27And they came to Elim, where there were twelve springs of water, and seventy palm-trees: and they encamped there by the waters.

Chapter 16

[1]And they took their journey from Elim, and all the congregation of the children of Israel came to the wilderness of Sin, which is between Elim and Sinai, on the fifteenth day of the second month after their departing out of the land of Egypt. [2]And the whole congregation of the children of Israel murmured against Moses and against Aaron in the wilderness: [3]and the children of Israel said to them, Would that we had died by the hand of Yehovah in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the flesh-pots, when we ate bread to the full; for you have brought us out into this wilderness, to kill this whole assembly with hunger. [4]Then Yehovah said to Moses, Behold, I will rain bread from heaven for you; and the people shall go out and gather a day's portion every day, that I may test them, whether they will walk in my law, or not. [5]And it shall happen on the sixth day, that they shall prepare what they bring in, and it shall be twice as much as they gather daily. [6]And Moses and Aaron said to all the children of Israel, At evening, then you shall know that Yehovah has brought you out from the land of Egypt; [7]and in the morning, then you shall see the glory of Yehovah; because he hears your murmurings against Yehovah: and what are we, that you murmur against us? [8]And Moses said, This shall be, when Yehovah gives you in the evening flesh to eat, and in the morning bread to the full; because Yehovah hears your murmurings which you murmur against him: and what are we? your murmurings are not against us, but against Yehovah. [9]And Moses said to Aaron, Say to all the congregation of the children of Israel, Come near before Yehovah; for he has heard your murmurings. [10]And it happened, as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the children of Israel, that they looked toward the wilderness, and, behold, the glory of Yehovah appeared in the cloud. [11]And Yehovah spoke to Moses, saying, [12]I have heard the murmurings of the children of Israel: speak to them, saying, At evening you shall eat flesh, and in the morning you shall be filled with bread: and you shall know that I am Yehovah your God. [13]And it happened at evening, that the quails came up, and covered the camp: and in the morning the dew lay around the camp. [14]And when the dew that lay had gone up, behold, upon the face of the wilderness a small round thing, small as the hoar-frost on the ground. [15]And when the children of Israel saw it, they said one to another, What is it? for they did not know what it was. And Moses said to them, It is the bread which Yehovah has given you to eat. [16]This is the thing which Yehovah has commanded, Gather of it every man according to his eating; an omer a head, according to the number of your persons, you shall take it, every man for those who are in his tent. [17]And the children of Israel did so, and gathered some more, some less. [18]And when they measured it with an omer, he who gathered much had nothing left over, and he who gathered little had no lack; they gathered every man according to his eating. [19]And Moses said to them, Let no man leave of it till the morning. [20]Nevertheless they did not listen to Moses; but some of them left of it until the morning, and it bred worms, and became foul: and Moses was angry with them. [21]And they gathered it morning by morning, every man according to his eating: and when the sun grew hot, it melted. [22]And it happened, that on the sixth day they gathered twice as much bread, two omers for each one: and all the rulers of the congregation came and told Moses. [23]And he said to them, This is what Yehovah has spoken, Tomorrow is a solemn rest, a holy sabbath to Yehovah: bake what you will bake, and boil what you will boil; and all that remains over lay up for yourselves to be kept until the morning. [24]And they laid it up till the morning, as Moses commanded: and it did not become foul, nor was there any worm in it. [25]And Moses said, Eat that today; for today is a sabbath to Yehovah: today you shall not find it in the field. [26]Six days you shall gather it; but on the seventh day is the sabbath, in it there shall be none. [27]And it happened on the seventh day, that some of the people went out to gather, and they found none. [28]And Yehovah said to Moses, How long do you refuse to keep my commandments and my laws? [29]See, because Yehovah has given you the sabbath, therefore he gives you on the sixth day the bread of two days; abide every man in his place, let no man go out of his place on the seventh day. [30]So the people rested on the seventh day. [31]And the house of Israel called the name of it Manna: and it was like coriander seed, white; and the taste of it was like wafers made with honey. [32]And Moses said, This is the thing which Yehovah has commanded, Let an omerful of it be kept throughout your generations, that they may see the bread with which I fed you in the wilderness, when I brought you out from the land of Egypt. [33]And Moses said to Aaron, Take a pot, and put an omerful of manna in it, and lay it up before Yehovah, to be kept throughout your generations. [34]As Yehovah

commanded Moses, so Aaron laid it up before the Testimony, to be kept. 35And the children of Israel ate the manna forty years, until they came to an inhabited land; they ate the manna, until they came to the borders of the land of Canaan. 36Now an omer is the tenth part of an ephah.

Chapter 17

1And all the congregation of the children of Israel journeyed from the wilderness of Sin, by their journeys, according to the commandment of Yehovah, and encamped in Rephidim: and there was no water for the people to drink. 2Therefore the people strove with Moses, and said, Give us water that we may drink. And Moses said to them, Why do you strive with me? why do you tempt Yehovah? 3And the people thirsted there for water; and the people murmured against Moses, and said, Why have you brought us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our cattle with thirst? 4And Moses cried to Yehovah, saying, What shall I do to this people? they are almost ready to stone me. 5And Yehovah said to Moses, Pass on before the people, and take with you some of the elders of Israel; and your rod, with which you struck the river, take in your hand, and go. 6Behold, I will stand before you there upon the rock in Horeb; and you shall strike the rock, and there shall come water out of it, that the people may drink. And Moses did so in the sight of the elders of Israel. 7And he called the name of the place Massah, and Meribah, because of the striving of the children of Israel, and because they tempted Yehovah, saying, Is Yehovah among us, or not? 8Then Amalek came, and fought with Israel in Rephidim. 9And Moses said to Joshua, Choose men for us, and go out, fight with Amalek: tomorrow I will stand on the top of the hill with the rod of God in my hand. 10So Joshua did as Moses had said to him, and fought with Amalek: and Moses, Aaron, and Hur went up to the top of the hill. 11And it happened, when Moses held up his hand, that Israel prevailed; and when he let down his hand, Amalek prevailed. 12But Moses' hands were heavy; and they took a stone, and put it under him, and he sat on it; and Aaron and Hur held up his hands, the one on the one side, and the other on the other side; and his hands were steady until the going down of the sun. 13And Joshua overwhelmed Amalek and his people with the edge of the sword. 14and Yehovah said to Moses, Write this for a memorial in a book, and recite it in the ears of Joshua: that I will utterly blot out the remembrance of Amalek from under heaven. 15And Moses built an altar, and called the name of it Yehovah-nissi; 16and he said, Yehovah has sworn: Yehovah will have war with Amalek from generation to generation.

Chapter 18

1Now Jethro, the priest of Midian, Moses' father-in-law, heard of all that God had done for Moses, and for Israel his people, how Yehovah had brought Israel out of Egypt. 2And Jethro, Moses' father-in-law, took Zipporah, Moses' wife, after he had sent her away, 3and her two sons; of whom the name of the one was Gershom; for he said, I have been a sojourner in a foreign land: 4and the name of the other was Eliezer; for he said, The God of my father was my help, and delivered me from the sword of Pharaoh. 5And Jethro, Moses' father-in-law, came with his sons and his wife to Moses into the wilderness where he was encamped, at the mount of God: 6and he said to Moses, I, your father-in-law Jethro, have come to you, and your wife, and her two sons with her. 7And Moses went out to meet his father-in-law, and did obeisance, and kissed him: and they asked each other about their welfare; and they came into the tent. 8And Moses told his father-in-law all that Yehovah had done to Pharaoh and to the Egyptians for Israel's sake, all the hardship that had come upon them on the way, and how Yehovah delivered them. 9And Jethro rejoiced for all the goodness which Yehovah had done to Israel, in that he had delivered them out of the hand of the Egyptians. 10And Jethro said, Blessed be Yehovah, who has delivered you out of the hand of the Egyptians, and out of the hand of Pharaoh; who has delivered the people from under the hand of the Egyptians. 11Now I know that Yehovah is greater than all gods; indeed, in the thing in which they dealt proudly against them. 12And Jethro, Moses' father-in-law, took a burnt-offering and sacrifices for God: and Aaron came, and all the elders of Israel, to eat bread with Moses' father-in-law before God. 13And it happened on the next day, that Moses sat to judge the people: and the people stood about Moses from the morning to the evening. 14And when Moses' father-in-law saw all that he did to the people, he said, What is this thing that you do to the people? why do you sit by yourself alone, and all the people stand about you from morning to evening? 15And Moses said to his father-in-law, Because the people come to me to inquire of God: 16when they have a matter, they come to me; and I judge between a man and his neighbor, and I make

them know the statutes of God, and his laws. 17And Moses' father-in-law said to him, The thing that you do is not good. 18You will surely wear yourself out, both you, and this people who are with you: for the thing is too heavy for you; you are not able to perform it by yourself alone. 19Listen now to my voice, I will give you counsel, and God be with you: be for the people toward God, and bring the causes to God: 20and you shall teach them the statutes and the laws, and shall show them the way in which they must walk, and the work that they must do. 21Moreover you shall provide out of all the people able men, such as fear God, men of truth, hating unjust gain; and place such over them, to be rulers of thousands, rulers of hundreds, rulers of fifties, and rulers of tens: 22and let them judge the people at all seasons: and it shall be, that every great matter they shall bring to you, but every small matter they shall judge themselves: so it shall be easier for you, and they shall bear the burden with you. 23If you do this thing, and God commands you so, then you shall be able to endure, and all this people also shall go to their place in peace. 24So Moses listened to the voice of his father-in-law, and did all that he had said. 25And Moses chose able men out of all Israel, and made them heads over the people, rulers of thousands, rulers of hundreds, rulers of fifties, and rulers of tens. 26And they judged the people at all seasons: the hard causes they brought to Moses, but every small matter they judged themselves. 27And Moses let his father-in-law depart; and he went his way into his own land.

Chapter 19

1In the third month after the children of Israel had gone out of the land of Egypt, on that same day they came into the wilderness of Sinai. 2And when they had departed from Rephidim, and had come to the wilderness of Sinai, they encamped in the wilderness; and there Israel encamped before the mount. 3And Moses went up to God, and Yehovah called to him out of the mountain, saying, Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the children of Israel: 4You have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings, and brought you to myself. 5Now therefore, if you will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, then you shall be my own possession from among all peoples: for all the earth is mine: 6and you shall be to me a kingdom of priests, and a holy nation. These are the words which you shall speak to the children of Israel. 7And Moses came and called for the elders of the people, and set before them all these words which Yehovah commanded him. 8And all the people answered together, and said, All that Yehovah has spoken we will do. And Moses reported the words of the people to Yehovah. 9And Yehovah said to Moses, Look, I am coming to you in a thick cloud, that the people may hear when I speak with you, and may also believe you forever. And Moses told the words of the people to Yehovah. 10And Yehovah said to Moses, Go to the people, and sanctify them today and tomorrow, and let them wash their garments, 11and be ready for the third day; for on the third day Yehovah will come down in the sight of all the people upon mount Sinai. 12And you shall set bounds for the people all around, saying, Take heed to yourselves, that you do not go up into the mount, or touch the border of it: whoever touches the mount shall surely be put to death: 13no hand shall touch him, but he shall surely be stoned, or shot through; whether it is beast or man, he shall not live: when the trumpet sounds long, they shall come up to the mount. 14And Moses went down from the mount to the people, and sanctified the people; and they washed their garments. 15And he said to the people, Be ready for the third day: do not come near a woman. 16And it happened on the third day, when it was morning, that there were thunders and lightnings, and a thick cloud upon the mount, and the voice of a trumpet exceedingly loud; and all the people who were in the camp trembled. 17And Moses brought the people out of the camp to meet God; and they stood at the lower part of the mount. 18And mount Sinai, the whole of it, smoked, because Yehovah descended upon it in fire; and the smoke of it ascended as the smoke of a furnace, and the whole mount quaked greatly. 19And when the voice of the trumpet grew louder and louder, Moses spoke, and God answered him by a voice. 20And Yehovah came down upon mount Sinai, to the top of the mount: and Yehovah called Moses to the top of the mount; and Moses went up. 21And Yehovah said to Moses, Go down, charge the people, lest they break through to Yehovah to gaze, and many of them perish. 22And let the priests also, who come near to Yehovah, sanctify themselves, lest Yehovah break out upon them. 23And Moses said to Yehovah, The people cannot come up to mount Sinai: for you charged us, saying, Set bounds around the mount, and sanctify it. 24And Yehovah said to him, Go down; and you shall come up, you, and Aaron with you: but do not let the priests and the

people break through to come up to Yehovah, lest he break out upon them. 25So Moses went down to the people, and told them.

Chapter 20

1And God spoke all these words, saying, 2I am Yehovah your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. 3You shall have no other gods before me. 4You shall not make for yourself a graven image, nor any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth: 5you shall not bow down to them, nor serve them; for I Yehovah your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children, upon the third and upon the fourth generation of those who hate me, 6and showing lovingkindness to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments. 7You shall not take the name of Yehovah your God in vain; for Yehovah will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain. 8Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy. 9Six days you shall labor, and do all your work; 10but the seventh day is a sabbath to Yehovah your God: in it you shall not do any work, you, nor your son, nor your daughter, your man-servant, nor your maid-servant, nor your cattle, nor your stranger who is within your gates: 11for in six days Yehovah made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day: therefore Yehovah blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it. 12Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land which Yehovah your God gives you. 13You shall not kill. 14You shall not commit adultery. 15You shall not steal. 16You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. 17You shall not covet your neighbor's house, you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, nor his man-servant, nor his maid-servant, nor his ox, nor his donkey, nor anything that is your neighbor's. 18And all the people perceived the thunderings, and the lightnings, and the voice of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking: and when the people saw it, they trembled, and stood far off. 19And they said to Moses, You speak with us, and we will hear; but do not let God speak with us, lest we die. 20And Moses said to the people, Do not fear: for God has come to test you, and that his fear may be before you, that you may not sin. 21And the people stood far off, and Moses drew near to the thick darkness where God was. 22And Yehovah said to Moses, Thus you shall say to the children of Israel, You yourselves have seen that I have talked with you from heaven. 23You shall not make other gods with me; gods of silver, or gods of gold, you shall not make for yourselves. 24An altar of earth you shall make to me, and shall sacrifice on it your burnt-offerings, and your peace-offerings, your sheep, and your oxen: in every place where I cause my name to be remembered I will come to you and I will bless you. 25And if you make me an altar of stone, you shall not build it of hewn stones; for if you lift up your tool upon it, you have polluted it. 26Nor shall you go up by steps to my altar, that your nakedness may not be exposed on it.

Chapter 21

1Now these are the ordinances which you shall set before them. 2If you buy a Hebrew servant, six years he shall serve: and in the seventh he shall go out free for nothing. 3If he comes in by himself, he shall go out by himself: if he is married, then his wife shall go out with him. 4If his master gives him a wife and she bears him sons or daughters; the wife and her children shall be her master's, and he shall go out by himself. 5But if the servant plainly says, I love my master, my wife, and my children; I will not go out free: 6then his master shall bring him to God, and shall bring him to the door, or to the door-post; and his master shall bore his ear through with an awl; and he shall serve him forever. 7And if a man sells his daughter to be a maid-servant, she shall not go out as the men-servants do. 8If she does not please her master, who has betrothed her to himself, then he shall let her be redeemed: to sell her to a foreign people he shall have no power, seeing he has dealt deceitfully with her. 9And if he betroths her to his son, he shall deal with her according to the manner of daughters. 10If he takes another wife for himself; her food, her clothing, and her duty of marriage, he shall not diminish. 11And if he does not do these three things for her, then she shall go out for nothing, without money. 12He who strikes a man, so that he dies, shall surely be put to death. 13And if a man does not lie in wait, but God delivers him into his hand; then I will appoint you a place where he shall flee. 14And if a man comes presumptuously upon his neighbor, to slay him with guile; you shall take him from my altar, that he may die. 15And he who strikes his father, or his mother, shall surely be put to death. 16And he who steals a man, and sells him, or if he is found in his hand, he shall surely be put to death. 17And he who curses his father or his mother, shall surely be put to death. 18And if men contend, and one strikes the other with a stone, or with his fist, and he

does not die, but keeps his bed; 19if he rises again, and walks around on his staff, then he who struck him shall be clear: only he shall pay for the loss of his time, and shall cause him to be thoroughly healed. 20And if a man strikes his servant, or his maid, with a rod, and he dies under his hand; he shall surely be punished. 21Nevertheless, if he survives a day or two, he shall not be punished: for he is his money. 22And if men strive together, and hurt a woman with child, so that her fruit departs, and yet no harm follows; he shall surely be fined, as the woman's husband shall lay upon him; and he shall pay as the judges determine. 23But if any harm follows, then you shall give life for life, 24eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot, 25burning for burning, wound for wound, stripe for stripe. 26And if a man strikes the eye of his servant, or the eye of his maid, and destroys it; he shall let him go free for his eye's sake. 27And if he strikes out his man-servant's tooth, or his maid-servant's tooth, he shall let him go free for his tooth's sake. 28And if an ox gores a man or a woman to death, the ox shall surely be stoned, and its flesh shall not be eaten; but the owner of the ox shall be clear. 29But if the ox was accustomed to gore in the past, and it has been testified to its owner, and he has not kept it in, but it has killed a man or a woman; the ox shall be stoned, and its owner also shall be put to death. 30If a ransom is laid on him, then he shall give for the redemption of his life whatever is laid upon him. 31Whether it has gored a son, or has gored a daughter, according to this judgment it shall be done to him. 32If the ox gores a man-servant or a maid-servant, there shall be given to their master thirty shekels of silver, and the ox shall be stoned. 33And if a man opens a pit, or if a man digs a pit and does not cover it, and an ox or a donkey falls into it, 34the owner of the pit shall make it good; he shall give money to the owner of it, and the dead beast shall be his. 35And if one man's ox hurts another's, so that it dies, then they shall sell the live ox, and divide the price of it; and the dead also they shall divide. 36Or if it is known that the ox was accustomed to gore in the past, and its owner has not kept it in; he shall surely pay ox for ox, and the dead beast shall be his own.

Chapter 22

1If a man steals an ox, or a sheep, and kills it, or sells it; he shall pay five oxen for an ox, and four sheep for a sheep. 2If the thief is found breaking in, and is struck so that he dies, there shall be no bloodguiltiness for him. 3If the sun has risen upon him, there shall be bloodguiltiness for him; he shall make restitution: if he has nothing, then he shall be sold for his theft. 4If the theft is found in his hand alive, whether it is ox, or donkey, or sheep, he shall pay double. 5If a man causes a field or vineyard to be eaten, and lets his beast loose, and it feeds in another man's field; of the best of his own field, and of the best of his own vineyard, he shall make restitution. 6If fire breaks out, and catches in thorns, so that the shocks of grain, or the standing grain, or the field are consumed; he who kindled the fire shall surely make restitution. 7If a man delivers to his neighbor money or goods to keep, and it is stolen out of the man's house; if the thief is found, he shall pay double. 8If the thief is not found, then the master of the house shall come near to God, to see whether he has not put his hand to his neighbor's goods. 9For every matter of trespass, whether it is for ox, for donkey, for sheep, for clothing, or for any kind of lost thing, of which one says, This is it, the cause of both parties shall come before God; he whom God condemns shall pay double to his neighbor. 10If a man delivers to his neighbor a donkey, or an ox, or a sheep, or any beast, to keep; and it dies, or is hurt, or driven away, no man seeing it: 11the oath of Yehovah shall be between them both, whether he has not put his hand to his neighbor's goods; and the owner of it shall accept it, and he shall not make restitution. 12But if it is stolen from him, he shall make restitution to the owner of it. 13If it is torn in pieces, let him bring it for witness: he shall not make good what was torn. 14And if a man borrows anything of his neighbor, and it is hurt, or dies, the owner of it not being with it, he shall surely make restitution. 15If the owner of it is with it, he shall not make it good: if it is a hired thing, it came for its hire. 16And if a man entices a virgin who is not betrothed, and lies with her, he shall surely pay a dowry for her to be his wife. 17If her father utterly refuses to give her to him, he shall pay money according to the dowry of virgins. 18You shall not allow a sorceress to live. 19Whoever lies with a beast shall surely be put to death. 20He who sacrifices to any god, except to Yehovah only, shall be utterly destroyed. 21And a sojourner you shall not wrong, nor shall you oppress him: for you were sojourners in the land of Egypt. 22You shall not afflict any widow, or fatherless child. 23If you afflict them at all, and they cry at all to me, I will surely hear their cry; 24and my wrath shall grow hot, and I will kill you with the sword; and your wives shall be widows, and your

children fatherless. 25If you lend money to any of my people with you who is poor, you shall not be to him as a creditor; nor shall you lay interest upon him. 26If you ever take your neighbor's garment as a pledge, you shall restore it to him before the sun goes down: 27for that is his only covering, it is his garment for his skin: in what shall he sleep? and it shall happen, when he cries to me, that I will hear; for I am gracious. 28You shall not revile God, nor curse a ruler of your people. 29You shall not delay to offer of your harvest, and of the outflow of your presses. The first-born of your sons you shall give to me. 30Likewise you shall do with your oxen, and with your sheep: seven days it shall be with its dam; on the eighth day you shall give it to me. 31And you shall be holy men to me: therefore you shall not eat any flesh that is torn by beasts in the field; you shall cast it to the dogs.

Chapter 23

1You shall not take up a false report: do not put your hand with the wicked to be an unrighteous witness. 2You shall not follow a multitude to do evil; nor shall you speak in a cause to turn aside after a multitude to pervert justice: 3nor shall you favor a poor man in his cause. 4If you meet your enemy's ox or his donkey going astray, you shall surely bring it back to him again. 5If you see the donkey of him who hates you lying under his burden, you shall refrain from leaving him, you shall surely release it with him. 6You shall not pervert the justice due to your poor in his cause. 7Keep far from a false matter; and do not slay the innocent and righteous: for I will not justify the wicked. 8And you shall take no bribe: for a bribe blinds those who have sight, and perverts the words of the righteous. 9And a sojourner you shall not oppress: for you know the heart of a sojourner, seeing you were sojourners in the land of Egypt. 10And six years you shall sow your land, and shall gather in the increase of it: 11but the seventh year you shall let it rest and lie fallow; that the poor of your people may eat: and what they leave the beast of the field shall eat. In like manner you shall deal with your vineyard, and with your olive grove. 12Six days you shall do your work, and on the seventh day you shall rest; that your ox and your donkey may have rest, and the son of your handmaid, and the sojourner, may be refreshed. 13And in all things that I have said to you take heed: and make no mention of the name of other gods, nor let it be heard out of your mouth. 14Three times you shall keep a feast to me in the year. 15The feast of unleavened bread you shall keep: seven days you shall eat unleavened bread, as I commanded you, at the time appointed in the month Abib (for in it you came out from Egypt); and none shall appear before me empty: 16and the feast of harvest, the first-fruits of your labors, which you sow in the field: and the feast of ingathering, at the end of the year, when you gather in your labors out of the field. 17Three times in the year all your males shall appear before the Lord Yehovah. 18You shall not offer the blood of my sacrifice with leavened bread; nor shall the fat of my feast remain all night until the morning. 19The first of the first-fruits of your ground you shall bring into the house of Yehovah your God. You shall not boil a kid in its mother's milk. 20Behold, I am sending an angel before you, to keep you on the way, and to bring you into the place which I have prepared. 21Take heed before him, and listen to his voice; do not provoke him; for he will not pardon your transgression: for my name is in him. 22But if you indeed listen to his voice, and do all that I speak; then I will be an enemy to your enemies, and an adversary to your adversaries. 23For my angel shall go before you, and bring you in to the Amorite, and the Hittite, and the Perizzite, and the Canaanite, the Hivite, and the Jebusite: and I will cut them off. 24You shall not bow down to their gods, nor serve them, nor do according to their works; but you shall utterly overthrow them, and break their pillars in pieces. 25And you shall serve Yehovah your God, and he will bless your bread, and your water; and I will take sickness away from the midst of you. 26None shall cast her young, nor be barren, in your land: the number of your days I will fulfill. 27I will send my terror before you, and will throw into confusion all the people to whom you shall come, and I will make all your enemies turn their backs to you. 28And I will send the hornet before you, which shall drive out the Hivite, the Canaanite, and the Hittite, from before you. 29I will not drive them out from before you in one year, lest the land become desolate, and the beasts of the field multiply against you. 30Little by little I will drive them out from before you, until you are increased, and inherit the land. 31And I will set your border from the Red Sea even to the sea of the Philistines, and from the wilderness to the River: for I will deliver the inhabitants of the land into your hand: and you shall drive them out before you. 32You shall make no covenant with them, nor with their gods. 33They shall not dwell in your land, lest they

make you sin against me; for if you serve their gods, it will surely be a snare to you.

Chapter 24

[1]And he said to Moses, Come up to Yehovah, you, and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel; and worship at a distance: [2]and Moses alone shall come near to Yehovah; but they shall not come near; nor shall the people go up with him. [3]And Moses came and told the people all the words of Yehovah, and all the ordinances: and all the people answered with one voice, and said, All the words which Yehovah has spoken we will do. [4]And Moses wrote all the words of Yehovah, and rose up early in the morning, and built an altar under the mount, and twelve pillars, according to the twelve tribes of Israel. [5]And he sent young men of the children of Israel, who offered burnt-offerings, and sacrificed peace-offerings of oxen to Yehovah. [6]And Moses took half of the blood, and put it in basins; and half of the blood he sprinkled on the altar. [7]And he took the book of the covenant, and read it in the hearing of the people: and they said, All that Yehovah has spoken we will do, and be obedient. [8]And Moses took the blood, and sprinkled it on the people, and said, Behold the blood of the covenant, which Yehovah has made with you concerning all these words. [9]Then Moses went up, and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel: [10]and they saw the God of Israel; and there was under his feet as it were a paved work of sapphire stone, and as it were the very heaven for clearness. [11]And upon the nobles of the children of Israel he did not lay his hand: and they beheld God, and ate and drank. [12]And Yehovah said to Moses, Come up to me into the mount, and be there: and I will give you the tables of stone, and the law and the commandment, which I have written, that you may teach them. [13]And Moses rose up, and Joshua his minister: and Moses went up into the mount of God. [14]And he said to the elders, Wait here for us, until we come again to you: and, behold, Aaron and Hur are with you: whoever has a cause, let him come near to them. [15]And Moses went up into the mount, and the cloud covered the mount. [16]And the glory of Yehovah abode upon mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it six days: and on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the midst of the cloud. [17]And the appearance of the glory of Yehovah was like devouring fire on the top of the mount in the eyes of the children of Israel. [18]And Moses entered into the midst of the cloud, and went up into the mount: and Moses was in the mount forty days and forty nights.

Chapter 25

[1]And Yehovah spoke to Moses, saying, [2]Speak to the children of Israel, that they take for me an offering: of every man whose heart makes him willing you shall take my offering. [3]And this is the offering which you shall take from them: gold, and silver, and brass, [4]and blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine linen, and goats' hair, [5]and rams' skins dyed red, and sealskins, and acacia wood, [6]oil for the light, spices for the anointing oil, and for the sweet incense, [7]onyx stones, and stones to be set, for the ephod, and for the breastplate. [8]And let them make me a sanctuary, that I may dwell among them. [9]According to all that I show you, the pattern of the tabernacle, and the pattern of all the furniture of it, even so you shall make it. [10]And they shall make an ark of acacia wood: two cubits and a half shall be the length of it, and a cubit and a half the breadth of it, and a cubit and a half the height of it. [11]And you shall overlay it with pure gold, inside and outside you shall overlay it, and shall make upon it a crown of gold around. [12]And you shall cast four rings of gold for it, and put them in the four feet of it; and two rings shall be on the one side of it, and two rings on the other side of it. [13]And you shall make poles of acacia wood, and overlay them with gold. [14]And you shall put the poles into the rings on the sides of the ark, with which to bear the ark. [15]The poles shall be in the rings of the ark: they shall not be taken from it. [16]And you shall put into the ark the testimony which I shall give you. [17]And you shall make a mercy-seat of pure gold: two cubits and a half shall be the length of it, and a cubit and a half the breadth of it. [18]And you shall make two cherubim of gold; of beaten work you shall make them, at the two ends of the mercy-seat. [19]And make one cherub at the one end, and one cherub at the other end: of one piece with the mercy-seat you shall make the cherubim on the two ends of it. [20]And the cherubim shall spread out their wings on high, covering the mercy-seat with their wings, with their faces one to another; toward the mercy-seat shall the faces of the cherubim be. [21]And you shall put the mercy-seat above upon the ark; and in the ark you shall put the testimony that I shall give you. [22]And there I will meet with you, and I will commune with you from above the mercy-seat, from between the two cherubim which are upon the ark of the testimony, of all things which I will give you in commandment to

the children of Israel. 23And you shall make a table of acacia wood: two cubits shall be the length of it, and a cubit the breadth of it, and a cubit and a half the height of it. 24And you shall overlay it with pure gold, and make for it a crown of gold around. 25And you shall make for it a border of a handbreadth around; and you shall make a golden crown for the border of it around. 26And you shall make for it four rings of gold, and put the rings in the four corners that are on the four feet of it. 27Close by the border the rings shall be, as places for the poles to bear the table. 28And you shall make the poles of acacia wood, and overlay them with gold, that the table may be borne with them. 29And you shall make the dishes of it, and the spoons of it, and the flagons of it, and the bowls of it, with which to pour out: of pure gold you shall make them. 30And you shall set upon the table showbread before me always. 31And you shall make a candlestick of pure gold: of beaten work the candlestick shall be made, even its base, and its shaft; its cups, its knobs, and its flowers, shall be of one piece with it: 32and there shall be six branches going out of the sides of it; three branches of the candlestick out of the one side of it, and three branches of the candlestick out of the other side of it: 33three cups made like almond-blossoms in one branch, a knob and a flower; and three cups made like almond-blossoms in the other branch, a knob and a flower: so for the six branches going out of the candlestick: 34and in the candlestick four cups made like almond-blossoms, the knobs of it, and the flowers of it; 35and a knob under two branches of one piece with it, and a knob under two branches of one piece with it, and a knob under two branches of one piece with it, for the six branches going out of the candlestick. 36Their knobs and their branches shall be of one piece with it; the whole of it one beaten work of pure gold. 37And you shall make the lamps of it, seven: and they shall light the lamps of it, to give light in front of it. 38And the snuffers of it, and the snuffdishes of it, shall be of pure gold. 39Of a talent of pure gold it shall be made, with all these vessels. 40And see that you make them according to their pattern, which has been shown you in the mount.

Chapter 26

1Moreover you shall make the tabernacle with ten curtains; of fine twined linen, and blue, and purple, and scarlet, with cherubim the work of the skillful workman you shall make them. 2The length of each curtain shall be twenty-eight cubits, and the breadth of each curtain four cubits: all the curtains shall have one measure. 3Five curtains shall be coupled together one to another; and the other five curtains shall be coupled one to another. 4And you shall make loops of blue upon the edge of the one curtain from the selvedge in the coupling; and likewise you shall make in the edge of the curtain that is outermost in the second coupling. 5Fifty loops you shall make in the one curtain, and fifty loops shall you make in the edge of the curtain that is in the second coupling; the loops shall be opposite one to another. 6And you shall make fifty clasps of gold, and couple the curtains one to another with the clasps: and the tabernacle shall be one whole. 7And you shall make curtains of goats' hair for a tent over the tabernacle: eleven curtains you shall make them. 8The length of each curtain shall be thirty cubits, and the breadth of each curtain four cubits: the eleven curtains shall have one measure. 9And you shall couple five curtains by themselves, and six curtains by themselves, and shall double over the sixth curtain in the forefront of the tent. 10And you shall make fifty loops on the edge of the one curtain that is outermost in the coupling, and fifty loops upon the edge of the curtain which is outermost in the second coupling. 11And you shall make fifty clasps of brass, and put the clasps into the loops, and couple the tent together, that it may be one. 12And the overhanging part that remains of the curtains of the tent, the half curtain that remains, shall hang over the back of the tabernacle. 13And the cubit on the one side, and the cubit on the other side, of what remains in the length of the curtains of the tent, shall hang over the sides of the tabernacle on this side and on that side, to cover it. 14And you shall make a covering for the tent of rams' skins dyed red, and a covering of sealskins above. 15And you shall make the boards for the tabernacle of acacia wood, standing up. 16Ten cubits shall be the length of a board, and a cubit and a half the breadth of each board. 17Two tenons there shall be in each board, joined one to another: thus you shall make for all the boards of the tabernacle. 18And you shall make the boards for the tabernacle, twenty boards for the south side southward. 19And you shall make forty sockets of silver under the twenty boards; two sockets under one board for its two tenons, and two sockets under another board for its two tenons: 20and for the second side of the tabernacle, on the north side, twenty boards, 21and their forty sockets of silver; two sockets under one board, and two sockets

under another board. 22And for the rear of the tabernacle westward you shall make six boards. 23And two boards you shall make for the corners of the tabernacle in the rear. 24And they shall be double beneath, and in like manner they shall be entire to the top of it to one ring: thus shall it be for them both; they shall be for the two corners. 25And there shall be eight boards, and their sockets of silver, sixteen sockets; two sockets under one board, and two sockets under another board. 26And you shall make bars of acacia wood: five for the boards of the one side of the tabernacle, 27and five bars for the boards of the other side of the tabernacle, and five bars for the boards of the side of the tabernacle, for the rear westward. 28And the middle bar in the midst of the boards shall pass through from end to end. 29And you shall overlay the boards with gold, and make their rings of gold for places for the bars: and you shall overlay the bars with gold. 30And you shall set up the tabernacle according to the fashion of it which has been showed you in the mount. 31And you shall make a veil of blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen: with cherubim the work of the skillful workman shall it be made: 32and you shall hang it upon four pillars of acacia overlaid with gold; their hooks shall be of gold, upon four sockets of silver. 33And you shall hang up the veil under the clasps, and shall bring in there inside the veil the ark of the testimony: and the veil shall separate for you between the holy place and the most holy. 34And you shall put the mercy-seat upon the ark of the testimony in the most holy place. 35And you shall set the table outside the veil, and the candlestick opposite the table on the side of the tabernacle toward the south: and you shall put the table on the north side. 36And you shall make a screen for the door of the Tent, of blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen, the work of the embroiderer. 37And you shall make for the screen five pillars of acacia, and overlay them with gold: their hooks shall be of gold: and you shall cast five sockets of brass for them.

Chapter 27

1And you shall make the altar of acacia wood, five cubits long, and five cubits broad; the altar shall be square: and the height of it shall be three cubits. 2And you shall make the horns of it upon the four corners of it; the horns of it shall be of one piece with it: and you shall overlay it with brass. 3And you shall make its pots to take away its ashes, and its shovels, and its basins, and its flesh-hooks, and its firepans: all the vessels of it you shall make of brass. 4And you shall make for it a grating of network of brass: and upon the net you shall make four brass rings in the four corners of it. 5And you shall put it under the ledge round the altar beneath, that the net may reach halfway up the altar. 6And you shall make poles for the altar, poles of acacia wood, and overlay them with brass. 7And the poles of it shall be put into the rings, and the poles shall be upon the two sides of the altar, in bearing it. 8Hollow with planks you shall make it: as it has been showed you in the mount, so shall they make it. 9And you shall make the court of the tabernacle: for the south side southward there shall be hangings for the court of fine twined linen a hundred cubits long for one side: 10and the pillars of it shall be twenty, and their sockets twenty, of brass; the hooks of the pillars and their fillets shall be of silver. 11And likewise for the north side in length there shall be hangings a hundred cubits long, and the pillars of it twenty, and their sockets twenty, of brass; the hooks of the pillars, and their fillets, of silver. 12And for the breadth of the court on the west side shall be hangings of fifty cubits; their pillars ten, and their sockets ten. 13And the breadth of the court on the east side eastward shall be fifty cubits. 14The hangings for the one side of the gate shall be fifteen cubits; their pillars three, and their sockets three. 15And for the other side shall be hangings of fifteen cubits; their pillars three, and their sockets three. 16And for the gate of the court shall be a screen of twenty cubits, of blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen, the work of the embroiderer; their pillars four, and their sockets four. 17All the pillars of the court around shall be filleted with silver; their hooks of silver, and their sockets of brass. 18The length of the court shall be a hundred cubits, and the breadth fifty everywhere, and the height five cubits, of fine twined linen, and their sockets of brass. 19All the instruments of the tabernacle in all the service of it, and all the pins of it, and all the pins of the court, shall be of brass. 20And you shall command the children of Israel, that they bring to you pure olive oil beaten for the light, to cause a lamp to burn continually. 21In the tent of meeting, outside the veil which is before the testimony, Aaron and his sons shall keep it in order from evening to morning before Yehovah: it shall be a statute forever throughout their generations on behalf of the children of Israel.

Chapter 28

[1]And bring near to you Aaron your brother, and his sons with him, from among the children of Israel, that he may minister to me in the priest's office, even Aaron, Nadab and Abihu, Eleazar and Ithamar, Aaron's sons. [2]And you shall make holy garments for Aaron your brother, for glory and for beauty. [3]And you shall speak to all who are wise-hearted, whom I have filled with the spirit of wisdom, that they make Aaron's garments to sanctify him, that he may minister to me in the priest's office. [4]And these are the garments which they shall make: a breastplate, and an ephod, and a robe, and a coat of checker work, a mitre, and a sash: and they shall make holy garments for Aaron your brother, and his sons, that he may minister to me in the priest's office. [5]And they shall take the gold, and the blue, and the purple, and the scarlet, and the fine linen. [6]And they shall make the ephod of gold, of blue, and purple, scarlet, and fine twined linen, the work of the skillful workman. [7]It shall have two shoulder-pieces joined to the two ends of it, that it may be joined together. [8]And the skillfully woven band, which is upon it, with which to gird it on, shall be like the work of it and of the same piece; of gold, of blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen. [9]And you shall take two onyx stones, and grave on them the names of the children of Israel: [10]six of their names on the one stone, and the names of the six that remain on the other stone, according to their birth. [11]With the work of an engraver in stone, like the engravings of a signet, you shall engrave the two stones, according to the names of the children of Israel: you shall make them to be enclosed in settings of gold. [12]And you shall put the two stones upon the shoulder-pieces of the ephod, to be stones of memorial for the children of Israel: and Aaron shall bear their names before Yehovah upon his two shoulders for a memorial. [13]And you shall make settings of gold, [14]and two chains of pure gold; like cords you shall make them, of twisted work: and you shall put the twisted chains on the settings. [15]And you shall make a breastplate of judgment, the work of the skillful workman; like the work of the ephod you shall make it; of gold, of blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen, you shall make it. [16]Square it shall be and double; a span shall be the length of it, and a span the breadth of it. [17]And you shall set in it settings of stones, four rows of stones: a row of sardius, topaz, and carbuncle shall be the first row; [18]and the second row an emerald, a sapphire, and a diamond; [19]and the third row a jacinth, an agate, and an amethyst; [20]and the fourth row a beryl, and an onyx, and a jasper: they shall be enclosed in gold in their settings. [21]And the stones shall be according to the names of the children of Israel, twelve, according to their names; like the engravings of a signet, every one according to his name, they shall be for the twelve tribes. [22]And you shall make upon the breastplate chains like cords, of twisted work of pure gold. [23]And you shall make upon the breastplate two rings of gold, and shall put the two rings on the two ends of the breastplate. [24]And you shall put the two twisted chains of gold in the two rings at the ends of the breastplate. [25]And the other two ends of the two twisted chains you shall put on the two settings, and put them on the shoulder-pieces of the ephod in the forepart of it. [26]And you shall make two rings of gold, and you shall put them upon the two ends of the breastplate, upon the edge of it, which is toward the side of the ephod inward. [27]And you shall make two rings of gold, and shall put them on the two shoulder-pieces of the ephod underneath, in the forepart of it, close by the coupling of it, above the skillfully woven band of the ephod. [28]And they shall bind the breastplate by the rings of it to the rings of the ephod with a lace of blue, that it may be upon the skillfully woven band of the ephod, and that the breastplate may not be loosed from the ephod. [29]And Aaron shall bear the names of the children of Israel in the breastplate of judgment upon his heart, when he goes in to the holy place, for a memorial before Yehovah continually. [30]And you shall put in the breastplate of judgment the Urim and the Thummim; and they shall be upon Aaron's heart, when he goes in before Yehovah: and Aaron shall bear the judgment of the children of Israel upon his heart before Yehovah continually. [31]And you shall make the robe of the ephod all of blue. [32]And it shall have a hole for the head in the midst of it: it shall have a binding of woven work around the hole of it, as it were the hole of a coat of mail, that it may not be torn. [33]And upon the skirts of it you shall make pomegranates of blue, and of purple, and of scarlet, around the skirts of it; and bells of gold between them around: [34]a golden bell and a pomegranate, a golden bell and a pomegranate, upon the skirts of the robe around. [35]And it shall be upon Aaron to minister: and the sound of it shall be heard when he goes in to the holy place before Yehovah, and when he comes out, that he may not die. [36]And you shall make a plate of pure

gold, and grave upon it, like the engravings of a signet, HOLY TO YEHOVAH. 37And you shall put it on a lace of blue, and it shall be upon the mitre; upon the forefront of the mitre it shall be. 38And it shall be upon Aaron's forehead, and Aaron shall bear the iniquity of the holy things, which the children of Israel shall hallow in all their holy gifts; and it shall be always upon his forehead, that they may be accepted before Yehovah. 39And you shall weave the coat in checker work of fine linen, and you shall make a mitre of fine linen, and you shall make a sash, the work of the embroiderer. 40And for Aaron's sons you shall make coats, and you shall make for them sashes, and caps you shall make for them, for glory and for beauty. 41And you shall put them upon Aaron your brother, and upon his sons with him, and shall anoint them, and consecrate them, and sanctify them, that they may minister to me in the priest's office. 42And you shall make for them linen undergarments to cover the flesh of their nakedness; from the loins even to the thighs they shall reach: 43and they shall be upon Aaron, and upon his sons, when they go in to the tent of meeting, or when they come near to the altar to minister in the holy place; that they may not bear iniquity, and die: it shall be a statute forever to him and to his seed after him.

Chapter 29

1And this is the thing that you shall do to them to hallow them, to minister to me in the priest's office: take one young bullock and two rams without blemish, 2and unleavened bread, and cakes unleavened mingled with oil, and wafers unleavened anointed with oil: of fine wheat flour you shall make them. 3And you shall put them into one basket, and bring them in the basket, with the bullock and the two rams. 4And Aaron and his sons you shall bring to the door of the tent of meeting, and shall wash them with water. 5And you shall take the garments, and put upon Aaron the coat, and the robe of the ephod, and the ephod, and the breastplate, and gird him with the skillfully woven band of the ephod; 6and you shall set the mitre upon his head, and put the holy crown upon the mitre. 7Then you shall take the anointing oil, and pour it upon his head, and anoint him. 8And you shall bring his sons, and put coats upon them. 9And you shall gird them with sashes, Aaron and his sons, and bind caps on them: and they shall have the priesthood by a perpetual statute: and you shall consecrate Aaron and his sons. 10And you shall bring the bullock before the tent of meeting: and Aaron and his sons shall lay their hands upon the head of the bullock. 11And you shall kill the bullock before Yehovah, at the door of the tent of meeting. 12And you shall take of the blood of the bullock, and put it upon the horns of the altar with your finger; and you shall pour out all the blood at the base of the altar. 13And you shall take all the fat that covers the entrails, and the lobe upon the liver, and the two kidneys, and the fat that is upon them, and burn them upon the altar. 14But the flesh of the bullock, and its skin, and its dung, you shall burn with fire outside the camp: it is a sin-offering. 15You shall also take the one ram; and Aaron and his sons shall lay their hands upon the head of the ram. 16And you shall slay the ram, and you shall take its blood, and sprinkle it around upon the altar. 17And you shall cut the ram into its pieces, and wash its entrails, and its legs, and put them with its pieces, and with its head. 18And you shall burn the whole ram upon the altar: it is a burnt-offering to Yehovah; it is a sweet savor, an offering made by fire to Yehovah. 19And you shall take the other ram; and Aaron and his sons shall lay their hands upon the head of the ram. 20Then you shall kill the ram, and take of its blood, and put it upon the tip of the right ear of Aaron, and upon the tip of the right ear of his sons, and upon the thumb of their right hand, and upon the great toe of their right foot, and sprinkle the blood upon the altar around. 21And you shall take of the blood that is upon the altar, and of the anointing oil, and sprinkle it upon Aaron, and upon his garments, and upon his sons, and upon the garments of his sons with him: and he shall be hallowed, and his garments, and his sons, and his sons' garments with him. 22Also you shall take of the ram the fat, and the fat tail, and the fat that covers the entrails, and the lobe of the liver, and the two kidneys, and the fat that is upon them, and the right thigh (for it is a ram of consecration), 23and one loaf of bread, and one cake of oiled bread, and one wafer, out of the basket of unleavened bread that is before Yehovah: 24and you shall put the whole upon the hands of Aaron, and upon the hands of his sons, and shall wave them for a wave-offering before Yehovah. 25And you shall take them from their hands, and burn them on the altar upon the burnt-offering, for a sweet savor before Yehovah: it is an offering made by fire to Yehovah. 26And you shall take the breast of Aaron's ram of consecration, and wave it for a wave-offering before Yehovah: and it shall be your portion. 27And you shall sanctify the breast of the wave-

offering, and the thigh of the heave-offering, which is waved, and which is heaved up, of the ram of consecration, even of what is for Aaron, and of what is for his sons: 28and it shall be for Aaron and his sons as their portion forever from the children of Israel; for it is a heave-offering: and it shall be a heave-offering from the children of Israel of the sacrifices of their peace-offerings, even their heave-offering to Yehovah. 29And the holy garments of Aaron shall be for his sons after him, to be anointed in them, and to be consecrated in them. 30Seven days the son who is priest in his place shall put them on, when he comes into the tent of meeting to minister in the holy place. 31And you shall take the ram of consecration, and boil its flesh in a holy place. 32And Aaron and his sons shall eat the flesh of the ram, and the bread that is in the basket, at the door of the tent of meeting. 33And they shall eat those things with which atonement was made, to consecrate and to sanctify them: but a stranger shall not eat of it, because they are holy. 34And if anything of the flesh of the consecration, or of the bread, remains to the morning, then you shall burn the remainder with fire: it shall not be eaten, because it is holy. 35And thus you shall do to Aaron, and to his sons, according to all that I have commanded you: seven days you shall consecrate them. 36And every day you shall offer the bullock of sin-offering for atonement: and you shall cleanse the altar, when you make atonement for it; and you shall anoint it, to sanctify it. 37Seven days you shall make atonement for the altar, and sanctify it: and the altar shall be most holy; whatever touches the altar shall be holy. 38Now this is what you shall offer upon the altar: two lambs a year old day by day continually. 39The one lamb you shall offer in the morning; and the other lamb you shall offer at evening: 40and with the one lamb a tenth part of an ephah of fine flour mingled with the fourth part of a hin of beaten oil, and the fourth part of a hin of wine for a drink-offering. 41And the other lamb you shall offer at evening, and shall do to it according to the meal-offering of the morning, and according to the drink-offering of it, for a sweet savor, an offering made by fire to Yehovah. 42It shall be a continual burnt-offering throughout your generations at the door of the tent of meeting before Yehovah, where I will meet with you, to speak there to you. 43And there I will meet with the children of Israel; and the Tent shall be sanctified by my glory. 44And I will sanctify the tent of meeting, and the altar: Aaron also and his sons I will sanctify, to minister to me in the priest's office. 45And I will dwell among the children of Israel, and will be their God. 46And they shall know that I am Yehovah their God, who brought them out of the land of Egypt, that I might dwell among them: I am Yehovah their God.

Chapter 30

1And you shall make an altar to burn incense upon: of acacia wood you shall make it. 2A cubit shall be the length of it, and a cubit the breadth of it; square shall it be; and two cubits shall be the height of it: the horns of it shall be of one piece with it. 3And you shall overlay it with pure gold, the top of it, and the sides of it around, and the horns of it; and you shall make for it a crown of gold around. 4And two golden rings you shall make for it under the crown of it; upon the two ribs of it, upon the two sides of it you shall make them; and they shall be as places for poles with which to bear it. 5And you shall make the poles of acacia wood, and overlay them with gold. 6And you shall put it before the veil that is by the ark of the testimony, before the mercy-seat that is over the testimony, where I will meet with you. 7And Aaron shall burn on it incense of sweet spices: every morning, when he dresses the lamps, he shall burn it. 8And when Aaron lights the lamps at evening, he shall burn it, a perpetual incense before Yehovah throughout your generations. 9You shall offer no strange incense on it, nor burnt-offering, nor meal-offering; and you shall pour no drink-offering on it. 10And Aaron shall make atonement upon the horns of it once in the year; with the blood of the sin-offering of atonement once in the year he shall make atonement for it throughout your generations: it is most holy to Yehovah. 11And Yehovah spoke to Moses, saying, 12When you take the sum of the children of Israel, according to those who are numbered of them, then they shall give every man a ransom for his soul to Yehovah, when you number them; that there may be no plague among them, when you number them. 13This they shall give, everyone who passes over to those who are numbered, half a shekel according to the shekel of the sanctuary; (the shekel is twenty gerahs), half a shekel for an offering to Yehovah. 14Everyone who passes over to those who are numbered, from twenty years old and upward, shall give the offering of Yehovah. 15The rich shall not give more, and the poor shall not give less, than the half shekel, when they give the offering of Yehovah, to make atonement for your souls. 16And you shall take the atonement

money from the children of Israel, and shall appoint it for the service of the tent of meeting; that it may be a memorial for the children of Israel before Yehovah, to make atonement for your souls. 17And Yehovah spoke to Moses, saying, 18You shall also make a laver of brass, and the base of it of brass, at which to wash. And you shall put it between the tent of meeting and the altar, and you shall put water in it. 19And Aaron and his sons shall wash their hands and their feet at it: 20when they go into the tent of meeting, they shall wash with water, that they may not die; or when they come near to the altar to minister, to burn an offering made by fire to Yehovah. 21So they shall wash their hands and their feet, that they may not die: and it shall be a statute forever to them, even to him and to his seed throughout their generations. 22Moreover Yehovah spoke to Moses, saying, 23Take also for yourself the chief spices: of flowing myrrh five hundred shekels, and of sweet cinnamon half as much, even two hundred and fifty, and of sweet calamus two hundred and fifty, 24and of cassia five hundred, according to the shekel of the sanctuary, and of olive oil a hin; 25and you shall make it a holy anointing oil, a perfume compounded according to the art of the perfumer: it shall be a holy anointing oil. 26And you shall anoint with it the tent of meeting, and the ark of the testimony, 27and the table and all the vessels of it, and the candlestick and the vessels of it, and the altar of incense, 28and the altar of burnt-offering with all the vessels of it, and the laver and the base of it. 29And you shall sanctify them, that they may be most holy: whatever touches them shall be holy. 30And you shall anoint Aaron and his sons, and sanctify them, that they may minister to me in the priest's office. 31And you shall speak to the children of Israel, saying, This shall be a holy anointing oil to me throughout your generations. 32Upon the flesh of man it shall not be poured, nor shall you make any like it, according to the composition of it: it is holy, and it shall be holy to you. 33Whoever compounds any like it, or whoever puts any of it upon a stranger, he shall be cut off from his people. 34And Yehovah said to Moses, Take for yourself sweet spices, stacte, and onycha, and galbanum; sweet spices with pure frankincense: of each there shall be a like weight; 35and you shall make of it incense, a perfume according to the art of the perfumer, seasoned with salt, pure and holy: 36and you shall beat some of it very small, and put of it before the testimony in the tent of meeting, where I will meet with you: it shall be to you most holy. 37And the incense which you shall make, according to the composition of it you shall not make for yourselves: it shall be to you holy for Yehovah. 38Whoever makes any like it, to smell of it, he shall be cut off from his people.

Chapter 31

1And Yehovah spoke to Moses, saying, 2See, I have called by name Bezalel the son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah: 3and I have filled him with the Spirit of God, in wisdom, and in understanding, and in knowledge, and in all manner of workmanship, 4to devise skillful works, to work in gold, and in silver, and in brass, 5and in cutting of stones for setting, and in carving of wood, to work in all manner of workmanship. 6And I, behold, I have appointed with him Oholiab, the son of Ahisamach, of the tribe of Dan; and in the heart of all who are wise-hearted I have put wisdom, that they may make all that I have commanded you: 7the tent of meeting, and the ark of the testimony, and the mercy-seat that is upon it, and all the furniture of the Tent, 8and the table and its vessels, and the pure candlestick with all its vessels, and the altar of incense, 9and the altar of burnt-offering with all its vessels, and the laver and its base, 10and the finely wrought garments, and the holy garments for Aaron the priest, and the garments of his sons, to minister in the priest's office, 11and the anointing oil, and the incense of sweet spices for the holy place: according to all that I have commanded you they shall do. 12And Yehovah spoke to Moses, saying, 13Speak also to the children of Israel, saying, Truly you shall keep my sabbaths: for it is a sign between me and you throughout your generations; that you may know that I am Yehovah who sanctifies you. 14You shall keep the sabbath therefore; for it is holy to you: everyone who profanes it shall surely be put to death; for whoever does any work in it, that soul shall be cut off from among his people. 15Six days shall work be done, but on the seventh day is a sabbath of solemn rest, holy to Yehovah: whoever does any work on the sabbath day, he shall surely be put to death. 16Therefore the children of Israel shall keep the sabbath, to observe the sabbath throughout their generations, for a perpetual covenant. 17It is a sign between me and the children of Israel forever: for in six days Yehovah made heaven and earth, and on the seventh day he rested, and was refreshed. 18And he gave to Moses, when he had made an end of communing with him upon mount Sinai, the two

tables of the testimony, tables of stone, written with the finger of God.

Chapter 32

[1]And when the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mount, the people gathered themselves together to Aaron, and said to him, Up, make us gods, which shall go before us; for as for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him. [2]And Aaron said to them, Break off the golden rings, which are in the ears of your wives, of your sons, and of your daughters, and bring them to me. [3]And all the people broke off the golden rings which were in their ears, and brought them to Aaron. [4]And he received it from their hand, and fashioned it with a graving tool, and made it a molten calf: and they said, These are your gods, O Israel, which brought you up out of the land of Egypt. [5]And when Aaron saw this, he built an altar before it; and Aaron made proclamation, and said, Tomorrow shall be a feast to Yehovah. [6]And they rose up early on the next day, and offered burnt-offerings, and brought peace-offerings; and the people sat down to eat and to drink, and rose up to play. [7]And Yehovah spoke to Moses, Go down; for your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have corrupted themselves: [8]they have turned aside quickly out of the way which I commanded them: they have made for themselves a molten calf, and have bowed down to it, and have sacrificed to it, and said, These are your gods, O Israel, which brought you up out of the land of Egypt. [9]And Yehovah said to Moses, I have seen this people, and, behold, it is a stiffnecked people: [10]now therefore let me alone, that my wrath may grow hot against them, and that I may consume them: and I will make of you a great nation. [11]And Moses implored Yehovah his God, and said, Yehovah, why does your wrath grow hot against your people, whom you have brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? [12]Why should the Egyptians speak, saying, For evil he brought them out, to slay them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth? Turn from your fierce wrath, and repent of this evil against your people. [13]Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, to whom you swore by your own self, and said to them, I will multiply your seed as the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have spoken of I will give to your seed, and they shall inherit it forever. [14]And Yehovah repented of the evil which he said he would do to his people. [15]And Moses turned, and went down from the mount, with the two tables of the testimony in his hand; tables that were written on both their sides; on the one side and on the other they were written. [16]And the tables were the work of God, and the writing was the writing of God, graven upon the tables. [17]And when Joshua heard the noise of the people as they shouted, he said to Moses, There is a noise of war in the camp. [18]And he said, It is not the voice of those who shout for mastery, nor is it the voice of those who cry for being overcome; but the noise of those who sing I hear. [19]And it happened, as soon as he came near to the camp, that he saw the calf and the dancing: and Moses' anger grew hot, and he cast the tables out of his hands, and broke them beneath the mount. [20]And he took the calf which they had made, and burned it with fire, and ground it to powder, and scattered it upon the water, and made the children of Israel drink of it. [21]And Moses said to Aaron, What did this people do to you, that you have brought a great sin upon them? [22]And Aaron said, Do not let the anger of my lord grow hot: you know the people, that they are set on evil. [23]For they said to me, Make us gods, which shall go before us; for as for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him. [24]And I said to them, Whoever has any gold, let them break it off: so they gave it to me; and I cast it into the fire, and there came out this calf. [25]And when Moses saw that the people had broken loose, (for Aaron had let them loose for a derision among their enemies,) [26]then Moses stood in the gate of the camp, and said, Whoever is on Yehovah's side, let him come to me. And all the sons of Levi gathered themselves together to him. [27]And he said to them, Thus says Yehovah, the God of Israel, Put every man his sword upon his thigh, and go to and fro from gate to gate throughout the camp, and slay every man his brother, and every man his companion, and every man his neighbor. [28]And the sons of Levi did according to the word of Moses: and there fell of the people that day about three thousand men. [29]And Moses said, Consecrate yourselves today to Yehovah, indeed, every man against his son, and against his brother; that he may bestow upon you a blessing this day. [30]And it happened on the next day, that Moses said to the people, You have sinned a great sin: and now I will go up to Yehovah; perhaps I shall make atonement for your sin. [31]And Moses returned to Yehovah, and said, Oh, this people have sinned a great sin, and have

made for themselves gods of gold. 32Yet now, if you will forgive their sin—; and if not, please blot me out of your book which you have written. 33And Yehovah said to Moses, Whoever has sinned against me, him I will blot out of my book. 34And now go, lead the people to the place of which I have spoken to you: behold, my angel shall go before you; nevertheless in the day when I visit, I will visit their sin upon them. 35And Yehovah struck the people, because they made the calf, which Aaron made.

Chapter 33

1And Yehovah spoke to Moses, Depart, go up from here, you and the people whom you have brought up out of the land of Egypt, to the land of which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, saying, To your seed I will give it: 2and I will send an angel before you; and I will drive out the Canaanite, the Amorite, and the Hittite, and the Perizzite, the Hivite, and the Jebusite: 3to a land flowing with milk and honey: for I will not go up in the midst of you, for you are a stiffnecked people, lest I consume you in the way. 4And when the people heard these evil tidings, they mourned: and no man put on his ornaments. 5And Yehovah said to Moses, Say to the children of Israel, You are a stiffnecked people; if I go up into the midst of you for one moment, I shall consume you: therefore now put off your ornaments from you, that I may know what to do to you. 6And the children of Israel stripped themselves of their ornaments from mount Horeb onward. 7Now Moses used to take the tent and to pitch it outside the camp, far off from the camp; and he called it, The tent of meeting. And it happened, that everyone who sought Yehovah went out to the tent of meeting, which was outside the camp. 8And it happened, when Moses went out to the Tent, that all the people rose up, and stood, every man at his tent door, and looked after Moses, until he had gone into the Tent. 9And it happened, when Moses entered into the Tent, the pillar of cloud descended, and stood at the door of the Tent: and Yehovah spoke with Moses. 10And all the people saw the pillar of cloud stand at the door of the Tent: and all the people rose up and worshipped, every man at his tent door. 11And Yehovah spoke to Moses face to face, as a man speaks to his friend. And he turned again into the camp: but his minister Joshua, the son of Nun, a young man, did not depart out of the Tent. 12And Moses said to Yehovah, See, you say to me, Bring up this people: and you have not let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, I know you by name, and you have also found favor in my sight. 13Now therefore, please, if I have found favor in your sight, show me now your ways, that I may know you, so that I may find favor in your sight: and consider that this nation is your people. 14And he said, My presence shall go with you, and I will give you rest. 15And he said to him, If your presence does not go with me, do not carry us up from here. 16For how now shall it be known that I have found favor in your sight, I and your people? is it not in that you go with us, so that we are separated, I and your people, from all the people that are upon the face of the earth? 17And Yehovah said to Moses, I will do this thing also that you have spoken; for you have found favor in my sight, and I know you by name. 18And he said, Please show me your glory. 19And he said, I will make all my goodness pass before you, and will proclaim the name of Yehovah before you; and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy. 20And he said, You cannot see my face; for man shall not see me and live. 21And Yehovah said, Behold, there is a place by me, and you shall stand upon the rock: 22and it shall happen, while my glory passes by, that I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and will cover you with my hand until I have passed by: 23and I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back; but my face shall not be seen.

Chapter 34

1And Yehovah said to Moses, Hew two tables of stone like the first: and I will write upon the tables the words that were on the first tables, which you broke. 2And be ready by the morning, and come up in the morning to mount Sinai, and present yourself there to me on the top of the mount. 3And no man shall come up with you; nor let any man be seen throughout all the mount; nor let the flocks or herds feed before that mount. 4And he hewed two tables of stone like the first; and Moses rose up early in the morning, and went up to mount Sinai, as Yehovah had commanded him, and took in his hand two tables of stone. 5And Yehovah descended in the cloud, and stood with him there, and proclaimed the name of Yehovah. 6And Yehovah passed by before him, and proclaimed, Yehovah, Yehovah, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abundant in lovingkindness and truth; 7keeping lovingkindness for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin; and who will by no means clear the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children,

and upon the children's children, upon the third and upon the fourth generation. 8And Moses made haste, and bowed his head toward the earth, and worshipped. 9And he said, If now I have found favor in your sight, O Lord, please let the Lord go in the midst of us; for it is a stiffnecked people; and pardon our iniquity and our sin, and take us for your inheritance. 10And he said, Behold, I make a covenant: before all your people I will do marvels, such as have not been done in all the earth, nor in any nation; and all the people among whom you are shall see the work of Yehovah; for it is a terrible thing that I do with you. 11Observe what I command you this day: behold, I am driving out before you the Amorite, and the Canaanite, and the Hittite, and the Perizzite, and the Hivite, and the Jebusite. 12Take heed to yourself, lest you make a covenant with the inhabitants of the land where you are going, lest it become a snare in the midst of you: 13but you shall break down their altars, and dash in pieces their pillars, and you shall cut down their Asherim; 14(for you shall bow down to no other god: for Yehovah, whose name is Jealous, is a jealous God); 15lest you make a covenant with the inhabitants of the land, and they play the prostitute after their gods, and sacrifice to their gods, and one invites you and you eat of his sacrifice; 16and you take of their daughters to your sons, and their daughters play the prostitute after their gods, and make your sons play the prostitute after their gods. 17You shall make for yourself no molten gods. 18The feast of unleavened bread you shall keep. Seven days you shall eat unleavened bread, as I commanded you, at the time appointed in the month Abib; for in the month Abib you came out from Egypt. 19All that opens the womb is mine; and all your cattle that are male, the firstlings of cow and sheep. 20And the firstling of a donkey you shall redeem with a lamb: and if you will not redeem it, then you shall break its neck. All the first-born of your sons you shall redeem. And none shall appear before me empty. 21Six days you shall work, but on the seventh day you shall rest: in plowing time and in harvest you shall rest. 22And you shall observe the feast of weeks, even of the first-fruits of wheat harvest, and the feast of ingathering at the year's end. 23Three times in the year all your males shall appear before the Lord Yehovah, the God of Israel. 24For I will cast out nations before you, and enlarge your borders: nor shall any man desire your land, when you go up to appear before Yehovah your God three times in the year. 25You shall not offer the blood of my sacrifice with leavened bread; nor shall the sacrifice of the feast of the passover be left to the morning. 26The first of the first-fruits of your ground you shall bring to the house of Yehovah your God. You shall not boil a kid in its mother's milk. 27And Yehovah said to Moses, Write these words: for according to the tenor of these words I have made a covenant with you and with Israel. 28And he was there with Yehovah forty days and forty nights; he neither ate bread, nor drank water. And he wrote upon the tables the words of the covenant, the ten commandments. 29And it happened, when Moses came down from mount Sinai with the two tables of the testimony in Moses' hand, when he came down from the mount, that Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone by reason of his speaking with him. 30And when Aaron and all the children of Israel saw Moses, behold, the skin of his face shone; and they were afraid to come near him. 31And Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the rulers of the congregation returned to him: and Moses spoke to them. 32And afterward all the children of Israel came near: and he gave them in commandment all that Yehovah had spoken with him in mount Sinai. 33And when Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face. 34But when Moses went in before Yehovah to speak with him, he took the veil off, until he came out; and he came out, and spoke to the children of Israel what he was commanded. 35And the children of Israel saw the face of Moses, that the skin of Moses' face shone: and Moses put the veil upon his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

Chapter 35

1And Moses assembled all the congregation of the children of Israel, and said to them, These are the words which Yehovah has commanded, that you should do them. 2Six days shall work be done; but on the seventh day there shall be to you a holy day, a sabbath of solemn rest to Yehovah: whoever does any work in it shall be put to death. 3You shall kindle no fire throughout your habitations upon the sabbath day. 4And Moses spoke to all the congregation of the children of Israel, saying, This is the thing which Yehovah commanded, saying, 5Take from among you an offering to Yehovah; whoever is of a willing heart, let him bring it, Yehovah's offering: gold, and silver, and brass, 6and blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine linen, and goats' hair, 7and rams' skins dyed red, and sealskins, and acacia wood, 8and oil for the light, and

spices for the anointing oil, and for the sweet incense, [9]and onyx stones, and stones to be set, for the ephod, and for the breastplate. [10]And let every wise-hearted man among you come, and make all that Yehovah has commanded: [11]the tabernacle, its tent, and its covering, its clasps, and its boards, its bars, its pillars, and its sockets; [12]the ark, and the poles of it, the mercy-seat, and the veil of the screen; [13]the table, and its poles, and all its vessels, and the showbread; [14]the candlestick also for the light, and its vessels, and its lamps, and the oil for the light; [15]and the altar of incense, and its poles, and the anointing oil, and the sweet incense, and the screen for the door, at the door of the tabernacle; [16]the altar of burnt-offering, with its grating of brass, its poles, and all its vessels, the laver and its base; [17]the hangings of the court, the pillars of it, and their sockets, and the screen for the gate of the court; [18]the pins of the tabernacle, and the pins of the court, and their cords; [19]the finely wrought garments, for ministering in the holy place, the holy garments for Aaron the priest, and the garments of his sons, to minister in the priest's office. [20]And all the congregation of the children of Israel departed from the presence of Moses. [21]And they came, everyone whose heart stirred him up, and everyone whom his spirit made willing, and brought Yehovah's offering, for the work of the tent of meeting, and for all the service of it, and for the holy garments. [22]And they came, both men and women, as many as were willing-hearted, and brought brooches, and ear-rings, and signet-rings, and armlets, all jewels of gold; even every man who offered an offering of gold to Yehovah. [23]And every man, with whom was found blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine linen, and goats' hair, and rams' skins dyed red, and sealskins, brought them. [24]Everyone who offered an offering of silver and brass brought Yehovah's offering; and every man, with whom was found acacia wood for any work of the service, brought it. [25]And all the women who were wise-hearted spun with their hands, and brought what they had spun, the blue, and the purple, the scarlet, and the fine linen. [26]And all the women whose heart stirred them up in wisdom spun the goats' hair. [27]And the rulers brought the onyx stones, and the stones to be set, for the ephod, and for the breastplate; [28]and the spice, and the oil; for the light, and for the anointing oil, and for the sweet incense. [29]The children of Israel brought a freewill-offering to Yehovah; every man and woman, whose heart made them willing to bring for all the work, which Yehovah had commanded to be made by Moses. [30]And Moses said to the children of Israel, See, Yehovah has called by name Bezalel the son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah; [31]and he has filled him with the Spirit of God, in wisdom, in understanding, and in knowledge, and in all manner of workmanship; [32]and to devise skillful works, to work in gold, and in silver, and in brass, [33]and in cutting of stones for setting, and in carving of wood, to work in all manner of skillful workmanship. [34]And he has put in his heart that he may teach, both he, and Oholiab, the son of Ahisamach, of the tribe of Dan. [35]Them he has filled with wisdom of heart, to work all manner of workmanship, of the engraver, and of the skillful workman, and of the embroiderer, in blue, and in purple, in scarlet, and in fine linen, and of the weaver, even of those who do any workmanship, and of those who devise skillful works.

Chapter 36

[1]And Bezalel and Oholiab shall work, and every wise-hearted man, in whom Yehovah has put wisdom and understanding to know how to work all the work for the service of the sanctuary, according to all that Yehovah has commanded. [2]And Moses called Bezalel and Oholiab, and every wise-hearted man, in whose heart Yehovah had put wisdom, even everyone whose heart stirred him up to come to the work to do it: [3]and they received from Moses all the offering which the children of Israel had brought for the work of the service of the sanctuary, with which to make it. And they still brought him freewill-offerings every morning. [4]And all the wise men, who did all the work of the sanctuary, came every man from his work which they were doing; [5]and they spoke to Moses, saying, The people bring much more than enough for the service of the work which Yehovah commanded to make. [6]And Moses gave commandment, and they caused it to be proclaimed throughout the camp, saying, Let neither man nor woman make any more work for the offering of the sanctuary. So the people were restrained from bringing. [7]For the material they had was sufficient for all the work to make it, and too much. [8]And all the wise-hearted men among those who did the work made the tabernacle with ten curtains; of fine twined linen, and blue, and purple, and scarlet, with cherubim, the work of the skillful workman, Bezalel made them. [9]The length of each curtain was twenty-eight cubits, and the breadth of

each curtain four cubits: all the curtains had one measure. 10And he coupled five curtains one to another: and the other five curtains he coupled one to another. 11And he made loops of blue upon the edge of the one curtain from the selvedge in the coupling: likewise he made in the edge of the curtain that was outermost in the second coupling. 12Fifty loops he made in the one curtain, and fifty loops he made in the edge of the curtain that was in the second coupling: the loops were opposite one to another. 13And he made fifty clasps of gold, and coupled the curtains one to another with the clasps: so the tabernacle was one. 14And he made curtains of goats' hair for a tent over the tabernacle: eleven curtains he made them. 15The length of each curtain was thirty cubits, and four cubits the breadth of each curtain: the eleven curtains had one measure. 16And he coupled five curtains by themselves, and six curtains by themselves. 17And he made fifty loops on the edge of the curtain that was outermost in the coupling, and fifty loops he made upon the edge of the curtain which was outermost in the second coupling. 18And he made fifty clasps of brass to couple the tent together, that it might be one. 19And he made a covering for the tent of rams' skins dyed red, and a covering of sealskins above. 20And he made the boards for the tabernacle, of acacia wood, standing up. 21Ten cubits was the length of a board, and a cubit and a half the breadth of each board. 22Each board had two tenons, joined one to another: thus he made for all the boards of the tabernacle. 23And he made the boards for the tabernacle: twenty boards for the south side southward; 24and he made forty sockets of silver under the twenty boards; two sockets under one board for its two tenons, and two sockets under another board for its two tenons. 25And for the second side of the tabernacle, on the north side, he made twenty boards, 26and their forty sockets of silver; two sockets under one board, and two sockets under another board. 27And for the rear of the tabernacle westward he made six boards. 28And two boards he made for the corners of the tabernacle in the rear. 29And they were double beneath; and in like manner they were entire to the top of it to one ring: thus he did to both of them in the two corners. 30And there were eight boards, and their sockets of silver, sixteen sockets; under every board two sockets. 31And he made bars of acacia wood; five for the boards of the one side of the tabernacle, 32and five bars for the boards of the other side of the tabernacle, and five bars for the boards of the tabernacle for the rear westward. 33And he made the middle bar to pass through in the midst of the boards from the one end to the other. 34And he overlaid the boards with gold, and made their rings of gold for places for the bars, and overlaid the bars with gold. 35And he made the veil of blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen: with cherubim, the work of the skillful workman, he made it. 36And he made for it four pillars of acacia, and overlaid them with gold: their hooks were of gold; and he cast for them four sockets of silver. 37And he made a screen for the door of the Tent, of blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen, the work of the embroiderer; 38and the five pillars of it with their hooks: and he overlaid their capitals and their fillets with gold; and their five sockets were of brass.

Chapter 37

1And Bezalel made the ark of acacia wood: two cubits and a half was the length of it, and a cubit and a half the breadth of it, and a cubit and a half the height of it. 2And he overlaid it with pure gold inside and outside, and made a crown of gold for it around. 3And he cast for it four rings of gold, in the four feet of it; even two rings on the one side of it, and two rings on the other side of it. 4And he made poles of acacia wood, and overlaid them with gold. 5And he put the poles into the rings on the sides of the ark, to bear the ark. 6And he made a mercy-seat of pure gold: two cubits and a half was the length of it, and a cubit and a half the breadth of it. 7And he made two cherubim of gold; of beaten work he made them, at the two ends of the mercy-seat; 8one cherub at the one end, and one cherub at the other end: of one piece with the mercy-seat he made the cherubim at the two ends of it. 9And the cherubim spread out their wings on high, covering the mercy-seat with their wings, with their faces one to another; toward the mercy-seat were the faces of the cherubim. 10And he made the table of acacia wood: two cubits was the length of it, and a cubit the breadth of it, and a cubit and a half the height of it. 11And he overlaid it with pure gold, and made for it a crown of gold around. 12And he made for it a border of a handbreadth around, and made a golden crown for the border of it around. 13And he cast for it four rings of gold, and put the rings in the four corners that were on the four feet of it. 14Close by the border were the rings, the places for the poles to bear the table. 15And he made the poles of acacia wood, and overlaid them with gold, to bear the

table. 16And he made the vessels which were upon the table, the dishes of it, and the spoons of it, and the bowls of it, and the flagons of it, with which to pour out, of pure gold. 17And he made the candlestick of pure gold: of beaten work he made the candlestick, even its base, and its shaft; its cups, its knobs, and its flowers, were of one piece with it. 18And there were six branches going out of the sides of it; three branches of the candlestick out of the one side of it, and three branches of the candlestick out of the other side of it: 19three cups made like almond-blossoms in one branch, a knob and a flower, and three cups made like almond-blossoms in the other branch, a knob and a flower: so for the six branches going out of the candlestick. 20And in the candlestick were four cups made like almond-blossoms, the knobs of it, and the flowers of it; 21and a knob under two branches of one piece with it, and a knob under two branches of one piece with it, and a knob under two branches of one piece with it, for the six branches going out of it. 22Their knobs and their branches were of one piece with it: the whole of it was one beaten work of pure gold. 23And he made the lamps of it, seven, and the snuffers of it, and the snuffdishes of it, of pure gold. 24Of a talent of pure gold he made it, and all the vessels of it. 25And he made the altar of incense of acacia wood: a cubit was the length of it, and a cubit the breadth of it, square; and two cubits was the height of it; the horns of it were of one piece with it. 26And he overlaid it with pure gold, the top of it, and the sides of it around, and the horns of it: and he made for it a crown of gold around. 27And he made for it two golden rings under the crown of it, upon the two ribs of it, upon the two sides of it, for places for poles with which to bear it. 28And he made the poles of acacia wood, and overlaid them with gold. 29And he made the holy anointing oil, and the pure incense of sweet spices, according to the art of the perfumer.

Chapter 38

1And he made the altar of burnt-offering of acacia wood: five cubits was the length of it, and five cubits the breadth of it, square; and three cubits the height of it. 2And he made the horns of it upon the four corners of it; the horns of it were of one piece with it: and he overlaid it with brass. 3And he made all the vessels of the altar, the pots, and the shovels, and the basins, the flesh-hooks, and the firepans: all the vessels of it he made of brass. 4And he made for the altar a grating of network of brass, under the ledge round it beneath, reaching halfway up. 5And he cast four rings for the four ends of the grating of brass, to be places for the poles. 6And he made the poles of acacia wood, and overlaid them with brass. 7And he put the poles into the rings on the sides of the altar, with which to bear it; he made it hollow with planks. 8And he made the laver of brass, and the base of it of brass, of the mirrors of the ministering women who ministered at the door of the tent of meeting. 9And he made the court: for the south side southward the hangings of the court were of fine twined linen, a hundred cubits; 10their pillars were twenty, and their sockets twenty, of brass; the hooks of the pillars and their fillets were of silver. 11And for the north side a hundred cubits, their pillars twenty, and their sockets twenty, of brass; the hooks of the pillars, and their fillets, of silver. 12And for the west side were hangings of fifty cubits, their pillars ten, and their sockets ten; the hooks of the pillars, and their fillets, of silver. 13And for the east side eastward fifty cubits. 14The hangings for the one side of the gate were fifteen cubits; their pillars three, and their sockets three; 15and so for the other side: on this hand and that hand by the gate of the court were hangings of fifteen cubits; their pillars three, and their sockets three. 16All the hangings of the court around were of fine twined linen. 17And the sockets for the pillars were of brass; the hooks of the pillars, and their fillets, of silver; and the overlaying of their capitals, of silver; and all the pillars of the court were filleted with silver. 18And the screen for the gate of the court was the work of the embroiderer, of blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen: and twenty cubits was the length, and the height in the breadth was five cubits, corresponding to the hangings of the court. 19And their pillars were four, and their sockets four, of brass; their hooks of silver, and the overlaying of their capitals, and their fillets, of silver. 20And all the pins of the tabernacle, and of the court around, were of brass. 21This is the sum of the things for the tabernacle, even the tabernacle of the testimony, as they were counted, according to the commandment of Moses, for the service of the Levites, by the hand of Ithamar, the son of Aaron the priest. 22And Bezalel the son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah, made all that Yehovah commanded Moses. 23And with him was Oholiab, the son of Ahisamach, of the tribe of Dan, an engraver, and a skillful workman, and an embroiderer in blue, and in purple, and in scarlet, and in fine linen. 24All the gold that was used for the work in all the work of the sanctuary, even the

gold of the offering, was twenty-nine talents, and seven hundred and thirty shekels, according to the shekel of the sanctuary. 25And the silver of those who were numbered of the congregation was a hundred talents, and a thousand seven hundred and seventy-five shekels, according to the shekel of the sanctuary: 26a beka a head, that is, half a shekel, according to the shekel of the sanctuary, for everyone who passed over to those who were numbered, from twenty years old and upward, for six hundred thousand and three thousand and five hundred and fifty men. 27And the hundred talents of silver were for casting the sockets of the sanctuary, and the sockets of the veil; a hundred sockets for the hundred talents, a talent for a socket. 28And of the thousand seven hundred and seventy-five shekels he made hooks for the pillars, and overlaid their capitals, and made fillets for them. 29And the brass of the offering was seventy talents, and two thousand and four hundred shekels. 30And with it he made the sockets to the door of the tent of meeting, and the brass altar, and the brass grating for it, and all the vessels of the altar, 31and the sockets of the court around, and the sockets of the gate of the court, and all the pins of the tabernacle, and all the pins of the court around.

Chapter 39

1And of the blue, and purple, and scarlet, they made finely wrought garments, for ministering in the holy place, and made the holy garments for Aaron; as Yehovah commanded Moses. 2And he made the ephod of gold, blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen. 3And they beat the gold into thin plates, and cut it into wires, to work it in the blue, and in the purple, and in the scarlet, and in the fine linen, the work of the skillful workman. 4They made shoulder-pieces for it, joined together; at the two ends it was joined together. 5And the skillfully woven band, that was upon it, with which to gird it on, was of the same piece and like the work of it; of gold, of blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen; as Yehovah commanded Moses. 6And they worked the onyx stones, enclosed in settings of gold, graven with the engravings of a signet, according to the names of the children of Israel. 7And he put them on the shoulder-pieces of the ephod, to be stones of memorial for the children of Israel; as Yehovah commanded Moses. 8And he made the breastplate, the work of the skillful workman, like the work of the ephod; of gold, of blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen. 9It was square; they made the breastplate double: a span was the length of it, and a span the breadth of it, being double. 10And they set in it four rows of stones. A row of sardius, topaz, and carbuncle was the first row; 11and the second row, an emerald, a sapphire, and a diamond; 12and the third row, a jacinth, an agate, and an amethyst; 13and the fourth row, a beryl, an onyx, and a jasper: they were enclosed in mountings of gold in their settings. 14And the stones were according to the names of the children of Israel, twelve, according to their names; like the engravings of a signet, every one according to his name, for the twelve tribes. 15And they made upon the breastplate chains like cords, of twisted work of pure gold. 16And they made two settings of gold, and two gold rings, and put the two rings on the two ends of the breastplate. 17And they put the two twisted chains of gold in the two rings at the ends of the breastplate. 18And the other two ends of the two twisted chains they put on the two settings, and put them on the shoulder-pieces of the ephod, in the forepart of it. 19And they made two rings of gold, and put them upon the two ends of the breastplate, upon the edge of it, which was toward the side of the ephod inward. 20And they made two rings of gold, and put them on the two shoulder-pieces of the ephod underneath, in the forepart of it, close by the coupling of it, above the skillfully woven band of the ephod. 21And they bound the breastplate by the rings of it to the rings of the ephod with a lace of blue, that it might be upon the skillfully woven band of the ephod, and that the breastplate might not be loosed from the ephod; as Yehovah commanded Moses. 22And he made the robe of the ephod of woven work, all of blue; 23and the hole of the robe in the midst of it, as the hole of a coat of mail, with a binding around the hole of it, that it should not be torn. 24And they made upon the skirts of the robe pomegranates of blue, and purple, and scarlet, and twined linen. 25And they made bells of pure gold, and put the bells between the pomegranates upon the skirts of the robe around, between the pomegranates; 26a bell and a pomegranate, a bell and a pomegranate, upon the skirts of the robe around, to minister in; as Yehovah commanded Moses. 27And they made the coats of fine linen of woven work for Aaron, and for his sons, 28and the mitre of fine linen, and the fine caps of fine linen, and the linen undergarments of fine twined linen, 29and the sash of fine twined linen, and blue, and purple, and scarlet, the work of the embroiderer; as Yehovah commanded Moses. 30And they made the

plate of the holy crown of pure gold, and wrote upon it a writing, like the engravings of a signet, HOLY TO YEHOVAH. 31And they tied to it a lace of blue, to fasten it upon the mitre above; as Yehovah commanded Moses. 32Thus was finished all the work of the tabernacle of the tent of meeting: and the children of Israel did according to all that Yehovah commanded Moses; so did they. 33And they brought the tabernacle to Moses, the Tent, and all its furniture, its clasps, its boards, its bars, and its pillars, and its sockets; 34and the covering of rams' skins dyed red, and the covering of sealskins, and the veil of the screen; 35the ark of the testimony, and the poles of it, and the mercy-seat; 36the table, all the vessels of it, and the showbread; 37the pure candlestick, the lamps of it, even the lamps to be set in order, and all the vessels of it, and the oil for the light; 38and the golden altar, and the anointing oil, and the sweet incense, and the screen for the door of the Tent; 39the brass altar, and its grating of brass, its poles, and all its vessels, the laver and its base; 40the hangings of the court, its pillars, and its sockets, and the screen for the gate of the court, the cords of it, and the pins of it, and all the instruments of the service of the tabernacle, for the tent of meeting; 41the finely wrought garments for ministering in the holy place, and the holy garments for Aaron the priest, and the garments of his sons, to minister in the priest's office. 42According to all that Yehovah commanded Moses, so the children of Israel did all the work. 43And Moses saw all the work, and, behold, they had done it; as Yehovah had commanded, even so had they done it: and Moses blessed them.

Chapter 40

1And Yehovah spoke to Moses, saying, 2On the first day of the first month you shall set up the tabernacle of the tent of meeting. 3And you shall put in it the ark of the testimony, and you shall screen the ark with the veil. 4And you shall bring in the table, and set in order the things that are upon it; and you shall bring in the candlestick, and light the lamps of it. 5And you shall set the golden altar for incense before the ark of the testimony, and put the screen of the door to the tabernacle. 6And you shall set the altar of burnt-offering before the door of the tabernacle of the tent of meeting. 7And you shall set the laver between the tent of meeting and the altar, and shall put water in it. 8And you shall set up the court around, and hang up the screen of the gate of the court. 9And you shall take the anointing oil, and anoint the tabernacle, and all that is in it, and shall hallow it, and all the furniture of it: and it shall be holy. 10And you shall anoint the altar of burnt-offering, and all its vessels, and sanctify the altar: and the altar shall be most holy. 11And you shall anoint the laver and its base, and sanctify it. 12And you shall bring Aaron and his sons to the door of the tent of meeting, and shall wash them with water. 13And you shall put upon Aaron the holy garments; and you shall anoint him, and sanctify him, that he may minister to me in the priest's office. 14And you shall bring his sons, and put coats upon them; 15and you shall anoint them, as you anointed their father, that they may minister to me in the priest's office: and their anointing shall be to them for an everlasting priesthood throughout their generations. 16Thus Moses did: according to all that Yehovah commanded him, so he did. 17And it happened in the first month in the second year, on the first day of the month, that the tabernacle was set up. 18And Moses set up the tabernacle, and laid its sockets, and set up the boards of it, and put in the bars of it, and set up its pillars. 19And he spread the tent over the tabernacle, and put the covering of the tent above upon it; as Yehovah commanded Moses. 20And he took and put the testimony into the ark, and set the poles on the ark, and put the mercy-seat above upon the ark: 21and he brought the ark into the tabernacle, and set up the veil of the screen, and screened the ark of the testimony; as Yehovah commanded Moses. 22And he put the table in the tent of meeting, upon the side of the tabernacle northward, outside the veil. 23And he set the bread in order upon it before Yehovah; as Yehovah commanded Moses. 24And he put the candlestick in the tent of meeting, opposite the table, on the side of the tabernacle southward. 25And he lighted the lamps before Yehovah; as Yehovah commanded Moses. 26And he put the golden altar in the tent of meeting before the veil: 27and he burned on it incense of sweet spices; as Yehovah commanded Moses. 28And he put the screen of the door to the tabernacle. 29And he set the altar of burnt-offering at the door of the tabernacle of the tent of meeting, and offered upon it the burnt-offering and the meal-offering; as Yehovah commanded Moses. 30And he set the laver between the tent of meeting and the altar, and put water in it, with which to wash. 31And Moses and Aaron and his sons washed their hands and their feet at it; 32when they went into the tent of meeting, and when they came near to the altar, they washed; as Yehovah

commanded Moses. 33And he set up the court around the tabernacle and the altar, and set up the screen of the gate of the court. So Moses finished the work. 34Then the cloud covered the tent of meeting, and the glory of Yehovah filled the tabernacle. 35And Moses was not able to enter into the tent of meeting, because the cloud abode on it, and the glory of Yehovah filled the tabernacle. 36And when the cloud was taken up from over the tabernacle, the children of Israel went onward, throughout all their journeys: 37but if the cloud was not taken up, then they did not journey till the day that it was taken up. 38For the cloud of Yehovah was upon the tabernacle by day, and there was fire in it by night, in the sight of all the house of Israel, throughout all their journeys.

Leviticus

Chapter 1

[1]And Yehovah called to Moses, and spoke to him out of the tent of meeting, saying, [2]Speak to the children of Israel, and say to them, When any man of you offers an oblation to Yehovah, you shall offer your oblation of the cattle, even of the herd and of the flock. [3]If his oblation is a burnt-offering of the herd, he shall offer it a male without blemish: he shall offer it at the door of the tent of meeting, that he may be accepted before Yehovah. [4]And he shall lay his hand upon the head of the burnt-offering; and it shall be accepted for him to make atonement for him. [5]And he shall kill the bull before Yehovah: and Aaron's sons, the priests, shall present the blood, and sprinkle the blood all around on the altar that is at the door of the tent of meeting. [6]And he shall skin the burnt-offering, and cut it into its pieces. [7]And the sons of Aaron the priest shall put fire upon the altar, and lay wood in order upon the fire; [8]and Aaron's sons, the priests, shall lay the pieces, the head, and the fat, in order upon the wood that is on the fire which is upon the altar: [9]but its entrails and its legs he shall wash with water. And the priest shall burn the whole on the altar, for a burnt-offering, an offering made by fire, of a sweet aroma to Yehovah. [10]And if his oblation is of the flock, of the sheep, or of the goats, for a burnt-offering; he shall offer it a male without blemish. [11]And he shall kill it on the side of the altar northward before Yehovah: and Aaron's sons, the priests, shall sprinkle its blood on the altar all around. [12]And he shall cut it into its pieces, with its head and its fat; and the priest shall lay them in order on the wood that is on the fire which is upon the altar: [13]but the entrails and the legs he shall wash with water. And the priest shall offer the whole, and burn it upon the altar: it is a burnt-offering, an offering made by fire, of a sweet aroma to Yehovah. [14]And if his oblation to Yehovah is a burnt-offering of birds, then he shall offer his oblation of turtledoves, or of young pigeons. [15]And the priest shall bring it to the altar, and wring off its head, and burn it on the altar; and its blood shall be drained out on the side of the altar; [16]and he shall take away its crop with its filth, and cast it beside the altar on the east side, in the place of the ashes: [17]and he shall tear it by its wings, but shall not divide it apart. And the priest shall burn it upon the altar, upon the wood that is upon the fire: it is a burnt-offering, an offering made by fire, of a sweet aroma to Yehovah.

Chapter 2

[1]And when anyone offers an oblation of a meal-offering to Yehovah, his oblation shall be of fine flour; and he shall pour oil upon it, and put frankincense on it: [2]and he shall bring it to Aaron's sons the priests; and he shall take from it his handful of its fine flour, and of its oil, with all its frankincense. And the priest shall burn it as its memorial upon the altar, an offering made by fire, of a sweet aroma to Yehovah: [3]and what is left of the meal-offering shall be Aaron's and his sons': it is a thing most holy of the offerings of Yehovah made by fire. [4]And when you offer an oblation of a meal-offering baked in the oven, it shall be unleavened cakes of fine flour mixed with oil, or unleavened wafers anointed with oil. [5]And if your oblation is a meal-offering of the baking pan, it shall be of fine flour unleavened, mixed with oil. [6]You shall break it in pieces, and pour oil on it: it is a meal-offering. [7]And if your oblation is a meal-offering of the frying pan, it shall be made of fine flour with oil. [8]And you shall bring the meal-offering that is made of these things to Yehovah: and it shall be presented to the priest, and he shall bring it to the altar. [9]And the priest shall take up from the meal-offering its memorial, and shall burn it upon the altar, an offering made by fire, of a sweet aroma to Yehovah. [10]And what is left of the meal-offering shall be Aaron's and his sons': it is a thing most holy of the offerings of Yehovah made by fire. [11]No meal-offering, which you shall offer to Yehovah, shall be made with leaven; for you shall burn no leaven, nor any honey, as an offering made by fire to Yehovah. [12]As an oblation of first-fruits you shall offer them to Yehovah: but they shall not come up for a sweet aroma on the altar. [13]And every oblation of your meal-offering you shall season with salt; nor shall you allow the salt of the covenant of your God to be lacking from your meal-offering: with all your oblations you shall offer salt. [14]And if you offer a meal-offering of first-fruits to Yehovah, you shall offer for the meal-offering of your first-fruits grain in the ear parched with fire, bruised grain of the fresh ear. [15]And you shall put oil upon it, and lay frankincense on it: it is a meal-offering. [16]And the

priest shall burn its memorial, part of its bruised grain, and part of its oil, with all its frankincense: it is an offering made by fire to Yehovah.

Chapter 3

1And if his oblation is a sacrifice of peace-offerings; if he offers of the herd, whether male or female, he shall offer it without blemish before Yehovah. 2And he shall lay his hand upon the head of his oblation, and kill it at the door of the tent of meeting: and Aaron's sons the priests shall sprinkle the blood on the altar all around. 3And he shall offer of the sacrifice of peace-offerings an offering made by fire to Yehovah; the fat that covers the entrails, and all the fat that is upon the entrails, 4and the two kidneys, and the fat that is on them, which is by the loins, and the lobe of the liver, with the kidneys, he shall take away. 5And Aaron's sons shall burn it on the altar upon the burnt-offering, which is upon the wood that is on the fire: it is an offering made by fire, of a sweet aroma to Yehovah. 6And if his oblation for a sacrifice of peace-offerings to Yehovah is of the flock; male or female, he shall offer it without blemish. 7If he offers a lamb for his oblation, then he shall offer it before Yehovah; 8and he shall lay his hand upon the head of his oblation, and kill it before the tent of meeting: and Aaron's sons shall sprinkle its blood on the altar all around. 9And he shall offer of the sacrifice of peace-offerings an offering made by fire to Yehovah; its fat, the fat tail entire, he shall take away close to the backbone; and the fat that covers the entrails, and all the fat that is upon the entrails, 10and the two kidneys, and the fat that is upon them, which is by the loins, and the lobe of the liver, with the kidneys, he shall take away. 11And the priest shall burn it upon the altar: it is the food of the offering made by fire to Yehovah. 12And if his oblation is a goat, then he shall offer it before Yehovah: 13and he shall lay his hand upon its head, and kill it before the tent of meeting; and the sons of Aaron shall sprinkle its blood on the altar all around. 14And he shall offer from it his oblation, even an offering made by fire to Yehovah; the fat that covers the entrails, and all the fat that is upon the entrails, 15and the two kidneys, and the fat that is upon them, which is by the loins, and the lobe of the liver, with the kidneys, he shall take away. 16And the priest shall burn them upon the altar: it is the food of the offering made by fire, for a sweet aroma; all the fat is Yehovah's. 17It shall be a perpetual statute throughout your generations in all your dwellings, that you shall eat neither fat nor blood.

Chapter 4

1And Yehovah spoke to Moses, saying, 2Speak to the children of Israel, saying, If anyone sins unintentionally, in any of the things which Yehovah has commanded not to be done, and does any one of them: 3if the anointed priest sins so as to bring guilt on the people, then let him offer for his sin, which he has sinned, a young bull without blemish to Yehovah for a sin-offering. 4And he shall bring the bull to the door of the tent of meeting before Yehovah; and he shall lay his hand upon the head of the bull, and kill the bull before Yehovah. 5And the anointed priest shall take some of the blood of the bull, and bring it to the tent of meeting: 6and the priest shall dip his finger in the blood, and sprinkle some of the blood seven times before Yehovah, before the veil of the sanctuary. 7And the priest shall put some of the blood upon the horns of the altar of sweet incense before Yehovah, which is in the tent of meeting; and all the blood of the bull he shall pour out at the base of the altar of burnt-offering, which is at the door of the tent of meeting. 8And all the fat of the bull of the sin-offering he shall take off from it; the fat that covers the entrails, and all the fat that is upon the entrails, 9and the two kidneys, and the fat that is upon them, which is by the loins, and the lobe of the liver, with the kidneys, he shall take away, 10as it is taken off from the ox of the sacrifice of peace-offerings: and the priest shall burn them upon the altar of burnt-offering. 11And the skin of the bull, and all its flesh, with its head, and with its legs, and its entrails, and its dung, 12even the whole bull he shall carry out outside the camp to a clean place, where the ashes are poured out, and burn it on wood with fire: where the ashes are poured out it shall be burned. 13And if the whole congregation of Israel errs, and the thing is hidden from the eyes of the assembly, and they have done any of the things which Yehovah has commanded not to be done, and are guilty; 14when the sin in which they have sinned is known, then the assembly shall offer a young bull for a sin-offering, and bring it before the tent of meeting. 15And the elders of the congregation shall lay their hands upon the head of the bull before Yehovah; and the bull shall be killed before Yehovah. 16And the anointed priest shall bring some of the blood of the bull to the tent of meeting: 17and the priest shall dip his finger in the blood, and sprinkle it seven times before

Yehovah, before the veil. 18And he shall put some of the blood upon the horns of the altar which is before Yehovah, that is in the tent of meeting; and all the blood he shall pour out at the base of the altar of burnt-offering, which is at the door of the tent of meeting. 19And all its fat he shall take off from it, and burn it upon the altar. 20Thus he shall do with the bull; as he did with the bull of the sin-offering, so he shall do with this; and the priest shall make atonement for them, and they shall be forgiven. 21And he shall carry the bull outside the camp, and burn it as he burned the first bull: it is the sin-offering for the assembly. 22When a ruler sins, and does unintentionally any one of all the things which Yehovah his God has commanded not to be done, and is guilty; 23if his sin, in which he has sinned, is made known to him, he shall bring for his oblation a goat, a male without blemish. 24And he shall lay his hand upon the head of the goat, and kill it in the place where they kill the burnt-offering before Yehovah: it is a sin-offering. 25And the priest shall take some of the blood of the sin-offering with his finger, and put it upon the horns of the altar of burnt-offering; and its blood he shall pour out at the base of the altar of burnt-offering. 26And all its fat he shall burn upon the altar, as the fat of the sacrifice of peace-offerings; and the priest shall make atonement for him concerning his sin, and he shall be forgiven. 27And if any one of the common people sins unintentionally, in doing any of the things which Yehovah has commanded not to be done, and is guilty; 28if his sin, which he has sinned, is made known to him, then he shall bring for his oblation a goat, a female without blemish, for his sin which he has sinned. 29And he shall lay his hand upon the head of the sin-offering, and kill the sin-offering in the place of burnt-offering. 30And the priest shall take some of its blood with his finger, and put it upon the horns of the altar of burnt-offering; and all its blood he shall pour out at the base of the altar. 31And all its fat he shall take away, as the fat is taken away from the sacrifice of peace-offerings; and the priest shall burn it upon the altar for a sweet aroma to Yehovah; and the priest shall make atonement for him, and he shall be forgiven. 32And if he brings a lamb as his oblation for a sin-offering, he shall bring it a female without blemish. 33And he shall lay his hand upon the head of the sin-offering, and kill it for a sin-offering in the place where they kill the burnt-offering. 34And the priest shall take some of the blood of the sin-offering with his finger, and put it upon the horns of the altar of burnt-offering; and all its blood he shall pour out at the base of the altar. 35And all its fat he shall take away, as the fat of the lamb is taken away from the sacrifice of peace-offerings; and the priest shall burn them on the altar, upon the offerings of Yehovah made by fire; and the priest shall make atonement for him concerning his sin that he has sinned, and he shall be forgiven.

Chapter 5

1And if anyone sins, in that he hears the voice of adjuration, he being a witness, whether he has seen or known, if he does not utter it, then he shall bear his iniquity. 2Or if anyone touches any unclean thing, whether it is the carcass of an unclean beast, or the carcass of unclean cattle, or the carcass of unclean creeping things, and it is hidden from him, and he is unclean, then he shall be guilty. 3Or if he touches the uncleanness of man, whatever his uncleanness is by which he is unclean, and it is hidden from him; when he knows of it, then he shall be guilty. 4Or if anyone swears rashly with his lips to do evil, or to do good, whatever it is that a man shall utter rashly with an oath, and it is hidden from him; when he knows of it, then he shall be guilty in one of these things. 5And it shall be, when he is guilty in one of these things, that he shall confess that in which he has sinned: 6and he shall bring his trespass-offering to Yehovah for his sin which he has sinned, a female from the flock, a lamb or a goat, for a sin-offering; and the priest shall make atonement for him concerning his sin. 7And if his means do not suffice for a lamb, then he shall bring his trespass-offering for that in which he has sinned, two turtledoves, or two young pigeons, to Yehovah; one for a sin-offering, and the other for a burnt-offering. 8And he shall bring them to the priest, who shall offer what is for the sin-offering first, and wring off its head from its neck, but shall not divide it apart: 9and he shall sprinkle some of the blood of the sin-offering upon the side of the altar; and the rest of the blood shall be drained out at the base of the altar: it is a sin-offering. 10And he shall offer the second for a burnt-offering, according to the ordinance; and the priest shall make atonement for him concerning his sin which he has sinned, and he shall be forgiven. 11But if his means do not suffice for two turtledoves, or two young pigeons, then he shall bring his oblation for that in which he has sinned, the tenth part of an ephah of fine flour for a sin-offering: he shall put no oil upon it, nor shall he put

any frankincense on it; for it is a sin-offering. 12And he shall bring it to the priest, and the priest shall take his handful of it as its memorial, and burn it on the altar, upon the offerings of Yehovah made by fire: it is a sin-offering. 13And the priest shall make atonement for him concerning his sin that he has sinned in any of these things, and he shall be forgiven: and the remainder shall be the priest's, as the meal-offering. 14And Yehovah spoke to Moses, saying, 15If anyone commits a trespass, and sins unintentionally, in the holy things of Yehovah; then he shall bring his trespass-offering to Yehovah, a ram without blemish out of the flock, according to your estimation in silver by shekels, according to the shekel of the sanctuary, for a trespass-offering: 16and he shall make restitution for what he has done amiss in the holy thing, and shall add the fifth part to it, and give it to the priest; and the priest shall make atonement for him with the ram of the trespass-offering, and he shall be forgiven. 17And if anyone sins, and does any of the things which Yehovah has commanded not to be done; though he did not know it, yet he is guilty, and shall bear his iniquity. 18And he shall bring a ram without blemish out of the flock, according to your estimation, for a trespass-offering, to the priest; and the priest shall make atonement for him concerning the thing in which he erred unintentionally and did not know it, and he shall be forgiven. 19It is a trespass-offering: he is certainly guilty before Yehovah.

Chapter 6

1And Yehovah spoke to Moses, saying, 2If anyone sins, and commits a trespass against Yehovah, and deals falsely with his neighbor in a matter of deposit, or of bargain, or of robbery, or has oppressed his neighbor, 3or has found what was lost, and deals falsely in it, and swears to a lie; in any of all these things that a man does, sinning in them; 4then it shall be, if he has sinned, and is guilty, that he shall restore what he took by robbery, or the thing which he has gotten by oppression, or the deposit which was committed to him, or the lost thing which he found, 5or anything about which he has sworn falsely; he shall even restore it in full, and shall add the fifth part more to it: to him to whom it belongs he shall give it, in the day of his being found guilty. 6And he shall bring his trespass-offering to Yehovah, a ram without blemish out of the flock, according to your estimation, for a trespass-offering, to the priest: 7and the priest shall make atonement for him before Yehovah; and he shall be forgiven concerning whatever he does so as to be guilty by it. 8And Yehovah spoke to Moses, saying, 9Command Aaron and his sons, saying, This is the law of the burnt-offering: the burnt-offering shall be on the hearth upon the altar all night to the morning; and the fire of the altar shall be kept burning on it. 10And the priest shall put on his linen garment, and he shall put his linen undergarments upon his flesh; and he shall take up the ashes to which the fire has consumed the burnt-offering on the altar, and he shall put them beside the altar. 11And he shall take off his garments, and put on other garments, and carry the ashes outside the camp to a clean place. 12And the fire upon the altar shall be kept burning on it, it shall not go out; and the priest shall burn wood on it every morning: and he shall lay the burnt-offering in order upon it, and shall burn on it the fat of the peace-offerings. 13Fire shall be kept burning upon the altar continually; it shall not go out. 14And this is the law of the meal-offering: the sons of Aaron shall offer it before Yehovah, before the altar. 15And he shall take up from it his handful, of the fine flour of the meal-offering, and of its oil, and all the frankincense which is upon the meal-offering, and shall burn it upon the altar for a sweet aroma, as its memorial, to Yehovah. 16And what is left of it Aaron and his sons shall eat: it shall be eaten without leaven in a holy place; in the court of the tent of meeting they shall eat it. 17It shall not be baked with leaven. I have given it as their portion of my offerings made by fire; it is most holy, as the sin-offering, and as the trespass-offering. 18Every male among the children of Aaron shall eat of it, as his portion forever throughout your generations, from the offerings of Yehovah made by fire: whoever touches them shall be holy. 19And Yehovah spoke to Moses, saying, 20This is the oblation of Aaron and of his sons, which they shall offer to Yehovah in the day when he is anointed: the tenth part of an ephah of fine flour for a meal-offering perpetually, half of it in the morning, and half of it in the evening. 21On a baking pan it shall be made with oil; when it is soaked, you shall bring it in: in baked pieces you shall offer the meal-offering for a sweet aroma to Yehovah. 22And the anointed priest who shall be in his place from among his sons shall offer it: by a statute forever it shall be wholly burned to Yehovah. 23And every meal-offering of the priest shall be wholly burned: it shall not be eaten. 24And Yehovah spoke to Moses, saying, 25Speak to Aaron and to his sons,

saying, This is the law of the sin-offering: in the place where the burnt-offering is killed the sin-offering shall be killed before Yehovah: it is most holy. 26The priest who offers it for sin shall eat it: in a holy place it shall be eaten, in the court of the tent of meeting. 27Whatever touches its flesh shall be holy; and when any of its blood is sprinkled upon any garment, you shall wash that on which it was sprinkled in a holy place. 28But the earthen vessel in which it is boiled shall be broken; and if it is boiled in a bronze vessel, it shall be scoured, and rinsed in water. 29Every male among the priests shall eat of it: it is most holy. 30And no sin-offering, of which any of the blood is brought into the tent of meeting to make atonement in the holy place, shall be eaten: it shall be burned with fire.

Chapter 7

1And this is the law of the trespass-offering: it is most holy. 2In the place where they kill the burnt-offering they shall kill the trespass-offering; and its blood he shall sprinkle on the altar all around. 3And he shall offer of it all its fat: the fat tail, and the fat that covers the entrails, 4and the two kidneys, and the fat that is on them, which is by the loins, and the lobe of the liver, with the kidneys, he shall take away; 5and the priest shall burn them upon the altar for an offering made by fire to Yehovah: it is a trespass-offering. 6Every male among the priests shall eat of it: it shall be eaten in a holy place: it is most holy. 7As is the sin-offering, so is the trespass-offering; there is one law for them: the priest who makes atonement with it, he shall have it. 8And the priest who offers any man's burnt-offering, even the priest shall have for himself the skin of the burnt-offering which he has offered. 9And every meal-offering that is baked in the oven, and all that is prepared in the frying pan, and on the baking pan, shall be the priest's who offers it. 10And every meal-offering, mixed with oil, or dry, all the sons of Aaron shall have, one as well as another. 11And this is the law of the sacrifice of peace-offerings, which one shall offer to Yehovah. 12If he offers it for a thanksgiving, then he shall offer with the sacrifice of thanksgiving unleavened cakes mixed with oil, and unleavened wafers anointed with oil, and cakes mixed with oil, of fine flour soaked. 13With cakes of leavened bread he shall offer his oblation with the sacrifice of his peace-offerings for thanksgiving. 14And of it he shall offer one out of each oblation for a heave-offering to Yehovah; it shall be the priest's who sprinkles the blood of the peace-offerings. 15And the flesh of the sacrifice of his peace-offerings for thanksgiving shall be eaten on the day of his oblation; he shall not leave any of it until the morning. 16But if the sacrifice of his oblation is a vow, or a freewill-offering, it shall be eaten on the day that he offers his sacrifice; and on the next day what remains of it shall be eaten: 17but what remains of the flesh of the sacrifice on the third day shall be burned with fire. 18And if any of the flesh of the sacrifice of his peace-offerings is eaten on the third day, it shall not be accepted, nor shall it be credited to him who offers it: it shall be an abomination, and the soul who eats of it shall bear his iniquity. 19And the flesh that touches any unclean thing shall not be eaten; it shall be burned with fire. And as for the flesh, everyone who is clean shall eat of it: 20but the soul who eats of the flesh of the sacrifice of peace-offerings, that pertain to Yehovah, having his uncleanness upon him, that soul shall be cut off from his people. 21And when anyone touches any unclean thing, the uncleanness of man, or an unclean beast, or any unclean abomination, and eats of the flesh of the sacrifice of peace-offerings, which pertain to Yehovah, that soul shall be cut off from his people. 22And Yehovah spoke to Moses, saying, 23Speak to the children of Israel, saying, You shall eat no fat, of ox, or sheep, or goat. 24And the fat of what dies of itself, and the fat of what is torn by beasts, may be used for any other service; but you shall by no means eat of it. 25For whoever eats the fat of the beast, of which men offer an offering made by fire to Yehovah, even the soul that eats it shall be cut off from his people. 26And you shall eat no kind of blood, whether of bird or of beast, in any of your dwellings. 27Whoever eats any blood, that soul shall be cut off from his people. 28And Yehovah spoke to Moses, saying, 29Speak to the children of Israel, saying, He who offers the sacrifice of his peace-offerings to Yehovah shall bring his oblation to Yehovah out of the sacrifice of his peace-offerings: 30his own hands shall bring the offerings of Yehovah made by fire; the fat with the breast he shall bring, that the breast may be waved for a wave-offering before Yehovah. 31And the priest shall burn the fat upon the altar; but the breast shall be Aaron's and his sons'. 32And the right thigh you shall give to the priest for a heave-offering out of the sacrifices of your peace-offerings. 33He among the sons of Aaron who offers the blood of the peace-offerings, and the fat, shall have the right thigh for a portion. 34For the wave-breast and the heave-thigh I have taken from the children of Israel out of the sacrifices of their

peace-offerings, and have given them to Aaron the priest and to his sons as their portion forever from the children of Israel. 35This is the anointing-portion of Aaron, and the anointing-portion of his sons, out of the offerings of Yehovah made by fire, in the day when he presented them to minister to Yehovah in the priest's office; 36which Yehovah commanded to be given them by the children of Israel, in the day that he anointed them. It is their portion forever throughout their generations. 37This is the law of the burnt-offering, of the meal-offering, and of the sin-offering, and of the trespass-offering, and of the consecration, and of the sacrifice of peace-offerings; 38which Yehovah commanded Moses on mount Sinai, in the day that he commanded the children of Israel to offer their oblations to Yehovah, in the wilderness of Sinai.

Chapter 8

1And Yehovah spoke to Moses, saying, 2Take Aaron and his sons with him, and the garments, and the anointing oil, and the bull of the sin-offering, and the two rams, and the basket of unleavened bread; 3and assemble all the congregation at the door of the tent of meeting. 4And Moses did as Yehovah commanded him; and the congregation was assembled at the door of the tent of meeting. 5And Moses said to the congregation, This is the thing which Yehovah has commanded to be done. 6And Moses brought Aaron and his sons, and washed them with water. 7And he put the coat on him, and tied the sash around him, and clothed him with the robe, and put the ephod upon him, and he tied around him the skillfully woven band of the ephod, and bound it to him with it. 8And he placed the breastplate upon him: and in the breastplate he put the Urim and the Thummim. 9And he set the turban upon his head; and on the turban, in front, he set the golden plate, the holy crown; as Yehovah commanded Moses. 10And Moses took the anointing oil, and anointed the tabernacle and all that was in it, and sanctified them. 11And he sprinkled some of it upon the altar seven times, and anointed the altar and all its vessels, and the laver and its base, to sanctify them. 12And he poured some of the anointing oil upon Aaron's head, and anointed him, to sanctify him. 13And Moses brought Aaron's sons, and clothed them with coats, and tied sashes around them, and bound caps on them; as Yehovah commanded Moses. 14And he brought the bull of the sin-offering: and Aaron and his sons laid their hands upon the head of the bull of the sin-offering. 15And he slew it; and Moses took the blood, and put it upon the horns of the altar all around with his finger, and purified the altar, and poured out the blood at the base of the altar, and sanctified it, to make atonement for it. 16And he took all the fat that was upon the entrails, and the lobe of the liver, and the two kidneys, and their fat; and Moses burned it upon the altar. 17But the bull, and its skin, and its flesh, and its dung, he burned with fire outside the camp; as Yehovah commanded Moses. 18And he presented the ram of the burnt-offering: and Aaron and his sons laid their hands upon the head of the ram. 19And he killed it; and Moses sprinkled the blood on the altar all around. 20And he cut the ram into its pieces; and Moses burned the head, and the pieces, and the fat. 21And he washed the entrails and the legs with water; and Moses burned the whole ram upon the altar: it was a burnt-offering for a sweet aroma: it was an offering made by fire to Yehovah; as Yehovah commanded Moses. 22And he presented the other ram, the ram of consecration: and Aaron and his sons laid their hands upon the head of the ram. 23And he slew it; and Moses took some of its blood, and put it upon the tip of Aaron's right ear, and upon the thumb of his right hand, and upon the big toe of his right foot. 24And he brought Aaron's sons; and Moses put some of the blood upon the tip of their right ear, and upon the thumb of their right hand, and upon the big toe of their right foot: and Moses sprinkled the blood on the altar all around. 25And he took the fat, and the fat tail, and all the fat that was upon the entrails, and the lobe of the liver, and the two kidneys, and their fat, and the right thigh: 26and out of the basket of unleavened bread, that was before Yehovah, he took one unleavened cake, and one cake of oiled bread, and one wafer, and placed them on the fat, and upon the right thigh: 27and he put the whole upon the hands of Aaron, and upon the hands of his sons, and waved them for a wave-offering before Yehovah. 28And Moses took them from their hands, and burned them on the altar upon the burnt-offering: they were a consecration for a sweet aroma: it was an offering made by fire to Yehovah. 29And Moses took the breast, and waved it for a wave-offering before Yehovah: it was Moses' portion of the ram of consecration; as Yehovah commanded Moses. 30And Moses took some of the anointing oil, and of the blood which was upon the altar, and sprinkled it upon Aaron, upon his garments, and upon his sons, and upon his sons' garments with him, and sanctified

Aaron, his garments, and his sons, and his sons' garments with him. 31And Moses said to Aaron and to his sons, Boil the flesh at the door of the tent of meeting: and there eat it and the bread that is in the basket of consecration, as I commanded, saying, Aaron and his sons shall eat it. 32And what remains of the flesh and of the bread you shall burn with fire. 33And you shall not go out from the door of the tent of meeting seven days, until the days of your consecration are fulfilled: for he shall consecrate you seven days. 34As has been done this day, so Yehovah has commanded to do, to make atonement for you. 35And at the door of the tent of meeting you shall abide day and night seven days, and keep the charge of Yehovah, that you may not die: for so I am commanded. 36And Aaron and his sons did all the things which Yehovah commanded by Moses.

Chapter 9

1And it happened on the eighth day, that Moses called Aaron and his sons, and the elders of Israel; 2and he said to Aaron, Take a calf of the herd for a sin-offering, and a ram for a burnt-offering, without blemish, and offer them before Yehovah. 3And to the children of Israel you shall speak, saying, Take a male goat for a sin-offering; and a calf and a lamb, both a year old, without blemish, for a burnt-offering; 4and an ox and a ram for peace-offerings, to sacrifice before Yehovah; and a meal-offering mixed with oil: for today Yehovah appears to you. 5And they brought what Moses commanded before the tent of meeting: and all the congregation drew near and stood before Yehovah. 6And Moses said, This is the thing which Yehovah commanded that you should do: and the glory of Yehovah shall appear to you. 7And Moses said to Aaron, Draw near to the altar, and offer your sin-offering, and your burnt-offering, and make atonement for yourself, and for the people; and offer the oblation of the people, and make atonement for them; as Yehovah commanded. 8So Aaron drew near to the altar, and slew the calf of the sin-offering, which was for himself. 9And the sons of Aaron presented the blood to him; and he dipped his finger in the blood, and put it upon the horns of the altar, and poured out the blood at the base of the altar: 10but the fat, and the kidneys, and the lobe from the liver of the sin-offering, he burned upon the altar; as Yehovah commanded Moses. 11And the flesh and the skin he burned with fire outside the camp. 12And he slew the burnt-offering; and Aaron's sons delivered to him the blood, and he sprinkled it on the altar all around. 13And they delivered the burnt-offering to him, piece by piece, and the head: and he burned them upon the altar. 14And he washed the entrails and the legs, and burned them upon the burnt-offering on the altar. 15And he presented the people's oblation, and took the goat of the sin-offering which was for the people, and slew it, and offered it for sin, as the first. 16And he presented the burnt-offering, and offered it according to the ordinance. 17And he presented the meal-offering, and filled his hand from it, and burned it upon the altar, besides the burnt-offering of the morning. 18He also slew the ox and the ram, the sacrifice of peace-offerings, which was for the people: and Aaron's sons delivered to him the blood, which he sprinkled on the altar all around, 19and the fat of the ox and of the ram, the fat tail, and what covers the entrails, and the kidneys, and the lobe of the liver: 20and they put the fat upon the breasts, and he burned the fat upon the altar: 21and the breasts and the right thigh Aaron waved for a wave-offering before Yehovah; as Moses commanded. 22And Aaron lifted up his hands toward the people, and blessed them; and he came down from offering the sin-offering, and the burnt-offering, and the peace-offerings. 23And Moses and Aaron went into the tent of meeting, and came out, and blessed the people: and the glory of Yehovah appeared to all the people. 24And fire came forth from before Yehovah, and consumed upon the altar the burnt-offering and the fat: and when all the people saw it, they shouted, and fell on their faces.

Chapter 10

1And Nadab and Abihu, the sons of Aaron, each took his censer, and put fire in it, and laid incense on it, and offered strange fire before Yehovah, which he had not commanded them. 2And fire came forth from before Yehovah, and devoured them, and they died before Yehovah. 3Then Moses said to Aaron, This is what Yehovah spoke, saying, I will be sanctified in those who come near me, and before all the people I will be glorified. And Aaron held his peace. 4And Moses called Mishael and Elzaphan, the sons of Uzziel the uncle of Aaron, and said to them, Draw near, carry your brothers from before the sanctuary out of the camp. 5So they drew near, and carried them in their coats out of the camp, as Moses had said. 6And Moses said to Aaron, and to Eleazar and to Ithamar, his sons, Do not let the hair of your heads go loose, nor tear your clothes; that you may not die, and that he may not be angry with all the

congregation: but let your brothers, the whole house of Israel, bewail the burning which Yehovah has kindled. 7And you shall not go out from the door of the tent of meeting, lest you die; for the anointing oil of Yehovah is upon you. And they did according to the word of Moses. 8And Yehovah spoke to Aaron, saying, 9Drink no wine nor strong drink, you, nor your sons with you, when you go into the tent of meeting, that you may not die: it shall be a statute forever throughout your generations: 10and that you may make a distinction between the holy and the common, and between the unclean and the clean; 11and that you may teach the children of Israel all the statutes which Yehovah has spoken to them by Moses. 12And Moses spoke to Aaron, and to Eleazar and to Ithamar, his sons who were left, Take the meal-offering that remains of the offerings of Yehovah made by fire, and eat it without leaven beside the altar; for it is most holy; 13and you shall eat it in a holy place, because it is your portion, and your sons' portion, of the offerings of Yehovah made by fire: for so I am commanded. 14And the wave-breast and the heave-thigh you shall eat in a clean place, you, and your sons, and your daughters with you: for they are given as your portion, and your sons' portion, out of the sacrifices of the peace-offerings of the children of Israel. 15The heave-thigh and the wave-breast they shall bring with the offerings made by fire of the fat, to wave it for a wave-offering before Yehovah: and it shall be yours, and your sons' with you, as a portion forever; as Yehovah has commanded. 16And Moses diligently sought the goat of the sin-offering, and, behold, it was burned: and he was angry with Eleazar and with Ithamar, the sons of Aaron who were left, saying, 17Why have you not eaten the sin-offering in the place of the sanctuary, seeing it is most holy, and he has given it to you to bear the iniquity of the congregation, to make atonement for them before Yehovah? 18Behold, the blood of it was not brought into the sanctuary within: you should certainly have eaten it in the sanctuary, as I commanded. 19And Aaron spoke to Moses, Behold, this day they have offered their sin-offering and their burnt-offering before Yehovah; and such things as these have befallen me: and if I had eaten the sin-offering today, would it have been well-pleasing in the sight of Yehovah? 20And when Moses heard that, it was well-pleasing in his sight.

Chapter 11

1And Yehovah spoke to Moses and to Aaron, saying to them, 2Speak to the children of Israel, saying, These are the living things which you may eat among all the beasts that are on the earth. 3Whatever parts the hoof, and is cloven-footed, and chews the cud, among the beasts, that you may eat. 4Nevertheless these you shall not eat of those that chew the cud, or of those that part the hoof: the camel, because he chews the cud but does not part the hoof, he is unclean to you. 5And the rock badger, because he chews the cud but does not part the hoof, he is unclean to you. 6And the hare, because she chews the cud but does not part the hoof, she is unclean to you. 7And the swine, because he parts the hoof, and is cloven-footed, but does not chew the cud, he is unclean to you. 8Of their flesh you shall not eat, and their carcasses you shall not touch; they are unclean to you. 9These you may eat of all that are in the waters: whatever has fins and scales in the waters, in the seas, and in the rivers, that you may eat. 10And all that do not have fins and scales in the seas, and in the rivers, of all that move in the waters, and of all the living creatures that are in the waters, they are an abomination to you, 11and they shall be an abomination to you; you shall not eat of their flesh, and their carcasses you shall have in abomination. 12Whatever has no fins nor scales in the waters, that is an abomination to you. 13And these you shall have in abomination among the birds; they shall not be eaten, they are an abomination: the eagle, and the gier-eagle, and the osprey, 14and the kite, and the falcon according to its kind, 15every raven according to its kind, 16and the ostrich, and the nighthawk, and the sea gull, and the hawk according to its kind, 17and the little owl, and the cormorant, and the great owl, 18and the horned owl, and the pelican, and the vulture, 19and the stork, the heron according to its kind, and the hoopoe, and the bat. 20All winged creeping things that go upon all fours are an abomination to you. 21Yet these you may eat of all winged creeping things that go upon all fours, which have legs above their feet, with which to leap upon the earth; 22even these of them you may eat: the locust according to its kind, and the bald locust according to its kind, and the cricket according to its kind, and the grasshopper according to its kind. 23But all winged creeping things, which have four feet, are an abomination to you. 24And by these you shall become unclean: whoever touches their carcass shall be unclean until the evening; 25and whoever carries

any part of their carcass shall wash his clothes, and be unclean until the evening. 26Every beast which parts the hoof, and is not cloven-footed, nor chews the cud, is unclean to you: everyone who touches them shall be unclean. 27And whatever goes upon its paws, among all beasts that go on all fours, they are unclean to you: whoever touches their carcass shall be unclean until the evening. 28And he who carries their carcass shall wash his clothes, and be unclean until the evening: they are unclean to you. 29And these are those which are unclean to you among the creeping things that creep upon the earth: the weasel, and the mouse, and the great lizard according to its kind, 30and the gecko, and the land crocodile, and the lizard, and the sand lizard, and the chameleon. 31These are those which are unclean to you among all that creep: whoever touches them, when they are dead, shall be unclean until the evening. 32And anything on which any of them falls, when they are dead, shall be unclean; whether it is any vessel of wood, or clothing, or skin, or sack, whatever vessel it is, with which any work is done, it must be put into water, and it shall be unclean until the evening; then it shall be clean. 33And every earthen vessel into which any of them falls, whatever is in it shall be unclean, and you shall break it. 34All food in it which may be eaten, on which water comes, shall be unclean; and all drink that may be drunk in every such vessel shall be unclean. 35And everything on which any part of their carcass falls shall be unclean; whether oven, or range for pots, it shall be broken in pieces: they are unclean, and shall be unclean to you. 36Nevertheless a spring or a pit in which there is a gathering of water shall be clean: but what touches their carcass shall be unclean. 37And if any part of their carcass falls upon any sowing seed which is to be sown, it is clean. 38But if water is put upon the seed, and any part of their carcass falls on it, it is unclean to you. 39And if any beast, of which you may eat, dies; he who touches its carcass shall be unclean until the evening. 40And he who eats of its carcass shall wash his clothes, and be unclean until the evening: he also who carries its carcass shall wash his clothes, and be unclean until the evening. 41And every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth is an abomination; it shall not be eaten. 42Whatever goes upon the belly, and whatever goes upon all fours, or whatever has many feet, even all creeping things that creep upon the earth, you shall not eat them; for they are an abomination. 43You shall not make yourselves abominable with any creeping thing that creeps, nor shall you make yourselves unclean with them, that you should be defiled by them. 44For I am Yehovah your God: sanctify yourselves therefore, and be holy; for I am holy: nor shall you defile yourselves with any kind of creeping thing that moves upon the earth. 45For I am Yehovah who brought you up out of the land of Egypt, to be your God: you shall therefore be holy, for I am holy. 46This is the law of the beast, and of the bird, and of every living creature that moves in the waters, and of every creature that creeps upon the earth; 47to make a distinction between the unclean and the clean, and between the living thing that may be eaten and the living thing that may not be eaten.

Chapter 12

1And Yehovah spoke to Moses, saying, 2Speak to the children of Israel, saying, If a woman conceives seed, and bears a male child, then she shall be unclean seven days; as in the days of the impurity of her sickness she shall be unclean. 3And on the eighth day the flesh of his foreskin shall be circumcised. 4And she shall continue in the blood of her purifying thirty-three days; she shall touch no holy thing, nor come into the sanctuary, until the days of her purifying are fulfilled. 5But if she bears a female child, then she shall be unclean two weeks, as in her impurity; and she shall continue in the blood of her purifying sixty-six days. 6And when the days of her purifying are fulfilled, for a son, or for a daughter, she shall bring a lamb a year old for a burnt-offering, and a young pigeon, or a turtledove, for a sin-offering, to the door of the tent of meeting, to the priest: 7and he shall offer it before Yehovah, and make atonement for her; and she shall be cleansed from the fountain of her blood. This is the law for her who bears, whether a male or a female. 8And if her means do not suffice for a lamb, then she shall take two turtledoves, or two young pigeons; the one for a burnt-offering, and the other for a sin-offering: and the priest shall make atonement for her, and she shall be clean.

Chapter 13

1And Yehovah spoke to Moses and to Aaron, saying, 2When a man has in the skin of his flesh a swelling, or a scab, or a bright spot, and it becomes in the skin of his flesh the plague of leprosy, then he shall be brought to Aaron the priest, or to one of his sons the priests: 3and the priest shall look on the plague in the

skin of the flesh: and if the hair in the plague has turned white, and the appearance of the plague is deeper than the skin of his flesh, it is the plague of leprosy; and the priest shall look on him, and pronounce him unclean. 4And if the bright spot is white in the skin of his flesh, and its appearance is not deeper than the skin, and its hair has not turned white, then the priest shall shut up him who has the plague seven days: 5and the priest shall look on him the seventh day: and, behold, if in his eyes the plague has stayed as it was, and the plague has not spread in the skin, then the priest shall shut him up seven days more: 6and the priest shall look on him again the seventh day; and, behold, if the plague is dim, and the plague has not spread in the skin, then the priest shall pronounce him clean: it is a scab: and he shall wash his clothes, and be clean. 7But if the scab spreads in the skin, after he has shown himself to the priest for his cleansing, he shall show himself to the priest again: 8and the priest shall look; and, behold, if the scab has spread in the skin, then the priest shall pronounce him unclean: it is leprosy. 9When the plague of leprosy is in a man, then he shall be brought to the priest; 10and the priest shall look; and, behold, if there is a white swelling in the skin, and it has turned the hair white, and there is raw living flesh in the swelling, 11it is an old leprosy in the skin of his flesh, and the priest shall pronounce him unclean: he shall not shut him up; for he is unclean. 12And if the leprosy breaks out in the skin, and the leprosy covers all the skin of him who has the plague from his head even to his feet, as far as appears to the priest; 13then the priest shall look; and, behold, if the leprosy has covered all his flesh, he shall pronounce him who has the plague clean: it has all turned white: he is clean. 14But whenever raw flesh appears in him, he shall be unclean. 15And the priest shall look on the raw flesh, and pronounce him unclean: the raw flesh is unclean: it is leprosy. 16Or if the raw flesh turns again, and is changed to white, then he shall come to the priest; 17and the priest shall look on him; and, behold, if the plague has turned white, then the priest shall pronounce him who has the plague clean: he is clean. 18And when the flesh has a boil in its skin, and it is healed, 19and in the place of the boil there is a white swelling, or a bright spot, reddish-white, then it shall be shown to the priest; 20and the priest shall look; and, behold, if its appearance is lower than the skin, and its hair has turned white, then the priest shall pronounce him unclean: it is the plague of leprosy, it has broken out in the boil. 21But if the priest looks on it, and, behold, there are no white hairs in it, and it is not lower than the skin, but is dim; then the priest shall shut him up seven days: 22and if it spreads in the skin, then the priest shall pronounce him unclean: it is a plague. 23But if the bright spot stays in its place, and has not spread, it is the scar of the boil; and the priest shall pronounce him clean. 24Or when the flesh has a burn by fire in its skin, and the living flesh of the burn becomes a bright spot, reddish-white, or white; 25then the priest shall look upon it; and, behold, if the hair in the bright spot has turned white, and its appearance is deeper than the skin; it is leprosy, it has broken out in the burn: and the priest shall pronounce him unclean: it is the plague of leprosy. 26But if the priest looks on it, and, behold, there is no white hair in the bright spot, and it is no lower than the skin, but is dim; then the priest shall shut him up seven days: 27and the priest shall look upon him the seventh day: if it spreads in the skin, then the priest shall pronounce him unclean: it is the plague of leprosy. 28And if the bright spot stays in its place, and has not spread in the skin, but is dim; it is the swelling of the burn, and the priest shall pronounce him clean: for it is the scar of the burn. 29And when a man or woman has a plague upon the head or upon the beard, 30then the priest shall look on the plague; and, behold, if its appearance is deeper than the skin, and there is in it yellow thin hair, then the priest shall pronounce him unclean: it is an itch, it is leprosy of the head or of the beard. 31And if the priest looks on the plague of the itch, and, behold, its appearance is not deeper than the skin, and there is no black hair in it, then the priest shall shut up him who has the plague of the itch seven days: 32and on the seventh day the priest shall look on the plague; and, behold, if the itch has not spread, and there is no yellow hair in it, and the appearance of the itch is not deeper than the skin, 33then he shall be shaved, but he shall not shave the itch; and the priest shall shut up him who has the itch seven days more: 34and on the seventh day the priest shall look on the itch; and, behold, if the itch has not spread in the skin, and its appearance is not deeper than the skin; then the priest shall pronounce him clean: and he shall wash his clothes, and be clean. 35But if the itch spreads in the skin after his cleansing, 36then the priest shall look on him; and, behold, if the itch has spread in the skin, the priest shall not seek for the yellow hair; he is unclean. 37But

if in his eyes the itch has stayed as it was, and black hair has grown up in it; the itch is healed, he is clean: and the priest shall pronounce him clean. 38And when a man or a woman has in the skin of the flesh bright spots, even white bright spots; 39then the priest shall look; and, behold, if the bright spots in the skin of their flesh are of a dull white, it is a rash, it has broken out in the skin; he is clean. 40And if a man's hair has fallen off his head, he is bald; yet he is clean. 41And if his hair has fallen off from the front part of his head, he is bald on the forehead; yet he is clean. 42But if there is in the bald head, or the bald forehead, a reddish-white plague; it is leprosy breaking out in his bald head, or his bald forehead. 43Then the priest shall look upon him; and, behold, if the swelling of the plague is reddish-white in his bald head, or in his bald forehead, like the appearance of leprosy in the skin of the flesh; 44he is a leprous man, he is unclean: the priest shall surely pronounce him unclean; his plague is in his head. 45And the leper in whom the plague is, his clothes shall be torn, and the hair of his head shall go loose, and he shall cover his upper lip, and shall cry, Unclean, unclean. 46All the days in which the plague is in him he shall be unclean; he is unclean: he shall dwell alone; outside the camp shall his dwelling be. 47The garment also that the plague of leprosy is in, whether it is a woolen garment, or a linen garment; 48whether it is in warp, or woof; of linen, or of wool; whether in a skin, or in anything made of skin; 49if the plague is greenish or reddish in the garment, or in the skin, or in the warp, or in the woof, or in anything of skin; it is the plague of leprosy, and shall be shown to the priest. 50And the priest shall look upon the plague, and shut up what has the plague seven days: 51and he shall look on the plague on the seventh day: if the plague has spread in the garment, either in the warp, or in the woof, or in the skin, whatever service skin is used for; the plague is a malignant leprosy; it is unclean. 52And he shall burn the garment, whether the warp or the woof, in wool or in linen, or anything of skin, in which the plague is: for it is a malignant leprosy; it shall be burned in the fire. 53And if the priest looks, and, behold, the plague has not spread in the garment, either in the warp, or in the woof, or in anything of skin; 54then the priest shall command that they wash the thing in which the plague is, and he shall shut it up seven days more: 55and the priest shall look, after the plague is washed; and, behold, if the plague has not changed its color, and the plague has not spread, it is unclean; you shall burn it in the fire: it is an eating away, whether the bareness is within or without. 56And if the priest looks, and, behold, the plague is dim after its washing, then he shall tear it out of the garment, or out of the skin, or out of the warp, or out of the woof: 57and if it appears still in the garment, either in the warp, or in the woof, or in anything of skin, it is breaking out: you shall burn with fire that in which the plague is. 58And the garment, either the warp, or the woof, or whatever thing of skin it is, which you shall wash, if the plague has departed from them, then it shall be washed the second time, and shall be clean. 59This is the law of the plague of leprosy in a garment of wool or linen, either in the warp, or the woof, or anything of skin, to pronounce it clean, or to pronounce it unclean.

Chapter 14

1And Yehovah spoke to Moses, saying, 2This shall be the law of the leper in the day of his cleansing: he shall be brought to the priest: 3and the priest shall go out of the camp; and the priest shall look; and, behold, if the plague of leprosy is healed in the leper, 4then the priest shall command to take for him who is to be cleansed two living clean birds, and cedar wood, and scarlet, and hyssop: 5and the priest shall command to kill one of the birds in an earthen vessel over running water. 6As for the living bird, he shall take it, and the cedar wood, and the scarlet, and the hyssop, and shall dip them and the living bird in the blood of the bird that was killed over the running water: 7and he shall sprinkle him who is to be cleansed from the leprosy seven times, and shall pronounce him clean, and shall let the living bird go into the open field. 8And he who is to be cleansed shall wash his clothes, and shave off all his hair, and bathe himself in water; and he shall be clean: and after that he shall come into the camp, but shall dwell outside his tent seven days. 9And it shall be on the seventh day, that he shall shave all his hair off his head and his beard and his eyebrows, even all his hair he shall shave off: and he shall wash his clothes, and he shall bathe his flesh in water, and he shall be clean. 10And on the eighth day he shall take two male lambs without blemish, and one ewe lamb a year old without blemish, and three tenth parts of an ephah of fine flour for a meal-offering, mixed with oil, and one log of oil. 11And the priest who cleanses him shall set the man who is to be cleansed, and those things, before Yehovah, at the door of the tent of meeting. 12And the priest shall take one of the male lambs, and

offer him for a trespass-offering, and the log of oil, and wave them for a wave-offering before Yehovah: 13and he shall kill the male lamb in the place where they kill the sin-offering and the burnt-offering, in the place of the sanctuary: for as the sin-offering is the priest's, so is the trespass-offering: it is most holy. 14And the priest shall take some of the blood of the trespass-offering, and the priest shall put it upon the tip of the right ear of him who is to be cleansed, and upon the thumb of his right hand, and upon the big toe of his right foot. 15And the priest shall take some of the log of oil, and pour it into the palm of his own left hand; 16and the priest shall dip his right finger in the oil that is in his left hand, and shall sprinkle some of the oil with his finger seven times before Yehovah. 17And of the rest of the oil that is in his hand the priest shall put upon the tip of the right ear of him who is to be cleansed, and upon the thumb of his right hand, and upon the big toe of his right foot, upon the blood of the trespass-offering: 18and the rest of the oil that is in the priest's hand he shall put upon the head of him who is to be cleansed: and the priest shall make atonement for him before Yehovah. 19And the priest shall offer the sin-offering, and make atonement for him who is to be cleansed because of his uncleanness: and afterward he shall kill the burnt-offering; 20and the priest shall offer the burnt-offering and the meal-offering upon the altar: and the priest shall make atonement for him, and he shall be clean. 21And if he is poor, and cannot afford so much, then he shall take one male lamb for a trespass-offering to be waved, to make atonement for him, and one tenth part of an ephah of fine flour mixed with oil for a meal-offering, and a log of oil; 22and two turtledoves, or two young pigeons, such as he is able to afford; and the one shall be a sin-offering, and the other a burnt-offering. 23And on the eighth day he shall bring them for his cleansing to the priest, to the door of the tent of meeting, before Yehovah: 24and the priest shall take the lamb of the trespass-offering, and the log of oil, and the priest shall wave them for a wave-offering before Yehovah. 25And he shall kill the lamb of the trespass-offering; and the priest shall take some of the blood of the trespass-offering, and put it upon the tip of the right ear of him who is to be cleansed, and upon the thumb of his right hand, and upon the big toe of his right foot. 26And the priest shall pour some of the oil into the palm of his own left hand; 27and the priest shall sprinkle with his right finger some of the oil that is in his left hand seven times before Yehovah: 28and the priest shall put some of the oil that is in his hand upon the tip of the right ear of him who is to be cleansed, and upon the thumb of his right hand, and upon the big toe of his right foot, upon the place of the blood of the trespass-offering: 29and the rest of the oil that is in the priest's hand he shall put upon the head of him who is to be cleansed, to make atonement for him before Yehovah. 30And he shall offer one of the turtledoves, or of the young pigeons, such as he is able to afford, 31even such as he is able to afford, the one for a sin-offering, and the other for a burnt-offering, with the meal-offering: and the priest shall make atonement for him who is to be cleansed before Yehovah. 32This is the law of him in whom is the plague of leprosy, who is not able to afford what pertains to his cleansing. 33And Yehovah spoke to Moses and to Aaron, saying, 34When you have come into the land of Canaan, which I give to you for a possession, and I put the plague of leprosy in a house of the land of your possession; 35then he who owns the house shall come and tell the priest, saying, There seems to me to be something like a plague in the house. 36And the priest shall command that they empty the house, before the priest goes in to see the plague, that all that is in the house may not be made unclean: and afterward the priest shall go in to see the house: 37and he shall look on the plague; and, behold, if the plague is in the walls of the house with hollow streaks, greenish or reddish, and its appearance is lower than the wall; 38then the priest shall go out of the house to the door of the house, and shut up the house seven days. 39And the priest shall come again the seventh day, and shall look; and, behold, if the plague has spread in the walls of the house; 40then the priest shall command that they take out the stones in which the plague is, and cast them into an unclean place outside the city: 41and he shall cause the house to be scraped inside all around, and they shall pour out the mortar, that they scrape off, outside the city into an unclean place: 42and they shall take other stones, and put them in the place of those stones; and he shall take other mortar, and shall plaster the house. 43And if the plague comes again, and breaks out in the house, after he has taken out the stones, and after he has scraped the house, and after it is plastered; 44then the priest shall come in and look; and, behold, if the plague has spread in the house, it is a malignant leprosy in the house: it is unclean. 45And he shall break down the house, its

stones, and its timber, and all the mortar of the house; and he shall carry them out of the city into an unclean place. 46Moreover he who goes into the house all the while that it is shut up shall be unclean until the evening. 47And he who lies in the house shall wash his clothes; and he who eats in the house shall wash his clothes. 48And if the priest comes in, and looks, and, behold, the plague has not spread in the house, after the house was plastered; then the priest shall pronounce the house clean, because the plague is healed. 49And he shall take to cleanse the house two birds, and cedar wood, and scarlet, and hyssop: 50and he shall kill one of the birds in an earthen vessel over running water: 51and he shall take the cedar wood, and the hyssop, and the scarlet, and the living bird, and dip them in the blood of the slain bird, and in the running water, and sprinkle the house seven times: 52and he shall cleanse the house with the blood of the bird, and with the running water, and with the living bird, and with the cedar wood, and with the hyssop, and with the scarlet: 53but he shall let the living bird go out of the city into the open field: so he shall make atonement for the house; and it shall be clean. 54This is the law for every kind of plague of leprosy, and for an itch, 55and for the leprosy of a garment, and for a house, 56and for a swelling, and for a scab, and for a bright spot; 57to teach when it is unclean, and when it is clean: this is the law of leprosy.

Chapter 15

1And Yehovah spoke to Moses and to Aaron, saying, 2Speak to the children of Israel, and say to them, When any man has a discharge out of his flesh, because of his discharge he is unclean. 3And this shall be his uncleanness in his discharge: whether his flesh runs with his discharge, or his flesh is stopped from his discharge, it is his uncleanness. 4Every bed on which he who has the discharge lies shall be unclean; and everything on which he sits shall be unclean. 5And whoever touches his bed shall wash his clothes, and bathe himself in water, and be unclean until the evening. 6And he who sits on anything on which he who has the discharge sat shall wash his clothes, and bathe himself in water, and be unclean until the evening. 7And he who touches the flesh of him who has the discharge shall wash his clothes, and bathe himself in water, and be unclean until the evening. 8And if he who has the discharge spits upon him who is clean, then he shall wash his clothes, and bathe himself in water, and be unclean until the evening. 9And whatever saddle he who has the discharge rides upon shall be unclean. 10And whoever touches anything that was under him shall be unclean until the evening: and he who carries those things shall wash his clothes, and bathe himself in water, and be unclean until the evening. 11And whomever he who has the discharge touches, without having rinsed his hands in water, he shall wash his clothes, and bathe himself in water, and be unclean until the evening. 12And the earthen vessel, which he who has the discharge touches, shall be broken; and every vessel of wood shall be rinsed in water. 13And when he who has a discharge is cleansed of his discharge, then he shall count for himself seven days for his cleansing, and wash his clothes; and he shall bathe his flesh in running water, and shall be clean. 14And on the eighth day he shall take for himself two turtledoves, or two young pigeons, and come before Yehovah to the door of the tent of meeting, and give them to the priest: 15and the priest shall offer them, the one for a sin-offering, and the other for a burnt-offering; and the priest shall make atonement for him before Yehovah for his discharge. 16And if any man's seed of copulation goes out from him, then he shall bathe all his flesh in water, and be unclean until the evening. 17And every garment, and every skin, on which is the seed of copulation, shall be washed with water, and be unclean until the evening. 18The woman also with whom a man lies with seed of copulation, they shall both bathe themselves in water, and be unclean until the evening. 19And if a woman has a discharge, and her discharge in her flesh is blood, she shall be in her impurity seven days: and whoever touches her shall be unclean until the evening. 20And everything that she lies upon in her impurity shall be unclean: everything also that she sits upon shall be unclean. 21And whoever touches her bed shall wash his clothes, and bathe himself in water, and be unclean until the evening. 22And whoever touches anything that she sits upon shall wash his clothes, and bathe himself in water, and be unclean until the evening. 23And if it is on the bed, or on anything on which she sits, when he touches it, he shall be unclean until the evening. 24And if any man lies with her, and her impurity is upon him, he shall be unclean seven days; and every bed on which he lies shall be unclean. 25And if a woman has a discharge of her blood many days not in the time of her impurity, or if she has a discharge beyond the time of her impurity; all the days of the discharge of her uncleanness she shall be

as in the days of her impurity: she is unclean. 26Every bed on which she lies all the days of her discharge shall be to her as the bed of her impurity: and everything on which she sits shall be unclean, as the uncleanness of her impurity. 27And whoever touches those things shall be unclean, and shall wash his clothes, and bathe himself in water, and be unclean until the evening. 28But if she is cleansed of her discharge, then she shall count for herself seven days, and after that she shall be clean. 29And on the eighth day she shall take for herself two turtledoves, or two young pigeons, and bring them to the priest, to the door of the tent of meeting. 30And the priest shall offer the one for a sin-offering, and the other for a burnt-offering; and the priest shall make atonement for her before Yehovah for the discharge of her uncleanness. 31Thus you shall separate the children of Israel from their uncleanness, that they may not die in their uncleanness, when they defile my tabernacle that is in the midst of them. 32This is the law of him who has a discharge, and of him whose seed of copulation goes from him, so that he is unclean by it; 33and of her who is sick with her impurity, and of him who has a discharge, of the man, and of the woman, and of him who lies with her who is unclean.

Chapter 16

1And Yehovah spoke to Moses, after the death of the two sons of Aaron, when they drew near before Yehovah, and died; 2and Yehovah said to Moses, Speak to Aaron your brother, that he not come at all times into the holy place within the veil, before the mercy seat which is upon the ark; that he may not die: for I will appear in the cloud upon the mercy seat. 3With this Aaron shall come into the holy place: with a young bull for a sin-offering, and a ram for a burnt-offering. 4He shall put on the holy linen coat, and he shall have the linen undergarments upon his flesh, and shall be tied with the linen sash, and with the linen turban he shall be attired: they are the holy garments; and he shall bathe his flesh in water, and put them on. 5And he shall take from the congregation of the children of Israel two male goats for a sin-offering, and one ram for a burnt-offering. 6And Aaron shall present the bull of the sin-offering, which is for himself, and make atonement for himself, and for his house. 7And he shall take the two goats, and set them before Yehovah at the door of the tent of meeting. 8And Aaron shall cast lots upon the two goats; one lot for Yehovah, and the other lot for Azazel. 9And Aaron shall present the goat upon which the lot fell for Yehovah, and offer him for a sin-offering. 10But the goat, on which the lot fell for Azazel, shall be set alive before Yehovah, to make atonement for him, to send him away for Azazel into the wilderness. 11And Aaron shall present the bull of the sin-offering, which is for himself, and shall make atonement for himself, and for his house, and shall kill the bull of the sin-offering which is for himself. 12And he shall take a censer full of coals of fire from the altar before Yehovah, and his hands full of sweet incense beaten small, and bring it within the veil: 13and he shall put the incense upon the fire before Yehovah, that the cloud of the incense may cover the mercy seat that is upon the testimony, that he may not die: 14and he shall take some of the blood of the bull, and sprinkle it with his finger upon the mercy seat on the east; and before the mercy seat he shall sprinkle some of the blood with his finger seven times. 15Then he shall kill the goat of the sin-offering, that is for the people, and bring its blood within the veil, and do with its blood as he did with the blood of the bull, and sprinkle it upon the mercy seat, and before the mercy seat: 16and he shall make atonement for the holy place, because of the uncleannesses of the children of Israel, and because of their transgressions, even all their sins: and so he shall do for the tent of meeting, that dwells with them in the midst of their uncleannesses. 17And there shall be no man in the tent of meeting when he goes in to make atonement in the holy place, until he comes out, and has made atonement for himself, and for his household, and for all the assembly of Israel. 18And he shall go out to the altar that is before Yehovah, and make atonement for it, and shall take some of the blood of the bull, and of the blood of the goat, and put it upon the horns of the altar all around. 19And he shall sprinkle some of the blood upon it with his finger seven times, and cleanse it, and hallow it from the uncleannesses of the children of Israel. 20And when he has made an end of atoning for the holy place, and the tent of meeting, and the altar, he shall present the live goat: 21and Aaron shall lay both his hands upon the head of the live goat, and confess over him all the iniquities of the children of Israel, and all their transgressions, even all their sins; and he shall put them upon the head of the goat, and shall send him away by the hand of a man who is in readiness into the wilderness: 22and the goat shall bear upon him all their iniquities to a solitary land:

and he shall let the goat go in the wilderness. 23And Aaron shall come into the tent of meeting, and shall take off the linen garments, which he put on when he went into the holy place, and shall leave them there: 24and he shall bathe his flesh in water in a holy place, and put on his garments, and come forth, and offer his burnt-offering and the burnt-offering of the people, and make atonement for himself and for the people. 25And the fat of the sin-offering he shall burn upon the altar. 26And he who lets the goat go for Azazel shall wash his clothes, and bathe his flesh in water, and afterward he shall come into the camp. 27And the bull of the sin-offering, and the goat of the sin-offering, whose blood was brought in to make atonement in the holy place, shall be carried outside the camp; and they shall burn in the fire their skins, and their flesh, and their dung. 28And he who burns them shall wash his clothes, and bathe his flesh in water, and afterward he shall come into the camp. 29And it shall be a statute forever to you: in the seventh month, on the tenth day of the month, you shall afflict your souls, and shall do no kind of work, the native-born, or the stranger who sojourns among you: 30for on this day atonement shall be made for you, to cleanse you; from all your sins you shall be clean before Yehovah. 31It is a sabbath of solemn rest to you, and you shall afflict your souls; it is a statute forever. 32And the priest, who shall be anointed and who shall be consecrated to be priest in his father's place, shall make the atonement, and shall put on the linen garments, even the holy garments: 33and he shall make atonement for the holy sanctuary; and he shall make atonement for the tent of meeting and for the altar; and he shall make atonement for the priests and for all the people of the assembly. 34And this shall be an everlasting statute to you, to make atonement for the children of Israel because of all their sins once in the year. And he did as Yehovah commanded Moses.

Chapter 17

1And Yehovah spoke to Moses, saying, 2Speak to Aaron, and to his sons, and to all the children of Israel, and say to them: This is the thing which Yehovah has commanded, saying, 3Whatever man there is of the house of Israel, who kills an ox, or lamb, or goat, in the camp, or who kills it outside the camp, 4and has not brought it to the door of the tent of meeting, to offer it as an oblation to Yehovah before the tabernacle of Yehovah: blood shall be imputed to that man; he has shed blood; and that man shall be cut off from among his people: 5to the end that the children of Israel may bring their sacrifices, which they sacrifice in the open field, that they may bring them to Yehovah, to the door of the tent of meeting, to the priest, and sacrifice them for sacrifices of peace-offerings to Yehovah. 6And the priest shall sprinkle the blood upon the altar of Yehovah at the door of the tent of meeting, and burn the fat for a sweet aroma to Yehovah. 7And they shall no more sacrifice their sacrifices to the goat idols, after which they play the prostitute. This shall be a statute forever to them throughout their generations. 8And you shall say to them, Whatever man there is of the house of Israel, or of the strangers who sojourn among them, who offers a burnt-offering or sacrifice, 9and does not bring it to the door of the tent of meeting, to sacrifice it to Yehovah; that man shall be cut off from his people. 10And whatever man there is of the house of Israel, or of the strangers who sojourn among them, who eats any kind of blood, I will set my face against that soul who eats blood, and will cut him off from among his people. 11For the life of the flesh is in the blood; and I have given it to you upon the altar to make atonement for your souls: for it is the blood that makes atonement by reason of the life. 12Therefore I said to the children of Israel, No soul of you shall eat blood, nor shall any stranger who sojourns among you eat blood. 13And whatever man there is of the children of Israel, or of the strangers who sojourn among them, who takes in hunting any beast or bird that may be eaten; he shall pour out its blood, and cover it with dust. 14For as to the life of all flesh, its blood is one with its life: therefore I said to the children of Israel, You shall eat the blood of no kind of flesh; for the life of all flesh is its blood: whoever eats it shall be cut off. 15And every soul that eats what dies of itself, or what is torn by beasts, whether he is native-born or a sojourner, he shall wash his clothes, and bathe himself in water, and be unclean until the evening: then he shall be clean. 16But if he does not wash them, nor bathe his flesh, then he shall bear his iniquity.

Chapter 18

1And Yehovah spoke to Moses, saying, 2Speak to the children of Israel, and say to them, I am Yehovah your God. 3According to the doings of the land of Egypt, where you dwelt, you shall not do: and according to the doings of the land of Canaan, where I am bringing you, you shall not do; nor shall you walk in their statutes. 4My ordinances you shall do,

and my statutes you shall keep, to walk in them: I am Yehovah your God. 5You shall therefore keep my statutes, and my ordinances; which if a man does, he shall live in them: I am Yehovah. 6None of you shall approach any who are near of kin to him, to uncover their nakedness: I am Yehovah. 7The nakedness of your father, even the nakedness of your mother, you shall not uncover: she is your mother; you shall not uncover her nakedness. 8The nakedness of your father's wife you shall not uncover; it is your father's nakedness. 9The nakedness of your sister, the daughter of your father, or the daughter of your mother, whether born at home, or born abroad, even their nakedness you shall not uncover. 10The nakedness of your son's daughter, or of your daughter's daughter, even their nakedness you shall not uncover: for theirs is your own nakedness. 11The nakedness of your father's wife's daughter, begotten of your father, she is your sister, you shall not uncover her nakedness. 12You shall not uncover the nakedness of your father's sister: she is your father's near kinswoman. 13You shall not uncover the nakedness of your mother's sister: for she is your mother's near kinswoman. 14You shall not uncover the nakedness of your father's brother, you shall not approach his wife: she is your aunt. 15You shall not uncover the nakedness of your daughter-in-law: she is your son's wife; you shall not uncover her nakedness. 16You shall not uncover the nakedness of your brother's wife: it is your brother's nakedness. 17You shall not uncover the nakedness of a woman and her daughter; you shall not take her son's daughter, or her daughter's daughter, to uncover her nakedness; they are near kinswomen: it is wickedness. 18And you shall not take a wife in addition to her sister, to be a rival to her, to uncover her nakedness, besides the other in her lifetime. 19And you shall not approach a woman to uncover her nakedness, as long as she is impure by her uncleanness. 20And you shall not lie carnally with your neighbor's wife, to defile yourself with her. 21And you shall not give any of your seed to make them pass through the fire to Molech; nor shall you profane the name of your God: I am Yehovah. 22You shall not lie with mankind, as with womankind: it is abomination. 23And you shall not lie with any beast to defile yourself with it; nor shall any woman stand before a beast, to lie down with it: it is confusion. 24Do not defile yourselves in any of these things: for in all these the nations which I cast out from before you are defiled; 25and the land is defiled: therefore I visit its iniquity upon it, and the land vomits out her inhabitants. 26You therefore shall keep my statutes and my ordinances, and shall not do any of these abominations; neither the native-born, nor the stranger who sojourns among you 27(for all these abominations the men of the land have done, who were before you, and the land is defiled); 28that the land may not vomit you out also, when you defile it, as it vomited out the nation that was before you. 29For whoever shall do any of these abominations, even the souls that do them shall be cut off from among their people. 30Therefore you shall keep my charge, that you do not practice any of these abominable customs, which were practiced before you, and that you do not defile yourselves in them: I am Yehovah your God.

Chapter 19

1And Yehovah spoke to Moses, saying, 2Speak to all the congregation of the children of Israel, and say to them, You shall be holy; for I Yehovah your God am holy. 3Every man of you shall fear his mother, and his father; and you shall keep my sabbaths: I am Yehovah your God. 4Do not turn to idols, nor make for yourselves molten gods: I am Yehovah your God. 5And when you offer a sacrifice of peace-offerings to Yehovah, you shall offer it that you may be accepted. 6It shall be eaten the same day you offer it, and on the next day: and if anything remains until the third day, it shall be burned with fire. 7And if it is eaten at all on the third day, it is an abomination; it shall not be accepted: 8but everyone who eats it shall bear his iniquity, because he has profaned the holy thing of Yehovah: and that soul shall be cut off from his people. 9And when you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not wholly reap the corners of your field, nor shall you gather the gleaning of your harvest. 10And you shall not glean your vineyard, nor shall you gather the fallen fruit of your vineyard; you shall leave them for the poor and for the sojourner: I am Yehovah your God. 11You shall not steal; nor shall you deal falsely, nor lie to one another. 12And you shall not swear by my name falsely, and profane the name of your God: I am Yehovah. 13You shall not oppress your neighbor, nor rob him: the wages of a hired servant shall not abide with you all night until the morning. 14You shall not curse the deaf, nor put a stumbling block before the blind; but you shall fear your God: I am Yehovah. 15You shall do no unrighteousness in judgment: you shall not respect the person of the poor, nor honor the person of the

mighty; but in righteousness you shall judge your neighbor. 16You shall not go up and down as a talebearer among your people: nor shall you stand against the blood of your neighbor: I am Yehovah. 17You shall not hate your brother in your heart: you shall surely rebuke your neighbor, and not bear sin because of him. 18You shall not take vengeance, nor bear any grudge against the children of your people; but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am Yehovah. 19You shall keep my statutes. You shall not let your cattle breed with a different kind: you shall not sow your field with two kinds of seed: nor shall there come upon you a garment of two kinds of material mixed together. 20And whoever lies carnally with a woman who is a slave woman, betrothed to a husband, and not at all redeemed, nor given her freedom; they shall be punished; they shall not be put to death, because she was not free. 21And he shall bring his trespass-offering to Yehovah, to the door of the tent of meeting, even a ram for a trespass-offering. 22And the priest shall make atonement for him with the ram of the trespass-offering before Yehovah for his sin which he has sinned: and the sin which he has sinned shall be forgiven him. 23And when you come into the land, and have planted all kinds of trees for food, then you shall count their fruit as their uncircumcision: three years they shall be as uncircumcised to you; it shall not be eaten. 24But in the fourth year all its fruit shall be holy, for giving praise to Yehovah. 25And in the fifth year you shall eat of its fruit, that it may yield to you its increase: I am Yehovah your God. 26You shall not eat anything with the blood: nor shall you use enchantments, nor practice augury. 27You shall not round the corners of your heads, nor shall you mar the corners of your beard. 28You shall not make any cuttings in your flesh for the dead, nor print any marks upon you: I am Yehovah. 29Do not profane your daughter, to make her a prostitute; lest the land fall to whoredom, and the land become full of wickedness. 30You shall keep my sabbaths, and reverence my sanctuary: I am Yehovah. 31Do not turn to those who have familiar spirits, nor to the wizards; do not seek them out, to be defiled by them: I am Yehovah your God. 32You shall rise up before the gray head, and honor the face of the old man, and you shall fear your God: I am Yehovah. 33And if a stranger sojourns with you in your land, you shall not do him wrong. 34The stranger who sojourns with you shall be to you as the native-born among you, and you shall love him as yourself; for you were sojourners in the land of Egypt: I am Yehovah your God. 35You shall do no unrighteousness in judgment, in measures of length, of weight, or of quantity. 36Just balances, just weights, a just ephah, and a just hin, you shall have: I am Yehovah your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt. 37And you shall observe all my statutes, and all my ordinances, and do them: I am Yehovah.

Chapter 20

1And Yehovah spoke to Moses, saying, 2Moreover, you shall say to the children of Israel, Whoever he is of the children of Israel, or of the strangers who sojourn in Israel, who gives any of his seed to Molech; he shall surely be put to death: the people of the land shall stone him with stones. 3I also will set my face against that man, and will cut him off from among his people; because he has given some of his seed to Molech, to defile my sanctuary, and to profane my holy name. 4And if the people of the land do at all hide their eyes from that man, when he gives any of his seed to Molech, and do not put him to death; 5then I will set my face against that man, and against his family, and will cut him off, and all who play the prostitute after him, to play the prostitute with Molech, from among their people. 6And the soul that turns to those who have familiar spirits, and to the wizards, to play the prostitute after them, I will even set my face against that soul, and will cut him off from among his people. 7Sanctify yourselves therefore, and be holy; for I am Yehovah your God. 8And you shall keep my statutes, and do them: I am Yehovah who sanctifies you. 9For everyone who curses his father or his mother shall surely be put to death: he has cursed his father or his mother; his blood shall be upon him. 10And the man who commits adultery with another man's wife, even he who commits adultery with his neighbor's wife, the adulterer and the adulteress shall surely be put to death. 11And the man who lies with his father's wife has uncovered his father's nakedness: both of them shall surely be put to death; their blood shall be upon them. 12And if a man lies with his daughter-in-law, both of them shall surely be put to death: they have committed confusion; their blood shall be upon them. 13And if a man lies with mankind, as with womankind, both of them have committed abomination: they shall surely be put to death; their blood shall be upon them. 14And if a man takes a wife and her mother, it is wickedness: they shall be burned with fire, both he and they; that there may be

no wickedness among you. 15And if a man lies with a beast, he shall surely be put to death: and you shall slay the beast. 16And if a woman approaches any beast, and lies down with it, you shall kill the woman, and the beast: they shall surely be put to death; their blood shall be upon them. 17And if a man takes his sister, his father's daughter, or his mother's daughter, and sees her nakedness, and she sees his nakedness; it is a shameful thing; and they shall be cut off in the sight of the children of their people: he has uncovered his sister's nakedness; he shall bear his iniquity. 18And if a man lies with a woman having her sickness, and uncovers her nakedness; he has made naked her fountain, and she has uncovered the fountain of her blood: and both of them shall be cut off from among their people. 19And you shall not uncover the nakedness of your mother's sister, nor of your father's sister; for he has made naked his near kin: they shall bear their iniquity. 20And if a man lies with his uncle's wife, he has uncovered his uncle's nakedness: they shall bear their sin; they shall die childless. 21And if a man takes his brother's wife, it is impurity: he has uncovered his brother's nakedness; they shall be childless. 22You shall therefore keep all my statutes, and all my ordinances, and do them; that the land, where I am bringing you to dwell, may not vomit you out. 23And you shall not walk in the customs of the nation, which I cast out before you: for they did all these things, and therefore I abhorred them. 24But I have said to you, You shall inherit their land, and I will give it to you to possess it, a land flowing with milk and honey: I am Yehovah your God, who has separated you from the peoples. 25You shall therefore make a distinction between the clean beast and the unclean, and between the unclean bird and the clean: and you shall not make your souls abominable by beast, or by bird, or by anything with which the ground teems, which I have separated from you as unclean. 26And you shall be holy to me: for I, Yehovah, am holy, and have set you apart from the peoples, that you should be mine. 27A man also or a woman who has a familiar spirit, or who is a wizard, shall surely be put to death: they shall stone them with stones; their blood shall be upon them.

Chapter 21

1And Yehovah said to Moses, Speak to the priests, the sons of Aaron, and say to them, None shall defile himself for the dead among his people; 2except for his kin, who is near to him, for his mother, and for his father, and for his son, and for his daughter, and for his brother, 3and for his sister a virgin, who is near to him, who has had no husband; for her he may defile himself. 4He shall not defile himself, being a chief man among his people, to profane himself. 5They shall not make baldness upon their head, nor shall they shave off the corner of their beard, nor make any cuttings in their flesh. 6They shall be holy to their God, and not profane the name of their God; for the offerings of Yehovah made by fire, the bread of their God, they offer: therefore they shall be holy. 7They shall not take a woman who is a prostitute, or profane; nor shall they take a woman put away from her husband: for he is holy to his God. 8You shall sanctify him therefore; for he offers the bread of your God: he shall be holy to you; for I Yehovah, who sanctify you, am holy. 9And the daughter of any priest, if she profanes herself by playing the prostitute, she profanes her father: she shall be burned with fire. 10And he who is the high priest among his brothers, upon whose head the anointing oil is poured, and who is consecrated to put on the garments, shall not let the hair of his head go loose, nor tear his clothes; 11nor shall he go in to any dead body, nor defile himself for his father, or for his mother; 12nor shall he go out of the sanctuary, nor profane the sanctuary of his God; for the crown of the anointing oil of his God is upon him: I am Yehovah. 13And he shall take a wife in her virginity. 14A widow, or one divorced, or a profane woman, a prostitute, these he shall not take: but a virgin of his own people he shall take as wife. 15And he shall not profane his seed among his people: for I am Yehovah who sanctifies him. 16And Yehovah spoke to Moses, saying, 17Speak to Aaron, saying, Whoever he is of your seed throughout their generations who has a blemish, let him not approach to offer the bread of his God. 18For whatever man he is who has a blemish, he shall not approach: a blind man, or a lame, or he who has a flat nose, or anything superfluous, 19or a man who is broken-footed, or broken-handed, 20or hunchbacked, or a dwarf, or who has a blemish in his eye, or has an itching disease, or scabs, or has crushed testicles; 21no man of the seed of Aaron the priest, who has a blemish, shall come near to offer the offerings of Yehovah made by fire: he has a blemish; he shall not come near to offer the bread of his God. 22He shall eat the bread of his God, both of the most holy, and of the holy: 23only he shall not go in to the veil, nor come near to the altar, because he has a blemish; that he may not profane my

sanctuaries: for I am Yehovah who sanctifies them. 24So Moses spoke to Aaron, and to his sons, and to all the children of Israel.

Chapter 22

1And Yehovah spoke to Moses, saying, 2Speak to Aaron and to his sons, that they separate themselves from the holy things of the children of Israel, which they hallow to me, and that they not profane my holy name: I am Yehovah. 3Say to them, Whoever he is of all your seed throughout your generations, who approaches the holy things, which the children of Israel hallow to Yehovah, having his uncleanness upon him, that soul shall be cut off from before me: I am Yehovah. 4Whatever man of the seed of Aaron is a leper, or has a discharge; he shall not eat of the holy things, until he is clean. And whoever touches anything that is unclean by the dead, or a man whose seed goes from him; 5or whoever touches any creeping thing, by which he may be made unclean, or a man from whom he may take uncleanness, whatever uncleanness he has; 6the soul who touches any such shall be unclean until the evening, and shall not eat of the holy things, unless he bathes his flesh in water. 7And when the sun is down, he shall be clean; and afterward he shall eat of the holy things, because it is his bread. 8What dies of itself, or is torn by beasts, he shall not eat, to defile himself with it: I am Yehovah. 9They shall therefore keep my charge, lest they bear sin for it, and die in it, if they profane it: I am Yehovah who sanctifies them. 10No stranger shall eat of the holy thing: a sojourner of the priest's, or a hired servant, shall not eat of the holy thing. 11But if a priest buys any soul, the purchase of his money, he shall eat of it; and such as are born in his house, they shall eat of his bread. 12And if a priest's daughter is married to a stranger, she shall not eat of the heave-offering of the holy things. 13But if a priest's daughter is a widow, or divorced, and has no child, and has returned to her father's house, as in her youth, she shall eat of her father's bread: but no stranger shall eat of it. 14And if a man eats of the holy thing unintentionally, then he shall add the fifth part of it to it, and shall give the holy thing to the priest. 15And they shall not profane the holy things of the children of Israel, which they offer to Yehovah, 16and so cause them to bear the iniquity that brings guilt, when they eat their holy things: for I am Yehovah who sanctifies them. 17And Yehovah spoke to Moses, saying, 18Speak to Aaron, and to his sons, and to all the children of Israel, and say to them, Whoever he is of the house of Israel, or of the sojourners in Israel, who offers his oblation, whether it is any of their vows, or any of their freewill-offerings, which they offer to Yehovah for a burnt-offering; 19that you may be accepted, you shall offer a male without blemish, of the bulls, of the sheep, or of the goats. 20But whatever has a blemish, that you shall not offer: for it shall not be acceptable for you. 21And whoever offers a sacrifice of peace-offerings to Yehovah to accomplish a vow, or for a freewill-offering, of the herd or of the flock, it shall be perfect to be accepted; there shall be no blemish in it. 22Blind, or broken, or maimed, or having a wen, or scurvy, or scabbed, you shall not offer these to Yehovah, nor make an offering by fire of them upon the altar to Yehovah. 23Either a bull or a lamb that has anything superfluous or lacking in his parts, that you may offer for a freewill-offering; but for a vow it shall not be accepted. 24What has its testicles bruised, or crushed, or broken, or cut, you shall not offer to Yehovah; nor shall you do thus in your land. 25Nor from the hand of a foreigner shall you offer the bread of your God of any of these; because their corruption is in them, there is a blemish in them: they shall not be accepted for you. 26And Yehovah spoke to Moses, saying, 27When a bull, or a sheep, or a goat, is born, then it shall be seven days with its mother; and from the eighth day and from then on it shall be accepted for the oblation of an offering made by fire to Yehovah. 28And whether it is cow or ewe, you shall not kill it and its young both in one day. 29And when you sacrifice a sacrifice of thanksgiving to Yehovah, you shall sacrifice it that you may be accepted. 30On the same day it shall be eaten; you shall leave none of it until the morning: I am Yehovah. 31Therefore you shall keep my commandments, and do them: I am Yehovah. 32And you shall not profane my holy name; but I will be hallowed among the children of Israel: I am Yehovah who hallows you, 33who brought you out of the land of Egypt, to be your God: I am Yehovah.

Chapter 23

1And Yehovah spoke to Moses, saying, 2Speak to the children of Israel, and say to them, The set feasts of Yehovah, which you shall proclaim to be holy convocations, even these are my set feasts. 3Six days work shall be done: but on the seventh day is a sabbath of solemn rest, a holy convocation; you shall do no kind of work: it is a sabbath to Yehovah in all your dwellings. 4These are the set feasts of Yehovah, even holy convocations, which you shall proclaim in

their appointed season. 5In the first month, on the fourteenth day of the month at evening, is Yehovah's passover. 6And on the fifteenth day of the same month is the feast of unleavened bread to Yehovah: seven days you shall eat unleavened bread. 7On the first day you shall have a holy convocation: you shall do no servile work. 8But you shall offer an offering made by fire to Yehovah seven days: on the seventh day is a holy convocation; you shall do no servile work. 9And Yehovah spoke to Moses, saying, 10Speak to the children of Israel, and say to them, When you have come into the land which I give to you, and reap its harvest, then you shall bring the sheaf of the first-fruits of your harvest to the priest: 11and he shall wave the sheaf before Yehovah, to be accepted for you: on the day after the sabbath the priest shall wave it. 12And in the day when you wave the sheaf, you shall offer a male lamb without blemish a year old for a burnt-offering to Yehovah. 13And its meal-offering shall be two tenth parts of an ephah of fine flour mixed with oil, an offering made by fire to Yehovah for a sweet aroma; and its drink-offering shall be of wine, the fourth part of a hin. 14And you shall eat neither bread, nor parched grain, nor fresh ears, until this very day, until you have brought the oblation of your God: it is a statute forever throughout your generations in all your dwellings. 15And you shall count for yourselves from the day after the sabbath, from the day that you brought the sheaf of the wave-offering; seven sabbaths there shall be complete: 16even to the day after the seventh sabbath you shall count fifty days; and you shall offer a new meal-offering to Yehovah. 17You shall bring out of your habitations two wave-loaves of two tenth parts of an ephah: they shall be of fine flour, they shall be baked with leaven, for first-fruits to Yehovah. 18And you shall present with the bread seven lambs without blemish a year old, and one young bull, and two rams: they shall be a burnt-offering to Yehovah, with their meal-offering, and their drink-offerings, even an offering made by fire, of a sweet aroma to Yehovah. 19And you shall offer one male goat for a sin-offering, and two male lambs a year old for a sacrifice of peace-offerings. 20And the priest shall wave them with the bread of the first-fruits for a wave-offering before Yehovah, with the two lambs: they shall be holy to Yehovah for the priest. 21And you shall make proclamation on the very same day; there shall be a holy convocation to you; you shall do no servile work: it is a statute forever in all your dwellings throughout your generations. 22And when you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not wholly reap the corners of your field, nor shall you gather the gleaning of your harvest: you shall leave them for the poor, and for the sojourner: I am Yehovah your God. 23And Yehovah spoke to Moses, saying, 24Speak to the children of Israel, saying, In the seventh month, on the first day of the month, there shall be a solemn rest to you, a memorial of blowing of trumpets, a holy convocation. 25You shall do no servile work; and you shall offer an offering made by fire to Yehovah. 26And Yehovah spoke to Moses, saying, 27However, on the tenth day of this seventh month is the day of atonement: it shall be a holy convocation to you, and you shall afflict your souls; and you shall offer an offering made by fire to Yehovah. 28And you shall do no kind of work on that same day; for it is a day of atonement, to make atonement for you before Yehovah your God. 29For whatever soul it is that is not afflicted on that same day; he shall be cut off from his people. 30And whatever soul it is that does any kind of work on that same day, that soul I will destroy from among his people. 31You shall do no kind of work: it is a statute forever throughout your generations in all your dwellings. 32It shall be to you a sabbath of solemn rest, and you shall afflict your souls: on the ninth day of the month at evening, from evening to evening, you shall keep your sabbath. 33And Yehovah spoke to Moses, saying, 34Speak to the children of Israel, saying, On the fifteenth day of this seventh month is the feast of tabernacles for seven days to Yehovah. 35On the first day there shall be a holy convocation: you shall do no servile work. 36Seven days you shall offer an offering made by fire to Yehovah: on the eighth day there shall be a holy convocation to you; and you shall offer an offering made by fire to Yehovah: it is a solemn assembly; you shall do no servile work. 37These are the set feasts of Yehovah, which you shall proclaim to be holy convocations, to offer an offering made by fire to Yehovah, a burnt-offering, and a meal-offering, a sacrifice, and drink-offerings, each on its own day; 38besides the sabbaths of Yehovah, and besides your gifts, and besides all your vows, and besides all your freewill-offerings, which you give to Yehovah. 39However, on the fifteenth day of the seventh month, when you have gathered in the fruits of the land, you shall keep the feast of Yehovah seven days: on the first day there shall be a solemn rest, and on

the eighth day there shall be a solemn rest. 40And you shall take for yourselves on the first day the fruit of goodly trees, branches of palm trees, and boughs of thick trees, and willows of the brook; and you shall rejoice before Yehovah your God seven days. 41And you shall keep it as a feast to Yehovah seven days in the year: it is a statute forever throughout your generations; you shall keep it in the seventh month. 42You shall dwell in booths seven days; all who are native-born in Israel shall dwell in booths; 43that your generations may know that I made the children of Israel dwell in booths, when I brought them out of the land of Egypt: I am Yehovah your God. 44And Moses declared to the children of Israel the set feasts of Yehovah.

Chapter 24

1And Yehovah spoke to Moses, saying, 2Command the children of Israel, that they bring to you pure olive oil beaten for the light, to cause a lamp to burn continually. 3Outside the veil of the testimony, in the tent of meeting, Aaron shall keep it in order from evening to morning before Yehovah continually: it shall be a statute forever throughout your generations. 4He shall keep in order the lamps upon the pure lampstand before Yehovah continually. 5And you shall take fine flour, and bake twelve cakes of it: two tenth parts of an ephah shall be in one cake. 6And you shall set them in two rows, six on a row, upon the pure table before Yehovah. 7And you shall put pure frankincense upon each row, that it may be to the bread for a memorial, even an offering made by fire to Yehovah. 8Every sabbath day he shall set it in order before Yehovah continually; it is on behalf of the children of Israel, an everlasting covenant. 9And it shall be for Aaron and his sons; and they shall eat it in a holy place: for it is most holy to him of the offerings of Yehovah made by fire by a perpetual statute. 10And the son of an Israelite woman, whose father was an Egyptian, went out among the children of Israel; and the son of the Israelite woman and a man of Israel fought together in the camp: 11and the son of the Israelite woman blasphemed the Name, and cursed; and they brought him to Moses. And his mother's name was Shelomith, the daughter of Dibri, of the tribe of Dan. 12And they put him in custody, that it might be declared to them at the mouth of Yehovah. 13And Yehovah spoke to Moses, saying, 14Bring out him who has cursed outside the camp; and let all who heard him lay their hands upon his head, and let all the congregation stone him. 15And you shall speak to the children of Israel, saying, Whoever curses his God shall bear his sin. 16And he who blasphemes the name of Yehovah, he shall surely be put to death; all the congregation shall certainly stone him: the sojourner as well as the native-born, when he blasphemes the name of Yehovah, shall be put to death. 17And he who strikes any man mortally shall surely be put to death. 18And he who strikes a beast mortally shall make it good, life for life. 19And if a man causes a blemish in his neighbor; as he has done, so shall it be done to him: 20breach for breach, eye for eye, tooth for tooth; as he has caused a blemish in a man, so shall it be rendered to him. 21And he who kills a beast shall make it good: and he who kills a man shall be put to death. 22You shall have one kind of law, for the sojourner as well as for the native-born: for I am Yehovah your God. 23And Moses spoke to the children of Israel; and they brought out him who had cursed out of the camp, and stoned him with stones. And the children of Israel did as Yehovah commanded Moses.

Chapter 25

1And Yehovah spoke to Moses on mount Sinai, saying, 2Speak to the children of Israel, and say to them, When you come into the land which I give you, then the land shall keep a sabbath to Yehovah. 3Six years you shall sow your field, and six years you shall prune your vineyard, and gather in its fruits; 4but in the seventh year there shall be a sabbath of solemn rest for the land, a sabbath to Yehovah: you shall neither sow your field, nor prune your vineyard. 5What grows of itself of your harvest you shall not reap, and the grapes of your untended vine you shall not gather: it shall be a year of solemn rest for the land. 6And the sabbath of the land shall be for food for you; for you, and for your servant and for your female servant, and for your hired servant and for your stranger, who sojourn with you. 7And for your cattle, and for the beasts that are in your land, all its increase shall be for food. 8And you shall count seven sabbaths of years for yourself, seven times seven years; and there shall be to you the days of seven sabbaths of years, even forty-nine years. 9Then you shall send abroad the loud trumpet on the tenth day of the seventh month; in the day of atonement you shall send abroad the trumpet throughout all your land. 10And you shall hallow the fiftieth year, and proclaim liberty throughout the land to all its inhabitants: it shall be a jubilee to you; and you shall return every man to his possession, and you shall

return every man to his family. 11That fiftieth year shall be a jubilee to you: you shall not sow, nor reap what grows of itself in it, nor gather the grapes in it of the untended vines. 12For it is a jubilee; it shall be holy to you: you shall eat its increase out of the field. 13In this year of jubilee you shall return every man to his possession. 14And if you sell anything to your neighbor, or buy from your neighbor's hand, you shall not wrong one another. 15According to the number of years after the jubilee you shall buy from your neighbor, and according to the number of years of the crops he shall sell to you. 16According to the multitude of the years you shall increase its price, and according to the fewness of the years you shall diminish its price; for he sells to you the number of the crops. 17And you shall not wrong one another; but you shall fear your God: for I am Yehovah your God. 18Therefore you shall do my statutes, and keep my ordinances and do them; and you shall dwell in the land in safety. 19And the land shall yield its fruit, and you shall eat your fill, and dwell in it in safety. 20And if you say, What shall we eat the seventh year? Behold, we shall not sow, nor gather in our increase; 21then I will command my blessing upon you in the sixth year, and it shall bring forth fruit for the three years. 22And you shall sow the eighth year, and eat of the fruits, the old store; until the ninth year, until its fruits come in, you shall eat the old store. 23And the land shall not be sold in perpetuity; for the land is mine: for you are strangers and sojourners with me. 24And in all the land of your possession you shall grant a redemption for the land. 25If your brother has become poor, and sells some of his possession, then his kinsman who is next to him shall come, and shall redeem what his brother has sold. 26And if a man has no one to redeem it, and he has become rich and finds sufficient to redeem it; 27then let him reckon the years of its sale, and restore the surplus to the man to whom he sold it; and he shall return to his possession. 28But if he is not able to get it back for himself, then what he has sold shall remain in the hand of him who has bought it until the year of jubilee: and in the jubilee it shall go out, and he shall return to his possession. 29And if a man sells a dwelling house in a walled city, then he may redeem it within a whole year after it is sold; for a full year he shall have the right of redemption. 30And if it is not redeemed within the space of a full year, then the house that is in the walled city shall be made sure in perpetuity to him who bought it, throughout his generations: it shall not go out in the jubilee. 31But the houses of the villages which have no wall around them shall be reckoned with the fields of the country: they may be redeemed, and they shall go out in the jubilee. 32Nevertheless the cities of the Levites, the houses of the cities of their possession, the Levites may redeem at any time. 33And if one of the Levites redeems, then the house that was sold, and the city of his possession, shall go out in the jubilee; for the houses of the cities of the Levites are their possession among the children of Israel. 34But the field of the pasturelands of their cities may not be sold; for it is their perpetual possession. 35And if your brother has become poor, and his hand fails with you; then you shall uphold him: as a stranger and a sojourner he shall live with you. 36Take no interest from him or increase, but fear your God; that your brother may live with you. 37You shall not give him your money at interest, nor give him your food for increase. 38I am Yehovah your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, to give you the land of Canaan, and to be your God. 39And if your brother has become poor with you, and sells himself to you; you shall not make him serve as a bondservant. 40As a hired servant, and as a sojourner, he shall be with you; he shall serve with you to the year of jubilee: 41then he shall go out from you, he and his children with him, and shall return to his own family, and to the possession of his fathers he shall return. 42For they are my servants, whom I brought out of the land of Egypt: they shall not be sold as slaves. 43You shall not rule over him with harshness, but shall fear your God. 44And as for your male slaves, and your female slaves, whom you shall have; of the nations that are around you, of them you shall buy male slaves and female slaves. 45Moreover of the children of the strangers who sojourn among you, of them you shall buy, and of their families that are with you, whom they have fathered in your land: and they shall be your possession. 46And you shall make them an inheritance for your children after you, to hold for a possession; of them you shall take your slaves forever: but over your brothers the children of Israel you shall not rule, one over another, with harshness. 47And if a stranger or sojourner with you has become rich, and your brother has become poor beside him, and sells himself to the stranger or sojourner with you, or to a member of the stranger's family; 48after he is sold he may be redeemed: one of his brothers may redeem him; 49or his uncle, or his uncle's son,

may redeem him, or any who is near of kin to him of his family may redeem him; or if he has become rich, he may redeem himself. 50And he shall reckon with him who bought him from the year that he sold himself to him to the year of jubilee: and the price of his sale shall be according to the number of years; according to the time of a hired servant he shall be with him. 51If there are still many years, according to them he shall give back the price of his redemption out of the money that he was bought for. 52And if there remain but few years to the year of jubilee, then he shall reckon with him; according to his years he shall give back the price of his redemption. 53As a servant hired year by year he shall be with him: he shall not rule with harshness over him in your sight. 54And if he is not redeemed by these means, then he shall go out in the year of jubilee, he, and his children with him. 55For to me the children of Israel are servants; they are my servants whom I brought out of the land of Egypt: I am Yehovah your God.

Chapter 26

1You shall make for yourselves no idols, nor shall you raise up for yourselves a graven image, or a pillar, nor shall you place any figured stone in your land, to bow down to it: for I am Yehovah your God. 2You shall keep my sabbaths, and reverence my sanctuary: I am Yehovah. 3If you walk in my statutes, and keep my commandments, and do them; 4then I will give your rains in their season, and the land shall yield its increase, and the trees of the field shall yield their fruit. 5And your threshing shall reach to the vintage, and the vintage shall reach to the sowing time; and you shall eat your bread to the full, and dwell in your land safely. 6And I will give peace in the land, and you shall lie down, and none shall make you afraid: and I will cause evil beasts to cease out of the land, nor shall the sword go through your land. 7And you shall chase your enemies, and they shall fall before you by the sword. 8And five of you shall chase a hundred, and a hundred of you shall chase ten thousand; and your enemies shall fall before you by the sword. 9And I will have regard for you, and make you fruitful, and multiply you, and will establish my covenant with you. 10And you shall eat old store long kept, and you shall bring out the old because of the new. 11And I will set my tabernacle among you: and my soul shall not abhor you. 12And I will walk among you, and will be your God, and you shall be my people. 13I am Yehovah your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, that you should not be their slaves; and I have broken the bars of your yoke, and made you walk upright. 14But if you will not listen to me, and will not do all these commandments; 15and if you reject my statutes, and if your soul abhors my ordinances, so that you will not do all my commandments, but break my covenant; 16I also will do this to you: I will appoint terror over you, even wasting disease and fever, that shall consume the eyes, and make the soul pine away; and you shall sow your seed in vain, for your enemies shall eat it. 17And I will set my face against you, and you shall be struck down before your enemies: those who hate you shall rule over you; and you shall flee when none pursues you. 18And if after these things you will still not listen to me, then I will chastise you seven times more for your sins. 19And I will break the pride of your power: and I will make your heaven like iron, and your earth like bronze; 20and your strength shall be spent in vain; for your land shall not yield its increase, nor shall the trees of the land yield their fruit. 21And if you walk contrary to me, and will not listen to me, I will bring seven times more plagues upon you according to your sins. 22And I will send the beast of the field among you, which shall rob you of your children, and destroy your cattle, and make you few in number; and your ways shall become desolate. 23And if by these things you will not be reformed to me, but will walk contrary to me; 24then I will also walk contrary to you; and I will strike you, even I, seven times for your sins. 25And I will bring a sword upon you, that shall execute the vengeance of the covenant; and you shall be gathered together within your cities: and I will send the pestilence among you; and you shall be delivered into the hand of the enemy. 26When I break your staff of bread, ten women shall bake your bread in one oven, and they shall deliver your bread back by weight: and you shall eat, and not be satisfied. 27And if in spite of all this you will not listen to me, but walk contrary to me; 28then I will walk contrary to you in wrath; and I also will chastise you seven times for your sins. 29And you shall eat the flesh of your sons, and the flesh of your daughters you shall eat. 30And I will destroy your high places, and cut down your sun-images, and cast your dead bodies upon the bodies of your idols; and my soul shall abhor you. 31And I will make your cities a waste, and will bring your sanctuaries to desolation, and I will not smell the aroma of your sweet odors. 32And I will bring the land into desolation; and your enemies who dwell in it shall be astonished at it. 33And you I will scatter among the

nations, and I will draw out the sword after you: and your land shall be a desolation, and your cities shall be a waste. 34Then the land shall enjoy its sabbaths, as long as it lies desolate, and you are in your enemies' land; even then the land shall rest, and enjoy its sabbaths. 35As long as it lies desolate it shall have rest, even the rest which it did not have in your sabbaths, when you dwelt upon it. 36And as for those of you who are left, I will send a faintness into their heart in the lands of their enemies: and the sound of a driven leaf shall chase them; and they shall flee, as one flees from the sword; and they shall fall when none pursues. 37And they shall stumble over one another, as if before the sword, when none pursues: and you shall have no power to stand before your enemies. 38And you shall perish among the nations, and the land of your enemies shall eat you up. 39And those of you who are left shall pine away in their iniquity in your enemies' lands; and also in the iniquities of their fathers they shall pine away with them. 40And they shall confess their iniquity, and the iniquity of their fathers, in their trespass which they trespassed against me, and also that, because they walked contrary to me, 41I also walked contrary to them, and brought them into the land of their enemies: if then their uncircumcised heart is humbled, and they then accept the punishment of their iniquity; 42then I will remember my covenant with Jacob; and also my covenant with Isaac, and also my covenant with Abraham I will remember; and I will remember the land. 43The land also shall be left by them, and shall enjoy its sabbaths, while it lies desolate without them: and they shall accept the punishment of their iniquity; because, even because they rejected my ordinances, and their soul abhorred my statutes. 44And yet for all that, when they are in the land of their enemies, I will not reject them, nor will I abhor them, to destroy them utterly, and to break my covenant with them; for I am Yehovah their God; 45but I will for their sakes remember the covenant of their ancestors, whom I brought out of the land of Egypt in the sight of the nations, that I might be their God: I am Yehovah. 46These are the statutes and ordinances and laws, which Yehovah made between him and the children of Israel on mount Sinai by Moses.

Chapter 27

1And Yehovah spoke to Moses, saying, 2Speak to the children of Israel, and say to them, When a man accomplishes a vow, the persons shall be for Yehovah by your estimation. 3And your estimation shall be of the male from twenty years old even to sixty years old, even your estimation shall be fifty shekels of silver, according to the shekel of the sanctuary. 4And if it is a female, then your estimation shall be thirty shekels. 5And if it is from five years old even to twenty years old, then your estimation shall be of the male twenty shekels, and for the female ten shekels. 6And if it is from a month old even to five years old, then your estimation shall be of the male five shekels of silver, and for the female your estimation shall be three shekels of silver. 7And if it is from sixty years old and upward; if it is a male, then your estimation shall be fifteen shekels, and for the female ten shekels. 8But if he is poorer than your estimation, then he shall be set before the priest, and the priest shall value him; according to the ability of him who vowed the priest shall value him. 9And if it is a beast, of which men offer an oblation to Yehovah, all that any man gives of such to Yehovah shall be holy. 10He shall not alter it, nor change it, a good for a bad, or a bad for a good: and if he does at all change beast for beast, then both it and that for which it is changed shall be holy. 11And if it is any unclean beast, of which they do not offer an oblation to Yehovah, then he shall set the beast before the priest; 12and the priest shall value it, whether it is good or bad: as you the priest value it, so it shall be. 13But if he will indeed redeem it, then he shall add the fifth part of it to your estimation. 14And when a man sanctifies his house to be holy to Yehovah, then the priest shall estimate it, whether it is good or bad: as the priest estimates it, so it shall stand. 15And if he who sanctified it will redeem his house, then he shall add the fifth part of the money of your estimation to it, and it shall be his. 16And if a man sanctifies to Yehovah part of the field of his possession, then your estimation shall be according to its sowing: the sowing of a homer of barley shall be valued at fifty shekels of silver. 17If he sanctifies his field from the year of jubilee, according to your estimation it shall stand. 18But if he sanctifies his field after the jubilee, then the priest shall reckon to him the money according to the years that remain to the year of jubilee; and a reduction shall be made from your estimation. 19And if he who sanctified the field will indeed redeem it, then he shall add the fifth part of the money of your estimation to it, and it shall be assured to him. 20And if he will not redeem the field, or if he has sold the field to another man, it shall not be redeemed any more: 21but the field, when

it goes out in the jubilee, shall be holy to Yehovah, as a field devoted; its possession shall be the priest's. 22 And if he sanctifies to Yehovah a field which he has bought, which is not of the field of his possession; 23 then the priest shall reckon to him the worth of your estimation to the year of jubilee: and he shall give your estimation in that day, as a holy thing to Yehovah. 24 In the year of jubilee the field shall return to him from whom it was bought, even to him to whom the possession of the land belongs. 25 And all your estimations shall be according to the shekel of the sanctuary: twenty gerahs shall be the shekel. 26 Only the firstborn among beasts, which is made a firstborn to Yehovah, no man shall sanctify it; whether it is ox or sheep, it is Yehovah's. 27 And if it is of an unclean beast, then he shall ransom it according to your estimation, and shall add to it the fifth part of it: or if it is not redeemed, then it shall be sold according to your estimation. 28 Nevertheless, no devoted thing, that a man devotes to Yehovah of all that he has, whether of man or beast, or of the field of his possession, shall be sold or redeemed: every devoted thing is most holy to Yehovah. 29 No one devoted, that shall be devoted from among men, shall be ransomed; he shall surely be put to death. 30 And all the tithe of the land, whether of the seed of the land, or of the fruit of the tree, is Yehovah's: it is holy to Yehovah. 31 And if a man will redeem anything of his tithe, he shall add to it the fifth part of it. 32 And all the tithe of the herd or the flock, whatever passes under the rod, the tenth shall be holy to Yehovah. 33 He shall not search whether it is good or bad, nor shall he change it: and if he changes it at all, then both it and that for which it is changed shall be holy; it shall not be redeemed. 34 These are the commandments, which Yehovah commanded Moses for the children of Israel on mount Sinai.

Numbers

Chapter 1

[1]And Yehovah spoke to Moses in the wilderness of Sinai, in the tent of meeting, on the first day of the second month, in the second year after they had come out of the land of Egypt, saying, [2]Take the sum of all the congregation of the children of Israel, by their families, by their fathers' houses, according to the number of the names, every male, head by head; [3]from twenty years old and upward, all who are able to go out to war in Israel, you and Aaron shall number them by their hosts. [4]And with you there shall be a man of every tribe; every one head of his fathers' house. [5]And these are the names of the men who shall stand with you. Of Reuben: Elizur the son of Shedeur. [6]Of Simeon: Shelumiel the son of Zurishaddai. [7]Of Judah: Nahshon the son of Amminadab. [8]Of Issachar: Nethanel the son of Zuar. [9]Of Zebulun: Eliab the son of Helon. [10]Of the children of Joseph: Of Ephraim: Elishama the son of Ammihud. Of Manasseh: Gamaliel the son of Pedahzur. [11]Of Benjamin: Abidan the son of Gideoni. [12]Of Dan: Ahiezer the son of Ammishaddai. [13]Of Asher: Pagiel the son of Ochran. [14]Of Gad: Eliasaph the son of Deuel. [15]Of Naphtali: Ahira the son of Enan. [16]These are those who were called of the congregation, the princes of the tribes of their fathers; they were the heads of the thousands of Israel. [17]And Moses and Aaron took these men who are mentioned by name: [18]and they assembled all the congregation together on the first day of the second month; and they declared their pedigrees by their families, by their fathers' houses, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, head by head. [19]As Yehovah commanded Moses, so he numbered them in the wilderness of Sinai. [20]And the children of Reuben, Israel's firstborn, their generations, by their families, by their fathers' houses, according to the number of the names, head by head, every male from twenty years old and upward, all who were able to go out to war; [21]those who were numbered of them, of the tribe of Reuben, were forty-six thousand five hundred. [22]Of the children of Simeon, their generations, by their families, by their fathers' houses, those who were numbered of them, according to the number of the names, head by head, every male from twenty years old and upward, all who were able to go out to war; [23]those who were numbered of them, of the tribe of Simeon, were fifty-nine thousand three hundred. [24]Of the children of Gad, their generations, by their families, by their fathers' houses, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all who were able to go out to war; [25]those who were numbered of them, of the tribe of Gad, were forty-five thousand six hundred and fifty. [26]Of the children of Judah, their generations, by their families, by their fathers' houses, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all who were able to go out to war; [27]those who were numbered of them, of the tribe of Judah, were seventy-four thousand six hundred. [28]Of the children of Issachar, their generations, by their families, by their fathers' houses, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all who were able to go out to war; [29]those who were numbered of them, of the tribe of Issachar, were fifty-four thousand four hundred. [30]Of the children of Zebulun, their generations, by their families, by their fathers' houses, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all who were able to go out to war; [31]those who were numbered of them, of the tribe of Zebulun, were fifty-seven thousand four hundred. [32]Of the children of Joseph, namely, of the children of Ephraim, their generations, by their families, by their fathers' houses, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all who were able to go out to war; [33]those who were numbered of them, of the tribe of Ephraim, were forty thousand five hundred. [34]Of the children of Manasseh, their generations, by their families, by their fathers' houses, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all who were able to go out to war; [35]those who were numbered of them, of the tribe of Manasseh, were thirty-two thousand two hundred. [36]Of the children of Benjamin, their generations, by their families, by their fathers' houses, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all who were able to go out to war; [37]those who were numbered of them, of the tribe of Benjamin, were thirty-five thousand four hundred. [38]Of the children of Dan, their generations, by their families, by their fathers' houses, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all who

were able to go out to war; 39those who were numbered of them, of the tribe of Dan, were sixty-two thousand seven hundred. 40Of the children of Asher, their generations, by their families, by their fathers' houses, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all who were able to go out to war; 41those who were numbered of them, of the tribe of Asher, were forty-one thousand five hundred. 42Of the children of Naphtali, their generations, by their families, by their fathers' houses, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all who were able to go out to war; 43those who were numbered of them, of the tribe of Naphtali, were fifty-three thousand four hundred. 44These are those who were numbered, whom Moses and Aaron numbered, and the princes of Israel, being twelve men: they were each one for his fathers' house. 45So all those who were numbered of the children of Israel by their fathers' houses, from twenty years old and upward, all who were able to go out to war in Israel; 46even all those who were numbered were six hundred and three thousand five hundred and fifty. 47But the Levites by the tribe of their fathers were not numbered among them. 48For Yehovah spoke to Moses, saying, 49Only the tribe of Levi you shall not number, nor shall you take the sum of them among the children of Israel; 50but appoint the Levites over the tabernacle of the testimony, and over all its furniture, and over all that belongs to it: they shall bear the tabernacle, and all its furniture; and they shall minister to it, and shall encamp around the tabernacle. 51And when the tabernacle sets out, the Levites shall take it down; and when the tabernacle is to be pitched, the Levites shall set it up: and the stranger who comes near shall be put to death. 52And the children of Israel shall pitch their tents, every man by his own camp, and every man by his own standard, according to their hosts. 53But the Levites shall encamp around the tabernacle of the testimony, that there may be no wrath on the congregation of the children of Israel: and the Levites shall keep the charge of the tabernacle of the testimony. 54Thus the children of Israel did; according to all that Yehovah commanded Moses, so they did.

Chapter 2

1And Yehovah spoke to Moses and to Aaron, saying, 2The children of Israel shall encamp every man by his own standard, with the ensigns of their fathers' houses: they shall encamp around opposite the tent of meeting. 3And those who encamp on the east side toward the sunrise shall be those of the standard of the camp of Judah, according to their hosts: and the prince of the children of Judah shall be Nahshon the son of Amminadab. 4And his host, and those who were numbered of them, were seventy-four thousand six hundred. 5And those who encamp next to him shall be the tribe of Issachar: and the prince of the children of Issachar shall be Nethanel the son of Zuar. 6And his host, and those who were numbered of them, were fifty-four thousand four hundred. 7And the tribe of Zebulun: and the prince of the children of Zebulun shall be Eliab the son of Helon. 8And his host, and those who were numbered of them, were fifty-seven thousand four hundred. 9All who were numbered of the camp of Judah were one hundred and eighty-six thousand four hundred, according to their hosts. They shall set out first. 10On the south side shall be the standard of the camp of Reuben according to their hosts: and the prince of the children of Reuben shall be Elizur the son of Shedeur. 11And his host, and those who were numbered of them, were forty-six thousand five hundred. 12And those who encamp next to him shall be the tribe of Simeon: and the prince of the children of Simeon shall be Shelumiel the son of Zurishaddai. 13And his host, and those who were numbered of them, were fifty-nine thousand three hundred. 14And the tribe of Gad: and the prince of the children of Gad shall be Eliasaph the son of Reuel. 15And his host, and those who were numbered of them, were forty-five thousand six hundred and fifty. 16All who were numbered of the camp of Reuben were one hundred and fifty-one thousand four hundred and fifty, according to their hosts. And they shall set out second. 17Then the tent of meeting shall set out, with the camp of the Levites in the midst of the camps: as they encamp, so shall they set out, every man in his place, by their standards. 18On the west side shall be the standard of the camp of Ephraim according to their hosts: and the prince of the children of Ephraim shall be Elishama the son of Ammihud. 19And his host, and those who were numbered of them, were forty thousand five hundred. 20And next to him shall be the tribe of Manasseh: and the prince of the children of Manasseh shall be Gamaliel the son of Pedahzur. 21And his host, and those who were numbered of them, were thirty-two thousand two hundred. 22And the tribe of Benjamin: and the prince of the children of Benjamin shall be Abidan the son

of Gideoni. 23And his host, and those who were numbered of them, were thirty-five thousand four hundred. 24All who were numbered of the camp of Ephraim were one hundred and eight thousand one hundred, according to their hosts. And they shall set out third. 25On the north side shall be the standard of the camp of Dan according to their hosts: and the prince of the children of Dan shall be Ahiezer the son of Ammishaddai. 26And his host, and those who were numbered of them, were sixty-two thousand seven hundred. 27And those who encamp next to him shall be the tribe of Asher: and the prince of the children of Asher shall be Pagiel the son of Ochran. 28And his hosts, and those who were numbered of them, were forty-one thousand five hundred. 29And the tribe of Naphtali: and the prince of the children of Naphtali shall be Ahira the son of Enan. 30And his host, and those who were numbered of them, were fifty-three thousand four hundred. 31All who were numbered of the camp of Dan were one hundred and fifty-seven thousand six hundred. They shall set out last by their standards. 32These are those who were numbered of the children of Israel by their fathers' houses: all who were numbered of the camps according to their hosts were six hundred and three thousand five hundred and fifty. 33But the Levites were not numbered among the children of Israel; as Yehovah commanded Moses. 34Thus the children of Israel did; according to all that Yehovah commanded Moses, so they encamped by their standards, and so they set out, every one by their families, according to their fathers' houses.

Chapter 3

1Now these are the generations of Aaron and Moses in the day that Yehovah spoke with Moses in mount Sinai. 2And these are the names of the sons of Aaron: Nadab the firstborn, and Abihu, Eleazar, and Ithamar. 3These are the names of the sons of Aaron, the priests who were anointed, whom he consecrated to minister in the priest's office. 4And Nadab and Abihu died before Yehovah, when they offered strange fire before Yehovah, in the wilderness of Sinai, and they had no children; and Eleazar and Ithamar ministered in the priest's office in the presence of Aaron their father. 5And Yehovah spoke to Moses, saying, 6Bring the tribe of Levi near, and set them before Aaron the priest, that they may minister to him. 7And they shall keep his charge, and the charge of the whole congregation before the tent of meeting, to do the service of the tabernacle. 8And they shall keep all the furniture of the tent of meeting, and the charge of the children of Israel, to do the service of the tabernacle. 9And you shall give the Levites to Aaron and to his sons: they are wholly given to him on behalf of the children of Israel. 10And you shall appoint Aaron and his sons, and they shall keep their priesthood: and the stranger who comes near shall be put to death. 11And Yehovah spoke to Moses, saying, 12And I, behold, I have taken the Levites from among the children of Israel instead of all the firstborn that opens the womb among the children of Israel; and the Levites shall be mine: 13for all the firstborn are mine; on the day that I struck all the firstborn in the land of Egypt I hallowed for myself all the firstborn in Israel, both man and beast; mine they shall be: I am Yehovah. 14And Yehovah spoke to Moses in the wilderness of Sinai, saying, 15Number the children of Levi by their fathers' houses, by their families: every male from a month old and upward you shall number them. 16And Moses numbered them according to the word of Yehovah, as he was commanded. 17And these were the sons of Levi by their names: Gershon, and Kohath, and Merari. 18And these are the names of the sons of Gershon by their families: Libni and Shimei. 19And the sons of Kohath by their families: Amram, and Izhar, Hebron, and Uzziel. 20And the sons of Merari by their families: Mahli and Mushi. These are the families of the Levites according to their fathers' houses. 21Of Gershon was the family of the Libnites, and the family of the Shimeites: these are the families of the Gershonites. 22Those who were numbered of them, according to the number of all the males, from a month old and upward, even those who were numbered of them were seven thousand five hundred. 23The families of the Gershonites shall encamp behind the tabernacle westward. 24And the prince of the fathers' house of the Gershonites shall be Eliasaph the son of Lael. 25And the charge of the sons of Gershon in the tent of meeting shall be the tabernacle, and the Tent, its covering, and the screen for the door of the tent of meeting, 26and the hangings of the court, and the screen for the door of the court, which is by the tabernacle, and around the altar, and its cords for all its service. 27And of Kohath was the family of the Amramites, and the family of the Izharites, and the family of the Hebronites, and the family of the Uzzielites: these are the families of the Kohathites. 28According to the number of all the males, from a month old and upward, there were

eight thousand six hundred, keeping the charge of the sanctuary. 29The families of the sons of Kohath shall encamp on the side of the tabernacle southward. 30And the prince of the fathers' house of the families of the Kohathites shall be Elizaphan the son of Uzziel. 31And their charge shall be the ark, and the table, and the lampstand, and the altars, and the vessels of the sanctuary with which they minister, and the screen, and all its service. 32And Eleazar the son of Aaron the priest shall be prince of the princes of the Levites, and have the oversight of those who keep the charge of the sanctuary. 33Of Merari was the family of the Mahlites, and the family of the Mushites: these are the families of Merari. 34And those who were numbered of them, according to the number of all the males, from a month old and upward, were six thousand two hundred. 35And the prince of the fathers' house of the families of Merari was Zuriel the son of Abihail: they shall encamp on the side of the tabernacle northward. 36And the appointed charge of the sons of Merari shall be the boards of the tabernacle, and its bars, and its pillars, and its sockets, and all its instruments, and all its service, 37and the pillars of the court around, and their sockets, and their pins, and their cords. 38And those who encamp before the tabernacle eastward, before the tent of meeting toward the sunrise, shall be Moses, and Aaron and his sons, keeping the charge of the sanctuary for the charge of the children of Israel; and the stranger who comes near shall be put to death. 39All who were numbered of the Levites, whom Moses and Aaron numbered at the commandment of Yehovah, by their families, all the males from a month old and upward, were twenty-two thousand. 40And Yehovah said to Moses, Number all the firstborn males of the children of Israel from a month old and upward, and take the number of their names. 41And you shall take the Levites for me (I am Yehovah) instead of all the firstborn among the children of Israel; and the cattle of the Levites instead of all the firstlings among the cattle of the children of Israel. 42And Moses numbered, as Yehovah commanded him, all the firstborn among the children of Israel. 43And all the firstborn males according to the number of names, from a month old and upward, of those who were numbered of them, were twenty-two thousand two hundred and seventy-three. 44And Yehovah spoke to Moses, saying, 45Take the Levites instead of all the firstborn among the children of Israel, and the cattle of the Levites instead of their cattle; and the Levites shall be mine: I am Yehovah. 46And for the redemption of the two hundred and seventy-three of the firstborn of the children of Israel, who are over and above the number of the Levites, 47you shall take five shekels apiece per head; according to the shekel of the sanctuary you shall take them (the shekel is twenty gerahs): 48and you shall give the money, with which the odd number of them is redeemed, to Aaron and to his sons. 49And Moses took the redemption-money from those who were over and above those who were redeemed by the Levites; 50from the firstborn of the children of Israel he took the money, a thousand three hundred and sixty-five shekels, according to the shekel of the sanctuary: 51and Moses gave the redemption-money to Aaron and to his sons, according to the word of Yehovah, as Yehovah commanded Moses.

Chapter 4

1And Yehovah spoke to Moses and to Aaron, saying, 2Take the sum of the sons of Kohath from among the sons of Levi, by their families, by their fathers' houses, 3from thirty years old and upward even until fifty years old, all who enter on the service, to do the work in the tent of meeting. 4This is the service of the sons of Kohath in the tent of meeting, about the most holy things: 5when the camp sets out, Aaron shall go in, and his sons, and they shall take down the veil of the screen, and cover the ark of the testimony with it, 6and shall put on it a covering of sealskin, and shall spread over it a cloth all of blue, and shall put in its poles. 7And on the table of showbread they shall spread a cloth of blue, and put on it the dishes, and the spoons, and the bowls and the cups with which to pour out; and the continual bread shall be on it: 8and they shall spread on them a cloth of scarlet, and cover the same with a covering of sealskin, and shall put in its poles. 9And they shall take a cloth of blue, and cover the lampstand of the light, and its lamps, and its snuffers, and its snuffdishes, and all its oil vessels, with which they minister to it: 10and they shall put it and all its vessels within a covering of sealskin, and shall put it on the frame. 11And on the golden altar they shall spread a cloth of blue, and cover it with a covering of sealskin, and shall put in its poles: 12and they shall take all the vessels of ministry, with which they minister in the sanctuary, and put them in a cloth of blue, and cover them with a covering of sealskin, and shall put them on the frame. 13And they shall take away the ashes from the altar, and spread a

purple cloth on it: 14and they shall put on it all its vessels, with which they minister about it, the firepans, the flesh-hooks, and the shovels, and the basins, all the vessels of the altar; and they shall spread on it a covering of sealskin, and put in its poles. 15And when Aaron and his sons have finished covering the sanctuary, and all the furniture of the sanctuary, as the camp sets out; after that, the sons of Kohath shall come to bear it: but they shall not touch the sanctuary, lest they die. These things are the burden of the sons of Kohath in the tent of meeting. 16And the charge of Eleazar the son of Aaron the priest shall be the oil for the light, and the sweet incense, and the continual meal-offering, and the anointing oil, the charge of all the tabernacle, and of all that is in it, the sanctuary, and its furniture. 17And Yehovah spoke to Moses and to Aaron, saying, 18Do not cut off the tribe of the families of the Kohathites from among the Levites; 19but thus do to them, that they may live, and not die, when they approach to the most holy things: Aaron and his sons shall go in, and appoint them every one to his service and to his burden; 20but they shall not go in to see the sanctuary even for a moment, lest they die. 21And Yehovah spoke to Moses, saying, 22Take the sum of the sons of Gershon also, by their fathers' houses, by their families; 23from thirty years old and upward until fifty years old you shall number them; all who enter in to wait on the service, to do the work in the tent of meeting. 24This is the service of the families of the Gershonites, in serving and in bearing burdens: 25they shall bear the curtains of the tabernacle, and the tent of meeting, its covering, and the covering of sealskin that is above on it, and the screen for the door of the tent of meeting, 26and the hangings of the court, and the screen for the door of the gate of the court, which is by the tabernacle and around the altar, and their cords, and all the instruments of their service, and whatever shall be done with them: in it they shall serve. 27At the commandment of Aaron and his sons shall be all the service of the sons of the Gershonites, in all their burden, and in all their service; and you shall appoint to them in charge all their burden. 28This is the service of the families of the sons of the Gershonites in the tent of meeting: and their charge shall be under the hand of Ithamar the son of Aaron the priest. 29As for the sons of Merari, you shall number them by their families, by their fathers' houses; 30from thirty years old and upward even to fifty years old you shall number them, everyone who enters on the service, to do the work of the tent of meeting. 31And this is the charge of their burden, according to all their service in the tent of meeting: the boards of the tabernacle, and its bars, and its pillars, and its sockets, 32and the pillars of the court around, and their sockets, and their pins, and their cords, with all their instruments, and with all their service: and by name you shall appoint the instruments of the charge of their burden. 33This is the service of the families of the sons of Merari, according to all their service, in the tent of meeting, under the hand of Ithamar the son of Aaron the priest. 34And Moses and Aaron and the princes of the congregation numbered the sons of the Kohathites by their families, and by their fathers' houses, 35from thirty years old and upward even to fifty years old, everyone who entered on the service, for work in the tent of meeting: 36and those who were numbered of them by their families were two thousand seven hundred and fifty. 37These are those who were numbered of the families of the Kohathites, all who served in the tent of meeting, whom Moses and Aaron numbered according to the commandment of Yehovah by Moses. 38And those who were numbered of the sons of Gershon, their families, and by their fathers' houses, 39from thirty years old and upward even to fifty years old, everyone who entered on the service, for work in the tent of meeting, 40even those who were numbered of them, by their families, by their fathers' houses, were two thousand six hundred and thirty. 41These are those who were numbered of the families of the sons of Gershon, all who served in the tent of meeting, whom Moses and Aaron numbered according to the commandment of Yehovah. 42And those who were numbered of the families of the sons of Merari, by their families, by their fathers' houses, 43from thirty years old and upward even to fifty years old, everyone who entered on the service, for work in the tent of meeting, 44even those who were numbered of them by their families, were three thousand two hundred. 45These are those who were numbered of the families of the sons of Merari, whom Moses and Aaron numbered according to the commandment of Yehovah by Moses. 46All those who were numbered of the Levites, whom Moses and Aaron and the princes of Israel numbered, by their families, and by their fathers' houses, 47from thirty years old and upward even to fifty years old, everyone who entered in to do the work of service, and the work of bearing burdens in the tent of

meeting, 48even those who were numbered of them, were eight thousand five hundred and eighty. 49According to the commandment of Yehovah they were numbered by Moses, every one according to his service, and according to his burden: thus they were numbered by him, as Yehovah commanded Moses.

Chapter 5

1And Yehovah spoke to Moses, saying, 2Command the children of Israel, that they put out of the camp every leper, and everyone who has an issue, and whoever is unclean by the dead: 3both male and female you shall put out, outside the camp you shall put them; that they may not defile their camp, in the midst of which I dwell. 4And the children of Israel did so, and put them out outside the camp; as Yehovah spoke to Moses, so the children of Israel did. 5And Yehovah spoke to Moses, saying, 6Speak to the children of Israel, When a man or woman shall commit any sin that men commit, so as to trespass against Yehovah, and that soul shall be guilty; 7then he shall confess his sin which he has done: and he shall make restitution for his guilt in full, and add to it the fifth part of it, and give it to him in respect of whom he has been guilty. 8But if the man has no kinsman to whom restitution may be made for the guilt, the restitution for guilt which is made to Yehovah shall be the priest's; besides the ram of the atonement, by which atonement shall be made for him. 9And every heave-offering of all the holy things of the children of Israel, which they present to the priest, shall be his. 10And every man's hallowed things shall be his: whatever any man gives the priest, it shall be his. 11And Yehovah spoke to Moses, saying, 12Speak to the children of Israel, and say to them, If any man's wife goes aside, and commits a trespass against him, 13and a man lies with her carnally, and it is hidden from the eyes of her husband, and is kept secret, and she is defiled, and there is no witness against her, and she is not taken in the act; 14and the spirit of jealousy comes on him, and he is jealous of his wife, and she is defiled: or if the spirit of jealousy comes on him, and he is jealous of his wife, and she is not defiled: 15then the man shall bring his wife to the priest, and shall bring her oblation for her, the tenth part of an ephah of barley meal; he shall pour no oil on it, nor put frankincense on it; for it is a meal-offering of jealousy, a meal-offering of memorial, bringing iniquity to remembrance. 16And the priest shall bring her near, and set her before Yehovah: 17and the priest shall take holy water in an earthen vessel; and of the dust that is on the floor of the tabernacle the priest shall take, and put it into the water. 18And the priest shall set the woman before Yehovah, and let the hair of the woman's head go loose, and put the meal-offering of memorial in her hands, which is the meal-offering of jealousy: and the priest shall have in his hand the water of bitterness that causes the curse. 19And the priest shall cause her to swear, and shall say to the woman, If no man has lain with you, and if you have not gone aside to uncleanness, being under your husband, be free from this water of bitterness that causes the curse. 20But if you have gone aside, being under your husband, and if you are defiled, and some man has lain with you besides your husband: 21then the priest shall cause the woman to swear with the oath of cursing, and the priest shall say to the woman, Yehovah make you a curse and an oath among your people, when Yehovah makes your thigh fall away, and your body swell; 22and this water that causes the curse shall go into your bowels, and make your body swell, and your thigh to fall away. And the woman shall say, Amen, Amen. 23And the priest shall write these curses in a book, and he shall blot them out into the water of bitterness: 24and he shall make the woman drink the water of bitterness that causes the curse; and the water that causes the curse shall enter into her and become bitter. 25And the priest shall take the meal-offering of jealousy out of the woman's hand, and shall wave the meal-offering before Yehovah, and bring it to the altar: 26and the priest shall take a handful of the meal-offering, as its memorial, and burn it on the altar, and afterward shall make the woman drink the water. 27And when he has made her drink the water, then it shall come to pass, if she is defiled, and has committed a trespass against her husband, that the water that causes the curse shall enter into her and become bitter, and her body shall swell, and her thigh shall fall away: and the woman shall be a curse among her people. 28And if the woman is not defiled, but is clean; then she shall be free, and shall conceive seed. 29This is the law of jealousy, when a wife, being under her husband, goes aside, and is defiled; 30or when the spirit of jealousy comes on a man, and he is jealous of his wife; then he shall set the woman before Yehovah, and the priest shall execute on her all this law. 31And the man shall be free from iniquity, and that woman shall bear her iniquity.

Chapter 6

[1]And Yehovah spoke to Moses, saying, [2]Speak to the children of Israel, and say to them, When either man or woman shall make a special vow, the vow of a Nazirite, to separate himself to Yehovah, [3]he shall separate himself from wine and strong drink; he shall drink no vinegar of wine, or vinegar of strong drink, neither shall he drink any juice of grapes, nor eat fresh grapes or dried. [4]All the days of his separation he shall eat nothing that is made of the grape-vine, from the kernels even to the husk. [5]All the days of his vow of separation no razor shall come on his head: until the days are fulfilled, in which he separates himself to Yehovah, he shall be holy; he shall let the locks of the hair of his head grow long. [6]All the days that he separates himself to Yehovah he shall not come near to a dead body. [7]He shall not make himself unclean for his father, or for his mother, for his brother, or for his sister, when they die; because his separation to God is on his head. [8]All the days of his separation he is holy to Yehovah. [9]And if any man dies very suddenly beside him, and he defiles the head of his separation; then he shall shave his head in the day of his cleansing, on the seventh day he shall shave it. [10]And on the eighth day he shall bring two turtle-doves, or two young pigeons, to the priest, to the door of the tent of meeting: [11]and the priest shall offer one for a sin-offering, and the other for a burnt-offering, and make atonement for him, because he sinned by reason of the dead, and shall hallow his head that same day. [12]And he shall separate to Yehovah the days of his separation, and shall bring a male lamb a year old for a trespass-offering; but the former days shall be void, because his separation was defiled. [13]And this is the law of the Nazirite, when the days of his separation are fulfilled: he shall be brought to the door of the tent of meeting: [14]and he shall offer his oblation to Yehovah, one male lamb a year old without blemish for a burnt-offering, and one ewe-lamb a year old without blemish for a sin-offering, and one ram without blemish for peace-offerings, [15]and a basket of unleavened bread, cakes of fine flour mingled with oil, and unleavened wafers anointed with oil, and their meal-offering, and their drink-offerings. [16]And the priest shall present them before Yehovah, and shall offer his sin-offering, and his burnt-offering: [17]and he shall offer the ram for a sacrifice of peace-offerings to Yehovah, with the basket of unleavened bread: the priest shall offer also its meal-offering, and its drink-offering. [18]And the Nazirite shall shave the head of his separation at the door of the tent of meeting, and shall take the hair of the head of his separation, and put it on the fire which is under the sacrifice of peace-offerings. [19]And the priest shall take the boiled shoulder of the ram, and one unleavened cake out of the basket, and one unleavened wafer, and shall put them on the hands of the Nazirite, after he has shaved the head of his separation; [20]and the priest shall wave them for a wave-offering before Yehovah; this is holy for the priest, together with the wave-breast and heave-thigh: and after that the Nazirite may drink wine. [21]This is the law of the Nazirite who vows, and of his oblation to Yehovah for his separation, besides that which he is able to get: according to his vow which he vows, so he must do according to the law of his separation. [22]And Yehovah spoke to Moses, saying, [23]Speak to Aaron and to his sons, saying, On this way you shall bless the children of Israel: you shall say to them, [24]Yehovah bless you, and keep you: [25]Yehovah make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you: [26]Yehovah lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace. [27]So shall they put my name upon the children of Israel; and I will bless them.

Chapter 7

[1]And it happened on the day that Moses had finished setting up the tabernacle, and had anointed it and sanctified it, and all its furniture, and the altar and all its vessels, and had anointed them and sanctified them; [2]that the princes of Israel, the heads of their fathers' houses, offered. These were the princes of the tribes, these are those who were over those who were numbered: [3]and they brought their oblation before Yehovah, six covered wagons, and twelve oxen; a wagon for every two of the princes, and for each one an ox: and they presented them before the tabernacle. [4]And Yehovah spoke to Moses, saying, [5]Take it of them, that they may be used in doing the service of the tent of meeting; and you shall give them to the Levites, to every man according to his service. [6]And Moses took the wagons and the oxen, and gave them to the Levites. [7]Two wagons and four oxen he gave to the sons of Gershon, according to their service: [8]and four wagons and eight oxen he gave to the sons of Merari, according to their service, under the hand of Ithamar the son of Aaron the priest. [9]But to the sons of Kohath he gave none, because the service of the sanctuary belonged to them; they bore it on their shoulders. [10]And the princes offered for the dedication of the altar in the

day that it was anointed, even the princes offered their oblation before the altar. 11And Yehovah said to Moses, They shall offer their oblation, each prince on his day, for the dedication of the altar. 12And he who offered his oblation the first day was Nahshon the son of Amminadab, of the tribe of Judah: 13and his oblation was one silver platter, the weight of which was a hundred and thirty shekels, one silver bowl of seventy shekels, according to the shekel of the sanctuary; both of them full of fine flour mingled with oil for a meal-offering; 14one golden spoon of ten shekels, full of incense; 15one young bull, one ram, one male lamb a year old, for a burnt-offering; 16one male of the goats for a sin-offering; 17and for the sacrifice of peace-offerings, two oxen, five rams, five male goats, five male lambs a year old: this was the oblation of Nahshon the son of Amminadab. 18On the second day Nethanel the son of Zuar, prince of Issachar, offered: 19he offered for his oblation one silver platter, the weight of which was a hundred and thirty shekels, one silver bowl of seventy shekels, according to the shekel of the sanctuary; both of them full of fine flour mingled with oil for a meal-offering; 20one golden spoon of ten shekels, full of incense; 21one young bull, one ram, one male lamb a year old, for a burnt-offering; 22one male of the goats for a sin-offering; 23and for the sacrifice of peace-offerings, two oxen, five rams, five male goats, five male lambs a year old: this was the oblation of Nethanel the son of Zuar. 24On the third day Eliab the son of Helon, prince of the children of Zebulun: 25his oblation was one silver platter, the weight of which was a hundred and thirty shekels, one silver bowl of seventy shekels, according to the shekel of the sanctuary; both of them full of fine flour mingled with oil for a meal-offering; 26one golden spoon of ten shekels, full of incense; 27one young bull, one ram, one male lamb a year old, for a burnt-offering; 28one male of the goats for a sin-offering; 29and for the sacrifice of peace-offerings, two oxen, five rams, five male goats, five male lambs a year old: this was the oblation of Eliab the son of Helon. 30On the fourth day Elizur the son of Shedeur, prince of the children of Reuben: 31his oblation was one silver platter, the weight of which was a hundred and thirty shekels, one silver bowl of seventy shekels, according to the shekel of the sanctuary; both of them full of fine flour mingled with oil for a meal-offering; 32one golden spoon of ten shekels, full of incense; 33one young bull, one ram, one male lamb a year old, for a burnt-offering; 34one male of the goats for a sin-offering; 35and for the sacrifice of peace-offerings, two oxen, five rams, five male goats, five male lambs a year old: this was the oblation of Elizur the son of Shedeur. 36On the fifth day Shelumiel the son of Zurishaddai, prince of the children of Simeon: 37his oblation was one silver platter, the weight of which was a hundred and thirty shekels, one silver bowl of seventy shekels, according to the shekel of the sanctuary; both of them full of fine flour mingled with oil for a meal-offering; 38one golden spoon of ten shekels, full of incense; 39one young bull, one ram, one male lamb a year old, for a burnt-offering; 40one male of the goats for a sin-offering; 41and for the sacrifice of peace-offerings, two oxen, five rams, five male goats, five male lambs a year old: this was the oblation of Shelumiel the son of Zurishaddai. 42On the sixth day Eliasaph the son of Deuel, prince of the children of Gad: 43his oblation was one silver platter, the weight of which was a hundred and thirty shekels, one silver bowl of seventy shekels, according to the shekel of the sanctuary; both of them full of fine flour mingled with oil for a meal-offering; 44one golden spoon of ten shekels, full of incense; 45one young bull, one ram, one male lamb a year old, for a burnt-offering; 46one male of the goats for a sin-offering; 47and for the sacrifice of peace-offerings, two oxen, five rams, five male goats, five male lambs a year old: this was the oblation of Eliasaph the son of Deuel. 48On the seventh day Elishama the son of Ammihud, prince of the children of Ephraim: 49his oblation was one silver platter, the weight of which was a hundred and thirty shekels, one silver bowl of seventy shekels, according to the shekel of the sanctuary; both of them full of fine flour mingled with oil for a meal-offering; 50one golden spoon of ten shekels, full of incense; 51one young bull, one ram, one male lamb a year old, for a burnt-offering; 52one male of the goats for a sin-offering; 53and for the sacrifice of peace-offerings, two oxen, five rams, five male goats, five male lambs a year old: this was the oblation of Elishama the son of Ammihud. 54On the eighth day Gamaliel the son of Pedahzur, prince of the children of Manasseh: 55his oblation was one silver platter, the weight of which was a hundred and thirty shekels, one silver bowl of seventy shekels, according to the shekel of the sanctuary; both of them full of fine flour mingled with oil for a meal-offering; 56one golden spoon of ten shekels, full of incense; 57one young bull, one ram, one male lamb a year old, for a burnt-offering; 58one

male of the goats for a sin-offering; [59]and for the sacrifice of peace-offerings, two oxen, five rams, five male goats, five male lambs a year old: this was the oblation of Gamaliel the son of Pedahzur. [60]On the ninth day Abidan the son of Gideoni, prince of the children of Benjamin: [61]his oblation was one silver platter, the weight of which was a hundred and thirty shekels, one silver bowl of seventy shekels, according to the shekel of the sanctuary; both of them full of fine flour mingled with oil for a meal-offering; [62]one golden spoon of ten shekels, full of incense; [63]one young bull, one ram, one male lamb a year old, for a burnt-offering; [64]one male of the goats for a sin-offering; [65]and for the sacrifice of peace-offerings, two oxen, five rams, five male goats, five male lambs a year old: this was the oblation of Abidan the son of Gideoni. [66]On the tenth day Ahiezer the son of Ammishaddai, prince of the children of Dan: [67]his oblation was one silver platter, the weight of which was a hundred and thirty shekels, one silver bowl of seventy shekels, according to the shekel of the sanctuary; both of them full of fine flour mingled with oil for a meal-offering; [68]one golden spoon of ten shekels, full of incense; [69]one young bull, one ram, one male lamb a year old, for a burnt-offering; [70]one male of the goats for a sin-offering; [71]and for the sacrifice of peace-offerings, two oxen, five rams, five male goats, five male lambs a year old: this was the oblation of Ahiezer the son of Ammishaddai. [72]On the eleventh day Pagiel the son of Ochran, prince of the children of Asher: [73]his oblation was one silver platter, the weight of which was a hundred and thirty shekels, one silver bowl of seventy shekels, according to the shekel of the sanctuary; both of them full of fine flour mingled with oil for a meal-offering; [74]one golden spoon of ten shekels, full of incense; [75]one young bull, one ram, one male lamb a year old, for a burnt-offering; [76]one male of the goats for a sin-offering; [77]and for the sacrifice of peace-offerings, two oxen, five rams, five male goats, five male lambs a year old: this was the oblation of Pagiel the son of Ochran. [78]On the twelfth day Ahira the son of Enan, prince of the children of Naphtali: [79]his oblation was one silver platter, the weight of which was a hundred and thirty shekels, one silver bowl of seventy shekels, according to the shekel of the sanctuary; both of them full of fine flour mingled with oil for a meal-offering; [80]one golden spoon of ten shekels, full of incense; [81]one young bull, one ram, one male lamb a year old, for a burnt-offering; [82]one male of the goats for a sin-offering; [83]and for the sacrifice of peace-offerings, two oxen, five rams, five male goats, five male lambs a year old: this was the oblation of Ahira the son of Enan. [84]This was the dedication of the altar, in the day when it was anointed, by the princes of Israel: twelve silver platters, twelve silver bowls, twelve golden spoons; [85]each silver platter weighing a hundred and thirty shekels, and each bowl seventy; all the silver of the vessels two thousand four hundred shekels, according to the shekel of the sanctuary; [86]the twelve golden spoons, full of incense, weighing ten shekels apiece, according to the shekel of the sanctuary; all the gold of the spoons a hundred and twenty shekels; [87]all the oxen for the burnt-offering twelve bulls, the rams twelve, the male lambs a year old twelve, and their meal-offering; and the males of the goats for a sin-offering twelve; [88]and all the oxen for the sacrifice of peace-offerings twenty-four bulls, the rams sixty, the male goats sixty, the male lambs a year old sixty. This was the dedication of the altar, after it was anointed. [89]And when Moses went into the tent of meeting to speak with him, then he heard the Voice speaking to him from above the mercy-seat that was on the ark of the testimony, from between the two cherubim: and he spoke to him.

Chapter 8

[1]And Yehovah spoke to Moses, saying, [2]Speak to Aaron, and say to him, When you light the lamps, the seven lamps shall give light in front of the lampstand. [3]And Aaron did so; he lighted its lamps so as to give light in front of the lampstand, as Yehovah commanded Moses. [4]And this was the work of the lampstand, beaten work of gold; to its base, and to its flowers, it was beaten work: according to the pattern which Yehovah had shown Moses, so he made the lampstand. [5]And Yehovah spoke to Moses, saying, [6]Take the Levites from among the children of Israel, and cleanse them. [7]And thus you shall do to them, to cleanse them: sprinkle the water of expiation on them, and let them cause a razor to pass over all their flesh, and let them wash their clothes, and cleanse themselves. [8]Then let them take a young bull, and its meal-offering, fine flour mingled with oil; and you shall take another young bull for a sin-offering. [9]And you shall present the Levites before the tent of meeting: and you shall assemble the whole congregation of the children of Israel: [10]and you shall present the Levites before Yehovah. And the children of Israel shall lay their hands on the Levites: [11]and

Aaron shall offer the Levites before Yehovah for a wave-offering, on behalf of the children of Israel, that it may be theirs to do the service of Yehovah. 12And the Levites shall lay their hands on the heads of the bulls: and offer the one for a sin-offering, and the other for a burnt-offering, to Yehovah, to make atonement for the Levites. 13And you shall set the Levites before Aaron, and before his sons, and offer them for a wave-offering to Yehovah. 14Thus you shall separate the Levites from among the children of Israel; and the Levites shall be mine. 15And after that the Levites shall go in to do the service of the tent of meeting: and you shall cleanse them, and offer them for a wave-offering. 16For they are wholly given to me from among the children of Israel; instead of all that opens the womb, even the firstborn of all the children of Israel, I have taken them for myself. 17For all the firstborn among the children of Israel are mine, both man and beast: on the day that I struck all the firstborn in the land of Egypt I sanctified them for myself. 18And I have taken the Levites instead of all the firstborn among the children of Israel. 19And I have given the Levites as a gift to Aaron and to his sons from among the children of Israel, to do the service of the children of Israel in the tent of meeting, and to make atonement for the children of Israel; that there may be no plague among the children of Israel, when the children of Israel come near to the sanctuary. 20Thus Moses, and Aaron, and all the congregation of the children of Israel did to the Levites: according to all that Yehovah commanded Moses concerning the Levites, so the children of Israel did to them. 21And the Levites purified themselves from sin, and they washed their clothes: and Aaron offered them for a wave-offering before Yehovah; and Aaron made atonement for them to cleanse them. 22And after that the Levites went in to do their service in the tent of meeting before Aaron, and before his sons: as Yehovah had commanded Moses concerning the Levites, so they did to them. 23And Yehovah spoke to Moses, saying, 24This is that which belongs to the Levites: from twenty-five years old and upward they shall go in to wait on the service in the work of the tent of meeting: 25and from the age of fifty years they shall cease waiting on the work, and shall serve no more, 26but shall minister with their brothers in the tent of meeting, to keep the charge, and shall do no service. Thus you shall do to the Levites concerning their charges.

Chapter 9

1And Yehovah spoke to Moses in the wilderness of Sinai, in the first month of the second year after they had come out of the land of Egypt, saying, 2Moreover let the children of Israel keep the passover in its appointed season. 3In the fourteenth day of this month, at evening, you shall keep it in its appointed season: according to all the statutes of it, and according to all its ordinances, you shall keep it. 4And Moses spoke to the children of Israel, that they should keep the passover. 5And they kept the passover in the first month, on the fourteenth day of the month, at evening, in the wilderness of Sinai: according to all that Yehovah commanded Moses, so the children of Israel did. 6And there were certain men, who were unclean by reason of the dead body of a man, so that they could not keep the passover on that day: and they came before Moses and before Aaron on that day: 7and those men said to him, We are unclean by reason of the dead body of a man: why are we kept back, that we may not offer the oblation of Yehovah in its appointed season among the children of Israel? 8And Moses said to them, Wait, that I may hear what Yehovah will command concerning you. 9And Yehovah spoke to Moses, saying, 10Speak to the children of Israel, saying, If any man of you or of your generations shall be unclean by reason of a dead body, or be on a journey afar off, yet he shall keep the passover to Yehovah. 11In the second month on the fourteenth day at evening they shall keep it; they shall eat it with unleavened bread and bitter herbs: 12they shall leave none of it to the morning, nor break a bone of it: according to all the statute of the passover they shall keep it. 13But the man who is clean, and is not on a journey, and forbears to keep the passover, that soul shall be cut off from his people; because he did not offer the oblation of Yehovah in its appointed season, that man shall bear his sin. 14And if a stranger shall sojourn among you, and will keep the passover to Yehovah; according to the statute of the passover, and according to its ordinance, so shall he do: you shall have one statute, both for the sojourner, and for him who is born in the land. 15And on the day that the tabernacle was set up the cloud covered the tabernacle, even the tent of the testimony: and at evening it was on the tabernacle as it were the appearance of fire, until morning. 16So it was always: the cloud covered it, and the appearance of fire by night. 17And whenever the cloud was taken up from

over the Tent, then after that the children of Israel journeyed: and in the place where the cloud remained, there the children of Israel encamped. 18At the commandment of Yehovah the children of Israel journeyed, and at the commandment of Yehovah they encamped: as long as the cloud remained on the tabernacle they remained encamped. 19And when the cloud stayed on the tabernacle many days, then the children of Israel kept the charge of Yehovah, and did not journey. 20And sometimes the cloud was a few days on the tabernacle; then according to the commandment of Yehovah they remained encamped, and according to the commandment of Yehovah they journeyed. 21And sometimes the cloud was from evening until morning; and when the cloud was taken up in the morning, they journeyed: or if it continued by day and by night, when the cloud was taken up, they journeyed. 22Whether it was two days, or a month, or a year, that the cloud stayed on the tabernacle, abiding on it, the children of Israel remained encamped, and did not journey; but when it was taken up, they journeyed. 23At the commandment of Yehovah they encamped, and at the commandment of Yehovah they journeyed: they kept the charge of Yehovah, at the commandment of Yehovah by Moses.

Chapter 10

1And Yehovah spoke to Moses, saying, 2Make two trumpets of silver; you shall make them of beaten work: and you shall use them for the calling of the congregation, and for the journeying of the camps. 3And when they shall blow them, all the congregation shall gather themselves to you at the door of the tent of meeting. 4And if they blow but one, then the princes, the heads of the thousands of Israel, shall gather themselves to you. 5And when you blow an alarm, the camps that lie on the east side shall take their journey. 6And when you blow an alarm the second time, the camps that lie on the south side shall take their journey: they shall blow an alarm for their journeys. 7But when the assembly is to be gathered together, you shall blow, but you shall not sound an alarm. 8And the sons of Aaron, the priests, shall blow the trumpets; and they shall be to you for a statute for ever throughout your generations. 9And when you go to war in your land against the adversary that oppresses you, then you shall sound an alarm with the trumpets; and you shall be remembered before Yehovah your God, and you shall be saved from your enemies. 10Also in the day of your gladness, and in your set feasts, and in the beginnings of your months, you shall blow the trumpets over your burnt-offerings, and over the sacrifices of your peace-offerings; and they shall be to you for a memorial before your God: I am Yehovah your God. 11And it happened in the second year, in the second month, on the twentieth day of the month, that the cloud was taken up from over the tabernacle of the testimony. 12And the children of Israel set out according to their journeys out of the wilderness of Sinai; and the cloud remained in the wilderness of Paran. 13And they first took their journey according to the commandment of Yehovah by Moses. 14And in the first place the standard of the camp of the children of Judah set out according to their hosts: and over his host was Nahshon the son of Amminadab. 15And over the host of the tribe of the children of Issachar was Nethanel the son of Zuar. 16And over the host of the tribe of the children of Zebulun was Eliab the son of Helon. 17And the tabernacle was taken down; and the sons of Gershon and the sons of Merari, who bore the tabernacle, set out. 18And the standard of the camp of Reuben set out according to their hosts: and over his host was Elizur the son of Shedeur. 19And over the host of the tribe of the children of Simeon was Shelumiel the son of Zurishaddai. 20And over the host of the tribe of the children of Gad was Eliasaph the son of Deuel. 21And the Kohathites set out, bearing the sanctuary: and the others set up the tabernacle before their coming. 22And the standard of the camp of the children of Ephraim set out according to their hosts: and over his host was Elishama the son of Ammihud. 23And over the host of the tribe of the children of Manasseh was Gamaliel the son of Pedahzur. 24And over the host of the tribe of the children of Benjamin was Abidan the son of Gideoni. 25And the standard of the camp of the children of Dan, which was the rearward of all the camps, set out according to their hosts: and over his host was Ahiezer the son of Ammishaddai. 26And over the host of the tribe of the children of Asher was Pagiel the son of Ochran. 27And over the host of the tribe of the children of Naphtali was Ahira the son of Enan. 28Thus were the journeyings of the children of Israel according to their hosts; and they set out. 29And Moses said to Hobab, the son of Reuel the Midianite, Moses' father-in-law, We are journeying to the place of which Yehovah said, I will give it to you: come with us, and we will do you good; for Yehovah has spoken good concerning Israel. 30And he

said to him, I will not go; but I will depart to my own land, and to my kindred. 31And he said, Please do not leave us, since you know how we are to encamp in the wilderness, and you shall be to us instead of eyes. 32And it shall be, if you go with us, yes, it shall be, that whatever good Yehovah shall do to us, the same we will do to you. 33And they set out from the mount of Yehovah three days' journey; and the ark of the covenant of Yehovah went before them three days' journey, to seek out a resting-place for them. 34And the cloud of Yehovah was over them by day, when they set out from the camp. 35And it happened, when the ark set out, that Moses said, Rise up, O Yehovah, and let your enemies be scattered; and let those who hate you flee before you. 36And when it rested, he said, Return, O Yehovah, to the ten thousands of the thousands of Israel.

Chapter 11

1And the people were as murmurers, speaking evil in the ears of Yehovah: and when Yehovah heard it, his anger was kindled; and the fire of Yehovah burnt among them, and devoured in the uttermost part of the camp. 2And the people cried to Moses; and Moses prayed to Yehovah, and the fire abated. 3And the name of that place was called Taberah, because the fire of Yehovah burnt among them. 4And the mixed multitude that was among them craved exceedingly: and the children of Israel also wept again, and said, Who shall give us flesh to eat? 5We remember the fish, which we ate in Egypt for nothing; the cucumbers, and the melons, and the leeks, and the onions, and the garlic: 6but now our soul is dried away; there is nothing at all except this manna to look on. 7And the manna was like coriander seed, and its appearance as the appearance of bdellium. 8The people went about, and gathered it, and ground it in mills, or beat it in mortars, and boiled it in pots, and made cakes of it: and the taste of it was as the taste of fresh oil. 9And when the dew fell on the camp in the night, the manna fell on it. 10And Moses heard the people weeping throughout their families, every man at the door of his tent: and the anger of Yehovah was kindled greatly; and Moses was displeased. 11And Moses said to Yehovah, Why have you dealt ill with your servant? and why have I not found favor in your sight, that you lay the burden of all this people on me? 12Have I conceived all this people? have I brought them forth, that you should say to me, Carry them in your bosom, as a nursing-father carries the nursing child, to the land which you swore to their fathers? 13From where should I have flesh to give to all this people? for they weep to me, saying, Give us flesh, that we may eat. 14I am not able to bear all this people alone, because it is too heavy for me. 15And if you deal thus with me, please kill me at once, if I have found favor in your sight; and do not let me see my wretchedness. 16And Yehovah said to Moses, Gather to me seventy men of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people, and officers over them; and bring them to the tent of meeting, that they may stand there with you. 17And I will come down and talk with you there: and I will take of the Spirit which is on you, and will put it on them; and they shall bear the burden of the people with you, that you may not bear it yourself alone. 18And say to the people, Sanctify yourselves for tomorrow, and you shall eat flesh; for you have wept in the ears of Yehovah, saying, Who shall give us flesh to eat? for it was well with us in Egypt: therefore Yehovah will give you flesh, and you shall eat. 19You shall not eat one day, nor two days, nor five days, nor ten days, nor twenty days, 20but a whole month, until it comes out at your nostrils, and it is loathsome to you; because you have rejected Yehovah who is among you, and have wept before him, saying, Why did we come out of Egypt? 21And Moses said, The people, among whom I am, are six hundred thousand foot soldiers; and you have said, I will give them flesh, that they may eat a whole month. 22Shall flocks and herds be slain for them, to suffice them? or shall all the fish of the sea be gathered together for them, to suffice them? 23And Yehovah said to Moses, Has Yehovah's hand grown short? now you shall see whether my word shall come to pass to you or not. 24And Moses went out, and told the people the words of Yehovah: and he gathered seventy men of the elders of the people, and set them around the Tent. 25And Yehovah came down in the cloud, and spoke to him, and took of the Spirit that was on him, and put it on the seventy elders: and it happened, that, when the Spirit rested on them, they prophesied, but they did so no more. 26But there remained two men in the camp, the name of the one was Eldad, and the name of the other Medad: and the Spirit rested on them; and they were of those who were written, but had not gone out to the Tent; and they prophesied in the camp. 27And there ran a young man, and told Moses, and said, Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp. 28And Joshua the son of Nun, the minister of Moses, one of his chosen men, answered and said, My lord Moses, forbid them.

29 And Moses said to him, Are you jealous for my sake? would that all Yehovah's people were prophets, that Yehovah would put his Spirit on them! 30 And Moses went into the camp, he and the elders of Israel. 31 And there went out a wind from Yehovah, and brought quails from the sea, and let them fall by the camp, about a day's journey on this side, and a day's journey on the other side, around the camp, and about two cubits above the face of the earth. 32 And the people rose up all that day, and all the night, and all the next day, and gathered the quails: he who gathered least gathered ten homers: and they spread them all abroad for themselves around the camp. 33 While the flesh was still between their teeth, before it was chewed, the anger of Yehovah was kindled against the people, and Yehovah struck the people with a very great plague. 34 And the name of that place was called Kibroth-hattaavah, because there they buried the people who craved. 35 From Kibroth-hattaavah the people journeyed to Hazeroth; and they stayed at Hazeroth.

Chapter 12

1 And Miriam and Aaron spoke against Moses because of the Cushite woman whom he had married; for he had married a Cushite woman. 2 And they said, Has Yehovah indeed spoken only with Moses? has he not spoken also with us? And Yehovah heard it. 3 Now the man Moses was very meek, above all the men who were on the face of the earth. 4 And Yehovah spoke suddenly to Moses, and to Aaron, and to Miriam, You three, come out to the tent of meeting. And they three came out. 5 And Yehovah came down in a pillar of cloud, and stood at the door of the Tent, and called Aaron and Miriam; and they both came out. 6 And he said, Hear now my words: if there is a prophet among you, I Yehovah will make myself known to him in a vision, I will speak with him in a dream. 7 My servant Moses is not so; he is faithful in all my house: 8 with him I will speak mouth to mouth, even manifestly, and not in dark speeches; and he shall behold the form of Yehovah: why then were you not afraid to speak against my servant, against Moses? 9 And the anger of Yehovah was kindled against them; and he departed. 10 And the cloud removed from over the Tent; and, behold, Miriam was leprous, as white as snow: and Aaron looked on Miriam, and, behold, she was leprous. 11 And Aaron said to Moses, Oh, my lord, please do not lay sin on us, because we have done foolishly, and because we have sinned. 12 Please do not let her be as one dead, of whom the flesh is half consumed when he comes out of his mother's womb. 13 And Moses cried to Yehovah, saying, Heal her, O God, I beg you. 14 And Yehovah said to Moses, If her father had only spit in her face, should she not be ashamed seven days? let her be shut up outside the camp seven days, and after that she shall be brought in again. 15 And Miriam was shut up outside the camp seven days: and the people did not journey until Miriam was brought in again. 16 And afterward the people journeyed from Hazeroth, and encamped in the wilderness of Paran.

Chapter 13

1 And Yehovah spoke to Moses, saying, 2 Send men, that they may spy out the land of Canaan, which I give to the children of Israel: of every tribe of their fathers you shall send a man, every one a prince among them. 3 And Moses sent them from the wilderness of Paran according to the commandment of Yehovah: all of them men who were heads of the children of Israel. 4 And these were their names: Of the tribe of Reuben, Shammua the son of Zaccur. 5 Of the tribe of Simeon, Shaphat the son of Hori. 6 Of the tribe of Judah, Caleb the son of Jephunneh. 7 Of the tribe of Issachar, Igal the son of Joseph. 8 Of the tribe of Ephraim, Hoshea the son of Nun. 9 Of the tribe of Benjamin, Palti the son of Raphu. 10 Of the tribe of Zebulun, Gaddiel the son of Sodi. 11 Of the tribe of Joseph, namely, of the tribe of Manasseh, Gaddi the son of Susi. 12 Of the tribe of Dan, Ammiel the son of Gemalli. 13 Of the tribe of Asher, Sethur the son of Michael. 14 Of the tribe of Naphtali, Nahbi the son of Vophsi. 15 Of the tribe of Gad, Geuel the son of Machi. 16 These are the names of the men whom Moses sent to spy out the land. And Moses called Hoshea the son of Nun Joshua. 17 And Moses sent them to spy out the land of Canaan, and said to them, Go up this way by the South, and go up into the hill-country: 18 and see the land, what it is; and the people who dwell in it, whether they are strong or weak, whether they are few or many; 19 and what the land is that they dwell in, whether it is good or bad; and what cities they are that they dwell in, whether in camps, or in strongholds; 20 and what the land is, whether it is fat or lean, whether there is wood in it, or not. And be of good courage, and bring of the fruit of the land. Now the time was the time of the first-ripe grapes. 21 So they went up, and spied out the land from the wilderness of Zin to Rehob, to the entrance of Hamath. 22 And they went up by the South, and came to Hebron; and Ahiman, Sheshai, and Talmai, the

children of Anak, were there. (Now Hebron was built seven years before Zoan in Egypt.) 23And they came to the valley of Eshcol, and cut down from there a branch with one cluster of grapes, and they bore it on a staff between two; they brought also of the pomegranates, and of the figs. 24That place was called the valley of Eshcol, because of the cluster which the children of Israel cut down from there. 25And they returned from spying out the land at the end of forty days. 26And they went and came to Moses, and to Aaron, and to all the congregation of the children of Israel, to the wilderness of Paran, to Kadesh; and brought back word to them, and to all the congregation, and showed them the fruit of the land. 27And they told him, and said, We came to the land where you sent us; and surely it flows with milk and honey; and this is the fruit of it. 28However, the people who dwell in the land are strong, and the cities are fortified, and very great: and moreover we saw the children of Anak there. 29Amalek dwells in the land of the South: and the Hittite, and the Jebusite, and the Amorite, dwell in the hill-country; and the Canaanite dwells by the sea, and along by the side of the Jordan. 30And Caleb stilled the people before Moses, and said, Let us go up at once, and possess it; for we are well able to overcome it. 31But the men who went up with him said, We are not able to go up against the people; for they are stronger than we. 32And they brought up an evil report of the land which they had spied out to the children of Israel, saying, The land, through which we have gone to spy it out, is a land that eats up its inhabitants; and all the people whom we saw in it are men of great stature. 33And there we saw the Nephilim, the sons of Anak, who come of the Nephilim: and we were in our own sight as grasshoppers, and so we were in their sight.

Chapter 14

1And all the congregation lifted up their voice, and cried; and the people wept that night. 2And all the children of Israel murmured against Moses and against Aaron: and the whole congregation said to them, Would that we had died in the land of Egypt! or would that we had died in this wilderness! 3And why does Yehovah bring us to this land, to fall by the sword? Our wives and our little ones will be a prey: would it not be better for us to return into Egypt? 4And they said one to another, Let us make a captain, and let us return into Egypt. 5Then Moses and Aaron fell on their faces before all the assembly of the congregation of the children of Israel. 6And Joshua the son of Nun and Caleb the son of Jephunneh, who were of those who spied out the land, tore their clothes: 7and they spoke to all the congregation of the children of Israel, saying, The land, which we passed through to spy it out, is an exceedingly good land. 8If Yehovah delights in us, then he will bring us into this land, and give it to us; a land which flows with milk and honey. 9Only do not rebel against Yehovah, nor fear the people of the land; for they are bread for us: their defense is removed from over them, and Yehovah is with us: do not fear them. 10But all the congregation said to stone them with stones. And the glory of Yehovah appeared in the tent of meeting to all the children of Israel. 11And Yehovah said to Moses, How long will this people despise me? and how long will they not believe in me, for all the signs which I have performed among them? 12I will strike them with the pestilence, and disinherit them, and will make of you a nation greater and mightier than they. 13And Moses said to Yehovah, Then the Egyptians will hear it; for you brought up this people in your might from among them; 14and they will tell it to the inhabitants of this land. They have heard that you, Yehovah, are in the midst of this people; for you, Yehovah, are seen face to face, and your cloud stands over them, and you go before them, in a pillar of cloud by day, and in a pillar of fire by night. 15Now if you kill this people as one man, then the nations which have heard the fame of you will speak, saying, 16Because Yehovah was not able to bring this people into the land which he swore to them, therefore he has slain them in the wilderness. 17And now, please let the power of the Lord be great, just as you have spoken, saying, 18Yehovah is slow to anger, and abundant in lovingkindness, forgiving iniquity and transgression; and that will by no means clear the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children, on the third and on the fourth generation. 19Please pardon the iniquity of this people according to the greatness of your lovingkindness, and just as you have forgiven this people, from Egypt even until now. 20And Yehovah said, I have pardoned according to your word: 21but in very deed, as I live, and as all the earth shall be filled with the glory of Yehovah; 22because all those men who have seen my glory, and my signs, which I performed in Egypt and in the wilderness, yet have tested me these ten times, and have not listened to my voice; 23surely they shall not see the land which I swore to their fathers, neither shall any of those who despised me see it: 24but my

servant Caleb, because he had another spirit with him, and has followed me fully, him I will bring into the land into which he went; and his seed shall possess it. 25Now the Amalekite and the Canaanite dwell in the valley: tomorrow turn, and go into the wilderness by the way to the Red Sea. 26And Yehovah spoke to Moses and to Aaron, saying, 27How long shall I bear with this evil congregation, which murmurs against me? I have heard the murmurings of the children of Israel, which they murmur against me. 28Say to them, As I live, says Yehovah, surely as you have spoken in my ears, so I will do to you: 29your dead bodies shall fall in this wilderness; and all who were numbered of you, according to your whole number, from twenty years old and upward, who have murmured against me, 30surely you shall not come into the land, concerning which I swore that I would make you dwell in it, except Caleb the son of Jephunneh, and Joshua the son of Nun. 31But your little ones, whom you said should be a prey, them I will bring in, and they shall know the land which you have rejected. 32But as for you, your dead bodies shall fall in this wilderness. 33And your children shall be wanderers in the wilderness forty years, and shall bear your whoredoms, until your dead bodies are consumed in the wilderness. 34According to the number of the days in which you spied out the land, even forty days, for every day a year, you shall bear your iniquities, even forty years, and you shall know my alienation. 35I, Yehovah, have spoken, surely this I will do to all this evil congregation, who are gathered together against me: in this wilderness they shall be consumed, and there they shall die. 36And the men, whom Moses sent to spy out the land, who returned, and made all the congregation murmur against him, by bringing up an evil report against the land, 37even those men who brought up an evil report of the land, died by the plague before Yehovah. 38But Joshua the son of Nun, and Caleb the son of Jephunneh, remained alive of those men who went to spy out the land. 39And Moses told these words to all the children of Israel: and the people mourned greatly. 40And they rose up early in the morning, and went up to the top of the mountain, saying, Look, we are here, and will go up to the place which Yehovah has promised: for we have sinned. 41And Moses said, Why now do you transgress the commandment of Yehovah, seeing it shall not prosper? 42Do not go up, for Yehovah is not among you; that you may not be struck down before your enemies. 43For there the Amalekite and the Canaanite are before you, and you shall fall by the sword: because you have turned back from following Yehovah, therefore Yehovah will not be with you. 44But they presumed to go up to the top of the mountain: nevertheless the ark of the covenant of Yehovah, and Moses, did not depart out of the camp. 45Then the Amalekite came down, and the Canaanite who dwelt in that mountain, and struck them and beat them down, even to Hormah.

Chapter 15

1And Yehovah spoke to Moses, saying, 2Speak to the children of Israel, and say to them, When you have come into the land of your habitations, which I give to you, 3and will make an offering by fire to Yehovah, a burnt-offering, or a sacrifice, to accomplish a vow, or as a freewill-offering, or in your set feasts, to make a sweet savor to Yehovah, of the herd, or of the flock; 4then he who offers his oblation shall offer to Yehovah a meal-offering of a tenth part of an ephah of fine flour mingled with the fourth part of a hin of oil: 5and wine for the drink-offering, the fourth part of a hin, you shall prepare with the burnt-offering, or for the sacrifice, for each lamb. 6Or for a ram, you shall prepare for a meal-offering two tenth parts of an ephah of fine flour mingled with the third part of a hin of oil: 7and for the drink-offering you shall offer the third part of a hin of wine, of a sweet savor to Yehovah. 8And when you prepare a bull for a burnt-offering, or for a sacrifice, to accomplish a vow, or for peace-offerings to Yehovah; 9then he shall offer with the bull a meal-offering of three tenth parts of an ephah of fine flour mingled with half a hin of oil: 10and you shall offer for the drink-offering half a hin of wine, for an offering made by fire, of a sweet savor to Yehovah. 11Thus it shall be done for each bull, or for each ram, or for each of the male lambs, or of the kids. 12According to the number that you shall prepare, so you shall do to every one according to their number. 13All who are home-born shall do these things in this manner, in offering an offering made by fire, of a sweet savor to Yehovah. 14And if a stranger sojourns with you, or whoever may be among you throughout your generations, and will offer an offering made by fire, of a sweet savor to Yehovah; as you do, so he shall do. 15For the assembly, there shall be one statute for you, and for the stranger who sojourns with you, a statute for ever throughout your generations: as you are, so shall the sojourner be before Yehovah. 16One law and one ordinance shall be for you, and for the stranger who

sojourns with you. 17And Yehovah spoke to Moses, saying, 18Speak to the children of Israel, and say to them, When you come into the land where I bring you, 19then it shall be, that, when you eat of the bread of the land, you shall offer up a heave-offering to Yehovah. 20Of the first of your dough you shall offer up a cake for a heave-offering: as the heave-offering of the threshing-floor, so you shall heave it. 21Of the first of your dough you shall give to Yehovah a heave-offering throughout your generations. 22And when you err, and not observe all these commandments, which Yehovah has spoken to Moses, 23even all that Yehovah has commanded you by Moses, from the day that Yehovah gave commandment, and onward throughout your generations; 24then it shall be, if it is done unwittingly, without the knowledge of the congregation, that all the congregation shall offer one young bull for a burnt-offering, for a sweet savor to Yehovah, with its meal-offering, and its drink-offering, according to the ordinance, and one male goat for a sin-offering. 25And the priest shall make atonement for all the congregation of the children of Israel, and they shall be forgiven; for it was an error, and they have brought their oblation, an offering made by fire to Yehovah, and their sin-offering before Yehovah, for their error: 26and all the congregation of the children of Israel shall be forgiven, and the stranger who sojourns among them; for in respect of all the people it was done unwittingly. 27And if one person sins unwittingly, then he shall offer a female goat a year old for a sin-offering. 28And the priest shall make atonement for the soul that errs, when he sins unwittingly, before Yehovah, to make atonement for him; and he shall be forgiven. 29You shall have one law for him who does anything unwittingly, for him who is home-born among the children of Israel, and for the stranger who sojourns among them. 30But the soul that does anything with a high hand, whether he is home-born or a sojourner, the same blasphemes Yehovah; and that soul shall be cut off from among his people. 31Because he has despised the word of Yehovah, and has broken his commandment, that soul shall utterly be cut off; his iniquity shall be on him. 32And while the children of Israel were in the wilderness, they found a man gathering sticks on the sabbath day. 33And those who found him gathering sticks brought him to Moses and Aaron, and to all the congregation. 34And they put him in custody, because it had not been declared what should be done to him. 35And Yehovah said to Moses, The man shall surely be put to death: all the congregation shall stone him with stones outside the camp. 36And all the congregation brought him outside the camp, and stoned him to death with stones; as Yehovah commanded Moses. 37And Yehovah spoke to Moses, saying, 38Speak to the children of Israel, and bid them that they make for themselves fringes in the borders of their garments throughout their generations, and that they put on the fringe of each border a cord of blue: 39and it shall be to you for a fringe, that you may look on it, and remember all the commandments of Yehovah, and do them; and that you do not follow after your own heart and your own eyes, after which you are accustomed to play the prostitute; 40that you may remember and do all my commandments, and be holy to your God. 41I am Yehovah your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, to be your God: I am Yehovah your God.

Chapter 16

1Now Korah, the son of Izhar, the son of Kohath, the son of Levi, with Dathan and Abiram, the sons of Eliab, and On, the son of Peleth, sons of Reuben, took men: 2and they rose up before Moses, with certain of the children of Israel, two hundred and fifty princes of the congregation, called to the assembly, men of renown; 3and they assembled themselves together against Moses and against Aaron, and said to them, You take too much on yourselves, seeing all the congregation are holy, every one of them, and Yehovah is among them: why then do you lift yourselves up above the assembly of Yehovah? 4And when Moses heard it, he fell on his face: 5and he spoke to Korah and to all his company, saying, In the morning Yehovah will show who are his, and who is holy, and will cause him to come near to him: even him whom he shall choose he will cause to come near to him. 6Do this: take censers, Korah, and all his company; 7and put fire in them, and put incense on them before Yehovah tomorrow: and it shall be that the man whom Yehovah chooses, he shall be holy: you take too much on yourselves, you sons of Levi. 8And Moses said to Korah, Hear now, you sons of Levi: 9does it seem but a small thing to you, that the God of Israel has separated you from the congregation of Israel, to bring you near to himself, to do the service of the tabernacle of Yehovah, and to stand before the congregation to minister to them; 10and that he has brought you near, and all your brothers the sons of Levi with you? and do you seek

the priesthood also? 11Therefore you and all your company are gathered together against Yehovah: and Aaron, what is he that you murmur against him? 12And Moses sent to call Dathan and Abiram, the sons of Eliab; and they said, We will not come up: 13is it a small thing that you have brought us up out of a land flowing with milk and honey, to kill us in the wilderness, but you must make yourself also a prince over us? 14Moreover you have not brought us into a land flowing with milk and honey, nor given us inheritance of fields and vineyards: will you put out the eyes of these men? we will not come up. 15And Moses was very angry, and said to Yehovah, Do not respect their offering: I have not taken one donkey from them, nor have I hurt one of them. 16And Moses said to Korah, You and all your company be before Yehovah, you, and they, and Aaron, tomorrow: 17and take every man his censer, and put incense on them, and bring before Yehovah every man his censer, two hundred and fifty censers; you also, and Aaron, each his censer. 18And they took every man his censer, and put fire in them, and laid incense on it, and stood at the door of the tent of meeting with Moses and Aaron. 19And Korah assembled all the congregation against them to the door of the tent of meeting: and the glory of Yehovah appeared to all the congregation. 20And Yehovah spoke to Moses and to Aaron, saying, 21Separate yourselves from among this congregation, that I may consume them in a moment. 22And they fell on their faces, and said, O God, the God of the spirits of all flesh, shall one man sin, and will you be angry with all the congregation? 23And Yehovah spoke to Moses, saying, 24Speak to the congregation, saying, Get away from around the tabernacle of Korah, Dathan, and Abiram. 25And Moses rose up and went to Dathan and Abiram; and the elders of Israel followed him. 26And he spoke to the congregation, saying, Please depart from the tents of these wicked men, and touch nothing of theirs, lest you be consumed in all their sins. 27So they got away from the tabernacle of Korah, Dathan, and Abiram, on every side: and Dathan and Abiram came out, and stood at the door of their tents, and their wives, and their sons, and their little ones. 28And Moses said, By this you shall know that Yehovah has sent me to do all these works; for I have not done them of my own mind. 29If these men die the common death of all men, or if they are visited with the visitation of all men; then Yehovah has not sent me. 30But if Yehovah makes a new thing, and the ground opens its mouth, and swallows them up, with all that belongs to them, and they go down alive into Sheol; then you shall understand that these men have despised Yehovah. 31And it happened, as he finished speaking all these words, that the ground that was under them split apart; 32and the earth opened its mouth, and swallowed them up, and their households, and all the men who belonged to Korah, and all their goods. 33So they, and all that belonged to them, went down alive into Sheol: and the earth closed on them, and they perished from among the assembly. 34And all Israel who were around them fled at the cry of them; for they said, Lest the earth swallow us up. 35And fire came out from Yehovah, and devoured the two hundred and fifty men who offered the incense. 36And Yehovah spoke to Moses, saying, 37Speak to Eleazar the son of Aaron the priest, that he take up the censers out of the burning, and scatter the fire far away; for they are holy, 38even the censers of these sinners against their own lives; and let them be made beaten plates for a covering of the altar: for they offered them before Yehovah; therefore they are holy; and they shall be a sign to the children of Israel. 39And Eleazar the priest took the bronze censers, which those who were burnt had offered; and they beat them out for a covering of the altar, 40to be a memorial to the children of Israel, to the end that no stranger, who is not of the seed of Aaron, may come near to burn incense before Yehovah; that he may not be as Korah, and as his company: as Yehovah spoke to him by Moses. 41But the next day all the congregation of the children of Israel murmured against Moses and against Aaron, saying, You have killed the people of Yehovah. 42And it happened, when the congregation was assembled against Moses and against Aaron, that they looked toward the tent of meeting: and, behold, the cloud covered it, and the glory of Yehovah appeared. 43And Moses and Aaron came to the front of the tent of meeting. 44And Yehovah spoke to Moses, saying, 45Get away from among this congregation, that I may consume them in a moment. And they fell on their faces. 46And Moses said to Aaron, Take your censer, and put fire in it from the altar, and lay incense on it, and carry it quickly to the congregation, and make atonement for them: for there is wrath gone out from Yehovah; the plague has begun. 47And Aaron took as Moses spoke, and ran into the midst of the assembly; and, behold, the plague had begun among the people: and he put on the incense, and made atonement for

the people. 48And he stood between the dead and the living; and the plague was stopped. 49Now those who died by the plague were fourteen thousand seven hundred, besides those who died about the matter of Korah. 50And Aaron returned to Moses to the door of the tent of meeting: and the plague was stopped.

Chapter 17

1And Yehovah spoke to Moses, saying, 2Speak to the children of Israel, and take of them rods, one for each fathers' house, of all their princes according to their fathers' houses, twelve rods: write every man's name on his rod. 3And you shall write Aaron's name on the rod of Levi; for there shall be one rod for each head of their fathers' houses. 4And you shall lay them up in the tent of meeting before the testimony, where I meet with you. 5And it shall come to pass, that the rod of the man whom I shall choose shall bud: and I will make the murmurings of the children of Israel, which they murmur against you, cease from me. 6And Moses spoke to the children of Israel; and all their princes gave him rods, for each prince one, according to their fathers' houses, even twelve rods: and the rod of Aaron was among their rods. 7And Moses laid up the rods before Yehovah in the tent of the testimony. 8And it happened the next day, that Moses went into the tent of the testimony; and, behold, the rod of Aaron for the house of Levi had budded, and put out buds, and produced blossoms, and bore ripe almonds. 9And Moses brought out all the rods from before Yehovah to all the children of Israel: and they looked, and took every man his rod. 10And Yehovah said to Moses, Put back the rod of Aaron before the testimony, to be kept for a token against the children of rebellion; that you may put an end to their murmurings against me, that they may not die. 11Thus Moses did: as Yehovah commanded him, so he did. 12And the children of Israel spoke to Moses, saying, Behold, we perish, we are undone, we are all undone. 13Everyone who comes near, that comes near to the tabernacle of Yehovah, dies: shall we all perish?

Chapter 18

1And Yehovah said to Aaron, You and your sons and your fathers' house with you shall bear the iniquity of the sanctuary; and you and your sons with you shall bear the iniquity of your priesthood. 2And your brothers also, the tribe of Levi, the tribe of your father, bring near with you, that they may be joined to you, and minister to you: but you and your sons with you shall be before the tent of the testimony. 3And they shall keep your charge, and the charge of all the Tent: only they shall not come near to the vessels of the sanctuary and to the altar, that they may not die, neither they nor you. 4And they shall be joined to you, and keep the charge of the tent of meeting, for all the service of the Tent: and a stranger shall not come near to you. 5And you shall keep the charge of the sanctuary, and the charge of the altar; that there may be no more wrath on the children of Israel. 6And I, behold, I have taken your brothers the Levites from among the children of Israel: to you they are a gift, given to Yehovah, to do the service of the tent of meeting. 7And you and your sons with you shall keep your priesthood for everything of the altar, and for that within the veil; and you shall serve: I give you the priesthood as a service of gift: and the stranger who comes near shall be put to death. 8And Yehovah spoke to Aaron, And I, behold, I have given you the charge of my heave-offerings, even all the hallowed things of the children of Israel; to you I have given them by reason of the anointing, and to your sons, as a portion for ever. 9This shall be yours of the most holy things, reserved from the fire: every oblation of theirs, even every meal-offering of theirs, and every sin-offering of theirs, and every trespass-offering of theirs, which they shall render to me, shall be most holy for you and for your sons. 10As the most holy things you shall eat of it; every male shall eat of it: it shall be holy to you. 11And this is yours: the heave-offering of their gift, even all the wave-offerings of the children of Israel; I have given them to you, and to your sons and to your daughters with you, as a portion for ever; everyone who is clean in your house shall eat of it. 12All the best of the oil, and all the best of the vintage, and of the grain, the firstfruits of them which they give to Yehovah, to you I have given them. 13The first-ripe fruits of all that is in their land, which they bring to Yehovah, shall be yours; everyone who is clean in your house shall eat of it. 14Everything devoted in Israel shall be yours. 15Everything that opens the womb, of all flesh which they offer to Yehovah, both of man and beast shall be yours: nevertheless the firstborn of man you shall surely redeem, and the firstling of unclean beasts you shall redeem. 16And those who are to be redeemed of them from a month old you shall redeem, according to your estimation, for the money of five shekels, according to the shekel of the sanctuary (the same is twenty gerahs). 17But the firstling of a cow, or the

firstling of a sheep, or the firstling of a goat, you shall not redeem; they are holy: you shall sprinkle their blood on the altar, and shall burn their fat for an offering made by fire, for a sweet savor to Yehovah. 18And their flesh shall be yours, as the wave-breast and as the right thigh, it shall be yours. 19All the heave-offerings of the holy things, which the children of Israel offer to Yehovah, I have given you, and your sons and your daughters with you, as a portion for ever: it is a covenant of salt for ever before Yehovah to you and to your seed with you. 20And Yehovah said to Aaron, You shall have no inheritance in their land, neither shall you have any portion among them: I am your portion and your inheritance among the children of Israel. 21And to the children of Levi, behold, I have given all the tithe in Israel for an inheritance, in return for their service which they serve, even the service of the tent of meeting. 22And from now on the children of Israel shall not come near the tent of meeting, lest they bear sin, and die. 23But the Levites shall do the service of the tent of meeting, and they shall bear their iniquity: it shall be a statute for ever throughout your generations; and among the children of Israel they shall have no inheritance. 24For the tithe of the children of Israel, which they offer as a heave-offering to Yehovah, I have given to the Levites for an inheritance: therefore I have said to them, Among the children of Israel they shall have no inheritance. 25And Yehovah spoke to Moses, saying, 26Moreover you shall speak to the Levites, and say to them, When you take of the children of Israel the tithe which I have given you from them for your inheritance, then you shall offer up a heave-offering of it for Yehovah, a tithe of the tithe. 27And your heave-offering shall be reckoned to you, as though it were the grain of the threshing-floor, and as the fullness of the winepress. 28Thus you also shall offer a heave-offering to Yehovah of all your tithes, which you receive of the children of Israel; and from it you shall give Yehovah's heave-offering to Aaron the priest. 29Out of all your gifts you shall offer every heave-offering of Yehovah, of all its best, even its hallowed part out of it. 30Therefore you shall say to them, When you heave its best from it, then it shall be reckoned to the Levites as the increase of the threshing-floor, and as the increase of the winepress. 31And you shall eat it in every place, you and your households: for it is your reward in return for your service in the tent of meeting. 32And you shall bear no sin by reason of it, when you have heaved from it its best: and you shall not profane the holy things of the children of Israel, that you may not die.

Chapter 19

1And Yehovah spoke to Moses and to Aaron, saying, 2This is the statute of the law which Yehovah has commanded, saying, Speak to the children of Israel, that they bring you a red heifer without spot, in which is no blemish, and on which a yoke has never come. 3And you shall give her to Eleazar the priest, and he shall bring her outside the camp, and one shall kill her before his face: 4and Eleazar the priest shall take of her blood with his finger, and sprinkle her blood toward the front of the tent of meeting seven times. 5And one shall burn the heifer in his sight; her skin, and her flesh, and her blood, with her dung, he shall burn: 6and the priest shall take cedar-wood, and hyssop, and scarlet, and cast it into the midst of the burning of the heifer. 7Then the priest shall wash his clothes, and he shall bathe his flesh in water, and afterward he shall come into the camp, and the priest shall be unclean until evening. 8And he who burns her shall wash his clothes in water, and bathe his flesh in water, and shall be unclean until evening. 9And a man who is clean shall gather up the ashes of the heifer, and lay them up outside the camp in a clean place; and it shall be kept for the congregation of the children of Israel for a water for impurity: it is a sin-offering. 10And he who gathers the ashes of the heifer shall wash his clothes, and be unclean until evening: and it shall be to the children of Israel, and to the stranger who sojourns among them, for a statute for ever. 11He who touches the dead body of any man shall be unclean seven days: 12the same shall purify himself with it on the third day, and on the seventh day he shall be clean: but if he does not purify himself on the third day, then on the seventh day he shall not be clean. 13Whoever touches a dead person, the body of a man who has died, and does not purify himself, defiles the tabernacle of Yehovah; and that soul shall be cut off from Israel: because the water for impurity was not sprinkled on him, he shall be unclean; his uncleanness is still on him. 14This is the law when a man dies in a tent: everyone who comes into the tent, and everyone who is in the tent, shall be unclean seven days. 15And every open vessel, which has no covering bound on it, is unclean. 16And whoever in the open field touches one who is slain with a sword, or a dead body, or a bone of a man, or a grave, shall be

unclean seven days. 17And for the unclean they shall take of the ashes of the burning of the sin-offering; and running water shall be put to it in a vessel: 18and a clean person shall take hyssop, and dip it in the water, and sprinkle it on the tent, and on all the vessels, and on the persons who were there, and on him who touched the bone, or the slain, or the dead, or the grave: 19and the clean person shall sprinkle on the unclean on the third day, and on the seventh day: and on the seventh day he shall purify him; and he shall wash his clothes, and bathe himself in water, and shall be clean at evening. 20But the man who shall be unclean, and shall not purify himself, that soul shall be cut off from the midst of the assembly, because he has defiled the sanctuary of Yehovah: the water for impurity has not been sprinkled on him; he is unclean. 21And it shall be a perpetual statute to them: and he who sprinkles the water for impurity shall wash his clothes, and he who touches the water for impurity shall be unclean until evening. 22And whatever the unclean person touches shall be unclean; and the soul that touches it shall be unclean until evening.

Chapter 20

1And the children of Israel, even the whole congregation, came into the wilderness of Zin in the first month: and the people stayed in Kadesh; and Miriam died there, and was buried there. 2And there was no water for the congregation: and they assembled themselves together against Moses and against Aaron. 3And the people strove with Moses, and spoke, saying, Would that we had died when our brothers died before Yehovah! 4And why have you brought the assembly of Yehovah into this wilderness, that we should die there, we and our beasts? 5And why have you made us come up out of Egypt, to bring us in to this evil place? it is no place of seed, or of figs, or of vines, or of pomegranates; neither is there any water to drink. 6And Moses and Aaron went from the presence of the assembly to the door of the tent of meeting, and fell on their faces: and the glory of Yehovah appeared to them. 7And Yehovah spoke to Moses, saying, 8Take the rod, and assemble the congregation, you, and Aaron your brother, and speak to the rock before their eyes, that it may give out its water; and you shall bring out water for them from the rock; so you shall give the congregation and their cattle drink. 9And Moses took the rod from before Yehovah, as he commanded him. 10And Moses and Aaron gathered the assembly together before the rock, and he said to them, Hear now, you rebels; shall we bring out water for you from this rock? 11And Moses lifted up his hand, and struck the rock with his rod twice: and water came out abundantly, and the congregation drank, and their cattle. 12And Yehovah said to Moses and Aaron, Because you did not believe in me, to sanctify me in the eyes of the children of Israel, therefore you shall not bring this assembly into the land which I have given them. 13These are the waters of Meribah; because the children of Israel strove with Yehovah, and he was sanctified in them. 14And Moses sent messengers from Kadesh to the king of Edom, Thus says your brother Israel, You know all the travail that has befallen us: 15how our fathers went down into Egypt, and we dwelt in Egypt a long time; and the Egyptians dealt ill with us, and our fathers: 16and when we cried to Yehovah, he heard our voice, and sent an angel, and brought us out of Egypt: and, behold, we are in Kadesh, a city at the edge of your border. 17Please let us pass through your land: we will not pass through field or through vineyard, nor will we drink of the water of the wells; we will go along the king's highway; we will not turn aside to the right hand nor to the left, until we have passed your border. 18And Edom said to him, You shall not pass through me, lest I come out with the sword against you. 19And the children of Israel said to him, We will go up by the highway; and if we drink of your water, I and my cattle, then I will give its price: let me only, without doing anything else, pass through on my feet. 20And he said, You shall not pass through. And Edom came out against him with many people, and with a strong hand. 21Thus Edom refused to give Israel passage through his border: therefore Israel turned away from him. 22And they journeyed from Kadesh: and the children of Israel, even the whole congregation, came to mount Hor. 23And Yehovah spoke to Moses and Aaron in mount Hor, by the border of the land of Edom, saying, 24Aaron shall be gathered to his people; for he shall not enter into the land which I have given to the children of Israel, because you rebelled against my word at the waters of Meribah. 25Take Aaron and Eleazar his son, and bring them up to mount Hor; 26and strip Aaron of his garments, and put them on Eleazar his son: and Aaron shall be gathered to his people, and shall die there. 27And Moses did as Yehovah commanded: and they went up into mount Hor in the sight of all the congregation. 28And Moses stripped Aaron of his

garments, and put them on Eleazar his son; and Aaron died there on the top of the mount: and Moses and Eleazar came down from the mount. 29And when all the congregation saw that Aaron was dead, they wept for Aaron thirty days, even all the house of Israel.

Chapter 21

1And the Canaanite, the king of Arad, who dwelt in the South, heard that Israel was coming by the way of Atharim; and he fought against Israel, and took some of them captive. 2And Israel vowed a vow to Yehovah, and said, If you will indeed deliver this people into my hand, then I will utterly destroy their cities. 3And Yehovah listened to the voice of Israel, and delivered up the Canaanites; and they utterly destroyed them and their cities: and the name of the place was called Hormah. 4And they journeyed from mount Hor by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom: and the soul of the people was much discouraged because of the way. 5And the people spoke against God, and against Moses, Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? for there is no bread, and there is no water; and our soul loathes this worthless bread. 6And Yehovah sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people; and many people of Israel died. 7And the people came to Moses, and said, We have sinned, because we have spoken against Yehovah, and against you; pray to Yehovah, that he take away the serpents from us. And Moses prayed for the people. 8And Yehovah said to Moses, Make a fiery serpent, and set it on a standard: and it shall come to pass, that everyone who is bitten, when he sees it, shall live. 9And Moses made a serpent of bronze, and set it on the standard: and it happened, that if a serpent had bitten any man, when he looked to the serpent of bronze, he lived. 10And the children of Israel journeyed, and encamped in Oboth. 11And they journeyed from Oboth, and encamped at Iye-abarim, in the wilderness which is before Moab, toward the sunrise. 12From there they journeyed, and encamped in the valley of Zered. 13From there they journeyed, and encamped on the other side of the Arnon, which is in the wilderness, that comes out of the border of the Amorites: for the Arnon is the border of Moab, between Moab and the Amorites. 14Therefore it is said in the book of the Wars of Yehovah, Vaheb in Suphah, And the valleys of the Arnon, 15And the slope of the valleys That inclines toward the dwelling of Ar, And leans on the border of Moab. 16And from there they journeyed to Beer: that is the well of which Yehovah said to Moses, Gather the people together, and I will give them water. 17Then Israel sang this song: Spring up, O well; sing to it: 18The well, which the princes dug, Which the nobles of the people delved, With the scepter, and with their poles. And from the wilderness they journeyed to Mattanah; 19and from Mattanah to Nahaliel; and from Nahaliel to Bamoth; 20and from Bamoth to the valley that is in the field of Moab, to the top of Pisgah, which looks down on the desert. 21And Israel sent messengers to Sihon king of the Amorites, saying, 22Let me pass through your land: we will not turn aside into field, or into vineyard; we will not drink of the water of the wells: we will go by the king's highway, until we have passed your border. 23And Sihon would not allow Israel to pass through his border: but Sihon gathered all his people together, and went out against Israel into the wilderness, and came to Jahaz; and he fought against Israel. 24And Israel struck him with the edge of the sword, and possessed his land from the Arnon to the Jabbok, even to the children of Ammon; for the border of the children of Ammon was strong. 25And Israel took all these cities: and Israel dwelt in all the cities of the Amorites, in Heshbon, and in all its towns. 26For Heshbon was the city of Sihon the king of the Amorites, who had fought against the former king of Moab, and taken all his land out of his hand, even to the Arnon. 27Therefore those who speak in proverbs say, Come to Heshbon; Let the city of Sihon be built and established: 28For a fire has gone out of Heshbon, A flame from the city of Sihon: It has devoured Ar of Moab, The lords of the high places of the Arnon. 29Woe to you, Moab! You are undone, O people of Chemosh: He has given his sons as fugitives, And his daughters into captivity, To Sihon king of the Amorites. 30We have shot at them; Heshbon has perished even to Dibon, And we have laid waste even to Nophah, Which reaches to Medeba. 31Thus Israel dwelt in the land of the Amorites. 32And Moses sent to spy out Jazer; and they took its towns, and drove out the Amorites who were there. 33And they turned and went up by the way of Bashan: and Og the king of Bashan went out against them, he and all his people, to battle at Edrei. 34And Yehovah said to Moses, Do not fear him: for I have delivered him into your hand, and all his people, and his land; and you shall do to him as you did to Sihon king of the Amorites, who dwelt at Heshbon. 35So they struck him, and his sons

and all his people, until there was none left him remaining: and they possessed his land.

Chapter 22

[1]And the children of Israel journeyed, and encamped in the plains of Moab beyond the Jordan at Jericho. [2]And Balak the son of Zippor saw all that Israel had done to the Amorites. [3]And Moab was greatly afraid of the people, because they were many: and Moab was distressed because of the children of Israel. [4]And Moab said to the elders of Midian, Now this multitude will lick up all that is around us, as the ox licks up the grass of the field. And Balak the son of Zippor was king of Moab at that time. [5]And he sent messengers to Balaam the son of Beor, to Pethor, which is by the River, to the land of the children of his people, to call him, saying, Behold, a people has come out from Egypt: behold, they cover the face of the earth, and they are dwelling opposite me. [6]Come now therefore, please curse this people for me; for they are too mighty for me: perhaps I shall prevail, that we may strike them, and that I may drive them out of the land; for I know that he whom you bless is blessed, and he whom you curse is cursed. [7]And the elders of Moab and the elders of Midian departed with the rewards of divination in their hand; and they came to Balaam, and spoke to him the words of Balak. [8]And he said to them, Lodge here this night, and I will bring you word again, as Yehovah shall speak to me: and the princes of Moab stayed with Balaam. [9]And God came to Balaam, and said, What men are these with you? [10]And Balaam said to God, Balak the son of Zippor, king of Moab, has sent to me, saying, [11]Behold, the people that has come out of Egypt, it covers the face of the earth: now, come curse them for me; perhaps I shall be able to fight against them, and shall drive them out. [12]And God said to Balaam, You shall not go with them; you shall not curse the people; for they are blessed. [13]And Balaam rose up in the morning, and said to the princes of Balak, Go to your land; for Yehovah refuses to give me leave to go with you. [14]And the princes of Moab rose up, and they went to Balak, and said, Balaam refuses to come with us. [15]And Balak sent yet again princes, more, and more honorable than they. [16]And they came to Balaam, and said to him, Thus says Balak the son of Zippor, Please let nothing hinder you from coming to me: [17]for I will promote you to very great honor, and whatever you say to me I will do: come therefore, please curse this people for me. [18]And Balaam answered and said to the servants of Balak, If Balak would give me his house full of silver and gold, I cannot go beyond the word of Yehovah my God, to do less or more. [19]Now therefore, please stay here also this night, that I may know what more Yehovah will speak to me. [20]And God came to Balaam at night, and said to him, If the men have come to call you, rise up, go with them; but only the word which I speak to you, that you shall do. [21]And Balaam rose up in the morning, and saddled his donkey, and went with the princes of Moab. [22]And God's anger was kindled because he went; and the angel of Yehovah placed himself in the way for an adversary against him. Now he was riding on his donkey, and his two servants were with him. [23]And the donkey saw the angel of Yehovah standing in the way, with his sword drawn in his hand; and the donkey turned aside out of the way, and went into the field: and Balaam struck the donkey, to turn her into the way. [24]Then the angel of Yehovah stood in a narrow path between the vineyards, a wall being on this side, and a wall on that side. [25]And the donkey saw the angel of Yehovah, and she thrust herself to the wall, and crushed Balaam's foot against the wall: and he struck her again. [26]And the angel of Yehovah went further, and stood in a narrow place, where there was no way to turn either to the right hand or to the left. [27]And the donkey saw the angel of Yehovah, and she lay down under Balaam: and Balaam's anger was kindled, and he struck the donkey with his staff. [28]And Yehovah opened the mouth of the donkey, and she said to Balaam, What have I done to you, that you have struck me these three times? [29]And Balaam said to the donkey, Because you have mocked me: I wish there were a sword in my hand, for now I would have killed you. [30]And the donkey said to Balaam, Am I not your donkey, on which you have ridden all your life long to this day? was I ever accustomed to do so to you? And he said, No. [31]Then Yehovah opened the eyes of Balaam, and he saw the angel of Yehovah standing in the way, with his sword drawn in his hand; and he bowed his head, and fell on his face. [32]And the angel of Yehovah said to him, Why have you struck your donkey these three times? behold, I have come out as an adversary, because your way is perverse before me: [33]and the donkey saw me, and turned aside before me these three times: unless she had turned aside from me, surely now I would even have slain you, and saved her alive. [34]And Balaam said to the angel of Yehovah, I have sinned; for I did not know

that you stood in the way against me: now therefore, if it displeases you, I will go back again. 35And the angel of Yehovah said to Balaam, Go with the men; but only the word that I shall speak to you, that you shall speak. So Balaam went with the princes of Balak. 36And when Balak heard that Balaam had come, he went out to meet him to the City of Moab, which is on the border of the Arnon, which is in the utmost part of the border. 37And Balak said to Balaam, Did I not earnestly send to you to call you? why did you not come to me? am I not able indeed to promote you to honor? 38And Balaam said to Balak, Look, I have come to you: have I now any power at all to speak anything? the word that God puts in my mouth, that I shall speak. 39And Balaam went with Balak, and they came to Kiriath-huzoth. 40And Balak sacrificed oxen and sheep, and sent to Balaam, and to the princes who were with him. 41And it happened in the morning, that Balak took Balaam, and brought him up into the high places of Baal; and he saw from there the utmost part of the people.

Chapter 23

1And Balaam said to Balak, Build me here seven altars, and prepare me here seven bulls and seven rams. 2And Balak did as Balaam had spoken; and Balak and Balaam offered on every altar a bull and a ram. 3And Balaam said to Balak, Stand by your burnt-offering, and I will go: perhaps Yehovah will come to meet me; and whatever he shows me I will tell you. And he went to a bare height. 4And God met Balaam: and he said to him, I have prepared the seven altars, and I have offered up a bull and a ram on every altar. 5And Yehovah put a word in Balaam's mouth, and said, Return to Balak, and thus you shall speak. 6And he returned to him, and, behold, he was standing by his burnt-offering, he, and all the princes of Moab. 7And he took up his parable, and said, From Aram Balak has brought me, The king of Moab from the mountains of the East: Come, curse Jacob for me, And come, defy Israel. 8How shall I curse, whom God has not cursed? And how shall I defy, whom Yehovah has not defied? 9For from the top of the rocks I see him, And from the hills I behold him: Behold, it is a people that dwells alone, And shall not be reckoned among the nations. 10Who can count the dust of Jacob, Or number the fourth part of Israel? Let me die the death of the righteous, And let my last end be like his! 11And Balak said to Balaam, What have you done to me? I took you to curse my enemies, and, behold, you have blessed them altogether. 12And he answered and said, Must I not take heed to speak that which Yehovah puts in my mouth? 13And Balak said to him, Please come with me to another place, from where you may see them; you shall see but the utmost part of them, and shall not see them all: and curse them for me from there. 14And he took him into the field of Zophim, to the top of Pisgah, and built seven altars, and offered up a bull and a ram on every altar. 15And he said to Balak, Stand here by your burnt-offering, while I meet Yehovah over there. 16And Yehovah met Balaam, and put a word in his mouth, and said, Return to Balak, and thus you shall speak. 17And he came to him, and, behold, he was standing by his burnt-offering, and the princes of Moab with him. And Balak said to him, What has Yehovah spoken? 18And he took up his parable, and said, Rise up, Balak, and hear; Listen to me, you son of Zippor: 19God is not a man, that he should lie, Neither the son of man, that he should repent: Has he said, and will he not do it? Or has he spoken, and will he not make it good? 20Behold, I have received commandment to bless: And he has blessed, and I cannot reverse it. 21He has not beheld iniquity in Jacob; Neither has he seen perverseness in Israel: Yehovah his God is with him, And the shout of a king is among them. 22God brings them out of Egypt; He has as it were the strength of the wild-ox. 23Surely there is no enchantment with Jacob; Neither is there any divination with Israel: Now it shall be said of Jacob and of Israel, What has God wrought! 24Behold, the people rises up as a lioness, And as a lion he lifts himself up: He shall not lie down until he eats of the prey, And drink the blood of the slain. 25And Balak said to Balaam, Neither curse them at all, nor bless them at all. 26But Balaam answered and said to Balak, Did I not tell you, saying, All that Yehovah speaks, that I must do? 27And Balak said to Balaam, Come now, I will take you to another place; perhaps it will please God that you may curse them for me from there. 28And Balak took Balaam to the top of Peor, that looks down on the desert. 29And Balaam said to Balak, Build me here seven altars, and prepare me here seven bulls and seven rams. 30And Balak did as Balaam had said, and offered up a bull and a ram on every altar.

Chapter 24

1And when Balaam saw that it pleased Yehovah to bless Israel, he did not go, as at other times, to meet with enchantments, but he set his face toward the wilderness. 2And Balaam lifted up his eyes, and he saw Israel dwelling according to their tribes; and the

Spirit of God came on him. 3And he took up his parable, and said, Balaam the son of Beor says, And the man whose eye was closed says; 4He says, who hears the words of God, Who sees the vision of the Almighty, Falling down, and having his eyes open: 5How goodly are your tents, O Jacob, Your tabernacles, O Israel! 6As valleys they are spread out, As gardens by the river-side, As lign-aloes which Yehovah has planted, As cedar-trees beside the waters. 7Water shall flow from his buckets, And his seed shall be in many waters, And his king shall be higher than Agag, And his kingdom shall be exalted. 8God brings him out of Egypt; He has as it were the strength of the wild-ox: He shall eat up the nations his adversaries, And shall break their bones in pieces, And strike them through with his arrows. 9He couched, he lay down as a lion, And as a lioness; who shall rouse him up? Blessed be everyone who blesses you, And cursed be everyone who curses you. 10And Balak's anger was kindled against Balaam, and he struck his hands together; and Balak said to Balaam, I called you to curse my enemies, and, behold, you have altogether blessed them these three times. 11Therefore now flee to your place: I thought to promote you to great honor; but look, Yehovah has kept you back from honor. 12And Balaam said to Balak, Did I not also speak to your messengers whom you sent to me, saying, 13If Balak would give me his house full of silver and gold, I cannot go beyond the word of Yehovah, to do either good or bad of my own mind; what Yehovah speaks, that I will speak? 14And now, behold, I am going to my people: come, and I will let you know what this people shall do to your people in the latter days. 15And he took up his parable, and said, Balaam the son of Beor says, And the man whose eye was closed says; 16He says, who hears the words of God, And knows the knowledge of the Most High, Who sees the vision of the Almighty, Falling down, and having his eyes open: 17I see him, but not now; I behold him, but not near: A star shall come out of Jacob, And a scepter shall rise out of Israel, And shall strike through the corners of Moab, And break down all the sons of tumult. 18And Edom shall be a possession, Seir also shall be a possession, who were his enemies; While Israel does valiantly. 19And out of Jacob shall one have dominion, And shall destroy the remnant from the city. 20And he looked on Amalek, and took up his parable, and said, Amalek was the first of the nations; But his latter end shall come to destruction. 21And he looked on the Kenite, and took up his parable, and said, Strong is your dwelling-place, And your nest is set in the rock. 22Nevertheless Kain shall be wasted, Until Asshur shall carry you away captive. 23And he took up his parable, and said, Alas, who shall live when God does this? 24But ships shall come from the coast of Kittim, And they shall afflict Asshur, and shall afflict Eber; And he also shall come to destruction. 25And Balaam rose up, and went and returned to his place; and Balak also went his way.

Chapter 25

1And Israel stayed in Shittim; and the people began to play the prostitute with the daughters of Moab: 2for they called the people to the sacrifices of their gods; and the people ate, and bowed down to their gods. 3And Israel joined himself to Baal-peor: and the anger of Yehovah was kindled against Israel. 4And Yehovah said to Moses, Take all the chiefs of the people, and hang them up to Yehovah before the sun, that the fierce anger of Yehovah may turn away from Israel. 5And Moses said to the judges of Israel, Each of you kill his men who have joined themselves to Baal-peor. 6And, behold, one of the children of Israel came and brought to his brothers a Midianite woman in the sight of Moses, and in the sight of all the congregation of the children of Israel, while they were weeping at the door of the tent of meeting. 7And when Phinehas, the son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron the priest, saw it, he rose up from the midst of the congregation, and took a spear in his hand; 8and he went after the man of Israel into the pavilion, and thrust both of them through, the man of Israel, and the woman through her body. So the plague was stopped from the children of Israel. 9And those who died by the plague were twenty-four thousand. 10And Yehovah spoke to Moses, saying, 11Phinehas, the son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron the priest, has turned my wrath away from the children of Israel, in that he was jealous with my jealousy among them, so that I did not consume the children of Israel in my jealousy. 12Therefore say, Behold, I give to him my covenant of peace: 13and it shall be to him, and to his seed after him, the covenant of an everlasting priesthood; because he was jealous for his God, and made atonement for the children of Israel. 14Now the name of the man of Israel who was slain, who was slain with the Midianite woman, was Zimri, the son of Salu, a prince of a fathers' house among the Simeonites. 15And the name of the Midianite woman who was slain was Cozbi, the daughter of Zur; he was

head of the people of a fathers' house in Midian. 16And Yehovah spoke to Moses, saying, 17Harass the Midianites, and strike them; 18for they harass you with their wiles, with which they have beguiled you in the matter of Peor, and in the matter of Cozbi, the daughter of the prince of Midian, their sister, who was slain on the day of the plague in the matter of Peor.

Chapter 26

1And it happened after the plague, that Yehovah spoke to Moses and to Eleazar the son of Aaron the priest, saying, 2Take the sum of all the congregation of the children of Israel, from twenty years old and upward, by their fathers' houses, all who are able to go out to war in Israel. 3And Moses and Eleazar the priest spoke with them in the plains of Moab by the Jordan at Jericho, saying, 4Take the sum of the people, from twenty years old and upward; as Yehovah commanded Moses and the children of Israel, who came out of the land of Egypt. 5Reuben, the firstborn of Israel; the sons of Reuben: of Hanoch, the family of the Hanochites; of Pallu, the family of the Palluites; 6of Hezron, the family of the Hezronites; of Carmi, the family of the Carmites. 7These are the families of the Reubenites; and those who were numbered of them were forty-three thousand seven hundred and thirty. 8And the sons of Pallu: Eliab. 9And the sons of Eliab: Nemuel, and Dathan, and Abiram. These are the Dathan and Abiram, who were called of the congregation, who strove against Moses and against Aaron in the company of Korah, when they strove against Yehovah, 10and the earth opened its mouth, and swallowed them up together with Korah, when that company died; when the fire devoured two hundred and fifty men, and they became a sign. 11Nevertheless, the sons of Korah did not die. 12The sons of Simeon by their families: of Nemuel, the family of the Nemuelites; of Jamin, the family of the Jaminites; of Jachin, the family of the Jachinites; 13of Zerah, the family of the Zerahites; of Shaul, the family of the Shaulites. 14These are the families of the Simeonites, twenty-two thousand two hundred. 15The sons of Gad by their families: of Zephon, the family of the Zephonites; of Haggi, the family of the Haggites; of Shuni, the family of the Shunites; 16of Ozni, the family of the Oznites; of Eri, the family of the Erites; 17of Arod, the family of the Arodites; of Areli, the family of the Arelites. 18These are the families of the sons of Gad according to those who were numbered of them, forty thousand five hundred. 19The sons of Judah: Er and Onan; and Er and Onan died in the land of Canaan. 20And the sons of Judah by their families were: of Shelah, the family of the Shelanites; of Perez, the family of the Perezites; of Zerah, the family of the Zerahites. 21And the sons of Perez were: of Hezron, the family of the Hezronites; of Hamul, the family of the Hamulites. 22These are the families of Judah according to those who were numbered of them, seventy-six thousand five hundred. 23The sons of Issachar by their families: of Tola, the family of the Tolaites; of Puvah, the family of the Punites; 24of Jashub, the family of the Jashubites; of Shimron, the family of the Shimronites. 25These are the families of Issachar according to those who were numbered of them, sixty-four thousand three hundred. 26The sons of Zebulun by their families: of Sered, the family of the Seredites; of Elon, the family of the Elonites; of Jahleel, the family of the Jahleelites. 27These are the families of the Zebulunites according to those who were numbered of them, sixty thousand five hundred. 28The sons of Joseph by their families: Manasseh and Ephraim. 29The sons of Manasseh: of Machir, the family of the Machirites; and Machir fathered Gilead: of Gilead, the family of the Gileadites. 30These are the sons of Gilead: of Iezer, the family of the Iezerites; of Helek, the family of the Helekites; 31and of Asriel, the family of the Asrielites; and of Shechem, the family of the Shechemites; 32and of Shemida, the family of the Shemidaites; and of Hepher, the family of the Hepherites. 33And Zelophehad the son of Hepher had no sons, but daughters: and the names of the daughters of Zelophehad were Mahlah, and Noah, Hoglah, Milcah, and Tirzah. 34These are the families of Manasseh; and those who were numbered of them were fifty-two thousand seven hundred. 35These are the sons of Ephraim by their families: of Shuthelah, the family of the Shuthelahites; of Becher, the family of the Becherites; of Tahan, the family of the Tahanites. 36And these are the sons of Shuthelah: of Eran, the family of the Eranites. 37These are the families of the sons of Ephraim according to those who were numbered of them, thirty-two thousand five hundred. These are the sons of Joseph by their families. 38The sons of Benjamin by their families: of Bela, the family of the Belaites; of Ashbel, the family of the Ashbelites; of Ahiram, the family of the Ahiramites; 39of Shephupham, the family of the Shuphamites; of Hupham, the family of the

Huphamites. 40And the sons of Bela were Ard and Naaman: of Ard, the family of the Ardites; of Naaman, the family of the Naamites. 41These are the sons of Benjamin by their families; and those who were numbered of them were forty-five thousand six hundred. 42These are the sons of Dan by their families: of Shuham, the family of the Shuhamites. These are the families of Dan by their families. 43All the families of the Shuhamites, according to those who were numbered of them, were sixty-four thousand four hundred. 44The sons of Asher by their families: of Imnah, the family of the Imnites; of Ishvi, the family of the Ishvites; of Beriah, the family of the Berites. 45Of the sons of Beriah: of Heber, the family of the Heberites; of Malchiel, the family of the Malchielites. 46And the name of the daughter of Asher was Serah. 47These are the families of the sons of Asher according to those who were numbered of them, fifty-three thousand four hundred. 48The sons of Naphtali by their families: of Jahzeel, the family of the Jahzeelites; of Guni, the family of the Gunites; 49of Jezer, the family of the Jezerites; of Shillem, the family of the Shillemites. 50These are the families of Naphtali according to their families; and those who were numbered of them were forty-five thousand four hundred. 51These are those who were numbered of the children of Israel, six hundred and one thousand seven hundred and thirty. 52And Yehovah spoke to Moses, saying, 53To these the land shall be divided for an inheritance according to the number of names. 54To the more you shall give the more inheritance, and to the fewer you shall give the less inheritance: to every one according to those who were numbered of him his inheritance shall be given. 55Nevertheless, the land shall be divided by lot: according to the names of the tribes of their fathers they shall inherit. 56According to the lot their inheritance shall be divided between the more and the fewer. 57And these are those who were numbered of the Levites by their families: of Gershon, the family of the Gershonites; of Kohath, the family of the Kohathites; of Merari, the family of the Merarites. 58These are the families of Levi: the family of the Libnites, the family of the Hebronites, the family of the Mahlites, the family of the Mushites, the family of the Korahites. And Kohath fathered Amram. 59And the name of Amram's wife was Jochebed, the daughter of Levi, who was born to Levi in Egypt: and she bore to Amram Aaron and Moses, and Miriam their sister. 60And to Aaron were born Nadab and Abihu, Eleazar and Ithamar. 61And Nadab and Abihu died, when they offered strange fire before Yehovah. 62And those who were numbered of them were twenty-three thousand, every male from a month old and upward: for they were not numbered among the children of Israel, because there was no inheritance given them among the children of Israel. 63These are those who were numbered by Moses and Eleazar the priest, who numbered the children of Israel in the plains of Moab by the Jordan at Jericho. 64But among these there was not a man of those who were numbered by Moses and Aaron the priest, who numbered the children of Israel in the wilderness of Sinai. 65For Yehovah had said of them, They shall surely die in the wilderness. And there was not left a man of them, except Caleb the son of Jephunneh, and Joshua the son of Nun.

Chapter 27

1Then drew near the daughters of Zelophehad, the son of Hepher, the son of Gilead, the son of Machir, the son of Manasseh, of the families of Manasseh the son of Joseph; and these are the names of his daughters: Mahlah, Noah, and Hoglah, and Milcah, and Tirzah. 2And they stood before Moses, and before Eleazar the priest, and before the princes and all the congregation, at the door of the tent of meeting, saying, 3Our father died in the wilderness, and he was not among the company of those who gathered themselves together against Yehovah in the company of Korah: but he died in his own sin; and he had no sons. 4Why should the name of our father be taken away from among his family, because he had no son? Give to us a possession among the brothers of our father. 5And Moses brought their cause before Yehovah. 6And Yehovah spoke to Moses, saying, 7The daughters of Zelophehad speak right: you shall surely give them a possession of an inheritance among their father's brothers; and you shall cause the inheritance of their father to pass to them. 8And you shall speak to the children of Israel, saying, If a man dies, and has no son, then you shall cause his inheritance to pass to his daughter. 9And if he has no daughter, then you shall give his inheritance to his brothers. 10And if he has no brothers, then you shall give his inheritance to his father's brothers. 11And if his father has no brothers, then you shall give his inheritance to his kinsman who is next to him of his family, and he shall possess it: and it shall be to the children of Israel a statute and ordinance, as Yehovah commanded Moses. 12And Yehovah said to Moses, Go

up into this mountain of Abarim, and behold the land which I have given to the children of Israel. 13And when you have seen it, you also shall be gathered to your people, as Aaron your brother was gathered; 14because you rebelled against my word in the wilderness of Zin, in the strife of the congregation, to sanctify me at the waters before their eyes. (These are the waters of Meribah of Kadesh in the wilderness of Zin.) 15And Moses spoke to Yehovah, saying, 16Let Yehovah, the God of the spirits of all flesh, appoint a man over the congregation, 17who may go out before them, and who may come in before them, and who may lead them out, and who may bring them in; that the congregation of Yehovah may not be as sheep which have no shepherd. 18And Yehovah said to Moses, Take Joshua the son of Nun, a man in whom is the Spirit, and lay your hand on him; 19and set him before Eleazar the priest, and before all the congregation; and give him a charge in their sight. 20And you shall put some of your honor on him, that all the congregation of the children of Israel may obey. 21And he shall stand before Eleazar the priest, who shall inquire for him by the judgment of the Urim before Yehovah: at his word they shall go out, and at his word they shall come in, both he, and all the children of Israel with him, even all the congregation. 22And Moses did as Yehovah commanded him; and he took Joshua, and set him before Eleazar the priest, and before all the congregation: 23and he laid his hands on him, and gave him a charge, as Yehovah spoke by Moses.

Chapter 28

1And Yehovah spoke to Moses, saying, 2Command the children of Israel, and say to them, My oblation, my food for my offerings made by fire, of a sweet savor to me, you shall observe to offer to me in their due season. 3And you shall say to them, This is the offering made by fire which you shall offer to Yehovah: male lambs a year old without blemish, two day by day, for a continual burnt-offering. 4The one lamb you shall offer in the morning, and the other lamb you shall offer at evening; 5and the tenth part of an ephah of fine flour for a meal-offering, mingled with the fourth part of a hin of beaten oil. 6It is a continual burnt-offering, which was ordained in mount Sinai for a sweet savor, an offering made by fire to Yehovah. 7And its drink-offering shall be the fourth part of a hin for the one lamb: in the holy place you shall pour out a drink-offering of strong drink to Yehovah. 8And the other lamb you shall offer at evening: as the meal-offering of the morning, and as its drink-offering, you shall offer it, an offering made by fire, of a sweet savor to Yehovah. 9And on the sabbath day two male lambs a year old without blemish, and two tenth parts of an ephah of fine flour for a meal-offering, mingled with oil, and its drink-offering: 10this is the burnt-offering of every sabbath, besides the continual burnt-offering, and its drink-offering. 11And in the beginnings of your months you shall offer a burnt-offering to Yehovah: two young bulls, and one ram, seven male lambs a year old without blemish; 12and three tenth parts of an ephah of fine flour for a meal-offering, mingled with oil, for each bull; and two tenth parts of fine flour for a meal-offering, mingled with oil, for the one ram; 13and a tenth part of fine flour mingled with oil for a meal-offering to every lamb; for a burnt-offering of a sweet savor, an offering made by fire to Yehovah. 14And their drink-offerings shall be half a hin of wine for a bull, and the third part of a hin for the ram, and the fourth part of a hin for a lamb: this is the burnt-offering of every month throughout the months of the year. 15And one male goat for a sin-offering to Yehovah; it shall be offered besides the continual burnt-offering, and its drink-offering. 16And in the first month, on the fourteenth day of the month, is Yehovah's passover. 17And on the fifteenth day of this month shall be a feast: for seven days unleavened bread shall be eaten. 18In the first day shall be a holy convocation: you shall do no servile work; 19but you shall offer an offering made by fire, a burnt-offering to Yehovah: two young bulls, and one ram, and seven male lambs a year old; they shall be to you without blemish; 20and their meal-offering, fine flour mingled with oil: three tenth parts you shall offer for a bull, and two tenth parts for the ram; 21a tenth part you shall offer for every lamb of the seven lambs; 22and one male goat for a sin-offering, to make atonement for you. 23You shall offer these besides the burnt-offering of the morning, which is for a continual burnt-offering. 24In this manner you shall offer daily, for seven days, the food of the offering made by fire, of a sweet savor to Yehovah: it shall be offered besides the continual burnt-offering, and its drink-offering. 25And on the seventh day you shall have a holy convocation; you shall do no servile work. 26Also in the day of the firstfruits, when you offer a new meal-offering to Yehovah in your feast of weeks, you shall have a holy convocation; you shall do no servile work; 27but you shall offer a burnt-offering for a

sweet savor to Yehovah: two young bulls, one ram, seven male lambs a year old; [28]and their meal-offering, fine flour mingled with oil, three tenth parts for each bull, two tenth parts for the one ram, [29]a tenth part for every lamb of the seven lambs; [30]one male goat, to make atonement for you. [31]Besides the continual burnt-offering, and its meal-offering, you shall offer them (they shall be to you without blemish), and their drink-offerings.

Chapter 29

[1]And in the seventh month, on the first day of the month, you shall have a holy convocation; you shall do no servile work: it is a day of blowing of trumpets to you. [2]And you shall offer a burnt-offering for a sweet savor to Yehovah: one young bull, one ram, seven male lambs a year old without blemish; [3]and their meal-offering, fine flour mingled with oil, three tenth parts for the bull, two tenth parts for the ram, [4]and one tenth part for every lamb of the seven lambs; [5]and one male goat for a sin-offering, to make atonement for you; [6]besides the burnt-offering of the new moon, and its meal-offering, and the continual burnt-offering and its meal-offering, and their drink-offerings, according to their ordinance, for a sweet savor, an offering made by fire to Yehovah. [7]And on the tenth day of this seventh month you shall have a holy convocation; and you shall afflict your souls: you shall do no manner of work; [8]but you shall offer a burnt-offering to Yehovah for a sweet savor: one young bull, one ram, seven male lambs a year old; they shall be to you without blemish; [9]and their meal-offering, fine flour mingled with oil, three tenth parts for the bull, two tenth parts for the one ram, [10]a tenth part for every lamb of the seven lambs: [11]one male goat for a sin-offering; besides the sin-offering of atonement, and the continual burnt-offering, and its meal-offering, and their drink-offerings. [12]And on the fifteenth day of the seventh month you shall have a holy convocation; you shall do no servile work, and you shall keep a feast to Yehovah seven days: [13]and you shall offer a burnt-offering, an offering made by fire, of a sweet savor to Yehovah; thirteen young bulls, two rams, fourteen male lambs a year old; they shall be without blemish; [14]and their meal-offering, fine flour mingled with oil, three tenth parts for every bull of the thirteen bulls, two tenth parts for each ram of the two rams, [15]and a tenth part for every lamb of the fourteen lambs; [16]and one male goat for a sin-offering; besides the continual burnt-offering, its meal-offering, and its drink-offering. [17]And on the second day you shall offer twelve young bulls, two rams, fourteen male lambs a year old without blemish; [18]and their meal-offering and their drink-offerings for the bulls, for the rams, and for the lambs, according to their number, according to the ordinance; [19]and one male goat for a sin-offering; besides the continual burnt-offering, and its meal-offering, and their drink-offerings. [20]And on the third day eleven bulls, two rams, fourteen male lambs a year old without blemish; [21]and their meal-offering and their drink-offerings for the bulls, for the rams, and for the lambs, according to their number, according to the ordinance; [22]and one male goat for a sin-offering; besides the continual burnt-offering, and its meal-offering, and its drink-offering. [23]And on the fourth day ten bulls, two rams, fourteen male lambs a year old without blemish; [24]their meal-offering and their drink-offerings for the bulls, for the rams, and for the lambs, according to their number, according to the ordinance; [25]and one male goat for a sin-offering; besides the continual burnt-offering, its meal-offering, and its drink-offering. [26]And on the fifth day nine bulls, two rams, fourteen male lambs a year old without blemish; [27]and their meal-offering and their drink-offerings for the bulls, for the rams, and for the lambs, according to their number, according to the ordinance; [28]and one male goat for a sin-offering; besides the continual burnt-offering, and its meal-offering, and its drink-offering. [29]And on the sixth day eight bulls, two rams, fourteen male lambs a year old without blemish; [30]and their meal-offering and their drink-offerings for the bulls, for the rams, and for the lambs, according to their number, according to the ordinance; [31]and one male goat for a sin-offering; besides the continual burnt-offering, its meal-offering, and its drink-offerings. [32]And on the seventh day seven bulls, two rams, fourteen male lambs a year old without blemish; [33]and their meal-offering and their drink-offerings for the bulls, for the rams, and for the lambs, according to their number, according to the ordinance; [34]and one male goat for a sin-offering; besides the continual burnt-offering, its meal-offering, and its drink-offering. [35]On the eighth day you shall have a solemn assembly: you shall do no servile work; [36]but you shall offer a burnt-offering, an offering made by fire, of a sweet savor to Yehovah: one bull, one ram, seven male lambs a year old without blemish; [37]their meal-offering and their drink-offerings for the bull, for the

ram, and for the lambs, shall be according to their number, according to the ordinance: 38and one male goat for a sin-offering; besides the continual burnt-offering, and its meal-offering, and its drink-offering. 39These you shall offer to Yehovah in your set feasts, besides your vows, and your freewill-offerings, for your burnt-offerings, and for your meal-offerings, and for your drink-offerings, and for your peace-offerings. 40And Moses told the children of Israel according to all that Yehovah commanded Moses.

Chapter 30

1And Moses spoke to the heads of the tribes of the children of Israel, saying, This is the thing which Yehovah has commanded. 2When a man vows a vow to Yehovah, or swears an oath to bind his soul with a bond, he shall not break his word; he shall do according to all that proceeds out of his mouth. 3Also when a woman vows a vow to Yehovah, and binds herself by a bond, being in her father's house, in her youth, 4and her father hears her vow, and her bond with which she has bound her soul, and her father holds his peace at her; then all her vows shall stand, and every bond with which she has bound her soul shall stand. 5But if her father disallows her in the day that he hears, none of her vows, or of her bonds with which she has bound her soul, shall stand: and Yehovah will forgive her, because her father disallowed her. 6And if she is married to a husband, while her vows are on her, or the rash utterance of her lips, with which she has bound her soul, 7and her husband hears it, and holds his peace at her in the day that he hears it; then her vows shall stand, and her bonds with which she has bound her soul shall stand. 8But if her husband disallows her in the day that he hears it, then he shall make void her vow which is on her, and the rash utterance of her lips, with which she has bound her soul: and Yehovah will forgive her. 9But the vow of a widow, or of her who is divorced, even everything with which she has bound her soul, shall stand against her. 10And if she vowed in her husband's house, or bound her soul by a bond with an oath, 11and her husband heard it, and held his peace at her, and did not disallow her; then all her vows shall stand, and every bond with which she bound her soul shall stand. 12But if her husband made them null and void in the day that he heard them, then whatever proceeded out of her lips concerning her vows, or concerning the bond of her soul, shall not stand: her husband has made them void; and Yehovah will forgive her. 13Every vow, and every binding oath to afflict the soul, her husband may establish it, or her husband may make it void. 14But if her husband altogether holds his peace at her from day to day, then he establishes all her vows, or all her bonds, which are on her: he has established them, because he held his peace at her in the day that he heard them. 15But if he makes them null and void after he has heard them, then he shall bear her iniquity. 16These are the statutes, which Yehovah commanded Moses, between a man and his wife, between a father and his daughter, being in her youth, in her father's house.

Chapter 31

1And Yehovah spoke to Moses, saying, 2Avenge the children of Israel of the Midianites: afterward you shall be gathered to your people. 3And Moses spoke to the people, saying, Arm men from among you for the war, that they may go against Midian, to execute Yehovah's vengeance on Midian. 4Of every tribe a thousand, throughout all the tribes of Israel, you shall send to the war. 5So there were delivered, out of the thousands of Israel, a thousand of every tribe, twelve thousand armed for war. 6And Moses sent them, a thousand of every tribe, to the war, them and Phinehas the son of Eleazar the priest, to the war, with the vessels of the sanctuary and the trumpets for the alarm in his hand. 7And they warred against Midian, as Yehovah commanded Moses; and they killed every male. 8And they killed the kings of Midian with the rest of their slain: Evi, and Rekem, and Zur, and Hur, and Reba, the five kings of Midian: Balaam also the son of Beor they killed with the sword. 9And the children of Israel took captive the women of Midian and their little ones; and all their cattle, and all their flocks, and all their goods, they took for a prey. 10And all their cities in the places in which they dwelt, and all their encampments, they burnt with fire. 11And they took all the spoil, and all the prey, both of man and of beast. 12And they brought the captives, and the prey, and the spoil, to Moses, and to Eleazar the priest, and to the congregation of the children of Israel, to the camp at the plains of Moab, which are by the Jordan at Jericho. 13And Moses, and Eleazar the priest, and all the princes of the congregation, went out to meet them outside the camp. 14And Moses was angry with the officers of the host, the captains of thousands and the captains of hundreds, who came from the service of the war. 15And Moses said to them, Have you saved all the women alive? 16Behold, these caused the

children of Israel, through the counsel of Balaam, to commit trespass against Yehovah in the matter of Peor, and so the plague was among the congregation of Yehovah. 17Now therefore kill every male among the little ones, and kill every woman who has known a man by lying with him. 18But all the young girls, who have not known a man by lying with him, keep alive for yourselves. 19And encamp outside the camp seven days: whoever has killed any person, and whoever has touched any slain, purify yourselves on the third day and on the seventh day, you and your captives. 20And as to every garment, and all that is made of skin, and all work of goats' hair, and all things made of wood, you shall purify yourselves. 21And Eleazar the priest said to the men of war who went to the battle, This is the statute of the law which Yehovah has commanded Moses: 22only the gold, and the silver, the bronze, the iron, the tin, and the lead, 23everything that can endure the fire, you shall make go through the fire, and it shall be clean; nevertheless it shall be purified with the water for impurity: and all that does not endure the fire you shall make go through the water. 24And you shall wash your clothes on the seventh day, and you shall be clean; and afterward you shall come into the camp. 25And Yehovah spoke to Moses, saying, 26Take the sum of the prey that was taken, both of man and of beast, you, and Eleazar the priest, and the heads of the fathers' houses of the congregation; 27and divide the prey into two parts: between the men skilled in war, who went out to battle, and all the congregation. 28And levy a tribute to Yehovah of the men of war who went out to battle: one soul of five hundred, both of the persons, and of the oxen, and of the donkeys, and of the flocks: 29take it of their half, and give it to Eleazar the priest, for Yehovah's heave-offering. 30And of the children of Israel's half, you shall take one drawn out of every fifty, of the persons, of the oxen, of the donkeys, and of the flocks, even of all the cattle, and give them to the Levites, who keep the charge of the tabernacle of Yehovah. 31And Moses and Eleazar the priest did as Yehovah commanded Moses. 32Now the prey, over and above the booty which the men of war took, was six hundred and seventy-five thousand sheep, 33and seventy-two thousand oxen, 34and sixty-one thousand donkeys, 35and thirty-two thousand persons in all, of the women who had not known a man by lying with him. 36And the half, which was the portion of those who went out to war, was in number three hundred and thirty-seven thousand five hundred sheep: 37and Yehovah's tribute of the sheep was six hundred and seventy-five. 38And the oxen were thirty-six thousand; of which Yehovah's tribute was seventy-two. 39And the donkeys were thirty thousand five hundred; of which Yehovah's tribute was sixty-one. 40And the persons were sixteen thousand; of whom Yehovah's tribute was thirty-two persons. 41And Moses gave the tribute, which was Yehovah's heave-offering, to Eleazar the priest, as Yehovah commanded Moses. 42And of the children of Israel's half, which Moses divided off from the men who warred 43(now the congregation's half was three hundred and thirty-seven thousand five hundred sheep, 44and thirty-six thousand oxen, 45and thirty thousand five hundred donkeys, 46and sixteen thousand persons), 47even of the children of Israel's half, Moses took one drawn out of every fifty, both of man and of beast, and gave them to the Levites, who kept the charge of the tabernacle of Yehovah; as Yehovah commanded Moses. 48And the officers who were over the thousands of the host, the captains of thousands, and the captains of hundreds, came near to Moses; 49and they said to Moses, Your servants have taken the sum of the men of war who are under our charge, and not one man of us is missing. 50And we have brought Yehovah's oblation, what every man has gotten, of jewels of gold, ankle-chains, and bracelets, signet-rings, ear-rings, and armlets, to make atonement for our souls before Yehovah. 51And Moses and Eleazar the priest took the gold of them, even all wrought jewels. 52And all the gold of the heave-offering that they offered up to Yehovah, of the captains of thousands, and of the captains of hundreds, was sixteen thousand seven hundred and fifty shekels. 53(For the men of war had taken booty, every man for himself.) 54And Moses and Eleazar the priest took the gold of the captains of thousands and of hundreds, and brought it into the tent of meeting, for a memorial for the children of Israel before Yehovah.

Chapter 32

1Now the children of Reuben and the children of Gad had a very great multitude of cattle: and when they saw the land of Jazer, and the land of Gilead, that, behold, the place was a place for cattle; 2the children of Gad and the children of Reuben came and spoke to Moses, and to Eleazar the priest, and to the princes of the congregation, saying, 3Ataroth, and Dibon, and Jazer, and Nimrah, and Heshbon, and Elealeh, and Sebam, and Nebo, and Beon, 4the land which

Yehovah struck before the congregation of Israel, is a land for cattle; and your servants have cattle. 5And they said, If we have found favor in your sight, let this land be given to your servants for a possession; do not bring us over the Jordan. 6And Moses said to the children of Gad, and to the children of Reuben, Shall your brothers go to the war, and shall you sit here? 7And why do you discourage the heart of the children of Israel from going over into the land which Yehovah has given them? 8Thus your fathers did, when I sent them from Kadesh-barnea to see the land. 9For when they went up to the valley of Eshcol, and saw the land, they discouraged the heart of the children of Israel, that they should not go into the land which Yehovah had given them. 10And Yehovah's anger was kindled in that day, and he swore, saying, 11Surely none of the men who came up out of Egypt, from twenty years old and upward, shall see the land which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob; because they have not wholly followed me: 12except Caleb the son of Jephunneh the Kenizzite, and Joshua the son of Nun; because they have wholly followed Yehovah. 13And Yehovah's anger was kindled against Israel, and he made them wander to and fro in the wilderness forty years, until all the generation, that had done evil in the sight of Yehovah, was consumed. 14And, behold, you have risen up in your fathers' place, an increase of sinful men, to increase still more the fierce anger of Yehovah toward Israel. 15For if you turn away from after him, he will yet again leave them in the wilderness; and you will destroy all this people. 16And they came near to him, and said, We will build sheepfolds here for our cattle, and cities for our little ones: 17but we ourselves will be ready armed to go before the children of Israel, until we have brought them to their place: and our little ones shall dwell in the fortified cities because of the inhabitants of the land. 18We will not return to our houses, until the children of Israel have inherited every man his inheritance. 19For we will not inherit with them on the other side of the Jordan, and forward; because our inheritance has fallen to us on this side of the Jordan eastward. 20And Moses said to them, If you will do this thing, if you will arm yourselves to go before Yehovah to the war, 21and every armed man of you will pass over the Jordan before Yehovah, until he has driven out his enemies from before him, 22and the land is subdued before Yehovah; then afterward you shall return, and be guiltless towards Yehovah, and towards Israel; and this land shall be to you for a possession before Yehovah. 23But if you will not do so, behold, you have sinned against Yehovah; and be sure your sin will find you out. 24Build cities for your little ones, and folds for your sheep; and do that which has proceeded out of your mouth. 25And the children of Gad and the children of Reuben spoke to Moses, saying, Your servants will do as my lord commands. 26Our little ones, our wives, our flocks, and all our cattle, shall be there in the cities of Gilead; 27but your servants will pass over, every man who is armed for war, before Yehovah to battle, as my lord says. 28So Moses gave charge concerning them to Eleazar the priest, and to Joshua the son of Nun, and to the heads of the fathers' houses of the tribes of the children of Israel. 29And Moses said to them, If the children of Gad and the children of Reuben will pass with you over the Jordan, every man who is armed to battle, before Yehovah, and the land shall be subdued before you; then you shall give them the land of Gilead for a possession: 30but if they will not pass over with you armed, they shall have possessions among you in the land of Canaan. 31And the children of Gad and the children of Reuben answered, saying, As Yehovah has said to your servants, so we will do. 32We will pass over armed before Yehovah into the land of Canaan, and the possession of our inheritance shall remain with us beyond the Jordan. 33And Moses gave to them, even to the children of Gad, and to the children of Reuben, and to the half-tribe of Manasseh the son of Joseph, the kingdom of Sihon king of the Amorites, and the kingdom of Og king of Bashan, the land, according to its cities with their borders, even the cities of the land around. 34And the children of Gad built Dibon, and Ataroth, and Aroer, 35and Atroth-shophan, and Jazer, and Jogbehah, 36and Beth-nimrah, and Beth-haran: fortified cities, and folds for sheep. 37And the children of Reuben built Heshbon, and Elealeh, and Kiriathaim, 38and Nebo, and Baal-meon, (their names being changed,) and Sibmah: and they gave other names to the cities which they built. 39And the children of Machir the son of Manasseh went to Gilead, and took it, and dispossessed the Amorites who were in it. 40And Moses gave Gilead to Machir the son of Manasseh; and he dwelt in it. 41And Jair the son of Manasseh went and took its towns, and called them Havvoth-jair. 42And Nobah went and took Kenath, and its villages, and called it Nobah, after his own name.

Chapter 33

[1]These are the journeys of the children of Israel, when they went out of the land of Egypt by their hosts under the hand of Moses and Aaron. [2]And Moses wrote their goings out according to their journeys by the commandment of Yehovah: and these are their journeys according to their goings out. [3]And they journeyed from Rameses in the first month, on the fifteenth day of the first month; the next day after the passover the children of Israel went out with a high hand in the sight of all the Egyptians, [4]while the Egyptians were burying all their firstborn, whom Yehovah had struck among them: on their gods also Yehovah executed judgments. [5]And the children of Israel journeyed from Rameses, and encamped in Succoth. [6]And they journeyed from Succoth, and encamped in Etham, which is in the edge of the wilderness. [7]And they journeyed from Etham, and turned back to Pi-hahiroth, which is before Baal-zephon: and they encamped before Migdol. [8]And they journeyed from before Hahiroth, and passed through the midst of the sea into the wilderness: and they went three days' journey in the wilderness of Etham, and encamped in Marah. [9]And they journeyed from Marah, and came to Elim: and in Elim were twelve springs of water, and seventy palm-trees; and they encamped there. [10]And they journeyed from Elim, and encamped by the Red Sea. [11]And they journeyed from the Red Sea, and encamped in the wilderness of Sin. [12]And they journeyed from the wilderness of Sin, and encamped in Dophkah. [13]And they journeyed from Dophkah, and encamped in Alush. [14]And they journeyed from Alush, and encamped in Rephidim, where there was no water for the people to drink. [15]And they journeyed from Rephidim, and encamped in the wilderness of Sinai. [16]And they journeyed from the wilderness of Sinai, and encamped in Kibroth-hattaavah. [17]And they journeyed from Kibroth-hattaavah, and encamped in Hazeroth. [18]And they journeyed from Hazeroth, and encamped in Rithmah. [19]And they journeyed from Rithmah, and encamped in Rimmon-perez. [20]And they journeyed from Rimmon-perez, and encamped in Libnah. [21]And they journeyed from Libnah, and encamped in Rissah. [22]And they journeyed from Rissah, and encamped in Kehelathah. [23]And they journeyed from Kehelathah, and encamped in mount Shepher. [24]And they journeyed from mount Shepher, and encamped in Haradah. [25]And they journeyed from Haradah, and encamped in Makheloth. [26]And they journeyed from Makheloth, and encamped in Tahath. [27]And they journeyed from Tahath, and encamped in Terah. [28]And they journeyed from Terah, and encamped in Mithkah. [29]And they journeyed from Mithkah, and encamped in Hashmonah. [30]And they journeyed from Hashmonah, and encamped in Moseroth. [31]And they journeyed from Moseroth, and encamped in Bene-jaakan. [32]And they journeyed from Bene-jaakan, and encamped in Hor-haggidgad. [33]And they journeyed from Hor-haggidgad, and encamped in Jotbathah. [34]And they journeyed from Jotbathah, and encamped in Abronah. [35]And they journeyed from Abronah, and encamped in Ezion-geber. [36]And they journeyed from Ezion-geber, and encamped in the wilderness of Zin (the same is Kadesh). [37]And they journeyed from Kadesh, and encamped in mount Hor, in the edge of the land of Edom. [38]And Aaron the priest went up into mount Hor at the commandment of Yehovah, and died there, in the fortieth year after the children of Israel had come out of the land of Egypt, in the fifth month, on the first day of the month. [39]And Aaron was a hundred and twenty-three years old when he died in mount Hor. [40]And the Canaanite, the king of Arad, who dwelt in the South in the land of Canaan, heard of the coming of the children of Israel. [41]And they journeyed from mount Hor, and encamped in Zalmonah. [42]And they journeyed from Zalmonah, and encamped in Punon. [43]And they journeyed from Punon, and encamped in Oboth. [44]And they journeyed from Oboth, and encamped in Iye-abarim, in the border of Moab. [45]And they journeyed from Iyim, and encamped in Dibon-gad. [46]And they journeyed from Dibon-gad, and encamped in Almon-diblathaim. [47]And they journeyed from Almon-diblathaim, and encamped in the mountains of Abarim, before Nebo. [48]And they journeyed from the mountains of Abarim, and encamped in the plains of Moab by the Jordan at Jericho. [49]And they encamped by the Jordan, from Beth-jeshimoth even to Abel-shittim in the plains of Moab. [50]And Yehovah spoke to Moses in the plains of Moab by the Jordan at Jericho, saying, [51]Speak to the children of Israel, and say to them, When you pass over the Jordan into the land of Canaan, [52]then you shall drive out all the inhabitants of the land from before you, and destroy all their figured stones, and destroy all their molten images, and demolish all their high places: [53]and you shall take possession of the land, and dwell in it; for I have given the land to

you to possess it. 54And you shall inherit the land by lot according to your families; to the more you shall give the more inheritance, and to the fewer you shall give the less inheritance: wherever the lot falls to any man, that shall be his; according to the tribes of your fathers you shall inherit. 55But if you will not drive out the inhabitants of the land from before you, then those of them whom you let remain shall be as pricks in your eyes, and as thorns in your sides, and they shall harass you in the land in which you dwell. 56And it shall come to pass, that, as I thought to do to them, so I will do to you.

Chapter 34

1And Yehovah spoke to Moses, saying, 2Command the children of Israel, and say to them, When you come into the land of Canaan (this is the land that shall fall to you for an inheritance, even the land of Canaan according to its borders), 3then your south quarter shall be from the wilderness of Zin along by the side of Edom, and your south border shall be from the end of the Salt Sea eastward; 4and your border shall turn about southward of the ascent of Akrabbim, and pass along to Zin; and its goings out shall be southward of Kadesh-barnea; and it shall go out to Hazar-addar, and pass along to Azmon; 5and the border shall turn about from Azmon to the brook of Egypt, and its goings out shall be at the sea. 6And for the western border, you shall have the great sea and its border: this shall be your west border. 7And this shall be your north border: from the great sea you shall mark out for yourselves mount Hor; 8from mount Hor you shall mark out to the entrance of Hamath; and the goings out of the border shall be at Zedad; 9and the border shall go out to Ziphron, and its goings out shall be at Hazar-enan: this shall be your north border. 10And you shall mark out your east border from Hazar-enan to Shepham; 11and the border shall go down from Shepham to Riblah, on the east side of Ain; and the border shall go down, and shall reach to the side of the sea of Chinnereth eastward; 12and the border shall go down to the Jordan, and its goings out shall be at the Salt Sea. This shall be your land according to its borders around. 13And Moses commanded the children of Israel, saying, This is the land which you shall inherit by lot, which Yehovah has commanded to give to the nine tribes, and to the half-tribe; 14for the tribe of the children of Reuben according to their fathers' houses, and the tribe of the children of Gad according to their fathers' houses, have received, and the half-tribe of Manasseh have received, their inheritance: 15the two tribes and the half-tribe have received their inheritance beyond the Jordan at Jericho eastward, toward the sunrise. 16And Yehovah spoke to Moses, saying, 17These are the names of the men who shall divide the land to you for inheritance: Eleazar the priest, and Joshua the son of Nun. 18And you shall take one prince of every tribe, to divide the land for inheritance. 19And these are the names of the men: Of the tribe of Judah, Caleb the son of Jephunneh. 20And of the tribe of the children of Simeon, Shemuel the son of Ammihud. 21Of the tribe of Benjamin, Elidad the son of Chislon. 22And of the tribe of the children of Dan a prince, Bukki the son of Jogli. 23Of the children of Joseph: of the tribe of the children of Manasseh a prince, Hanniel the son of Ephod. 24And of the tribe of the children of Ephraim a prince, Kemuel the son of Shiphtan. 25And of the tribe of the children of Zebulun a prince, Elizaphan the son of Parnach. 26And of the tribe of the children of Issachar a prince, Paltiel the son of Azzan. 27And of the tribe of the children of Asher a prince, Ahihud the son of Shelomi. 28And of the tribe of the children of Naphtali a prince, Pedahel the son of Ammihud. 29These are those whom Yehovah commanded to divide the inheritance to the children of Israel in the land of Canaan.

Chapter 35

1And Yehovah spoke to Moses in the plains of Moab by the Jordan at Jericho, saying, 2Command the children of Israel, that they give to the Levites of the inheritance of their possession cities to dwell in; and pasturelands for the cities around them you shall give to the Levites. 3And the cities they shall have to dwell in; and their pasturelands shall be for their cattle, and for their substance, and for all their beasts. 4And the pasturelands of the cities, which you shall give to the Levites, shall be from the wall of the city and outward a thousand cubits around. 5And you shall measure outside the city for the east side two thousand cubits, and for the south side two thousand cubits, and for the west side two thousand cubits, and for the north side two thousand cubits, the city being in the midst. This shall be to them the pasturelands of the cities. 6And the cities which you shall give to the Levites, they shall be the six cities of refuge, which you shall give for the manslayer to flee to: and besides them you shall give forty-two cities. 7All the cities which you shall give to the Levites shall be forty-eight cities; them you shall give with their pasturelands. 8And concerning the cities which you

shall give of the possession of the children of Israel, from the many you shall take many; and from the few you shall take few: every one according to his inheritance which he inherits shall give of his cities to the Levites. 9And Yehovah spoke to Moses, saying, 10Speak to the children of Israel, and say to them, When you pass over the Jordan into the land of Canaan, 11then you shall appoint for yourselves cities to be cities of refuge for you, that the manslayer who kills any person unwittingly may flee there. 12And the cities shall be to you for refuge from the avenger, that the manslayer may not die, until he stands before the congregation for judgment. 13And the cities which you shall give shall be for you six cities of refuge. 14You shall give three cities beyond the Jordan, and three cities you shall give in the land of Canaan; they shall be cities of refuge. 15For the children of Israel, and for the stranger and for the sojourner among them, these six cities shall be for refuge; that everyone who kills any person unwittingly may flee there. 16But if he struck him with an instrument of iron, so that he died, he is a murderer: the murderer shall surely be put to death. 17And if he struck him with a stone in the hand, by which a man may die, and he died, he is a murderer: the murderer shall surely be put to death. 18Or if he struck him with a weapon of wood in the hand, by which a man may die, and he died, he is a murderer: the murderer shall surely be put to death. 19The avenger of blood shall himself put the murderer to death: when he meets him, he shall put him to death. 20And if he thrust him out of hatred, or hurled at him, lying in wait, so that he died, 21or in enmity struck him with his hand, so that he died; he who struck him shall surely be put to death; he is a murderer: the avenger of blood shall put the murderer to death, when he meets him. 22But if he thrust him suddenly without enmity, or hurled on him anything without lying in wait, 23or with any stone, by which a man may die, not seeing him, and cast it on him, so that he died, and he was not his enemy, nor sought his harm; 24then the congregation shall judge between the smiter and the avenger of blood according to these ordinances; 25and the congregation shall deliver the manslayer out of the hand of the avenger of blood, and the congregation shall restore him to his city of refuge, to which he had fled: and he shall dwell in it until the death of the high priest, who was anointed with the holy oil. 26But if the manslayer at any time goes beyond the border of his city of refuge, where he flees, 27and the avenger of blood finds him outside the border of his city of refuge, and the avenger of blood kills the manslayer; he shall not be guilty of blood, 28because he should have remained in his city of refuge until the death of the high priest: but after the death of the high priest the manslayer shall return into the land of his possession. 29And these things shall be for a statute and ordinance to you throughout your generations in all your dwellings. 30Whoever kills any person, the murderer shall be slain at the mouth of witnesses: but one witness shall not testify against any person so that he dies. 31Moreover you shall take no ransom for the life of a murderer, who is guilty of death; but he shall surely be put to death. 32And you shall take no ransom for him who has fled to his city of refuge, that he may come again to dwell in the land, until the death of the priest. 33So you shall not pollute the land in which you are: for blood, it pollutes the land; and no expiation can be made for the land for the blood that is shed in it, except by the blood of him who shed it. 34And you shall not defile the land which you inhabit, in the midst of which I dwell: for I, Yehovah, dwell in the midst of the children of Israel.

Chapter 36

1And the heads of the fathers' houses of the family of the children of Gilead, the son of Machir, the son of Manasseh, of the families of the sons of Joseph, came near, and spoke before Moses, and before the princes, the heads of the fathers' houses of the children of Israel: 2and they said, Yehovah commanded my lord to give the land for inheritance by lot to the children of Israel: and my lord was commanded by Yehovah to give the inheritance of Zelophehad our brother to his daughters. 3And if they are married to any of the sons of the other tribes of the children of Israel, then their inheritance will be taken away from the inheritance of our fathers, and will be added to the inheritance of the tribe to which they shall belong: so it will be taken away from the lot of our inheritance. 4And when the jubilee of the children of Israel shall be, then their inheritance will be added to the inheritance of the tribe to which they shall belong: so their inheritance will be taken away from the inheritance of the tribe of our fathers. 5And Moses commanded the children of Israel according to the word of Yehovah, saying, The tribe of the sons of Joseph speaks right. 6This is the thing which Yehovah commands concerning the daughters of Zelophehad, saying, Let them be married to whom they think best; only into the family of the tribe of

their father they shall be married. 7So no inheritance of the children of Israel shall move from tribe to tribe; for the children of Israel shall cleave every one to the inheritance of the tribe of his fathers. 8And every daughter, who possesses an inheritance in any tribe of the children of Israel, shall be wife to one of the family of the tribe of her father, that the children of Israel may possess every man the inheritance of his fathers. 9So no inheritance shall move from one tribe to another tribe; for the tribes of the children of Israel shall cleave every one to his own inheritance.

10Even as Yehovah commanded Moses, so the daughters of Zelophehad did: 11for Mahlah, Tirzah, and Hoglah, and Milcah, and Noah, the daughters of Zelophehad, were married to their father's brothers' sons. 12They were married into the families of the sons of Manasseh the son of Joseph; and their inheritance remained in the tribe of the family of their father. 13These are the commandments and the ordinances which Yehovah commanded by Moses to the children of Israel in the plains of Moab by the Jordan at Jericho.

Deuteronomy

Chapter 1

[1]These are the words which Moses spoke to all Israel beyond the Jordan in the wilderness, in the Arabah opposite Suph, between Paran, and Tophel, and Laban, and Hazeroth, and Di-zahab. [2]It is eleven days' journey from Horeb by the way of mount Seir to Kadesh-barnea. [3]And it happened in the fortieth year, in the eleventh month, on the first day of the month, that Moses spoke to the children of Israel, according to all that Yehovah had given him in commandment to them; [4]after he had struck Sihon the king of the Amorites, who dwelt in Heshbon, and Og the king of Bashan, who dwelt in Ashtaroth, at Edrei. [5]Beyond the Jordan, in the land of Moab, Moses began to declare this law, saying, [6]Yehovah our God spoke to us in Horeb, saying, You have dwelt long enough in this mountain: [7]turn, and take your journey, and go to the hill-country of the Amorites, and to all the places near to it, in the Arabah, in the hill-country, and in the lowland, and in the South, and by the sea-shore, the land of the Canaanites, and Lebanon, as far as the great river, the river Euphrates. [8]Behold, I have set the land before you: go in and possess the land which Yehovah swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give to them and to their seed after them. [9]And I spoke to you at that time, saying, I am not able to bear you myself alone: [10]Yehovah your God has multiplied you, and, behold, you are this day as the stars of heaven for multitude. [11]Yehovah, the God of your fathers, make you a thousand times as many as you are, and bless you, as he has promised you! [12]How can I myself alone bear your weight, and your burden, and your strife? [13]Take wise men, and understanding, and known, according to your tribes, and I will make them heads over you. [14]And you answered me, and said, The thing which you have spoken is good for us to do. [15]So I took the heads of your tribes, wise men, and known, and made them heads over you, captains of thousands, and captains of hundreds, and captains of fifties, and captains of tens, and officers, according to your tribes. [16]And I charged your judges at that time, saying, Hear the causes between your brothers, and judge righteously between a man and his brother, and the sojourner who is with him. [17]You shall not show partiality in judgment; you shall hear the small and the great alike; you shall not be afraid of the face of man; for the judgment is God's: and the cause that is too hard for you you shall bring to me, and I will hear it. [18]And I commanded you at that time all the things which you should do. [19]And we journeyed from Horeb, and went through all that great and terrible wilderness which you saw, by the way to the hill-country of the Amorites, as Yehovah our God commanded us; and we came to Kadesh-barnea. [20]And I said to you, You have come to the hill-country of the Amorites, which Yehovah our God gives to us. [21]Behold, Yehovah your God has set the land before you: go up, take possession, as Yehovah, the God of your fathers, has spoken to you; do not fear, nor be dismayed. [22]And you came near to me every one of you, and said, Let us send men before us, that they may search the land for us, and bring us word again of the way by which we must go up, and the cities to which we shall come. [23]And the thing pleased me well; and I took twelve men of you, one man for every tribe: [24]and they turned and went up into the hill-country, and came to the valley of Eshcol, and spied it out. [25]And they took of the fruit of the land in their hands, and brought it down to us, and brought us word again, and said, It is a good land which Yehovah our God gives to us. [26]Yet you would not go up, but rebelled against the commandment of Yehovah your God: [27]and you murmured in your tents, and said, Because Yehovah hated us, he has brought us out of the land of Egypt, to deliver us into the hand of the Amorites, to destroy us. [28]Where are we going up? our brothers have made our heart to melt, saying, The people are greater and taller than we; the cities are great and fortified up to heaven; and moreover we have seen the sons of the Anakim there. [29]Then I said to you, Do not dread, nor be afraid of them. [30]Yehovah your God who goes before you, he will fight for you, according to all that he did for you in Egypt before your eyes, [31]and in the wilderness, where you have seen how Yehovah your God carried you, as a man carries his son, in all the way that you went, until you came to this place. [32]Yet in this thing you did not believe Yehovah your God, [33]who went before you in the way, to seek you out a place to pitch your tents in, in fire by night, to show you by what way you should go, and in the cloud by day. [34]And Yehovah heard the voice of your words, and was angry, and swore, saying, [35]Surely there shall not one of these men of this evil generation see the good land,

which I swore to give to your fathers, [36]except Caleb the son of Jephunneh; he shall see it; and to him I will give the land that he has trodden upon, and to his children, because he has wholly followed Yehovah. [37]Also Yehovah was angry with me for your sakes, saying, You also shall not go in there: [38]Joshua the son of Nun, who stands before you, he shall go in there: encourage him; for he shall cause Israel to inherit it. [39]Moreover your little ones, who you said would be a prey, and your children, who this day have no knowledge of good or evil, they shall go in there, and to them I will give it, and they shall possess it. [40]But as for you, turn, and take your journey into the wilderness by the way to the Red Sea. [41]Then you answered and said to me, We have sinned against Yehovah, we will go up and fight, according to all that Yehovah our God commanded us. And every man of you girded on his weapons of war, and were ready to go up into the hill-country. [42]And Yehovah said to me, Say to them, Do not go up, nor fight; for I am not among you; lest you be struck down before your enemies. [43]So I spoke to you, and you did not listen; but you rebelled against the commandment of Yehovah, and were presumptuous, and went up into the hill-country. [44]And the Amorites, who dwelt in that hill-country, came out against you, and chased you, as bees do, and beat you down in Seir, even to Hormah. [45]And you returned and wept before Yehovah; but Yehovah did not listen to your voice, nor give ear to you. [46]So you remained in Kadesh many days, according to the days that you remained there.

Chapter 2

[1]Then we turned, and took our journey into the wilderness by the way to the Red Sea, as Yehovah spoke to me; and we went around mount Seir many days. [2]And Yehovah spoke to me, saying, [3]You have gone around this mountain long enough: turn northward. [4]And command the people, saying, You are to pass through the border of your brothers the children of Esau, who dwell in Seir; and they will be afraid of you. Take good heed to yourselves therefore; [5]do not contend with them; for I will not give you of their land, no, not so much as for the sole of the foot to tread on; because I have given mount Seir to Esau for a possession. [6]You shall purchase food from them for money, that you may eat; and you shall also buy water from them for money, that you may drink. [7]For Yehovah your God has blessed you in all the work of your hand; he has known your walking through this great wilderness: these forty years Yehovah your God has been with you; you have lacked nothing. [8]So we passed by from our brothers the children of Esau, who dwell in Seir, from the way of the Arabah from Elath and from Ezion-geber. And we turned and passed by the way of the wilderness of Moab. [9]And Yehovah said to me, Do not harass Moab, nor contend with them in battle; for I will not give you of his land for a possession; because I have given Ar to the children of Lot for a possession. [10](The Emim dwelt there formerly, a people great, and many, and tall, as the Anakim: [11]these also are accounted Rephaim, as the Anakim; but the Moabites call them Emim. [12]The Horites also dwelt in Seir formerly, but the children of Esau succeeded them; and they destroyed them from before them, and dwelt in their place; as Israel did to the land of his possession, which Yehovah gave to them). [13]Now rise up, and go over the brook Zered. And we went over the brook Zered. [14]And the days in which we came from Kadesh-barnea, until we had come over the brook Zered, were thirty-eight years; until all the generation of the men of war were consumed from the midst of the camp, as Yehovah swore to them. [15]Moreover the hand of Yehovah was against them, to destroy them from the midst of the camp, until they were consumed. [16]So it happened, when all the men of war were consumed and dead from among the people, [17]that Yehovah spoke to me, saying, [18]You are this day to pass over Ar, the border of Moab: [19]and when you come near over against the children of Ammon, do not harass them, nor contend with them; for I will not give you of the land of the children of Ammon for a possession; because I have given it to the children of Lot for a possession. [20](That also is accounted a land of Rephaim: Rephaim dwelt there formerly; but the Ammonites call them Zamzummim, [21]a people great, and many, and tall, as the Anakim; but Yehovah destroyed them before them; and they succeeded them, and dwelt in their place; [22]as he did for the children of Esau, who dwell in Seir, when he destroyed the Horites from before them; and they succeeded them, and dwelt in their place even to this day. [23]And the Avvim, who dwelt in villages as far as Gaza, the Caphtorim, who came out of Caphtor, destroyed them, and dwelt in their place.) [24]Rise up, take your journey, and pass over the valley of the Arnon: behold, I have given into your hand Sihon the Amorite, king of Heshbon, and his land; begin to possess it, and contend with him in battle.

25 This day I will begin to put the dread of you and the
fear of you upon the peoples that are under the whole
heaven, who shall hear the report of you, and shall
tremble, and be in anguish because of you. 26 And I
sent messengers out of the wilderness of Kedemoth
to Sihon king of Heshbon with words of peace,
saying, 27 Let me pass through your land: I will go
along by the highway, I will turn neither to the right
hand nor to the left. 28 You shall sell me food for
money, that I may eat; and give me water for money,
that I may drink: only let me pass through on my
feet; 29 as the children of Esau who dwell in Seir, and
the Moabites who dwell in Ar, did to me; until I shall
pass over the Jordan into the land which Yehovah
our God gives us. 30 But Sihon king of Heshbon would
not let us pass by him; for Yehovah your God
hardened his spirit, and made his heart obstinate,
that he might deliver him into your hand, as at this
day. 31 And Yehovah said to me, Behold, I have begun
to deliver up Sihon and his land before you: begin to
possess, that you may inherit his land. 32 Then Sihon
came out against us, he and all his people, to battle at
Jahaz. 33 And Yehovah our God delivered him up
before us; and we struck him, and his sons, and all
his people. 34 And we took all his cities at that time,
and utterly destroyed every inhabited city, with the
women and the little ones; we left none remaining:
35 only the cattle we took for a prey to ourselves, with
the spoil of the cities which we had taken. 36 From
Aroer, which is on the edge of the valley of the
Arnon, and from the city that is in the valley, even to
Gilead, there was not a city too high for us; Yehovah
our God delivered up all before us: 37 only to the land
of the children of Ammon you did not come near; all
the side of the river Jabbok, and the cities of the hill-
country, and wherever Yehovah our God forbade us.

Chapter 3

1 Then we turned, and went up the way to Bashan: and
Og the king of Bashan came out against us, he and all
his people, to battle at Edrei. 2 And Yehovah said to
me, Do not fear him; for I have delivered him, and all
his people, and his land, into your hand; and you
shall do to him as you did to Sihon king of the
Amorites, who dwelt at Heshbon. 3 So Yehovah our
God delivered into our hand Og also, the king of
Bashan, and all his people: and we struck him until
none was left to him remaining. 4 And we took all his
cities at that time; there was not a city which we did
not take from them; sixty cities, all the region of
Argob, the kingdom of Og in Bashan. 5 All these were
cities fortified with high walls, gates, and bars;
besides a great many unwalled towns. 6 And we
utterly destroyed them, as we did to Sihon king of
Heshbon, utterly destroying every inhabited city,
with the women and the little ones. 7 But all the
cattle, and the spoil of the cities, we took for a prey to
ourselves. 8 And we took the land at that time out of
the hand of the two kings of the Amorites who were
beyond the Jordan, from the valley of the Arnon to
mount Hermon 9 (which Hermon the Sidonians call
Sirion, and the Amorites call it Senir); 10 all the cities
of the plain, and all Gilead, and all Bashan, to Salecah
and Edrei, cities of the kingdom of Og in Bashan.
11 (For only Og king of Bashan remained of the
remnant of the Rephaim; behold, his bedstead was a
bedstead of iron; is it not in Rabbah of the children of
Ammon? nine cubits was the length of it, and four
cubits the breadth of it, according to the cubit of a
man.) 12 And this land we took in possession at that
time: from Aroer, which is by the valley of the
Arnon, and half the hill-country of Gilead, and its
cities, I gave to the Reubenites and to the Gadites:
13 and the rest of Gilead, and all Bashan, the kingdom
of Og, I gave to the half-tribe of Manasseh; all the
region of Argob, even all Bashan. (The same is called
the land of Rephaim. 14 Jair the son of Manasseh took
all the region of Argob, to the border of the
Geshurites and the Maacathites, and called them,
even Bashan, after his own name, Havvoth-jair, to
this day.) 15 And I gave Gilead to Machir. 16 And to the
Reubenites and to the Gadites I gave from Gilead even
to the valley of the Arnon, the middle of the valley,
and its border, even to the river Jabbok, which is the
border of the children of Ammon; 17 the Arabah also,
and the Jordan and its border, from Chinnereth even
to the sea of the Arabah, the Salt Sea, under the
slopes of Pisgah eastward. 18 And I commanded you at
that time, saying, Yehovah your God has given you
this land to possess it: you shall pass over armed
before your brothers the children of Israel, all the
men of valor. 19 But your wives, and your little ones,
and your cattle (I know that you have many cattle),
shall remain in your cities which I have given you,
20 until Yehovah gives rest to your brothers, as to you,
and they also possess the land which Yehovah your
God gives them beyond the Jordan: then you shall
return every man to his possession, which I have
given you. 21 And I commanded Joshua at that time,
saying, Your eyes have seen all that Yehovah your
God has done to these two kings: so shall Yehovah do

to all the kingdoms where you are going over. 22You shall not fear them; for Yehovah your God, it is he who fights for you. 23And I pleaded with Yehovah at that time, saying, 24O Lord Yehovah, you have begun to show your servant your greatness, and your strong hand: for what god is there in heaven or in earth, who can do according to your works, and according to your mighty acts? 25Please let me go over, and see the good land that is beyond the Jordan, that goodly mountain, and Lebanon. 26But Yehovah was angry with me for your sakes, and did not listen to me; and Yehovah said to me, Let it suffice you; speak no more to me of this matter. 27Go up to the top of Pisgah, and lift up your eyes westward, and northward, and southward, and eastward, and behold with your eyes: for you shall not go over this Jordan. 28But charge Joshua, and encourage him, and strengthen him; for he shall go over before this people, and he shall cause them to inherit the land which you shall see. 29So we remained in the valley opposite Beth-peor.

Chapter 4

1And now, O Israel, listen to the statutes and to the ordinances, which I teach you, to do them; that you may live, and go in and possess the land which Yehovah, the God of your fathers, gives you. 2You shall not add to the word which I command you, neither shall you diminish from it, that you may keep the commandments of Yehovah your God which I command you. 3Your eyes have seen what Yehovah did because of Baal-peor; for all the men who followed Baal-peor, Yehovah your God has destroyed them from the midst of you. 4But you who held fast to Yehovah your God are alive every one of you this day. 5Behold, I have taught you statutes and ordinances, even as Yehovah my God commanded me, that you should do so in the midst of the land where you are going in to possess it. 6Keep therefore and do them; for this is your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the peoples, who shall hear all these statutes, and say, Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people. 7For what great nation is there, that has a god so near to them, as Yehovah our God is whenever we call upon him? 8And what great nation is there, that has statutes and ordinances so righteous as all this law, which I set before you this day? 9Only take heed to yourself, and keep your soul diligently, lest you forget the things which your eyes saw, and lest they depart from your heart all the days of your life; but make them known to your children and your children's children; 10the day that you stood before Yehovah your God in Horeb, when Yehovah said to me, Assemble the people to me, and I will make them hear my words, that they may learn to fear me all the days that they live upon the earth, and that they may teach their children. 11And you came near and stood under the mountain; and the mountain burned with fire to the heart of heaven, with darkness, cloud, and thick darkness. 12And Yehovah spoke to you out of the midst of the fire: you heard the voice of words, but you saw no form; only you heard a voice. 13And he declared to you his covenant, which he commanded you to perform, even the ten commandments; and he wrote them upon two tables of stone. 14And Yehovah commanded me at that time to teach you statutes and ordinances, that you might do them in the land where you are going over to possess it. 15Take therefore good heed to yourselves; for you saw no manner of form on the day that Yehovah spoke to you in Horeb out of the midst of the fire; 16lest you corrupt yourselves, and make for yourselves a graven image in the form of any figure, the likeness of male or female, 17the likeness of any beast that is on the earth, the likeness of any winged bird that flies in the heavens, 18the likeness of anything that creeps on the ground, the likeness of any fish that is in the water under the earth; 19and lest you lift up your eyes to heaven, and when you see the sun and the moon and the stars, even all the host of heaven, you be drawn away and bow down to them, and serve them, which Yehovah your God has allotted to all the peoples under the whole heaven. 20But Yehovah has taken you, and brought you out of the iron furnace, out of Egypt, to be to him a people of inheritance, as at this day. 21Furthermore Yehovah was angry with me for your sakes, and swore that I should not go over the Jordan, and that I should not go in to that good land, which Yehovah your God gives you for an inheritance: 22but I must die in this land, I must not go over the Jordan; but you shall go over, and possess that good land. 23Take heed to yourselves, lest you forget the covenant of Yehovah your God, which he made with you, and make for yourselves a graven image in the form of anything which Yehovah your God has forbidden you. 24For Yehovah your God is a devouring fire, a jealous God. 25When you shall beget children, and children's children, and you shall have been long in the land, and shall corrupt yourselves, and make a graven image in the form of anything, and shall do that which is evil in the sight of Yehovah your God, to

provoke him to anger; [26]I call heaven and earth to witness against you this day, that you shall soon utterly perish from off the land to which you are going over the Jordan to possess it; you shall not prolong your days upon it, but shall utterly be destroyed. [27]And Yehovah will scatter you among the peoples, and you shall be left few in number among the nations, where Yehovah shall lead you away. [28]And there you shall serve gods, the work of men's hands, wood and stone, which neither see, nor hear, nor eat, nor smell. [29]But from there you shall seek Yehovah your God, and you shall find him, when you search after him with all your heart and with all your soul. [30]When you are in tribulation, and all these things have come upon you, in the latter days you shall return to Yehovah your God, and listen to his voice: [31]for Yehovah your God is a merciful God; he will not fail you, nor destroy you, nor forget the covenant of your fathers which he swore to them. [32]For ask now of the days that are past, which were before you, since the day that God created man upon the earth, and from the one end of heaven to the other, whether there has been any such thing as this great thing is, or has been heard like it? [33]Did ever a people hear the voice of God speaking out of the midst of the fire, as you have heard, and live? [34]Or has God attempted to go and take for himself a nation from the midst of another nation, by trials, by signs, and by wonders, and by war, and by a mighty hand, and by an outstretched arm, and by great terrors, according to all that Yehovah your God did for you in Egypt before your eyes? [35]To you it was shown, that you might know that Yehovah he is God; there is none else besides him. [36]Out of heaven he made you to hear his voice, that he might instruct you: and upon earth he made you to see his great fire; and you heard his words out of the midst of the fire. [37]And because he loved your fathers, therefore he chose their seed after them, and brought you out with his presence, with his great power, out of Egypt; [38]to drive out nations from before you greater and mightier than you, to bring you in, to give you their land for an inheritance, as at this day. [39]Know therefore this day, and lay it to your heart, that Yehovah he is God in heaven above and upon the earth beneath; there is none else. [40]And you shall keep his statutes, and his commandments, which I command you this day, that it may go well with you, and with your children after you, and that you may prolong your days in the land, which Yehovah your God gives you, for ever. [41]Then Moses set apart three cities beyond the Jordan toward the sunrise; [42]that the manslayer might flee there, who kills his neighbor unintentionally, and did not hate him in time past; and that fleeing to one of these cities he might live: [43]namely, Bezer in the wilderness, in the plain country, for the Reubenites; and Ramoth in Gilead, for the Gadites; and Golan in Bashan, for the Manassites. [44]And this is the law which Moses set before the children of Israel: [45]these are the testimonies, and the statutes, and the ordinances, which Moses spoke to the children of Israel, when they came out of Egypt, [46]beyond the Jordan, in the valley opposite Beth-peor, in the land of Sihon king of the Amorites, who dwelt at Heshbon, whom Moses and the children of Israel struck, when they came out of Egypt. [47]And they took his land in possession, and the land of Og king of Bashan, the two kings of the Amorites, who were beyond the Jordan toward the sunrise; [48]from Aroer, which is on the edge of the valley of the Arnon, even to mount Sion (the same is Hermon), [49]and all the Arabah beyond the Jordan eastward, even to the sea of the Arabah, under the slopes of Pisgah.

Chapter 5

[1]And Moses called to all Israel, and said to them, Hear, O Israel, the statutes and the ordinances which I speak in your ears this day, that you may learn them, and observe to do them. [2]Yehovah our God made a covenant with us in Horeb. [3]Yehovah did not make this covenant with our fathers, but with us, even us, who are all of us here alive this day. [4]Yehovah spoke with you face to face in the mount out of the midst of the fire [5](I stood between Yehovah and you at that time, to show you the word of Yehovah: for you were afraid because of the fire, and did not go up into the mount), saying, [6]I am Yehovah your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. [7]You shall have no other gods before me. [8]You shall not make for yourself a graven image, nor any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth: [9]you shall not bow down to them, nor serve them; for I, Yehovah, your God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children, and upon the third and upon the fourth generation of those who hate me; [10]and showing lovingkindness to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments. [11]You shall not take the name of Yehovah your God in vain:

for Yehovah will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain. 12Observe the sabbath day, to keep it holy, as Yehovah your God commanded you. 13Six days you shall labor, and do all your work; 14but the seventh day is a sabbath to Yehovah your God: in it you shall not do any work, you, nor your son, nor your daughter, nor your man-servant, nor your maid-servant, nor your ox, nor your donkey, nor any of your cattle, nor your stranger who is within your gates; that your man-servant and your maid-servant may rest as well as you. 15And you shall remember that you were a servant in the land of Egypt, and Yehovah your God brought you out from there by a mighty hand and by an outstretched arm: therefore Yehovah your God commanded you to keep the sabbath day. 16Honor your father and your mother, as Yehovah your God commanded you; that your days may be long, and that it may go well with you, in the land which Yehovah your God gives you. 17You shall not kill. 18Neither shall you commit adultery. 19Neither shall you steal. 20Neither shall you bear false witness against your neighbor. 21Neither shall you covet your neighbor's wife; neither shall you desire your neighbor's house, his field, or his man-servant, or his maid-servant, his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor's. 22These words Yehovah spoke to all your assembly in the mount out of the midst of the fire, of the cloud, and of the thick darkness, with a great voice: and he added no more. And he wrote them upon two tables of stone, and gave them to me. 23And it happened, when you heard the voice out of the midst of the darkness, while the mountain was burning with fire, that you came near to me, even all the heads of your tribes, and your elders; 24and you said, Behold, Yehovah our God has shown us his glory and his greatness, and we have heard his voice out of the midst of the fire: we have seen this day that God does speak with man, and he lives. 25Now therefore why should we die? for this great fire will consume us: if we hear the voice of Yehovah our God any more, then we shall die. 26For who is there of all flesh, who has heard the voice of the living God speaking out of the midst of the fire, as we have, and lived? 27Go near, and hear all that Yehovah our God shall say: and speak to us all that Yehovah our God shall speak to you; and we will hear it, and do it. 28And Yehovah heard the voice of your words, when you spoke to me; and Yehovah said to me, I have heard the voice of the words of this people, which they have spoken to you: they have spoken well in all that they have spoken. 29Oh that there were such a heart in them, that they would fear me, and keep all my commandments always, that it might be well with them, and with their children for ever! 30Go say to them, Return to your tents. 31But as for you, stand here by me, and I will speak to you all the commandment, and the statutes, and the ordinances, which you shall teach them, that they may do them in the land which I give them to possess it. 32You shall observe to do therefore as Yehovah your God has commanded you: you shall not turn aside to the right hand or to the left. 33You shall walk in all the way which Yehovah your God has commanded you, that you may live, and that it may be well with you, and that you may prolong your days in the land which you shall possess.

Chapter 6

1Now this is the commandment, the statutes, and the ordinances, which Yehovah your God commanded to teach you, that you might do them in the land where you are going over to possess it; 2that you might fear Yehovah your God, to keep all his statutes and his commandments, which I command you, you, and your son, and your son's son, all the days of your life; and that your days may be prolonged. 3Hear therefore, O Israel, and observe to do it; that it may be well with you, and that you may increase mightily, as Yehovah, the God of your fathers, has promised to you, in a land flowing with milk and honey. 4Hear, O Israel: Yehovah our God, Yehovah is one: 5and you shall love Yehovah your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. 6And these words, which I command you this day, shall be upon your heart; 7and you shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise up. 8And you shall bind them for a sign upon your hand, and they shall be for frontlets between your eyes. 9And you shall write them upon the door-posts of your house, and upon your gates. 10And it shall be, when Yehovah your God shall bring you into the land which he swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give you, great and goodly cities, which you did not build, 11and houses full of all good things, which you did not fill, and cisterns hewn out, which you did not hew, vineyards and olive-trees, which you did not plant, and you shall eat and be full; 12then beware lest you forget Yehovah, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.

13 You shall fear Yehovah your God; and him you shall
serve, and shall swear by his name. 14 You shall not go
after other gods, of the gods of the peoples that are
around you; 15 for Yehovah your God in the midst of
you is a jealous God; lest the anger of Yehovah your
God be kindled against you, and he destroy you from
off the face of the earth. 16 You shall not tempt
Yehovah your God, as you tempted him in Massah.
17 You shall diligently keep the commandments of
Yehovah your God, and his testimonies, and his
statutes, which he has commanded you. 18 And you
shall do that which is right and good in the sight of
Yehovah; that it may be well with you, and that you
may go in and possess the good land which Yehovah
swore to your fathers, 19 to thrust out all your enemies
from before you, as Yehovah has spoken. 20 When
your son asks you in time to come, saying, What is
the meaning of the testimonies, and the statutes, and
the ordinances, which Yehovah our God has
commanded you? 21 then you shall say to your son, We
were Pharaoh's slaves in Egypt: and Yehovah brought
us out of Egypt with a mighty hand; 22 and Yehovah
showed signs and wonders, great and severe, upon
Egypt, upon Pharaoh, and upon all his house, before
our eyes; 23 and he brought us out from there, that he
might bring us in, to give us the land which he swore
to our fathers. 24 And Yehovah commanded us to do
all these statutes, to fear Yehovah our God, for our
good always, that he might preserve us alive, as at
this day. 25 And it shall be righteousness to us, if we
observe to do all this commandment before Yehovah
our God, as he has commanded us.

Chapter 7

1 When Yehovah your God shall bring you into the
land where you are going to possess it, and shall cast
out many nations before you, the Hittite, and the
Girgashite, and the Amorite, and the Canaanite, and
the Perizzite, and the Hivite, and the Jebusite, seven
nations greater and mightier than you; 2 and when
Yehovah your God shall deliver them up before you,
and you shall strike them; then you shall utterly
destroy them: you shall make no covenant with
them, nor show mercy to them; 3 neither shall you
make marriages with them; your daughter you shall
not give to his son, nor shall you take his daughter for
your son. 4 For he will turn away your son from
following me, that they may serve other gods: so the
anger of Yehovah will be kindled against you, and he
will destroy you quickly. 5 But thus you shall deal with
them: you shall break down their altars, and dash in
pieces their pillars, and hew down their Asherim,
and burn their graven images with fire. 6 For you are a
holy people to Yehovah your God: Yehovah your God
has chosen you to be a people for his own possession,
above all peoples that are upon the face of the earth.
7 Yehovah did not set his love upon you, nor choose
you, because you were more in number than any
people; for you were the fewest of all peoples: 8 but
because Yehovah loves you, and because he would
keep the oath which he swore to your fathers,
Yehovah has brought you out with a mighty hand,
and redeemed you out of the house of bondage, from
the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt. 9 Know therefore
that Yehovah your God, he is God, the faithful God,
who keeps covenant and lovingkindness with those
who love him and keep his commandments to a
thousand generations, 10 and repays those who hate
him to their face, to destroy them: he will not be
slack to him who hates him, he will repay him to his
face. 11 You shall therefore keep the commandment,
and the statutes, and the ordinances, which I
command you this day, to do them. 12 And it shall
come to pass, because you listen to these ordinances,
and keep and do them, that Yehovah your God will
keep with you the covenant and the lovingkindness
which he swore to your fathers: 13 and he will love
you, and bless you, and multiply you; he will also
bless the fruit of your body and the fruit of your
ground, your grain and your new wine and your oil,
the increase of your cattle and the young of your
flock, in the land which he swore to your fathers to
give you. 14 You shall be blessed above all peoples:
there shall not be male or female barren among you,
or among your cattle. 15 And Yehovah will take away
from you all sickness; and none of the evil diseases of
Egypt, which you know, he will put upon you, but
will lay them upon all those who hate you. 16 And you
shall consume all the peoples that Yehovah your God
shall deliver to you; your eye shall not pity them:
neither shall you serve their gods; for that will be a
snare to you. 17 If you shall say in your heart, These
nations are more than I; how can I dispossess them?
18 you shall not be afraid of them: you shall well
remember what Yehovah your God did to Pharaoh,
and to all Egypt; 19 the great trials which your eyes
saw, and the signs, and the wonders, and the mighty
hand, and the outstretched arm, by which Yehovah
your God brought you out: so shall Yehovah your God
do to all the peoples of whom you are afraid.
20 Moreover Yehovah your God will send the hornet

among them, until those who are left, and hide themselves, perish from before you. 21You shall not be terrified of them; for Yehovah your God is in the midst of you, a great and terrible God. 22And Yehovah your God will cast out those nations before you little by little: you may not consume them at once, lest the beasts of the field increase upon you. 23But Yehovah your God will deliver them up before you, and will throw them into great confusion, until they are destroyed. 24And he will deliver their kings into your hand, and you shall make their name to perish from under heaven: no man shall be able to stand before you, until you have destroyed them. 25The graven images of their gods you shall burn with fire: you shall not covet the silver or the gold that is on them, nor take it for yourself, lest you be snared by it; for it is an abomination to Yehovah your God. 26And you shall not bring an abomination into your house, and become a devoted thing like it: you shall utterly detest it, and you shall utterly abhor it; for it is a devoted thing.

Chapter 8

1All the commandment which I command you this day you shall observe to do, that you may live, and multiply, and go in and possess the land which Yehovah swore to your fathers. 2And you shall remember all the way which Yehovah your God has led you these forty years in the wilderness, that he might humble you, to prove you, to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep his commandments, or not. 3And he humbled you, and allowed you to hunger, and fed you with manna, which you did not know, neither did your fathers know; that he might make you know that man does not live by bread only, but by everything that proceeds out of the mouth of Yehovah does man live. 4Your clothing did not wear out upon you, neither did your foot swell, these forty years. 5And you shall consider in your heart, that, as a man chastens his son, so Yehovah your God chastens you. 6And you shall keep the commandments of Yehovah your God, to walk in his ways, and to fear him. 7For Yehovah your God brings you into a good land, a land of brooks of water, of fountains and springs, flowing out in valleys and hills; 8a land of wheat and barley, and vines and fig-trees and pomegranates; a land of olive-trees and honey; 9a land in which you shall eat bread without scarceness, you shall not lack anything in it; a land whose stones are iron, and out of whose hills you may dig copper. 10And you shall eat and be full, and you shall bless Yehovah your God for the good land which he has given you. 11Beware lest you forget Yehovah your God, in not keeping his commandments, and his ordinances, and his statutes, which I command you this day: 12lest, when you have eaten and are full, and have built goodly houses, and dwelt in them; 13and when your herds and your flocks multiply, and your silver and your gold is multiplied, and all that you have is multiplied; 14then your heart be lifted up, and you forget Yehovah your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage; 15who led you through the great and terrible wilderness, in which were fiery serpents and scorpions, and thirsty ground where there was no water; who brought out water for you out of the rock of flint; 16who fed you in the wilderness with manna, which your fathers did not know; that he might humble you, and that he might prove you, to do you good at your latter end: 17and lest you say in your heart, My power and the might of my hand has gotten me this wealth. 18But you shall remember Yehovah your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth; that he may establish his covenant which he swore to your fathers, as at this day. 19And it shall be, if you shall forget Yehovah your God, and walk after other gods, and serve them, and bow down to them, I testify against you this day that you shall surely perish. 20As the nations that Yehovah makes to perish before you, so you shall perish; because you would not listen to the voice of Yehovah your God.

Chapter 9

1Hear, O Israel: you are to pass over the Jordan this day, to go in to dispossess nations greater and mightier than yourself, cities great and fortified up to heaven, 2a people great and tall, the sons of the Anakim, whom you know, and of whom you have heard it said, Who can stand before the sons of Anak? 3Know therefore this day, that Yehovah your God is he who goes over before you as a devouring fire; he will destroy them, and he will bring them down before you: so you shall drive them out, and make them perish quickly, as Yehovah has spoken to you. 4Do not say in your heart, after Yehovah your God has thrust them out from before you, saying, For my righteousness Yehovah has brought me in to possess this land; whereas for the wickedness of these nations Yehovah is driving them out from before you. 5Not for your righteousness, or for the uprightness of your heart, do you go in to possess

their land; but for the wickedness of these nations Yehovah your God is driving them out from before you, and that he may establish the word which Yehovah swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob. 6Know therefore, that Yehovah your God is not giving you this good land to possess it for your righteousness; for you are a stiffnecked people. 7Remember, do not forget, how you provoked Yehovah your God to wrath in the wilderness: from the day that you went out of the land of Egypt, until you came to this place, you have been rebellious against Yehovah. 8Also in Horeb you provoked Yehovah to wrath, and Yehovah was angry with you to destroy you. 9When I had gone up into the mount to receive the tables of stone, even the tables of the covenant which Yehovah made with you, then I remained in the mount forty days and forty nights; I neither ate bread nor drank water. 10And Yehovah delivered to me the two tables of stone written with the finger of God; and on them was written according to all the words, which Yehovah spoke with you in the mount out of the midst of the fire in the day of the assembly. 11And it happened at the end of forty days and forty nights, that Yehovah gave me the two tables of stone, even the tables of the covenant. 12And Yehovah said to me, Arise, go down quickly from here; for your people whom you have brought out of Egypt have corrupted themselves; they have quickly turned aside out of the way which I commanded them; they have made for themselves a molten image. 13Furthermore Yehovah spoke to me, saying, I have seen this people, and, behold, it is a stiffnecked people: 14let me alone, that I may destroy them, and blot out their name from under heaven; and I will make of you a nation mightier and greater than they. 15So I turned and came down from the mount, and the mount was burning with fire: and the two tables of the covenant were in my two hands. 16And I looked, and, behold, you had sinned against Yehovah your God; you had made for yourselves a molten calf: you had turned aside quickly out of the way which Yehovah had commanded you. 17And I took hold of the two tables, and cast them out of my two hands, and broke them before your eyes. 18And I fell down before Yehovah, as at the first, forty days and forty nights; I neither ate bread nor drank water; because of all your sin which you sinned, in doing that which was evil in the sight of Yehovah, to provoke him to anger. 19For I was afraid of the anger and hot displeasure, with which Yehovah was angry against you to destroy you. But Yehovah listened to me that time also. 20And Yehovah was very angry with Aaron to destroy him: and I prayed for Aaron also at the same time. 21And I took your sin, the calf which you had made, and burnt it with fire, and stamped it, grinding it very small, until it was as fine as dust: and I cast its dust into the brook that descended out of the mount. 22And at Taberah, and at Massah, and at Kibroth-hattaavah, you provoked Yehovah to wrath. 23And when Yehovah sent you from Kadesh-barnea, saying, Go up and possess the land which I have given you; then you rebelled against the commandment of Yehovah your God, and you did not believe him, nor listen to his voice. 24You have been rebellious against Yehovah from the day that I knew you. 25So I fell down before Yehovah the forty days and forty nights that I fell down, because Yehovah had said he would destroy you. 26And I prayed to Yehovah, and said, O Lord Yehovah, do not destroy your people and your inheritance, whom you have redeemed through your greatness, whom you have brought out of Egypt with a mighty hand. 27Remember your servants, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; do not look to the stubbornness of this people, nor to their wickedness, nor to their sin, 28lest the land from which you brought us out say, Because Yehovah was not able to bring them into the land which he promised to them, and because he hated them, he has brought them out to kill them in the wilderness. 29Yet they are your people and your inheritance, which you brought out by your great power and by your outstretched arm.

Chapter 10

1At that time Yehovah said to me, Hew two tables of stone like the first, and come up to me into the mount, and make an ark of wood. 2And I will write on the tables the words that were on the first tables which you broke, and you shall put them in the ark. 3So I made an ark of acacia wood, and hewed two tables of stone like the first, and went up into the mount, having the two tables in my hand. 4And he wrote on the tables, according to the first writing, the ten commandments, which Yehovah spoke to you in the mount out of the midst of the fire in the day of the assembly: and Yehovah gave them to me. 5And I turned and came down from the mount, and put the tables in the ark which I had made; and there they are as Yehovah commanded me. 6(And the children of Israel journeyed from Beeroth Bene-jaakan to Moserah. There Aaron died, and there he was buried; and Eleazar his son ministered in the priest's office in

his place. 7From there they journeyed to Gudgodah; and from Gudgodah to Jotbathah, a land of brooks of water. 8At that time Yehovah set apart the tribe of Levi, to bear the ark of the covenant of Yehovah, to stand before Yehovah to minister to him, and to bless in his name, to this day. 9Therefore Levi has no portion nor inheritance with his brothers; Yehovah is his inheritance, according as Yehovah your God spoke to him.) 10And I stayed in the mount, as at the first time, forty days and forty nights: and Yehovah listened to me that time also; Yehovah would not destroy you. 11And Yehovah said to me, Arise, take your journey before the people; and they shall go in and possess the land, which I swore to their fathers to give to them. 12And now, Israel, what does Yehovah your God require of you, but to fear Yehovah your God, to walk in all his ways, and to love him, and to serve Yehovah your God with all your heart and with all your soul, 13to keep the commandments of Yehovah, and his statutes, which I command you this day for your good? 14Behold, to Yehovah your God belongs heaven and the heaven of heavens, the earth, with all that is in it. 15Only Yehovah had a delight in your fathers to love them, and he chose their seed after them, even you above all peoples, as at this day. 16Circumcise therefore the foreskin of your heart, and be no more stiffnecked. 17For Yehovah your God, he is God of gods, and Lord of lords, the great God, the mighty, and the terrible, who does not show partiality, nor take a bribe. 18He executes justice for the fatherless and widow, and loves the sojourner, in giving him food and clothing. 19Love therefore the sojourner; for you were sojourners in the land of Egypt. 20You shall fear Yehovah your God; him you shall serve; and to him you shall hold fast, and by his name you shall swear. 21He is your praise, and he is your God, who has done for you these great and terrible things, which your eyes have seen. 22Your fathers went down into Egypt with seventy persons; and now Yehovah your God has made you as the stars of heaven for multitude.

Chapter 11

1Therefore you shall love Yehovah your God, and keep his charge, and his statutes, and his ordinances, and his commandments, always. 2And know this day: for I do not speak with your children who have not known, and who have not seen the chastisement of Yehovah your God, his greatness, his mighty hand, and his outstretched arm, 3and his signs, and his works, which he did in the midst of Egypt to Pharaoh the king of Egypt, and to all his land; 4and what he did to the army of Egypt, to their horses, and to their chariots; how he made the water of the Red Sea to overflow them as they pursued after you, and how Yehovah has destroyed them to this day; 5and what he did to you in the wilderness, until you came to this place; 6and what he did to Dathan and Abiram, the sons of Eliab, the son of Reuben; how the earth opened its mouth, and swallowed them up, and their households, and their tents, and every living thing that followed them, in the midst of all Israel: 7but your eyes have seen all the great work of Yehovah which he did. 8Therefore you shall keep all the commandment which I command you this day, that you may be strong, and go in and possess the land, where you are going over to possess it; 9and that you may prolong your days in the land, which Yehovah swore to your fathers to give to them and to their seed, a land flowing with milk and honey. 10For the land, where you are going in to possess it, is not as the land of Egypt, from where you came out, where you sowed your seed, and watered it with your foot, as a garden of herbs; 11but the land, where you are going over to possess it, is a land of hills and valleys, and drinks water of the rain of heaven, 12a land which Yehovah your God cares for: the eyes of Yehovah your God are always upon it, from the beginning of the year even to the end of the year. 13And it shall come to pass, if you shall listen diligently to my commandments which I command you this day, to love Yehovah your God, and to serve him with all your heart and with all your soul, 14that I will give the rain of your land in its season, the former rain and the latter rain, that you may gather in your grain, and your new wine, and your oil. 15And I will give grass in your fields for your cattle, and you shall eat and be full. 16Take heed to yourselves, lest your heart be deceived, and you turn aside, and serve other gods, and bow down to them; 17and the anger of Yehovah be kindled against you, and he shut up the heavens, so that there shall be no rain, and the land shall not yield its fruit; and you perish quickly from off the good land which Yehovah gives you. 18Therefore you shall lay up these my words in your heart and in your soul; and you shall bind them for a sign upon your hand, and they shall be for frontlets between your eyes. 19And you shall teach them to your children, talking of them, when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise up. 20And you shall write

them upon the door-posts of your house, and upon your gates; 21that your days may be multiplied, and the days of your children, in the land which Yehovah swore to your fathers to give them, as the days of the heavens above the earth. 22For if you shall diligently keep all this commandment which I command you, to do it, to love Yehovah your God, to walk in all his ways, and to hold fast to him; 23then Yehovah will drive out all these nations from before you, and you shall dispossess nations greater and mightier than yourselves. 24Every place on which the sole of your foot shall tread shall be yours: from the wilderness, and Lebanon, from the river, the river Euphrates, even to the western sea shall be your border. 25No man shall be able to stand before you: Yehovah your God shall lay the fear of you and the dread of you upon all the land that you shall tread upon, as he has spoken to you. 26Behold, I set before you this day a blessing and a curse: 27the blessing, if you shall listen to the commandments of Yehovah your God, which I command you this day; 28and the curse, if you shall not listen to the commandments of Yehovah your God, but turn aside out of the way which I command you this day, to go after other gods, which you have not known. 29And it shall come to pass, when Yehovah your God shall bring you into the land where you are going to possess it, that you shall set the blessing upon mount Gerizim, and the curse upon mount Ebal. 30Are they not beyond the Jordan, behind the way of the going down of the sun, in the land of the Canaanites who dwell in the Arabah, opposite Gilgal, beside the oaks of Moreh? 31For you are to pass over the Jordan to go in to possess the land which Yehovah your God gives you, and you shall possess it, and dwell in it. 32And you shall observe to do all the statutes and the ordinances which I set before you this day.

Chapter 12

1These are the statutes and the ordinances which you shall observe to do in the land which Yehovah, the God of your fathers, has given you to possess it, all the days that you live upon the earth. 2You shall surely destroy all the places in which the nations that you shall dispossess served their gods, upon the high mountains, and upon the hills, and under every green tree: 3and you shall break down their altars, and dash in pieces their pillars, and burn their Asherim with fire; and you shall hew down the graven images of their gods; and you shall destroy their name out of that place. 4You shall not do so to Yehovah your God. 5But to the place which Yehovah your God shall choose out of all your tribes, to put his name there, even to his habitation you shall seek, and there you shall come; 6and there you shall bring your burnt-offerings, and your sacrifices, and your tithes, and the heave-offering of your hand, and your vows, and your freewill-offerings, and the firstlings of your herd and of your flock: 7and there you shall eat before Yehovah your God, and you shall rejoice in all that you put your hand to, you and your households, in which Yehovah your God has blessed you. 8You shall not do according to all the things that we do here this day, every man whatever is right in his own eyes; 9for you have not as yet come to the rest and to the inheritance, which Yehovah your God gives you. 10But when you go over the Jordan, and dwell in the land which Yehovah your God causes you to inherit, and he gives you rest from all your enemies around, so that you dwell in safety; 11then it shall come to pass that to the place which Yehovah your God shall choose, to cause his name to dwell there, there you shall bring all that I command you: your burnt-offerings, and your sacrifices, your tithes, and the heave-offering of your hand, and all your choice vows which you vow to Yehovah. 12And you shall rejoice before Yehovah your God, you, and your sons, and your daughters, and your men-servants, and your maid-servants, and the Levite who is within your gates, since he has no portion nor inheritance with you. 13Take heed to yourself that you do not offer your burnt-offerings in every place that you see; 14but in the place which Yehovah shall choose in one of your tribes, there you shall offer your burnt-offerings, and there you shall do all that I command you. 15Notwithstanding, you may kill and eat flesh within all your gates, after all the desire of your soul, according to the blessing of Yehovah your God which he has given you: the unclean and the clean may eat of it, as of the gazelle, and as of the hart. 16Only you shall not eat the blood; you shall pour it out upon the earth as water. 17You may not eat within your gates the tithe of your grain, or of your new wine, or of your oil, or the firstlings of your herd or of your flock, nor any of your vows which you vow, nor your freewill-offerings, nor the heave-offering of your hand; 18but you shall eat them before Yehovah your God in the place which Yehovah your God shall choose, you, and your son, and your daughter, and your man-servant, and your maid-servant, and the Levite who is within your gates: and you shall rejoice

before Yehovah your God in all that you put your hand to. 19Take heed to yourself that you do not forsake the Levite as long as you live in your land. 20When Yehovah your God shall enlarge your border, as he has promised you, and you shall say, I will eat flesh, because your soul desires to eat flesh; you may eat flesh, after all the desire of your soul. 21If the place which Yehovah your God shall choose, to put his name there, is too far from you, then you shall kill of your herd and of your flock, which Yehovah has given you, as I have commanded you; and you may eat within your gates, after all the desire of your soul. 22Even as the gazelle and as the hart is eaten, so you shall eat of it: the unclean and the clean may eat of it alike. 23Only be sure that you do not eat the blood: for the blood is the life; and you shall not eat the life with the flesh. 24You shall not eat it; you shall pour it out upon the earth as water. 25You shall not eat it; that it may go well with you, and with your children after you, when you shall do that which is right in the eyes of Yehovah. 26Only your holy things which you have, and your vows, you shall take, and go to the place which Yehovah shall choose; 27and you shall offer your burnt-offerings, the flesh and the blood, upon the altar of Yehovah your God; and the blood of your sacrifices shall be poured out upon the altar of Yehovah your God; and you shall eat the flesh. 28Observe and hear all these words which I command you, that it may go well with you, and with your children after you for ever, when you do that which is good and right in the eyes of Yehovah your God. 29When Yehovah your God shall cut off the nations from before you, where you are going in to dispossess them, and you dispossess them, and dwell in their land; 30take heed to yourself that you are not ensnared to follow them, after they are destroyed from before you; and that you do not inquire after their gods, saying, How do these nations serve their gods? even so will I do likewise. 31You shall not do so to Yehovah your God: for every abomination to Yehovah, which he hates, they have done to their gods; for even their sons and their daughters they burn in the fire to their gods. 32Whatever thing I command you, that you shall observe to do: you shall not add to it, nor diminish from it.

Chapter 13

1If there arises in the midst of you a prophet, or a dreamer of dreams, and he gives you a sign or a wonder, 2and the sign or the wonder comes to pass, of which he spoke to you, saying, Let us go after other gods, which you have not known, and let us serve them; 3you shall not listen to the words of that prophet, or to that dreamer of dreams: for Yehovah your God proves you, to know whether you love Yehovah your God with all your heart and with all your soul. 4You shall walk after Yehovah your God, and fear him, and keep his commandments, and obey his voice, and you shall serve him, and hold fast to him. 5And that prophet, or that dreamer of dreams, shall be put to death, because he has spoken rebellion against Yehovah your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, and redeemed you out of the house of bondage, to draw you aside out of the way which Yehovah your God commanded you to walk in. So you shall put away the evil from the midst of you. 6If your brother, the son of your mother, or your son, or your daughter, or the wife of your bosom, or your friend, who is as your own soul, entices you secretly, saying, Let us go and serve other gods, which you have not known, you, nor your fathers; 7of the gods of the peoples that are around you, near to you, or far off from you, from the one end of the earth even to the other end of the earth; 8you shall not consent to him, nor listen to him; neither shall your eye pity him, neither shall you spare, neither shall you conceal him: 9but you shall surely kill him; your hand shall be first upon him to put him to death, and afterwards the hand of all the people. 10And you shall stone him to death with stones, because he has sought to draw you away from Yehovah your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. 11And all Israel shall hear, and fear, and shall not do any such wickedness again as this is in the midst of you. 12If you shall hear it said concerning one of your cities, which Yehovah your God gives you to dwell there, saying, 13Certain worthless men have gone out from the midst of you, and have drawn away the inhabitants of their city, saying, Let us go and serve other gods, which you have not known; 14then you shall inquire, and make search, and ask diligently; and, behold, if it is true, and the thing certain, that such an abomination has been done in the midst of you, 15you shall surely strike the inhabitants of that city with the edge of the sword, destroying it utterly, and all that is in it and its cattle, with the edge of the sword. 16And you shall gather all the spoil of it into the midst of its street, and shall burn with fire the city, and all its spoil, every bit, to Yehovah your God: and it shall be a heap for ever; it shall not be built again. 17And nothing of

the devoted thing shall cling to your hand; that Yehovah may turn from the fierceness of his anger, and show you mercy, and have compassion upon you, and multiply you, as he has sworn to your fathers; 18when you shall listen to the voice of Yehovah your God, to keep all his commandments which I command you this day, to do that which is right in the eyes of Yehovah your God.

Chapter 14

1You are the children of Yehovah your God: you shall not cut yourselves, nor make any baldness between your eyes for the dead. 2For you are a holy people to Yehovah your God, and Yehovah has chosen you to be a people for his own possession, above all peoples that are upon the face of the earth. 3You shall not eat any abominable thing. 4These are the beasts which you may eat: the ox, the sheep, and the goat, 5the hart, and the gazelle, and the roebuck, and the wild goat, and the pygarg, and the antelope, and the chamois. 6And every beast that parts the hoof, and has the hoof cloven in two, and chews the cud, among the beasts, that you may eat. 7Nevertheless these you shall not eat of those that chew the cud, or of those that have the hoof cloven: the camel, and the hare, and the coney; because they chew the cud but do not part the hoof, they are unclean to you. 8And the swine, because he parts the hoof but does not chew the cud, he is unclean to you: of their flesh you shall not eat, and their carcasses you shall not touch. 9These you may eat of all that are in the waters: whatever has fins and scales you may eat; 10and whatever does not have fins and scales you shall not eat; it is unclean to you. 11Of all clean birds you may eat. 12But these are they of which you shall not eat: the eagle, and the gier-eagle, and the ospray, 13and the glede, and the falcon, and the kite after its kind, 14and every raven after its kind, 15and the ostrich, and the night-hawk, and the sea-mew, and the hawk after its kind, 16the little owl, and the great owl, and the horned owl, 17and the pelican, and the vulture, and the cormorant, 18and the stork, and the heron after its kind, and the hoopoe, and the bat. 19And all winged creeping things are unclean to you: they shall not be eaten. 20Of all clean birds you may eat. 21You shall not eat of anything that dies of itself: you may give it to the sojourner who is within your gates, that he may eat it; or you may sell it to a foreigner: for you are a holy people to Yehovah your God. You shall not boil a kid in its mother's milk. 22You shall surely tithe all the increase of your seed, that which comes out from the field year by year. 23And you shall eat before Yehovah your God, in the place which he shall choose, to cause his name to dwell there, the tithe of your grain, of your new wine, and of your oil, and the firstlings of your herd and of your flock; that you may learn to fear Yehovah your God always. 24And if the way is too long for you, so that you are not able to carry it, because the place is too far from you, which Yehovah your God shall choose, to set his name there, when Yehovah your God shall bless you; 25then you shall turn it into money, and bind up the money in your hand, and shall go to the place which Yehovah your God shall choose: 26and you shall spend the money for whatever your soul desires, for oxen, or for sheep, or for wine, or for strong drink, or for whatever your soul asks of you; and you shall eat there before Yehovah your God, and you shall rejoice, you and your household. 27And the Levite who is within your gates, you shall not forsake him; for he has no portion nor inheritance with you. 28At the end of every three years you shall bring out all the tithe of your increase in the same year, and shall lay it up within your gates: 29and the Levite, because he has no portion nor inheritance with you, and the sojourner, and the fatherless, and the widow, that are within your gates, shall come, and shall eat and be satisfied; that Yehovah your God may bless you in all the work of your hand which you do.

Chapter 15

1At the end of every seven years you shall make a release. 2And this is the manner of the release: every creditor shall release that which he has lent to his neighbor; he shall not exact it of his neighbor and his brother; because Yehovah's release has been proclaimed. 3Of a foreigner you may exact it: but whatever of yours is with your brother your hand shall release. 4However, there shall be no poor with you (for Yehovah will surely bless you in the land which Yehovah your God gives you for an inheritance to possess it), 5if only you diligently listen to the voice of Yehovah your God, to observe to do all this commandment which I command you this day. 6For Yehovah your God will bless you, as he promised you: and you shall lend to many nations, but you shall not borrow; and you shall rule over many nations, but they shall not rule over you. 7If there is with you a poor man, one of your brothers, within any of your gates in your land which Yehovah your God gives you, you shall not harden your heart, nor shut your hand from your poor brother; 8but you shall surely

open your hand to him, and shall surely lend him sufficient for his need in that which he lacks. 9Beware that there is not a base thought in your heart, saying, The seventh year, the year of release, is at hand; and your eye be evil against your poor brother, and you give him nothing; and he cries to Yehovah against you, and it is sin to you. 10You shall surely give him, and your heart shall not be grieved when you give to him; because for this thing Yehovah your God will bless you in all your work, and in all that you put your hand to. 11For the poor will never cease out of the land: therefore I command you, saying, You shall surely open your hand to your brother, to your needy, and to your poor, in your land. 12If your brother, a Hebrew man, or a Hebrew woman, is sold to you, and serves you six years; then in the seventh year you shall let him go free from you. 13And when you let him go free from you, you shall not let him go empty: 14you shall furnish him liberally out of your flock, and out of your threshing-floor, and out of your winepress; as Yehovah your God has blessed you you shall give to him. 15And you shall remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and Yehovah your God redeemed you: therefore I command you this thing today. 16And it shall be, if he says to you, I will not go out from you; because he loves you and your house, because he is well with you; 17then you shall take an awl, and thrust it through his ear to the door, and he shall be your servant for ever. And also to your maid-servant you shall do likewise. 18It shall not seem hard to you, when you let him go free from you; for at double the wage of a hired worker he has served you six years: and Yehovah your God will bless you in all that you do. 19All the firstling males that are born of your herd and of your flock you shall sanctify to Yehovah your God: you shall do no work with the firstling of your herd, nor shear the firstling of your flock. 20You shall eat it before Yehovah your God year by year in the place which Yehovah shall choose, you and your household. 21And if it has any blemish, as if it is lame or blind, any ill blemish whatever, you shall not sacrifice it to Yehovah your God. 22You shall eat it within your gates: the unclean and the clean shall eat it alike, as the gazelle, and as the hart. 23Only you shall not eat its blood; you shall pour it out upon the ground as water.

Chapter 16

1Observe the month of Abib, and keep the passover to Yehovah your God; for in the month of Abib Yehovah your God brought you out of Egypt by night. 2And you shall sacrifice the passover to Yehovah your God, of the flock and the herd, in the place which Yehovah shall choose, to cause his name to dwell there. 3You shall eat no leavened bread with it; seven days you shall eat unleavened bread with it, even the bread of affliction; for you came out of the land of Egypt in haste: that you may remember the day when you came out of the land of Egypt all the days of your life. 4And there shall be no leaven seen with you in all your borders seven days; neither shall any of the flesh, which you sacrifice the first day in the evening, remain all night until the morning. 5You may not sacrifice the passover within any of your gates, which Yehovah your God gives you; 6but at the place which Yehovah your God shall choose, to cause his name to dwell in, there you shall sacrifice the passover in the evening, at the going down of the sun, at the season that you came out of Egypt. 7And you shall roast and eat it in the place which Yehovah your God shall choose: and you shall turn in the morning, and go to your tents. 8Six days you shall eat unleavened bread; and on the seventh day shall be a solemn assembly to Yehovah your God; you shall do no work on it. 9Seven weeks you shall count for yourself: from the time you begin to put the sickle to the standing grain you shall begin to count seven weeks. 10And you shall keep the feast of weeks to Yehovah your God with a tribute of a freewill-offering of your hand, which you shall give, according as Yehovah your God blesses you: 11and you shall rejoice before Yehovah your God, you, and your son, and your daughter, and your man-servant, and your maid-servant, and the Levite who is within your gates, and the sojourner, and the fatherless, and the widow, who are in the midst of you, in the place which Yehovah your God shall choose, to cause his name to dwell there. 12And you shall remember that you were a slave in Egypt: and you shall observe and do these statutes. 13You shall keep the feast of tabernacles seven days, after you have gathered in from your threshing-floor and from your winepress: 14and you shall rejoice in your feast, you, and your son, and your daughter, and your man-servant, and your maid-servant, and the Levite, and the sojourner, and the fatherless, and the widow, who are within your gates. 15Seven days you shall keep a feast to Yehovah your God in the place which Yehovah shall choose; because Yehovah your God will bless you in all your increase, and in all the work of your hands, and you shall be altogether joyful. 16Three times in a year shall all your males appear

before Yehovah your God in the place which he shall choose: in the feast of unleavened bread, and in the feast of weeks, and in the feast of tabernacles; and they shall not appear before Yehovah empty: 17every man shall give as he is able, according to the blessing of Yehovah your God which he has given you. 18Judges and officers you shall appoint for yourself in all your gates, which Yehovah your God gives you, according to your tribes; and they shall judge the people with righteous judgment. 19You shall not wrest justice: you shall not show partiality; neither shall you take a bribe; for a bribe blinds the eyes of the wise, and pervert the words of the righteous. 20That which is altogether just you shall follow, that you may live, and inherit the land which Yehovah your God gives you. 21You shall not plant for yourself an Asherah of any kind of tree beside the altar of Yehovah your God, which you shall make for yourself. 22Neither shall you set up for yourself a pillar; which Yehovah your God hates.

Chapter 17

1You shall not sacrifice to Yehovah your God an ox, or a sheep, in which is a blemish, or anything evil; for that is an abomination to Yehovah your God. 2If there is found in the midst of you, within any of your gates which Yehovah your God gives you, man or woman, who does that which is evil in the sight of Yehovah your God, in transgressing his covenant, 3and has gone and served other gods, and bowed down to them, or the sun, or the moon, or any of the host of heaven, which I have not commanded, 4and it is told you, and you have heard of it; then you shall inquire diligently; and, behold, if it is true, and the thing certain, that such an abomination has been done in Israel, 5then you shall bring out that man or that woman, who has done this evil thing, to your gates, even the man or the woman; and you shall stone them to death with stones. 6At the mouth of two witnesses, or three witnesses, he who is to die shall be put to death; at the mouth of one witness he shall not be put to death. 7The hand of the witnesses shall be first upon him to put him to death, and afterward the hand of all the people. So you shall put away the evil from the midst of you. 8If there arises a matter too hard for you in judgment, between blood and blood, between plea and plea, and between stroke and stroke, being matters of controversy within your gates; then you shall arise, and go up to the place which Yehovah your God shall choose; 9and you shall come to the priests the Levites, and to the judge who shall be in those days: and you shall inquire; and they shall show you the sentence of judgment. 10And you shall do according to the tenor of the sentence which they shall show you from that place which Yehovah shall choose; and you shall observe to do according to all that they shall teach you: 11according to the tenor of the law which they shall teach you, and according to the judgment which they shall tell you, you shall do; you shall not turn aside from the sentence which they shall show you, to the right hand, nor to the left. 12And the man who does presumptuously, in not listening to the priest who stands to minister there before Yehovah your God, or to the judge, even that man shall die: and you shall put away the evil from Israel. 13And all the people shall hear, and fear, and not act presumptuously again. 14When you have come to the land which Yehovah your God gives you, and shall possess it, and shall dwell in it, and shall say, I will set a king over me, like all the nations that are around me; 15you shall surely set him king over you, whom Yehovah your God shall choose: one from among your brothers you shall set as king over you; you may not put a foreigner over you, who is not your brother. 16Only he shall not multiply horses to himself, nor cause the people to return to Egypt, to the end that he may multiply horses; since Yehovah has said to you, You shall henceforth return no more that way. 17Neither shall he multiply wives to himself, that his heart may not turn away: neither shall he greatly multiply to himself silver and gold. 18And it shall be, when he sits upon the throne of his kingdom, that he shall write for himself a copy of this law in a book, out of that which is before the priests the Levites: 19and it shall be with him, and he shall read in it all the days of his life; that he may learn to fear Yehovah his God, to keep all the words of this law and these statutes, to do them; 20that his heart may not be lifted up above his brothers, and that he may not turn aside from the commandment, to the right hand, or to the left: to the end that he may prolong his days in his kingdom, he and his children, in the midst of Israel.

Chapter 18

1The priests the Levites, even all the tribe of Levi, shall have no portion nor inheritance with Israel: they shall eat the offerings of Yehovah made by fire, and his inheritance. 2And they shall have no inheritance among their brothers: Yehovah is their inheritance, as he has spoken to them. 3And this shall be the priests' due from the people, from those who

offer a sacrifice, whether it is ox or sheep, that they shall give to the priest the shoulder, and the two cheeks, and the stomach. 4The first-fruits of your grain, of your new wine, and of your oil, and the first of the fleece of your sheep, you shall give him. 5For Yehovah your God has chosen him out of all your tribes, to stand to minister in the name of Yehovah, him and his sons for ever. 6And if a Levite comes from any of your gates out of all Israel, where he sojourns, and comes with all the desire of his soul to the place which Yehovah shall choose; 7then he shall minister in the name of Yehovah his God, as all his brothers the Levites do, who stand there before Yehovah. 8They shall have like portions to eat, besides that which comes from the sale of his patrimony. 9When you have come into the land which Yehovah your God gives you, you shall not learn to do according to the abominations of those nations. 10There shall not be found with you anyone who makes his son or his daughter pass through the fire, one who uses divination, one who practices augury, or an enchanter, or a sorcerer, 11or a charmer, or a consulter with a familiar spirit, or a wizard, or a necromancer. 12For whoever does these things is an abomination to Yehovah: and because of these abominations Yehovah your God is driving them out from before you. 13You shall be perfect with Yehovah your God. 14For these nations, that you shall dispossess, listen to those who practice augury, and to diviners; but as for you, Yehovah your God has not allowed you to do so. 15Yehovah your God will raise up to you a prophet from the midst of you, of your brothers, like me; to him you shall listen; 16according to all that you desired of Yehovah your God in Horeb in the day of the assembly, saying, Let me not hear again the voice of Yehovah my God, neither let me see this great fire any more, that I may not die. 17And Yehovah said to me, They have spoken well in that which they have spoken. 18I will raise up for them a prophet from among their brothers, like you; and I will put my words in his mouth, and he shall speak to them all that I shall command him. 19And it shall come to pass, that whoever will not listen to my words which he shall speak in my name, I will require it of him. 20But the prophet who shall speak a word presumptuously in my name, which I have not commanded him to speak, or who shall speak in the name of other gods, that same prophet shall die. 21And if you say in your heart, How shall we know the word which Yehovah has not spoken? 22when a prophet speaks in the name of Yehovah, if the thing does not follow, nor come to pass, that is the thing which Yehovah has not spoken: the prophet has spoken it presumptuously, you shall not be afraid of him.

Chapter 19

1When Yehovah your God shall cut off the nations, whose land Yehovah your God gives you, and you succeed them, and dwell in their cities, and in their houses; 2you shall set apart three cities for you in the midst of your land, which Yehovah your God gives you to possess it. 3You shall prepare the way, and divide the borders of your land, which Yehovah your God causes you to inherit, into three parts, that every manslayer may flee there. 4And this is the case of the manslayer, who shall flee there and live: whoever kills his neighbor unintentionally, and did not hate him in time past; 5as when a man goes into the forest with his neighbor to hew wood, and his hand swings a stroke with the axe to cut down the tree, and the head slips from the handle, and strikes his neighbor, so that he dies; he shall flee to one of these cities and live: 6lest the avenger of blood pursue the manslayer, while his heart is hot, and overtake him, because the way is long, and strike him mortally; whereas he was not worthy of death, inasmuch as he did not hate him in time past. 7Therefore I command you, saying, You shall set apart three cities for you. 8And if Yehovah your God enlarges your border, as he has sworn to your fathers, and gives you all the land which he promised to give to your fathers; 9if you shall keep all this commandment to do it, which I command you this day, to love Yehovah your God, and to walk ever in his ways; then you shall add three more cities for you, besides these three: 10that innocent blood may not be shed in the midst of your land, which Yehovah your God gives you for an inheritance, and so blood be upon you. 11But if any man hates his neighbor, and lies in wait for him, and rises up against him, and strikes him mortally so that he dies, and he flees into one of these cities; 12then the elders of his city shall send and fetch him from there, and deliver him into the hand of the avenger of blood, that he may die. 13Your eye shall not pity him, but you shall put away the innocent blood from Israel, that it may go well with you. 14You shall not remove your neighbor's landmark, which those of old time have set, in your inheritance which you shall inherit, in the land that Yehovah your God gives you to possess it. 15One witness shall not rise up against a man for any

iniquity, or for any sin, in any sin that he sins: at the mouth of two witnesses, or at the mouth of three witnesses, a matter shall be established. 16If an unrighteous witness rises up against any man to testify against him of wrong-doing, 17then both the men, between whom the controversy is, shall stand before Yehovah, before the priests and the judges who shall be in those days; 18and the judges shall make diligent inquiry: and, behold, if the witness is a false witness, and has testified falsely against his brother; 19then you shall do to him, as he had thought to do to his brother: so you shall put away the evil from the midst of you. 20And those who remain shall hear, and fear, and shall never again commit any such evil in the midst of you. 21And your eyes shall not pity; life shall go for life, eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot.

Chapter 20

1When you go out to battle against your enemies, and see horses, and chariots, and a people more than you, you shall not be afraid of them; for Yehovah your God is with you, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt. 2And it shall be, when you draw near to the battle, that the priest shall approach and speak to the people, 3and shall say to them, Hear, O Israel, you draw near this day to battle against your enemies: do not let your heart faint; do not fear, nor tremble, nor be terrified of them; 4for Yehovah your God is he who goes with you, to fight for you against your enemies, to save you. 5And the officers shall speak to the people, saying, What man is there who has built a new house, and has not dedicated it? let him go and return to his house, lest he die in the battle, and another man dedicate it. 6And what man is there who has planted a vineyard, and has not used its fruit? let him go and return to his house, lest he die in the battle, and another man use its fruit. 7And what man is there who has betrothed a wife, and has not taken her? let him go and return to his house, lest he die in the battle, and another man take her. 8And the officers shall speak further to the people, and they shall say, What man is there who is fearful and faint-hearted? let him go and return to his house, lest his brothers' heart melt as his heart. 9And it shall be, when the officers have made an end of speaking to the people, that they shall appoint captains of hosts at the head of the people. 10When you draw near to a city to fight against it, then proclaim peace to it. 11And it shall be, if it makes you an answer of peace, and open to you, then it shall be, that all the people who are found in it shall become forced labor for you, and shall serve you. 12And if it will make no peace with you, but will make war against you, then you shall besiege it: 13and when Yehovah your God delivers it into your hand, you shall strike every male in it with the edge of the sword: 14but the women, and the little ones, and the cattle, and all that is in the city, even all its spoil, you shall take for a prey to yourself; and you shall eat the spoil of your enemies, which Yehovah your God has given you. 15Thus you shall do to all the cities which are very far off from you, which are not of the cities of these nations. 16But of the cities of these peoples, that Yehovah your God gives you for an inheritance, you shall save alive nothing that breathes; 17but you shall utterly destroy them: the Hittite, and the Amorite, the Canaanite, and the Perizzite, the Hivite, and the Jebusite; as Yehovah your God has commanded you; 18that they may not teach you to do according to all their abominations, which they have done to their gods; so would you sin against Yehovah your God. 19When you shall besiege a city a long time, in making war against it to take it, you shall not destroy its trees by wielding an axe against them; for you may eat of them, and you shall not cut them down; for is the tree of the field man, that it should be besieged by you? 20Only the trees of which you know that they are not trees for food, you shall destroy and cut them down; and you shall build bulwarks against the city that makes war with you, until it falls.

Chapter 21

1If one is found slain in the land which Yehovah your God gives you to possess it, lying in the field, and it is not known who has struck him; 2then your elders and your judges shall come out, and they shall measure to the cities which are around him who is slain: 3and it shall be, that the city which is nearest to the slain man, even the elders of that city shall take a heifer of the herd, which has not been worked with, and which has not drawn in the yoke; 4and the elders of that city shall bring down the heifer to a valley with running water, which is neither plowed nor sown, and shall break the heifer's neck there in the valley. 5And the priests the sons of Levi shall come near; for them Yehovah your God has chosen to minister to him, and to bless in the name of Yehovah; and according to their word every controversy and every assault shall be settled. 6And all the elders of that city, who are nearest to the slain man, shall wash their hands over the heifer whose neck was broken in

the valley; 7and they shall answer and say, Our hands have not shed this blood, neither have our eyes seen it. 8Forgive, O Yehovah, your people Israel, whom you have redeemed, and do not allow innocent blood to remain in the midst of your people Israel. And the blood shall be forgiven them. 9So you shall put away the innocent blood from the midst of you, when you shall do that which is right in the eyes of Yehovah. 10When you go out to battle against your enemies, and Yehovah your God delivers them into your hands, and you carry them away captive, 11and see among the captives a beautiful woman, and you have a desire for her, and would take her to yourself as a wife; 12then you shall bring her home to your house; and she shall shave her head, and pare her nails; 13and she shall put the clothing of her captivity from off her, and shall remain in your house, and bewail her father and her mother a full month: and after that you shall go in to her, and be her husband, and she shall be your wife. 14And it shall be, if you have no delight in her, then you shall let her go where she wants; but you shall not sell her at all for money, you shall not deal with her as a slave, because you have humbled her. 15If a man has two wives, the one beloved, and the other hated, and they have borne him children, both the beloved and the hated; and if the first-born son is hers who was hated; 16then it shall be, in the day that he causes his sons to inherit that which he has, that he may not make the son of the beloved the first-born before the son of the hated, who is the first-born: 17but he shall acknowledge the first-born, the son of the hated, by giving him a double portion of all that he has; for he is the beginning of his strength; the right of the first-born is his. 18If a man has a stubborn and rebellious son, who will not obey the voice of his father, or the voice of his mother, and, though they chasten him, will not listen to them; 19then his father and his mother shall lay hold of him, and bring him out to the elders of his city, and to the gate of his place; 20and they shall say to the elders of his city, This our son is stubborn and rebellious, he will not obey our voice; he is a glutton, and a drunkard. 21And all the men of his city shall stone him to death with stones: so you shall put away the evil from the midst of you; and all Israel shall hear, and fear. 22And if a man has committed a sin worthy of death, and he is put to death, and you hang him on a tree; 23his body shall not remain all night upon the tree, but you shall surely bury him the same day; for he who is hanged is accursed of God; that you may not defile your land which Yehovah your God gives you for an inheritance.

Chapter 22

1You shall not see your brother's ox or his sheep go astray, and hide yourself from them: you shall surely bring them back to your brother. 2And if your brother is not near to you, or if you do not know him, then you shall bring it home to your house, and it shall be with you until your brother seeks after it, and you shall restore it to him. 3And so you shall do with his donkey; and so you shall do with his garment; and so you shall do with every lost thing of your brother's, which he has lost, and you have found: you may not hide yourself. 4You shall not see your brother's donkey or his ox fallen down by the way, and hide yourself from them: you shall surely help him to lift them up again. 5A woman shall not wear that which pertains to a man, neither shall a man put on a woman's garment; for whoever does these things is an abomination to Yehovah your God. 6If a bird's nest happens to be before you in the way, in any tree or on the ground, with young ones or eggs, and the mother sitting upon the young, or upon the eggs, you shall not take the mother with the young: 7you shall surely let the mother go, but the young you may take to yourself; that it may be well with you, and that you may prolong your days. 8When you build a new house, then you shall make a battlement for your roof, that you may not bring blood upon your house, if any man falls from there. 9You shall not sow your vineyard with two kinds of seed, lest the whole yield be forfeited, the seed which you have sown, and the increase of the vineyard. 10You shall not plow with an ox and an donkey together. 11You shall not wear a mixed fabric, wool and linen together. 12You shall make for yourself fringes upon the four corners of your garment, with which you cover yourself. 13If any man takes a wife, and goes in to her, and hates her, 14and charges her with shameful things, and brings up an evil name upon her, and says, I took this woman, and when I came near to her, I did not find in her the tokens of virginity; 15then the father of the young woman, and her mother, shall take and bring out the tokens of the young woman's virginity to the elders of the city in the gate; 16and the young woman's father shall say to the elders, I gave my daughter to this man as wife, and he hates her; 17and, look, he has charged her with shameful things, saying, I did not find in your daughter the tokens of virginity; and yet these are the

tokens of my daughter's virginity. And they shall spread the garment before the elders of the city. 18And the elders of that city shall take the man and chastise him; 19and they shall fine him a hundred shekels of silver, and give them to the father of the young woman, because he has brought up an evil name upon a virgin of Israel: and she shall be his wife; he may not put her away all his days. 20But if this thing is true, that the tokens of virginity were not found in the young woman; 21then they shall bring out the young woman to the door of her father's house, and the men of her city shall stone her to death with stones, because she has done folly in Israel, to play the prostitute in her father's house: so you shall put away the evil from the midst of you. 22If a man is found lying with a woman married to a husband, then they shall both of them die, the man who lay with the woman, and the woman: so you shall put away the evil from Israel. 23If there is a young woman who is a virgin betrothed to a husband, and a man finds her in the city, and lies with her; 24then you shall bring them both out to the gate of that city, and you shall stone them to death with stones; the young woman, because she did not cry out, being in the city; and the man, because he has humbled his neighbor's wife: so you shall put away the evil from the midst of you. 25But if the man finds the young woman who is betrothed in the field, and the man forces her, and lies with her; then only the man who lay with her shall die: 26but to the young woman you shall do nothing; there is in the young woman no sin worthy of death: for as when a man rises against his neighbor, and kills him, even so is this matter; 27for he found her in the field, the betrothed young woman cried, and there was none to save her. 28If a man finds a young woman who is a virgin, who is not betrothed, and lays hold of her, and lies with her, and they are found; 29then the man who lay with her shall give to the young woman's father fifty shekels of silver, and she shall be his wife, because he has humbled her; he may not put her away all his days. 30A man shall not take his father's wife, and shall not uncover his father's skirt.

Chapter 23

1He who is wounded in the stones, or has his male organ cut off, shall not enter into the assembly of Yehovah. 2A bastard shall not enter into the assembly of Yehovah; even to the tenth generation none of his shall enter into the assembly of Yehovah. 3An Ammonite or a Moabite shall not enter into the assembly of Yehovah; even to the tenth generation none belonging to them shall enter into the assembly of Yehovah for ever: 4because they did not meet you with bread and with water in the way, when you came out of Egypt, and because they hired against you Balaam the son of Beor from Pethor of Mesopotamia, to curse you. 5Nevertheless Yehovah your God would not listen to Balaam; but Yehovah your God turned the curse into a blessing to you, because Yehovah your God loved you. 6You shall not seek their peace nor their prosperity all your days for ever. 7You shall not abhor an Edomite; for he is your brother: you shall not abhor an Egyptian; because you were a sojourner in his land. 8The children of the third generation who are born to them shall enter into the assembly of Yehovah. 9When you go out in camp against your enemies, then you shall keep yourself from every evil thing. 10If there is among you any man who is not clean by reason of that which happens to him by night, then he shall go outside the camp, he shall not come within the camp: 11but it shall be, when evening comes on, he shall bathe himself in water; and when the sun is down, he shall come within the camp. 12You shall have a place also outside the camp, where you shall go out: 13and you shall have a paddle among your weapons; and it shall be, when you sit down outside, you shall dig with it, and shall turn back and cover that which comes from you: 14for Yehovah your God walks in the midst of your camp, to deliver you, and to give up your enemies before you; therefore your camp shall be holy, that he may not see an unclean thing in you, and turn away from you. 15You shall not deliver to his master a servant who has escaped from his master to you: 16he shall dwell with you, in the midst of you, in the place which he shall choose within one of your gates, where it pleases him best: you shall not oppress him. 17There shall be no prostitute of the daughters of Israel, neither shall there be a sodomite of the sons of Israel. 18You shall not bring the hire of a prostitute, or the wages of a dog, into the house of Yehovah your God for any vow: for even both these are an abomination to Yehovah your God. 19You shall not lend upon interest to your brother; interest of money, interest of provisions, interest of anything that is lent upon interest. 20To a foreigner you may lend upon interest; but to your brother you shall not lend upon interest, that Yehovah your God may bless you in all that you put your hand to, in the land where you are going in to possess it. 21When you shall vow a vow to

Yehovah your God, you shall not be slack to pay it: for Yehovah your God will surely require it of you; and it would be sin in you. 22But if you shall refrain from vowing, it shall be no sin in you. 23That which has gone out of your lips you shall observe and do; according as you have vowed to Yehovah your God, a freewill-offering, which you have promised with your mouth. 24When you come into your neighbor's vineyard, then you may eat of grapes your fill at your own pleasure; but you shall not put any in your vessel. 25When you come into your neighbor's standing grain, then you may pluck the ears with your hand; but you shall not move a sickle to your neighbor's standing grain.

Chapter 24

1When a man takes a wife, and marries her, then it shall be, if she finds no favor in his eyes, because he has found some indecency in her, that he shall write her a bill of divorcement, and give it in her hand, and send her out of his house. 2And when she has departed out of his house, she may go and be another man's wife. 3And if the latter husband hates her, and writes her a bill of divorcement, and gives it in her hand, and sends her out of his house; or if the latter husband dies, who took her to be his wife; 4her former husband, who sent her away, may not take her again to be his wife, after she has been defiled; for that is abomination before Yehovah: and you shall not cause the land to sin, which Yehovah your God gives you for an inheritance. 5When a man takes a new wife, he shall not go out with the army, neither shall he be charged with any business: he shall be free at home one year, and shall cheer his wife whom he has taken. 6No man shall take the mill or the upper millstone in pledge; for he takes a man's life in pledge. 7If a man is found stealing any of his brothers of the children of Israel, and he deals with him as a slave, or sells him; then that thief shall die: so you shall put away the evil from the midst of you. 8Take heed in the plague of leprosy, that you observe diligently, and do according to all that the priests the Levites shall teach you: as I commanded them, so you shall observe to do. 9Remember what Yehovah your God did to Miriam, by the way as you came out of Egypt. 10When you lend your neighbor any manner of loan, you shall not go into his house to fetch his pledge. 11You shall stand outside, and the man to whom you lend shall bring the pledge out to you. 12And if he is a poor man, you shall not sleep with his pledge; 13you shall surely restore to him the pledge when the sun goes down, that he may sleep in his garment, and bless you: and it shall be righteousness to you before Yehovah your God. 14You shall not oppress a hired servant who is poor and needy, whether he is of your brothers, or of your sojourners who are in your land within your gates: 15in his day you shall give him his wages, neither shall the sun go down upon it (for he is poor, and sets his heart upon it); lest he cry against you to Yehovah, and it is sin to you. 16The fathers shall not be put to death for the children, neither shall the children be put to death for the fathers: every man shall be put to death for his own sin. 17You shall not pervert the justice due to the sojourner, or to the fatherless, nor take the widow's clothing in pledge; 18but you shall remember that you were a slave in Egypt, and Yehovah your God redeemed you from there: therefore I command you to do this thing. 19When you reap your harvest in your field, and have forgotten a sheaf in the field, you shall not go again to fetch it: it shall be for the sojourner, for the fatherless, and for the widow; that Yehovah your God may bless you in all the work of your hands. 20When you beat your olive-tree, you shall not go over the boughs again: it shall be for the sojourner, for the fatherless, and for the widow. 21When you gather the grapes of your vineyard, you shall not glean it after you: it shall be for the sojourner, for the fatherless, and for the widow. 22And you shall remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt: therefore I command you to do this thing.

Chapter 25

1If there is a controversy between men, and they come to judgment, and the judges judge them; then they shall justify the righteous, and condemn the wicked. 2And it shall be, if the wicked man is worthy to be beaten, that the judge shall cause him to lie down, and to be beaten before his face, according to his wickedness, by number. 3Forty stripes he may give him, he shall not exceed; lest, if he should exceed, and beat him above these with many stripes, then your brother should seem vile to you. 4You shall not muzzle the ox when he treads out the grain. 5If brothers dwell together, and one of them dies, and has no son, the wife of the dead shall not be married outside the family to a stranger: her husband's brother shall go in to her, and take her to himself as wife, and perform the duty of a husband's brother to her. 6And it shall be, that the first-born that she bears shall succeed in the name of his brother who is dead,

that his name may not be blotted out of Israel. 7And if the man does not wish to take his brother's wife, then his brother's wife shall go up to the gate to the elders, and say, My husband's brother refuses to raise up to his brother a name in Israel; he will not perform the duty of a husband's brother to me. 8Then the elders of his city shall call him, and speak to him: and if he stands, and says, I do not wish to take her; 9then his brother's wife shall come to him in the presence of the elders, and loose his shoe from off his foot, and spit in his face; and she shall answer and say, So shall it be done to the man who does not build up his brother's house. 10And his name shall be called in Israel, The house of him who has his shoe loosed. 11When men fight together with one another, and the wife of the one draws near to deliver her husband out of the hand of him who strikes him, and puts out her hand, and seizes him by the private parts; 12then you shall cut off her hand, your eye shall have no pity. 13You shall not have in your bag differing weights, a great and a small. 14You shall not have in your house differing measures, a great and a small. 15A perfect and just weight you shall have; a perfect and just measure you shall have: that your days may be long in the land which Yehovah your God gives you. 16For all who do such things, even all who act unrighteously, are an abomination to Yehovah your God. 17Remember what Amalek did to you by the way as you came out of Egypt; 18how he met you by the way, and struck the hindmost of you, all who were feeble behind you, when you were faint and weary; and he did not fear God. 19Therefore it shall be, when Yehovah your God has given you rest from all your enemies around, in the land which Yehovah your God gives you for an inheritance to possess it, that you shall blot out the remembrance of Amalek from under heaven; you shall not forget.

Chapter 26

1And it shall be, when you have come in to the land which Yehovah your God gives you for an inheritance, and possess it, and dwell in it, 2that you shall take of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you shall bring in from your land that Yehovah your God gives you; and you shall put it in a basket, and shall go to the place which Yehovah your God shall choose, to cause his name to dwell there. 3And you shall come to the priest who shall be in those days, and say to him, I profess this day to Yehovah your God, that I have come to the land which Yehovah swore to our fathers to give us. 4And the priest shall take the basket out of your hand, and set it down before the altar of Yehovah your God. 5And you shall answer and say before Yehovah your God, A Syrian ready to perish was my father; and he went down into Egypt, and sojourned there, few in number; and he became there a nation, great, mighty, and populous. 6And the Egyptians treated us harshly, and afflicted us, and laid upon us hard bondage: 7and we cried to Yehovah, the God of our fathers, and Yehovah heard our voice, and saw our affliction, and our toil, and our oppression; 8and Yehovah brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand, and with an outstretched arm, and with great terribleness, and with signs, and with wonders; 9and he has brought us into this place, and has given us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. 10And now, behold, I have brought the first of the fruit of the ground, which you, O Yehovah, have given me. And you shall set it down before Yehovah your God, and worship before Yehovah your God: 11and you shall rejoice in all the good which Yehovah your God has given to you, and to your house, you, and the Levite, and the sojourner who is in the midst of you. 12When you have made an end of tithing all the tithe of your increase in the third year, which is the year of tithing, then you shall give it to the Levite, to the sojourner, to the fatherless, and to the widow, that they may eat within your gates, and be filled. 13And you shall say before Yehovah your God, I have put away the hallowed things out of my house, and also have given them to the Levite, and to the sojourner, to the fatherless, and to the widow, according to all your commandment which you have commanded me: I have not transgressed any of your commandments, neither have I forgotten them: 14I have not eaten of it in my mourning, neither have I removed any of it while unclean, nor given any of it for the dead: I have listened to the voice of Yehovah my God; I have done according to all that you have commanded me. 15Look down from your holy habitation, from heaven, and bless your people Israel, and the ground which you have given us, as you swore to our fathers, a land flowing with milk and honey. 16This day Yehovah your God commands you to do these statutes and ordinances: you shall therefore keep and do them with all your heart, and with all your soul. 17You have declared Yehovah this day to be your God, and that you would walk in his ways, and keep his statutes, and his commandments, and his ordinances, and listen to his voice: 18and

Yehovah has declared you this day to be a people for his own possession, as he has promised you, and that you should keep all his commandments; 19and to make you high above all nations that he has made, in praise, and in name, and in honor; and that you may be a holy people to Yehovah your God, as he has spoken.

Chapter 27

1And Moses and the elders of Israel commanded the people, saying, Keep all the commandment which I command you this day. 2And it shall be on the day when you shall pass over the Jordan to the land which Yehovah your God gives you, that you shall set up for yourself great stones, and plaster them with plaster: 3and you shall write upon them all the words of this law, when you have passed over; that you may go in to the land which Yehovah your God gives you, a land flowing with milk and honey, as Yehovah, the God of your fathers, has promised you. 4And it shall be, when you have passed over the Jordan, that you shall set up these stones, which I command you this day, in mount Ebal, and you shall plaster them with plaster. 5And there you shall build an altar to Yehovah your God, an altar of stones: you shall lift up no iron tool upon them. 6You shall build the altar of Yehovah your God of unhewn stones; and you shall offer burnt-offerings on it to Yehovah your God: 7and you shall sacrifice peace-offerings, and shall eat there; and you shall rejoice before Yehovah your God. 8And you shall write upon the stones all the words of this law very plainly. 9And Moses and the priests the Levites spoke to all Israel, saying, Keep silence, and listen, O Israel: This day you have become the people of Yehovah your God. 10You shall therefore obey the voice of Yehovah your God, and do his commandments and his statutes, which I command you this day. 11And Moses charged the people the same day, saying, 12These shall stand upon mount Gerizim to bless the people, when you have passed over the Jordan: Simeon, and Levi, and Judah, and Issachar, and Joseph, and Benjamin. 13And these shall stand upon mount Ebal for the curse: Reuben, Gad, and Asher, and Zebulun, Dan, and Naphtali. 14And the Levites shall answer, and say to all the men of Israel with a loud voice, 15Cursed be the man who makes a graven or molten image, an abomination to Yehovah, the work of the hands of the craftsman, and sets it up in secret. And all the people shall answer and say, Amen. 16Cursed be he who dishonors his father or his mother. And all the people shall say, Amen. 17Cursed be he who removes his neighbor's landmark. And all the people shall say, Amen. 18Cursed be he who makes the blind to wander out of the way. And all the people shall say, Amen. 19Cursed be he who perverts the justice due to the sojourner, fatherless, and widow. And all the people shall say, Amen. 20Cursed be he who lies with his father's wife, because he has uncovered his father's skirt. And all the people shall say, Amen. 21Cursed be he who lies with any manner of beast. And all the people shall say, Amen. 22Cursed be he who lies with his sister, the daughter of his father, or the daughter of his mother. And all the people shall say, Amen. 23Cursed be he who lies with his mother-in-law. And all the people shall say, Amen. 24Cursed be he who strikes his neighbor in secret. And all the people shall say, Amen. 25Cursed be he who takes a bribe to kill an innocent person. And all the people shall say, Amen. 26Cursed be he who does not confirm the words of this law to do them. And all the people shall say, Amen.

Chapter 28

1And it shall come to pass, if you shall listen diligently to the voice of Yehovah your God, to observe to do all his commandments which I command you this day, that Yehovah your God will set you on high above all the nations of the earth: 2and all these blessings shall come upon you, and overtake you, if you shall listen to the voice of Yehovah your God. 3Blessed shall you be in the city, and blessed shall you be in the field. 4Blessed shall be the fruit of your body, and the fruit of your ground, and the fruit of your beasts, the increase of your cattle, and the young of your flock. 5Blessed shall be your basket and your kneading-trough. 6Blessed shall you be when you come in, and blessed shall you be when you go out. 7Yehovah will cause your enemies that rise up against you to be struck down before you: they shall come out against you one way, and shall flee before you seven ways. 8Yehovah will command the blessing upon you in your barns, and in all that you put your hand to; and he will bless you in the land which Yehovah your God gives you. 9Yehovah will establish you for a holy people to himself, as he has sworn to you; if you shall keep the commandments of Yehovah your God, and walk in his ways. 10And all the peoples of the earth shall see that you are called by the name of Yehovah; and they shall be afraid of you. 11And Yehovah will make you abound in prosperity, in the fruit of your body, and in

the fruit of your cattle, and in the fruit of your ground, in the land which Yehovah swore to your fathers to give you. 12Yehovah will open to you his good treasure the heavens, to give the rain of your land in its season, and to bless all the work of your hand: and you shall lend to many nations, and you shall not borrow. 13And Yehovah will make you the head, and not the tail; and you shall be above only, and you shall not be beneath; if you shall listen to the commandments of Yehovah your God, which I command you this day, to observe and to do them, 14and shall not turn aside from any of the words which I command you this day, to the right hand, or to the left, to go after other gods to serve them. 15But it shall come to pass, if you will not listen to the voice of Yehovah your God, to observe to do all his commandments and his statutes which I command you this day, that all these curses shall come upon you, and overtake you. 16Cursed shall you be in the city, and cursed shall you be in the field. 17Cursed shall be your basket and your kneading-trough. 18Cursed shall be the fruit of your body, and the fruit of your ground, the increase of your cattle, and the young of your flock. 19Cursed shall you be when you come in, and cursed shall you be when you go out. 20Yehovah will send upon you cursing, confusion, and rebuke, in all that you put your hand to to do, until you are destroyed, and until you perish quickly; because of the evil of your doings, by which you have forsaken me. 21Yehovah will make the pestilence hold fast to you, until he has consumed you from off the land, where you are going in to possess it. 22Yehovah will strike you with consumption, and with fever, and with inflammation, and with fiery heat, and with the sword, and with blasting, and with mildew; and they shall pursue you until you perish. 23And your heaven that is over your head shall be bronze, and the earth that is under you shall be iron. 24Yehovah will make the rain of your land powder and dust: from heaven it shall come down upon you, until you are destroyed. 25Yehovah will cause you to be struck down before your enemies; you shall go out one way against them, and shall flee seven ways before them: and you shall be tossed to and fro among all the kingdoms of the earth. 26And your dead body shall be food to all birds of the heavens, and to the beasts of the earth; and there shall be none to frighten them away. 27Yehovah will strike you with the boil of Egypt, and with the tumors, and with the scurvy, and with the itch, of which you cannot be healed. 28Yehovah will strike you with madness, and with blindness, and with astonishment of heart; 29and you shall grope at noonday, as the blind gropes in darkness, and you shall not prosper in your ways: and you shall be only oppressed and robbed always, and there shall be none to save you. 30You shall betroth a wife, and another man shall lie with her: you shall build a house, and you shall not dwell in it: you shall plant a vineyard, and shall not use its fruit. 31Your ox shall be slain before your eyes, and you shall not eat of it: your donkey shall be violently taken away from before your face, and shall not be restored to you: your sheep shall be given to your enemies, and you shall have none to save you. 32Your sons and your daughters shall be given to another people; and your eyes shall look, and fail with longing for them all the day: and there shall be nothing in the power of your hand. 33The fruit of your ground, and all your labors, a nation which you do not know shall eat up; and you shall be only oppressed and crushed always; 34so that you shall be mad for the sight of your eyes which you shall see. 35Yehovah will strike you in the knees, and in the legs, with a severe boil, of which you cannot be healed, from the sole of your foot to the crown of your head. 36Yehovah will bring you, and your king whom you shall set over you, to a nation that you have not known, you nor your fathers; and there you shall serve other gods, wood and stone. 37And you shall become an astonishment, a proverb, and a byword, among all the peoples where Yehovah shall lead you away. 38You shall carry much seed out into the field, and shall gather little in; for the locust shall consume it. 39You shall plant vineyards and dress them, but you shall neither drink of the wine, nor gather the grapes; for the worm shall eat them. 40You shall have olive-trees throughout all your borders, but you shall not anoint yourself with the oil; for your olive shall cast its fruit. 41You shall beget sons and daughters, but they shall not be yours; for they shall go into captivity. 42All your trees and the fruit of your ground the locust shall possess. 43The sojourner who is in the midst of you shall mount up above you higher and higher; and you shall come down lower and lower. 44He shall lend to you, and you shall not lend to him: he shall be the head, and you shall be the tail. 45And all these curses shall come upon you, and shall pursue you, and overtake you, until you are destroyed; because you did not listen to the voice of Yehovah your God, to keep his commandments and his statutes which he commanded you: 46and they

shall be upon you for a sign and for a wonder, and upon your seed for ever. 47Because you did not serve Yehovah your God with joyfulness, and with gladness of heart, by reason of the abundance of all things; 48therefore you shall serve your enemies whom Yehovah shall send against you, in hunger, and in thirst, and in nakedness, and in want of all things: and he shall put a yoke of iron upon your neck, until he has destroyed you. 49Yehovah will bring a nation against you from afar, from the end of the earth, as the eagle flies; a nation whose tongue you shall not understand; 50a nation of fierce countenance, who shall not regard the person of the old, nor show favor to the young, 51and shall eat the fruit of your cattle, and the fruit of your ground, until you are destroyed; who also shall not leave you grain, new wine, or oil, the increase of your cattle, or the young of your flock, until they have caused you to perish. 52And they shall besiege you in all your gates, until your high and fortified walls come down, in which you trusted, throughout all your land; and they shall besiege you in all your gates throughout all your land, which Yehovah your God has given you. 53And you shall eat the fruit of your own body, the flesh of your sons and of your daughters, whom Yehovah your God has given you, in the siege and in the distress with which your enemies shall distress you. 54The man who is tender among you, and very delicate, his eye shall be evil toward his brother, and toward the wife of his bosom, and toward the remnant of his children whom he has remaining; 55so that he will not give to any of them of the flesh of his children whom he shall eat, because he has nothing left to him, in the siege and in the distress with which your enemy shall distress you in all your gates. 56The tender and delicate woman among you, who would not venture to set the sole of her foot upon the ground for delicateness and tenderness, her eye shall be evil toward the husband of her bosom, and toward her son, and toward her daughter, 57and toward her young one that comes out from between her feet, and toward her children whom she shall bear; for she shall eat them for want of all things secretly, in the siege and in the distress with which your enemy shall distress you in your gates. 58If you will not observe to do all the words of this law that are written in this book, that you may fear this glorious and fearful name, YEHOVAH YOUR GOD; 59then Yehovah will make your plagues wonderful, and the plagues of your seed, even great plagues, and of long continuance, and severe sicknesses, and of long continuance. 60And he will bring upon you again all the diseases of Egypt, which you were afraid of; and they shall hold fast to you. 61Also every sickness, and every plague, which is not written in the book of this law, them Yehovah will bring upon you, until you are destroyed. 62And you shall be left few in number, whereas you were as the stars of heaven for multitude; because you did not listen to the voice of Yehovah your God. 63And it shall come to pass, that, as Yehovah rejoiced over you to do you good, and to multiply you, so Yehovah will rejoice over you to cause you to perish, and to destroy you; and you shall be plucked from off the land where you are going in to possess it. 64And Yehovah will scatter you among all peoples, from the one end of the earth even to the other end of the earth; and there you shall serve other gods, which you have not known, you nor your fathers, even wood and stone. 65And among these nations you shall find no ease, and there shall be no rest for the sole of your foot: but Yehovah will give you there a trembling heart, and failing of eyes, and pining of soul; 66and your life shall hang in doubt before you; and you shall fear night and day, and shall have no assurance of your life. 67In the morning you shall say, Would that it were evening! and at evening you shall say, Would that it were morning! for the fear of your heart which you shall fear, and for the sight of your eyes which you shall see. 68And Yehovah will bring you into Egypt again with ships, by the way of which I said to you, You shall see it no more again: and there you shall sell yourselves to your enemies as male slaves and as female slaves, and no man shall buy you.

Chapter 29

1These are the words of the covenant which Yehovah commanded Moses to make with the children of Israel in the land of Moab, besides the covenant which he made with them in Horeb. 2And Moses called to all Israel, and said to them, You have seen all that Yehovah did before your eyes in the land of Egypt to Pharaoh, and to all his servants, and to all his land; 3the great trials which your eyes saw, the signs, and those great wonders: 4but Yehovah has not given you a heart to know, and eyes to see, and ears to hear, to this day. 5And I have led you forty years in the wilderness: your clothes have not worn out upon you, and your sandal has not worn out upon your foot. 6You have not eaten bread, neither have you drunk wine or strong drink; that you may know that

I am Yehovah your God. 7And when you came to this place, Sihon the king of Heshbon, and Og the king of Bashan, came out against us to battle, and we struck them: 8and we took their land, and gave it for an inheritance to the Reubenites, and to the Gadites, and to the half-tribe of the Manassites. 9Keep therefore the words of this covenant, and do them, that you may prosper in all that you do. 10You stand this day all of you before Yehovah your God; your heads, your tribes, your elders, and your officers, even all the men of Israel, 11your little ones, your wives, and your sojourner who is in the midst of your camps, from the hewer of your wood to the drawer of your water; 12that you may enter into the covenant of Yehovah your God, and into his oath, which Yehovah your God makes with you this day; 13that he may establish you this day to himself for a people, and that he may be to you a God, as he spoke to you, and as he swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob. 14Neither with you only do I make this covenant and this oath, 15but with him who stands here with us this day before Yehovah our God, and also with him who is not here with us this day 16(for you know how we dwelt in the land of Egypt, and how we came through the midst of the nations through which you passed; 17and you have seen their abominations, and their idols, wood and stone, silver and gold, which were among them); 18lest there should be among you a man, or woman, or family, or tribe, whose heart turns away this day from Yehovah our God, to go to serve the gods of those nations; lest there should be among you a root that bears gall and wormwood; 19and it come to pass, when he hears the words of this curse, that he blesses himself in his heart, saying, I shall have peace, though I walk in the stubbornness of my heart, to destroy the moist with the dry. 20Yehovah will not pardon him, but then the anger of Yehovah and his jealousy will smoke against that man, and all the curse that is written in this book shall lie upon him, and Yehovah will blot out his name from under heaven. 21And Yehovah will set him apart to evil out of all the tribes of Israel, according to all the curses of the covenant that is written in this book of the law. 22And the generation to come, your children who shall rise up after you, and the foreigner who shall come from a far land, shall say, when they see the plagues of that land, and the sicknesses with which Yehovah has made it sick; 23and that its whole land is brimstone, and salt, and a burning, that it is not sown, nor bears, nor any grass grows in it, like the overthrow of Sodom and Gomorrah, Admah and Zeboiim, which Yehovah overthrew in his anger, and in his wrath: 24even all the nations shall say, Why has Yehovah done thus to this land? what does the heat of this great anger mean? 25Then men shall say, Because they forsook the covenant of Yehovah, the God of their fathers, which he made with them when he brought them out of the land of Egypt, 26and went and served other gods, and bowed down to them, gods that they did not know, and that he had not given to them: 27therefore the anger of Yehovah was kindled against this land, to bring upon it all the curse that is written in this book; 28and Yehovah rooted them out of their land in anger, and in wrath, and in great indignation, and cast them into another land, as at this day. 29The secret things belong to Yehovah our God; but the things that are revealed belong to us and to our children for ever, that we may do all the words of this law.

Chapter 30

1And it shall come to pass, when all these things have come upon you, the blessing and the curse, which I have set before you, and you shall call them to mind among all the nations, where Yehovah your God has driven you, 2and shall return to Yehovah your God, and shall obey his voice according to all that I command you this day, you and your children, with all your heart, and with all your soul; 3that then Yehovah your God will turn your captivity, and have compassion upon you, and will return and gather you from all the peoples, where Yehovah your God has scattered you. 4If any of your outcasts are in the uttermost parts of heaven, from there Yehovah your God will gather you, and from there he will fetch you: 5and Yehovah your God will bring you into the land which your fathers possessed, and you shall possess it; and he will do you good, and multiply you above your fathers. 6And Yehovah your God will circumcise your heart, and the heart of your seed, to love Yehovah your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, that you may live. 7And Yehovah your God will put all these curses upon your enemies, and on those who hate you, who persecuted you. 8And you shall return and obey the voice of Yehovah, and do all his commandments which I command you this day. 9And Yehovah your God will make you abound in all the work of your hand, in the fruit of your body, and in the fruit of your cattle, and in the fruit of your ground, for good: for Yehovah will again rejoice over

you for good, as he rejoiced over your fathers; [10]if you shall obey the voice of Yehovah your God, to keep his commandments and his statutes which are written in this book of the law; if you turn to Yehovah your God with all your heart, and with all your soul. [11]For this commandment which I command you this day, it is not too hard for you, neither is it far off. [12]It is not in heaven, that you should say, Who shall go up for us to heaven, and bring it to us, and make us hear it, that we may do it? [13]Neither is it beyond the sea, that you should say, Who shall go over the sea for us, and bring it to us, and make us hear it, that we may do it? [14]But the word is very near to you, in your mouth, and in your heart, that you may do it. [15]See, I have set before you this day life and good, and death and evil; [16]in that I command you this day to love Yehovah your God, to walk in his ways, and to keep his commandments and his statutes and his ordinances, that you may live and multiply, and that Yehovah your God may bless you in the land where you are going in to possess it. [17]But if your heart turns away, and you will not hear, but shall be drawn away, and bow down to other gods, and serve them; [18]I declare to you this day, that you shall surely perish; you shall not prolong your days in the land, where you are passing over the Jordan to go in to possess it. [19]I call heaven and earth to witness against you this day, that I have set before you life and death, the blessing and the curse: therefore choose life, that you may live, you and your seed; [20]to love Yehovah your God, to obey his voice, and to hold fast to him; for he is your life, and the length of your days; that you may dwell in the land which Yehovah swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them.

Chapter 31

[1]And Moses went and spoke these words to all Israel. [2]And he said to them, I am a hundred and twenty years old this day; I can no longer go out and come in: and Yehovah has said to me, You shall not go over this Jordan. [3]Yehovah your God, he will go over before you; he will destroy these nations from before you, and you shall dispossess them: and Joshua, he shall go over before you, as Yehovah has spoken. [4]And Yehovah will do to them as he did to Sihon and to Og, the kings of the Amorites, and to their land; whom he destroyed. [5]And Yehovah will deliver them up before you, and you shall do to them according to all the commandment which I have commanded you. [6]Be strong and of good courage, do not fear, nor be terrified of them: for Yehovah your God, it is he who goes with you; he will not fail you, nor forsake you. [7]And Moses called to Joshua, and said to him in the sight of all Israel, Be strong and of good courage: for you shall go with this people into the land which Yehovah has sworn to their fathers to give them; and you shall cause them to inherit it. [8]And Yehovah, it is he who goes before you; he will be with you, he will not fail you, nor forsake you: do not fear, nor be dismayed. [9]And Moses wrote this law, and delivered it to the priests the sons of Levi, who carried the ark of the covenant of Yehovah, and to all the elders of Israel. [10]And Moses commanded them, saying, At the end of every seven years, in the set time of the year of release, in the feast of tabernacles, [11]when all Israel has come to appear before Yehovah your God in the place which he shall choose, you shall read this law before all Israel in their hearing. [12]Assemble the people, the men and the women and the little ones, and your sojourner who is within your gates, that they may hear, and that they may learn, and fear Yehovah your God, and observe to do all the words of this law; [13]and that their children, who have not known, may hear, and learn to fear Yehovah your God, as long as you live in the land where you are going over the Jordan to possess it. [14]And Yehovah said to Moses, Behold, your days approach when you must die: call Joshua, and present yourselves in the tent of meeting, that I may give him a charge. And Moses and Joshua went, and presented themselves in the tent of meeting. [15]And Yehovah appeared in the Tent in a pillar of cloud: and the pillar of cloud stood over the door of the Tent. [16]And Yehovah said to Moses, Behold, you shall sleep with your fathers; and this people will rise up, and play the prostitute after the strange gods of the land, where they are going to be among them, and will forsake me, and break my covenant which I have made with them. [17]Then my anger shall be kindled against them in that day, and I will forsake them, and I will hide my face from them, and they shall be devoured, and many evils and troubles shall come upon them; so that they will say in that day, Have not these evils come upon us because our God is not among us? [18]And I will surely hide my face in that day for all the evil which they shall have done, in that they have turned to other gods. [19]Now therefore write this song for yourselves, and teach it to the children of Israel: put it in their mouths, that this song may be a witness for me against the children of Israel. [20]For when I shall have brought them into the land which I swore to their

fathers, flowing with milk and honey, and they shall have eaten and filled themselves, and grown fat; then they will turn to other gods, and serve them, and despise me, and break my covenant. 21And it shall come to pass, when many evils and troubles have come upon them, that this song shall testify before them as a witness; for it shall not be forgotten out of the mouths of their seed: for I know their imagination which they frame this day, before I have brought them into the land which I swore. 22So Moses wrote this song the same day, and taught it to the children of Israel. 23And he gave Joshua the son of Nun a charge, and said, Be strong and of good courage; for you shall bring the children of Israel into the land which I swore to them: and I will be with you. 24And it happened, when Moses had made an end of writing the words of this law in a book, until they were finished, 25that Moses commanded the Levites, who carried the ark of the covenant of Yehovah, saying, 26Take this book of the law, and put it by the side of the ark of the covenant of Yehovah your God, that it may be there for a witness against you. 27For I know your rebellion, and your stiff neck: behold, while I am yet alive with you this day, you have been rebellious against Yehovah; and how much more after my death? 28Assemble to me all the elders of your tribes, and your officers, that I may speak these words in their ears, and call heaven and earth to witness against them. 29For I know that after my death you will utterly corrupt yourselves, and turn aside from the way which I have commanded you; and evil will befall you in the latter days; because you will do that which is evil in the sight of Yehovah, to provoke him to anger through the work of your hands. 30And Moses spoke in the ears of all the assembly of Israel the words of this song, until they were finished.

Chapter 32

1Give ear, you heavens, and I will speak; And let the earth hear the words of my mouth. 2My doctrine shall drop as the rain; My speech shall distill as the dew, As the small rain upon the tender grass, And as the showers upon the herb. 3For I will proclaim the name of Yehovah: Ascribe greatness to our God. 4The Rock, his work is perfect; For all his ways are justice: A God of faithfulness and without iniquity, Just and right is he. 5They have dealt corruptly with him, they are not his children, it is their blemish; They are a perverse and crooked generation. 6Do you thus repay Yehovah, O foolish people and unwise? Is he not your father who has bought you? He has made you, and established you. 7Remember the days of old, Consider the years of many generations: Ask your father, and he will show you; Your elders, and they will tell you. 8When the Most High gave to the nations their inheritance, When he separated the children of men, He set the bounds of the peoples According to the number of the children of Israel. 9For Yehovah's portion is his people; Jacob is the lot of his inheritance. 10He found him in a desert land, And in the waste howling wilderness; He encircled him, he cared for him, He kept him as the apple of his eye. 11As an eagle that stirs up her nest, That flutters over her young, He spread abroad his wings, he took them, He carried them on his pinions. 12Yehovah alone led him, And there was no foreign god with him. 13He made him ride on the high places of the earth, And he ate the increase of the field; And he made him suck honey out of the rock, And oil out of the flinty rock; 14Butter of the herd, and milk of the flock, With fat of lambs, And rams of the breed of Bashan, and goats, With the finest of the wheat; And of the blood of the grape you drank wine. 15But Jeshurun grew fat, and kicked: You have grown fat, you have grown thick, you have become sleek; Then he forsook God who made him, And lightly esteemed the Rock of his salvation. 16They moved him to jealousy with strange gods; With abominations they provoked him to anger. 17They sacrificed to demons, which were no God, To gods that they did not know, To new gods that came up of late, Which your fathers did not dread. 18Of the Rock that fathered you you are unmindful, And have forgotten God who gave you birth. 19And Yehovah saw it, and abhorred them, Because of the provocation of his sons and his daughters. 20And he said, I will hide my face from them, I will see what their end shall be: For they are a very perverse generation, Children in whom is no faithfulness. 21They have moved me to jealousy with that which is not God; They have provoked me to anger with their vanities: And I will move them to jealousy with those that are not a people; I will provoke them to anger with a foolish nation. 22For a fire is kindled in my anger, And burns to the lowest Sheol, And devours the earth with its increase, And sets on fire the foundations of the mountains. 23I will heap evils upon them; I will spend my arrows upon them: 24They shall be wasted with hunger, and devoured with burning heat And bitter destruction; And the teeth of beasts I will send upon them, With

the poison of crawling things of the dust. 25Outside
the sword shall bereave, And in the chambers terror;
It shall destroy both young man and virgin, The
suckling with the man of gray hairs. 26I said, I would
scatter them afar, I would make the remembrance of
them to cease from among men; 27Were it not that I
feared the provocation of the enemy, Lest their
adversaries should judge amiss, Lest they should say,
Our hand is exalted, And Yehovah has not done all
this. 28For they are a nation void of counsel, And
there is no understanding in them. 29Oh that they
were wise, that they understood this, That they
would consider their latter end! 30How should one
chase a thousand, And two put ten thousand to flight,
Unless their Rock had sold them, And Yehovah had
delivered them up? 31For their rock is not as our
Rock, Even our enemies themselves being judges.
32For their vine is of the vine of Sodom, And of the
fields of Gomorrah: Their grapes are grapes of gall,
Their clusters are bitter: 33Their wine is the poison of
serpents, And the cruel venom of asps. 34Is not this
laid up in store with me, Sealed up among my
treasures? 35Vengeance is mine, and recompense, At
the time when their foot shall slide: For the day of
their calamity is at hand, And the things that are to
come upon them shall make haste. 36For Yehovah
will judge his people, And repent himself for his
servants; When he sees that their power is gone, And
there is none remaining, shut up or left at large.
37And he will say, Where are their gods, The rock in
which they took refuge; 38Who ate the fat of their
sacrifices, And drank the wine of their drink-
offering? Let them rise up and help you, Let them be
your protection. 39See now that I, even I, am he, And
there is no god with me: I kill, and I make alive; I
wound, and I heal; And there is none who can deliver
out of my hand. 40For I lift up my hand to heaven,
And say, As I live for ever, 41If I whet my glittering
sword, And my hand takes hold of judgment; I will
render vengeance to my adversaries, And will
recompense those who hate me. 42I will make my
arrows drunk with blood, And my sword shall devour
flesh; With the blood of the slain and the captives,
From the head of the leaders of the enemy. 43Rejoice,
O you nations, with his people: For he will avenge the
blood of his servants, And will render vengeance to
his adversaries, And will make expiation for his land,
for his people. 44And Moses came and spoke all the
words of this song in the ears of the people, he, and
Hoshea the son of Nun. 45And Moses made an end of
speaking all these words to all Israel; 46and he said to
them, Set your heart to all the words which I testify
to you this day, which you shall command your
children to observe to do, even all the words of this
law. 47For it is no vain thing for you; because it is your
life, and through this thing you shall prolong your
days in the land, where you are going over the Jordan
to possess it. 48And Yehovah spoke to Moses that
same day, saying, 49Go up into this mountain of
Abarim, to mount Nebo, which is in the land of
Moab, that is opposite Jericho; and behold the land of
Canaan, which I give to the children of Israel for a
possession; 50and die in the mount where you are
going up, and be gathered to your people, as Aaron
your brother died in mount Hor, and was gathered to
his people: 51because you trespassed against me in the
midst of the children of Israel at the waters of
Meribah of Kadesh, in the wilderness of Zin; because
you did not sanctify me in the midst of the children
of Israel. 52For you shall see the land before you; but
you shall not go there into the land which I give the
children of Israel.

Chapter 33

1And this is the blessing, with which Moses the man
of God blessed the children of Israel before his death.
2And he said, Yehovah came from Sinai, And rose
from Seir to them; He shone forth from mount
Paran, And he came from the ten thousands of holy
ones: At his right hand was a fiery law for them.
3Indeed, he loves the people; All his saints are in your
hand: And they sat down at your feet; Every one shall
receive of your words. 4Moses commanded us a law,
An inheritance for the assembly of Jacob. 5And he
was king in Jeshurun, When the heads of the people
were gathered, All the tribes of Israel together. 6Let
Reuben live, and not die; Nor let his men be few. 7And
this is the blessing of Judah: and he said, Hear,
Yehovah, the voice of Judah, And bring him in to his
people. With his hands he contended for himself;
And you shall be a help against his adversaries. 8And
of Levi he said, Your Thummim and your Urim are
with your godly one, Whom you tested at Massah,
With whom you strove at the waters of Meribah;
9Who said of his father, and of his mother, I have not
seen him; Neither did he acknowledge his brothers,
Nor did he know his own children: For they have
observed your word, And keep your covenant. 10They
shall teach Jacob your ordinances, And Israel your
law: They shall put incense before you, And whole
burnt-offering upon your altar. 11Bless, Yehovah, his

substance, And accept the work of his hands: Strike through the loins of those who rise up against him, And of those who hate him, that they may not rise again. 12Of Benjamin he said, The beloved of Yehovah shall dwell in safety by him; He covers him all the day long, And he dwells between his shoulders. 13And of Joseph he said, Blessed of Yehovah be his land, For the precious things of heaven, for the dew, And for the deep that crouches beneath, 14And for the precious things of the fruits of the sun, And for the precious things of the growth of the moons, 15And for the chief things of the ancient mountains, And for the precious things of the everlasting hills, 16And for the precious things of the earth and its fullness, And the good will of him who dwelt in the bush. Let the blessing come upon the head of Joseph, And upon the crown of the head of him who was separate from his brothers. 17The firstling of his herd, majesty is his; And his horns are the horns of the wild-ox: With them he shall gore the peoples, all of them, even the ends of the earth: And they are the ten thousands of Ephraim, And they are the thousands of Manasseh. 18And of Zebulun he said, Rejoice, Zebulun, in your going out; And, Issachar, in your tents. 19They shall call the peoples to the mountain; There they shall offer sacrifices of righteousness: For they shall suck the abundance of the seas, And the hidden treasures of the sand. 20And of Gad he said, Blessed be he who enlarges Gad: He dwells as a lioness, And tears the arm, indeed, the crown of the head. 21And he provided the first part for himself, For there was the lawgiver's portion reserved; And he came with the heads of the people; He executed the righteousness of Yehovah, And his ordinances with Israel. 22And of Dan he said, Dan is a lion's whelp, That leaps forth from Bashan. 23And of Naphtali he said, O Naphtali, satisfied with favor, And full with the blessing of Yehovah, Possess the west and the south. 24And of Asher he said, Blessed be Asher with children; Let him be acceptable to his brothers, And let him dip his foot in oil. 25Your bars shall be iron and bronze; And as your days, so shall your strength be. 26There is none like God, O Jeshurun, Who rides upon the heavens for your help, And in his excellency on the skies. 27The eternal God is your dwelling-place, And underneath are the everlasting arms. And he thrust out the enemy from before you, And said, Destroy. 28And Israel dwells in safety, The fountain of Jacob alone, In a land of grain and new wine; Indeed, his heavens drop down dew. 29Happy are you, O Israel: Who is like you, a people saved by Yehovah, The shield of your help, And the sword of your excellency! And your enemies shall submit themselves to you; And you shall tread upon their high places.

Chapter 34

1And Moses went up from the plains of Moab to mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, that is opposite Jericho. And Yehovah showed him all the land of Gilead, to Dan, 2and all Naphtali, and the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, and all the land of Judah, to the western sea, 3and the South, and the Plain of the valley of Jericho the city of palm-trees, to Zoar. 4And Yehovah said to him, This is the land which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, saying, I will give it to your seed: I have caused you to see it with your eyes, but you shall not go over there. 5So Moses the servant of Yehovah died there in the land of Moab, according to the word of Yehovah. 6And he buried him in the valley in the land of Moab opposite Beth-peor: but no man knows of his sepulchre to this day. 7And Moses was a hundred and twenty years old when he died: his eye was not dim, nor his natural force abated. 8And the children of Israel wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days: so the days of weeping in the mourning for Moses were ended. 9And Joshua the son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom; for Moses had laid his hands upon him: and the children of Israel listened to him, and did as Yehovah commanded Moses. 10And there has not arisen a prophet since in Israel like Moses, whom Yehovah knew face to face, 11in all the signs and the wonders, which Yehovah sent him to do in the land of Egypt, to Pharaoh, and to all his servants, and to all his land, 12and in all the mighty hand, and in all the great terror, which Moses worked in the sight of all Israel.

Joshua

Chapter 1

[1]Now it happened after the death of Moses the servant of Yehovah, that Yehovah spoke to Joshua the son of Nun, Moses' minister, saying, [2]Moses my servant is dead; now therefore arise, go over this Jordan, you, and all this people, to the land which I am giving to them, even to the children of Israel. [3]Every place that the sole of your foot shall tread on, I have given it to you, as I spoke to Moses. [4]From the wilderness, and this Lebanon, even to the great river, the river Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites, and to the great sea toward the going down of the sun, shall be your border. [5]No man shall be able to stand before you all the days of your life: as I was with Moses, so I will be with you; I will not fail you, nor forsake you. [6]Be strong and of good courage; for you shall cause this people to inherit the land which I swore to their fathers to give them. [7]Only be strong and very courageous, to observe to do according to all the law, which Moses my servant commanded you: do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may have good success wherever you go. [8]This book of the law shall not depart out of your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it: for then you shall make your way prosperous, and then you shall have good success. [9]Have I not commanded you? Be strong and of good courage; do not be frightened, nor be dismayed: for Yehovah your God is with you wherever you go. [10]Then Joshua commanded the officers of the people, saying, [11]Pass through the midst of the camp, and command the people, saying, Prepare provisions for yourselves; for within three days you are to pass over this Jordan, to go in to possess the land, which Yehovah your God gives you to possess it. [12]And to the Reubenites, and to the Gadites, and to the half-tribe of Manasseh, Joshua spoke, saying, [13]Remember the word which Moses the servant of Yehovah commanded you, saying, Yehovah your God gives you rest, and will give you this land. [14]Your wives, your little ones, and your cattle, shall abide in the land which Moses gave you beyond the Jordan; but you shall pass over before your brothers armed, all the mighty men of valor, and shall help them; [15]until Yehovah has given your brothers rest, as he has given you, and they also have possessed the land which Yehovah your God gives them: then you shall return to the land of your possession, and possess it, which Moses the servant of Yehovah gave you beyond the Jordan toward the sunrise. [16]And they answered Joshua, saying, All that you have commanded us we will do, and wherever you send us we will go. [17]Just as we listened to Moses in all things, so we will listen to you: only may Yehovah your God be with you, as he was with Moses. [18]Whoever he is who rebels against your commandment, and does not listen to your words in all that you command him, he shall be put to death: only be strong and of good courage.

Chapter 2

[1]And Joshua the son of Nun sent out of Shittim two men as spies secretly, saying, Go, view the land, and Jericho. And they went and came into the house of a prostitute whose name was Rahab, and lay there. [2]And it was told the king of Jericho, saying, Behold, men of the children of Israel came in here tonight to search out the land. [3]And the king of Jericho sent to Rahab, saying, Bring out the men who have come to you, who have entered into your house; for they have come to search out all the land. [4]And the woman took the two men, and hid them; and she said, Yes, the men came to me, but I did not know where they were from: [5]and it happened about the time of the shutting of the gate, when it was dark, that the men went out; where the men went I do not know: pursue them quickly; for you will overtake them. [6]But she had brought them up to the roof, and hid them with the stalks of flax, which she had laid in order on the roof. [7]And the men pursued them on the way to the Jordan to the fords: and as soon as those who pursued them had gone out, they shut the gate. [8]And before they had lain down, she came up to them on the roof; [9]and she said to the men, I know that Yehovah has given you the land, and that the fear of you has fallen on us, and that all the inhabitants of the land melt away before you. [10]For we have heard how Yehovah dried up the water of the Red Sea before you, when you came out of Egypt; and what you did to the two kings of the Amorites, who were beyond the Jordan, to Sihon and to Og, whom you utterly destroyed. [11]And as soon as we had heard it, our hearts melted, nor did there remain any more spirit in any man, because of you: for Yehovah your God, he is God in heaven above, and on earth beneath. [12]Now therefore, please

swear to me by Yehovah, since I have dealt kindly with you, that you also will deal kindly with my father's house, and give me a true token; 13and that you will save alive my father, and my mother, and my brothers, and my sisters, and all that they have, and will deliver our lives from death. 14And the men said to her, Our life for yours, if you do not tell this business of ours; and it shall be, when Yehovah gives us the land, that we will deal kindly and truly with you. 15Then she let them down by a cord through the window: for her house was on the side of the wall, and she dwelt on the wall. 16And she said to them, Go to the mountain, lest the pursuers come upon you; and hide yourselves there three days, until the pursuers have returned: and afterward you may go your way. 17And the men said to her, We will be guiltless of this oath of yours which you have made us swear. 18Behold, when we come into the land, you shall bind this line of scarlet thread in the window which you let us down by: and you shall gather to yourself into the house your father, and your mother, and your brothers, and all your father's household. 19And it shall be, that whoever goes out of the doors of your house into the street, his blood shall be on his head, and we shall be guiltless: and whoever is with you in the house, his blood shall be on our head, if any hand is laid on him. 20But if you tell this business of ours, then we shall be guiltless of your oath which you have made us swear. 21And she said, According to your words, so be it. And she sent them away, and they departed: and she bound the scarlet line in the window. 22And they went, and came to the mountain, and stayed there three days, until the pursuers had returned: and the pursuers sought them throughout all the way, but did not find them. 23Then the two men returned, and descended from the mountain, and passed over, and came to Joshua the son of Nun; and they told him all that had happened to them. 24And they said to Joshua, Truly Yehovah has delivered into our hands all the land; and moreover all the inhabitants of the land melt away before us.

Chapter 3

1And Joshua rose up early in the morning; and they set out from Shittim, and came to the Jordan, he and all the children of Israel; and they lodged there before they passed over. 2And it happened after three days, that the officers went through the midst of the camp; 3and they commanded the people, saying, When you see the ark of the covenant of Yehovah your God, and the priests the Levites carrying it, then you shall set out from your place, and go after it. 4Yet there shall be a space between you and it, about two thousand cubits by measure: do not come near to it, that you may know the way by which you must go; for you have not passed this way before. 5And Joshua said to the people, Sanctify yourselves; for tomorrow Yehovah will do wonders among you. 6And Joshua spoke to the priests, saying, Take up the ark of the covenant, and pass over before the people. And they took up the ark of the covenant, and went before the people. 7And Yehovah said to Joshua, This day I will begin to magnify you in the sight of all Israel, that they may know that, as I was with Moses, so I will be with you. 8And you shall command the priests who carry the ark of the covenant, saying, When you have come to the brink of the waters of the Jordan, you shall stand still in the Jordan. 9And Joshua said to the children of Israel, Come here, and hear the words of Yehovah your God. 10And Joshua said, By this you shall know that the living God is among you, and that he will without fail drive out from before you the Canaanite, and the Hittite, and the Hivite, and the Perizzite, and the Girgashite, and the Amorite, and the Jebusite. 11Behold, the ark of the covenant of the Lord of all the earth passes over before you into the Jordan. 12Now therefore take twelve men out of the tribes of Israel, for every tribe a man. 13And it shall happen, when the soles of the feet of the priests who carry the ark of Yehovah, the Lord of all the earth, rest in the waters of the Jordan, that the waters of the Jordan shall be cut off, even the waters that come down from above; and they shall stand in one heap. 14And it happened, when the people set out from their tents, to pass over the Jordan, the priests who carried the ark of the covenant being before the people; 15and when those who carried the ark had come to the Jordan, and the feet of the priests who carried the ark were dipped in the brink of the water (for the Jordan overflows all its banks all the time of harvest), 16that the waters which came down from above stood, and rose up in one heap, a great way off, at Adam, the city that is beside Zarethan; and those that went down toward the sea of the Arabah, even the Salt Sea, were completely cut off: and the people passed over opposite Jericho. 17And the priests who carried the ark of the covenant of Yehovah stood firm on dry ground in the midst of the Jordan; and all Israel passed over on dry ground, until all the nation had passed completely over the Jordan.

Chapter 4

[1]And it happened, when all the nation had completely passed over the Jordan, that Yehovah spoke to Joshua, saying, [2]Take twelve men out of the people, out of every tribe a man, [3]and command them, saying, Take from here out of the midst of the Jordan, out of the place where the priests' feet stood firm, twelve stones, and carry them over with you, and lay them down in the lodging place, where you shall lodge this night. [4]Then Joshua called the twelve men, whom he had prepared of the children of Israel, out of every tribe a man: [5]and Joshua said to them, Pass over before the ark of Yehovah your God into the midst of the Jordan, and take up every man of you a stone on his shoulder, according to the number of the tribes of the children of Israel; [6]that this may be a sign among you, that, when your children ask in time to come, saying, What do you mean by these stones? [7]then you shall say to them, Because the waters of the Jordan were cut off before the ark of the covenant of Yehovah; when it passed over the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan were cut off: and these stones shall be for a memorial to the children of Israel forever. [8]And the children of Israel did so as Joshua commanded, and took up twelve stones out of the midst of the Jordan, as Yehovah spoke to Joshua, according to the number of the tribes of the children of Israel; and they carried them over with them to the place where they lodged, and laid them down there. [9]And Joshua set up twelve stones in the midst of the Jordan, in the place where the feet of the priests who carried the ark of the covenant stood: and they are there to this day. [10]For the priests who carried the ark stood in the midst of the Jordan, until everything was finished that Yehovah commanded Joshua to speak to the people, according to all that Moses commanded Joshua: and the people hurried and passed over. [11]And it happened, when all the people had completely passed over, that the ark of Yehovah passed over, and the priests, in the presence of the people. [12]And the children of Reuben, and the children of Gad, and the half-tribe of Manasseh, passed over armed before the children of Israel, as Moses spoke to them: [13]about forty thousand ready armed for war passed over before Yehovah to battle, to the plains of Jericho. [14]On that day Yehovah magnified Joshua in the sight of all Israel; and they feared him, as they feared Moses, all the days of his life. [15]And Yehovah spoke to Joshua, saying, [16]Command the priests who carry the ark of the testimony, that they come up out of the Jordan. [17]Joshua therefore commanded the priests, saying, Come up out of the Jordan. [18]And it happened, when the priests who carried the ark of the covenant of Yehovah had come up out of the midst of the Jordan, and the soles of the priests' feet were lifted up to the dry ground, that the waters of the Jordan returned to their place, and went over all its banks, as before. [19]And the people came up out of the Jordan on the tenth day of the first month, and encamped in Gilgal, on the east border of Jericho. [20]And those twelve stones, which they took out of the Jordan, Joshua set up in Gilgal. [21]And he spoke to the children of Israel, saying, When your children ask their fathers in time to come, saying, What do these stones mean? [22]then you shall let your children know, saying, Israel came over this Jordan on dry land. [23]For Yehovah your God dried up the waters of the Jordan from before you, until you had passed over, as Yehovah your God did to the Red Sea, which he dried up from before us, until we had passed over; [24]that all the peoples of the earth may know the hand of Yehovah, that it is mighty; that you may fear Yehovah your God forever.

Chapter 5

[1]And it happened, when all the kings of the Amorites, who were beyond the Jordan westward, and all the kings of the Canaanites, who were by the sea, heard how Yehovah had dried up the waters of the Jordan from before the children of Israel, until we had passed over, that their heart melted, nor was there spirit in them any more, because of the children of Israel. [2]At that time Yehovah said to Joshua, Make knives of flint, and circumcise again the children of Israel the second time. [3]And Joshua made himself knives of flint, and circumcised the children of Israel at the hill of the foreskins. [4]And this is the reason why Joshua circumcised: all the people who came out of Egypt, who were males, even all the men of war, died in the wilderness by the way, after they came out of Egypt. [5]For all the people who came out were circumcised; but all the people who were born in the wilderness by the way as they came out of Egypt, they had not circumcised. [6]For the children of Israel walked forty years in the wilderness, until all the nation, even the men of war who came out of Egypt, were consumed, because they did not listen to the voice of Yehovah: to whom Yehovah swore that he would not let them see the land which Yehovah swore to their fathers that he would give us, a land flowing with milk and honey. [7]And their children,

whom he raised up in their place, them Joshua circumcised: for they were uncircumcised, because they had not circumcised them by the way. 8And it happened, when they had finished circumcising all the nation, that they stayed in their places in the camp, until they were healed. 9And Yehovah said to Joshua, This day I have rolled away the reproach of Egypt from you. Therefore the name of that place was called Gilgal, to this day. 10And the children of Israel encamped in Gilgal; and they kept the passover on the fourteenth day of the month at evening in the plains of Jericho. 11And they ate of the produce of the land on the day after the passover, unleavened cakes and parched grain, on that very day. 12And the manna ceased on the next day, after they had eaten of the produce of the land; nor did the children of Israel have manna any more; but they ate of the fruit of the land of Canaan that year. 13And it happened, when Joshua was by Jericho, that he lifted up his eyes and looked, and, behold, there stood a man opposite him with his sword drawn in his hand: and Joshua went to him, and said to him, Are you for us, or for our adversaries? 14And he said, No; but as prince of the host of Yehovah I have now come. And Joshua fell on his face to the earth, and bowed down, and said to him, What does my lord say to his servant? 15And the prince of Yehovah's host said to Joshua, Take off your shoe from your foot; for the place on which you stand is holy. And Joshua did so.

Chapter 6

1Now Jericho was tightly shut up because of the children of Israel: none went out, and none came in. 2And Yehovah said to Joshua, See, I have given into your hand Jericho, and its king, and the mighty men of valor. 3And you shall march around the city, all the men of war, going around the city once. Thus you shall do six days. 4And seven priests shall carry seven trumpets of rams' horns before the ark: and on the seventh day you shall march around the city seven times, and the priests shall blow the trumpets. 5And it shall be, that, when they make a long blast with the ram's horn, and when you hear the sound of the trumpet, all the people shall shout with a great shout; and the wall of the city shall fall down flat, and the people shall go up every man straight ahead. 6And Joshua the son of Nun called the priests, and said to them, Take up the ark of the covenant, and let seven priests carry seven trumpets of rams' horns before the ark of Yehovah. 7And they said to the people, Pass on, and march around the city, and let the armed men pass on before the ark of Yehovah. 8And it was so, that, when Joshua had spoken to the people, the seven priests bearing the seven trumpets of rams' horns before Yehovah passed on, and blew the trumpets: and the ark of the covenant of Yehovah followed them. 9And the armed men went before the priests who blew the trumpets, and the rear guard went after the ark, the priests blowing the trumpets as they went. 10And Joshua commanded the people, saying, You shall not shout, nor let your voice be heard, nor shall any word proceed out of your mouth, until the day I tell you to shout; then you shall shout. 11So he caused the ark of Yehovah to go around the city, circling it once: and they came into the camp, and lodged in the camp. 12And Joshua rose early in the morning, and the priests took up the ark of Yehovah. 13And the seven priests carrying the seven trumpets of rams' horns before the ark of Yehovah went on continually, and blew the trumpets: and the armed men went before them; and the rear guard came after the ark of Yehovah, the priests blowing the trumpets as they went. 14And the second day they marched around the city once, and returned into the camp: so they did six days. 15And it happened on the seventh day, that they rose early at the dawning of the day, and marched around the city in the same manner seven times: only on that day they marched around the city seven times. 16And it happened at the seventh time, when the priests blew the trumpets, Joshua said to the people, Shout; for Yehovah has given you the city. 17And the city shall be devoted, even it and all that is in it, to Yehovah: only Rahab the prostitute shall live, she and all who are with her in the house, because she hid the messengers that we sent. 18But as for you, only keep yourselves from the devoted thing, lest when you have devoted it, you take of the devoted thing; so would you make the camp of Israel accursed, and trouble it. 19But all the silver, and gold, and vessels of bronze and iron, are holy to Yehovah: they shall come into the treasury of Yehovah. 20So the people shouted, and the priests blew the trumpets: and it happened, when the people heard the sound of the trumpet, that the people shouted with a great shout, and the wall fell down flat, so that the people went up into the city, every man straight ahead, and they took the city. 21And they utterly destroyed all that was in the city, both man and woman, both young and old, and ox, and sheep, and donkey, with the edge of the sword. 22And Joshua said to the two men who had spied out the

land, Go into the prostitute's house, and bring out the woman from there, and all that she has, as you swore to her. 23And the young men the spies went in, and brought out Rahab, and her father, and her mother, and her brothers, and all that she had; all her kindred also they brought out; and they set them outside the camp of Israel. 24And they burned the city with fire, and all that was in it; only the silver, and the gold, and the vessels of bronze and of iron, they put into the treasury of the house of Yehovah. 25But Rahab the prostitute, and her father's household, and all that she had, Joshua saved alive; and she dwelt in the midst of Israel to this day, because she hid the messengers, whom Joshua sent to spy out Jericho. 26And Joshua charged them with an oath at that time, saying, Cursed be the man before Yehovah, who rises up and builds this city Jericho: with the loss of his firstborn he shall lay its foundation, and with the loss of his youngest son he shall set up its gates. 27So Yehovah was with Joshua; and his fame was in all the land.

Chapter 7

1But the children of Israel committed a trespass in the devoted thing; for Achan, the son of Carmi, the son of Zabdi, the son of Zerah, of the tribe of Judah, took some of the devoted thing: and the anger of Yehovah was kindled against the children of Israel. 2And Joshua sent men from Jericho to Ai, which is beside Beth-aven, on the east side of Beth-el, and spoke to them, saying, Go up and spy out the land. And the men went up and spied out Ai. 3And they returned to Joshua, and said to him, Do not let all the people go up; but let about two or three thousand men go up and strike Ai; do not make all the people toil there; for they are few. 4So about three thousand men of the people went up there: and they fled before the men of Ai. 5And the men of Ai struck down about thirty-six of their men; and they chased them from before the gate even to Shebarim, and struck them at the descent: and the hearts of the people melted, and became like water. 6And Joshua tore his clothes, and fell to the earth on his face before the ark of Yehovah until the evening, he and the elders of Israel; and they put dust on their heads. 7And Joshua said, Alas, O Lord Yehovah, why have you brought this people over the Jordan at all, to deliver us into the hand of the Amorites, to cause us to perish? would that we had been content and dwelt beyond the Jordan! 8Oh, Lord, what shall I say, after Israel has turned their backs before their enemies! 9For the Canaanites and all the inhabitants of the land will hear of it, and will surround us, and cut off our name from the earth: and what will you do for your great name? 10And Yehovah said to Joshua, Get up; why have you fallen thus on your face? 11Israel has sinned; yes, they have even transgressed my covenant which I commanded them: yes, they have even taken some of the devoted thing, and have also stolen, and also deceived; and they have even put it among their own belongings. 12Therefore the children of Israel cannot stand before their enemies; they turn their backs before their enemies, because they have become accursed: I will not be with you any more, unless you destroy the devoted thing from among you. 13Up, sanctify the people, and say, Sanctify yourselves for tomorrow: for thus says Yehovah, the God of Israel, There is a devoted thing in the midst of you, O Israel; you cannot stand before your enemies, until you take away the devoted thing from among you. 14In the morning therefore you shall be brought near by your tribes: and it shall be, that the tribe which Yehovah takes shall come near by families; and the family which Yehovah takes shall come near by households; and the household which Yehovah takes shall come near man by man. 15And it shall be, that he who is taken with the devoted thing shall be burned with fire, he and all that he has; because he has transgressed the covenant of Yehovah, and because he has committed folly in Israel. 16So Joshua rose up early in the morning, and brought Israel near by their tribes; and the tribe of Judah was taken: 17and he brought near the family of Judah; and he took the family of the Zerahites: and he brought near the family of the Zerahites man by man; and Zabdi was taken: 18and he brought near his household man by man; and Achan, the son of Carmi, the son of Zabdi, the son of Zerah, of the tribe of Judah, was taken. 19And Joshua said to Achan, My son, please give glory to Yehovah, the God of Israel, and make confession to him; and tell me now what you have done; do not hide it from me. 20And Achan answered Joshua, and said, Truly I have sinned against Yehovah, the God of Israel, and thus and thus I have done: 21when I saw among the spoil a goodly Babylonian mantle, and two hundred shekels of silver, and a bar of gold of fifty shekels weight, then I coveted them, and took them; and, behold, they are hidden in the earth in the midst of my tent, and the silver under it. 22So Joshua sent messengers, and they ran to the tent; and, behold, it was hidden in his tent, and the silver under it. 23And

they took them from the midst of the tent, and brought them to Joshua, and to all the children of Israel; and they laid them down before Yehovah. 24And Joshua, and all Israel with him, took Achan the son of Zerah, and the silver, and the mantle, and the bar of gold, and his sons, and his daughters, and his oxen, and his donkeys, and his sheep, and his tent, and all that he had: and they brought them up to the valley of Achor. 25And Joshua said, Why have you troubled us? Yehovah shall trouble you this day. And all Israel stoned him with stones; and they burned them with fire, and stoned them with stones. 26And they raised over him a great heap of stones, to this day; and Yehovah turned from the fierceness of his anger. Therefore the name of that place was called, The valley of Achor, to this day.

Chapter 8

1And Yehovah said to Joshua, Do not fear, nor be dismayed: take all the people of war with you, and arise, go up to Ai; see, I have given into your hand the king of Ai, and his people, and his city, and his land; 2and you shall do to Ai and her king as you did to Jericho and her king: only its spoil, and its cattle, you shall take as plunder for yourselves: set an ambush for the city behind it. 3So Joshua arose, and all the people of war, to go up to Ai: and Joshua chose thirty thousand men, the mighty men of valor, and sent them out by night. 4And he commanded them, saying, Behold, you shall lie in ambush against the city, behind the city; do not go very far from the city, but all of you be ready: 5and I, and all the people who are with me, will approach the city. And it shall happen, when they come out against us, as at the first, that we will flee before them; 6and they will come out after us, until we have drawn them away from the city; for they will say, They are fleeing before us, as at the first: so we will flee before them; 7and you shall rise up from the ambush, and take possession of the city: for Yehovah your God will deliver it into your hand. 8And it shall be, when you have seized the city, that you shall set the city on fire; according to the word of Yehovah you shall do: see, I have commanded you. 9And Joshua sent them out; and they went to the ambush, and stayed between Beth-el and Ai, on the west side of Ai: but Joshua lodged that night among the people. 10And Joshua rose up early in the morning, and mustered the people, and went up, he and the elders of Israel, before the people to Ai. 11And all the people, even the men of war who were with him, went up, and drew near, and came before the city, and encamped on the north side of Ai: now there was a valley between him and Ai. 12And he took about five thousand men, and set them in ambush between Beth-el and Ai, on the west side of the city. 13So they set the people, even all the host that was on the north of the city, and their men in ambush who were on the west of the city; and Joshua went that night into the midst of the valley. 14And it happened, when the king of Ai saw it, that they hurried and rose up early, and the men of the city went out against Israel to battle, he and all his people, at the time appointed, before the Arabah; but he did not know that there was an ambush against him behind the city. 15And Joshua and all Israel made as if they were beaten before them, and fled by the way of the wilderness. 16And all the people who were in the city were called together to pursue them: and they pursued Joshua, and were drawn away from the city. 17And there was not a man left in Ai or Beth-el, who did not go out after Israel: and they left the city open, and pursued Israel. 18And Yehovah said to Joshua, Stretch out the javelin that is in your hand toward Ai; for I will give it into your hand. And Joshua stretched out the javelin that was in his hand toward the city. 19And the ambush arose quickly out of their place, and they ran as soon as he had stretched out his hand, and entered into the city, and took it; and they hurried and set the city on fire. 20And when the men of Ai looked behind them, they saw, and, behold, the smoke of the city ascended up to heaven, and they had no power to flee this way or that way: and the people who fled to the wilderness turned back on the pursuers. 21And when Joshua and all Israel saw that the ambush had taken the city, and that the smoke of the city ascended, then they turned again, and slew the men of Ai. 22And the others came out of the city against them; so they were in the midst of Israel, some on this side, and some on that side: and they struck them down, so that they let none of them remain or escape. 23And the king of Ai they took alive, and brought him to Joshua. 24And it happened, when Israel had finished slaying all the inhabitants of Ai in the field, in the wilderness where they pursued them, and they had all fallen by the edge of the sword, until they were consumed, that all Israel returned to Ai, and struck it with the edge of the sword. 25And all who fell that day, both of men and women, were twelve thousand, even all the men of Ai. 26For Joshua did not draw back his hand, with which he stretched out the javelin, until he had

utterly destroyed all the inhabitants of Ai. 27Only the cattle and the spoil of that city Israel took as plunder for themselves, according to the word of Yehovah which he commanded Joshua. 28So Joshua burned Ai, and made it a heap forever, even a desolation, to this day. 29And the king of Ai he hanged on a tree until the evening: and at the going down of the sun Joshua commanded, and they took his body down from the tree, and cast it at the entrance of the gate of the city, and raised over it a great heap of stones, to this day. 30Then Joshua built an altar to Yehovah, the God of Israel, on mount Ebal, 31as Moses the servant of Yehovah commanded the children of Israel, as it is written in the book of the law of Moses, an altar of unhewn stones, on which no man had lifted up any iron: and they offered burnt offerings on it to Yehovah, and sacrificed peace offerings. 32And he wrote there on the stones a copy of the law of Moses, which he wrote, in the presence of the children of Israel. 33And all Israel, and their elders and officers, and their judges, stood on this side of the ark and on that side before the priests the Levites, who carried the ark of the covenant of Yehovah, the sojourner as well as the native-born; half of them in front of mount Gerizim, and half of them in front of mount Ebal; as Moses the servant of Yehovah had commanded at the first, that they should bless the people of Israel. 34And afterward he read all the words of the law, the blessing and the curse, according to all that is written in the book of the law. 35There was not a word of all that Moses commanded, which Joshua did not read before all the assembly of Israel, and the women, and the little ones, and the sojourners who were among them.

Chapter 9

1And it happened, when all the kings who were beyond the Jordan, in the hill country, and in the lowland, and on all the shore of the great sea in front of Lebanon, the Hittite, and the Amorite, the Canaanite, the Perizzite, the Hivite, and the Jebusite, heard of it; 2that they gathered themselves together, to fight with Joshua and with Israel, with one accord. 3But when the inhabitants of Gibeon heard what Joshua had done to Jericho and to Ai, 4they also acted craftily, and went and pretended to be ambassadors, and took old sacks on their donkeys, and wineskins, old and torn and bound up, 5and old and patched shoes on their feet, and old garments on them; and all the bread of their provision was dry and had become moldy. 6And they went to Joshua to the camp at Gilgal, and said to him, and to the men of Israel, We have come from a far country: now therefore make a covenant with us. 7And the men of Israel said to the Hivites, Perhaps you dwell among us; and how shall we make a covenant with you? 8And they said to Joshua, We are your servants. And Joshua said to them, Who are you? and where do you come from? 9And they said to him, From a very far country your servants have come because of the name of Yehovah your God: for we have heard the fame of him, and all that he did in Egypt, 10and all that he did to the two kings of the Amorites, who were beyond the Jordan, to Sihon king of Heshbon, and to Og king of Bashan, who was at Ashtaroth. 11And our elders and all the inhabitants of our country spoke to us, saying, Take provision in your hand for the journey, and go to meet them, and say to them, We are your servants: and now make a covenant with us. 12This bread of ours we took hot for our provision out of our houses on the day we came out to go to you; but now, behold, it is dry, and has become moldy: 13and these wineskins, which we filled, were new; and, behold, they are torn: and these garments of ours and our shoes have become old because of the very long journey. 14And the men took some of their provision, and did not ask counsel at the mouth of Yehovah. 15And Joshua made peace with them, and made a covenant with them, to let them live: and the princes of the congregation swore to them. 16And it happened at the end of three days after they had made a covenant with them, that they heard that they were their neighbors, and that they dwelt among them. 17And the children of Israel journeyed, and came to their cities on the third day. Now their cities were Gibeon, and Chephirah, and Beeroth, and Kiriath-jearim. 18And the children of Israel did not strike them, because the princes of the congregation had sworn to them by Yehovah, the God of Israel. And all the congregation murmured against the princes. 19But all the princes said to all the congregation, We have sworn to them by Yehovah, the God of Israel: now therefore we may not touch them. 20This we will do to them, and let them live; lest wrath be on us, because of the oath which we swore to them. 21And the princes said to them, Let them live: so they became hewers of wood and drawers of water to all the congregation, as the princes had spoken to them. 22And Joshua called for them, and he spoke to them, saying, Why have you deceived us, saying, We are very far from you; when you dwell among us? 23Now

therefore you are cursed, and some of you shall never cease to be slaves, both hewers of wood and drawers of water for the house of my God. 24And they answered Joshua, and said, Because it was certainly told your servants, how Yehovah your God commanded his servant Moses to give you all the land, and to destroy all the inhabitants of the land from before you; therefore we were greatly afraid for our lives because of you, and have done this thing. 25And now, behold, we are in your hand: as it seems good and right to you to do to us, do it. 26And so he did to them, and delivered them out of the hand of the children of Israel, so that they did not slay them. 27And Joshua made them that day hewers of wood and drawers of water for the congregation, and for the altar of Yehovah, to this day, in the place which he should choose.

Chapter 10

1Now it happened, when Adoni-zedek king of Jerusalem heard how Joshua had taken Ai, and had utterly destroyed it (as he had done to Jericho and her king, so he had done to Ai and her king), and how the inhabitants of Gibeon had made peace with Israel, and were among them; 2that they feared greatly, because Gibeon was a great city, like one of the royal cities, and because it was greater than Ai, and all its men were mighty. 3Therefore Adoni-zedek king of Jerusalem sent to Hoham king of Hebron, and to Piram king of Jarmuth, and to Japhia king of Lachish, and to Debir king of Eglon, saying, 4Come up to me, and help me, and let us strike Gibeon; for it has made peace with Joshua and with the children of Israel. 5Therefore the five kings of the Amorites, the king of Jerusalem, the king of Hebron, the king of Jarmuth, the king of Lachish, the king of Eglon, gathered themselves together, and went up, they and all their hosts, and encamped against Gibeon, and made war against it. 6And the men of Gibeon sent to Joshua to the camp at Gilgal, saying, Do not slacken your hand from your servants; come up to us quickly, and save us, and help us: for all the kings of the Amorites who dwell in the hill country have gathered together against us. 7So Joshua went up from Gilgal, he, and all the people of war with him, and all the mighty men of valor. 8And Yehovah said to Joshua, Do not fear them: for I have delivered them into your hands; not a man of them shall stand before you. 9Joshua therefore came on them suddenly; for he went up from Gilgal all the night. 10And Yehovah threw them into confusion before Israel, and he slew them with a great slaughter at Gibeon, and chased them by the way of the ascent of Beth-horon, and struck them down to Azekah, and to Makkedah. 11And it happened, as they fled from before Israel, while they were at the descent of Beth-horon, that Yehovah cast down great stones from heaven on them to Azekah, and they died: there were more who died by the hailstones than those whom the children of Israel slew with the sword. 12Then Joshua spoke to Yehovah on the day when Yehovah delivered up the Amorites before the children of Israel; and he said in the sight of Israel, Sun, stand still over Gibeon; And you, Moon, in the valley of Aijalon. 13And the sun stood still, and the moon stopped, Until the nation had avenged themselves on their enemies. Is this not written in the book of Jashar? And the sun stopped in the midst of heaven, and did not hurry to go down for about a whole day. 14And there was no day like that before it or after it, that Yehovah listened to the voice of a man: for Yehovah fought for Israel. 15And Joshua returned, and all Israel with him, to the camp at Gilgal. 16And these five kings fled, and hid themselves in the cave at Makkedah. 17And it was told Joshua, saying, The five kings are found, hidden in the cave at Makkedah. 18And Joshua said, Roll great stones to the mouth of the cave, and set men by it to guard them: 19but do not stay yourselves; pursue your enemies, and attack their rear guard; do not allow them to enter into their cities: for Yehovah your God has delivered them into your hand. 20And it happened, when Joshua and the children of Israel had finished slaying them with a very great slaughter, until they were consumed, and the remnant which remained of them had entered into the fortified cities, 21that all the people returned to the camp to Joshua at Makkedah in peace: none moved his tongue against any of the children of Israel. 22Then Joshua said, Open the mouth of the cave, and bring out those five kings to me from the cave. 23And they did so, and brought out those five kings to him from the cave, the king of Jerusalem, the king of Hebron, the king of Jarmuth, the king of Lachish, the king of Eglon. 24And it happened, when they brought out those kings to Joshua, that Joshua called for all the men of Israel, and said to the chiefs of the men of war who went with him, Come near, put your feet on the necks of these kings. And they came near, and put their feet on their necks. 25And Joshua said to them, Do not fear, nor be dismayed; be strong and of good courage: for thus Yehovah will do to all your enemies

against whom you fight. 26And afterward Joshua struck them, and put them to death, and hanged them on five trees: and they were hanging on the trees until the evening. 27And it happened at the time of the going down of the sun, that Joshua commanded, and they took them down off the trees, and cast them into the cave in which they had hidden themselves, and laid great stones on the mouth of the cave, to this very day. 28And Joshua took Makkedah on that day, and struck it with the edge of the sword, and its king: he utterly destroyed them and all the souls that were in it; he left none remaining; and he did to the king of Makkedah as he had done to the king of Jericho. 29And Joshua passed from Makkedah, and all Israel with him, to Libnah, and fought against Libnah: 30and Yehovah delivered it also, and its king, into the hand of Israel; and he struck it with the edge of the sword, and all the souls that were in it; he left none remaining in it; and he did to its king as he had done to the king of Jericho. 31And Joshua passed from Libnah, and all Israel with him, to Lachish, and encamped against it, and fought against it: 32and Yehovah delivered Lachish into the hand of Israel; and he took it on the second day, and struck it with the edge of the sword, and all the souls that were in it, according to all that he had done to Libnah. 33Then Horam king of Gezer came up to help Lachish; and Joshua struck him and his people, until he had left him none remaining. 34And Joshua passed from Lachish, and all Israel with him, to Eglon; and they encamped against it, and fought against it; 35and they took it on that day, and struck it with the edge of the sword; and all the souls that were in it he utterly destroyed that day, according to all that he had done to Lachish. 36And Joshua went up from Eglon, and all Israel with him, to Hebron; and they fought against it: 37and they took it, and struck it with the edge of the sword, and its king, and all its cities, and all the souls that were in it; he left none remaining, according to all that he had done to Eglon; but he utterly destroyed it, and all the souls that were in it. 38And Joshua returned, and all Israel with him, to Debir, and fought against it: 39and he took it, and its king, and all its cities; and they struck them with the edge of the sword, and utterly destroyed all the souls that were in it; he left none remaining: as he had done to Hebron, so he did to Debir, and to its king; as he had done also to Libnah, and to its king. 40So Joshua struck all the land, the hill country, and the South, and the lowland, and the slopes, and all their kings: he left none remaining, but he utterly destroyed all that breathed, as Yehovah, the God of Israel, commanded. 41And Joshua struck them from Kadesh-barnea even to Gaza, and all the country of Goshen, even to Gibeon. 42And all these kings and their land Joshua took at one time, because Yehovah, the God of Israel, fought for Israel. 43And Joshua returned, and all Israel with him, to the camp at Gilgal.

Chapter 11

1And it happened, when Jabin king of Hazor heard of it, that he sent to Jobab king of Madon, and to the king of Shimron, and to the king of Achshaph, 2and to the kings who were on the north, in the hill country, and in the Arabah south of Chinneroth, and in the lowland, and in the heights of Dor on the west, 3to the Canaanite on the east and on the west, and the Amorite, and the Hittite, and the Perizzite, and the Jebusite in the hill country, and the Hivite under Hermon in the land of Mizpah. 4And they went out, they and all their hosts with them, many people, like the sand that is on the seashore in multitude, with very many horses and chariots. 5And all these kings met together; and they came and encamped together at the waters of Merom, to fight with Israel. 6And Yehovah said to Joshua, Do not be afraid because of them; for tomorrow at this time I will deliver them up all slain before Israel: you shall hamstring their horses, and burn their chariots with fire. 7So Joshua came, and all the people of war with him, against them by the waters of Merom suddenly, and fell on them. 8And Yehovah delivered them into the hand of Israel, and they struck them, and chased them to great Sidon, and to Misrephoth-maim, and to the valley of Mizpeh eastward; and they struck them, until they left them none remaining. 9And Joshua did to them as Yehovah told him: he hamstrung their horses, and burned their chariots with fire. 10And Joshua turned back at that time, and took Hazor, and struck its king with the sword: for Hazor formerly was the head of all those kingdoms. 11And they struck all the souls that were in it with the edge of the sword, utterly destroying them; there was none left that breathed: and he burned Hazor with fire. 12And all the cities of those kings, and all their kings, Joshua took, and he struck them with the edge of the sword, and utterly destroyed them; as Moses the servant of Yehovah commanded. 13But as for the cities that stood on their mounds, Israel burned none of them, except Hazor only; that Joshua burned.

14 And all the spoil of these cities, and the cattle, the
children of Israel took as plunder for themselves; but
every man they struck with the edge of the sword,
until they had destroyed them, nor did they leave any
that breathed. 15 As Yehovah commanded Moses his
servant, so Moses commanded Joshua: and so Joshua
did; he left nothing undone of all that Yehovah
commanded Moses. 16 So Joshua took all that land,
the hill country, and all the South, and all the land of
Goshen, and the lowland, and the Arabah, and the
hill country of Israel, and its lowland; 17 from mount
Halak, that goes up to Seir, even to Baal-gad in the
valley of Lebanon under mount Hermon: and all
their kings he took, and struck them, and put them to
death. 18 Joshua made war a long time with all those
kings. 19 There was not a city that made peace with the
children of Israel, except the Hivites the inhabitants
of Gibeon: they took all in battle. 20 For it was from
Yehovah to harden their hearts, to come against
Israel in battle, that he might utterly destroy them,
that they might have no favor, but that he might
destroy them, as Yehovah commanded Moses. 21 And
Joshua came at that time, and cut off the Anakim
from the hill country, from Hebron, from Debir,
from Anab, and from all the hill country of Judah,
and from all the hill country of Israel: Joshua utterly
destroyed them with their cities. 22 There were none
of the Anakim left in the land of the children of
Israel: only in Gaza, in Gath, and in Ashdod, did some
remain. 23 So Joshua took the whole land, according
to all that Yehovah spoke to Moses; and Joshua gave
it for an inheritance to Israel according to their
divisions by their tribes. And the land had rest from
war.

Chapter 12

1 Now these are the kings of the land, whom the
children of Israel struck down, and whose land they
possessed beyond the Jordan toward the sunrise,
from the valley of the Arnon to mount Hermon, and
all the Arabah eastward: 2 Sihon king of the Amorites,
who dwelt in Heshbon, and ruled from Aroer, which
is on the edge of the valley of the Arnon, and the city
that is in the middle of the valley, and half Gilead,
even to the river Jabbok, the border of the children of
Ammon; 3 and the Arabah to the sea of Chinneroth,
eastward, and to the sea of the Arabah, even the Salt
Sea, eastward, the way to Beth-jeshimoth; and on the
south, under the slopes of Pisgah: 4 and the border of
Og king of Bashan, of the remnant of the Rephaim,
who dwelt at Ashtaroth and at Edrei, 5 and ruled in
mount Hermon, and in Salecah, and in all Bashan, to
the border of the Geshurites and the Maacathites,
and half Gilead, the border of Sihon king of Heshbon.
6 Moses the servant of Yehovah and the children of
Israel struck them down: and Moses the servant of
Yehovah gave it for a possession to the Reubenites,
and the Gadites, and the half-tribe of Manasseh. 7 And
these are the kings of the land whom Joshua and the
children of Israel struck down beyond the Jordan
westward, from Baal-gad in the valley of Lebanon
even to mount Halak, that goes up to Seir (and
Joshua gave it to the tribes of Israel for a possession
according to their divisions; 8 in the hill country, and
in the lowland, and in the Arabah, and in the slopes,
and in the wilderness, and in the South; the Hittite,
the Amorite, and the Canaanite, the Perizzite, the
Hivite, and the Jebusite): 9 the king of Jericho, one;
the king of Ai, which is beside Beth-el, one; 10 the king
of Jerusalem, one; the king of Hebron, one; 11 the king
of Jarmuth, one; the king of Lachish, one; 12 the king
of Eglon, one; the king of Gezer, one; 13 the king of
Debir, one; the king of Geder, one; 14 the king of
Hormah, one; the king of Arad, one; 15 the king of
Libnah, one; the king of Adullam, one; 16 the king of
Makkedah, one; the king of Beth-el, one; 17 the king of
Tappuah, one; the king of Hepher, one; 18 the king of
Aphek, one; the king of Lassharon, one; 19 the king of
Madon, one; the king of Hazor, one; 20 the king of
Shimron-meron, one; the king of Achshaph, one;
21 the king of Taanach, one; the king of Megiddo, one;
22 the king of Kedesh, one; the king of Jokneam in
Carmel, one; 23 the king of Dor in the height of Dor,
one; the king of Goiim in Gilgal, one; 24 the king of
Tirzah, one: all the kings thirty-one.

Chapter 13

1 Now Joshua was old and advanced in years; and
Yehovah said to him, You are old and advanced in
years, and there remains yet very much land to be
possessed. 2 This is the land that yet remains: all the
regions of the Philistines, and all the Geshurites;
3 from the Shihor, which is before Egypt, even to the
border of Ekron northward, which is counted as
Canaanite; the five lords of the Philistines; the
Gazites, and the Ashdodites, the Ashkelonites, the
Gittites, and the Ekronites; also the Avvim, 4 on the
south; all the land of the Canaanites, and Mearah
that belongs to the Sidonians, to Aphek, to the border
of the Amorites; 5 and the land of the Gebalites, and
all Lebanon, toward the sunrise, from Baal-gad
under mount Hermon to the entrance of Hamath; 6 all

the inhabitants of the hill country from Lebanon to Misrephoth-maim, even all the Sidonians; them I will drive out from before the children of Israel: only allot it to Israel for an inheritance, as I have commanded you. 7Now therefore divide this land for an inheritance to the nine tribes, and the half-tribe of Manasseh. 8With him the Reubenites and the Gadites received their inheritance, which Moses gave them, beyond the Jordan eastward, even as Moses the servant of Yehovah gave them: 9from Aroer, that is on the edge of the valley of the Arnon, and the city that is in the middle of the valley, and all the plain of Medeba to Dibon; 10and all the cities of Sihon king of the Amorites, who reigned in Heshbon, to the border of the children of Ammon; 11and Gilead, and the border of the Geshurites and Maacathites, and all mount Hermon, and all Bashan to Salecah; 12all the kingdom of Og in Bashan, who reigned in Ashtaroth and in Edrei (he was left of the remnant of the Rephaim); for these Moses struck, and drove them out. 13Nevertheless the children of Israel did not drive out the Geshurites, nor the Maacathites: but Geshur and Maacath dwell in the midst of Israel to this day. 14Only to the tribe of Levi he gave no inheritance; the offerings of Yehovah, the God of Israel, made by fire are his inheritance, as he spoke to him. 15And Moses gave to the tribe of the children of Reuben according to their families. 16And their border was from Aroer, that is on the edge of the valley of the Arnon, and the city that is in the middle of the valley, and all the plain by Medeba; 17Heshbon, and all its cities that are in the plain; Dibon, and Bamoth-baal, and Beth-baal-meon, 18and Jahaz, and Kedemoth, and Mephaath, 19and Kiriathaim, and Sibmah, and Zers-shahar in the mount of the valley, 20and Beth-peor, and the slopes of Pisgah, and Beth-jeshimoth, 21and all the cities of the plain, and all the kingdom of Sihon king of the Amorites, who reigned in Heshbon, whom Moses struck with the chiefs of Midian, Evi, and Rekem, and Zur, and Hur, and Reba, the princes of Sihon, who dwelt in the land. 22Balaam also the son of Beor, the soothsayer, the children of Israel slew with the sword among the rest of their slain. 23And the border of the children of Reuben was the Jordan, and its border. This was the inheritance of the children of Reuben according to their families, the cities and their villages. 24And Moses gave to the tribe of Gad, to the children of Gad, according to their families. 25And their border was Jazer, and all the cities of Gilead, and half the land of the children of Ammon, to Aroer that is before Rabbah; 26and from Heshbon to Ramath-mizpeh, and Betonim; and from Mahanaim to the border of Debir; 27and in the valley, Beth-haram, and Beth-nimrah, and Succoth, and Zaphon, the rest of the kingdom of Sihon king of Heshbon, the Jordan and its border, to the uttermost part of the sea of Chinnereth beyond the Jordan eastward. 28This is the inheritance of the children of Gad according to their families, the cities and their villages. 29And Moses gave inheritance to the half-tribe of Manasseh: and it was for the half-tribe of the children of Manasseh according to their families. 30And their border was from Mahanaim, all Bashan, all the kingdom of Og king of Bashan, and all the towns of Jair, which are in Bashan, sixty cities: 31and half Gilead, and Ashtaroth, and Edrei, the cities of the kingdom of Og in Bashan, were for the children of Machir the son of Manasseh, even for the half of the children of Machir according to their families. 32These are the inheritances which Moses distributed in the plains of Moab, beyond the Jordan at Jericho, eastward. 33But to the tribe of Levi Moses gave no inheritance: Yehovah, the God of Israel, is their inheritance, as he spoke to them.

Chapter 14

1And these are the inheritances which the children of Israel took in the land of Canaan, which Eleazar the priest, and Joshua the son of Nun, and the heads of the fathers' houses of the tribes of the children of Israel, distributed to them, 2by the lot of their inheritance, as Yehovah commanded by Moses, for the nine tribes, and for the half-tribe. 3For Moses had given the inheritance of the two tribes and the half-tribe beyond the Jordan: but to the Levites he gave no inheritance among them. 4For the children of Joseph were two tribes, Manasseh and Ephraim: and they gave no portion to the Levites in the land, except cities to dwell in, with their pasturelands for their cattle and for their substance. 5As Yehovah commanded Moses, so the children of Israel did; and they divided the land. 6Then the children of Judah drew near to Joshua in Gilgal: and Caleb the son of Jephunneh the Kenizzite said to him, You know the thing that Yehovah spoke to Moses the man of God concerning me and concerning you in Kadesh-barnea. 7I was forty years old when Moses the servant of Yehovah sent me from Kadesh-barnea to spy out the land; and I brought him word again as it was in my heart. 8Nevertheless my brothers who went up with me made the heart of the people melt; but I

wholly followed Yehovah my God. 9And Moses swore on that day, saying, Surely the land on which your foot has trodden shall be an inheritance to you and to your children forever, because you have wholly followed Yehovah my God. 10And now, behold, Yehovah has kept me alive, as he spoke, these forty-five years, from the time that Yehovah spoke this word to Moses, while Israel walked in the wilderness: and now, look, I am this day eighty-five years old. 11I am still as strong this day as I was on the day that Moses sent me: as my strength was then, even so is my strength now, for war, and to go out and to come in. 12Now therefore give me this hill country, of which Yehovah spoke on that day; for you heard on that day how the Anakim were there, and cities great and fortified: it may be that Yehovah will be with me, and I shall drive them out, as Yehovah spoke. 13And Joshua blessed him; and he gave Hebron to Caleb the son of Jephunneh for an inheritance. 14Therefore Hebron became the inheritance of Caleb the son of Jephunneh the Kenizzite to this day; because he wholly followed Yehovah, the God of Israel. 15Now the name of Hebron formerly was Kiriath-arba; this Arba was the greatest man among the Anakim. And the land had rest from war.

Chapter 15

1And the lot for the tribe of the children of Judah according to their families was to the border of Edom, even to the wilderness of Zin southward, at the uttermost part of the south. 2And their south border was from the uttermost part of the Salt Sea, from the bay that faces southward; 3and it went out southward of the ascent of Akrabbim, and passed along to Zin, and went up by the south of Kadesh-barnea, and passed along by Hezron, and went up to Addar, and turned around to Karka; 4and it passed along to Azmon, and went out at the brook of Egypt; and the border ended at the sea: this shall be your south border. 5And the east border was the Salt Sea, even to the end of the Jordan. And the border of the north quarter was from the bay of the sea at the end of the Jordan; 6and the border went up to Beth-hoglah, and passed along by the north of Beth-arabah; and the border went up to the stone of Bohan the son of Reuben; 7and the border went up to Debir from the valley of Achor, and so northward, looking toward Gilgal, that is opposite the ascent of Adummim, which is on the south side of the river; and the border passed along to the waters of En-shemesh, and it ended at En-rogel; 8and the border went up by the valley of the son of Hinnom to the side of the Jebusite southward (that is Jerusalem); and the border went up to the top of the mountain that lies before the valley of Hinnom westward, which is at the uttermost part of the valley of Rephaim northward; 9and the border extended from the top of the mountain to the spring of the waters of Nephtoah, and went out to the cities of mount Ephron; and the border extended to Baalah (that is Kiriath-jearim); 10and the border turned around from Baalah westward to mount Seir, and passed along to the side of mount Jearim on the north (that is Chesalon), and went down to Beth-shemesh, and passed along by Timnah; 11and the border went out to the side of Ekron northward; and the border extended to Shikkeron, and passed along to mount Baalah, and went out at Jabneel; and the border ended at the sea. 12And the west border was to the great sea, and its coast. This is the border of the children of Judah all around according to their families. 13And to Caleb the son of Jephunneh he gave a portion among the children of Judah, according to the commandment of Yehovah to Joshua, even Kiriath-arba, this Arba being the father of Anak (that is Hebron). 14And Caleb drove out from there the three sons of Anak: Sheshai, and Ahiman, and Talmai, the children of Anak. 15And he went up from there against the inhabitants of Debir: now the name of Debir formerly was Kiriath-sepher. 16And Caleb said, He who strikes Kiriath-sepher, and takes it, to him I will give Achsah my daughter as wife. 17And Othniel the son of Kenaz, the brother of Caleb, took it: and he gave him Achsah his daughter as wife. 18And it happened, when she came to him, that she urged him to ask her father for a field: and she got off her donkey; and Caleb said, What do you want? 19And she said, Give me a blessing; since you have set me in the land of the South, give me also springs of water. And he gave her the upper springs and the lower springs. 20This is the inheritance of the tribe of the children of Judah according to their families. 21And the uttermost cities of the tribe of the children of Judah toward the border of Edom in the South were Kabzeel, and Eder, and Jagur, 22and Kinah, and Dimonah, and Adadah, 23and Kedesh, and Hazor, and Ithnan, 24Ziph, and Telem, and Bealoth, 25and Hazor-hadattah, and Kerioth-hezron (that is Hazor), 26Amam, and Shema, and Moladah, 27and Hazar-gaddah, and Heshmon, and Beth-pelet, 28and Hazar-shual, and Beer-sheba, and Biziothiah, 29Baalah, and

Iim, and Ezem, 30and Eltolad, and Chesil, and Hormah, 31and Ziklag, and Madmannah, and Sansannah, 32and Lebaoth, and Shilhim, and Ain, and Rimmon: all the cities are twenty-nine, with their villages. 33In the lowland, Eshtaol, and Zorah, and Ashnah, 34and Zanoah, and En-gannim, Tappuah, and Enam, 35Jarmuth, and Adullam, Socoh, and Azekah, 36and Shaaraim, and Adithaim, and Gederah, and Gederothaim; fourteen cities with their villages. 37Zenan, and Hadashah, and Migdal-gad, 38and Dilean, and Mizpeh, and Joktheel, 39Lachish, and Bozkath, and Eglon, 40and Cabbon, and Lahmam, and Chitlish, 41and Gederoth, Beth-dagon, and Naamah, and Makkedah; sixteen cities with their villages. 42Libnah, and Ether, and Ashan, 43and Iphtah, and Ashnah, and Nezib, 44and Keilah, and Achzib, and Mareshah; nine cities with their villages. 45Ekron, with its towns and its villages; 46from Ekron even to the sea, all that were by the side of Ashdod, with their villages. 47Ashdod, its towns and its villages; Gaza, its towns and its villages; to the brook of Egypt, and the great sea, and its coast. 48And in the hill country, Shamir, and Jattir, and Socoh, 49and Dannah, and Kiriath-sannah (that is Debir), 50and Anab, and Eshtemoh, and Anim, 51and Goshen, and Holon, and Giloh; eleven cities with their villages. 52Arab, and Dumah, and Eshan, 53and Janim, and Beth-tappuah, and Aphekah, 54and Humtah, and Kiriath-arba (that is Hebron), and Zior; nine cities with their villages. 55Maon, Carmel, and Ziph, and Jutah, 56and Jezreel, and Jokdeam, and Zanoah, 57Kain, Gibeah, and Timnah; ten cities with their villages. 58Halhul, Beth-zur, and Gedor, 59and Maarath, and Beth-anoth, and Eltekon; six cities with their villages. 60Kiriath-baal (that is Kiriath-jearim), and Rabbah; two cities with their villages. 61In the wilderness, Beth-arabah, Middin, and Secacah, 62and Nibshan, and the City of Salt, and En-gedi; six cities with their villages. 63And as for the Jebusites, the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the children of Judah could not drive them out: but the Jebusites dwell with the children of Judah at Jerusalem to this day.

Chapter 16

1And the lot came out for the children of Joseph from the Jordan at Jericho, at the waters of Jericho on the east, even the wilderness, going up from Jericho through the hill country to Beth-el; 2and it went out from Beth-el to Luz, and passed along to the border of the Archites to Ataroth; 3and it went down westward to the border of the Japhletites, to the border of Lower Beth-horon, even to Gezer; and it ended at the sea. 4And the children of Joseph, Manasseh and Ephraim, took their inheritance. 5And the border of the children of Ephraim according to their families was thus: the border of their inheritance eastward was Ataroth-addar, to Upper Beth-horon; 6and the border went out westward at Michmethath on the north; and the border turned around eastward to Taanath-shiloh, and passed along it on the east of Janoah; 7and it went down from Janoah to Ataroth, and to Naarah, and reached to Jericho, and went out at the Jordan. 8From Tappuah the border went along westward to the brook of Kanah; and it ended at the sea. This is the inheritance of the tribe of the children of Ephraim according to their families; 9together with the cities which were set apart for the children of Ephraim in the midst of the inheritance of the children of Manasseh, all the cities with their villages. 10And they did not drive out the Canaanites who dwelt in Gezer: but the Canaanites dwell in the midst of Ephraim to this day, and have become servants to do forced labor.

Chapter 17

1And this was the lot for the tribe of Manasseh; for he was the firstborn of Joseph. As for Machir the firstborn of Manasseh, the father of Gilead, because he was a man of war, therefore he had Gilead and Bashan. 2So the lot was for the rest of the children of Manasseh according to their families: for the children of Abiezer, and for the children of Helek, and for the children of Asriel, and for the children of Shechem, and for the children of Hepher, and for the children of Shemida: these were the male children of Manasseh the son of Joseph according to their families. 3But Zelophehad, the son of Hepher, the son of Gilead, the son of Machir, the son of Manasseh, had no sons, but daughters: and these are the names of his daughters: Mahlah, and Noah, Hoglah, Milcah, and Tirzah. 4And they came near before Eleazar the priest, and before Joshua the son of Nun, and before the princes, saying, Yehovah commanded Moses to give us an inheritance among our brothers: therefore according to the commandment of Yehovah he gave them an inheritance among the brothers of their father. 5And ten portions fell to Manasseh, besides the land of Gilead and Bashan, which is beyond the Jordan; 6because the daughters of Manasseh had an inheritance among his sons. And the land of Gilead belonged to the rest of the sons of Manasseh. 7And the border of Manasseh was from Asher to

Michmethath, which is before Shechem; and the border went along to the right hand, to the inhabitants of En-tappuah. 8The land of Tappuah belonged to Manasseh; but Tappuah on the border of Manasseh belonged to the children of Ephraim. 9And the border went down to the brook of Kanah, southward of the brook: these cities belonged to Ephraim among the cities of Manasseh: and the border of Manasseh was on the north side of the brook, and it ended at the sea: 10southward it was Ephraim's, and northward it was Manasseh's, and the sea was his border; and they reached to Asher on the north, and to Issachar on the east. 11And Manasseh had in Issachar and in Asher Beth-shean and its towns, and Ibleam and its towns, and the inhabitants of Dor and its towns, and the inhabitants of En-dor and its towns, and the inhabitants of Taanach and its towns, and the inhabitants of Megiddo and its towns, even the three heights. 12Yet the children of Manasseh could not drive out the inhabitants of those cities; but the Canaanites persisted in dwelling in that land. 13And it happened, when the children of Israel had grown strong, that they put the Canaanites to forced labor, and did not utterly drive them out. 14And the children of Joseph spoke to Joshua, saying, Why have you given me only one lot and one portion for an inheritance, seeing I am a great people, since until now Yehovah has blessed me? 15And Joshua said to them, If you are a great people, go up to the forest, and clear ground for yourself there in the land of the Perizzites and of the Rephaim; since the hill country of Ephraim is too narrow for you. 16And the children of Joseph said, The hill country is not enough for us: and all the Canaanites who dwell in the land of the valley have chariots of iron, both those who are in Beth-shean and its towns, and those who are in the valley of Jezreel. 17And Joshua spoke to the house of Joseph, even to Ephraim and to Manasseh, saying, You are a great people, and have great power; you shall not have one lot only: 18but the hill country shall be yours; for though it is a forest, you shall cut it down, and its farthest borders shall be yours; for you shall drive out the Canaanites, though they have chariots of iron, and though they are strong.

Chapter 18

1And the whole congregation of the children of Israel assembled themselves together at Shiloh, and set up the tent of meeting there: and the land was subdued before them. 2And there remained among the children of Israel seven tribes, who had not yet divided their inheritance. 3And Joshua said to the children of Israel, How long will you be slack to go in to possess the land, which Yehovah, the God of your fathers, has given you? 4Appoint for yourselves three men from each tribe: and I will send them, and they shall arise, and walk through the land, and describe it according to their inheritance; and they shall come to me. 5And they shall divide it into seven portions: Judah shall abide in his border on the south, and the house of Joseph shall abide in their border on the north. 6And you shall describe the land in seven portions, and bring the description here to me; and I will cast lots for you here before Yehovah our God. 7For the Levites have no portion among you; for the priesthood of Yehovah is their inheritance: and Gad and Reuben and the half-tribe of Manasseh have received their inheritance beyond the Jordan eastward, which Moses the servant of Yehovah gave them. 8And the men arose, and went: and Joshua charged those who went to describe the land, saying, Go and walk through the land, and describe it, and come back to me; and I will cast lots for you here before Yehovah in Shiloh. 9And the men went and passed through the land, and described it by cities into seven portions in a book; and they came to Joshua to the camp at Shiloh. 10And Joshua cast lots for them in Shiloh before Yehovah: and there Joshua divided the land to the children of Israel according to their divisions. 11And the lot of the tribe of the children of Benjamin came up according to their families: and the border of their lot went out between the children of Judah and the children of Joseph. 12And their border on the north side was from the Jordan; and the border went up to the side of Jericho on the north, and went up through the hill country westward; and it ended at the wilderness of Beth-aven. 13And the border passed along from there to Luz, to the side of Luz (that is Beth-el), southward; and the border went down to Ataroth-addar, by the mountain that lies on the south of Lower Beth-horon. 14And the border extended from there, and turned around on the west side southward, from the mountain that lies before Beth-horon southward; and it ended at Kiriath-baal (that is Kiriath-jearim), a city of the children of Judah: this was the west side. 15And the south side was from the uttermost part of Kiriath-jearim; and the border went out westward, and went out to the spring of the waters of Nephtoah; 16and the border went down to the uttermost part of the mountain that lies before the valley of the son of

Hinnom, which is in the valley of Rephaim northward; and it went down to the valley of Hinnom, to the side of the Jebusite southward, and went down to En-rogel; 17and it extended northward, and went out at En-shemesh, and went out to Geliloth, which is opposite the ascent of Adummim; and it went down to the stone of Bohan the son of Reuben; 18and it passed along to the side opposite the Arabah northward, and went down to the Arabah; 19and the border passed along to the side of Beth-hoglah northward; and the border ended at the north bay of the Salt Sea, at the south end of the Jordan: this was the south border. 20And the Jordan was its border on the east side. This was the inheritance of the children of Benjamin, by its borders all around, according to their families. 21Now the cities of the tribe of the children of Benjamin according to their families were Jericho, and Beth-hoglah, and Emek-keziz, 22and Beth-arabah, and Zemaraim, and Beth-el, 23and Avvim, and Parah, and Ophrah, 24and Chephar-ammoni, and Ophni, and Geba; twelve cities with their villages: 25Gibeon, and Ramah, and Beeroth, 26and Mizpeh, and Chephirah, and Mozah, 27and Rekem, and Irpeel, and Taralah, 28and Zelah, Eleph, and the Jebusite (that is Jerusalem), Gibeath, and Kiriath; fourteen cities with their villages. This is the inheritance of the children of Benjamin according to their families.

Chapter 19

1And the second lot came out for Simeon, even for the tribe of the children of Simeon according to their families: and their inheritance was in the midst of the inheritance of the children of Judah. 2And they had for their inheritance Beer-sheba, or Sheba, and Moladah, 3and Hazar-shual, and Balah, and Ezem, 4and Eltolad, and Bethul, and Hormah, 5and Ziklag, and Beth-marcaboth, and Hazar-susah, 6and Beth-lebaoth, and Sharuhen; thirteen cities with their villages: 7Ain, Rimmon, and Ether, and Ashan; four cities with their villages: 8and all the villages that were around these cities to Baalath-beer, Ramah of the South. This is the inheritance of the tribe of the children of Simeon according to their families. 9Out of the part of the children of Judah was the inheritance of the children of Simeon; for the portion of the children of Judah was too much for them: therefore the children of Simeon had inheritance in the midst of their inheritance. 10And the third lot came up for the children of Zebulun according to their families. And the border of their inheritance was to Sarid; 11and their border went up westward, even to Maralah, and reached to Dabbesheth; and it reached to the brook that is before Jokneam; 12and it turned from Sarid eastward toward the sunrise to the border of Chisloth-tabor; and it went out to Daberath, and went up to Japhia; 13and from there it passed along eastward to Gath-hepher, to Eth-kazin; and it went out at Rimmon which stretches to Neah; 14and the border turned around it on the north to Hannathon; and it ended at the valley of Iphtah-el; 15and Kattath, and Nahalal, and Shimron, and Idalah, and Bethlehem: twelve cities with their villages. 16This is the inheritance of the children of Zebulun according to their families, these cities with their villages. 17The fourth lot came out for Issachar, even for the children of Issachar according to their families. 18And their border was to Jezreel, and Chesulloth, and Shunem, 19and Hapharaim, and Shion, and Anaharath, 20and Rabbith, and Kishion, and Ebez, 21and Remeth, and Engannim, and En-haddah, and Beth-pazzez, 22and the border reached to Tabor, and Shahazumah, and Beth-shemesh; and their border ended at the Jordan: sixteen cities with their villages. 23This is the inheritance of the tribe of the children of Issachar according to their families, the cities with their villages. 24And the fifth lot came out for the tribe of the children of Asher according to their families. 25And their border was Helkath, and Hali, and Beten, and Achshaph, 26and Allammelech, and Amad, and Mishal; and it reached to Carmel westward, and to Shihor-libnath; 27and it turned toward the sunrise to Beth-dagon, and reached to Zebulun, and to the valley of Iphtah-el northward to Beth-emek and Neiel; and it went out to Cabul on the left hand, 28and Ebron, and Rehob, and Hammon, and Kanah, even to great Sidon; 29and the border turned to Ramah, and to the fortified city of Tyre; and the border turned to Hosah; and it ended at the sea by the region of Achzib; 30Ummah also, and Aphek, and Rehob: twenty-two cities with their villages. 31This is the inheritance of the tribe of the children of Asher according to their families, these cities with their villages. 32The sixth lot came out for the children of Naphtali, even for the children of Naphtali according to their families. 33And their border was from Heleph, from the oak in Zaanannim, and Adami-nekeb, and Jabneel, to Lakkum; and it ended at the Jordan; 34and the border turned westward to Aznoth-tabor, and went out from there to Hukkok; and it reached to Zebulun on the

south, and reached to Asher on the west, and to Judah at the Jordan toward the sunrise. 35And the fortified cities were Ziddim, Zer, and Hammath, Rakkath, and Chinnereth, 36and Adamah, and Ramah, and Hazor, 37and Kedesh, and Edrei, and En-hazor, 38and Iron, and Migdal-el, Horem, and Beth-anath, and Beth-shemesh; nineteen cities with their villages. 39This is the inheritance of the tribe of the children of Naphtali according to their families, the cities with their villages. 40The seventh lot came out for the tribe of the children of Dan according to their families. 41And the border of their inheritance was Zorah, and Eshtaol, and Ir-shemesh, 42and Shaalabbin, and Aijalon, and Ithlah, 43and Elon, and Timnah, and Ekron, 44and Eltekeh, and Gibbethon, and Baalath, 45and Jehud, and Bene-berak, and Gath-rimmon, 46and Me-jarkon, and Rakkon, with the territory opposite Joppa. 47And the border of the children of Dan went out beyond them; for the children of Dan went up and fought against Leshem, and took it, and struck it with the edge of the sword, and possessed it, and dwelt in it, and called Leshem, Dan, after the name of Dan their father. 48This is the inheritance of the tribe of the children of Dan according to their families, these cities with their villages. 49So they finished distributing the land for inheritance by its borders; and the children of Israel gave an inheritance to Joshua the son of Nun in the midst of them: 50according to the commandment of Yehovah they gave him the city which he asked for, even Timnath-serah in the hill country of Ephraim; and he built the city, and dwelt in it. 51These are the inheritances, which Eleazar the priest, and Joshua the son of Nun, and the heads of the fathers' houses of the tribes of the children of Israel, distributed for inheritance by lot in Shiloh before Yehovah, at the door of the tent of meeting. So they finished dividing the land.

Chapter 20

1And Yehovah spoke to Joshua, saying, 2Speak to the children of Israel, saying, Assign the cities of refuge, of which I spoke to you by Moses, 3that the manslayer who kills any person unintentionally and unknowingly may flee there: and they shall be a refuge for you from the avenger of blood. 4And he shall flee to one of those cities, and shall stand at the entrance of the gate of the city, and declare his cause in the ears of the elders of that city; and they shall take him into the city to them, and give him a place, that he may dwell among them. 5And if the avenger of blood pursues him, then they shall not deliver up the manslayer into his hand; because he struck his neighbor unknowingly, and did not hate him beforehand. 6And he shall dwell in that city, until he stands before the congregation for judgment, until the death of the high priest who shall be in those days: then the manslayer shall return, and come to his own city, and to his own house, to the city from which he fled. 7And they set apart Kedesh in Galilee in the hill country of Naphtali, and Shechem in the hill country of Ephraim, and Kiriath-arba (that is Hebron) in the hill country of Judah. 8And beyond the Jordan at Jericho eastward, they assigned Bezer in the wilderness in the plain out of the tribe of Reuben, and Ramoth in Gilead out of the tribe of Gad, and Golan in Bashan out of the tribe of Manasseh. 9These were the appointed cities for all the children of Israel, and for the stranger who sojourns among them, that whoever kills any person unintentionally might flee there, and not die by the hand of the avenger of blood, until he stood before the congregation.

Chapter 21

1Then the heads of fathers' houses of the Levites came near to Eleazar the priest, and to Joshua the son of Nun, and to the heads of fathers' houses of the tribes of the children of Israel; 2and they spoke to them at Shiloh in the land of Canaan, saying, Yehovah commanded by Moses to give us cities to dwell in, with their pasturelands for our cattle. 3And the children of Israel gave to the Levites out of their inheritance, according to the commandment of Yehovah, these cities with their pasturelands. 4And the lot came out for the families of the Kohathites: and the children of Aaron the priest, who were of the Levites, had by lot out of the tribe of Judah, and out of the tribe of the Simeonites, and out of the tribe of Benjamin, thirteen cities. 5And the rest of the children of Kohath had by lot out of the families of the tribe of Ephraim, and out of the tribe of Dan, and out of the half-tribe of Manasseh, ten cities. 6And the children of Gershon had by lot out of the families of the tribe of Issachar, and out of the tribe of Asher, and out of the tribe of Naphtali, and out of the half-tribe of Manasseh in Bashan, thirteen cities. 7The children of Merari according to their families had out of the tribe of Reuben, and out of the tribe of Gad, and out of the tribe of Zebulun, twelve cities. 8And the children of Israel gave by lot to the Levites these cities with their pasturelands, as Yehovah

commanded by Moses. 9And they gave out of the tribe of the children of Judah, and out of the tribe of the children of Simeon, these cities which are here mentioned by name: 10and they were for the children of Aaron, of the families of the Kohathites, who were of the children of Levi; for theirs was the first lot. 11And they gave them Kiriath-arba, this Arba being the father of Anak (that is Hebron), in the hill country of Judah, with its pasturelands around it. 12But the fields of the city, and its villages, they gave to Caleb the son of Jephunneh for his possession. 13And to the children of Aaron the priest they gave Hebron with its pasturelands, the city of refuge for the manslayer, and Libnah with its pasturelands, 14and Jattir with its pasturelands, and Eshtemoa with its pasturelands, 15and Holon with its pasturelands, and Debir with its pasturelands, 16and Ain with its pasturelands, and Juttah with its pasturelands, and Beth-shemesh with its pasturelands; nine cities out of those two tribes. 17And out of the tribe of Benjamin, Gibeon with its pasturelands, Geba with its pasturelands, 18Anathoth with its pasturelands, and Almon with its pasturelands; four cities. 19All the cities of the children of Aaron, the priests, were thirteen cities with their pasturelands. 20And the families of the children of Kohath, the Levites, even the rest of the children of Kohath, they had the cities of their lot out of the tribe of Ephraim. 21And they gave them Shechem with its pasturelands in the hill country of Ephraim, the city of refuge for the manslayer, and Gezer with its pasturelands, 22and Kibzaim with its pasturelands, and Beth-horon with its pasturelands; four cities. 23And out of the tribe of Dan, Elteke with its pasturelands, Gibbethon with its pasturelands, 24Aijalon with its pasturelands, Gath-rimmon with its pasturelands; four cities. 25And out of the half-tribe of Manasseh, Taanach with its pasturelands, and Gath-rimmon with its pasturelands; two cities. 26All the cities of the families of the rest of the children of Kohath were ten with their pasturelands. 27And to the children of Gershon, of the families of the Levites, out of the half-tribe of Manasseh they gave Golan in Bashan with its pasturelands, the city of refuge for the manslayer, and Be-eshterah with its pasturelands; two cities. 28And out of the tribe of Issachar, Kishion with its pasturelands, Daberath with its pasturelands, 29Jarmuth with its pasturelands, En-gannim with its pasturelands; four cities. 30And out of the tribe of Asher, Mishal with its pasturelands, Abdon with its pasturelands, 31Helkath with its pasturelands, and Rehob with its pasturelands; four cities. 32And out of the tribe of Naphtali, Kedesh in Galilee with its pasturelands, the city of refuge for the manslayer, and Hammoth-dor with its pasturelands, and Kartan with its pasturelands; three cities. 33All the cities of the Gershonites according to their families were thirteen cities with their pasturelands. 34And to the families of the children of Merari, the rest of the Levites, out of the tribe of Zebulun, Jokneam with its pasturelands, and Kartah with its pasturelands, 35Dimnah with its pasturelands, Nahalal with its pasturelands; four cities. 36And out of the tribe of Reuben, Bezer with its pasturelands, and Jahaz with its pasturelands, 37Kedemoth with its pasturelands, and Mephaath with its pasturelands; four cities. 38And out of the tribe of Gad, Ramoth in Gilead with its pasturelands, the city of refuge for the manslayer, and Mahanaim with its pasturelands, 39Heshbon with its pasturelands, Jazer with its pasturelands; four cities in all. 40All these were the cities of the children of Merari according to their families, even the rest of the families of the Levites; and their lot was twelve cities. 41All the cities of the Levites in the midst of the possession of the children of Israel were forty-eight cities with their pasturelands. 42These cities each had their pasturelands around them: thus it was with all these cities. 43So Yehovah gave to Israel all the land which he swore to give to their fathers; and they possessed it, and dwelt in it. 44And Yehovah gave them rest all around, according to all that he swore to their fathers: and not a man of all their enemies stood before them; Yehovah delivered all their enemies into their hand. 45Not anything failed of any good thing which Yehovah had spoken to the house of Israel; all came to pass.

Chapter 22

1Then Joshua called the Reubenites, and the Gadites, and the half-tribe of Manasseh, 2and said to them, You have kept all that Moses the servant of Yehovah commanded you, and have listened to my voice in all that I commanded you: 3you have not left your brothers these many days to this day, but have kept the charge of the commandment of Yehovah your God. 4And now Yehovah your God has given rest to your brothers, as he spoke to them: therefore now turn, and go to your tents, to the land of your possession, which Moses the servant of Yehovah gave you beyond the Jordan. 5Only take diligent heed to do

the commandment and the law which Moses the servant of Yehovah commanded you, to love Yehovah your God, and to walk in all his ways, and to keep his commandments, and to cling to him, and to serve him with all your heart and with all your soul. 6So Joshua blessed them, and sent them away; and they went to their tents. 7Now to the one half-tribe of Manasseh Moses had given inheritance in Bashan; but to the other half Joshua gave among their brothers beyond the Jordan westward. Moreover when Joshua sent them away to their tents, he blessed them, 8and spoke to them, saying, Return with much wealth to your tents, and with very much cattle, with silver, and with gold, and with bronze, and with iron, and with very much clothing: divide the spoil of your enemies with your brothers. 9And the children of Reuben and the children of Gad and the half-tribe of Manasseh returned, and departed from the children of Israel out of Shiloh, which is in the land of Canaan, to go to the land of Gilead, to the land of their possession, which they possessed, according to the commandment of Yehovah by Moses. 10And when they came to the region around the Jordan, that is in the land of Canaan, the children of Reuben and the children of Gad and the half-tribe of Manasseh built there an altar by the Jordan, a great altar to look at. 11And the children of Israel heard it said, Behold, the children of Reuben and the children of Gad and the half-tribe of Manasseh have built an altar in the forefront of the land of Canaan, in the region around the Jordan, on the side that pertains to the children of Israel. 12And when the children of Israel heard of it, the whole congregation of the children of Israel gathered themselves together at Shiloh, to go up against them to war. 13And the children of Israel sent to the children of Reuben, and to the children of Gad, and to the half-tribe of Manasseh, into the land of Gilead, Phinehas the son of Eleazar the priest, 14and with him ten princes, one prince of a fathers' house for each of the tribes of Israel; and they were each one of them head of their fathers' houses among the thousands of Israel. 15And they came to the children of Reuben, and to the children of Gad, and to the half-tribe of Manasseh, to the land of Gilead, and they spoke with them, saying, 16Thus says the whole congregation of Yehovah, What trespass is this that you have committed against the God of Israel, to turn away this day from following Yehovah, in that you have built yourselves an altar, to rebel this day against Yehovah? 17Is the iniquity of Peor too little for us, from which we have not cleansed ourselves to this day, although there came a plague on the congregation of Yehovah, 18that you must turn away this day from following Yehovah? and it will be, seeing you rebel today against Yehovah, that tomorrow he will be angry with the whole congregation of Israel. 19However, if the land of your possession is unclean, then pass over to the land of the possession of Yehovah, in which Yehovah's tabernacle dwells, and take possession among us: but do not rebel against Yehovah, nor rebel against us, in building yourselves an altar besides the altar of Yehovah our God. 20Did not Achan the son of Zerah commit a trespass in the devoted thing, and wrath fell on all the congregation of Israel? and that man did not perish alone in his iniquity. 21Then the children of Reuben and the children of Gad and the half-tribe of Manasseh answered, and spoke to the heads of the thousands of Israel, 22The Mighty One, God, Yehovah, the Mighty One, God, Yehovah, he knows; and Israel he shall know: if it is in rebellion, or if in trespass against Yehovah (do not save us this day), 23that we have built ourselves an altar to turn away from following Yehovah; or if to offer burnt offering or meal offering on it, or if to offer sacrifices of peace offerings on it, let Yehovah himself require it; 24and if we have not rather done this out of concern, and on purpose, saying, In time to come your children might speak to our children, saying, What have you to do with Yehovah, the God of Israel? 25for Yehovah has made the Jordan a border between us and you, you children of Reuben and children of Gad; you have no portion in Yehovah: so might your children make our children cease from fearing Yehovah. 26Therefore we said, Let us now prepare to build ourselves an altar, not for burnt offering, nor for sacrifice: 27but it shall be a witness between us and you, and between our generations after us, that we may do the service of Yehovah before him with our burnt offerings, and with our sacrifices, and with our peace offerings; that your children may not say to our children in time to come, You have no portion in Yehovah. 28Therefore we said, It shall be, when they say so to us or to our generations in time to come, that we shall say, Behold the pattern of the altar of Yehovah, which our fathers made, not for burnt offering, nor for sacrifice; but it is a witness between us and you. 29Far be it from us that we should rebel against Yehovah, and turn away this day from following Yehovah, to build an altar for

burnt offering, for meal offering, or for sacrifice, besides the altar of Yehovah our God that is before his tabernacle. 30And when Phinehas the priest, and the princes of the congregation, even the heads of the thousands of Israel who were with him, heard the words that the children of Reuben and the children of Gad and the children of Manasseh spoke, it pleased them well. 31And Phinehas the son of Eleazar the priest said to the children of Reuben, and to the children of Gad, and to the children of Manasseh, This day we know that Yehovah is in the midst of us, because you have not committed this trespass against Yehovah: now you have delivered the children of Israel out of the hand of Yehovah. 32And Phinehas the son of Eleazar the priest, and the princes, returned from the children of Reuben, and from the children of Gad, out of the land of Gilead, to the land of Canaan, to the children of Israel, and brought them word again. 33And the thing pleased the children of Israel; and the children of Israel blessed God, and spoke no more of going up against them to war, to destroy the land in which the children of Reuben and the children of Gad dwelt. 34And the children of Reuben and the children of Gad called the altar Ed: For, said they, it is a witness between us that Yehovah is God.

Chapter 23

1And it happened after many days, when Yehovah had given rest to Israel from all their enemies all around, and Joshua was old and advanced in years; 2that Joshua called for all Israel, for their elders and for their heads, and for their judges and for their officers, and said to them, I am old and advanced in years: 3and you have seen all that Yehovah your God has done to all these nations because of you; for Yehovah your God, it is he who has fought for you. 4Behold, I have allotted to you these nations that remain, to be an inheritance for your tribes, from the Jordan, with all the nations that I have cut off, even to the great sea toward the going down of the sun. 5And Yehovah your God, he will thrust them out from before you, and drive them out of your sight; and you shall possess their land, as Yehovah your God spoke to you. 6Therefore be very courageous to keep and to do all that is written in the book of the law of Moses, that you do not turn aside from it to the right hand or to the left; 7that you do not come among these nations, these that remain among you; nor make mention of the name of their gods, nor cause anyone to swear by them, nor serve them, nor bow down to them; 8but cling to Yehovah your God, as you have done to this day. 9For Yehovah has driven out from before you great nations and strong: but as for you, no man has stood before you to this day. 10One man of you shall chase a thousand; for Yehovah your God, it is he who fights for you, as he spoke to you. 11Take good heed therefore to yourselves, that you love Yehovah your God. 12Otherwise if you do at all go back, and cling to the remnant of these nations, even these that remain among you, and make marriages with them, and go in to them, and they to you; 13know for certain that Yehovah your God will no longer drive these nations out of your sight; but they shall be a snare and a trap to you, and a scourge in your sides, and thorns in your eyes, until you perish from this good land which Yehovah your God has given you. 14And, behold, this day I am going the way of all the earth: and you know in all your hearts and in all your souls, that not one thing has failed of all the good things which Yehovah your God spoke concerning you; all have come to pass for you, not one thing of them has failed. 15And it shall happen, that as all the good things have come on you of which Yehovah your God spoke to you, so Yehovah will bring on you all the evil things, until he has destroyed you from this good land which Yehovah your God has given you. 16When you transgress the covenant of Yehovah your God, which he commanded you, and go and serve other gods, and bow down to them; then the anger of Yehovah will be kindled against you, and you shall perish quickly from the good land which he has given to you.

Chapter 24

1And Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and called for the elders of Israel, and for their heads, and for their judges, and for their officers; and they presented themselves before God. 2And Joshua said to all the people, Thus says Yehovah, the God of Israel, Your fathers dwelt in former times beyond the River, even Terah, the father of Abraham, and the father of Nahor: and they served other gods. 3And I took your father Abraham from beyond the River, and led him throughout all the land of Canaan, and multiplied his seed, and gave him Isaac. 4And I gave to Isaac Jacob and Esau: and I gave to Esau mount Seir, to possess it; and Jacob and his children went down into Egypt. 5And I sent Moses and Aaron, and I plagued Egypt, according to what I did in its midst: and afterward I brought you out. 6And I brought your fathers out of Egypt: and you

came to the sea; and the Egyptians pursued your fathers with chariots and with horsemen to the Red Sea. 7And when they cried out to Yehovah, he put darkness between you and the Egyptians, and brought the sea on them, and covered them; and your eyes saw what I did in Egypt: and you dwelt in the wilderness many days. 8And I brought you into the land of the Amorites, who dwelt beyond the Jordan: and they fought with you; and I gave them into your hand, and you possessed their land; and I destroyed them from before you. 9Then Balak the son of Zippor, king of Moab, arose and fought against Israel: and he sent and called Balaam the son of Beor to curse you; 10but I would not listen to Balaam; therefore he blessed you still: so I delivered you out of his hand. 11And you went over the Jordan, and came to Jericho: and the men of Jericho fought against you, the Amorite, and the Perizzite, and the Canaanite, and the Hittite, and the Girgashite, the Hivite, and the Jebusite; and I delivered them into your hand. 12And I sent the hornet before you, which drove them out from before you, even the two kings of the Amorites; not with your sword, nor with your bow. 13And I gave you a land on which you had not labored, and cities which you did not build, and you dwell in them; you eat of vineyards and olive groves which you did not plant. 14Now therefore fear Yehovah, and serve him in sincerity and in truth; and put away the gods which your fathers served beyond the River, and in Egypt; and serve Yehovah. 15And if it seems evil to you to serve Yehovah, choose this day whom you will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served who were beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve Yehovah. 16And the people answered and said, Far be it from us that we should forsake Yehovah, to serve other gods; 17for Yehovah our God, it is he who brought us and our fathers up out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage, and who did those great signs in our sight, and preserved us in all the way in which we went, and among all the peoples through the midst of whom we passed; 18and Yehovah drove out from before us all the peoples, even the Amorites who dwelt in the land: therefore we also will serve Yehovah; for he is our God. 19And Joshua said to the people, You cannot serve Yehovah; for he is a holy God; he is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgression nor your sins. 20If you forsake Yehovah, and serve foreign gods, then he will turn and do you evil, and consume you, after he has done you good. 21And the people said to Joshua, No; but we will serve Yehovah. 22And Joshua said to the people, You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen Yehovah for yourselves, to serve him. And they said, We are witnesses. 23Now therefore put away, he said, the foreign gods which are among you, and incline your heart to Yehovah, the God of Israel. 24And the people said to Joshua, Yehovah our God we will serve, and to his voice we will listen. 25So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and set them a statute and an ordinance in Shechem. 26And Joshua wrote these words in the book of the law of God; and he took a great stone, and set it up there under the oak that was by the sanctuary of Yehovah. 27And Joshua said to all the people, Behold, this stone shall be a witness against us; for it has heard all the words of Yehovah which he spoke to us: it shall be therefore a witness against you, lest you deny your God. 28So Joshua sent the people away, every man to his inheritance. 29And it happened after these things, that Joshua the son of Nun, the servant of Yehovah, died, being a hundred and ten years old. 30And they buried him in the border of his inheritance in Timnath-serah, which is in the hill country of Ephraim, on the north of the mountain of Gaash. 31And Israel served Yehovah all the days of Joshua, and all the days of the elders who outlived Joshua, and had known all the work of Yehovah, that he had done for Israel. 32And the bones of Joseph, which the children of Israel brought up out of Egypt, they buried in Shechem, in the parcel of ground which Jacob bought from the sons of Hamor the father of Shechem for a hundred pieces of money: and they became the inheritance of the children of Joseph. 33And Eleazar the son of Aaron died; and they buried him in the hill of Phinehas his son, which was given him in the hill country of Ephraim.

Judges

Chapter 1

[1]And it happened after the death of Joshua, that the children of Israel inquired of Yehovah, saying, Who shall go up for us first against the Canaanites, to fight against them? [2]And Yehovah said, Judah shall go up: behold, I have delivered the land into his hand. [3]And Judah said to Simeon his brother, Come up with me into my lot, that we may fight against the Canaanites; and I likewise will go with you into your lot. So Simeon went with him. [4]And Judah went up; and Yehovah delivered the Canaanites and the Perizzites into their hand: and they struck down ten thousand men of them in Bezek. [5]And they found Adoni-bezek in Bezek; and they fought against him, and they struck down the Canaanites and the Perizzites. [6]But Adoni-bezek fled; and they pursued after him, and caught him, and cut off his thumbs and his great toes. [7]And Adoni-bezek said, Seventy kings, having their thumbs and their great toes cut off, gathered their food under my table: as I have done, so God has requited me. And they brought him to Jerusalem, and he died there. [8]And the children of Judah fought against Jerusalem, and took it, and struck it with the edge of the sword, and set the city on fire. [9]And afterward the children of Judah went down to fight against the Canaanites who dwelt in the hill-country, and in the South, and in the lowland. [10]And Judah went against the Canaanites who dwelt in Hebron (now the name of Hebron formerly was Kiriath-arba); and they struck down Sheshai, and Ahiman, and Talmai. [11]And from there he went against the inhabitants of Debir. (Now the name of Debir formerly was Kiriath-sepher.) [12]And Caleb said, He who strikes Kiriath-sepher, and takes it, to him I will give Achsah my daughter as wife. [13]And Othniel the son of Kenaz, Caleb's younger brother, took it: and he gave him Achsah his daughter as wife. [14]And it happened, when she came to him, that she moved him to ask of her father a field: and she got down from her donkey; and Caleb said to her, What do you want? [15]And she said to him, Give me a blessing; since you have set me in the land of the South, give me also springs of water. And Caleb gave her the upper springs and the lower springs. [16]And the children of the Kenite, Moses' brother-in-law, went up out of the city of palm-trees with the children of Judah into the wilderness of Judah, which is in the south of Arad; and they went and dwelt with the people. [17]And Judah went with Simeon his brother, and they struck down the Canaanites who inhabited Zephath, and utterly destroyed it. And the name of the city was called Hormah. [18]Also Judah took Gaza with its border, and Ashkelon with its border, and Ekron with its border. [19]And Yehovah was with Judah; and drove out the inhabitants of the hill-country; for he could not drive out the inhabitants of the valley, because they had chariots of iron. [20]And they gave Hebron to Caleb, as Moses had spoken: and he drove out from there the three sons of Anak. [21]And the children of Benjamin did not drive out the Jebusites who inhabited Jerusalem; but the Jebusites dwell with the children of Benjamin in Jerusalem to this day. [22]And the house of Joseph, they also went up against Beth-el; and Yehovah was with them. [23]And the house of Joseph sent to spy out Beth-el. (Now the name of the city formerly was Luz.) [24]And the spies saw a man come out of the city, and they said to him, Please show us the entrance into the city, and we will deal kindly with you. [25]And he showed them the entrance into the city; and they struck the city with the edge of the sword; but they let the man go and all his family. [26]And the man went into the land of the Hittites, and built a city, and called its name Luz, which is its name to this day. [27]And Manasseh did not drive out the inhabitants of Beth-shean and its towns, nor of Taanach and its towns, nor the inhabitants of Dor and its towns, nor the inhabitants of Ibleam and its towns, nor the inhabitants of Megiddo and its towns; but the Canaanites would dwell in that land. [28]And it happened, when Israel had grown strong, that they put the Canaanites to forced labor, and did not utterly drive them out. [29]And Ephraim did not drive out the Canaanites who dwelt in Gezer; but the Canaanites dwelt in Gezer among them. [30]Zebulun did not drive out the inhabitants of Kitron, nor the inhabitants of Nahalol; but the Canaanites dwelt among them, and became subject to forced labor. [31]Asher did not drive out the inhabitants of Acco, nor the inhabitants of Sidon, nor of Ahlab, nor of Achzib, nor of Helbah, nor of Aphik, nor of Rehob; [32]but the Asherites dwelt among the Canaanites, the inhabitants of the land; for they did not drive them out. [33]Naphtali did not drive out the inhabitants of Beth-shemesh, nor the inhabitants of Beth-anath; but he dwelt among the Canaanites, the inhabitants

of the land: nevertheless the inhabitants of Beth-shemesh and of Beth-anath became subject to forced labor. 34And the Amorites forced the children of Dan into the hill-country; for they would not allow them to come down to the valley; 35but the Amorites would dwell in mount Heres, in Aijalon, and in Shaalbim: yet the hand of the house of Joseph prevailed, so that they became subject to forced labor. 36And the border of the Amorites was from the ascent of Akrabbim, from the rock, and upward.

Chapter 2

1And the angel of Yehovah came up from Gilgal to Bochim. And he said, I made you go up out of Egypt, and have brought you to the land which I swore to your fathers; and I said, I will never break my covenant with you: 2and you shall make no covenant with the inhabitants of this land; you shall break down their altars. But you have not listened to my voice: why have you done this? 3Therefore I also said, I will not drive them out from before you; but they shall be as thorns in your sides, and their gods shall be a snare to you. 4And it happened, when the angel of Yehovah spoke these words to all the children of Israel, that the people lifted up their voice, and wept. 5And they called the name of that place Bochim: and they sacrificed there to Yehovah. 6Now when Joshua had sent the people away, the children of Israel went every man to his inheritance to possess the land. 7And the people served Yehovah all the days of Joshua, and all the days of the elders who outlived Joshua, who had seen all the great work of Yehovah that he had done for Israel. 8And Joshua the son of Nun, the servant of Yehovah, died, being a hundred and ten years old. 9And they buried him in the border of his inheritance in Timnath-heres, in the hill-country of Ephraim, on the north of the mountain of Gaash. 10And also all that generation were gathered to their fathers: and there arose another generation after them, who did not know Yehovah, nor yet the work which he had done for Israel. 11And the children of Israel did that which was evil in the sight of Yehovah, and served the Baalim; 12and they forsook Yehovah, the God of their fathers, who brought them out of the land of Egypt, and followed other gods, of the gods of the peoples who were around them, and bowed themselves down to them: and they provoked Yehovah to anger. 13And they forsook Yehovah, and served Baal and the Ashtaroth. 14And the anger of Yehovah was kindled against Israel, and he delivered them into the hands of plunderers who plundered them; and he sold them into the hands of their enemies all around, so that they could not any longer stand before their enemies. 15Wherever they went out, the hand of Yehovah was against them for evil, as Yehovah had spoken, and as Yehovah had sworn to them: and they were greatly distressed. 16And Yehovah raised up judges, who saved them out of the hand of those who plundered them. 17And yet they did not listen to their judges; for they played the prostitute after other gods, and bowed themselves down to them: they turned aside quickly out of the way in which their fathers walked, obeying the commandments of Yehovah; but they did not do so. 18And when Yehovah raised them up judges, then Yehovah was with the judge, and saved them out of the hand of their enemies all the days of the judge: for Yehovah was moved to pity because of their groaning by reason of those who oppressed them and afflicted them. 19But it happened, when the judge was dead, that they turned back, and dealt more corruptly than their fathers, in following other gods to serve them, and to bow down to them; they did not cease from their doings, nor from their stubborn way. 20And the anger of Yehovah was kindled against Israel; and he said, Because this nation has transgressed my covenant which I commanded their fathers, and has not listened to my voice; 21I also will not from now on drive out any from before them of the nations that Joshua left when he died; 22that by them I may test Israel, whether they will keep the way of Yehovah to walk in it, as their fathers kept it, or not. 23So Yehovah left those nations, without driving them out hastily; nor did he deliver them into the hand of Joshua.

Chapter 3

1Now these are the nations which Yehovah left, to test Israel by them, even as many of Israel as had not known all the wars of Canaan; 2only that the generations of the children of Israel might know, to teach them war, at least those who formerly knew nothing of it: 3namely, the five lords of the Philistines, and all the Canaanites, and the Sidonians, and the Hivites who dwelt in mount Lebanon, from mount Baal-hermon to the entrance of Hamath. 4And they were left, to test Israel by them, to know whether they would listen to the commandments of Yehovah, which he commanded their fathers by Moses. 5And the children of Israel dwelt among the Canaanites, the Hittites, and the Amorites, and the Perizzites, and the Hivites, and the

Jebusites: 6and they took their daughters to be their wives, and gave their own daughters to their sons and served their gods. 7And the children of Israel did that which was evil in the sight of Yehovah, and forgot Yehovah their God, and served the Baalim and the Asheroth. 8Therefore the anger of Yehovah was kindled against Israel, and he sold them into the hand of Cushan-rishathaim king of Mesopotamia: and the children of Israel served Cushan-rishathaim eight years. 9And when the children of Israel cried to Yehovah, Yehovah raised up a savior to the children of Israel, who saved them, even Othniel the son of Kenaz, Caleb's younger brother. 10And the Spirit of Yehovah came on him, and he judged Israel; and he went out to war, and Yehovah delivered Cushan-rishathaim king of Mesopotamia into his hand: and his hand prevailed against Cushan-rishathaim. 11And the land had rest forty years. And Othniel the son of Kenaz died. 12And the children of Israel again did that which was evil in the sight of Yehovah: and Yehovah strengthened Eglon the king of Moab against Israel, because they had done that which was evil in the sight of Yehovah. 13And he gathered to him the children of Ammon and Amalek; and he went and struck down Israel, and they possessed the city of palm-trees. 14And the children of Israel served Eglon the king of Moab eighteen years. 15But when the children of Israel cried to Yehovah, Yehovah raised them up a savior, Ehud the son of Gera, the Benjamite, a left-handed man. And the children of Israel sent tribute by him to Eglon the king of Moab. 16And Ehud made himself a sword which had two edges, a cubit in length; and he girded it under his clothing on his right thigh. 17And he offered the tribute to Eglon king of Moab: now Eglon was a very fat man. 18And when he had finished offering the tribute, he sent away the people who bore the tribute. 19But he himself turned back from the quarries that were by Gilgal, and said, I have a secret errand to you, O king. And he said, Keep silence. And all who stood by him went out from him. 20And Ehud came to him; and he was sitting by himself alone in the cool upper room. And Ehud said, I have a message from God to you. And he arose out of his seat. 21And Ehud put out his left hand, and took the sword from his right thigh, and thrust it into his body: 22and the haft also went in after the blade; and the fat closed on the blade, for he did not draw the sword out of his body; and it came out behind. 23Then Ehud went out into the porch, and shut the doors of the upper room on him, and locked them. 24Now when he had gone out, his servants came; and they saw, and, behold, the doors of the upper room were locked; and they said, Surely he is covering his feet in the upper chamber. 25And they stayed till they were ashamed; and, behold, he did not open the doors of the upper room: therefore they took the key, and opened them; and, behold, their lord had fallen down dead on the earth. 26And Ehud escaped while they stayed, and passed beyond the quarries, and escaped to Seirah. 27And it happened, when he had come, that he blew a trumpet in the hill-country of Ephraim; and the children of Israel went down with him from the hill-country, and he before them. 28And he said to them, Follow after me; for Yehovah has delivered your enemies the Moabites into your hand. And they went down after him, and took the fords of the Jordan against the Moabites, and did not allow a man to pass over. 29And they struck down at that time about ten thousand men of Moab, every robust man, and every man of valor; and not a man escaped. 30So Moab was subdued that day under the hand of Israel. And the land had rest eighty years. 31And after him was Shamgar the son of Anath, who struck down six hundred men of the Philistines with an ox-goad: and he also saved Israel.

Chapter 4

1And the children of Israel again did that which was evil in the sight of Yehovah, when Ehud was dead. 2And Yehovah sold them into the hand of Jabin king of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor; the captain of whose host was Sisera, who dwelt in Harosheth of the Gentiles. 3And the children of Israel cried to Yehovah: for he had nine hundred chariots of iron; and twenty years he mightily oppressed the children of Israel. 4Now Deborah, a prophetess, the wife of Lappidoth, she judged Israel at that time. 5And she dwelt under the palm-tree of Deborah between Ramah and Beth-el in the hill-country of Ephraim: and the children of Israel came up to her for judgment. 6And she sent and called Barak the son of Abinoam out of Kedesh-naphtali, and said to him, Has not Yehovah, the God of Israel, commanded, saying, Go and draw to mount Tabor, and take with you ten thousand men of the children of Naphtali and of the children of Zebulun? 7And I will draw to you, to the river Kishon, Sisera, the captain of Jabin's army, with his chariots and his multitude; and I will deliver him into your hand. 8And Barak said to her, If you will go with me, then I will go; but if you will not

go with me, I will not go. [9]And she said, I will surely go with you: nevertheless, the journey that you take shall not be for your honor; for Yehovah will sell Sisera into the hand of a woman. And Deborah arose, and went with Barak to Kedesh. [10]And Barak called Zebulun and Naphtali together to Kedesh; and there went up ten thousand men at his feet: and Deborah went up with him. [11]Now Heber the Kenite had separated himself from the Kenites, even from the children of Hobab the brother-in-law of Moses, and had pitched his tent as far as the oak in Zaanannim, which is by Kedesh. [12]And they told Sisera that Barak the son of Abinoam had gone up to mount Tabor. [13]And Sisera gathered together all his chariots, even nine hundred chariots of iron, and all the people who were with him, from Harosheth of the Gentiles, to the river Kishon. [14]And Deborah said to Barak, Up; for this is the day in which Yehovah has delivered Sisera into your hand; has not Yehovah gone out before you? So Barak went down from mount Tabor, and ten thousand men after him. [15]And Yehovah routed Sisera, and all his chariots, and all his host, with the edge of the sword before Barak; and Sisera alighted from his chariot, and fled away on his feet. [16]But Barak pursued after the chariots, and after the host, to Harosheth of the Gentiles: and all the host of Sisera fell by the edge of the sword; there was not a man left. [17]However, Sisera fled away on his feet to the tent of Jael the wife of Heber the Kenite; for there was peace between Jabin the king of Hazor and the house of Heber the Kenite. [18]And Jael went out to meet Sisera, and said to him, Turn in, my lord, turn in to me; do not fear. And he turned in to her into the tent, and she covered him with a rug. [19]And he said to her, Please give me a little water to drink; for I am thirsty. And she opened a skin of milk, and gave him drink, and covered him. [20]And he said to her, Stand in the door of the tent, and it shall be, when any man comes and inquires of you, and says, Is there any man here? that you shall say, No. [21]Then Jael Heber's wife took a tent-pin, and took a hammer in her hand, and went softly to him, and drove the pin into his temples, and it pierced through into the ground; for he was in a deep sleep; so he swooned and died. [22]And, behold, as Barak pursued Sisera, Jael came out to meet him, and said to him, Come, and I will show you the man whom you seek. And he came to her; and, behold, Sisera lay dead, and the tent-pin was in his temples. [23]So on that day God subdued Jabin the king of Canaan before the children of Israel. [24]And the hand of the children of Israel prevailed more and more against Jabin the king of Canaan, until they had destroyed Jabin king of Canaan.

Chapter 5

[1]Then Deborah and Barak the son of Abinoam sang on that day, saying, [2]Because the leaders took the lead in Israel, Because the people offered themselves willingly, Bless Yehovah. [3]Hear, O you kings; give ear, O you princes; I, even I, will sing to Yehovah; I will sing praise to Yehovah, the God of Israel. [4]Yehovah, when you went out from Seir, When you marched out of the field of Edom, The earth trembled, the heavens also dropped, Indeed, the clouds dropped water. [5]The mountains quaked at the presence of Yehovah, Even that Sinai at the presence of Yehovah, the God of Israel. [6]In the days of Shamgar the son of Anath, In the days of Jael, the highways were unoccupied, And the travelers walked through byways. [7]The rulers ceased in Israel, they ceased, Until I, Deborah, arose, Until I arose a mother in Israel. [8]They chose new gods; Then there was war in the gates: Was there a shield or spear seen Among forty thousand in Israel? [9]My heart is toward the governors of Israel, Who offered themselves willingly among the people: Bless Yehovah. [10]Tell of it, you who ride on white donkeys, You who sit on rich carpets, And you who walk by the way. [11]Far from the noise of archers, in the places of drawing water, There they shall recount the righteous acts of Yehovah, Even the righteous acts of his rule in Israel. Then the people of Yehovah went down to the gates. [12]Awake, awake, Deborah; Awake, awake, utter a song: Arise, Barak, and lead away your captives, you son of Abinoam. [13]Then came down a remnant of the nobles and the people; Yehovah came down for me against the mighty. [14]Out of Ephraim came down those whose root is in Amalek; After you, Benjamin, among your peoples; Out of Machir came down governors, And out of Zebulun those who handle the marshal's staff. [15]And the princes of Issachar were with Deborah; As was Issachar, so was Barak; Into the valley they rushed forth at his feet. By the watercourses of Reuben There were great resolves of heart. [16]Why did you sit among the sheepfolds, To hear the pipings for the flocks? At the watercourses of Reuben There were great searchings of heart. [17]Gilead stayed beyond the Jordan: And Dan, why did he remain in ships? Asher sat still at the haven of the sea, And stayed by his creeks. [18]Zebulun was a people who risked their lives to the death, And Naphtali, on

the high places of the field. 19The kings came and fought; Then fought the kings of Canaan, In Taanach by the waters of Megiddo: They took no gain of money. 20From heaven fought the stars, From their courses they fought against Sisera. 21The river Kishon swept them away, That ancient river, the river Kishon. O my soul, march on with strength. 22Then the horsehoofs stamped By reason of the prancings, the prancings of their strong ones. 23Curse Meroz, said the angel of Yehovah. Curse bitterly its inhabitants, Because they did not come to the help of Yehovah, To the help of Yehovah against the mighty. 24Blessed above women shall Jael be, The wife of Heber the Kenite; Blessed shall she be above women in the tent. 25He asked water, and she gave him milk; She brought him butter in a lordly dish. 26She put her hand to the tent-pin, And her right hand to the workmen's hammer; And with the hammer she struck Sisera, she struck through his head; Indeed, she pierced and struck through his temples. 27At her feet he bowed, he fell, he lay; At her feet he bowed, he fell: Where he bowed, there he fell down dead. 28Through the window she looked out, and cried, The mother of Sisera cried through the lattice, Why is his chariot so long in coming? Why do the wheels of his chariots delay? 29Her wise ladies answered her, Indeed, she returned answer to herself, 30Have they not found, have they not divided the spoil? A maiden, two maidens to every man; To Sisera a spoil of dyed garments, A spoil of dyed garments embroidered, Of dyed garments embroidered on both sides, on the necks of the spoil? 31So let all your enemies perish, O Yehovah: But let those who love him be as the sun when he goes out in his might. And the land had rest forty years.

Chapter 6

1And the children of Israel did that which was evil in the sight of Yehovah: and Yehovah delivered them into the hand of Midian seven years. 2And the hand of Midian prevailed against Israel; and because of Midian the children of Israel made for themselves the dens which are in the mountains, and the caves, and the strongholds. 3And so it was, when Israel had sown, that the Midianites came up, and the Amalekites, and the children of the east; they came up against them; 4and they encamped against them, and destroyed the increase of the earth, till you come to Gaza, and left no sustenance in Israel, neither sheep, nor ox, nor donkey. 5For they came up with their cattle and their tents; they came in as locusts for multitude; both they and their camels were without number: and they came into the land to destroy it. 6And Israel was brought very low because of Midian; and the children of Israel cried to Yehovah. 7And it happened, when the children of Israel cried to Yehovah because of Midian, 8that Yehovah sent a prophet to the children of Israel: and he said to them, Thus says Yehovah, the God of Israel, I brought you up from Egypt, and brought you out of the house of bondage; 9and I delivered you out of the hand of the Egyptians, and out of the hand of all who oppressed you, and drove them out from before you, and gave you their land; 10and I said to you, I am Yehovah your God; you shall not fear the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you dwell. But you have not listened to my voice. 11And the angel of Yehovah came, and sat under the oak which was in Ophrah, which belonged to Joash the Abiezrite: and his son Gideon was beating out wheat in the winepress, to hide it from the Midianites. 12And the angel of Yehovah appeared to him, and said to him, Yehovah is with you, you mighty man of valor. 13And Gideon said to him, Oh, my lord, if Yehovah is with us, why then has all this befallen us? and where are all his wondrous works which our fathers told us of, saying, Did not Yehovah bring us up from Egypt? but now Yehovah has cast us off, and delivered us into the hand of Midian. 14And Yehovah looked on him, and said, Go in this your might, and save Israel from the hand of Midian: have I not sent you? 15And he said to him, Oh, Lord, with what shall I save Israel? behold, my family is the poorest in Manasseh, and I am the least in my father's house. 16And Yehovah said to him, Surely I will be with you, and you shall strike the Midianites as one man. 17And he said to him, If now I have found favor in your sight, then show me a sign that it is you who talk with me. 18Please do not depart from here until I come to you, and bring out my present, and lay it before you. And he said, I will stay until you come again. 19And Gideon went in, and made ready a kid, and unleavened cakes of an ephah of meal: the flesh he put in a basket, and he put the broth in a pot, and brought it out to him under the oak, and presented it. 20And the angel of God said to him, Take the flesh and the unleavened cakes, and lay them on this rock, and pour out the broth. And he did so. 21Then the angel of Yehovah put forth the end of the staff that was in his hand, and touched the flesh and the unleavened cakes; and there went up fire out of the rock, and consumed the flesh and the

unleavened cakes; and the angel of Yehovah departed out of his sight. 22And Gideon saw that he was the angel of Yehovah; and Gideon said, Alas, O Lord Yehovah! because I have seen the angel of Yehovah face to face. 23And Yehovah said to him, Peace be to you; do not fear: you shall not die. 24Then Gideon built an altar there to Yehovah, and called it Yehovah-shalom: to this day it is yet in Ophrah of the Abiezrites. 25And it happened the same night, that Yehovah said to him, Take your father's bull, even the second bull seven years old, and throw down the altar of Baal that your father has, and cut down the Asherah that is by it; 26and build an altar to Yehovah your God on the top of this stronghold, in the orderly manner, and take the second bull, and offer a burnt-offering with the wood of the Asherah which you shall cut down. 27Then Gideon took ten men of his servants, and did as Yehovah had spoken to him: and it happened, because he feared his father's household and the men of the city, so that he could not do it by day, that he did it by night. 28And when the men of the city arose early in the morning, behold, the altar of Baal was broken down, and the Asherah was cut down that was by it, and the second bull was offered on the altar that was built. 29And they said one to another, Who has done this thing? And when they inquired and asked, they said, Gideon the son of Joash has done this thing. 30Then the men of the city said to Joash, Bring out your son, that he may die, because he has broken down the altar of Baal, and because he has cut down the Asherah that was by it. 31And Joash said to all who stood against him, Will you contend for Baal? or will you save him? he who will contend for him, let him be put to death while it is still morning: if he is a god, let him contend for himself, because one has broken down his altar. 32Therefore on that day he called him Jerubbaal, saying, Let Baal contend against him, because he has broken down his altar. 33Then all the Midianites and the Amalekites and the children of the east assembled themselves together; and they passed over, and encamped in the valley of Jezreel. 34But the Spirit of Yehovah came on Gideon; and he blew a trumpet; and Abiezer was gathered together after him. 35And he sent messengers throughout all Manasseh; and they also were gathered together after him: and he sent messengers to Asher, and to Zebulun, and to Naphtali; and they came up to meet them. 36And Gideon said to God, If you will save Israel by my hand, as you have spoken, 37behold, I will put a fleece of wool on the threshing-floor; if there is dew on the fleece only, and it is dry on all the ground, then I shall know that you will save Israel by my hand, as you have spoken. 38And it was so; for he rose up early the next day, and pressed the fleece together, and wrung the dew out of the fleece, a bowlful of water. 39And Gideon said to God, Do not let your anger be kindled against me, and I will speak but this once: please let me make trial but this once with the fleece; let it now be dry only on the fleece, and on all the ground let there be dew. 40And God did so that night: for it was dry on the fleece only, and there was dew on all the ground.

Chapter 7

1Then Jerubbaal, who is Gideon, and all the people who were with him, rose up early, and encamped beside the spring of Harod: and the camp of Midian was on the north side of them, by the hill of Moreh, in the valley. 2And Yehovah said to Gideon, The people who are with you are too many for me to give the Midianites into their hand, lest Israel vaunt themselves against me, saying, My own hand has saved me. 3Now therefore proclaim in the ears of the people, saying, Whoever is fearful and trembling, let him return and depart from mount Gilead. And there returned of the people twenty-two thousand; and there remained ten thousand. 4And Yehovah said to Gideon, The people are yet too many; bring them down to the water, and I will test them for you there: and it shall be, that of whom I say to you, This shall go with you, the same shall go with you; and of whomever I say to you, This shall not go with you, the same shall not go. 5So he brought down the people to the water: and Yehovah said to Gideon, Everyone who laps of the water with his tongue, as a dog laps, him you shall set by himself; likewise everyone who bows down on his knees to drink. 6And the number of those who lapped, putting their hand to their mouth, was three hundred men: but all the rest of the people bowed down on their knees to drink water. 7And Yehovah said to Gideon, By the three hundred men who lapped I will save you, and deliver the Midianites into your hand; and let all the people go every man to his place. 8So the people took provisions in their hand, and their trumpets; and he sent all the men of Israel every man to his tent, but retained the three hundred men: and the camp of Midian was beneath him in the valley. 9And it happened the same night, that Yehovah said to him, Arise, go down into the camp; for I have delivered it

into your hand. 10But if you fear to go down, go with Purah your servant down to the camp: 11and you shall hear what they say; and afterward your hands shall be strengthened to go down into the camp. Then he went down with Purah his servant to the outermost part of the armed men who were in the camp. 12And the Midianites and the Amalekites and all the children of the east lay along in the valley like locusts for multitude; and their camels were without number, as the sand which is on the sea-shore for multitude. 13And when Gideon had come, behold, there was a man telling a dream to his fellow; and he said, Behold, I dreamed a dream; and look, a cake of barley bread tumbled into the camp of Midian, and came to the tent, and struck it so that it fell, and turned it upside down, so that the tent lay flat. 14And his fellow answered and said, This is nothing else except the sword of Gideon the son of Joash, a man of Israel: into his hand God has delivered Midian, and all the host. 15And it was so, when Gideon heard the telling of the dream, and its interpretation, that he worshipped; and he returned into the camp of Israel, and said, Arise; for Yehovah has delivered into your hand the host of Midian. 16And he divided the three hundred men into three companies, and he put into the hands of all of them trumpets, and empty pitchers, with torches within the pitchers. 17And he said to them, Look on me, and do likewise: and, behold, when I come to the outermost part of the camp, it shall be that, as I do, so shall you do. 18When I blow the trumpet, I and all who are with me, then you also blow the trumpets on every side of all the camp, and say, For Yehovah and for Gideon. 19So Gideon, and the hundred men who were with him, came to the outermost part of the camp in the beginning of the middle watch, when they had but newly set the watch: and they blew the trumpets, and broke in pieces the pitchers that were in their hands. 20And the three companies blew the trumpets, and broke the pitchers, and held the torches in their left hands, and the trumpets in their right hands with which to blow; and they cried, The sword of Yehovah and of Gideon. 21And they stood every man in his place around the camp; and all the host ran; and they shouted, and put them to flight. 22And they blew the three hundred trumpets, and Yehovah set every man's sword against his fellow, and against all the host; and the host fled as far as Beth-shittah toward Zererah, as far as the border of Abel-meholah, by Tabbath. 23And the men of Israel were gathered together out of Naphtali, and out of Asher, and out of all Manasseh, and pursued after Midian. 24And Gideon sent messengers throughout all the hill-country of Ephraim, saying, Come down against Midian, and take before them the waters, as far as Beth-barah, even the Jordan. So all the men of Ephraim were gathered together, and took the waters as far as Beth-barah, even the Jordan. 25And they took the two princes of Midian, Oreb and Zeeb; and they killed Oreb at the rock of Oreb, and Zeeb they killed at the winepress of Zeeb, and pursued Midian: and they brought the heads of Oreb and Zeeb to Gideon beyond the Jordan.

Chapter 8

1And the men of Ephraim said to him, Why have you treated us thus, that you did not call us, when you went to fight with Midian? And they chided him sharply. 2And he said to them, What have I now done in comparison with you? Is not the gleaning of the grapes of Ephraim better than the vintage of Abiezer? 3God has delivered into your hand the princes of Midian, Oreb and Zeeb: and what was I able to do in comparison with you? Then their anger was abated toward him, when he had said that. 4And Gideon came to the Jordan, and passed over, he, and the three hundred men who were with him, faint, yet pursuing. 5And he said to the men of Succoth, Please give loaves of bread to the people who follow me; for they are faint, and I am pursuing after Zebah and Zalmunna, the kings of Midian. 6And the princes of Succoth said, Are the hands of Zebah and Zalmunna now in your hand, that we should give bread to your army? 7And Gideon said, Therefore when Yehovah has delivered Zebah and Zalmunna into my hand, then I will tear your flesh with the thorns of the wilderness and with briers. 8And he went up from there to Penuel, and spoke to them in like manner; and the men of Penuel answered him as the men of Succoth had answered. 9And he spoke also to the men of Penuel, saying, When I come again in peace, I will break down this tower. 10Now Zebah and Zalmunna were in Karkor, and their hosts with them, about fifteen thousand men, all who were left of all the host of the children of the east; for there fell a hundred and twenty thousand men who drew the sword. 11And Gideon went up by the way of those who dwelt in tents on the east of Nobah and Jogbehah, and struck the host; for the host was secure. 12And Zebah and Zalmunna fled; and he pursued after them; and he took the two kings of Midian, Zebah and

Zalmunna, and routed all the host. 13And Gideon the son of Joash returned from the battle from the ascent of Heres. 14And he caught a young man of the men of Succoth, and inquired of him: and he described for him the princes of Succoth, and its elders, seventy-seven men. 15And he came to the men of Succoth, and said, Behold Zebah and Zalmunna, concerning whom you taunted me, saying, Are the hands of Zebah and Zalmunna now in your hand, that we should give bread to your men who are weary? 16And he took the elders of the city, and thorns of the wilderness and briers, and with them he taught the men of Succoth. 17And he broke down the tower of Penuel, and killed the men of the city. 18Then he said to Zebah and Zalmunna, What manner of men were they whom you killed at Tabor? And they answered, As you are, so were they; each one resembled the children of a king. 19And he said, They were my brothers, the sons of my mother: as Yehovah lives, if you had saved them alive, I would not kill you. 20And he said to Jether his firstborn, Up, and kill them. But the youth did not draw his sword; for he feared, because he was still a youth. 21Then Zebah and Zalmunna said, Rise yourself, and fall on us; for as the man is, so is his strength. And Gideon arose, and killed Zebah and Zalmunna, and took the crescents that were on their camels' necks. 22Then the men of Israel said to Gideon, Rule over us, both you, and your son, and your son's son also; for you have saved us out of the hand of Midian. 23And Gideon said to them, I will not rule over you, neither shall my son rule over you: Yehovah shall rule over you. 24And Gideon said to them, I would make a request of you, that you would give me every man the ear-rings of his spoil. (For they had golden ear-rings, because they were Ishmaelites.) 25And they answered, We will willingly give them. And they spread a garment, and every man cast in it the ear-rings of his spoil. 26And the weight of the golden ear-rings that he requested was a thousand seven hundred shekels of gold; besides the crescents, and the pendants, and the purple clothing that was on the kings of Midian, and besides the chains that were about their camels' necks. 27And Gideon made an ephod of it, and put it in his city, even in Ophrah: and all Israel played the prostitute after it there; and it became a snare to Gideon, and to his house. 28So Midian was subdued before the children of Israel, and they lifted up their heads no more. And the land had rest forty years in the days of Gideon. 29And Jerubbaal the son of Joash went and dwelt in his own house. 30And Gideon had seventy sons begotten of his body; for he had many wives. 31And his concubine who was in Shechem, she also bore him a son, and he called his name Abimelech. 32And Gideon the son of Joash died in a good old age, and was buried in the sepulchre of Joash his father, in Ophrah of the Abiezrites. 33And it happened, as soon as Gideon was dead, that the children of Israel turned again, and played the prostitute after the Baalim, and made Baal-berith their god. 34And the children of Israel did not remember Yehovah their God, who had delivered them out of the hand of all their enemies on every side; 35nor did they show kindness to the house of Jerubbaal, who is Gideon, according to all the goodness which he had shown to Israel.

Chapter 9

1And Abimelech the son of Jerubbaal went to Shechem to his mother's brothers, and spoke with them, and with all the family of the house of his mother's father, saying, 2Please speak in the ears of all the men of Shechem, Which is better for you, that all the sons of Jerubbaal, who are seventy persons, rule over you, or that one rule over you? remember also that I am your bone and your flesh. 3And his mother's brothers spoke of him in the ears of all the men of Shechem all these words: and their hearts inclined to follow Abimelech; for they said, He is our brother. 4And they gave him seventy pieces of silver out of the house of Baal-berith, with which Abimelech hired worthless and reckless fellows, who followed him. 5And he went to his father's house at Ophrah, and killed his brothers the sons of Jerubbaal, being seventy persons, on one stone: but Jotham the youngest son of Jerubbaal was left; for he hid himself. 6And all the men of Shechem assembled themselves together, and all the house of Millo, and went and made Abimelech king, by the oak of the pillar that was in Shechem. 7And when they told it to Jotham, he went and stood on the top of mount Gerizim, and lifted up his voice, and cried, and said to them, Listen to me, you men of Shechem, that God may listen to you. 8The trees once went out to anoint a king over them; and they said to the olive-tree, Reign over us. 9But the olive-tree said to them, Should I leave my fatness, with which by me they honor God and man, and go to wave to and fro over the trees? 10And the trees said to the fig-tree, Come, and reign over us. 11But the fig-tree said to them, Should I leave my sweetness, and my good fruit, and go to wave to and fro over the trees? 12And the trees

said to the vine, Come, and reign over us. 13And the vine said to them, Should I leave my new wine, which cheers God and man, and go to wave to and fro over the trees? 14Then all the trees said to the bramble, Come, and reign over us. 15And the bramble said to the trees, If in truth you anoint me king over you, then come and take refuge in my shade; and if not, let fire come out of the bramble, and devour the cedars of Lebanon. 16Now therefore, if you have dealt truly and uprightly, in that you have made Abimelech king, and if you have dealt well with Jerubbaal and his house, and have done to him according to the deserving of his hands 17(for my father fought for you, and risked his life, and delivered you out of the hand of Midian: 18and you have risen up against my father's house this day, and have slain his sons, seventy persons, on one stone, and have made Abimelech, the son of his maid-servant, king over the men of Shechem, because he is your brother); 19if you then have dealt truly and uprightly with Jerubbaal and with his house this day, then rejoice in Abimelech, and let him also rejoice in you: 20but if not, let fire come out from Abimelech, and devour the men of Shechem, and the house of Millo; and let fire come out from the men of Shechem, and from the house of Millo, and devour Abimelech. 21And Jotham ran away, and fled, and went to Beer, and dwelt there, for fear of Abimelech his brother. 22And Abimelech was prince over Israel three years. 23And God sent an evil spirit between Abimelech and the men of Shechem; and the men of Shechem dealt treacherously with Abimelech: 24that the violence done to the seventy sons of Jerubbaal might come, and that their blood might be laid on Abimelech their brother, who killed them, and on the men of Shechem, who strengthened his hands to kill his brothers. 25And the men of Shechem set men in ambush for him on the tops of the mountains, and they robbed all who came along that way by them: and it was told Abimelech. 26And Gaal the son of Ebed came with his brothers, and went over to Shechem; and the men of Shechem put their trust in him. 27And they went out into the field, and gathered their vineyards, and trod the grapes, and held festival, and went into the house of their god, and ate and drank, and cursed Abimelech. 28And Gaal the son of Ebed said, Who is Abimelech, and who is Shechem, that we should serve him? is he not the son of Jerubbaal? and Zebul his officer? serve the men of Hamor the father of Shechem: but why should we serve him? 29And would that this people were under my hand! then I would remove Abimelech. And he said to Abimelech, Increase your army, and come out. 30And when Zebul the ruler of the city heard the words of Gaal the son of Ebed, his anger was kindled. 31And he sent messengers to Abimelech craftily, saying, Behold, Gaal the son of Ebed and his brothers have come to Shechem; and, behold, they constrain the city to take part against you. 32Now therefore, up by night, you and the people who are with you, and lie in wait in the field: 33and it shall be, that in the morning, as soon as the sun is up, you shall rise early, and rush on the city; and, behold, when he and the people who are with him come out against you, then you may do to them as you shall find occasion. 34And Abimelech rose up, and all the people who were with him, by night, and they lay in wait against Shechem in four companies. 35And Gaal the son of Ebed went out, and stood in the entrance of the gate of the city: and Abimelech rose up, and the people who were with him, from the ambush. 36And when Gaal saw the people, he said to Zebul, Behold, people are coming down from the tops of the mountains. And Zebul said to him, You see the shadow of the mountains as if they were men. 37And Gaal spoke again and said, See, people are coming down by the middle of the land, and one company comes by the way of the oak of Meonenim. 38Then Zebul said to him, Where now is your mouth, that you said, Who is Abimelech, that we should serve him? is not this the people that you have despised? go out now, please, and fight with them. 39And Gaal went out before the men of Shechem, and fought with Abimelech. 40And Abimelech chased him, and he fled before him, and there fell many wounded, even to the entrance of the gate. 41And Abimelech dwelt at Arumah: and Zebul drove out Gaal and his brothers, that they should not dwell in Shechem. 42And it happened the next day, that the people went out into the field; and they told Abimelech. 43And he took the people, and divided them into three companies, and lay in wait in the field; and he looked, and, behold, the people came out of the city; and he rose up against them, and struck them. 44And Abimelech, and the companies that were with him, rushed forward, and stood in the entrance of the gate of the city: and the two companies rushed on all who were in the field, and struck them. 45And Abimelech fought against the city all that day; and he took the city, and killed the people who were in it: and he beat down the city, and sowed it with salt. 46And when all

the men of the tower of Shechem heard of it, they entered into the stronghold of the house of Elberith. 47And it was told Abimelech that all the men of the tower of Shechem were gathered together. 48And Abimelech went up to mount Zalmon, he and all the people who were with him; and Abimelech took an axe in his hand, and cut down a bough from the trees, and took it up, and laid it on his shoulder: and he said to the people who were with him, What you have seen me do, make haste, and do as I have done. 49And all the people likewise cut down every man his bough, and followed Abimelech, and put them to the stronghold, and set the stronghold on fire on them; so that all the men of the tower of Shechem died also, about a thousand men and women. 50Then Abimelech went to Thebez, and encamped against Thebez, and took it. 51But there was a strong tower within the city, and there fled all the men and women, and all those of the city, and shut themselves in, and went up to the roof of the tower. 52And Abimelech came to the tower, and fought against it, and drew near to the door of the tower to burn it with fire. 53And a certain woman cast an upper millstone on Abimelech's head, and broke his skull. 54Then he called hastily to the young man his armorbearer, and said to him, Draw your sword, and kill me, so that men may not say of me, A woman killed him. And his young man thrust him through, and he died. 55And when the men of Israel saw that Abimelech was dead, they departed every man to his place. 56Thus God requited the wickedness of Abimelech, which he did to his father, in slaying his seventy brothers; 57and God requited all the wickedness of the men of Shechem on their heads: and on them came the curse of Jotham the son of Jerubbaal.

Chapter 10

1And after Abimelech there arose to save Israel Tola the son of Puah, the son of Dodo, a man of Issachar; and he dwelt in Shamir in the hill-country of Ephraim. 2And he judged Israel twenty-three years, and died, and was buried in Shamir. 3And after him arose Jair, the Gileadite; and he judged Israel twenty-two years. 4And he had thirty sons who rode on thirty donkey colts, and they had thirty cities, which are called Havvoth-jair to this day, which are in the land of Gilead. 5And Jair died, and was buried in Kamon. 6And the children of Israel again did that which was evil in the sight of Yehovah, and served the Baalim, and the Ashtaroth, and the gods of Syria, and the gods of Sidon, and the gods of Moab, and the gods of the children of Ammon, and the gods of the Philistines; and they forsook Yehovah, and did not serve him. 7And the anger of Yehovah was kindled against Israel, and he sold them into the hand of the Philistines, and into the hand of the children of Ammon. 8And they harassed and oppressed the children of Israel that year: for eighteen years they oppressed all the children of Israel who were beyond the Jordan in the land of the Amorites, which is in Gilead. 9And the children of Ammon passed over the Jordan to fight also against Judah, and against Benjamin, and against the house of Ephraim; so that Israel was greatly distressed. 10And the children of Israel cried to Yehovah, saying, We have sinned against you, even because we have forsaken our God, and have served the Baalim. 11And Yehovah said to the children of Israel, Did I not save you from the Egyptians, and from the Amorites, from the children of Ammon, and from the Philistines? 12The Sidonians also, and the Amalekites, and the Maonites, oppressed you; and you cried to me, and I saved you out of their hand. 13Yet you have forsaken me, and served other gods: therefore I will save you no more. 14Go and cry to the gods which you have chosen; let them save you in the time of your distress. 15And the children of Israel said to Yehovah, We have sinned: do to us whatever seems good to you; only please deliver us this day. 16And they put away the foreign gods from among them, and served Yehovah; and his soul was grieved for the misery of Israel. 17Then the children of Ammon were gathered together, and encamped in Gilead. And the children of Israel assembled themselves together, and encamped in Mizpah. 18And the people, the princes of Gilead, said one to another, What man is he who will begin to fight against the children of Ammon? he shall be head over all the inhabitants of Gilead.

Chapter 11

1Now Jephthah the Gileadite was a mighty man of valor, and he was the son of a prostitute: and Gilead fathered Jephthah. 2And Gilead's wife bore him sons; and when his wife's sons grew up, they drove out Jephthah, and said to him, You shall not inherit in our father's house; for you are the son of another woman. 3Then Jephthah fled from his brothers, and dwelt in the land of Tob: and worthless fellows were gathered to Jephthah, and they went out with him. 4And it happened after a while, that the children of Ammon made war against Israel. 5And it was so, that, when the children of Ammon made war against

Israel, the elders of Gilead went to fetch Jephthah out of the land of Tob; 6and they said to Jephthah, Come and be our chief, that we may fight with the children of Ammon. 7And Jephthah said to the elders of Gilead, Did you not hate me, and drive me out of my father's house? and why have you come to me now when you are in distress? 8And the elders of Gilead said to Jephthah, Therefore we have turned again to you now, that you may go with us, and fight with the children of Ammon; and you shall be our head over all the inhabitants of Gilead. 9And Jephthah said to the elders of Gilead, If you bring me home again to fight with the children of Ammon, and Yehovah delivers them before me, shall I be your head? 10And the elders of Gilead said to Jephthah, Yehovah shall be witness between us; surely according to your word so we will do. 11Then Jephthah went with the elders of Gilead, and the people made him head and chief over them: and Jephthah spoke all his words before Yehovah in Mizpah. 12And Jephthah sent messengers to the king of the children of Ammon, saying, What have you to do with me, that you have come to me to fight against my land? 13And the king of the children of Ammon answered to the messengers of Jephthah, Because Israel took away my land, when he came up out of Egypt, from the Arnon even to the Jabbok, and to the Jordan: now therefore restore those lands again peaceably. 14And Jephthah sent messengers again to the king of the children of Ammon; 15and he said to him, Thus says Jephthah: Israel did not take away the land of Moab, nor the land of the children of Ammon; 16but when they came up from Egypt, and Israel went through the wilderness to the Red Sea, and came to Kadesh; 17then Israel sent messengers to the king of Edom, saying, Please let me pass through your land; but the king of Edom did not listen. And in like manner he sent to the king of Moab; but he would not: and Israel stayed in Kadesh. 18Then they went through the wilderness, and went around the land of Edom, and the land of Moab, and came by the east side of the land of Moab, and they encamped on the other side of the Arnon; but they did not come within the border of Moab, for the Arnon was the border of Moab. 19And Israel sent messengers to Sihon king of the Amorites, the king of Heshbon; and Israel said to him, Please let us pass through your land to my place. 20But Sihon did not trust Israel to pass through his border; but Sihon gathered all his people together, and encamped in Jahaz, and fought against Israel. 21And Yehovah, the God of Israel, delivered Sihon and all his people into the hand of Israel, and they struck them down: so Israel possessed all the land of the Amorites, the inhabitants of that country. 22And they possessed all the border of the Amorites, from the Arnon even to the Jabbok, and from the wilderness even to the Jordan. 23So now Yehovah, the God of Israel, has dispossessed the Amorites from before his people Israel, and should you possess them? 24Will you not possess that which Chemosh your god gives you to possess? So whomever Yehovah our God has dispossessed from before us, them we will possess. 25And now are you anything better than Balak the son of Zippor, king of Moab? did he ever strive against Israel, or did he ever fight against them? 26While Israel dwelt in Heshbon and its towns, and in Aroer and its towns, and in all the cities that are along by the side of the Arnon, three hundred years; why did you not recover them within that time? 27I therefore have not sinned against you, but you do me wrong to war against me: Yehovah, the Judge, be judge this day between the children of Israel and the children of Ammon. 28However, the king of the children of Ammon did not listen to the words of Jephthah which he sent him. 29Then the Spirit of Yehovah came on Jephthah, and he passed over Gilead and Manasseh, and passed over Mizpeh of Gilead, and from Mizpeh of Gilead he passed over to the children of Ammon. 30And Jephthah vowed a vow to Yehovah, and said, If you will indeed deliver the children of Ammon into my hand, 31then it shall be, that whatever comes out from the doors of my house to meet me, when I return in peace from the children of Ammon, it shall be Yehovah's, and I will offer it up for a burnt-offering. 32So Jephthah passed over to the children of Ammon to fight against them; and Yehovah delivered them into his hand. 33And he struck them from Aroer until you come to Minnith, even twenty cities, and to Abel-cheramim, with a very great slaughter. So the children of Ammon were subdued before the children of Israel. 34And Jephthah came to Mizpah to his house; and, behold, his daughter came out to meet him with timbrels and with dances: and she was his only child; besides her he had neither son nor daughter. 35And it happened, when he saw her, that he tore his clothes, and said, Alas, my daughter! you have brought me very low, and you are one of those who trouble me; for I have opened my mouth to Yehovah, and I cannot go back. 36And she said to him, My father, you have opened

your mouth to Yehovah; do to me according to that which has proceeded out of your mouth, since Yehovah has taken vengeance for you on your enemies, even on the children of Ammon. 37And she said to her father, Let this thing be done for me: let me alone two months, that I may depart and go down on the mountains, and bewail my virginity, I and my companions. 38And he said, Go. And he sent her away for two months: and she departed, she and her companions, and bewailed her virginity on the mountains. 39And it happened at the end of two months, that she returned to her father, who did with her according to his vow which he had vowed: and she did not know man. And it was a custom in Israel, 40that the daughters of Israel went yearly to celebrate the daughter of Jephthah the Gileadite four days in a year.

Chapter 12

1And the men of Ephraim were gathered together, and passed northward; and they said to Jephthah, Why did you pass over to fight against the children of Ammon, and did not call us to go with you? we will burn your house on you with fire. 2And Jephthah said to them, I and my people were at great strife with the children of Ammon; and when I called you, you did not save me out of their hand. 3And when I saw that you did not save me, I put my life in my hand, and passed opposite the children of Ammon, and Yehovah delivered them into my hand: why then have you come up to me this day, to fight against me? 4Then Jephthah gathered together all the men of Gilead, and fought with Ephraim; and the men of Gilead struck Ephraim, because they said, You are fugitives of Ephraim, you Gileadites, in the midst of Ephraim, and in the midst of Manasseh. 5And the Gileadites took the fords of the Jordan against the Ephraimites. And it was so, that, when any of the fugitives of Ephraim said, Let me go over, the men of Gilead said to him, Are you an Ephraimite? If he said, No; 6then they said to him, Say now Shibboleth; and he said Sibboleth; for he could not manage to pronounce it right: then they laid hold on him, and killed him at the fords of the Jordan. And there fell at that time of Ephraim forty-two thousand. 7And Jephthah judged Israel six years. Then Jephthah the Gileadite died, and was buried in one of the cities of Gilead. 8And after him Ibzan of Beth-lehem judged Israel. 9And he had thirty sons; and thirty daughters he sent abroad, and thirty daughters he brought in from abroad for his sons. And he judged Israel seven years. 10And Ibzan died, and was buried at Beth-lehem. 11And after him Elon the Zebulunite judged Israel; and he judged Israel ten years. 12And Elon the Zebulunite died, and was buried in Aijalon in the land of Zebulun. 13And after him Abdon the son of Hillel the Pirathonite judged Israel. 14And he had forty sons and thirty sons' sons, who rode on seventy donkey colts: and he judged Israel eight years. 15And Abdon the son of Hillel the Pirathonite died, and was buried in Pirathon in the land of Ephraim, in the hill-country of the Amalekites.

Chapter 13

1And the children of Israel again did that which was evil in the sight of Yehovah; and Yehovah delivered them into the hand of the Philistines forty years. 2And there was a certain man of Zorah, of the family of the Danites, whose name was Manoah; and his wife was barren, and did not bear. 3And the angel of Yehovah appeared to the woman, and said to her, Behold now, you are barren, and do not bear; but you shall conceive, and bear a son. 4Now therefore please beware, and drink no wine nor strong drink, and do not eat any unclean thing: 5for behold, you shall conceive, and bear a son; and no razor shall come on his head; for the child shall be a Nazirite to God from the womb: and he shall begin to save Israel out of the hand of the Philistines. 6Then the woman came and told her husband, saying, A man of God came to me, and his countenance was like the countenance of the angel of God, very awesome; and I did not ask him where he was from, nor did he tell me his name: 7but he said to me, Behold, you shall conceive, and bear a son; and now drink no wine nor strong drink, and do not eat any unclean thing; for the child shall be a Nazirite to God from the womb to the day of his death. 8Then Manoah entreated Yehovah, and said, Oh, Lord, please let the man of God whom you sent come again to us, and teach us what we shall do to the child who shall be born. 9And God listened to the voice of Manoah; and the angel of God came again to the woman as she sat in the field: but Manoah her husband was not with her. 10And the woman made haste, and ran, and told her husband, and said to him, Behold, the man who came to me the other day has appeared to me. 11And Manoah arose, and went after his wife, and came to the man, and said to him, Are you the man who spoke to the woman? And he said, I am. 12And Manoah said, Now let your words come to pass: what shall be the ordering of the child, and what shall we do with him? 13And the angel of

Yehovah said to Manoah, Of all that I said to the woman let her beware. 14She may not eat of anything that comes from the vine, neither let her drink wine or strong drink, nor eat any unclean thing; all that I commanded her let her observe. 15And Manoah said to the angel of Yehovah, Please let us detain you, that we may make ready a kid for you. 16And the angel of Yehovah said to Manoah, Though you detain me, I will not eat of your bread; and if you will make ready a burnt-offering, you must offer it to Yehovah. For Manoah did not know that he was the angel of Yehovah. 17And Manoah said to the angel of Yehovah, What is your name, that, when your words come to pass, we may do you honor? 18And the angel of Yehovah said to him, Why do you ask after my name, seeing it is wonderful? 19So Manoah took the kid with the meal-offering, and offered it on the rock to Yehovah: and the angel did wondrously, and Manoah and his wife looked on. 20For it happened, when the flame went up toward heaven from the altar, that the angel of Yehovah ascended in the flame of the altar: and Manoah and his wife looked on; and they fell on their faces to the ground. 21But the angel of Yehovah did not appear again to Manoah or to his wife. Then Manoah knew that he was the angel of Yehovah. 22And Manoah said to his wife, We shall surely die, because we have seen God. 23But his wife said to him, If Yehovah were pleased to kill us, he would not have received a burnt-offering and a meal-offering at our hand, nor would he have shown us all these things, nor would at this time have told such things as these. 24And the woman bore a son, and called his name Samson: and the child grew, and Yehovah blessed him. 25And the Spirit of Yehovah began to move him in Mahaneh-dan, between Zorah and Eshtaol.

Chapter 14

1And Samson went down to Timnah, and saw a woman in Timnah of the daughters of the Philistines. 2And he came up, and told his father and his mother, and said, I have seen a woman in Timnah of the daughters of the Philistines: now therefore get her for me as wife. 3Then his father and his mother said to him, Is there not a woman among the daughters of your brothers, or among all my people, that you go to take a wife of the uncircumcised Philistines? And Samson said to his father, Get her for me; for she pleases me well. 4But his father and his mother did not know that it was of Yehovah; for he sought an occasion against the Philistines. Now at that time the Philistines had rule over Israel. 5Then Samson went down, and his father and his mother, to Timnah, and came to the vineyards of Timnah: and, behold, a young lion roared against him. 6And the Spirit of Yehovah came mightily on him, and he tore him as he would have torn a kid; and he had nothing in his hand: but he did not tell his father or his mother what he had done. 7And he went down, and talked with the woman, and she pleased Samson well. 8And after a while he returned to take her; and he turned aside to see the carcass of the lion: and, behold, there was a swarm of bees in the body of the lion, and honey. 9And he took it into his hands, and went on, eating as he went; and he came to his father and mother, and gave to them, and they ate: but he did not tell them that he had taken the honey out of the body of the lion. 10And his father went down to the woman: and Samson made a feast there; for so the young men used to do. 11And it happened, when they saw him, that they brought thirty companions to be with him. 12And Samson said to them, Let me now put a riddle to you: if you can declare it to me within the seven days of the feast, and find it out, then I will give you thirty linen garments and thirty changes of clothing; 13but if you cannot declare it to me, then you shall give me thirty linen garments and thirty changes of clothing. And they said to him, Put your riddle, that we may hear it. 14And he said to them, Out of the eater came food, And out of the strong came sweetness. And they could not in three days declare the riddle. 15And it happened on the seventh day, that they said to Samson's wife, Entice your husband, that he may declare to us the riddle, lest we burn you and your father's house with fire: have you called us to impoverish us? is it not so? 16And Samson's wife wept before him, and said, You only hate me, and do not love me: you have put a riddle to the children of my people, and have not told it to me. And he said to her, Behold, I have not told it to my father or my mother, and shall I tell you? 17And she wept before him the seven days, while their feast lasted: and it happened on the seventh day, that he told her, because she pressed him hard; and she told the riddle to the children of her people. 18And the men of the city said to him on the seventh day before the sun went down, What is sweeter than honey? and what is stronger than a lion? And he said to them, If you had not plowed with my heifer, You would not have found out my riddle. 19And the Spirit of Yehovah came mightily on him, and he went down to Ashkelon, and struck down thirty men of them, and

took their spoil, and gave the changes of clothing to those who declared the riddle. And his anger was kindled, and he went up to his father's house. 20But Samson's wife was given to his companion, whom he had used as his friend.

Chapter 15

1But it happened after a while, in the time of wheat harvest, that Samson visited his wife with a kid; and he said, I will go in to my wife into the chamber. But her father would not allow him to go in. 2And her father said, I truly thought that you had utterly hated her; therefore I gave her to your companion: is not her younger sister fairer than she? please take her instead of her. 3And Samson said to them, This time I shall be blameless in regard to the Philistines, when I do them harm. 4And Samson went and caught three hundred foxes, and took firebrands, and turned tail to tail, and put a firebrand in the midst between every two tails. 5And when he had set the brands on fire, he let them go into the standing grain of the Philistines, and burnt up both the shocks and the standing grain, and also the olive orchards. 6Then the Philistines said, Who has done this? And they said, Samson, the son-in-law of the Timnite, because he has taken his wife, and given her to his companion. And the Philistines came up, and burnt her and her father with fire. 7And Samson said to them, If you act in this manner, surely I will be avenged of you, and after that I will cease. 8And he struck them hip and thigh with a great slaughter: and he went down and dwelt in the cleft of the rock of Etam. 9Then the Philistines went up, and encamped in Judah, and spread themselves in Lehi. 10And the men of Judah said, Why have you come up against us? And they said, We have come up to bind Samson, to do to him as he has done to us. 11Then three thousand men of Judah went down to the cleft of the rock of Etam, and said to Samson, Do you not know that the Philistines are rulers over us? what then is this that you have done to us? And he said to them, As they did to me, so I have done to them. 12And they said to him, We have come down to bind you, that we may deliver you into the hand of the Philistines. And Samson said to them, Swear to me, that you will not fall on me yourselves. 13And they spoke to him, saying, No; but we will bind you fast, and deliver you into their hand: but surely we will not kill you. And they bound him with two new ropes, and brought him up from the rock. 14When he came to Lehi, the Philistines shouted as they met him: and the Spirit of Yehovah came mightily on him, and the ropes that were on his arms became as flax that was burnt with fire, and his bands dropped from his hands. 15And he found a fresh jawbone of a donkey, and put out his hand, and took it, and struck down a thousand men with it. 16And Samson said, With the jawbone of a donkey, heaps on heaps, With the jawbone of a donkey I have struck down a thousand men. 17And it happened, when he had finished speaking, that he cast away the jawbone out of his hand; and that place was called Ramath-lehi. 18And he was very thirsty, and called on Yehovah, and said, You have given this great deliverance by the hand of your servant; and now I shall die of thirst, and fall into the hand of the uncircumcised. 19But God split open the hollow place that is in Lehi, and water came out of it; and when he had drunk, his spirit came again, and he revived: therefore its name was called En-hakkore, which is in Lehi, to this day. 20And he judged Israel in the days of the Philistines twenty years.

Chapter 16

1And Samson went to Gaza, and saw there a prostitute, and went in to her. 2And it was told the Gazites, saying, Samson has come here. And they surrounded him, and lay in wait for him all night in the gate of the city, and were quiet all the night, saying, Let it be until morning light, then we will kill him. 3And Samson lay till midnight, and arose at midnight, and laid hold of the doors of the gate of the city, and the two posts, and plucked them up, bar and all, and put them on his shoulders, and carried them up to the top of the mountain that is before Hebron. 4And it happened afterward, that he loved a woman in the valley of Sorek, whose name was Delilah. 5And the lords of the Philistines came up to her, and said to her, Entice him, and see where his great strength lies, and by what means we may prevail against him, that we may bind him to afflict him: and we will give you every one of us eleven hundred pieces of silver. 6And Delilah said to Samson, Please tell me where your great strength lies, and with what you might be bound to afflict you. 7And Samson said to her, If they bind me with seven green cords that were never dried, then I shall become weak, and be as another man. 8Then the lords of the Philistines brought up to her seven green cords which had not been dried, and she bound him with them. 9Now she had men lying in wait, staying in the inner chamber. And she said to him, The Philistines are on you, Samson. And he broke the cords, as a string of tow is broken when it

touches the fire. So his strength was not known. 10And Delilah said to Samson, Behold, you have mocked me, and told me lies: now please tell me with what you might be bound. 11And he said to her, If they only bind me with new ropes with which no work has been done, then I shall become weak, and be as another man. 12So Delilah took new ropes, and bound him with them, and said to him, The Philistines are on you, Samson. And the men lying in wait were staying in the inner chamber. And he broke them off his arms like a thread. 13And Delilah said to Samson, Until now you have mocked me, and told me lies: tell me with what you might be bound. And he said to her, If you weave the seven locks of my head with the web. 14And she fastened it with the pin, and said to him, The Philistines are on you, Samson. And he awoke out of his sleep, and plucked away the pin of the beam, and the web. 15And she said to him, How can you say, I love you, when your heart is not with me? you have mocked me these three times, and have not told me where your great strength lies. 16And it happened, when she pressed him daily with her words, and urged him, that his soul was vexed to death. 17And he told her all his heart, and said to her, A razor has not come on my head; for I have been a Nazirite to God from my mother's womb: if I am shaved, then my strength will go from me, and I shall become weak, and be like any other man. 18And when Delilah saw that he had told her all his heart, she sent and called for the lords of the Philistines, saying, Come up this once, for he has told me all his heart. Then the lords of the Philistines came up to her, and brought the money in their hand. 19And she made him sleep on her knees; and she called for a man, and shaved off the seven locks of his head; and she began to afflict him, and his strength went from him. 20And she said, The Philistines are on you, Samson. And he awoke out of his sleep, and said, I will go out as at other times, and shake myself free. But he did not know that Yehovah had departed from him. 21And the Philistines laid hold of him, and put out his eyes; and they brought him down to Gaza, and bound him with fetters of brass; and he was grinding in the prison-house. 22However, the hair of his head began to grow again after he was shaved. 23And the lords of the Philistines gathered themselves together to offer a great sacrifice to Dagon their god, and to rejoice; for they said, Our god has delivered Samson our enemy into our hand. 24And when the people saw him, they praised their god; for they said, Our god has delivered into our hand our enemy, and the destroyer of our country, who has slain many of us. 25And it happened, when their hearts were merry, that they said, Call for Samson, that he may entertain us. And they called for Samson out of the prison-house; and he entertained them. And they set him between the pillars: 26and Samson said to the lad who held him by the hand, Allow me to feel the pillars on which the house rests, that I may lean on them. 27Now the house was full of men and women; and all the lords of the Philistines were there; and there were on the roof about three thousand men and women, who watched while Samson entertained. 28And Samson called to Yehovah, and said, O Lord Yehovah, please remember me, and please strengthen me only this once, O God, that I may be at once avenged of the Philistines for my two eyes. 29And Samson took hold of the two middle pillars on which the house rested, and leaned on them, the one with his right hand, and the other with his left. 30And Samson said, Let me die with the Philistines. And he bowed himself with all his might; and the house fell on the lords, and on all the people who were in it. So the dead that he killed at his death were more than those whom he killed in his life. 31Then his brothers and all the house of his father came down, and took him, and brought him up, and buried him between Zorah and Eshtaol in the burying-place of Manoah his father. And he judged Israel twenty years.

Chapter 17

1And there was a man of the hill-country of Ephraim, whose name was Micah. 2And he said to his mother, The eleven hundred pieces of silver that were taken from you, about which you uttered a curse, and also spoke it in my ears, behold, the silver is with me; I took it. And his mother said, Blessed be my son by Yehovah. 3And he restored the eleven hundred pieces of silver to his mother; and his mother said, I truly dedicate the silver to Yehovah from my hand for my son, to make a graven image and a molten image: now therefore I will restore it to you. 4And when he restored the money to his mother, his mother took two hundred pieces of silver, and gave them to the founder, who made of it a graven image and a molten image: and it was in the house of Micah. 5And the man Micah had a house of gods, and he made an ephod, and teraphim, and consecrated one of his sons, who became his priest. 6In those days there was no king in Israel: every man did that which was right in his own eyes. 7And there was a young man out of

Beth-lehem-judah, of the family of Judah, who was a Levite; and he sojourned there. 8And the man departed out of the city, out of Beth-lehem-judah, to sojourn where he could find a place, and he came to the hill-country of Ephraim to the house of Micah, as he journeyed. 9And Micah said to him, Where do you come from? And he said to him, I am a Levite of Beth-lehem-judah, and I am going to sojourn where I may find a place. 10And Micah said to him, Dwell with me, and be to me a father and a priest, and I will give you ten pieces of silver a year, and a suit of clothing, and your provisions. So the Levite went in. 11And the Levite was content to dwell with the man; and the young man was to him as one of his sons. 12And Micah consecrated the Levite, and the young man became his priest, and was in the house of Micah. 13Then Micah said, Now I know that Yehovah will do me good, seeing I have a Levite as my priest.

Chapter 18

1In those days there was no king in Israel: and in those days the tribe of the Danites sought for themselves an inheritance to dwell in; for to that day their inheritance had not fallen to them among the tribes of Israel. 2And the children of Dan sent of their family five men from their whole number, men of valor, from Zorah, and from Eshtaol, to spy out the land, and to search it; and they said to them, Go, search the land. And they came to the hill-country of Ephraim, to the house of Micah, and lodged there. 3When they were by the house of Micah, they recognized the voice of the young man the Levite; and they turned aside there, and said to him, Who brought you here? and what are you doing in this place? and what have you here? 4And he said to them, Thus and thus has Micah dealt with me, and he has hired me, and I have become his priest. 5And they said to him, Please ask counsel of God, that we may know whether our way on which we are going shall be prosperous. 6And the priest said to them, Go in peace: your way in which you go is before Yehovah. 7Then the five men departed, and came to Laish, and saw the people who were in it, how they dwelt in security, after the manner of the Sidonians, quiet and secure; for there was none in the land, possessing authority, that might put them to shame in anything, and they were far from the Sidonians, and had no dealings with any man. 8And they came to their brothers to Zorah and Eshtaol: and their brothers said to them, What do you say? 9And they said, Arise, and let us go up against them; for we have seen the land, and, behold, it is very good: and are you still? do not be slothful to go and to enter in to possess the land. 10When you go, you shall come to a people secure, and the land is large; for God has given it into your hand, a place where there is no want of anything that is in the earth. 11And there set out from there of the family of the Danites, out of Zorah and out of Eshtaol, six hundred men girded with weapons of war. 12And they went up, and encamped in Kiriath-jearim, in Judah: therefore they called that place Mahaneh-dan, to this day; behold, it is behind Kiriath-jearim. 13And they passed from there to the hill-country of Ephraim, and came to the house of Micah. 14Then the five men who went to spy out the country of Laish answered, and said to their brothers, Do you know that there is in these houses an ephod, and teraphim, and a graven image, and a molten image? now therefore consider what you have to do. 15And they turned aside there, and came to the house of the young man the Levite, even to the house of Micah, and asked him about his welfare. 16And the six hundred men girded with their weapons of war, who were of the children of Dan, stood by the entrance of the gate. 17And the five men who went to spy out the land went up, and came in there, and took the graven image, and the ephod, and the teraphim, and the molten image: and the priest stood by the entrance of the gate with the six hundred men girded with weapons of war. 18And when these went into Micah's house, and fetched the graven image, the ephod, and the teraphim, and the molten image, the priest said to them, What are you doing? 19And they said to him, Hold your peace, lay your hand on your mouth, and go with us, and be to us a father and a priest: is it better for you to be priest to the house of one man, or to be priest to a tribe and a family in Israel? 20And the priest's heart was glad, and he took the ephod, and the teraphim, and the graven image, and went in the midst of the people. 21So they turned and departed, and put the little ones and the cattle and the goods before them. 22When they were a good way from the house of Micah, the men who were in the houses near to Micah's house were gathered together, and overtook the children of Dan. 23And they cried to the children of Dan. And they turned their faces, and said to Micah, What ails you, that you come with such a company? 24And he said, You have taken away my gods which I made, and the priest, and have gone away, and what more do I have? and how then do you say to me, What ails you?

25 And the children of Dan said to him, Do not let your voice be heard among us, lest angry fellows fall on you, and you lose your life, with the lives of your household. 26 And the children of Dan went their way: and when Micah saw that they were too strong for him, he turned and went back to his house. 27 And they took that which Micah had made, and the priest whom he had, and came to Laish, to a people quiet and secure, and struck them with the edge of the sword; and they burnt the city with fire. 28 And there was no deliverer, because it was far from Sidon, and they had no dealings with any man; and it was in the valley that lies by Beth-rehob. And they built the city, and dwelt in it. 29 And they called the name of the city Dan, after the name of Dan their father, who was born to Israel: however, the name of the city was Laish at first. 30 And the children of Dan set up for themselves the graven image; and Jonathan, the son of Gershom, the son of Moses, he and his sons were priests to the tribe of the Danites until the day of the captivity of the land. 31 So they set up for themselves Micah's graven image which he made, all the time that the house of God was in Shiloh.

Chapter 19

1 And it happened in those days, when there was no king in Israel, that there was a certain Levite sojourning on the farther side of the hill-country of Ephraim, who took for himself a concubine out of Beth-lehem-judah. 2 And his concubine played the prostitute against him, and went away from him to her father's house to Beth-lehem-judah, and was there the space of four months. 3 And her husband arose, and went after her, to speak kindly to her, to bring her again, having his servant with him, and a couple of donkeys: and she brought him into her father's house; and when the father of the young woman saw him, he rejoiced to meet him. 4 And his father-in-law, the young woman's father, retained him; and he stayed with him three days: so they ate and drank, and lodged there. 5 And it happened on the fourth day, that they arose early in the morning, and he rose up to depart: and the young woman's father said to his son-in-law, Strengthen your heart with a morsel of bread, and afterward you shall go your way. 6 So they sat down, and ate and drank, both of them together: and the young woman's father said to the man, Please be willing to stay all night, and let your heart be merry. 7 And the man rose up to depart; but his father-in-law urged him, and he lodged there again. 8 And he arose early in the morning on the fifth day to depart; and the young woman's father said, Please strengthen your heart, and stay until the day declines; and they ate, both of them. 9 And when the man rose up to depart, he, and his concubine, and his servant, his father-in-law, the young woman's father, said to him, Behold, now the day draws toward evening, please stay all night: behold, the day grows to an end, lodge here, that your heart may be merry; and tomorrow get up early on your way, that you may go home. 10 But the man would not stay that night, but he rose up and departed, and came opposite Jebus (the same is Jerusalem): and there were with him a couple of donkeys saddled; his concubine also was with him. 11 When they were by Jebus, the day was far spent; and the servant said to his master, Please come, and let us turn aside into this city of the Jebusites, and lodge in it. 12 And his master said to him, We will not turn aside into the city of a foreigner, who is not of the children of Israel; but we will pass over to Gibeah. 13 And he said to his servant, Come and let us draw near to one of these places; and we will lodge in Gibeah, or in Ramah. 14 So they passed on and went their way; and the sun went down on them near to Gibeah, which belongs to Benjamin. 15 And they turned aside there, to go in to lodge in Gibeah: and he went in, and sat down in the street of the city; for there was no man who took them into his house to lodge. 16 And, behold, there came an old man from his work out of the field at evening: now the man was of the hill-country of Ephraim, and he sojourned in Gibeah; but the men of the place were Benjamites. 17 And he lifted up his eyes, and saw the wayfaring man in the street of the city; and the old man said, Where are you going? and where do you come from? 18 And he said to him, We are passing from Beth-lehem-judah to the farther side of the hill-country of Ephraim; I am from there, and I went to Beth-lehem-judah: and I am now going to the house of Yehovah; and there is no man who takes me into his house. 19 Yet there is both straw and provender for our donkeys; and there is bread and wine also for me, and for your maidservant, and for the young man who is with your servants: there is no want of anything. 20 And the old man said, Peace be to you; however, let all your needs lie on me; only do not lodge in the street. 21 So he brought him into his house, and gave the donkeys fodder; and they washed their feet, and ate and drank. 22 As they were making their hearts merry, behold, the men of the city, certain base fellows, surrounded the house, beating

at the door; and they spoke to the master of the house, the old man, saying, Bring out the man who came into your house, that we may know him. 23 And the man, the master of the house, went out to them, and said to them, No, my brothers, please do not act so wickedly; seeing that this man has come into my house, do not do this folly. 24 Behold, here is my daughter a virgin, and his concubine; them I will bring out now, and humble them, and do with them what seems good to you: but to this man do not do any such folly. 25 But the men would not listen to him: so the man took hold of his concubine, and brought her out to them; and they knew her, and abused her all the night until the morning: and when the day began to spring, they let her go. 26 Then the woman came in the dawning of the day, and fell down at the door of the man's house where her lord was, till it was light. 27 And her lord rose up in the morning, and opened the doors of the house, and went out to go his way; and, behold, the woman his concubine had fallen down at the door of the house, with her hands on the threshold. 28 And he said to her, Up, and let us be going; but none answered: then he took her up on the donkey; and the man rose up, and went to his place. 29 And when he had come into his house, he took a knife, and took hold of his concubine, and divided her, limb by limb, into twelve pieces, and sent her throughout all the borders of Israel. 30 And it was so, that all who saw it said, There was no such deed done nor seen from the day that the children of Israel came up out of the land of Egypt to this day: consider it, take counsel, and speak.

Chapter 20

1 Then all the children of Israel went out, and the congregation was assembled as one man, from Dan even to Beer-sheba, with the land of Gilead, to Yehovah at Mizpah. 2 And the chiefs of all the people, even of all the tribes of Israel, presented themselves in the assembly of the people of God, four hundred thousand foot soldiers who drew the sword. 3 (Now the children of Benjamin heard that the children of Israel had gone up to Mizpah.) And the children of Israel said, Tell us, how did this wickedness come about? 4 And the Levite, the husband of the woman who was murdered, answered and said, I came into Gibeah that belongs to Benjamin, I and my concubine, to lodge. 5 And the men of Gibeah rose against me, and surrounded the house against me by night; they intended to kill me, and my concubine they violated, and she is dead. 6 And I took my concubine, and cut her in pieces, and sent her throughout all the country of the inheritance of Israel; for they have committed lewdness and folly in Israel. 7 Behold, you children of Israel, all of you, give here your advice and counsel. 8 And all the people arose as one man, saying, None of us will go to his tent, nor will any of us turn to his house. 9 But now this is the thing which we will do to Gibeah: we will go up against it by lot; 10 and we will take ten men of a hundred throughout all the tribes of Israel, and a hundred of a thousand, and a thousand out of ten thousand, to fetch provisions for the people, that they may do, when they come to Gibeah of Benjamin, according to all the folly that they have done in Israel. 11 So all the men of Israel were gathered against the city, knit together as one man. 12 And the tribes of Israel sent men through all the tribe of Benjamin, saying, What wickedness is this that has come to pass among you? 13 Now therefore deliver up the men, the base fellows, who are in Gibeah, that we may put them to death, and put away evil from Israel. But Benjamin would not listen to the voice of their brothers the children of Israel. 14 And the children of Benjamin gathered themselves together out of the cities to Gibeah, to go out to battle against the children of Israel. 15 And the children of Benjamin were numbered on that day out of the cities twenty-six thousand men who drew the sword, besides the inhabitants of Gibeah, who were numbered seven hundred chosen men. 16 Among all this people there were seven hundred chosen left-handed men; every one could sling stones at a hair-breadth, and not miss. 17 And the men of Israel, besides Benjamin, were numbered four hundred thousand men who drew the sword: all these were men of war. 18 And the children of Israel arose, and went up to Beth-el, and asked counsel of God; and they said, Who shall go up for us first to battle against the children of Benjamin? And Yehovah said, Judah shall go up first. 19 And the children of Israel rose up in the morning, and encamped against Gibeah. 20 And the men of Israel went out to battle against Benjamin; and the men of Israel set the battle in array against them at Gibeah. 21 And the children of Benjamin came out of Gibeah, and destroyed down to the ground of the Israelites on that day twenty-two thousand men. 22 And the people, the men of Israel, encouraged themselves, and set the battle again in array in the place where they set themselves in array the first day. 23 And the children of Israel went up and wept before Yehovah until

evening; and they inquired of Yehovah, saying, Shall I again draw near to battle against the children of Benjamin my brother? And Yehovah said, Go up against him. 24And the children of Israel came near against the children of Benjamin the second day. 25And Benjamin went out against them out of Gibeah the second day, and destroyed down to the ground of the children of Israel again eighteen thousand men; all these drew the sword. 26Then all the children of Israel, and all the people, went up, and came to Beth-el, and wept, and sat there before Yehovah, and fasted that day until evening; and they offered burnt-offerings and peace-offerings before Yehovah. 27And the children of Israel inquired of Yehovah (for the ark of the covenant of God was there in those days, 28and Phinehas, the son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron, stood before it in those days), saying, Shall I yet again go out to battle against the children of Benjamin my brother, or shall I cease? And Yehovah said, Go up; for tomorrow I will deliver him into your hand. 29And Israel set men in ambush all around Gibeah. 30And the children of Israel went up against the children of Benjamin on the third day, and set themselves in array against Gibeah, as at other times. 31And the children of Benjamin went out against the people, and were drawn away from the city; and they began to strike and kill of the people, as at other times, in the highways, of which one goes up to Beth-el, and the other to Gibeah, in the field, about thirty men of Israel. 32And the children of Benjamin said, They are struck down before us, as at the first. But the children of Israel said, Let us flee, and draw them away from the city to the highways. 33And all the men of Israel rose up out of their place, and set themselves in array at Baal-tamar: and the men of Israel in ambush broke out of their place, even out of Maareh-geba. 34And there came opposite Gibeah ten thousand chosen men out of all Israel, and the battle was fierce; but they did not know that evil was close on them. 35And Yehovah struck down Benjamin before Israel; and the children of Israel destroyed of Benjamin that day twenty-five thousand one hundred men: all these drew the sword. 36So the children of Benjamin saw that they were struck down; for the men of Israel gave place to Benjamin, because they trusted the men in ambush whom they had set against Gibeah. 37And the men in ambush hurried, and rushed on Gibeah; and the men in ambush moved out, and struck all the city with the edge of the sword. 38Now the appointed sign between the men of Israel and the men in ambush was, that they should make a great cloud of smoke rise up out of the city. 39And the men of Israel turned in the battle, and Benjamin began to strike and kill of the men of Israel about thirty persons; for they said, Surely they are struck down before us, as in the first battle. 40But when the cloud began to rise up out of the city in a pillar of smoke, the Benjamites looked behind them; and, behold, the whole of the city went up in smoke to heaven. 41And the men of Israel turned, and the men of Benjamin were dismayed; for they saw that evil had come on them. 42Therefore they turned their backs before the men of Israel to the way of the wilderness; but the battle followed hard after them; and those who came out of the cities destroyed them in the midst of them. 43They surrounded the Benjamites, and chased them, and trod them down at their resting-place, as far as opposite Gibeah toward the sunrise. 44And there fell of Benjamin eighteen thousand men; all these were men of valor. 45And they turned and fled toward the wilderness to the rock of Rimmon: and they gleaned of them in the highways five thousand men, and followed hard after them to Gidom, and struck down two thousand men of them. 46So that all who fell that day of Benjamin were twenty-five thousand men who drew the sword; all these were men of valor. 47But six hundred men turned and fled toward the wilderness to the rock of Rimmon, and stayed at the rock of Rimmon four months. 48And the men of Israel turned again on the children of Benjamin, and struck them with the edge of the sword, both the entire city, and the cattle, and all that they found: moreover all the cities which they found they set on fire.

Chapter 21

1Now the men of Israel had sworn in Mizpah, saying, None of us shall give his daughter to Benjamin as wife. 2And the people came to Beth-el, and sat there until evening before God, and lifted up their voices, and wept bitterly. 3And they said, O Yehovah, the God of Israel, why has this come to pass in Israel, that there should be today one tribe lacking in Israel? 4And it happened the next day, that the people rose early, and built there an altar, and offered burnt-offerings and peace-offerings. 5And the children of Israel said, Who is there among all the tribes of Israel that did not come up in the assembly to Yehovah? For they had made a great oath concerning him who did not come up to Yehovah to Mizpah, saying, He shall surely be put to death. 6And the children of Israel were sorry for Benjamin their brother, and said,

There is one tribe cut off from Israel this day. 7What shall we do for wives for those who remain, seeing we have sworn by Yehovah that we will not give them of our daughters as wives? 8And they said, Which one is there of the tribes of Israel that did not come up to Yehovah to Mizpah? And, behold, none had come to the camp from Jabesh-gilead to the assembly. 9For when the people were numbered, behold, there were none of the inhabitants of Jabesh-gilead there. 10And the congregation sent there twelve thousand men of the most valiant, and commanded them, saying, Go and strike the inhabitants of Jabesh-gilead with the edge of the sword, with the women and the little ones. 11And this is the thing that you shall do: you shall utterly destroy every male, and every woman who has lain with a man. 12And they found among the inhabitants of Jabesh-gilead four hundred young virgins, who had not known a man by lying with him; and they brought them to the camp to Shiloh, which is in the land of Canaan. 13And the whole congregation sent and spoke to the children of Benjamin who were in the rock of Rimmon, and proclaimed peace to them. 14And Benjamin returned at that time; and they gave them the women whom they had saved alive of the women of Jabesh-gilead: and yet so they were not enough for them. 15And the people were sorry for Benjamin, because Yehovah had made a breach in the tribes of Israel. 16Then the elders of the congregation said, What shall we do for wives for those who remain, seeing the women are destroyed out of Benjamin? 17And they said, There must be an inheritance for those who have escaped of Benjamin, that a tribe may not be blotted out from Israel. 18However, we may not give them wives of our daughters, for the children of Israel had sworn, saying, Cursed be he who gives a wife to Benjamin. 19And they said, Behold, there is a feast of Yehovah from year to year in Shiloh, which is on the north of Beth-el, on the east side of the highway that goes up from Beth-el to Shechem, and on the south of Lebonah. 20And they commanded the children of Benjamin, saying, Go and lie in wait in the vineyards, 21and see, and, behold, if the daughters of Shiloh come out to dance in the dances, then come out of the vineyards, and catch every man his wife of the daughters of Shiloh, and go to the land of Benjamin. 22And it shall be, when their fathers or their brothers come to complain to us, that we will say to them, Grant them graciously to us, because we did not take for each man of them his wife in battle, nor did you give them to them, else you would now be guilty. 23And the children of Benjamin did so, and took wives for themselves, according to their number, of those who danced, whom they carried off: and they went and returned to their inheritance, and built the cities, and dwelt in them. 24And the children of Israel departed from there at that time, every man to his tribe and to his family, and they went out from there every man to his inheritance. 25In those days there was no king in Israel: every man did that which was right in his own eyes.

Ruth

Chapter 1

[1]And it happened in the days when the judges judged, that there was a famine in the land. And a certain man of Beth-lehem-judah went to sojourn in the country of Moab, he, and his wife, and his two sons. [2]And the name of the man was Elimelech, and the name of his wife Naomi, and the name of his two sons Mahlon and Chilion, Ephrathites of Beth-lehem-judah. And they came into the country of Moab, and continued there. [3]And Elimelech, Naomi's husband, died; and she was left, and her two sons. [4]And they took wives for themselves from the women of Moab; the name of the one was Orpah, and the name of the other Ruth: and they dwelt there about ten years. [5]And Mahlon and Chilion both died; and the woman was left without her two children and of her husband. [6]Then she arose with her daughters-in-law, that she might return from the country of Moab: for she had heard in the country of Moab that Yehovah had visited his people in giving them bread. [7]And she went forth out of the place where she was, and her two daughters-in-law with her; and they went on the way to return to the land of Judah. [8]And Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, Go, return each of you to her mother's house: Yehovah deal kindly with you, as you have dealt with the dead, and with me. [9]Yehovah grant you that you may find rest, each of you in the house of her husband. Then she kissed them, and they lifted up their voice, and wept. [10]And they said to her, No, but we will return with you to your people. [11]And Naomi said, Turn back, my daughters: why will you go with me? do I still have sons in my womb, that they may be your husbands? [12]Turn back, my daughters, go your way; for I am too old to have a husband. If I should say, I have hope, if I should even have a husband tonight, and should also bear sons; [13]would you therefore wait till they were grown? would you therefore refrain from having husbands? no, my daughters, for it grieves me much for your sakes, for the hand of Yehovah has gone forth against me. [14]And they lifted up their voice, and wept again: and Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth clung to her. [15]And she said, Behold, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people, and to her god: return after your sister-in-law. [16]And Ruth said, Do not urge me to leave you, and to return from following after you, for where you go, I will go; and where you lodge, I will lodge; your people shall be my people, and your God my God; [17]where you die, I will die, and there I will be buried: Yehovah do so to me, and more also, if anything but death parts you and me. [18]And when she saw that she was steadfastly determined to go with her, she stopped speaking to her. [19]So the two of them went until they came to Beth-lehem. And it happened, when they had come to Beth-lehem, that all the city was moved about them, and the women said, Is this Naomi? [20]And she said to them, Do not call me Naomi, call me Mara; for the Almighty has dealt very bitterly with me. [21]I went out full, and Yehovah has brought me home again empty; why do you call me Naomi, seeing Yehovah has testified against me, and the Almighty has afflicted me? [22]So Naomi returned, and Ruth the Moabitess, her daughter-in-law, with her, who returned out of the country of Moab: and they came to Beth-lehem in the beginning of barley harvest.

Chapter 2

[1]And Naomi had a kinsman of her husband's, a mighty man of wealth, of the family of Elimelech, and his name was Boaz. [2]And Ruth the Moabitess said to Naomi, Let me now go to the field, and glean among the ears of grain after him in whose sight I shall find favor. And she said to her, Go, my daughter. [3]And she went, and came and gleaned in the field after the reapers: and she happened to come upon the portion of the field belonging to Boaz, who was of the family of Elimelech. [4]And, behold, Boaz came from Beth-lehem, and said to the reapers, Yehovah be with you. And they answered him, Yehovah bless you. [5]Then Boaz said to his servant who was set over the reapers, Whose young woman is this? [6]And the servant who was set over the reapers answered and said, It is the Moabite young woman who came back with Naomi out of the country of Moab: [7]and she said, Please let me glean, and gather after the reapers among the sheaves. So she came, and has continued even from the morning until now, except that she rested a little in the house. [8]Then Boaz said to Ruth, Do you not hear, my daughter? Do not go to glean in another field, nor pass on from here, but stay here close by my maidens. [9]Let your eyes be on the field that they reap, and go after them: have I not charged the young men that they shall not touch you? and when you are thirsty, go to the vessels, and drink of

that which the young men have drawn. 10Then she fell on her face, and bowed herself to the ground, and said to him, Why have I found favor in your sight, that you should take notice of me, seeing I am a foreigner? 11And Boaz answered and said to her, It has been fully shown to me, all that you have done to your mother-in-law since the death of your husband; and how you have left your father and your mother, and the land of your birth, and have come to a people that you did not know before. 12Yehovah recompense your work, and a full reward be given you by Yehovah, the God of Israel, under whose wings you have come to take refuge. 13Then she said, Let me find favor in your sight, my lord, because you have comforted me, and because you have spoken kindly to your handmaid, though I am not as one of your handmaidens. 14And at meal-time Boaz said to her, Come here, and eat of the bread, and dip your morsel in the vinegar. And she sat beside the reapers, and they reached her parched grain, and she ate, and was satisfied, and had some left over. 15And when she had risen up to glean, Boaz commanded his young men, saying, Let her glean even among the sheaves, and do not reproach her. 16And also pull out some for her from the bundles, and leave it, and let her glean, and do not rebuke her. 17So she gleaned in the field until evening; and she beat out that which she had gleaned, and it was about an ephah of barley. 18And she took it up, and went into the city; and her mother-in-law saw what she had gleaned: and she brought forth and gave to her that which she had left after she was satisfied. 19And her mother-in-law said to her, Where have you gleaned today? and where have you worked? blessed be he who took notice of you. And she showed her mother-in-law with whom she had worked, and said, The man's name with whom I worked today is Boaz. 20And Naomi said to her daughter-in-law, Blessed be he by Yehovah, who has not abandoned his kindness to the living and to the dead. And Naomi said to her, The man is a close relative to us, one of our near kinsmen. 21And Ruth the Moabitess said, Indeed, he said to me, You shall keep close by my young men, until they have ended all my harvest. 22And Naomi said to Ruth her daughter-in-law, It is good, my daughter, that you go out with his maidens, and that they do not meet you in any other field. 23So she kept close by the maidens of Boaz, to glean to the end of barley harvest and of wheat harvest; and she dwelt with her mother-in-law.

Chapter 3

1And Naomi her mother-in-law said to her, My daughter, shall I not seek rest for you, that it may be well with you? 2And now is not Boaz our kinsman, with whose maidens you were? Behold, he winnows barley tonight in the threshing-floor. 3Wash yourself therefore, and anoint yourself, and put your clothing upon you, and go down to the threshing-floor, but do not make yourself known to the man, until he has finished eating and drinking. 4And it shall be, when he lies down, that you shall mark the place where he shall lie, and you shall go in, and uncover his feet, and lie down; and he will tell you what you shall do. 5And she said to her, All that you say I will do. 6And she went down to the threshing-floor, and did according to all that her mother-in-law told her. 7And when Boaz had eaten and drunk, and his heart was merry, he went to lie down at the end of the heap of grain: and she came softly, and uncovered his feet, and lay down. 8And it happened at midnight, that the man was afraid, and turned himself; and, behold, a woman lay at his feet. 9And he said, Who are you? And she answered, I am Ruth your handmaid: spread therefore your skirt over your handmaid; for you are a near kinsman. 10And he said, Blessed be you by Yehovah, my daughter: you have shown more kindness in the latter end than at the beginning, since you did not follow young men, whether poor or rich. 11And now, my daughter, do not fear; I will do to you all that you say; for all the city of my people knows that you are a worthy woman. 12And now it is true that I am a near kinsman; however there is a kinsman nearer than I. 13Stay this night, and it shall be in the morning, that if he will perform to you the part of a kinsman, well; let him do the kinsman's part: but if he will not do the part of a kinsman to you, then I will do the part of a kinsman to you, as Yehovah lives: lie down until the morning. 14And she lay at his feet until the morning: and she rose up before one could discern another. For he said, Do not let it be known that the woman came to the threshing-floor. 15And he said, Bring the mantle that is upon you, and hold it; and she held it; and he measured six measures of barley, and laid it on her: and he went into the city. 16And when she came to her mother-in-law, she said, Who are you, my daughter? And she told her all that the man had done to her. 17And she said, These six measures of barley he gave me; for he said, Do not go empty to your mother-in-law. 18Then she said, Sit still, my daughter, until you

know how the matter will fall; for the man will not rest, until he has finished the thing this day.

Chapter 4

[1]Now Boaz went up to the gate, and sat down there: and, behold, the near kinsman of whom Boaz spoke came by; to whom he said, Ho, such a one! turn aside, sit down here. And he turned aside, and sat down. [2]And he took ten men of the elders of the city, and said, Sit down here. And they sat down. [3]And he said to the near kinsman, Naomi, who has come back out of the country of Moab, sells the parcel of land, which was our brother Elimelech's: [4]and I thought to disclose it to you, saying, Buy it before those who sit here, and before the elders of my people. If you will redeem it, redeem it: but if you will not redeem it, then tell me, that I may know; for there is no one to redeem it besides you; and I am after you. And he said, I will redeem it. [5]Then Boaz said, On the day you buy the field from the hand of Naomi, you must buy it also from Ruth the Moabitess, the wife of the dead, to raise up the name of the dead upon his inheritance. [6]And the near kinsman said, I cannot redeem it for myself, lest I mar my own inheritance: take my right of redemption on yourself; for I cannot redeem it. [7]Now this was the custom in former time in Israel concerning redeeming and concerning exchanging, to confirm all things: a man drew off his shoe, and gave it to his neighbor; and this was the manner of attestation in Israel. [8]So the near kinsman said to Boaz, Buy it for yourself. And he drew off his shoe. [9]And Boaz said to the elders, and to all the people, You are witnesses this day, that I have bought all that was Elimelech's, and all that was Chilion's and Mahlon's, from the hand of Naomi. [10]Moreover Ruth the Moabitess, the wife of Mahlon, I have purchased to be my wife, to raise up the name of the dead upon his inheritance, that the name of the dead may not be cut off from among his brothers, and from the gate of his place: you are witnesses this day. [11]And all the people who were in the gate, and the elders, said, We are witnesses. Yehovah make the woman who has come into your house like Rachel and like Leah, which two built the house of Israel: and act worthily in Ephrathah, and be famous in Beth-lehem: [12]and let your house be like the house of Perez, whom Tamar bore to Judah, of the seed which Yehovah shall give you of this young woman. [13]So Boaz took Ruth, and she became his wife; and he went in to her, and Yehovah gave her conception, and she bore a son. [14]And the women said to Naomi, Blessed be Yehovah, who has not left you this day without a near kinsman; and let his name be famous in Israel. [15]And he shall be to you a restorer of life, and a nourisher of your old age, for your daughter-in-law, who loves you, who is better to you than seven sons, has borne him. [16]And Naomi took the child, and laid it in her bosom, and became nurse to it. [17]And the women her neighbors gave it a name, saying, There is a son born to Naomi; and they called his name Obed: he is the father of Jesse, the father of David. [18]Now these are the generations of Perez: Perez fathered Hezron, [19]and Hezron fathered Ram, and Ram fathered Amminadab, [20]and Amminadab fathered Nahshon, and Nahshon fathered Salmon, [21]and Salmon fathered Boaz, and Boaz fathered Obed, [22]and Obed fathered Jesse, and Jesse fathered David.

1 Samuel

Chapter 1

[1]Now there was a certain man of Ramathaim-zophim, of the hill-country of Ephraim, and his name was Elkanah, the son of Jeroham, the son of Elihu, the son of Tohu, the son of Zuph, an Ephraimite: [2]and he had two wives; the name of the one was Hannah, and the name of the other Peninnah: and Peninnah had children, but Hannah had no children. [3]And this man went up out of his city from year to year to worship and to sacrifice to Yehovah of hosts in Shiloh. And the two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, priests to Yehovah, were there. [4]And when the day came that Elkanah sacrificed, he gave to Peninnah his wife, and to all her sons and her daughters, portions: [5]but to Hannah he gave a double portion; for he loved Hannah, but Yehovah had shut up her womb. [6]And her rival provoked her severely, to make her fret, because Yehovah had shut up her womb. [7]And as he did so year by year, when she went up to the house of Yehovah, so she provoked her; therefore she wept, and did not eat. [8]And Elkanah her husband said to her, Hannah, why do you weep? and why do you not eat? and why is your heart grieved? am I not better to you than ten sons? [9]So Hannah rose up after they had eaten in Shiloh, and after they had drunk. Now Eli the priest was sitting on his seat by the doorpost of the temple of Yehovah. [10]And she was in bitterness of soul, and prayed to Yehovah, and wept bitterly. [11]And she vowed a vow, and said, O Yehovah of hosts, if you will indeed look on the affliction of your maidservant, and remember me, and not forget your maidservant, but will give to your maidservant a man-child, then I will give him to Yehovah all the days of his life, and no razor shall come upon his head. [12]And it happened, as she continued praying before Yehovah, that Eli watched her mouth. [13]Now Hannah, she spoke in her heart; only her lips moved, but her voice was not heard: therefore Eli thought she was drunk. [14]And Eli said to her, How long will you be drunk? put away your wine from you. [15]And Hannah answered and said, No, my lord, I am a woman of a sorrowful spirit: I have drunk neither wine nor strong drink, but I poured out my soul before Yehovah. [16]Do not count your maidservant for a wicked woman; for out of the abundance of my complaint and my provocation I have spoken until now. [17]Then Eli answered and said, Go in peace; and the God of Israel grant your petition that you have asked of him. [18]And she said, Let your maidservant find favor in your sight. So the woman went her way, and ate; and her countenance was no longer sad. [19]And they rose up in the morning early, and worshiped before Yehovah, and returned, and came to their house at Ramah. And Elkanah knew Hannah his wife; and Yehovah remembered her; [20]and it happened, when the time had come about, that Hannah conceived, and bore a son; and she called his name Samuel, saying, Because I have asked him of Yehovah. [21]And the man Elkanah, and all his house, went up to offer to Yehovah the yearly sacrifice, and his vow. [22]But Hannah did not go up; for she said to her husband, I will not go up until the child is weaned; and then I will bring him, that he may appear before Yehovah, and abide there forever. [23]And Elkanah her husband said to her, Do what seems good to you; wait until you have weaned him; only may Yehovah establish his word. So the woman remained and nursed her son, until she weaned him. [24]And when she had weaned him, she took him up with her, with three bulls, and one ephah of flour, and a skin of wine, and brought him to the house of Yehovah in Shiloh: and the child was young. [25]And they slaughtered the bull, and brought the child to Eli. [26]And she said, Oh, my lord, as your soul lives, my lord, I am the woman who stood by you here, praying to Yehovah. [27]For this child I prayed; and Yehovah has given me my petition which I asked of him: [28]therefore also I have granted him to Yehovah; as long as he lives he is granted to Yehovah. And he worshiped Yehovah there.

Chapter 2

[1]And Hannah prayed, and said: My heart exults in Yehovah; My horn is exalted in Yehovah; My mouth is enlarged over my enemies; Because I rejoice in your salvation. [2]There is none holy as Yehovah; For there is none besides you, Neither is there any rock like our God. [3]Talk no more so very proudly; Do not let arrogance come out of your mouth; For Yehovah is a God of knowledge, And by him actions are weighed. [4]The bows of the mighty men are broken; And those who stumbled are girded with strength. [5]Those who were full have hired themselves out for bread; And those who were hungry have ceased to hunger:

Indeed, the barren has borne seven; And she who has many children languishes. 6Yehovah kills, and makes alive: He brings down to Sheol, and brings up. 7Yehovah makes poor, and makes rich: He brings low, he also lifts up. 8He raises up the poor out of the dust, He lifts up the needy from the dunghill, To make them sit with princes, And inherit the throne of glory: For the pillars of the earth are Yehovah's, And he has set the world on them. 9He will keep the feet of his holy ones; But the wicked shall be put to silence in darkness; For by strength no man shall prevail. 10Those who strive with Yehovah shall be broken to pieces; Against them he will thunder in heaven: Yehovah will judge the ends of the earth; And he will give strength to his king, And exalt the horn of his anointed. 11And Elkanah went to Ramah to his house. And the child ministered to Yehovah before Eli the priest. 12Now the sons of Eli were worthless men; they did not know Yehovah. 13And the custom of the priests with the people was, that, when any man offered sacrifice, the priest's servant came, while the meat was boiling, with a three-pronged fork in his hand; 14and he struck it into the pan, or kettle, or caldron, or pot; all that the fork brought up the priest took with it. So they did in Shiloh to all the Israelites who came there. 15Indeed, before they burned the fat, the priest's servant came, and said to the man who sacrificed, Give meat to roast for the priest; for he will not take boiled meat from you, but raw. 16And if the man said to him, They will surely burn the fat first, and then take as much as your soul desires; then he would say, No, but you shall give it to me now: and if not, I will take it by force. 17And the sin of the young men was very great before Yehovah; for the men despised the offering of Yehovah. 18But Samuel ministered before Yehovah, being a child, girded with a linen ephod. 19Moreover his mother made him a little robe, and brought it to him from year to year, when she came up with her husband to offer the yearly sacrifice. 20And Eli blessed Elkanah and his wife, and said, Yehovah give you seed of this woman for the petition which was asked of Yehovah. And they went to their own home. 21And Yehovah visited Hannah, and she conceived, and bore three sons and two daughters. And the child Samuel grew before Yehovah. 22Now Eli was very old; and he heard all that his sons did to all Israel, and how they lay with the women who served at the door of the tent of meeting. 23And he said to them, Why do you do such things? for I hear of your evil dealings from all this people. 24No, my sons; for it is no good report that I hear: you make Yehovah's people transgress. 25If one man sins against another, God shall judge him; but if a man sins against Yehovah, who shall intercede for him? Nevertheless, they did not listen to the voice of their father, because Yehovah intended to put them to death. 26And the child Samuel grew on, and increased in favor both with Yehovah, and also with men. 27And a man of God came to Eli, and said to him, Thus says Yehovah, Did I reveal myself to the house of your father, when they were in Egypt in bondage to Pharaoh's house? 28and did I choose him out of all the tribes of Israel to be my priest, to go up to my altar, to burn incense, to wear an ephod before me? and did I give to the house of your father all the offerings of the children of Israel made by fire? 29Why do you kick at my sacrifice and at my offering, which I have commanded in my habitation, and honor your sons above me, to make yourselves fat with the choicest of all the offerings of Israel my people? 30Therefore Yehovah, the God of Israel, says, I said indeed that your house, and the house of your father, should walk before me forever: but now Yehovah says, Far be it from me; for those who honor me I will honor, and those who despise me shall be lightly esteemed. 31Behold, the days are coming, when I will cut off your arm, and the arm of your father's house, so that there shall not be an old man in your house. 32And you shall behold the affliction of my habitation, in all the wealth which God shall give Israel; and there shall not be an old man in your house forever. 33And the man of yours, whom I shall not cut off from my altar, shall be to consume your eyes, and to grieve your heart; and all the increase of your house shall die in the flower of their age. 34And this shall be the sign to you, that shall come upon your two sons, on Hophni and Phinehas: in one day they shall both die. 35And I will raise up for myself a faithful priest, who shall do according to that which is in my heart and in my mind: and I will build him a sure house; and he shall walk before my anointed forever. 36And it shall happen, that everyone who is left in your house shall come and bow down to him for a piece of silver and a loaf of bread, and shall say, Please put me into one of the priests' offices, that I may eat a morsel of bread.

Chapter 3

1And the child Samuel ministered to Yehovah before Eli. And the word of Yehovah was precious in those days; there was no frequent vision. 2And it happened at that time, when Eli was lying down in his place

(now his eyes had begun to grow dim, so that he could not see), 3and the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down to sleep, in the temple of Yehovah, where the ark of God was; 4that Yehovah called Samuel: and he said, Here I am. 5And he ran to Eli, and said, Here I am; for you called me. And he said, I did not call; lie down again. And he went and lay down. 6And Yehovah called yet again, Samuel. And Samuel arose and went to Eli, and said, Here I am; for you called me. And he answered, I did not call, my son; lie down again. 7Now Samuel did not yet know Yehovah, neither was the word of Yehovah yet revealed to him. 8And Yehovah called Samuel again the third time. And he arose and went to Eli, and said, Here I am; for you called me. And Eli perceived that Yehovah had called the child. 9Therefore Eli said to Samuel, Go, lie down: and it shall be, if he calls you, that you shall say, Speak, Yehovah; for your servant hears. So Samuel went and lay down in his place. 10And Yehovah came, and stood, and called as at other times, Samuel, Samuel. Then Samuel said, Speak; for your servant hears. 11And Yehovah said to Samuel, Behold, I will do a thing in Israel, at which both the ears of everyone who hears it shall tingle. 12In that day I will perform against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from the beginning even to the end. 13For I have told him that I will judge his house forever, for the iniquity which he knew, because his sons brought a curse upon themselves, and he did not restrain them. 14And therefore I have sworn to the house of Eli, that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be atoned for with sacrifice nor offering forever. 15And Samuel lay until the morning, and opened the doors of the house of Yehovah. And Samuel feared to show Eli the vision. 16Then Eli called Samuel, and said, Samuel, my son. And he said, Here I am. 17And he said, What is the thing that Yehovah has spoken to you? Please do not hide it from me: God do so to you, and more also, if you hide anything from me of all the things that he spoke to you. 18And Samuel told him everything, and hid nothing from him. And he said, It is Yehovah: let him do what seems good to him. 19And Samuel grew, and Yehovah was with him, and let none of his words fall to the ground. 20And all Israel from Dan even to Beer-sheba knew that Samuel was established to be a prophet of Yehovah. 21And Yehovah appeared again in Shiloh; for Yehovah revealed himself to Samuel in Shiloh by the word of Yehovah.

Chapter 4

1And the word of Samuel came to all Israel. Now Israel went out against the Philistines to battle, and encamped beside Eben-ezer: and the Philistines encamped in Aphek. 2And the Philistines put themselves in array against Israel: and when they joined battle, Israel was defeated before the Philistines; and they killed of the army in the field about four thousand men. 3And when the people had come into the camp, the elders of Israel said, Why has Yehovah defeated us today before the Philistines? Let us fetch the ark of the covenant of Yehovah out of Shiloh to us, that it may come among us, and save us out of the hand of our enemies. 4So the people sent to Shiloh; and they brought from there the ark of the covenant of Yehovah of hosts, who sits above the cherubim: and the two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, were there with the ark of the covenant of God. 5And when the ark of the covenant of Yehovah came into the camp, all Israel shouted with a great shout, so that the earth resounded. 6And when the Philistines heard the noise of the shout, they said, What does the noise of this great shout in the camp of the Hebrews mean? And they understood that the ark of Yehovah had come into the camp. 7And the Philistines were afraid, for they said, God has come into the camp. And they said, Woe to us! for there has not been such a thing before. 8Woe to us! who shall deliver us out of the hand of these mighty gods? these are the gods who struck the Egyptians with all kinds of plagues in the wilderness. 9Be strong, and conduct yourselves like men, O you Philistines, that you may not be servants to the Hebrews, as they have been to you: conduct yourselves like men, and fight. 10And the Philistines fought, and Israel was defeated, and they fled every man to his tent: and there was a very great slaughter; for there fell of Israel thirty thousand foot soldiers. 11And the ark of God was taken; and the two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, were slain. 12And a man of Benjamin ran out of the army, and came to Shiloh the same day, with his clothes torn, and with earth on his head. 13And when he came, look, Eli was sitting on his seat by the wayside watching; for his heart trembled for the ark of God. And when the man came into the city, and told it, all the city cried out. 14And when Eli heard the noise of the crying, he said, What does the noise of this tumult mean? And the man hurried, and came and told Eli. 15Now Eli was ninety-eight years old; and his eyes were set, so that he could not see. 16And the

man said to Eli, I am he who came out of the army, and I fled today out of the army. And he said, How did the matter go, my son? 17And he who brought the news answered and said, Israel has fled before the Philistines, and there has been also a great slaughter among the people, and your two sons also, Hophni and Phinehas, are dead, and the ark of God is taken. 18And it happened, when he made mention of the ark of God, that Eli fell off his seat backward by the side of the gate; and his neck broke, and he died: for he was an old man, and heavy. And he had judged Israel forty years. 19And his daughter-in-law, Phinehas' wife, was pregnant, about to give birth: and when she heard the news that the ark of God was taken, and that her father-in-law and her husband were dead, she bowed herself and gave birth; for her pains came upon her. 20And about the time of her death the women who stood by her said to her, Do not fear; for you have given birth to a son. But she did not answer, neither did she regard it. 21And she named the child Ichabod, saying, The glory has departed from Israel; because the ark of God was taken, and because of her father-in-law and her husband. 22And she said, The glory has departed from Israel; for the ark of God is taken.

Chapter 5

1Now the Philistines had taken the ark of God, and they brought it from Eben-ezer to Ashdod. 2And the Philistines took the ark of God, and brought it into the house of Dagon, and set it by Dagon. 3And when those of Ashdod arose early the next day, behold, Dagon had fallen on his face to the ground before the ark of Yehovah. And they took Dagon, and set him in his place again. 4And when they arose early the next morning, behold, Dagon had fallen on his face to the ground before the ark of Yehovah; and the head of Dagon and both the palms of his hands lay cut off on the threshold; only the stump of Dagon was left to him. 5Therefore neither the priests of Dagon, nor any who come into Dagon's house, tread on the threshold of Dagon in Ashdod, to this day. 6But the hand of Yehovah was heavy upon those of Ashdod, and he destroyed them, and struck them with tumors, even Ashdod and its borders. 7And when the men of Ashdod saw that it was so, they said, The ark of the God of Israel shall not abide with us; for his hand is severe upon us, and upon Dagon our god. 8They sent therefore and gathered all the lords of the Philistines to them, and said, What shall we do with the ark of the God of Israel? And they answered, Let the ark of the God of Israel be carried around to Gath. And they carried the ark of the God of Israel there. 9And it was so, that, after they had carried it around, the hand of Yehovah was against the city with a very great panic: and he struck the men of the city, both small and great; and tumors broke out on them. 10So they sent the ark of God to Ekron. And it happened, as the ark of God came to Ekron, that the Ekronites cried out, saying, They have brought around the ark of the God of Israel to us, to kill us and our people. 11They sent therefore and gathered together all the lords of the Philistines, and they said, Send away the ark of the God of Israel, and let it go again to its own place, that it may not kill us, and our people. For there was a deadly panic throughout all the city; the hand of God was very heavy there. 12And the men who did not die were struck with the tumors; and the cry of the city went up to heaven.

Chapter 6

1And the ark of Yehovah was in the country of the Philistines seven months. 2And the Philistines called for the priests and the diviners, saying, What shall we do with the ark of Yehovah? show us with what we shall send it to its place. 3And they said, If you send away the ark of the God of Israel, do not send it empty; but by all means return to him a trespass-offering: then you shall be healed, and it shall be known to you why his hand is not removed from you. 4Then they said, What shall be the trespass-offering which we shall return to him? And they said, Five golden tumors, and five golden mice, according to the number of the lords of the Philistines; for one plague was on you all, and on your lords. 5Therefore you shall make images of your tumors, and images of your mice that mar the land; and you shall give glory to the God of Israel: perhaps he will lighten his hand from off you, and from off your gods, and from off your land. 6Why then do you harden your hearts, as the Egyptians and Pharaoh hardened their hearts? When he had dealt wonderfully among them, did they not let the people go, and they departed? 7Now therefore take and prepare a new cart, and two milk cows, on which no yoke has come; and tie the cows to the cart, and bring their calves home from them; 8and take the ark of Yehovah, and lay it on the cart; and put the jewels of gold, which you return to him for a trespass-offering, in a box by its side; and send it away, that it may go. 9And see; if it goes up by the way of its own border to Beth-shemesh, then he has done us this great evil: but if not, then we shall know that

it is not his hand that struck us; it was a chance that happened to us. 10And the men did so, and took two milk cows, and tied them to the cart, and shut up their calves at home; 11and they put the ark of Yehovah on the cart, and the box with the mice of gold and the images of their tumors. 12And the cows took the straight way by the way to Beth-shemesh; they went along the highway, lowing as they went, and did not turn aside to the right hand or to the left; and the lords of the Philistines went after them to the border of Beth-shemesh. 13And those of Beth-shemesh were reaping their wheat harvest in the valley; and they lifted up their eyes, and saw the ark, and rejoiced to see it. 14And the cart came into the field of Joshua the Beth-shemite, and stood there, where there was a great stone: and they split the wood of the cart, and offered up the cows for a burnt-offering to Yehovah. 15And the Levites took down the ark of Yehovah, and the box that was with it, in which the jewels of gold were, and put them on the great stone: and the men of Beth-shemesh offered burnt-offerings and sacrificed sacrifices the same day to Yehovah. 16And when the five lords of the Philistines had seen it, they returned to Ekron the same day. 17And these are the golden tumors which the Philistines returned for a trespass-offering to Yehovah: for Ashdod one, for Gaza one, for Ashkelon one, for Gath one, for Ekron one; 18and the golden mice, according to the number of all the cities of the Philistines belonging to the five lords, both of fortified cities and of country villages, even to the great stone, on which they set down the ark of Yehovah, which stone remains to this day in the field of Joshua the Beth-shemite. 19And he struck some of the men of Beth-shemesh, because they had looked into the ark of Yehovah, he struck of the people seventy men, and fifty thousand men; and the people mourned, because Yehovah had struck the people with a great slaughter. 20And the men of Beth-shemesh said, Who is able to stand before Yehovah, this holy God? and to whom shall he go up from us? 21And they sent messengers to the inhabitants of Kiriath-jearim, saying, The Philistines have brought back the ark of Yehovah; come down, and fetch it up to you.

Chapter 7

1And the men of Kiriath-jearim came, and fetched up the ark of Yehovah, and brought it into the house of Abinadab in the hill, and sanctified Eleazar his son to keep the ark of Yehovah. 2And it happened, from the day that the ark remained in Kiriath-jearim, that the time was long; for it was twenty years: and all the house of Israel lamented after Yehovah. 3And Samuel spoke to all the house of Israel, saying, If you are returning to Yehovah with all your heart, then put away the foreign gods and the Ashtaroth from among you, and direct your hearts to Yehovah, and serve him only; and he will deliver you out of the hand of the Philistines. 4Then the children of Israel put away the Baalim and the Ashtaroth, and served Yehovah only. 5And Samuel said, Gather all Israel to Mizpah, and I will pray for you to Yehovah. 6And they gathered together to Mizpah, and drew water, and poured it out before Yehovah, and fasted on that day, and said there, We have sinned against Yehovah. And Samuel judged the children of Israel in Mizpah. 7And when the Philistines heard that the children of Israel were gathered together to Mizpah, the lords of the Philistines went up against Israel. And when the children of Israel heard it, they were afraid of the Philistines. 8And the children of Israel said to Samuel, Do not cease to cry to Yehovah our God for us, that he will save us out of the hand of the Philistines. 9And Samuel took a nursing lamb, and offered it for a whole burnt-offering to Yehovah: and Samuel cried to Yehovah for Israel; and Yehovah answered him. 10And as Samuel was offering up the burnt-offering, the Philistines drew near to battle against Israel; but Yehovah thundered with a great thunder on that day upon the Philistines, and threw them into confusion; and they were struck down before Israel. 11And the men of Israel went out of Mizpah, and pursued the Philistines, and struck them, until they came below Beth-car. 12Then Samuel took a stone, and set it between Mizpah and Shen, and called its name Eben-ezer, saying, Thus far Yehovah has helped us. 13So the Philistines were subdued, and they came no more within the border of Israel: and the hand of Yehovah was against the Philistines all the days of Samuel. 14And the cities which the Philistines had taken from Israel were restored to Israel, from Ekron even to Gath; and their border Israel delivered out of the hand of the Philistines. And there was peace between Israel and the Amorites. 15And Samuel judged Israel all the days of his life. 16And he went from year to year in circuit to Beth-el, and Gilgal, and Mizpah; and he judged Israel in all those places. 17And his return was to Ramah, for there was his house; and there he judged Israel: and he built there an altar to Yehovah.

Chapter 8

[1]And it happened, when Samuel was old, that he made his sons judges over Israel. [2]Now the name of his firstborn was Joel; and the name of his second, Abijah: they were judges in Beer-sheba. [3]And his sons did not walk in his ways, but turned aside after dishonest gain, and took bribes, and perverted justice. [4]Then all the elders of Israel gathered themselves together, and came to Samuel to Ramah; [5]and they said to him, Behold, you are old, and your sons do not walk in your ways: now make us a king to judge us like all the nations. [6]But the thing displeased Samuel, when they said, Give us a king to judge us. And Samuel prayed to Yehovah. [7]And Yehovah said to Samuel, Listen to the voice of the people in all that they say to you; for they have not rejected you, but they have rejected me, that I should not be king over them. [8]According to all the works which they have done since the day that I brought them up out of Egypt even to this day, in that they have forsaken me, and served other gods, so do they also to you. [9]Now therefore listen to their voice: however you shall solemnly warn them, and shall show them the manner of the king who shall reign over them. [10]And Samuel told all the words of Yehovah to the people who asked of him a king. [11]And he said, This will be the manner of the king who shall reign over you: he will take your sons, and appoint them for himself, for his chariots, and to be his horsemen; and they shall run before his chariots; [12]and he will appoint them for himself as captains of thousands, and captains of fifties; and he will set some to plow his ground, and to reap his harvest, and to make his instruments of war, and the instruments of his chariots. [13]And he will take your daughters to be perfumers, and to be cooks, and to be bakers. [14]And he will take your fields, and your vineyards, and your olive groves, even the best of them, and give them to his servants. [15]And he will take the tenth of your seed, and of your vineyards, and give to his officers, and to his servants. [16]And he will take your male servants, and your female servants, and your finest young men, and your donkeys, and put them to his work. [17]He will take the tenth of your flocks: and you shall be his servants. [18]And you shall cry out in that day because of your king whom you shall have chosen for yourselves; and Yehovah will not answer you in that day. [19]But the people refused to listen to the voice of Samuel; and they said, No: but we will have a king over us, [20]that we also may be like all the nations, and that our king may judge us, and go out before us, and fight our battles. [21]And Samuel heard all the words of the people, and he repeated them in the ears of Yehovah. [22]And Yehovah said to Samuel, Listen to their voice, and make them a king. And Samuel said to the men of Israel, Go every man to his city.

Chapter 9

[1]Now there was a man of Benjamin, whose name was Kish, the son of Abiel, the son of Zeror, the son of Becorath, the son of Aphiah, the son of a Benjamite, a mighty man of valor. [2]And he had a son, whose name was Saul, a choice and handsome young man: and there was not among the children of Israel a more handsome person than he: from his shoulders and upward he was taller than any of the people. [3]And the donkeys of Kish, Saul's father, were lost. And Kish said to Saul his son, Take now one of the servants with you, and arise, go seek the donkeys. [4]And he passed through the hill-country of Ephraim, and passed through the land of Shalishah, but they did not find them: then they passed through the land of Shaalim, and they were not there: and he passed through the land of the Benjamites, but they did not find them. [5]When they had come to the land of Zuph, Saul said to his servant who was with him, Come, and let us return, lest my father stop caring about the donkeys, and be anxious for us. [6]And he said to him, Behold now, there is in this city a man of God, and he is a man who is held in honor; all that he says surely comes to pass: now let us go there; perhaps he can tell us concerning our journey on which we go. [7]Then Saul said to his servant, But, behold, if we go, what shall we bring the man? for the bread is used up in our vessels, and there is not a present to bring to the man of God: what do we have? [8]And the servant answered Saul again, and said, Behold, I have in my hand the fourth part of a shekel of silver: that I will give to the man of God, to tell us our way. [9](Formerly in Israel, when a man went to inquire of God, thus he said, Come, and let us go to the seer; for he who is now called a Prophet was formerly called a Seer.) [10]Then Saul said to his servant, Well said; come, let us go. So they went to the city where the man of God was. [11]As they went up the ascent to the city, they found young women going out to draw water, and said to them, Is the seer here? [12]And they answered them, and said, He is; behold, he is ahead of you: hurry now, for he has come today into the city; for the people have a sacrifice today in the high place. [13]As soon as you have come into the city, you shall

immediately find him, before he goes up to the high place to eat; for the people will not eat until he comes, because he blesses the sacrifice; and afterward those who are invited eat. Now therefore go up; for at this time you shall find him. 14And they went up to the city; and as they came within the city, behold, Samuel came out toward them, to go up to the high place. 15Now Yehovah had revealed to Samuel a day before Saul came, saying, 16Tomorrow about this time I will send you a man out of the land of Benjamin, and you shall anoint him to be prince over my people Israel; and he shall save my people out of the hand of the Philistines: for I have looked upon my people, because their cry has come to me. 17And when Samuel saw Saul, Yehovah said to him, Behold, the man of whom I spoke to you! this one shall have authority over my people. 18Then Saul drew near to Samuel in the gate, and said, Please tell me where the seer's house is. 19And Samuel answered Saul, and said, I am the seer; go up before me to the high place, for you shall eat with me today: and in the morning I will let you go, and will tell you all that is in your heart. 20And as for your donkeys that were lost three days ago, do not set your mind on them; for they have been found. And for whom is all that is desirable in Israel? Is it not for you, and for all your father's house? 21And Saul answered and said, Am I not a Benjamite, of the smallest of the tribes of Israel? and my family the least of all the families of the tribe of Benjamin? why then do you speak to me in this way? 22And Samuel took Saul and his servant, and brought them into the guest room, and made them sit in the chief place among those who were invited, who were about thirty persons. 23And Samuel said to the cook, Bring the portion which I gave you, of which I said to you, Set it by you. 24And the cook took up the thigh, and that which was on it, and set it before Saul. And Samuel said, Behold, that which has been reserved! set it before you and eat; because to the appointed time it has been kept for you, for I said, I have invited the people. So Saul ate with Samuel that day. 25And when they had come down from the high place into the city, he spoke with Saul on the housetop. 26And they arose early: and it happened about the dawn of the day, that Samuel called to Saul on the housetop, saying, Up, that I may send you away. And Saul arose, and they both went out, he and Samuel, outside. 27As they were going down at the end of the city, Samuel said to Saul, Tell the servant to pass on before us (and he passed on), but stand still first, that I may cause you to hear the word of God.

Chapter 10

1Then Samuel took the flask of oil, and poured it on his head, and kissed him, and said, Is it not that Yehovah has anointed you to be prince over his inheritance? 2When you have departed from me today, then you shall find two men by Rachel's tomb, in the border of Benjamin at Zelzah; and they will say to you, The donkeys which you went to seek have been found; and, look, your father has stopped caring about the donkeys, and is anxious for you, saying, What shall I do for my son? 3Then you shall go on forward from there, and you shall come to the oak of Tabor; and three men going up to God to Beth-el shall meet you there, one carrying three young goats, and another carrying three loaves of bread, and another carrying a skin of wine: 4and they will greet you, and give you two loaves of bread, which you shall receive from their hand. 5After that you shall come to the hill of God, where the garrison of the Philistines is: and it shall happen, when you have come there to the city, that you shall meet a band of prophets coming down from the high place with a psaltery, and a tambourine, and a pipe, and a harp, before them; and they will be prophesying: 6and the Spirit of Yehovah will come mightily upon you, and you shall prophesy with them, and shall be turned into another man. 7And let it be, when these signs have come to you, that you do as the occasion requires; for God is with you. 8And you shall go down before me to Gilgal; and, behold, I will come down to you, to offer burnt-offerings, and to sacrifice sacrifices of peace-offerings: seven days you shall wait, until I come to you, and show you what you shall do. 9And it was so, that, when he had turned his back to go from Samuel, God gave him another heart: and all those signs came to pass that day. 10And when they came there to the hill, behold, a band of prophets met him; and the Spirit of God came mightily upon him, and he prophesied among them. 11And it happened, when all who knew him before saw that, behold, he prophesied with the prophets, then the people said one to another, What is this that has come to the son of Kish? Is Saul also among the prophets? 12And one of the same place answered and said, And who is their father? Therefore it became a proverb, Is Saul also among the prophets? 13And when he had made an end of prophesying, he came to the high place. 14And Saul's uncle said to him and to his servant,

Where did you go? And he said, To seek the donkeys; and when we saw that they were not found, we came to Samuel. 15And Saul's uncle said, Please tell me what Samuel said to you. 16And Saul said to his uncle, He told us plainly that the donkeys had been found. But concerning the matter of the kingdom, of which Samuel spoke, he did not tell him. 17And Samuel called the people together to Yehovah to Mizpah; 18and he said to the children of Israel, Thus says Yehovah, the God of Israel, I brought up Israel out of Egypt, and I delivered you out of the hand of the Egyptians, and out of the hand of all the kingdoms that oppressed you: 19but you have this day rejected your God, who himself saves you out of all your calamities and your distresses; and you have said to him, No, but set a king over us. Now therefore present yourselves before Yehovah by your tribes, and by your thousands. 20So Samuel brought all the tribes of Israel near, and the tribe of Benjamin was taken. 21And he brought the tribe of Benjamin near by their families; and the family of the Matrites was taken; and Saul the son of Kish was taken: but when they sought him, he could not be found. 22Therefore they asked of Yehovah further, Is there yet a man to come here? And Yehovah answered, Behold, he has hidden himself among the baggage. 23And they ran and fetched him from there; and when he stood among the people, he was taller than any of the people from his shoulders and upward. 24And Samuel said to all the people, Do you see him whom Yehovah has chosen, that there is none like him among all the people? And all the people shouted, and said, Long live the king. 25Then Samuel told the people the manner of the kingdom, and wrote it in a book, and laid it up before Yehovah. And Samuel sent all the people away, every man to his house. 26And Saul also went to his house at Gibeah; and the host went with him, whose hearts God had touched. 27But certain worthless fellows said, How shall this man save us? And they despised him, and brought him no present. But he held his peace.

Chapter 11

1Then Nahash the Ammonite came up, and encamped against Jabesh-gilead: and all the men of Jabesh said to Nahash, Make a covenant with us, and we will serve you. 2And Nahash the Ammonite said to them, On this condition I will make it with you, that all your right eyes be put out; and I will lay it for a reproach on all Israel. 3And the elders of Jabesh said to him, Give us seven days' respite, that we may send messengers to all the borders of Israel; and then, if there is none to save us, we will come out to you. 4Then the messengers came to Gibeah of Saul, and spoke these words in the ears of the people: and all the people lifted up their voice, and wept. 5And, behold, Saul came following the oxen out of the field; and Saul said, What is wrong with the people that they weep? And they told him the words of the men of Jabesh. 6And the Spirit of God came mightily upon Saul when he heard those words, and his anger was kindled greatly. 7And he took a yoke of oxen, and cut them in pieces, and sent them throughout all the borders of Israel by the hand of messengers, saying, Whoever does not come out after Saul and after Samuel, so shall it be done to his oxen. And the dread of Yehovah fell on the people, and they came out as one man. 8And he numbered them in Bezek; and the children of Israel were three hundred thousand, and the men of Judah thirty thousand. 9And they said to the messengers who came, Thus you shall say to the men of Jabesh-gilead, Tomorrow, by the time the sun is hot, you shall have deliverance. And the messengers came and told the men of Jabesh; and they were glad. 10Therefore the men of Jabesh said, Tomorrow we will come out to you, and you shall do with us all that seems good to you. 11And it was so the next day, that Saul put the people in three companies; and they came into the midst of the camp in the morning watch, and struck the Ammonites until the heat of the day: and it happened, that those who remained were scattered, so that not two of them were left together. 12And the people said to Samuel, Who is he who said, Shall Saul reign over us? bring the men, that we may put them to death. 13And Saul said, Not a man shall be put to death this day; for today Yehovah has accomplished deliverance in Israel. 14Then Samuel said to the people, Come, and let us go to Gilgal, and renew the kingdom there. 15And all the people went to Gilgal; and there they made Saul king before Yehovah in Gilgal; and there they offered sacrifices of peace-offerings before Yehovah; and there Saul and all the men of Israel rejoiced greatly.

Chapter 12

1And Samuel said to all Israel, Behold, I have listened to your voice in all that you said to me, and have made a king over you. 2And now, behold, the king walks before you; and I am old and grayheaded; and, behold, my sons are with you: and I have walked before you from my youth to this day. 3Here I am:

witness against me before Yehovah, and before his anointed: whose ox have I taken? or whose donkey have I taken? or whom have I defrauded? whom have I oppressed? or from whose hand have I taken a ransom to blind my eyes with it? and I will restore it to you. 4And they said, You have not defrauded us, nor oppressed us, neither have you taken anything from any man's hand. 5And he said to them, Yehovah is witness against you, and his anointed is witness this day, that you have not found anything in my hand. And they said, He is witness. 6And Samuel said to the people, It is Yehovah who appointed Moses and Aaron, and who brought your fathers up out of the land of Egypt. 7Now therefore stand still, that I may plead with you before Yehovah concerning all the righteous acts of Yehovah, which he did to you and to your fathers. 8When Jacob had come into Egypt, and your fathers cried to Yehovah, then Yehovah sent Moses and Aaron, who brought out your fathers out of Egypt, and made them dwell in this place. 9But they forgot Yehovah their God; and he sold them into the hand of Sisera, captain of the host of Hazor, and into the hand of the Philistines, and into the hand of the king of Moab; and they fought against them. 10And they cried to Yehovah, and said, We have sinned, because we have forsaken Yehovah, and have served the Baalim and the Ashtaroth: but now deliver us out of the hand of our enemies, and we will serve you. 11And Yehovah sent Jerubbaal, and Bedan, and Jephthah, and Samuel, and delivered you out of the hand of your enemies on every side; and you dwelt in safety. 12And when you saw that Nahash the king of the children of Ammon came against you, you said to me, No, but a king shall reign over us; when Yehovah your God was your king. 13Now therefore behold the king whom you have chosen, and whom you have asked for: and, behold, Yehovah has set a king over you. 14If you will fear Yehovah, and serve him, and listen to his voice, and not rebel against the commandment of Yehovah, and both you and also the king who reigns over you are followers of Yehovah your God, well: 15but if you will not listen to the voice of Yehovah, but rebel against the commandment of Yehovah, then the hand of Yehovah will be against you, as it was against your fathers. 16Now therefore stand still and see this great thing, which Yehovah will do before your eyes. 17Is it not wheat harvest today? I will call to Yehovah, that he may send thunder and rain; and you shall know and see that your wickedness is great, which you have done in the sight of Yehovah, in asking for yourselves a king. 18So Samuel called to Yehovah; and Yehovah sent thunder and rain that day: and all the people greatly feared Yehovah and Samuel. 19And all the people said to Samuel, Pray for your servants to Yehovah your God, that we may not die; for we have added to all our sins this evil, to ask for ourselves a king. 20And Samuel said to the people, Do not fear: you have indeed done all this evil; yet do not turn aside from following Yehovah, but serve Yehovah with all your heart: 21and do not turn aside; for then you would go after vain things which cannot profit nor deliver, for they are vain. 22For Yehovah will not forsake his people for his great name's sake, because it has pleased Yehovah to make you a people to himself. 23Moreover as for me, far be it from me that I should sin against Yehovah in ceasing to pray for you: but I will instruct you in the good and the right way. 24Only fear Yehovah, and serve him in truth with all your heart; for consider how great things he has done for you. 25But if you shall still do wickedly, you shall be consumed, both you and your king.

Chapter 13

1Saul was forty years old when he began to reign; and when he had reigned two years over Israel, 2Saul chose for himself three thousand men of Israel, of whom two thousand were with Saul in Michmash and in the mount of Beth-el, and a thousand were with Jonathan in Gibeah of Benjamin: and the rest of the people he sent every man to his tent. 3And Jonathan struck the garrison of the Philistines that was in Geba; and the Philistines heard of it. And Saul blew the trumpet throughout all the land, saying, Let the Hebrews hear. 4And all Israel heard it said that Saul had struck the garrison of the Philistines, and also that Israel had become odious to the Philistines. And the people were gathered together after Saul to Gilgal. 5And the Philistines assembled themselves together to fight with Israel, thirty thousand chariots, and six thousand horsemen, and people as the sand which is on the sea-shore in multitude: and they came up, and encamped in Michmash, eastward of Beth-aven. 6When the men of Israel saw that they were in a tight place (for the people were distressed), then the people hid themselves in caves, and in thickets, and in rocks, and in cellars, and in pits. 7Now some of the Hebrews had gone over the Jordan to the land of Gad and Gilead; but as for Saul, he was still in Gilgal, and all the people followed him trembling. 8And he waited seven days, according to

the set time that Samuel had appointed: but Samuel did not come to Gilgal; and the people were scattered from him. 9And Saul said, Bring the burnt-offering here to me, and the peace-offerings. And he offered the burnt-offering. 10And it happened that, as soon as he had finished offering the burnt-offering, behold, Samuel came; and Saul went out to meet him, that he might greet him. 11And Samuel said, What have you done? And Saul said, Because I saw that the people were scattered from me, and that you did not come within the days appointed, and that the Philistines assembled themselves together at Michmash; 12therefore I said, Now the Philistines will come down upon me to Gilgal, and I have not entreated the favor of Yehovah: I forced myself therefore, and offered the burnt-offering. 13And Samuel said to Saul, You have done foolishly; you have not kept the commandment of Yehovah your God, which he commanded you: for now Yehovah would have established your kingdom over Israel forever. 14But now your kingdom shall not continue: Yehovah has sought for himself a man after his own heart, and Yehovah has appointed him to be prince over his people, because you have not kept that which Yehovah commanded you. 15And Samuel arose, and went up from Gilgal to Gibeah of Benjamin. And Saul numbered the people who were present with him, about six hundred men. 16And Saul, and Jonathan his son, and the people who were present with them, stayed in Geba of Benjamin: but the Philistines encamped in Michmash. 17And the raiders came out of the camp of the Philistines in three companies: one company turned to the way that leads to Ophrah, to the land of Shual; 18and another company turned the way to Beth-horon; and another company turned the way of the border that looks down on the valley of Zeboim toward the wilderness. 19Now there was no blacksmith found throughout all the land of Israel; for the Philistines said, Lest the Hebrews make themselves swords or spears: 20but all the Israelites went down to the Philistines, to sharpen every man his plowshare, and his coulter, and his axe, and his mattock; 21yet they had a file for the mattocks, and for the coulters, and for the forks, and for the axes, and to set the goads. 22So it happened in the day of battle, that neither sword nor spear was found in the hand of any of the people who were with Saul and Jonathan: but with Saul and with Jonathan his son they were found. 23And the garrison of the Philistines went out to the pass of Michmash.

Chapter 14

1Now it happened one day, that Jonathan the son of Saul said to the young man who bore his armor, Come, and let us go over to the Philistines' garrison, that is on the other side. But he did not tell his father. 2And Saul stayed in the outskirts of Gibeah under the pomegranate tree which is in Migron: and the people who were with him were about six hundred men; 3and Ahijah, the son of Ahitub, Ichabod's brother, the son of Phinehas, the son of Eli, the priest of Yehovah in Shiloh, wearing an ephod. And the people did not know that Jonathan had gone. 4And between the passes, by which Jonathan sought to go over to the Philistines' garrison, there was a rocky crag on the one side, and a rocky crag on the other side: and the name of the one was Bozez, and the name of the other Seneh. 5The one crag rose up on the north in front of Michmash, and the other on the south in front of Geba. 6And Jonathan said to the young man who bore his armor, Come, and let us go over to the garrison of these uncircumcised: it may be that Yehovah will work for us; for nothing restrains Yehovah from saving by many or by few. 7And his armorbearer said to him, Do all that is in your heart: turn, behold, I am with you according to your heart. 8Then Jonathan said, Behold, we will pass over to the men, and we will show ourselves to them. 9If they say thus to us, Wait until we come to you; then we will stand still in our place, and will not go up to them. 10But if they say thus, Come up to us; then we will go up; for Yehovah has delivered them into our hand: and this shall be the sign to us. 11And both of them showed themselves to the garrison of the Philistines: and the Philistines said, Behold, the Hebrews are coming out of the holes where they had hidden themselves. 12And the men of the garrison answered Jonathan and his armorbearer, and said, Come up to us, and we will show you a thing. And Jonathan said to his armorbearer, Come up after me; for Yehovah has delivered them into the hand of Israel. 13And Jonathan climbed up on his hands and on his feet, and his armorbearer after him: and they fell before Jonathan; and his armorbearer killed them after him. 14And that first slaughter, which Jonathan and his armorbearer made, was about twenty men, within as it were half a furrow's length in an acre of land. 15And there was a trembling in the camp, in the field, and among all the people; the garrison, and the raiders, they also trembled; and the earth quaked: so there was a very great trembling. 16And the

watchmen of Saul in Gibeah of Benjamin looked; and, behold, the multitude melted away, and they went here and there. 17Then Saul said to the people who were with him, Number now, and see who has gone from us. And when they had numbered, behold, Jonathan and his armorbearer were not there. 18And Saul said to Ahijah, Bring the ark of God here. For the ark of God was there at that time with the children of Israel. 19And it happened, while Saul talked to the priest, that the tumult that was in the camp of the Philistines went on and increased: and Saul said to the priest, Withdraw your hand. 20And Saul and all the people who were with him were gathered together, and came to the battle: and, behold, every man's sword was against his fellow, and there was a very great confusion. 21Now the Hebrews who were with the Philistines as before, and who went up with them into the camp, from the country all around, even they also turned to be with the Israelites who were with Saul and Jonathan. 22Likewise all the men of Israel who had hidden themselves in the hill-country of Ephraim, when they heard that the Philistines fled, even they also followed hard after them in the battle. 23So Yehovah saved Israel that day: and the battle passed over by Beth-aven. 24And the men of Israel were distressed that day; for Saul had put the people under oath, saying, Cursed be the man who eats any food until it is evening, and I am avenged on my enemies. So none of the people tasted food. 25And all the people came into the forest; and there was honey on the ground. 26And when the people had come to the forest, behold, the honey dripped: but no man put his hand to his mouth; for the people feared the oath. 27But Jonathan did not hear when his father charged the people with the oath: therefore he put out the end of the rod that was in his hand, and dipped it in the honeycomb, and put his hand to his mouth; and his eyes were enlightened. 28Then one of the people answered, and said, Your father strictly charged the people with an oath, saying, Cursed be the man who eats food this day. And the people were faint. 29Then Jonathan said, My father has troubled the land: see, please, how my eyes have been enlightened, because I tasted a little of this honey. 30How much more, if only the people had eaten freely today of the spoil of their enemies which they found? for now there has been no great slaughter among the Philistines. 31And they struck the Philistines that day from Michmash to Aijalon. And the people were very faint; 32and the people rushed upon the spoil, and took sheep, and oxen, and calves, and slaughtered them on the ground; and the people ate them with the blood. 33Then they told Saul, saying, Behold, the people sin against Yehovah, in that they eat with the blood. And he said, You have dealt treacherously: roll a great stone to me this day. 34And Saul said, Disperse yourselves among the people, and say to them, Bring me here every man his ox, and every man his sheep, and slaughter them here, and eat; and do not sin against Yehovah in eating with the blood. And all the people brought every man his ox with him that night, and slaughtered them there. 35And Saul built an altar to Yehovah: it was the first altar that he built to Yehovah. 36And Saul said, Let us go down after the Philistines by night, and take spoil among them until the morning light, and let us not leave a man of them. And they said, Do whatever seems good to you. Then the priest said, Let us draw near here to God. 37And Saul asked counsel of God, Shall I go down after the Philistines? will you deliver them into the hand of Israel? But he did not answer him that day. 38And Saul said, Draw near here, all you chiefs of the people; and know and see how this sin has arisen this day. 39For, as Yehovah lives, who saves Israel, though it is in Jonathan my son, he shall surely die. But there was not a man among all the people who answered him. 40Then he said to all Israel, You be on one side, and I and Jonathan my son will be on the other side. And the people said to Saul, Do what seems good to you. 41Therefore Saul said to Yehovah, the God of Israel, Show the right. And Jonathan and Saul were taken by lot; but the people escaped. 42And Saul said, Cast lots between me and Jonathan my son. And Jonathan was taken. 43Then Saul said to Jonathan, Tell me what you have done. And Jonathan told him, and said, I did certainly taste a little honey with the end of the rod that was in my hand; and, look, I must die. 44And Saul said, God do so and more also; for you shall surely die, Jonathan. 45And the people said to Saul, Shall Jonathan die, who has accomplished this great salvation in Israel? Far from it: as Yehovah lives, not one hair of his head shall fall to the ground; for he has worked with God this day. So the people rescued Jonathan, so that he did not die. 46Then Saul went up from following the Philistines; and the Philistines went to their own place. 47Now when Saul had taken the kingdom over Israel, he fought against all his enemies on every side, against Moab, and against the children of Ammon, and against Edom,

and against the kings of Zobah, and against the Philistines: and wherever he turned himself, he put them to the worse. 48And he acted valiantly, and struck the Amalekites, and delivered Israel out of the hands of those who plundered them. 49Now the sons of Saul were Jonathan, and Ishvi, and Malchishua; and the names of his two daughters were these: the name of the firstborn Merab, and the name of the younger Michal: 50and the name of Saul's wife was Ahinoam the daughter of Ahimaaz. And the name of the captain of his host was Abner the son of Ner, Saul's uncle. 51And Kish was the father of Saul; and Ner the father of Abner was the son of Abiel. 52And there was severe war against the Philistines all the days of Saul: and when Saul saw any mighty man, or any valiant man, he took him to himself.

Chapter 15

1And Samuel said to Saul, Yehovah sent me to anoint you to be king over his people, over Israel: now therefore listen to the voice of the words of Yehovah. 2Thus says Yehovah of hosts, I have marked that which Amalek did to Israel, how he set himself against him in the way, when he came up out of Egypt. 3Now go and strike Amalek, and utterly destroy all that they have, and do not spare them; but kill both man and woman, infant and nursing child, ox and sheep, camel and donkey. 4And Saul summoned the people, and numbered them in Telaim, two hundred thousand foot soldiers, and ten thousand men of Judah. 5And Saul came to the city of Amalek, and lay in wait in the valley. 6And Saul said to the Kenites, Go, depart, go down from among the Amalekites, lest I destroy you with them; for you showed kindness to all the children of Israel, when they came up out of Egypt. So the Kenites departed from among the Amalekites. 7And Saul struck the Amalekites, from Havilah as you go to Shur, that is before Egypt. 8And he took Agag the king of the Amalekites alive, and utterly destroyed all the people with the edge of the sword. 9But Saul and the people spared Agag, and the best of the sheep, and of the oxen, and of the fatlings, and the lambs, and all that was good, and would not utterly destroy them: but everything that was despised and worthless, that they destroyed utterly. 10Then the word of Yehovah came to Samuel, saying, 11I regret that I have set up Saul to be king; for he has turned back from following me, and has not performed my commandments. And Samuel was angry; and he cried to Yehovah all night. 12And Samuel rose early to meet Saul in the morning; and it was told Samuel, saying, Saul came to Carmel, and, behold, he set up a monument for himself, and turned, and passed on, and went down to Gilgal. 13And Samuel came to Saul; and Saul said to him, Blessed are you of Yehovah: I have performed the commandment of Yehovah. 14And Samuel said, What then does this bleating of the sheep in my ears mean, and the lowing of the oxen which I hear? 15And Saul said, They have brought them from the Amalekites: for the people spared the best of the sheep and of the oxen, to sacrifice to Yehovah your God; and the rest we have utterly destroyed. 16Then Samuel said to Saul, Stay, and I will tell you what Yehovah has said to me this night. And he said to him, Say on. 17And Samuel said, Though you were little in your own sight, were you not made the head of the tribes of Israel? And Yehovah anointed you king over Israel; 18and Yehovah sent you on a journey, and said, Go, and utterly destroy the sinners the Amalekites, and fight against them until they are consumed. 19Why then did you not obey the voice of Yehovah, but rushed upon the spoil, and did that which was evil in the sight of Yehovah? 20And Saul said to Samuel, Indeed, I have obeyed the voice of Yehovah, and have gone the way which Yehovah sent me, and have brought Agag the king of Amalek, and have utterly destroyed the Amalekites. 21But the people took of the spoil, sheep and oxen, the chief of the devoted things, to sacrifice to Yehovah your God in Gilgal. 22And Samuel said, Has Yehovah as great delight in burnt-offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of Yehovah? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to listen than the fat of rams. 23For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as idolatry and teraphim. Because you have rejected the word of Yehovah, he has also rejected you from being king. 24And Saul said to Samuel, I have sinned; for I have transgressed the commandment of Yehovah, and your words, because I feared the people, and obeyed their voice. 25Now therefore, please pardon my sin, and turn again with me, that I may worship Yehovah. 26And Samuel said to Saul, I will not return with you; for you have rejected the word of Yehovah, and Yehovah has rejected you from being king over Israel. 27And as Samuel turned around to go away, Saul laid hold of the skirt of his robe, and it tore. 28And Samuel said to him, Yehovah has torn the kingdom of Israel from you this day, and has given it to a neighbor of yours, who is better than you. 29And

also the Strength of Israel will not lie nor repent; for he is not a man, that he should repent. 30Then he said, I have sinned: yet honor me now, please, before the elders of my people, and before Israel, and turn again with me, that I may worship Yehovah your God. 31So Samuel turned again after Saul; and Saul worshiped Yehovah. 32Then Samuel said, Bring here to me Agag the king of the Amalekites. And Agag came to him cheerfully. And Agag said, Surely the bitterness of death is past. 33And Samuel said, As your sword has made women childless, so shall your mother be childless among women. And Samuel hewed Agag in pieces before Yehovah in Gilgal. 34Then Samuel went to Ramah; and Saul went up to his house to Gibeah of Saul. 35And Samuel came no more to see Saul until the day of his death; for Samuel mourned for Saul: and Yehovah repented that he had made Saul king over Israel.

Chapter 16

1And Yehovah said to Samuel, How long will you mourn for Saul, seeing I have rejected him from being king over Israel? fill your horn with oil, and go: I will send you to Jesse the Beth-lehemite; for I have provided for myself a king among his sons. 2And Samuel said, How can I go? if Saul hears it, he will kill me. And Yehovah said, Take a heifer with you, and say, I have come to sacrifice to Yehovah. 3And call Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do: and you shall anoint for me him whom I name to you. 4And Samuel did that which Yehovah spoke, and came to Beth-lehem. And the elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, Do you come peaceably? 5And he said, Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to Yehovah: sanctify yourselves, and come with me to the sacrifice. And he sanctified Jesse and his sons, and called them to the sacrifice. 6And it happened, when they had come, that he looked on Eliab, and said, Surely Yehovah's anointed is before him. 7But Yehovah said to Samuel, Do not look on his countenance, or on the height of his stature; because I have rejected him: for Yehovah does not see as man sees; for man looks on the outward appearance, but Yehovah looks on the heart. 8Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. And he said, Neither has Yehovah chosen this. 9Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, Neither has Yehovah chosen this. 10And Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel. And Samuel said to Jesse, Yehovah has not chosen these. 11And Samuel said to Jesse, Are all your children here? And he said, There remains yet the youngest, and, behold, he is keeping the sheep. And Samuel said to Jesse, Send and fetch him; for we will not sit down until he comes here. 12And he sent, and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome to look upon. And Yehovah said, Arise, anoint him; for this is he. 13Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the midst of his brothers: and the Spirit of Yehovah came mightily upon David from that day forward. So Samuel rose up, and went to Ramah. 14Now the Spirit of Yehovah departed from Saul, and an evil spirit from Yehovah troubled him. 15And Saul's servants said to him, Behold now, an evil spirit from God troubles you. 16Let our lord now command your servants, who are before you, to seek out a man who is a skillful player on the harp: and it shall happen, when the evil spirit from God is upon you, that he shall play with his hand, and you shall be well. 17And Saul said to his servants, Provide me now a man who can play well, and bring him to me. 18Then one of the young men answered, and said, Behold, I have seen a son of Jesse the Beth-lehemite, who is skillful in playing, and a mighty man of valor, and a man of war, and prudent in speech, and a handsome person; and Yehovah is with him. 19Therefore Saul sent messengers to Jesse, and said, Send me David your son, who is with the sheep. 20And Jesse took a donkey loaded with bread, and a skin of wine, and a young goat, and sent them by David his son to Saul. 21And David came to Saul, and stood before him: and he loved him greatly; and he became his armorbearer. 22And Saul sent to Jesse, saying, Please let David stand before me; for he has found favor in my sight. 23And it happened, when the evil spirit from God was upon Saul, that David took the harp, and played with his hand: so Saul was refreshed, and was well, and the evil spirit departed from him.

Chapter 17

1Now the Philistines gathered together their armies to battle; and they were gathered together at Socoh, which belongs to Judah, and encamped between Socoh and Azekah, in Ephes-dammim. 2And Saul and the men of Israel were gathered together, and encamped in the Valley of Elah, and set the battle in array against the Philistines. 3And the Philistines stood on the mountain on the one side, and Israel stood on the mountain on the other side: and there was a valley between them. 4And a champion went out of the camp of the Philistines, named Goliath, of

Gath, whose height was six cubits and a span. 5And he had a helmet of bronze on his head, and he was clothed with a coat of mail; and the weight of the coat was five thousand shekels of bronze. 6And he had greaves of bronze on his legs, and a javelin of bronze between his shoulders. 7And the staff of his spear was like a weaver's beam; and his spear's head weighed six hundred shekels of iron: and his shield-bearer went before him. 8And he stood and cried to the armies of Israel, and said to them, Why have you come out to set your battle in array? am I not a Philistine, and you servants to Saul? choose a man for yourselves, and let him come down to me. 9If he is able to fight with me, and kill me, then we will be your servants; but if I prevail against him, and kill him, then you shall be our servants, and serve us. 10And the Philistine said, I defy the armies of Israel this day; give me a man, that we may fight together. 11And when Saul and all Israel heard those words of the Philistine, they were dismayed, and greatly afraid. 12Now David was the son of that Ephrathite of Beth-lehem-judah, whose name was Jesse; and he had eight sons: and the man was an old man in the days of Saul, stricken in years among men. 13And the three eldest sons of Jesse had gone after Saul to the battle: and the names of his three sons who went to the battle were Eliab the firstborn, and next to him Abinadab, and the third Shammah. 14And David was the youngest; and the three eldest followed Saul. 15Now David went to and fro from Saul to feed his father's sheep at Beth-lehem. 16And the Philistine drew near morning and evening, and presented himself forty days. 17And Jesse said to David his son, Take now for your brothers an ephah of this parched grain, and these ten loaves, and carry them quickly to the camp to your brothers; 18and bring these ten cheeses to the captain of their thousand, and see how your brothers fare, and take their pledge. 19Now Saul, and they, and all the men of Israel, were in the Valley of Elah, fighting with the Philistines. 20And David rose up early in the morning, and left the sheep with a keeper, and took the provisions, and went, as Jesse had commanded him; and he came to the place of the wagons, as the host which was going out to the fight shouted for the battle. 21And Israel and the Philistines put the battle in array, army against army. 22And David left his baggage in the hand of the keeper of the baggage, and ran to the army, and came and greeted his brothers. 23And as he talked with them, behold, the champion came up, the Philistine of Gath, Goliath by name, out of the ranks of the Philistines, and spoke according to the same words: and David heard them. 24And all the men of Israel, when they saw the man, fled from him, and were greatly afraid. 25And the men of Israel said, Have you seen this man who has come up? surely to defy Israel he has come up: and it shall be, that the man who kills him, the king will enrich him with great riches, and will give him his daughter, and make his father's house free in Israel. 26And David spoke to the men who stood by him, saying, What shall be done to the man who kills this Philistine, and takes away the reproach from Israel? for who is this uncircumcised Philistine, that he should defy the armies of the living God? 27And the people answered him in this way, saying, So shall it be done to the man who kills him. 28And Eliab his eldest brother heard when he spoke to the men; and Eliab's anger was kindled against David, and he said, Why have you come down? and with whom have you left those few sheep in the wilderness? I know your pride, and the evil of your heart; for you have come down that you might see the battle. 29And David said, What have I now done? Is there not a cause? 30And he turned away from him toward another, and spoke in the same way: and the people answered him again in the former way. 31And when the words were heard which David spoke, they repeated them before Saul; and he sent for him. 32And David said to Saul, Let no man's heart fail because of him; your servant will go and fight with this Philistine. 33And Saul said to David, You are not able to go against this Philistine to fight with him; for you are but a youth, and he a man of war from his youth. 34And David said to Saul, Your servant was keeping his father's sheep; and when a lion came, or a bear, and took a lamb out of the flock, 35I went out after him, and struck him, and delivered it out of his mouth; and when he arose against me, I caught him by his beard, and struck him, and killed him. 36Your servant struck both the lion and the bear: and this uncircumcised Philistine shall be as one of them, seeing he has defied the armies of the living God. 37And David said, Yehovah who delivered me out of the paw of the lion, and out of the paw of the bear, he will deliver me out of the hand of this Philistine. And Saul said to David, Go, and Yehovah shall be with you. 38And Saul clothed David with his armor, and he put a helmet of bronze on his head, and he clothed him with a coat of mail. 39And David girded his sword over his armor, and he tried to go; for he had not tested it. And David said to Saul, I

cannot go with these; for I have not tested them. And David took them off. 40And he took his staff in his hand, and chose for himself five smooth stones out of the brook, and put them in the shepherd's bag which he had, even in his pouch; and his sling was in his hand: and he drew near to the Philistine. 41And the Philistine came on and drew near to David; and the man who bore the shield went before him. 42And when the Philistine looked around, and saw David, he disdained him; for he was but a youth, and ruddy, and also of a handsome appearance. 43And the Philistine said to David, Am I a dog, that you come to me with sticks? And the Philistine cursed David by his gods. 44And the Philistine said to David, Come to me, and I will give your flesh to the birds of the heavens, and to the beasts of the field. 45Then David said to the Philistine, You come to me with a sword, and with a spear, and with a javelin: but I come to you in the name of Yehovah of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. 46This day Yehovah will deliver you into my hand; and I will strike you, and take your head from off you; and I will give the dead bodies of the host of the Philistines this day to the birds of the heavens, and to the wild beasts of the earth; that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel, 47and that all this assembly may know that Yehovah does not save with sword and spear: for the battle is Yehovah's, and he will give you into our hand. 48And it happened, when the Philistine arose, and came and drew near to meet David, that David hurried, and ran toward the army to meet the Philistine. 49And David put his hand in his bag, and took a stone from it, and slung it, and struck the Philistine in his forehead; and the stone sank into his forehead, and he fell on his face to the earth. 50So David prevailed over the Philistine with a sling and with a stone, and struck the Philistine, and killed him; but there was no sword in the hand of David. 51Then David ran, and stood over the Philistine, and took his sword, and drew it out of its sheath, and killed him, and cut off his head with it. And when the Philistines saw that their champion was dead, they fled. 52And the men of Israel and of Judah arose, and shouted, and pursued the Philistines, until you come to Gai, and to the gates of Ekron. And the wounded of the Philistines fell down by the way to Shaaraim, even to Gath, and to Ekron. 53And the children of Israel returned from chasing after the Philistines, and they plundered their camp. 54And David took the head of the Philistine, and brought it to Jerusalem; but he put his armor in his tent. 55And when Saul saw David go out against the Philistine, he said to Abner, the captain of the host, Abner, whose son is this youth? And Abner said, As your soul lives, O king, I cannot tell. 56And the king said, Inquire whose son the young man is. 57And as David returned from the slaughter of the Philistine, Abner took him, and brought him before Saul with the head of the Philistine in his hand. 58And Saul said to him, Whose son are you, you young man? And David answered, I am the son of your servant Jesse the Beth-lehemite.

Chapter 18

1And it happened, when he had finished speaking to Saul, that the soul of Jonathan was knit with the soul of David, and Jonathan loved him as his own soul. 2And Saul took him that day, and would not let him go home to his father's house anymore. 3Then Jonathan and David made a covenant, because he loved him as his own soul. 4And Jonathan stripped himself of the robe that was on him, and gave it to David, and his armor, even to his sword, and to his bow, and to his belt. 5And David went out wherever Saul sent him, and behaved himself wisely: and Saul set him over the men of war, and it was good in the sight of all the people, and also in the sight of Saul's servants. 6And it happened as they came, when David returned from the slaughter of the Philistine, that the women came out of all the cities of Israel, singing and dancing, to meet king Saul, with tambourines, with joy, and with instruments of music. 7And the women sang one to another as they played, and said, Saul has slain his thousands, And David his ten thousands. 8And Saul was very angry, and this saying displeased him; and he said, They have ascribed to David ten thousands, and to me they have ascribed but thousands: and what more can he have but the kingdom? 9And Saul eyed David from that day forward. 10And it happened the next day, that an evil spirit from God came mightily upon Saul, and he prophesied in the midst of the house: and David played with his hand, as he did day by day. And Saul had his spear in his hand; 11and Saul hurled the spear; for he said, I will pin David to the wall. And David evaded him twice. 12And Saul was afraid of David, because Yehovah was with him, and had departed from Saul. 13Therefore Saul removed him from him, and made him his captain over a thousand; and he went out and came in before the people. 14And David behaved himself wisely in all his ways; and Yehovah

was with him. 15And when Saul saw that he behaved himself very wisely, he stood in awe of him. 16But all Israel and Judah loved David; for he went out and came in before them. 17And Saul said to David, Behold, my elder daughter Merab, her I will give you as a wife: only be valiant for me, and fight Yehovah's battles. For Saul said, Do not let my hand be upon him, but let the hand of the Philistines be upon him. 18And David said to Saul, Who am I, and what is my life, or my father's family in Israel, that I should be son-in-law to the king? 19But it happened at the time when Merab, Saul's daughter, should have been given to David, that she was given to Adriel the Meholathite as a wife. 20And Michal, Saul's daughter, loved David: and they told Saul, and the thing pleased him. 21And Saul said, I will give her to him, that she may be a snare to him, and that the hand of the Philistines may be against him. Therefore Saul said to David, You shall this day be my son-in-law a second time. 22And Saul commanded his servants, saying, Speak with David secretly, and say, Behold, the king has delight in you, and all his servants love you: now therefore be the king's son-in-law. 23And Saul's servants spoke those words in the ears of David. And David said, Does it seem to you a light thing to be the king's son-in-law, seeing that I am a poor man, and lightly esteemed? 24And the servants of Saul told him, saying, In this way David spoke. 25And Saul said, Thus you shall say to David, The king does not desire any dowry, but a hundred foreskins of the Philistines, to be avenged of the king's enemies. Now Saul thought to make David fall by the hand of the Philistines. 26And when his servants told David these words, it pleased David well to be the king's son-in-law. And the days had not expired; 27and David arose and went, he and his men, and killed of the Philistines two hundred men; and David brought their foreskins, and they gave them in full number to the king, that he might be the king's son-in-law. And Saul gave him Michal his daughter as a wife. 28And Saul saw and knew that Yehovah was with David; and Michal, Saul's daughter, loved him. 29And Saul was still more afraid of David; and Saul was David's enemy continually. 30Then the princes of the Philistines went out: and it happened, as often as they went out, that David behaved himself more wisely than all the servants of Saul; so that his name was highly esteemed.

Chapter 19

1And Saul spoke to Jonathan his son, and to all his servants, that they should kill David. But Jonathan, Saul's son, delighted much in David. 2And Jonathan told David, saying, Saul my father seeks to kill you: now therefore, please take heed to yourself in the morning, and stay in a secret place, and hide yourself: 3and I will go out and stand beside my father in the field where you are, and I will speak with my father about you; and if I see anything, I will tell you. 4And Jonathan spoke good of David to Saul his father, and said to him, Do not let the king sin against his servant, against David; because he has not sinned against you, and because his works have been very good toward you: 5for he put his life in his hand, and struck the Philistine, and Yehovah accomplished a great victory for all Israel: you saw it, and rejoiced; why then will you sin against innocent blood, to kill David without a cause? 6And Saul listened to the voice of Jonathan: and Saul swore, As Yehovah lives, he shall not be put to death. 7And Jonathan called David, and Jonathan showed him all those things. And Jonathan brought David to Saul, and he was in his presence, as before. 8And there was war again: and David went out, and fought with the Philistines, and killed them with a great slaughter; and they fled before him. 9And an evil spirit from Yehovah was upon Saul, as he sat in his house with his spear in his hand; and David was playing with his hand. 10And Saul sought to pin David to the wall with the spear; but he slipped away out of Saul's presence, and he struck the spear into the wall: and David fled, and escaped that night. 11And Saul sent messengers to David's house, to watch him, and to kill him in the morning: and Michal, David's wife, told him, saying, If you do not save your life tonight, tomorrow you will be killed. 12So Michal let David down through the window: and he went, and fled, and escaped. 13And Michal took the teraphim, and laid it in the bed, and put a pillow of goats' hair at its head, and covered it with the clothes. 14And when Saul sent messengers to take David, she said, He is sick. 15And Saul sent the messengers to see David, saying, Bring him up to me in the bed, that I may kill him. 16And when the messengers came in, behold, the teraphim was in the bed, with the pillow of goats' hair at its head. 17And Saul said to Michal, Why have you deceived me thus, and let my enemy go, so that he has escaped? And Michal answered Saul, He said to me, Let me go; why should I kill you? 18Now David fled, and escaped, and

came to Samuel at Ramah, and told him all that Saul had done to him. And he and Samuel went and dwelt in Naioth. 19And it was told Saul, saying, Behold, David is at Naioth in Ramah. 20And Saul sent messengers to take David: and when they saw the company of the prophets prophesying, and Samuel standing as head over them, the Spirit of God came upon the messengers of Saul, and they also prophesied. 21And when it was told Saul, he sent other messengers, and they also prophesied. And Saul sent messengers again the third time, and they also prophesied. 22Then he also went to Ramah, and came to the great well that is in Secu: and he asked and said, Where are Samuel and David? And one said, Behold, they are at Naioth in Ramah. 23And he went there to Naioth in Ramah: and the Spirit of God came upon him also, and he went on, and prophesied, until he came to Naioth in Ramah. 24And he also stripped off his clothes, and he also prophesied before Samuel, and lay down naked all that day and all that night. Therefore they say, Is Saul also among the prophets?

Chapter 20

1And David fled from Naioth in Ramah, and came and said before Jonathan, What have I done? what is my iniquity? and what is my sin before your father, that he seeks my life? 2And he said to him, Far from it; you shall not die: behold, my father does nothing either great or small, without disclosing it to me; and why should my father hide this thing from me? it is not so. 3And David swore moreover, and said, Your father knows well that I have found favor in your eyes; and he says, Do not let Jonathan know this, lest he be grieved: but truly as Yehovah lives, and as your soul lives, there is but a step between me and death. 4Then Jonathan said to David, Whatever your soul desires, I will even do it for you. 5And David said to Jonathan, Behold, tomorrow is the new moon, and I should not fail to sit with the king at the meal: but let me go, that I may hide myself in the field until the third day at evening. 6If your father misses me at all, then say, David earnestly asked leave of me that he might run to Beth-lehem his city; for it is the yearly sacrifice there for all the family. 7If he says thus, It is well; your servant shall have peace: but if he is angry, then know that evil is determined by him. 8Therefore deal kindly with your servant; for you have brought your servant into a covenant of Yehovah with you: but if there is iniquity in me, kill me yourself; for why should you bring me to your father? 9And Jonathan said, Far be it from you; for if I should at all know that evil were determined by my father to come upon you, would I not tell it to you? 10Then David said to Jonathan, Who shall tell me if perhaps your father answers you roughly? 11And Jonathan said to David, Come, and let us go out into the field. And they both went out into the field. 12And Jonathan said to David, Yehovah, the God of Israel, be witness: when I have sounded out my father about this time tomorrow, or the third day, behold, if there is good toward David, shall I not then send to you, and disclose it to you? 13Yehovah do so to Jonathan, and more also, should it please my father to do you evil, if I do not disclose it to you, and send you away, that you may go in peace: and Yehovah be with you, as he has been with my father. 14And you shall not only while I still live show me the lovingkindness of Yehovah, that I may not die; 15but also you shall not cut off your kindness from my house forever; no, not when Yehovah has cut off the enemies of David every one from the face of the earth. 16So Jonathan made a covenant with the house of David, saying, And Yehovah will require it at the hand of David's enemies. 17And Jonathan caused David to swear again, for the love that he had for him; for he loved him as he loved his own soul. 18Then Jonathan said to him, Tomorrow is the new moon: and you will be missed, because your seat will be empty. 19And when you have stayed three days, you shall go down quickly, and come to the place where you hid yourself when the business was in hand, and shall remain by the stone Ezel. 20And I will shoot three arrows to its side, as though I shot at a mark. 21And, behold, I will send the boy, saying, Go, find the arrows. If I say to the boy, Behold, the arrows are on this side of you; take them, and come; for there is peace to you and no harm, as Yehovah lives. 22But if I say thus to the boy, Behold, the arrows are beyond you; go your way; for Yehovah has sent you away. 23And as for the matter which you and I have spoken of, behold, Yehovah is between you and me forever. 24So David hid himself in the field: and when the new moon had come, the king sat down to eat food. 25And the king sat on his seat, as at other times, even on the seat by the wall; and Jonathan stood up, and Abner sat by Saul's side: but David's place was empty. 26Nevertheless Saul did not say anything that day: for he thought, Something has happened to him, he is not clean; surely he is not clean. 27And it happened the next day after the new moon, which was the second day, that David's place was empty: and Saul said to Jonathan his son, Why does the son of Jesse

not come to the meal, neither yesterday, nor today?
28 And Jonathan answered Saul, David earnestly
asked leave of me to go to Beth-lehem: 29 and he said,
Please let me go; for our family has a sacrifice in the
city; and my brother, he has commanded me to be
there: and now, if I have found favor in your eyes,
please let me get away, and see my brothers.
Therefore he has not come to the king's table. 30 Then
Saul's anger was kindled against Jonathan, and he
said to him, You son of a perverse rebellious woman,
do I not know that you have chosen the son of Jesse
to your own shame, and to the shame of your
mother's nakedness? 31 For as long as the son of Jesse
lives on the ground, you shall not be established, nor
your kingdom. Therefore now send and fetch him to
me, for he shall surely die. 32 And Jonathan answered
Saul his father, and said to him, Why should he be
put to death? what has he done? 33 And Saul cast his
spear at him to strike him; by which Jonathan knew
that it was determined by his father to put David to
death. 34 So Jonathan arose from the table in fierce
anger, and ate no food the second day of the month;
for he was grieved for David, because his father had
disgraced him. 35 And it happened in the morning,
that Jonathan went out into the field at the time
appointed with David, and a little boy with him.
36 And he said to his boy, Run, find now the arrows
which I shoot. And as the boy ran, he shot an arrow
beyond him. 37 And when the boy had come to the
place of the arrow which Jonathan had shot,
Jonathan cried after the boy, and said, Is not the
arrow beyond you? 38 And Jonathan cried after the
boy, Make speed, hurry, do not stay. And Jonathan's
boy gathered up the arrows, and came to his master.
39 But the boy did not know anything: only Jonathan
and David knew the matter. 40 And Jonathan gave his
weapons to his boy, and said to him, Go, carry them
to the city. 41 And as soon as the boy had gone, David
arose out of a place toward the South, and fell on his
face to the ground, and bowed himself three times:
and they kissed one another, and wept one with
another, until David wept the more. 42 And Jonathan
said to David, Go in peace, since we have both sworn
in the name of Yehovah, saying, Yehovah shall be
between me and you, and between my seed and your
seed, forever. And he arose and departed: and
Jonathan went into the city.

Chapter 21

1 Then David came to Nob to Ahimelech the priest:
and Ahimelech came to meet David trembling, and
said to him, Why are you alone, and no man with
you? 2 And David said to Ahimelech the priest, The
king has commanded me a business, and has said to
me, Let no man know anything of the business about
which I send you, and what I have commanded you:
and I have appointed the young men to such and such
a place. 3 Now therefore what is under your hand?
give me five loaves of bread in my hand, or whatever
there is present. 4 And the priest answered David, and
said, There is no common bread under my hand, but
there is holy bread; if only the young men have kept
themselves from women. 5 And David answered the
priest, and said to him, Truly women have been kept
from us about these three days; when I came out, the
vessels of the young men were holy, though it was but
a common journey; how much more then today shall
their vessels be holy? 6 So the priest gave him holy
bread; for there was no bread there but the
showbread, that was taken from before Yehovah, to
put hot bread in the day when it was taken away.
7 Now a certain man of the servants of Saul was there
that day, detained before Yehovah; and his name was
Doeg the Edomite, the chief of the herdsmen who
belonged to Saul. 8 And David said to Ahimelech, And
is there not here under your hand spear or sword? for
I have neither brought my sword nor my weapons
with me, because the king's business required haste.
9 And the priest said, The sword of Goliath the
Philistine, whom you killed in the Valley of Elah,
behold, it is here wrapped in a cloth behind the
ephod: if you will take that, take it; for there is no
other except that here. And David said, There is none
like that; give it to me. 10 And David arose, and fled
that day for fear of Saul, and went to Achish the king
of Gath. 11 And the servants of Achish said to him, Is
this not David the king of the land? did they not sing
one to another of him in dances, saying, Saul has
slain his thousands, And David his ten thousands?
12 And David laid up these words in his heart, and was
greatly afraid of Achish the king of Gath. 13 And he
changed his behavior before them, and pretended to
be mad in their hands, and scratched on the doors of
the gate, and let his spittle fall down on his beard.
14 Then Achish said to his servants, Look, you see the
man is mad; why then have you brought him to me?
15 Do I lack madmen, that you have brought this
fellow to play the madman in my presence? shall this
fellow come into my house?

Chapter 22

[1]David therefore departed from there, and escaped to the cave of Adullam: and when his brothers and all his father's house heard it, they went down there to him. [2]And everyone who was in distress, and everyone who was in debt, and everyone who was discontented, gathered themselves to him; and he became captain over them: and there were with him about four hundred men. [3]And David went from there to Mizpeh of Moab: and he said to the king of Moab, Please let my father and my mother come out, and be with you, until I know what God will do for me. [4]And he brought them before the king of Moab: and they dwelt with him all the while that David was in the stronghold. [5]And the prophet Gad said to David, Do not stay in the stronghold; depart, and go into the land of Judah. Then David departed, and came into the forest of Heres. [6]And Saul heard that David was discovered, and the men who were with him: now Saul was sitting in Gibeah, under the tamarisk tree in Ramah, with his spear in his hand, and all his servants were standing around him. [7]And Saul said to his servants who stood around him, Hear now, you Benjamites; will the son of Jesse give every one of you fields and vineyards, will he make you all captains of thousands and captains of hundreds, [8]that all of you have conspired against me, and there is none who discloses to me when my son makes a league with the son of Jesse, and there is none of you who is sorry for me, or discloses to me that my son has stirred up my servant against me, to lie in wait, as at this day? [9]Then Doeg the Edomite, who stood by the servants of Saul, answered, and said, I saw the son of Jesse coming to Nob, to Ahimelech the son of Ahitub. [10]And he inquired of Yehovah for him, and gave him provisions, and gave him the sword of Goliath the Philistine. [11]Then the king sent to call Ahimelech the priest, the son of Ahitub, and all his father's house, the priests who were in Nob: and they all came to the king. [12]And Saul said, Hear now, you son of Ahitub. And he answered, Here I am, my lord. [13]And Saul said to him, Why have you conspired against me, you and the son of Jesse, in that you have given him bread, and a sword, and have inquired of God for him, that he should rise against me, to lie in wait, as at this day? [14]Then Ahimelech answered the king, and said, And who among all your servants is so faithful as David, who is the king's son-in-law, and is taken into your council, and is honorable in your house? [15]Have I today begun to inquire of God for him? far be it from me: do not let the king impute anything to his servant, nor to all the house of my father; for your servant knows nothing of all this, less or more. [16]And the king said, You shall surely die, Ahimelech, you, and all your father's house. [17]And the king said to the guard who stood around him, Turn, and kill the priests of Yehovah; because their hand also is with David, and because they knew that he fled, and did not disclose it to me. But the servants of the king would not put out their hand to fall upon the priests of Yehovah. [18]And the king said to Doeg, Turn, and fall upon the priests. And Doeg the Edomite turned, and he fell upon the priests, and he killed on that day eighty-five persons who wore a linen ephod. [19]And Nob, the city of the priests, he struck with the edge of the sword, both men and women, children and nursing infants, and oxen and donkeys and sheep, with the edge of the sword. [20]And one of the sons of Ahimelech, the son of Ahitub, named Abiathar, escaped, and fled after David. [21]And Abiathar told David that Saul had killed Yehovah's priests. [22]And David said to Abiathar, I knew on that day, when Doeg the Edomite was there, that he would surely tell Saul: I have caused the death of all the persons of your father's house. [23]Stay with me, do not fear; for he who seeks my life seeks your life: for with me you shall be in safekeeping.

Chapter 23

[1]And they told David, saying, Behold, the Philistines are fighting against Keilah, and are robbing the threshing-floors. [2]Therefore David inquired of Yehovah, saying, Shall I go and strike these Philistines? And Yehovah said to David, Go, and strike the Philistines, and save Keilah. [3]And David's men said to him, Behold, we are afraid here in Judah: how much more then if we go to Keilah against the armies of the Philistines? [4]Then David inquired of Yehovah once again. And Yehovah answered him, and said, Arise, go down to Keilah; for I will deliver the Philistines into your hand. [5]And David and his men went to Keilah, and fought with the Philistines, and brought away their cattle, and killed them with a great slaughter. So David saved the inhabitants of Keilah. [6]And it happened, when Abiathar the son of Ahimelech fled to David at Keilah, that he came down with an ephod in his hand. [7]And it was told Saul that David had come to Keilah. And Saul said, God has delivered him into my hand; for he is shut in, by entering into a town that has gates and bars. [8]And Saul summoned all the people to war, to go down to

Keilah, to besiege David and his men. [9]And David knew that Saul was devising evil against him; and he said to Abiathar the priest, Bring the ephod here. [10]Then David said, O Yehovah, the God of Israel, your servant has surely heard that Saul seeks to come to Keilah, to destroy the city for my sake. [11]Will the men of Keilah deliver me up into his hand? will Saul come down, as your servant has heard? O Yehovah, the God of Israel, I beg you, tell your servant. And Yehovah said, He will come down. [12]Then David said, Will the men of Keilah deliver up me and my men into the hand of Saul? And Yehovah said, They will deliver you up. [13]Then David and his men, who were about six hundred, arose and departed out of Keilah, and went wherever they could go. And it was told Saul that David had escaped from Keilah; and he gave up going out. [14]And David stayed in the wilderness in the strongholds, and remained in the hill-country in the wilderness of Ziph. And Saul sought him every day, but God did not deliver him into his hand. [15]And David saw that Saul had come out to seek his life: and David was in the wilderness of Ziph in the woods. [16]And Jonathan, Saul's son, arose, and went to David into the woods, and strengthened his hand in God. [17]And he said to him, Do not fear; for the hand of Saul my father shall not find you; and you shall be king over Israel, and I shall be next to you; and Saul my father also knows that. [18]And the two of them made a covenant before Yehovah: and David stayed in the woods, and Jonathan went to his house. [19]Then the Ziphites came up to Saul at Gibeah, saying, Is not David hiding himself with us in the strongholds in the woods, in the hill of Hachilah, which is on the south of the desert? [20]Now therefore, O king, come down, according to all the desire of your soul to come down; and our part shall be to deliver him up into the king's hand. [21]And Saul said, Blessed are you of Yehovah; for you have had compassion on me. [22]Go, please, make yet more sure, and know and see his place where his haunt is, and who has seen him there; for it is told me that he deals very cunningly. [23]See therefore, and take knowledge of all the hiding places where he hides himself, and come back to me with certainty, and I will go with you: and it shall happen, if he is in the land, that I will search him out among all the thousands of Judah. [24]And they arose, and went to Ziph before Saul: but David and his men were in the wilderness of Maon, in the Arabah on the south of the desert. [25]And Saul and his men went to seek him. And they told David: therefore he came down to the rock, and stayed in the wilderness of Maon. And when Saul heard that, he pursued after David in the wilderness of Maon. [26]And Saul went on this side of the mountain, and David and his men on that side of the mountain: and David hurried to get away for fear of Saul; for Saul and his men were surrounding David and his men to take them. [27]But a messenger came to Saul, saying, Hurry, and come; for the Philistines have made a raid on the land. [28]So Saul returned from pursuing after David, and went against the Philistines: therefore they called that place Sela-hammahlekoth. [29]And David went up from there, and dwelt in the strongholds of En-gedi.

Chapter 24

[1]And it happened, when Saul had returned from following the Philistines, that it was told him, saying, Behold, David is in the wilderness of En-gedi. [2]Then Saul took three thousand chosen men out of all Israel, and went to seek David and his men on the rocks of the wild goats. [3]And he came to the sheepfolds by the way, where there was a cave; and Saul went in to cover his feet. Now David and his men were staying in the innermost parts of the cave. [4]And the men of David said to him, Behold, the day of which Yehovah said to you, Behold, I will deliver your enemy into your hand, and you shall do to him as it shall seem good to you. Then David arose, and cut off the skirt of Saul's robe secretly. [5]And it happened afterward, that David's heart struck him, because he had cut off Saul's skirt. [6]And he said to his men, Yehovah forbid that I should do this thing to my lord, Yehovah's anointed, to put out my hand against him, seeing he is Yehovah's anointed. [7]So David restrained his men with these words, and did not allow them to rise against Saul. And Saul rose up out of the cave, and went on his way. [8]David also arose afterward, and went out of the cave, and cried after Saul, saying, My lord the king. And when Saul looked behind him, David bowed with his face to the earth, and paid homage. [9]And David said to Saul, Why do you listen to men's words, saying, Behold, David seeks your harm? [10]Behold, this day your eyes have seen how Yehovah had delivered you today into my hand in the cave: and some told me to kill you; but my eye spared you; and I said, I will not put out my hand against my lord; for he is Yehovah's anointed. [11]Moreover, my father, see, indeed, see the skirt of your robe in my hand; for in that I cut off the skirt of your robe, and did not kill you, know and see that there is neither evil nor transgression in my

hand, and I have not sinned against you, though you hunt after my life to take it. 12Yehovah judge between me and you, and Yehovah avenge me of you; but my hand shall not be upon you. 13As the proverb of the ancients says, Out of the wicked comes wickedness; but my hand shall not be upon you. 14After whom has the king of Israel come out? after whom do you pursue? after a dead dog, after a flea. 15Yehovah therefore be judge, and give sentence between me and you, and see, and plead my cause, and deliver me out of your hand. 16And it happened, when David had finished speaking these words to Saul, that Saul said, Is this your voice, my son David? And Saul lifted up his voice, and wept. 17And he said to David, You are more righteous than I; for you have rendered to me good, whereas I have rendered to you evil. 18And you have declared this day how you have dealt well with me, since when Yehovah had delivered me up into your hand, you did not kill me. 19For if a man finds his enemy, will he let him go away safely? therefore may Yehovah reward you with good for that which you have done to me this day. 20And now, behold, I know that you shall surely be king, and that the kingdom of Israel shall be established in your hand. 21Swear now therefore to me by Yehovah, that you will not cut off my seed after me, and that you will not destroy my name out of my father's house. 22And David swore to Saul. And Saul went home; but David and his men went up to the stronghold.

Chapter 25

1And Samuel died; and all Israel gathered themselves together, and lamented him, and buried him in his house at Ramah. And David arose, and went down to the wilderness of Paran. 2And there was a man in Maon, whose possessions were in Carmel; and the man was very great, and he had three thousand sheep, and a thousand goats: and he was shearing his sheep in Carmel. 3Now the name of the man was Nabal; and the name of his wife Abigail; and the woman was of good understanding, and of a beautiful countenance: but the man was harsh and evil in his doings; and he was of the house of Caleb. 4And David heard in the wilderness that Nabal was shearing his sheep. 5And David sent ten young men, and David said to the young men, Go up to Carmel, and go to Nabal, and greet him in my name: 6and thus you shall say to him who lives in prosperity, Peace be to you, and peace be to your house, and peace be to all that you have. 7And now I have heard that you have shearers: your shepherds have now been with us, and we did them no harm, neither was there anything missing for them, all the while they were in Carmel. 8Ask your young men, and they will tell you: therefore let the young men find favor in your eyes; for we come on a good day: please give whatever comes to your hand, to your servants, and to your son David. 9And when David's young men came, they spoke to Nabal according to all those words in the name of David, and waited. 10And Nabal answered David's servants, and said, Who is David? and who is the son of Jesse? there are many servants nowadays who break away every man from his master. 11Shall I then take my bread, and my water, and my meat that I have killed for my shearers, and give it to men of whom I do not know where they are from? 12So David's young men turned on their way, and went back, and came and told him according to all these words. 13And David said to his men, Every man gird on his sword. And they girded on every man his sword; and David also girded on his sword: and about four hundred men went up after David; and two hundred stayed by the baggage. 14But one of the young men told Abigail, Nabal's wife, saying, Behold, David sent messengers out of the wilderness to greet our master; and he railed at them. 15But the men were very good to us, and we were not harmed, neither did we miss anything, as long as we went with them, when we were in the fields: 16they were a wall to us both by night and by day, all the while we were with them keeping the sheep. 17Now therefore know and consider what you will do; for evil is determined against our master, and against all his house: for he is such a worthless fellow, that one cannot speak to him. 18Then Abigail hurried, and took two hundred loaves, and two skins of wine, and five sheep ready prepared, and five measures of parched grain, and a hundred clusters of raisins, and two hundred cakes of figs, and laid them on donkeys. 19And she said to her young men, Go on before me; behold, I am coming after you. But she did not tell her husband Nabal. 20And it was so, as she rode on her donkey, and came down by the cover of the mountain, that, behold, David and his men came down toward her; and she met them. 21Now David had said, Surely in vain I have kept all that this fellow has in the wilderness, so that nothing was missed of all that pertained to him: and he has returned me evil for good. 22God do so to the enemies of David, and more also, if I leave of all who pertain to him by the morning light so much as one man-child. 23And when Abigail saw David, she

hurried, and got down from her donkey, and fell before David on her face, and bowed herself to the ground. 24And she fell at his feet, and said, On me, my lord, on me be the iniquity; and please let your maidservant speak in your ears, and hear the words of your maidservant. 25Please do not let my lord regard this worthless fellow, even Nabal; for as his name is, so is he; Nabal is his name, and folly is with him: but I your maidservant did not see the young men of my lord, whom you sent. 26Now therefore, my lord, as Yehovah lives, and as your soul lives, seeing Yehovah has withheld you from bloodguiltiness, and from avenging yourself with your own hand, now therefore let your enemies, and those who seek evil to my lord, be as Nabal. 27And now this present which your servant has brought to my lord, let it be given to the young men who follow my lord. 28Please forgive the trespass of your maidservant: for Yehovah will certainly make my lord a sure house, because my lord fights the battles of Yehovah; and evil shall not be found in you all your days. 29And though men have risen up to pursue you, and to seek your soul, yet the soul of my lord shall be bound in the bundle of life with Yehovah your God; and the souls of your enemies, them he shall sling out, as from the hollow of a sling. 30And it shall happen, when Yehovah shall have done to my lord according to all the good that he has spoken concerning you, and shall have appointed you prince over Israel, 31that this shall be no grief to you, nor offense of heart to my lord, either that you have shed blood without cause, or that my lord has avenged himself. And when Yehovah shall have dealt well with my lord, then remember your maidservant. 32And David said to Abigail, Blessed be Yehovah, the God of Israel, who sent you this day to meet me: 33and blessed be your discretion, and blessed are you, who have kept me this day from bloodguiltiness, and from avenging myself with my own hand. 34For in very deed, as Yehovah, the God of Israel, lives, who has withheld me from harming you, unless you had hurried and come to meet me, surely there would not have been left to Nabal by the morning light so much as one man-child. 35So David received from her hand that which she had brought him: and he said to her, Go up in peace to your house; see, I have listened to your voice, and have accepted your person. 36And Abigail came to Nabal; and, behold, he held a feast in his house, like the feast of a king; and Nabal's heart was merry within him, for he was very drunk: therefore she told him nothing, less or more, until the morning light. 37And it happened in the morning, when the wine had gone out of Nabal, that his wife told him these things, and his heart died within him, and he became as a stone. 38And it happened about ten days later, that Yehovah struck Nabal, so that he died. 39And when David heard that Nabal was dead, he said, Blessed be Yehovah, who has pleaded the cause of my reproach from the hand of Nabal, and has kept back his servant from evil: and the evil-doing of Nabal Yehovah has returned on his own head. And David sent and spoke concerning Abigail, to take her to himself as a wife. 40And when the servants of David had come to Abigail at Carmel, they spoke to her, saying, David has sent us to you, to take you to himself as a wife. 41And she arose, and bowed herself with her face to the earth, and said, Behold, your maidservant is a servant to wash the feet of the servants of my lord. 42And Abigail hurried, and arose, and rode on a donkey, with five young women of hers who followed her; and she went after the messengers of David, and became his wife. 43David also took Ahinoam of Jezreel; and they both became his wives. 44Now Saul had given Michal his daughter, David's wife, to Palti the son of Laish, who was of Gallim.

Chapter 26

1And the Ziphites came to Saul at Gibeah, saying, Is not David hiding himself in the hill of Hachilah, which is before the desert? 2Then Saul arose, and went down to the wilderness of Ziph, having three thousand chosen men of Israel with him, to seek David in the wilderness of Ziph. 3And Saul encamped in the hill of Hachilah, which is before the desert, by the way. But David stayed in the wilderness, and he saw that Saul came after him into the wilderness. 4David therefore sent out spies, and understood that Saul had certainly come. 5And David arose, and came to the place where Saul had encamped; and David beheld the place where Saul lay, and Abner the son of Ner, the captain of his host: and Saul lay within the place of the wagons, and the people were encamped all around him. 6Then David answered and said to Ahimelech the Hittite, and to Abishai the son of Zeruiah, brother to Joab, saying, Who will go down with me to Saul to the camp? And Abishai said, I will go down with you. 7So David and Abishai came to the people by night: and, behold, Saul lay sleeping within the place of the wagons, with his spear stuck in the ground at his head; and Abner and the people lay all around him. 8Then Abishai said to David, God has delivered up your enemy into your hand this day:

now therefore please let me strike him with the spear to the earth at one stroke, and I will not strike him the second time. 9And David said to Abishai, Do not destroy him; for who can put out his hand against Yehovah's anointed, and be guiltless? 10And David said, As Yehovah lives, Yehovah will strike him; or his day shall come to die; or he shall go down into battle and perish. 11Yehovah forbid that I should put out my hand against Yehovah's anointed: but now please take the spear that is at his head, and the jar of water, and let us go. 12So David took the spear and the jar of water from Saul's head; and they went away: and no man saw it, nor knew it, neither did any awake; for they were all asleep, because a deep sleep from Yehovah had fallen on them. 13Then David went over to the other side, and stood on the top of the mountain far away; a great space being between them; 14and David cried to the people, and to Abner the son of Ner, saying, Do you not answer, Abner? Then Abner answered and said, Who are you who cry to the king? 15And David said to Abner, Are you not a valiant man? and who is like you in Israel? why then have you not kept watch over your lord the king? for one of the people came in to destroy the king your lord. 16This thing is not good that you have done. As Yehovah lives, you are worthy to die, because you have not kept watch over your lord, Yehovah's anointed. And now see where the king's spear is, and the cruse of water that was at his head. 17And Saul knew David's voice, and said, Is this your voice, my son David? And David said, It is my voice, my lord, O king. 18And he said, Why does my lord pursue after his servant? for what have I done? or what evil is in my hand? 19Now therefore, please let my lord the king hear the words of his servant. If it is Yehovah who has stirred you up against me, let him accept an offering: but if it is the children of men, cursed be they before Yehovah; for they have driven me out this day that I should not cling to the inheritance of Yehovah, saying, Go, serve other gods. 20Now therefore, do not let my blood fall to the earth away from the presence of Yehovah: for the king of Israel has come out to seek a flea, as when one hunts a partridge in the mountains. 21Then Saul said, I have sinned: return, my son David; for I will no more do you harm, because my life was precious in your eyes this day: behold, I have played the fool, and have erred greatly. 22And David answered and said, Behold the spear, O king! let then one of the young men come over and fetch it. 23And Yehovah will render to every man his righteousness and his faithfulness; since Yehovah delivered you into my hand today, and I would not put out my hand against Yehovah's anointed. 24And, behold, as your life was highly valued this day in my eyes, so let my life be highly valued in the eyes of Yehovah, and let him deliver me out of all tribulation. 25Then Saul said to David, Blessed are you, my son David: you shall both do mightily, and shall surely prevail. So David went his way, and Saul returned to his place.

Chapter 27

1And David said in his heart, I shall now perish one day by the hand of Saul: there is nothing better for me than that I should escape into the land of the Philistines; and Saul will despair of me, to seek me anymore in all the borders of Israel: so I shall escape out of his hand. 2And David arose, and passed over, he and the six hundred men who were with him, to Achish the son of Maoch, king of Gath. 3And David dwelt with Achish at Gath, he and his men, every man with his household, even David with his two wives, Ahinoam the Jezreelitess, and Abigail the Carmelitess, Nabal's wife. 4And it was told Saul that David had fled to Gath: and he sought for him no more. 5And David said to Achish, If now I have found favor in your eyes, let them give me a place in one of the cities in the country, that I may dwell there: for why should your servant dwell in the royal city with you? 6Then Achish gave him Ziklag that day: therefore Ziklag pertains to the kings of Judah to this day. 7And the number of the days that David dwelt in the country of the Philistines was a full year and four months. 8And David and his men went up, and made a raid on the Geshurites, and the Girzites, and the Amalekites; for those nations were the inhabitants of the land, who were of old, as you go to Shur, even to the land of Egypt. 9And David struck the land, and saved neither man nor woman alive, and took away the sheep, and the oxen, and the donkeys, and the camels, and the clothing; and he returned, and came to Achish. 10And Achish said, Against whom have you made a raid today? And David said, Against the South of Judah, and against the South of the Jerahmeelites, and against the South of the Kenites. 11And David saved neither man nor woman alive, to bring them to Gath, saying, Lest they should tell of us, saying, So did David, and so has been his manner all the while he has dwelt in the country of the Philistines. 12And Achish believed David, saying, He has made his

people Israel utterly abhor him; therefore he shall be my servant forever.

Chapter 28

[1]And it happened in those days, that the Philistines gathered their hosts together for warfare, to fight with Israel. And Achish said to David, Know assuredly, that you shall go out with me in the host, you and your men. [2]And David said to Achish, Therefore you shall know what your servant will do. And Achish said to David, Therefore I will make you keeper of my head forever. [3]Now Samuel was dead, and all Israel had lamented him, and buried him in Ramah, even in his own city. And Saul had put away those who had familiar spirits, and the wizards, out of the land. [4]And the Philistines gathered themselves together, and came and encamped in Shunem: and Saul gathered all Israel together, and they encamped in Gilboa. [5]And when Saul saw the host of the Philistines, he was afraid, and his heart trembled greatly. [6]And when Saul inquired of Yehovah, Yehovah did not answer him, neither by dreams, nor by Urim, nor by prophets. [7]Then Saul said to his servants, Seek me a woman who has a familiar spirit, that I may go to her, and inquire of her. And his servants said to him, Behold, there is a woman who has a familiar spirit at En-dor. [8]And Saul disguised himself, and put on other clothing, and went, he and two men with him, and they came to the woman by night: and he said, Please divine for me by the familiar spirit, and bring up for me whomever I shall name to you. [9]And the woman said to him, Behold, you know what Saul has done, how he has cut off those who have familiar spirits, and the wizards, out of the land: why then do you lay a snare for my life, to cause me to die? [10]And Saul swore to her by Yehovah, saying, As Yehovah lives, no punishment shall happen to you for this thing. [11]Then the woman said, Whom shall I bring up to you? And he said, Bring up Samuel for me. [12]And when the woman saw Samuel, she cried with a loud voice; and the woman spoke to Saul, saying, Why have you deceived me? for you are Saul. [13]And the king said to her, Do not be afraid: for what do you see? And the woman said to Saul, I see a god coming up out of the earth. [14]And he said to her, What is his form? And she said, An old man is coming up; and he is covered with a robe. And Saul perceived that it was Samuel, and he bowed with his face to the ground, and paid homage. [15]And Samuel said to Saul, Why have you disturbed me, to bring me up? And Saul answered, I am greatly distressed; for the Philistines make war against me, and God has departed from me, and answers me no more, neither by prophets, nor by dreams: therefore I have called you, that you may make known to me what I shall do. [16]And Samuel said, Why then do you ask of me, seeing Yehovah has departed from you, and has become your adversary? [17]And Yehovah has done to you, as he spoke by me: and Yehovah has torn the kingdom out of your hand, and given it to your neighbor, even to David. [18]Because you did not obey the voice of Yehovah, and did not execute his fierce wrath upon Amalek, therefore Yehovah has done this thing to you this day. [19]Moreover Yehovah will deliver Israel also with you into the hand of the Philistines; and tomorrow you and your sons shall be with me: Yehovah will deliver the host of Israel also into the hand of the Philistines. [20]Then Saul fell immediately his full length on the earth, and was greatly afraid, because of the words of Samuel: and there was no strength in him; for he had eaten no bread all the day, nor all the night. [21]And the woman came to Saul, and saw that he was greatly troubled, and said to him, Behold, your maidservant has listened to your voice, and I have put my life in my hand, and have listened to your words which you spoke to me. [22]Now therefore, please listen also to the voice of your maidservant, and let me set a morsel of bread before you; and eat, that you may have strength, when you go on your way. [23]But he refused, and said, I will not eat. But his servants, together with the woman, urged him; and he listened to their voice. So he arose from the earth, and sat on the bed. [24]And the woman had a fattened calf in the house; and she hurried, and killed it; and she took flour, and kneaded it, and baked unleavened bread from it: [25]and she brought it before Saul, and before his servants; and they ate. Then they rose up, and went away that night.

Chapter 29

[1]Now the Philistines gathered together all their hosts at Aphek: and the Israelites encamped by the spring which is in Jezreel. [2]And the lords of the Philistines passed on by hundreds, and by thousands; and David and his men passed on in the rear with Achish. [3]Then the princes of the Philistines said, What are these Hebrews doing here? And Achish said to the princes of the Philistines, Is this not David, the servant of Saul the king of Israel, who has been with me these days, or rather these years, and I have found no fault in him since he deserted to me to this day? [4]But the princes of the Philistines were angry with him; and

the princes of the Philistines said to him, Make the man return, that he may go back to his place where you have appointed him, and do not let him go down with us to battle, lest in the battle he become an adversary to us: for with what should this fellow reconcile himself to his lord? should it not be with the heads of these men? 5Is this not David, of whom they sang one to another in dances, saying, Saul has slain his thousands, And David his ten thousands? 6Then Achish called David, and said to him, As Yehovah lives, you have been upright, and your going out and your coming in with me in the host is good in my sight; for I have not found evil in you since the day of your coming to me to this day: nevertheless the lords do not favor you. 7Therefore now return, and go in peace, that you may not displease the lords of the Philistines. 8And David said to Achish, But what have I done? and what have you found in your servant so long as I have been before you to this day, that I may not go and fight against the enemies of my lord the king? 9And Achish answered and said to David, I know that you are good in my sight, as an angel of God: nevertheless the princes of the Philistines have said, He shall not go up with us to the battle. 10Therefore now rise up early in the morning with the servants of your lord who have come with you; and as soon as you are up early in the morning, and have light, depart. 11So David rose up early, he and his men, to depart in the morning, to return into the land of the Philistines. And the Philistines went up to Jezreel.

Chapter 30

1And it happened, when David and his men had come to Ziklag on the third day, that the Amalekites had made a raid on the South, and on Ziklag, and had struck Ziklag, and burned it with fire, 2and had taken captive the women and all who were in it, both small and great: they did not kill any, but carried them off, and went their way. 3And when David and his men came to the city, behold, it was burned with fire; and their wives, and their sons, and their daughters, were taken captive. 4Then David and the people who were with him lifted up their voice and wept, until they had no more power to weep. 5And David's two wives were taken captive, Ahinoam the Jezreelitess, and Abigail the wife of Nabal the Carmelite. 6And David was greatly distressed; for the people spoke of stoning him, because the soul of all the people was grieved, every man for his sons and for his daughters: but David strengthened himself in Yehovah his God. 7And David said to Abiathar the priest, the son of Ahimelech, Please bring the ephod here to me. And Abiathar brought the ephod there to David. 8And David inquired of Yehovah, saying, If I pursue after this band, shall I overtake them? And he answered him, Pursue; for you shall surely overtake them, and shall without fail recover all. 9So David went, he and the six hundred men who were with him, and came to the brook Besor, where those who were left behind stayed. 10But David pursued, he and four hundred men; for two hundred stayed behind, who were so faint that they could not go over the brook Besor. 11And they found an Egyptian in the field, and brought him to David, and gave him bread, and he ate; and they gave him water to drink; 12and they gave him a piece of a cake of figs, and two clusters of raisins: and when he had eaten, his spirit came again to him; for he had eaten no bread, nor drunk any water, three days and three nights. 13And David said to him, To whom do you belong? and where are you from? And he said, I am a young man of Egypt, servant to an Amalekite; and my master left me, because three days ago I fell sick. 14We made a raid on the South of the Cherethites, and on that which belongs to Judah, and on the South of Caleb; and we burned Ziklag with fire. 15And David said to him, Will you bring me down to this band? And he said, Swear to me by God, that you will neither kill me, nor deliver me up into the hands of my master, and I will bring you down to this band. 16And when he had brought him down, behold, they were spread abroad over all the ground, eating and drinking, and dancing, because of all the great spoil that they had taken out of the land of the Philistines, and out of the land of Judah. 17And David struck them from the twilight even to the evening of the next day: and not a man of them escaped, except four hundred young men, who rode on camels and fled. 18And David recovered all that the Amalekites had taken; and David rescued his two wives. 19And there was nothing lacking to them, neither small nor great, neither sons nor daughters, neither spoil, nor anything that they had taken for themselves: David brought back all. 20And David took all the flocks and the herds, which they drove before those other cattle, and said, This is David's spoil. 21And David came to the two hundred men, who were so faint that they could not follow David, whom also they had made to stay at the brook Besor; and they went out to meet David, and to meet the people who were with him: and when David came

near to the people, he greeted them. 22Then all the wicked men and worthless fellows, of those who went with David, answered, and said, Because they did not go with us, we will not give them anything of the spoil that we have recovered, except to every man his wife and his children, that he may lead them away, and depart. 23Then David said, You shall not do so, my brothers, with that which Yehovah has given to us, who has preserved us, and delivered the band that came against us into our hand. 24And who will listen to you in this matter? for as is the share of him who goes down to the battle, so shall be the share of him who stays by the baggage: they shall share alike. 25And it was so from that day forward, that he made it a statute and an ordinance for Israel to this day. 26And when David came to Ziklag, he sent of the spoil to the elders of Judah, even to his friends, saying, Behold, a present for you of the spoil of the enemies of Yehovah: 27to those who were in Beth-el, and to those who were in Ramoth of the South, and to those who were in Jattir, 28and to those who were in Aroer, and to those who were in Siphmoth, and to those who were in Eshtemoa, 29and to those who were in Racal, and to those who were in the cities of the Jerahmeelites, and to those who were in the cities of the Kenites, 30and to those who were in Hormah, and to those who were in Bor-ashan, and to those who were in Athach, 31and to those who were in Hebron, and to all the places where David himself and his men used to roam.

Chapter 31

1Now the Philistines fought against Israel: and the men of Israel fled from before the Philistines, and fell down slain in mount Gilboa. 2And the Philistines followed hard after Saul and his sons; and the Philistines killed Jonathan, and Abinadab, and Malchi-shua, the sons of Saul. 3And the battle went hard against Saul, and the archers overtook him; and he was greatly distressed by reason of the archers. 4Then Saul said to his armorbearer, Draw your sword, and thrust me through with it, lest these uncircumcised come and thrust me through, and abuse me. But his armorbearer would not; for he was greatly afraid. Therefore Saul took his sword, and fell on it. 5And when his armorbearer saw that Saul was dead, he likewise fell on his sword, and died with him. 6So Saul died, and his three sons, and his armorbearer, and all his men, that same day together. 7And when the men of Israel who were on the other side of the valley, and those who were beyond the Jordan, saw that the men of Israel fled, and that Saul and his sons were dead, they forsook the cities, and fled; and the Philistines came and dwelt in them. 8And it happened the next day, when the Philistines came to strip the slain, that they found Saul and his three sons fallen on mount Gilboa. 9And they cut off his head, and stripped off his armor, and sent into the land of the Philistines all around, to carry the news to the house of their idols, and to the people. 10And they put his armor in the house of the Ashtaroth; and they fastened his body to the wall of Beth-shan. 11And when the inhabitants of Jabesh-gilead heard concerning him that which the Philistines had done to Saul, 12all the valiant men arose, and went all night, and took the body of Saul and the bodies of his sons from the wall of Beth-shan; and they came to Jabesh, and burned them there. 13And they took their bones, and buried them under the tamarisk tree in Jabesh, and fasted seven days.

2 Samuel

Chapter 1

1 And it happened after the death of Saul, when David had returned from the slaughter of the Amalekites, and David had stayed two days in Ziklag; 2 it happened on the third day, that, behold, a man came out of the camp from Saul, with his clothes torn, and earth upon his head: and so it was, when he came to David, that he fell to the earth, and paid homage. 3 And David said to him, Where do you come from? And he said to him, Out of the camp of Israel I have escaped. 4 And David said to him, How did the matter go? Please tell me. And he answered, The people have fled from the battle, and many of the people also have fallen and are dead; and Saul and Jonathan his son are dead also. 5 And David said to the young man who told him, How do you know that Saul and Jonathan his son are dead? 6 And the young man who told him said, As I happened by chance upon mount Gilboa, behold, Saul was leaning upon his spear; and, look, the chariots and the horsemen followed hard after him. 7 And when he looked behind him, he saw me, and called to me. And I answered, Here am I. 8 And he said to me, Who are you? And I answered him, I am an Amalekite. 9 And he said to me, Please stand beside me, and slay me; for anguish has taken hold of me, because my life is still whole in me. 10 So I stood beside him, and slew him, because I was sure that he could not live after he had fallen: and I took the crown that was upon his head, and the bracelet that was on his arm, and have brought them here to my lord. 11 Then David took hold of his clothes, and tore them; and likewise all the men who were with him: 12 and they mourned, and wept, and fasted until evening, for Saul, and for Jonathan his son, and for the people of Yehovah, and for the house of Israel; because they had fallen by the sword. 13 And David said to the young man who told him, Where are you from? And he answered, I am the son of a sojourner, an Amalekite. 14 And David said to him, How were you not afraid to put out your hand to destroy Yehovah's anointed? 15 And David called one of the young men, and said, Go near, and fall upon him. And he struck him, so that he died. 16 And David said to him, Your blood be upon your head; for your mouth has testified against you, saying, I have slain Yehovah's anointed. 17 And David lamented with this lamentation over Saul and over Jonathan his son 18 (and he commanded them to teach the children of Judah the song of the bow: behold, it is written in the book of Jashar): 19 Your glory, O Israel, is slain upon your high places! How are the mighty fallen! 20 Do not tell it in Gath, Do not publish it in the streets of Ashkelon; Lest the daughters of the Philistines rejoice, Lest the daughters of the uncircumcised triumph. 21 You mountains of Gilboa, Let there be no dew nor rain upon you, nor fields of offerings: For there the shield of the mighty was vilely cast away, The shield of Saul, not anointed with oil. 22 From the blood of the slain, from the fat of the mighty, The bow of Jonathan did not turn back, And the sword of Saul did not return empty. 23 Saul and Jonathan were lovely and pleasant in their lives, And in their death they were not divided: They were swifter than eagles, They were stronger than lions. 24 You daughters of Israel, weep over Saul, Who clothed you in scarlet delicately, Who put ornaments of gold upon your apparel. 25 How are the mighty fallen in the midst of the battle! Jonathan is slain upon your high places. 26 I am distressed for you, my brother Jonathan: Very pleasant have you been to me: Your love to me was wonderful, Surpassing the love of women. 27 How are the mighty fallen, And the weapons of war perished!

Chapter 2

1 And it happened after this, that David inquired of Yehovah, saying, Shall I go up into any of the cities of Judah? And Yehovah said to him, Go up. And David said, Where shall I go up? And he said, To Hebron. 2 So David went up there, and his two wives also, Ahinoam the Jezreelitess, and Abigail the wife of Nabal the Carmelite. 3 And his men who were with him David brought up, every man with his household: and they dwelt in the cities of Hebron. 4 And the men of Judah came, and there they anointed David king over the house of Judah. And they told David, saying, The men of Jabesh-gilead were those who buried Saul. 5 And David sent messengers to the men of Jabesh-gilead, and said to them, Blessed are you by Yehovah, that you have shown this kindness to your lord, even to Saul, and have buried him. 6 And now may Yehovah show lovingkindness and truth to you: and I also will repay you this kindness, because you have done this thing. 7 Now therefore let your hands be strong, and be valiant; for Saul your lord is dead, and also the house

of Judah have anointed me king over them. 8Now Abner the son of Ner, captain of Saul's host, had taken Ish-bosheth the son of Saul, and brought him over to Mahanaim; 9and he made him king over Gilead, and over the Ashurites, and over Jezreel, and over Ephraim, and over Benjamin, and over all Israel. 10Ish-bosheth, Saul's son, was forty years old when he began to reign over Israel, and he reigned two years. But the house of Judah followed David. 11And the time that David was king in Hebron over the house of Judah was seven years and six months. 12And Abner the son of Ner, and the servants of Ish-bosheth the son of Saul, went out from Mahanaim to Gibeon. 13And Joab the son of Zeruiah, and the servants of David, went out, and met them by the pool of Gibeon; and they sat down, the one on the one side of the pool, and the other on the other side of the pool. 14And Abner said to Joab, Please let the young men arise and play before us. And Joab said, Let them arise. 15Then they arose and went over by number: twelve for Benjamin, and for Ish-bosheth the son of Saul, and twelve of the servants of David. 16And they caught each one his fellow by the head, and thrust his sword in his fellow's side; so they fell down together: therefore that place was called Helkath-hazzurim, which is in Gibeon. 17And the battle was very severe that day; and Abner was beaten, and the men of Israel, before the servants of David. 18And the three sons of Zeruiah were there, Joab, and Abishai, and Asahel: and Asahel was as light of foot as a wild roe. 19And Asahel pursued after Abner; and in going he did not turn to the right hand nor to the left from following Abner. 20Then Abner looked behind him, and said, Is it you, Asahel? And he answered, It is I. 21And Abner said to him, Turn aside to your right hand or to your left, and lay hold on one of the young men, and take his armor. But Asahel would not turn aside from following him. 22And Abner said again to Asahel, Turn aside from following me: why should I strike you to the ground? how then should I hold up my face to Joab your brother? 23However he refused to turn aside: therefore Abner with the butt end of the spear struck him in the body, so that the spear came out behind him; and he fell down there, and died in the same place: and it happened, that as many as came to the place where Asahel fell down and died stood still. 24But Joab and Abishai pursued after Abner: and the sun went down when they had come to the hill of Ammah, that lies before Giah by the way of the wilderness of Gibeon. 25And the children of Benjamin gathered themselves together after Abner, and became one band, and stood on the top of a hill. 26Then Abner called to Joab, and said, Shall the sword devour forever? do you not know that it will be bitterness in the latter end? how long shall it be then, before you command the people to return from following their brothers? 27And Joab said, As God lives, if you had not spoken, surely then in the morning the people would have gone away, and not followed each one his brother. 28So Joab blew the trumpet; and all the people stood still, and pursued after Israel no more, nor did they fight any more. 29And Abner and his men went all that night through the Arabah; and they passed over the Jordan, and went through all Bithron, and came to Mahanaim. 30And Joab returned from following Abner: and when he had gathered all the people together, there were missing of David's servants nineteen men and Asahel. 31But the servants of David had struck down of Benjamin, and of Abner's men, so that three hundred and sixty men died. 32And they took up Asahel, and buried him in the tomb of his father, which was in Beth-lehem. And Joab and his men went all night, and the day broke upon them at Hebron.

Chapter 3

1Now there was long war between the house of Saul and the house of David: and David grew stronger and stronger, but the house of Saul grew weaker and weaker. 2And to David were sons born in Hebron: and his first-born was Amnon, of Ahinoam the Jezreelitess; 3and his second, Chileab, of Abigail the wife of Nabal the Carmelite; and the third, Absalom the son of Maacah the daughter of Talmai king of Geshur; 4and the fourth, Adonijah the son of Haggith; and the fifth, Shephatiah the son of Abital; 5and the sixth, Ithream, of Eglah, David's wife. These were born to David in Hebron. 6And it happened, while there was war between the house of Saul and the house of David, that Abner made himself strong in the house of Saul. 7Now Saul had a concubine, whose name was Rizpah, the daughter of Aiah: and Ish-bosheth said to Abner, Why have you gone in to my father's concubine? 8Then Abner was very angry for the words of Ish-bosheth, and said, Am I a dog's head that belongs to Judah? This day I show kindness to the house of Saul your father, to his brothers, and to his friends, and have not delivered you into the hand of David; and yet you charge me this day with a fault concerning this woman. 9God do so to Abner,

and more also, if, as Yehovah has sworn to David, I do not do even so to him; [10]to transfer the kingdom from the house of Saul, and to set up the throne of David over Israel and over Judah, from Dan even to Beer-sheba. [11]And he could not answer Abner another word, because he feared him. [12]And Abner sent messengers to David on his behalf, saying, Whose is the land? saying also, Make your league with me, and, behold, my hand shall be with you, to bring over all Israel to you. [13]And he said, Well; I will make a league with you; but one thing I require of you: that is, you shall not see my face, unless you first bring Michal, Saul's daughter, when you come to see my face. [14]And David sent messengers to Ish-bosheth, Saul's son, saying, Deliver me my wife Michal, whom I betrothed to me for a hundred foreskins of the Philistines. [15]And Ish-bosheth sent, and took her from her husband, even from Paltiel the son of Laish. [16]And her husband went with her, weeping as he went, and followed her to Bahurim. Then Abner said to him, Go, return: and he returned. [17]And Abner conferred with the elders of Israel, saying, In times past you sought for David to be king over you: [18]now then do it; for Yehovah has spoken of David, saying, By the hand of my servant David I will save my people Israel out of the hand of the Philistines, and out of the hand of all their enemies. [19]And Abner also spoke in the ears of Benjamin: and Abner went also to speak in the ears of David in Hebron all that seemed good to Israel, and to the whole house of Benjamin. [20]So Abner came to David to Hebron, and twenty men with him. And David made Abner and the men who were with him a feast. [21]And Abner said to David, I will arise and go, and will gather all Israel to my lord the king, that they may make a covenant with you, and that you may reign over all that your soul desires. And David sent Abner away; and he went in peace. [22]And, behold, the servants of David and Joab came from a raid, and brought in a great spoil with them: but Abner was not with David in Hebron; for he had sent him away, and he had gone in peace. [23]When Joab and all the host that was with him had come, they told Joab, saying, Abner the son of Ner came to the king, and he has sent him away, and he has gone in peace. [24]Then Joab came to the king, and said, What have you done? behold, Abner came to you; why is it that you have sent him away, and he is completely gone? [25]You know Abner the son of Ner, that he came to deceive you, and to know your going out and your coming in, and to know all that you do. [26]And when Joab had come out from David, he sent messengers after Abner, and they brought him back from the well of Sirah: but David did not know it. [27]And when Abner had returned to Hebron, Joab took him aside into the midst of the gate to speak with him quietly, and struck him there in the body, so that he died, for the blood of Asahel his brother. [28]And afterward, when David heard it, he said, I and my kingdom are guiltless before Yehovah forever of the blood of Abner the son of Ner: [29]let it fall upon the head of Joab, and upon all his father's house; and let there not fail from the house of Joab one who has a discharge, or who is a leper, or who leans on a staff, or who falls by the sword, or who lacks bread. [30]So Joab and Abishai his brother slew Abner, because he had killed their brother Asahel at Gibeon in the battle. [31]And David said to Joab, and to all the people who were with him, Tear your clothes, and gird yourselves with sackcloth, and mourn before Abner. And king David followed the bier. [32]And they buried Abner in Hebron: and the king lifted up his voice, and wept at the grave of Abner; and all the people wept. [33]And the king lamented for Abner, and said, Should Abner die as a fool dies? [34]Your hands were not bound, nor your feet put into fetters: As a man falls before the children of iniquity, so you fell. And all the people wept again over him. [35]And all the people came to cause David to eat bread while it was still day; but David swore, saying, God do so to me, and more also, if I taste bread, or anything else, until the sun goes down. [36]And all the people took notice of it, and it pleased them; as whatever the king did pleased all the people. [37]So all the people and all Israel understood that day that it had not been the king's will to slay Abner the son of Ner. [38]And the king said to his servants, Do you not know that a prince and a great man has fallen this day in Israel? [39]And I am this day weak, though anointed king; and these men the sons of Zeruiah are too hard for me: may Yehovah reward the evil-doer according to his wickedness.

Chapter 4

[1]And when Ish-bosheth, Saul's son, heard that Abner was dead in Hebron, his hands became feeble, and all the Israelites were troubled. [2]And Ish-bosheth, Saul's son, had two men who were captains of bands: the name of the one was Baanah, and the name of the other Rechab, the sons of Rimmon the Beerothite, of the children of Benjamin (for Beeroth also is reckoned to Benjamin: [3]and the Beerothites fled to Gittaim, and have been sojourners there until this

day). 4Now Jonathan, Saul's son, had a son who was lame of his feet. He was five years old when the tidings came of Saul and Jonathan out of Jezreel; and his nurse took him up, and fled: and it happened, as she made haste to flee, that he fell, and became lame. And his name was Mephibosheth. 5And the sons of Rimmon the Beerothite, Rechab and Baanah, went, and came about the heat of the day to the house of Ish-bosheth, as he took his rest at noon. 6And they came there into the midst of the house, as though they would have fetched wheat; and they struck him in the body: and Rechab and Baanah his brother escaped. 7Now when they came into the house, as he lay on his bed in his bedchamber, they struck him, and slew him, and beheaded him, and took his head, and went by the way of the Arabah all night. 8And they brought the head of Ish-bosheth to David to Hebron, and said to the king, Behold, the head of Ish-bosheth, the son of Saul, your enemy, who sought your life; and Yehovah has avenged my lord the king this day of Saul, and of his seed. 9And David answered Rechab and Baanah his brother, the sons of Rimmon the Beerothite, and said to them, As Yehovah lives, who has redeemed my soul out of all adversity, 10when one told me, saying, Behold, Saul is dead, thinking to have brought good tidings, I took hold of him, and slew him in Ziklag, which was the reward I gave him for his tidings. 11How much more, when wicked men have slain a righteous person in his own house upon his bed, shall I not now require his blood from your hand, and take you away from the earth? 12And David commanded his young men, and they slew them, and cut off their hands and their feet, and hanged them up beside the pool in Hebron. But they took the head of Ish-bosheth, and buried it in the grave of Abner in Hebron.

Chapter 5

1Then all the tribes of Israel came to David to Hebron, and spoke, saying, Behold, we are your bone and your flesh. 2In times past, when Saul was king over us, it was you who led out and brought in Israel: and Yehovah said to you, You shall be shepherd of my people Israel, and you shall be prince over Israel. 3So all the elders of Israel came to the king to Hebron; and king David made a covenant with them in Hebron before Yehovah: and they anointed David king over Israel. 4David was thirty years old when he began to reign, and he reigned forty years. 5In Hebron he reigned over Judah seven years and six months; and in Jerusalem he reigned thirty-three years over all Israel and Judah. 6And the king and his men went to Jerusalem against the Jebusites, the inhabitants of the land, who spoke to David, saying, Unless you take away the blind and the lame, you shall not come in here; thinking, David cannot come in here. 7Nevertheless David took the stronghold of Zion; that is the city of David. 8And David said on that day, Whoever strikes the Jebusites, let him get up to the watercourse, and strike the lame and the blind, who are hated by David's soul. Therefore they say, There are the blind and the lame; he cannot come into the house. 9And David dwelt in the stronghold, and called it the city of David. And David built all around from Millo and inward. 10And David became greater and greater; for Yehovah, the God of hosts, was with him. 11And Hiram king of Tyre sent messengers to David, and cedar-trees, and carpenters, and masons; and they built David a house. 12And David perceived that Yehovah had established him king over Israel, and that he had exalted his kingdom for his people Israel's sake. 13And David took more concubines and wives out of Jerusalem, after he had come from Hebron; and there were still more sons and daughters born to David. 14And these are the names of those who were born to him in Jerusalem: Shammua, and Shobab, and Nathan, and Solomon, 15and Ibhar, and Elishua, and Nepheg, and Japhia, 16and Elishama, and Eliada, and Eliphelet. 17And when the Philistines heard that they had anointed David king over Israel, all the Philistines went up to seek David; and David heard of it, and went down to the stronghold. 18Now the Philistines had come and spread themselves in the valley of Rephaim. 19And David inquired of Yehovah, saying, Shall I go up against the Philistines? will you deliver them into my hand? And Yehovah said to David, Go up; for I will certainly deliver the Philistines into your hand. 20And David came to Baal-perazim, and David struck them there; and he said, Yehovah has broken my enemies before me, like the breach of waters. Therefore he called the name of that place Baal-perazim. 21And they left their images there; and David and his men took them away. 22And the Philistines came up again, and spread themselves in the valley of Rephaim. 23And when David inquired of Yehovah, he said, You shall not go up: make a circuit behind them, and come upon them opposite the mulberry-trees. 24And it shall be, when you hear the sound of marching in the tops of the mulberry-trees, that then you shall rouse yourself; for then

Yehovah has gone out before you to strike the host of the Philistines. 25And David did so, as Yehovah commanded him, and struck the Philistines from Geba until you come to Gezer.

Chapter 6

1And David again gathered together all the chosen men of Israel, thirty thousand. 2And David arose, and went with all the people who were with him, from Baale-judah, to bring up from there the ark of God, which is called by the Name, even the name of Yehovah of hosts that sits above the cherubim. 3And they set the ark of God upon a new cart, and brought it out of the house of Abinadab that was in the hill: and Uzzah and Ahio, the sons of Abinadab, drove the new cart. 4And they brought it out of the house of Abinadab, which was in the hill, with the ark of God: and Ahio went before the ark. 5And David and all the house of Israel played before Yehovah with all manner of instruments made of fir-wood, and with harps, and with psalteries, and with timbrels, and with castanets, and with cymbals. 6And when they came to the threshing-floor of Nacon, Uzzah put out his hand to the ark of God, and took hold of it; for the oxen stumbled. 7And the anger of Yehovah was kindled against Uzzah; and God struck him there for his error; and there he died by the ark of God. 8And David was displeased, because Yehovah had broken forth upon Uzzah; and he called that place Perez-uzzah, to this day. 9And David was afraid of Yehovah that day; and he said, How shall the ark of Yehovah come to me? 10So David would not remove the ark of Yehovah to him into the city of David; but David carried it aside into the house of Obed-edom the Gittite. 11And the ark of Yehovah remained in the house of Obed-edom the Gittite three months: and Yehovah blessed Obed-edom, and all his house. 12And it was told king David, saying, Yehovah has blessed the house of Obed-edom, and all that pertains to him, because of the ark of God. And David went and brought up the ark of God from the house of Obed-edom into the city of David with joy. 13And it was so, that, when those who bore the ark of Yehovah had gone six paces, he sacrificed an ox and a fatling. 14And David danced before Yehovah with all his might; and David was girded with a linen ephod. 15So David and all the house of Israel brought up the ark of Yehovah with shouting, and with the sound of the trumpet. 16And it was so, as the ark of Yehovah came into the city of David, that Michal the daughter of Saul looked out of the window, and saw king David leaping and dancing before Yehovah; and she despised him in her heart. 17And they brought in the ark of Yehovah, and set it in its place, in the midst of the tent that David had pitched for it; and David offered burnt-offerings and peace-offerings before Yehovah. 18And when David had made an end of offering the burnt-offering and the peace-offerings, he blessed the people in the name of Yehovah of hosts. 19And he distributed among all the people, even among the whole multitude of Israel, both to men and women, to each one a cake of bread, and a portion of flesh, and a cake of raisins. So all the people departed each one to his house. 20Then David returned to bless his household. And Michal the daughter of Saul came out to meet David, and said, How glorious was the king of Israel today, who uncovered himself today in the eyes of the handmaids of his servants, as one of the vain fellows shamelessly uncovers himself! 21And David said to Michal, It was before Yehovah, who chose me above your father, and above all his house, to appoint me prince over the people of Yehovah, over Israel: therefore I will play before Yehovah. 22And I will be even more vile than this, and will be base in my own sight: but of the handmaids of whom you have spoken, by them I shall be held in honor. 23And Michal the daughter of Saul had no child to the day of her death.

Chapter 7

1And it happened, when the king dwelt in his house, and Yehovah had given him rest from all his enemies around, 2that the king said to Nathan the prophet, See now, I dwell in a house of cedar, but the ark of God dwells within curtains. 3And Nathan said to the king, Go, do all that is in your heart; for Yehovah is with you. 4And it happened the same night, that the word of Yehovah came to Nathan, saying, 5Go and tell my servant David, Thus says Yehovah, Shall you build me a house for me to dwell in? 6for I have not dwelt in a house since the day that I brought up the children of Israel out of Egypt, even to this day, but have walked in a tent and in a tabernacle. 7In all places in which I have walked with all the children of Israel, did I speak a word with any of the tribes of Israel, whom I commanded to be shepherd of my people Israel, saying, Why have you not built me a house of cedar? 8Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David, Thus says Yehovah of hosts, I took you from the sheepfold, from following the sheep, that you should be prince over my people, over Israel; 9and I have been with you wherever you went, and

have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make you a great name, like the name of the great ones that are in the earth. 10And I will appoint a place for my people Israel, and will plant them, that they may dwell in their own place, and be moved no more; neither shall the children of wickedness afflict them any more, as at the first, 11and as from the day that I commanded judges to be over my people Israel; and I will cause you to rest from all your enemies. Moreover Yehovah tells you that Yehovah will make you a house. 12When your days are fulfilled, and you shall sleep with your fathers, I will set up your seed after you, that shall proceed out of your bowels, and I will establish his kingdom. 13He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. 14I will be his father, and he shall be my son: if he commits iniquity, I will chasten him with the rod of men, and with the stripes of the children of men; 15but my lovingkindness shall not depart from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I put away before you. 16And your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before you: your throne shall be established forever. 17According to all these words, and according to all this vision, so Nathan spoke to David. 18Then David the king went in, and sat before Yehovah; and he said, Who am I, O Lord Yehovah, and what is my house, that you have brought me thus far? 19And this was still a small thing in your eyes, O Lord Yehovah; but you have spoken also of your servant's house for a great while to come; and this too after the manner of men, O Lord Yehovah! 20And what more can David say to you? for you know your servant, O Lord Yehovah. 21For your word's sake, and according to your own heart, you have brought about all this greatness, to make your servant know it. 22Therefore you are great, O Yehovah God: for there is none like you, nor is there any God besides you, according to all that we have heard with our ears. 23And what one nation in the earth is like your people, even like Israel, whom God went to redeem to himself for a people, and to make him a name, and to do great things for you, and terrible things for your land, before your people, whom you redeemed to you out of Egypt, from the nations and their gods? 24And you established for yourself your people Israel to be a people to you forever; and you, Yehovah, became their God. 25And now, O Yehovah God, the word that you have spoken concerning your servant, and concerning his house, confirm it forever, and do as you have spoken. 26And let your name be magnified forever, saying, Yehovah of hosts is God over Israel; and the house of your servant David shall be established before you. 27For you, O Yehovah of hosts, the God of Israel, have revealed to your servant, saying, I will build you a house: therefore your servant has found in his heart to pray this prayer to you. 28And now, O Lord Yehovah, you are God, and your words are truth, and you have promised this good thing to your servant: 29now therefore let it please you to bless the house of your servant, that it may continue forever before you; for you, O Lord Yehovah, have spoken it: and with your blessing let the house of your servant be blessed forever.

Chapter 8

1And after this it happened, that David struck the Philistines, and subdued them: and David took the bridle of the mother city out of the hand of the Philistines. 2And he struck Moab, and measured them with the line, making them lie down on the ground; and he measured two lines to put to death, and one full line to keep alive. And the Moabites became servants to David, and brought tribute. 3David also struck Hadadezer the son of Rehob, king of Zobah, as he went to recover his dominion at the River. 4And David took from him a thousand and seven hundred horsemen, and twenty thousand footmen: and David hamstrung all the chariot horses, but reserved enough of them for a hundred chariots. 5And when the Syrians of Damascus came to help Hadadezer king of Zobah, David struck down of the Syrians twenty-two thousand men. 6Then David put garrisons in Syria of Damascus; and the Syrians became servants to David, and brought tribute. And Yehovah gave victory to David wherever he went. 7And David took the shields of gold that were on the servants of Hadadezer, and brought them to Jerusalem. 8And from Betah and from Berothai, cities of Hadadezer, king David took a great quantity of bronze. 9And when Toi king of Hamath heard that David had struck down all the host of Hadadezer, 10then Toi sent Joram his son to king David, to greet him, and to bless him, because he had fought against Hadadezer and struck him down: for Hadadezer had wars with Toi. And Joram brought with him vessels of silver, and vessels of gold, and vessels of bronze: 11these also king David dedicated to Yehovah, with the silver and gold that he dedicated of all the nations which he subdued; 12of Syria, and of Moab, and of the children of Ammon, and of the

Philistines, and of Amalek, and of the spoil of Hadadezer, son of Rehob, king of Zobah. 13And David made a name for himself when he returned from striking down the Syrians in the Valley of Salt, even eighteen thousand men. 14And he put garrisons in Edom; throughout all Edom he put garrisons, and all the Edomites became servants to David. And Yehovah gave victory to David wherever he went. 15And David reigned over all Israel; and David executed justice and righteousness to all his people. 16And Joab the son of Zeruiah was over the host; and Jehoshaphat the son of Ahilud was recorder; 17and Zadok the son of Ahitub, and Ahimelech the son of Abiathar, were priests; and Seraiah was scribe; 18and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada was over the Cherethites and the Pelethites; and David's sons were chief ministers.

Chapter 9

1And David said, Is there still anyone who is left of the house of Saul, that I may show him kindness for Jonathan's sake? 2And there was of the house of Saul a servant whose name was Ziba, and they called him to David; and the king said to him, Are you Ziba? And he said, Your servant is he. 3And the king said, Is there not still anyone of the house of Saul, that I may show the kindness of God to him? And Ziba said to the king, Jonathan still has a son, who is lame of his feet. 4And the king said to him, Where is he? And Ziba said to the king, Behold, he is in the house of Machir the son of Ammiel, in Lo-debar. 5Then king David sent, and fetched him out of the house of Machir the son of Ammiel, from Lo-debar. 6And Mephibosheth, the son of Jonathan, the son of Saul, came to David, and fell on his face, and paid homage. And David said, Mephibosheth. And he answered, Behold, your servant! 7And David said to him, Do not fear; for I will surely show you kindness for Jonathan your father's sake, and will restore to you all the land of Saul your father; and you shall eat bread at my table continually. 8And he paid homage, and said, What is your servant, that you should look upon such a dead dog as I am? 9Then the king called to Ziba, Saul's servant, and said to him, All that belonged to Saul and to all his house I have given to your master's son. 10And you shall till the land for him, you, and your sons, and your servants; and you shall bring in the fruits, that your master's son may have bread to eat: but Mephibosheth your master's son shall always eat bread at my table. Now Ziba had fifteen sons and twenty servants. 11Then Ziba said to the king, According to all that my lord the king commands his servant, so shall your servant do. As for Mephibosheth, said the king, he shall eat at my table, as one of the king's sons. 12And Mephibosheth had a young son, whose name was Mica. And all who dwelt in the house of Ziba were servants to Mephibosheth. 13So Mephibosheth dwelt in Jerusalem; for he ate continually at the king's table. And he was lame in both his feet.

Chapter 10

1And it happened after this, that the king of the children of Ammon died, and Hanun his son reigned in his place. 2And David said, I will show kindness to Hanun the son of Nahash, as his father showed kindness to me. So David sent by his servants to comfort him concerning his father. And David's servants came into the land of the children of Ammon. 3But the princes of the children of Ammon said to Hanun their lord, Do you think that David honors your father, in that he has sent comforters to you? has not David sent his servants to you to search the city, and to spy it out, and to overthrow it? 4So Hanun took David's servants, and shaved off the one half of their beards, and cut off their garments in the middle, even to their buttocks, and sent them away. 5When they told it to David, he sent to meet them; for the men were greatly ashamed. And the king said, Stay at Jericho until your beards have grown, and then return. 6And when the children of Ammon saw that they had become odious to David, the children of Ammon sent and hired the Syrians of Beth-rehob, and the Syrians of Zobah, twenty thousand footmen, and the king of Maacah with a thousand men, and the men of Tob twelve thousand men. 7And when David heard of it, he sent Joab, and all the host of the mighty men. 8And the children of Ammon came out, and put the battle in array at the entrance of the gate: and the Syrians of Zobah and of Rehob, and the men of Tob and Maacah, were by themselves in the field. 9Now when Joab saw that the battle was set against him before and behind, he chose of all the choice men of Israel, and put them in array against the Syrians: 10and the rest of the people he committed into the hand of Abishai his brother; and he put them in array against the children of Ammon. 11And he said, If the Syrians are too strong for me, then you shall help me; but if the children of Ammon are too strong for you, then I will come and help you. 12Be of good courage, and let us show ourselves men for our people, and for the cities of our God: and may Yehovah do that which seems good to him. 13So Joab

and the people who were with him drew near to the battle against the Syrians: and they fled before him. 14And when the children of Ammon saw that the Syrians had fled, they likewise fled before Abishai, and entered into the city. Then Joab returned from the children of Ammon, and came to Jerusalem. 15And when the Syrians saw that they were defeated before Israel, they gathered themselves together. 16And Hadarezer sent, and brought out the Syrians who were beyond the River: and they came to Helam, with Shobach the captain of the host of Hadarezer at their head. 17And it was told David; and he gathered all Israel together, and passed over the Jordan, and came to Helam. And the Syrians set themselves in array against David, and fought with him. 18And the Syrians fled before Israel; and David slew of the Syrians the men of seven hundred chariots, and forty thousand horsemen, and struck Shobach the captain of their host, so that he died there. 19And when all the kings who were servants to Hadarezer saw that they were defeated before Israel, they made peace with Israel, and served them. So the Syrians feared to help the children of Ammon any more.

Chapter 11

1And it happened, at the return of the year, at the time when kings go out to battle, that David sent Joab, and his servants with him, and all Israel; and they destroyed the children of Ammon, and besieged Rabbah. But David stayed at Jerusalem. 2And it happened at evening, that David arose from his bed, and walked upon the roof of the king's house: and from the roof he saw a woman bathing; and the woman was very beautiful to look upon. 3And David sent and inquired after the woman. And one said, Is this not Bath-sheba, the daughter of Eliam, the wife of Uriah the Hittite? 4And David sent messengers, and took her; and she came in to him, and he lay with her (for she was purified from her uncleanness); and she returned to her house. 5And the woman conceived; and she sent and told David, and said, I am with child. 6And David sent to Joab, saying, Send me Uriah the Hittite. And Joab sent Uriah to David. 7And when Uriah had come to him, David asked him how Joab was doing, and how the people fared, and how the war prospered. 8And David said to Uriah, Go down to your house, and wash your feet. And Uriah departed out of the king's house, and there followed him a portion of food from the king. 9But Uriah slept at the door of the king's house with all the servants of his lord, and did not go down to his house. 10And when they had told David, saying, Uriah did not go down to his house, David said to Uriah, Have you not come from a journey? why did you not go down to your house? 11And Uriah said to David, The ark, and Israel, and Judah, abide in booths; and my lord Joab, and the servants of my lord, are encamped in the open field; shall I then go into my house, to eat and to drink, and to lie with my wife? as you live, and as your soul lives, I will not do this thing. 12And David said to Uriah, Stay here today also, and tomorrow I will let you depart. So Uriah remained in Jerusalem that day, and the next. 13And when David had called him, he ate and drank before him; and he made him drunk: and at evening he went out to lie on his bed with the servants of his lord, but did not go down to his house. 14And it happened in the morning, that David wrote a letter to Joab, and sent it by the hand of Uriah. 15And he wrote in the letter, saying, Set Uriah in the forefront of the hottest battle, and withdraw from him, that he may be struck down, and die. 16And it happened, when Joab kept watch upon the city, that he assigned Uriah to the place where he knew that valiant men were. 17And the men of the city went out, and fought with Joab: and there fell some of the people, even of the servants of David; and Uriah the Hittite died also. 18Then Joab sent and told David all the things concerning the war; 19and he charged the messenger, saying, When you have finished telling all the things concerning the war to the king, 20it shall be that, if the king's wrath arises, and he says to you, Why did you go so near to the city to fight? did you not know that they would shoot from the wall? 21who struck Abimelech the son of Jerubbesheth? did not a woman cast an upper millstone upon him from the wall, so that he died at Thebez? why did you go so near the wall? then you shall say, Your servant Uriah the Hittite is dead also. 22So the messenger went, and came and told David all that Joab had sent him for. 23And the messenger said to David, The men prevailed against us, and came out to us into the field, and we were upon them even to the entrance of the gate. 24And the shooters shot at your servants from the wall; and some of the king's servants are dead, and your servant Uriah the Hittite is dead also. 25Then David said to the messenger, Thus you shall say to Joab, Do not let this thing displease you, for the sword devours one as well as another; make your battle stronger against the city, and overthrow it: and encourage him. 26And when the wife of Uriah heard that Uriah her husband was

dead, she made lamentation for her husband. 27And when the mourning was past, David sent and took her home to his house, and she became his wife, and bore him a son. But the thing that David had done displeased Yehovah.

Chapter 12

1And Yehovah sent Nathan to David. And he came to him, and said to him, There were two men in one city; the one rich, and the other poor. 2The rich man had very many flocks and herds; 3but the poor man had nothing, except one little ewe lamb, which he had bought and nourished: and it grew up together with him, and with his children; it ate of his own morsel, and drank of his own cup, and lay in his bosom, and was to him as a daughter. 4And there came a traveler to the rich man, and he was unwilling to take of his own flock and of his own herd, to prepare for the wayfaring man who had come to him, but took the poor man's lamb, and prepared it for the man who had come to him. 5And David's anger was greatly kindled against the man; and he said to Nathan, As Yehovah lives, the man who has done this is worthy to die: 6and he shall restore the lamb fourfold, because he did this thing, and because he had no pity. 7And Nathan said to David, You are the man. Thus says Yehovah, the God of Israel, I anointed you king over Israel, and I delivered you out of the hand of Saul; 8and I gave you your master's house, and your master's wives into your bosom, and gave you the house of Israel and of Judah; and if that had been too little, I would have added to you such and such things. 9Why have you despised the word of Yehovah, to do that which is evil in his sight? you have struck down Uriah the Hittite with the sword, and have taken his wife to be your wife, and have slain him with the sword of the children of Ammon. 10Now therefore the sword shall never depart from your house, because you have despised me, and have taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your wife. 11Thus says Yehovah, Behold, I will raise up evil against you out of your own house; and I will take your wives before your eyes, and give them to your neighbor, and he shall lie with your wives in the sight of this sun. 12For you did it secretly: but I will do this thing before all Israel, and before the sun. 13And David said to Nathan, I have sinned against Yehovah. And Nathan said to David, Yehovah also has put away your sin; you shall not die. 14However, because by this deed you have given great occasion to the enemies of Yehovah to blaspheme, the child also that is born to you shall surely die. 15And Nathan departed to his house. And Yehovah struck the child that Uriah's wife bore to David, and it was very sick. 16David therefore pleaded with God for the child; and David fasted, and went in, and lay all night upon the earth. 17And the elders of his house arose, and stood beside him, to raise him up from the earth: but he would not, nor did he eat bread with them. 18And it happened on the seventh day, that the child died. And the servants of David feared to tell him that the child was dead; for they said, Behold, while the child was still alive, we spoke to him, and he did not listen to our voice: how will he then harm himself, if we tell him that the child is dead! 19But when David saw that his servants were whispering together, David perceived that the child was dead; and David said to his servants, Is the child dead? And they said, He is dead. 20Then David arose from the earth, and washed, and anointed himself, and changed his clothing; and he came into the house of Yehovah, and worshipped: then he came to his own house; and when he asked, they set bread before him, and he ate. 21Then his servants said to him, What thing is this that you have done? you fasted and wept for the child, while it was alive; but when the child was dead, you rose and ate bread. 22And he said, While the child was still alive, I fasted and wept: for I said, Who knows whether Yehovah will not be gracious to me, that the child may live? 23But now he is dead, why should I fast? can I bring him back again? I shall go to him, but he will not return to me. 24And David comforted Bath-sheba his wife, and went in to her, and lay with her: and she bore a son, and he called his name Solomon. And Yehovah loved him; 25and he sent by the hand of Nathan the prophet; and he called his name Jedidiah, for Yehovah's sake. 26Now Joab fought against Rabbah of the children of Ammon, and took the royal city. 27And Joab sent messengers to David, and said, I have fought against Rabbah; yes, I have taken the city of waters. 28Now therefore gather the rest of the people together, and encamp against the city, and take it; lest I take the city, and it be called after my name. 29And David gathered all the people together, and went to Rabbah, and fought against it, and took it. 30And he took the crown of their king from his head; and its weight was a talent of gold, and in it were precious stones; and it was set on David's head. And he brought out the spoil of the city, very much. 31And he brought out the people who were in it, and put them under saws, and under harrows of iron, and

under axes of iron, and made them pass through the brickkiln: and thus he did to all the cities of the children of Ammon. And David and all the people returned to Jerusalem.

Chapter 13

[1]And it happened after this, that Absalom the son of David had a beautiful sister, whose name was Tamar; and Amnon the son of David loved her. [2]And Amnon was so distressed that he fell sick because of his sister Tamar; for she was a virgin; and it seemed hard to Amnon to do anything to her. [3]But Amnon had a friend, whose name was Jonadab, the son of Shimeah, David's brother: and Jonadab was a very crafty man. [4]And he said to him, Why, O son of the king, are you so lean from day to day? will you not tell me? And Amnon said to him, I love Tamar, my brother Absalom's sister. [5]And Jonadab said to him, Lie down on your bed, and pretend to be sick: and when your father comes to see you, say to him, Please let my sister Tamar come, and give me bread to eat, and prepare the food in my sight, that I may see it, and eat it from her hand. [6]So Amnon lay down, and pretended to be sick: and when the king had come to see him, Amnon said to the king, Please let my sister Tamar come, and make me a couple of cakes in my sight, that I may eat from her hand. [7]Then David sent home to Tamar, saying, Go now to your brother Amnon's house, and prepare food for him. [8]So Tamar went to her brother Amnon's house; and he was lying down. And she took dough, and kneaded it, and made cakes in his sight, and baked the cakes. [9]And she took the pan, and poured them out before him; but he refused to eat. And Amnon said, Have everyone go out from me. And they went out every man from him. [10]And Amnon said to Tamar, Bring the food into the chamber, that I may eat from your hand. And Tamar took the cakes which she had made, and brought them into the chamber to Amnon her brother. [11]And when she had brought them near to him to eat, he took hold of her, and said to her, Come, lie with me, my sister. [12]And she answered him, No, my brother, do not force me; for no such thing ought to be done in Israel: do not do this folly. [13]And I, where shall I carry my shame? and as for you, you will be as one of the fools in Israel. Now therefore, please speak to the king; for he will not withhold me from you. [14]However he would not listen to her voice; but being stronger than she, he forced her, and lay with her. [15]Then Amnon hated her with exceedingly great hatred; for the hatred with which he hated her was greater than the love with which he had loved her. And Amnon said to her, Arise, be gone. [16]And she said to him, Not so, because this great wrong in sending me away is worse than the other that you did to me. But he would not listen to her. [17]Then he called his servant who ministered to him, and said, Put this woman out from me now, and bolt the door after her. [18]And she had a garment of various colors upon her; for with such robes were the king's daughters who were virgins clothed. Then his servant brought her out, and bolted the door after her. [19]And Tamar put ashes on her head, and tore her garment of various colors that was on her; and she laid her hand on her head, and went her way, crying aloud as she went. [20]And Absalom her brother said to her, Has Amnon your brother been with you? but now be silent, my sister: he is your brother; do not take this thing to heart. So Tamar remained desolate in her brother Absalom's house. [21]But when king David heard of all these things, he was very angry. [22]And Absalom spoke to Amnon neither good nor bad; for Absalom hated Amnon, because he had forced his sister Tamar. [23]And it happened after two full years, that Absalom had sheep-shearers in Baal-hazor, which is beside Ephraim: and Absalom invited all the king's sons. [24]And Absalom came to the king, and said, Behold now, your servant has sheep-shearers; please let the king and his servants go with your servant. [25]And the king said to Absalom, No, my son, let us not all go, lest we be burdensome to you. And he pressed him: however he would not go, but blessed him. [26]Then Absalom said, If not, please let my brother Amnon go with us. And the king said to him, Why should he go with you? [27]But Absalom pressed him, and he let Amnon and all the king's sons go with him. [28]And Absalom commanded his servants, saying, Mark now, when Amnon's heart is merry with wine; and when I say to you, Strike Amnon, then kill him; do not fear; have I not commanded you? be courageous, and be valiant. [29]And the servants of Absalom did to Amnon as Absalom had commanded. Then all the king's sons arose, and every man got up upon his mule, and fled. [30]And it happened, while they were on the way, that the tidings came to David, saying, Absalom has slain all the king's sons, and there is not one of them left. [31]Then the king arose, and tore his garments, and lay on the earth; and all his servants stood by with their clothes torn. [32]And Jonadab, the son of Shimeah, David's brother, answered and said, Do not let my lord suppose that they have killed all

the young men the king's sons; for Amnon only is dead: for by the appointment of Absalom this has been determined from the day that he forced his sister Tamar. 33Now therefore do not let my lord the king take the thing to his heart, to think that all the king's sons are dead; for Amnon only is dead. 34But Absalom fled. And the young man who kept the watch lifted up his eyes, and looked, and, behold, there came many people by the way of the hill-side behind him. 35And Jonadab said to the king, Behold, the king's sons have come: as your servant said, so it is. 36And it happened, as soon as he had finished speaking, that, behold, the king's sons came, and lifted up their voice, and wept: and the king also and all his servants wept very bitterly. 37But Absalom fled, and went to Talmai the son of Ammihur, king of Geshur. And David mourned for his son every day. 38So Absalom fled, and went to Geshur, and was there three years. 39And the soul of king David longed to go out to Absalom: for he was comforted concerning Amnon, seeing he was dead.

Chapter 14

1Now Joab the son of Zeruiah perceived that the king's heart was toward Absalom. 2And Joab sent to Tekoa, and fetched from there a wise woman, and said to her, Please pretend to be a mourner, and please put on mourning apparel, and do not anoint yourself with oil, but be as a woman who has mourned a long time for the dead: 3and go in to the king, and speak in this manner to him. So Joab put the words in her mouth. 4And when the woman of Tekoa spoke to the king, she fell on her face to the ground, and paid homage, and said, Help, O king. 5And the king said to her, What troubles you? And she answered, Truly I am a widow, and my husband is dead. 6And your handmaid had two sons, and they two quarreled together in the field, and there was none to part them, but the one struck the other, and killed him. 7And, behold, the whole family has risen against your handmaid, and they say, Deliver him who struck his brother, that we may kill him for the life of his brother whom he slew, and so destroy the heir also. Thus they will quench my coal which is left, and will leave to my husband neither name nor remainder upon the face of the earth. 8And the king said to the woman, Go to your house, and I will give charge concerning you. 9And the woman of Tekoa said to the king, My lord, O king, let the iniquity be on me, and on my father's house; and let the king and his throne be guiltless. 10And the king said, Whoever says anything to you, bring him to me, and he shall not touch you any more. 11Then she said, Please let the king remember Yehovah your God, that the avenger of blood may not destroy any more, lest they destroy my son. And he said, As Yehovah lives, there shall not one hair of your son fall to the earth. 12Then the woman said, Please let your handmaid speak a word to my lord the king. And he said, Say on. 13And the woman said, Why then have you devised such a thing against the people of God? for in speaking this word the king is as one who is guilty, in that the king does not fetch home again his banished one. 14For we must die, and are as water spilled on the ground, which cannot be gathered up again; nor does God take away life, but devises means, that he who is banished may not be an outcast from him. 15Now therefore seeing that I have come to speak this word to my lord the king, it is because the people have made me afraid: and your handmaid said, I will now speak to the king; perhaps the king will perform the request of his servant. 16For the king will hear, to deliver his servant out of the hand of the man who would destroy me and my son together out of the inheritance of God. 17Then your handmaid said, Please let the word of my lord the king be a comfort; for as an angel of God, so is my lord the king to discern good and bad: and may Yehovah your God be with you. 18Then the king answered and said to the woman, Please do not hide from me anything that I shall ask you. And the woman said, Let my lord the king now speak. 19And the king said, Is the hand of Joab with you in all this? And the woman answered and said, As your soul lives, my lord the king, no one can turn to the right hand or to the left from anything that my lord the king has spoken; for your servant Joab, he commanded me, and he put all these words in the mouth of your handmaid; 20to change the face of the matter your servant Joab has done this thing: and my lord is wise, according to the wisdom of an angel of God, to know all things that are in the earth. 21And the king said to Joab, Behold now, I have done this thing: go therefore, bring the young man Absalom back. 22And Joab fell to the ground on his face, and paid homage, and blessed the king; and Joab said, Today your servant knows that I have found favor in your sight, my lord, O king, in that the king has performed the request of his servant. 23So Joab arose and went to Geshur, and brought Absalom to Jerusalem. 24And the king said, Let him turn to his own house, but let him not see my face. So Absalom

turned to his own house, and did not see the king's face. 25Now in all Israel there was no one to be so much praised as Absalom for his beauty: from the sole of his foot even to the crown of his head there was no blemish in him. 26And when he cut the hair of his head (now it was at every year's end that he cut it; because it was heavy on him, therefore he cut it); he weighed the hair of his head at two hundred shekels, after the king's weight. 27And to Absalom there were born three sons, and one daughter, whose name was Tamar: she was a woman of a beautiful appearance. 28And Absalom dwelt two full years in Jerusalem; and he did not see the king's face. 29Then Absalom sent for Joab, to send him to the king; but he would not come to him: and he sent again a second time, but he would not come. 30Therefore he said to his servants, See, Joab's field is near mine, and he has barley there; go and set it on fire. And Absalom's servants set the field on fire. 31Then Joab arose, and came to Absalom to his house, and said to him, Why have your servants set my field on fire? 32And Absalom answered Joab, Behold, I sent to you, saying, Come here, that I may send you to the king, to say, Why have I come from Geshur? it would be better for me to be there still. Now therefore let me see the king's face; and if there is iniquity in me, let him kill me. 33So Joab came to the king, and told him; and when he had called for Absalom, he came to the king, and bowed himself on his face to the ground before the king: and the king kissed Absalom.

Chapter 15

1And it happened after this, that Absalom prepared for himself a chariot and horses, and fifty men to run before him. 2And Absalom rose up early, and stood beside the way of the gate: and it was so, that, when anyone had a suit which should come to the king for judgment, then Absalom called to him, and said, Of what city are you? And he said, Your servant is of one of the tribes of Israel. 3And Absalom said to him, See, your matters are good and right; but there is no man deputed by the king to hear you. 4Absalom said moreover, Oh that I were made judge in the land, that every man who has any suit or cause might come to me, and I would do him justice! 5And it was so, that, when anyone came near to pay him homage, he put out his hand, and took hold of him, and kissed him. 6And in this manner Absalom did to all Israel who came to the king for judgment: so Absalom stole the hearts of the men of Israel. 7And it happened at the end of forty years, that Absalom said to the king, Please let me go and pay my vow, which I have vowed to Yehovah, in Hebron. 8For your servant vowed a vow while I stayed at Geshur in Syria, saying, If Yehovah shall indeed bring me again to Jerusalem, then I will serve Yehovah. 9And the king said to him, Go in peace. So he arose, and went to Hebron. 10But Absalom sent spies throughout all the tribes of Israel, saying, As soon as you hear the sound of the trumpet, then you shall say, Absalom is king in Hebron. 11And with Absalom went two hundred men out of Jerusalem, who were invited, and went in their simplicity; and they did not know anything. 12And Absalom sent for Ahithophel the Gilonite, David's counselor, from his city, even from Giloh, while he was offering the sacrifices. And the conspiracy was strong; for the people increased continually with Absalom. 13And there came a messenger to David, saying, The hearts of the men of Israel are after Absalom. 14And David said to all his servants who were with him at Jerusalem, Arise, and let us flee; for otherwise none of us shall escape from Absalom: make speed to depart, lest he overtake us quickly, and bring down evil upon us, and strike the city with the edge of the sword. 15And the king's servants said to the king, Behold, your servants are ready to do whatever my lord the king shall choose. 16And the king went out, and all his household after him. And the king left ten women, who were concubines, to keep the house. 17And the king went out, and all the people after him; and they stayed in Beth-merhak. 18And all his servants passed on beside him; and all the Cherethites, and all the Pelethites, and all the Gittites, six hundred men who came after him from Gath, passed on before the king. 19Then the king said to Ittai the Gittite, Why do you also go with us? return, and abide with the king: for you are a foreigner, and also an exile; return to your own place. 20Whereas you came but yesterday, should I this day make you go up and down with us, seeing I go where I may? return, and take back your brothers; mercy and truth be with you. 21And Ittai answered the king, and said, As Yehovah lives, and as my lord the king lives, surely in whatever place my lord the king shall be, whether for death or for life, even there also your servant will be. 22And David said to Ittai, Go and pass over. And Ittai the Gittite passed over, and all his men, and all the little ones who were with him. 23And all the country wept with a loud voice, and all the people passed over: the king also himself passed over the brook Kidron, and all the people passed over,

toward the way of the wilderness. 24And, behold, Zadok also came, and all the Levites with him, bearing the ark of the covenant of God; and they set down the ark of God; and Abiathar went up, until all the people had finished passing out of the city. 25And the king said to Zadok, Carry back the ark of God into the city: if I shall find favor in the eyes of Yehovah, he will bring me again, and show me both it, and his habitation: 26but if he says thus, I have no delight in you; behold, here I am, let him do to me as seems good to him. 27The king said also to Zadok the priest, Are you not a seer? return into the city in peace, and your two sons with you, Ahimaaz your son, and Jonathan the son of Abiathar. 28See, I will wait at the fords of the wilderness, until word comes from you to inform me. 29Zadok therefore and Abiathar carried the ark of God again to Jerusalem: and they remained there. 30And David went up by the ascent of the mount of Olives, and wept as he went up; and he had his head covered, and went barefoot: and all the people who were with him covered each man his head, and they went up, weeping as they went up. 31And one told David, saying, Ahithophel is among the conspirators with Absalom. And David said, O Yehovah, please turn the counsel of Ahithophel into foolishness. 32And it happened, that, when David had come to the top of the ascent, where God was worshipped, behold, Hushai the Archite came to meet him with his coat torn, and earth upon his head. 33And David said to him, If you pass on with me, then you will be a burden to me: 34but if you return to the city, and say to Absalom, I will be your servant, O king; as I have been your father's servant in time past, so I will now be your servant; then you will defeat for me the counsel of Ahithophel. 35And have you not there with you Zadok and Abiathar the priests? therefore it shall be, that whatever you shall hear out of the king's house, you shall tell it to Zadok and Abiathar the priests. 36Behold, they have there with them their two sons, Ahimaaz, Zadok's son, and Jonathan, Abiathar's son; and by them you shall send to me everything that you shall hear. 37So Hushai, David's friend, came into the city; and Absalom came into Jerusalem.

Chapter 16

1And when David was a little past the top of the ascent, behold, Ziba the servant of Mephibosheth met him, with a couple of donkeys saddled, and upon them two hundred loaves of bread, and a hundred clusters of raisins, and a hundred of summer fruits, and a skin of wine. 2And the king said to Ziba, What do you mean by these? And Ziba said, The donkeys are for the king's household to ride on; and the bread and summer fruit for the young men to eat; and the wine, that such as are faint in the wilderness may drink. 3And the king said, And where is your master's son? And Ziba said to the king, Behold, he remains at Jerusalem; for he said, Today the house of Israel will restore to me the kingdom of my father. 4Then the king said to Ziba, Behold, all that belongs to Mephibosheth is yours. And Ziba said, I pay homage; let me find favor in your sight, my lord, O king. 5And when king David came to Bahurim, behold, there came out from there a man of the family of the house of Saul, whose name was Shimei, the son of Gera; he came out, and kept cursing as he came. 6And he cast stones at David, and at all the servants of king David: and all the people and all the mighty men were on his right hand and on his left. 7And thus Shimei said when he cursed, Get out, get out, you man of blood, and worthless fellow: 8Yehovah has returned upon you all the blood of the house of Saul, in whose place you have reigned; and Yehovah has delivered the kingdom into the hand of Absalom your son; and, behold, you are taken in your own evil, because you are a man of blood. 9Then Abishai the son of Zeruiah said to the king, Why should this dead dog curse my lord the king? please let me go over, and take off his head. 10And the king said, What have I to do with you, you sons of Zeruiah? Because he curses, and because Yehovah has said to him, Curse David; who then shall say, Why have you done so? 11And David said to Abishai, and to all his servants, Behold, my son, who came out from my bowels, seeks my life: how much more may this Benjamite now do it? let him alone, and let him curse; for Yehovah has told him. 12Perhaps Yehovah will look on the wrong done to me, and Yehovah will repay me good for his cursing of me this day. 13So David and his men went by the way; and Shimei went along on the hill-side opposite him, and cursed as he went, and threw stones at him, and cast dust. 14And the king, and all the people who were with him, came weary; and he refreshed himself there. 15And Absalom, and all the people, the men of Israel, came to Jerusalem, and Ahithophel with him. 16And it happened, when Hushai the Archite, David's friend, had come to Absalom, that Hushai said to Absalom, Long live the king, Long live the king. 17And Absalom said to Hushai, Is this your kindness to your friend? why did

you not go with your friend? 18And Hushai said to Absalom, No; but whom Yehovah, and this people, and all the men of Israel have chosen, his I will be, and with him I will abide. 19And again, whom should I serve? should I not serve in the presence of his son? as I have served in your father's presence, so I will be in your presence. 20Then Absalom said to Ahithophel, Give your counsel what we shall do. 21And Ahithophel said to Absalom, Go in to your father's concubines, whom he has left to keep the house; and all Israel will hear that you are abhorred by your father: then the hands of all who are with you will be strong. 22So they spread Absalom a tent upon the top of the house; and Absalom went in to his father's concubines in the sight of all Israel. 23And the counsel of Ahithophel, which he gave in those days, was as if a man inquired at the oracle of God: so was all the counsel of Ahithophel both with David and with Absalom.

Chapter 17

1Moreover Ahithophel said to Absalom, Let me now choose out twelve thousand men, and I will arise and pursue after David this night: 2and I will come upon him while he is weary and weak-handed, and will make him afraid; and all the people who are with him shall flee; and I will strike the king only; 3and I will bring back all the people to you: the man whom you seek is as if all returned: so all the people shall be in peace. 4And the saying pleased Absalom well, and all the elders of Israel. 5Then Absalom said, Call now Hushai the Archite also, and let us hear likewise what he says. 6And when Hushai had come to Absalom, Absalom spoke to him, saying, Ahithophel has spoken after this manner: shall we do according to his saying? if not, you speak. 7And Hushai said to Absalom, The counsel that Ahithophel has given this time is not good. 8Hushai said moreover, You know your father and his men, that they are mighty men, and they are embittered in their minds, as a bear robbed of her cubs in the field; and your father is a man of war, and will not lodge with the people. 9Behold, he is hidden now in some pit, or in some other place: and it will happen, when some of them have fallen at the first, that whoever hears it will say, There is a slaughter among the people who follow Absalom. 10And even he who is valiant, whose heart is as the heart of a lion, will utterly melt; for all Israel knows that your father is a mighty man, and those who are with him are valiant men. 11But I counsel that all Israel be gathered together to you, from Dan even to Beer-sheba, as the sand that is by the sea for multitude; and that you go to battle in your own person. 12So we shall come upon him in some place where he shall be found, and we will light upon him as the dew falls on the ground; and of him and of all the men who are with him we will not leave so much as one. 13Moreover, if he has gone into a city, then all Israel shall bring ropes to that city, and we will draw it into the river, until not one small stone is found there. 14And Absalom and all the men of Israel said, The counsel of Hushai the Archite is better than the counsel of Ahithophel. For Yehovah had ordained to defeat the good counsel of Ahithophel, to the intent that Yehovah might bring evil upon Absalom. 15Then Hushai said to Zadok and to Abiathar the priests, Thus and thus Ahithophel counseled Absalom and the elders of Israel; and thus and thus I have counseled. 16Now therefore send quickly, and tell David, saying, Do not lodge this night at the fords of the wilderness, but by all means pass over; lest the king be swallowed up, and all the people who are with him. 17Now Jonathan and Ahimaaz were staying by En-rogel; and a maid-servant used to go and tell them; and they went and told king David: for they could not be seen to come into the city. 18But a lad saw them, and told Absalom: and they went both of them away quickly, and came to the house of a man in Bahurim, who had a well in his court; and they went down there. 19And the woman took and spread the covering over the well's mouth, and spread crushed grain on it; and nothing was known. 20And Absalom's servants came to the woman to the house; and they said, Where are Ahimaaz and Jonathan? And the woman said to them, They have gone over the brook of water. And when they had sought and could not find them, they returned to Jerusalem. 21And it happened, after they had departed, that they came up out of the well, and went and told king David; and they said to David, Arise, and pass quickly over the water; for thus has Ahithophel counseled against you. 22Then David arose, and all the people who were with him, and they passed over the Jordan: by the morning light not one of them was left who had not gone over the Jordan. 23And when Ahithophel saw that his counsel was not followed, he saddled his donkey, and arose, and went home, to his city, and set his house in order, and hanged himself; and he died, and was buried in the tomb of his father. 24Then David came to Mahanaim. And Absalom passed over the Jordan, he and all the men of Israel with him. 25And Absalom set Amasa over the host instead of

Joab. Now Amasa was the son of a man, whose name was Ithra the Israelite, who went in to Abigal the daughter of Nahash, sister to Zeruiah, Joab's mother. 26And Israel and Absalom encamped in the land of Gilead. 27And it happened, when David had come to Mahanaim, that Shobi the son of Nahash of Rabbah of the children of Ammon, and Machir the son of Ammiel of Lo-debar, and Barzillai the Gileadite of Rogelim, 28brought beds, and basins, and earthen vessels, and wheat, and barley, and meal, and parched grain, and beans, and lentils, and parched pulse, 29and honey, and butter, and sheep, and cheese of the herd, for David, and for the people who were with him, to eat: for they said, The people are hungry, and weary, and thirsty, in the wilderness.

Chapter 18

1And David numbered the people who were with him, and set captains of thousands and captains of hundreds over them. 2And David sent out the people, a third part under the hand of Joab, and a third part under the hand of Abishai the son of Zeruiah, Joab's brother, and a third part under the hand of Ittai the Gittite. And the king said to the people, I will surely go out with you myself also. 3But the people said, You shall not go out: for if we flee away, they will not care for us; nor if half of us die, will they care for us: but you are worth ten thousand of us; therefore now it is better that you be ready to help us from the city. 4And the king said to them, What seems best to you I will do. And the king stood by the gate-side, and all the people went out by hundreds and by thousands. 5And the king commanded Joab and Abishai and Ittai, saying, Deal gently for my sake with the young man, even with Absalom. And all the people heard when the king gave all the captains charge concerning Absalom. 6So the people went out into the field against Israel: and the battle was in the forest of Ephraim. 7And the people of Israel were struck down there before the servants of David, and there was a great slaughter there that day of twenty thousand men. 8For the battle was there spread over the face of all the country; and the forest devoured more people that day than the sword devoured. 9And Absalom happened to meet the servants of David. And Absalom was riding upon his mule, and the mule went under the thick boughs of a great oak, and his head caught hold of the oak, and he was taken up between heaven and earth; and the mule that was under him went on. 10And a certain man saw it, and told Joab, and said, Behold, I saw Absalom hanging in an oak. 11And Joab said to the man who told him, And, behold, you saw it, and why did you not strike him there to the ground? and I would have given you ten pieces of silver, and a belt. 12And the man said to Joab, Though I should receive a thousand pieces of silver in my hand, yet I would not put out my hand against the king's son: for in our hearing the king charged you and Abishai and Ittai, saying, Beware that no one touches the young man Absalom. 13Otherwise if I had dealt falsely against his life (and there is no matter hidden from the king), then you yourself would have set yourself against me. 14Then Joab said, I may not wait thus with you. And he took three darts in his hand, and thrust them through the heart of Absalom, while he was still alive in the midst of the oak. 15And ten young men who bore Joab's armor surrounded and struck Absalom, and slew him. 16And Joab blew the trumpet, and the people returned from pursuing after Israel; for Joab held back the people. 17And they took Absalom, and cast him into the great pit in the forest, and raised over him a very great heap of stones: and all Israel fled each one to his tent. 18Now Absalom in his lifetime had taken and set up for himself the pillar, which is in the king's valley; for he said, I have no son to keep my name in remembrance: and he called the pillar after his own name; and it is called Absalom's monument, to this day. 19Then Ahimaaz the son of Zadok said, Let me now run, and bear the king tidings, how Yehovah has avenged him of his enemies. 20And Joab said to him, You shall not be the bearer of tidings this day, but you shall bear tidings another day; but this day you shall bear no tidings, because the king's son is dead. 21Then Joab said to the Cushite, Go, tell the king what you have seen. And the Cushite bowed himself to Joab, and ran. 22Then Ahimaaz the son of Zadok said again to Joab, But come what may, please let me also run after the Cushite. And Joab said, Why will you run, my son, seeing that you will have no reward for the tidings? 23But come what may, said he, I will run. And he said to him, Run. Then Ahimaaz ran by the way of the Plain, and outran the Cushite. 24Now David was sitting between the two gates: and the watchman went up to the roof of the gate to the wall, and lifted up his eyes, and looked, and, behold, a man running alone. 25And the watchman cried, and told the king. And the king said, If he is alone, there are tidings in his mouth. And he came on quickly, and drew near. 26And the watchman saw another man running; and

the watchman called to the gatekeeper, and said, Behold, another man running alone. And the king said, He also brings tidings. 27And the watchman said, I think the running of the foremost is like the running of Ahimaaz the son of Zadok. And the king said, He is a good man, and comes with good tidings. 28And Ahimaaz called, and said to the king, All is well. And he bowed himself before the king with his face to the earth, and said, Blessed be Yehovah your God, who has delivered up the men who lifted up their hand against my lord the king. 29And the king said, Is it well with the young man Absalom? And Ahimaaz answered, When Joab sent the king's servant, even me your servant, I saw a great tumult, but I did not know what it was. 30And the king said, Turn aside, and stand here. And he turned aside, and stood still. 31And, behold, the Cushite came; and the Cushite said, Tidings for my lord the king; for Yehovah has avenged you this day of all those who rose up against you. 32And the king said to the Cushite, Is it well with the young man Absalom? And the Cushite answered, The enemies of my lord the king, and all who rise up against you to do you harm, may they be as that young man is. 33And the king was much moved, and went up to the chamber over the gate, and wept: and as he went, thus he said, O my son Absalom, my son, my son Absalom! would that I had died for you, O Absalom, my son, my son!

Chapter 19

1And it was told Joab, Behold, the king weeps and mourns for Absalom. 2And the victory that day was turned into mourning to all the people; for the people heard it said that day, The king grieves for his son. 3And the people went by stealth that day into the city, as people who are ashamed steal away when they flee in battle. 4And the king covered his face, and the king cried with a loud voice, O my son Absalom, O Absalom, my son, my son! 5And Joab came into the house to the king, and said, You have shamed this day the faces of all your servants, who this day have saved your life, and the lives of your sons and of your daughters, and the lives of your wives, and the lives of your concubines; 6in that you love those who hate you, and hate those who love you. For you have declared this day, that princes and servants are nothing to you: for this day I perceive, that if Absalom had lived, and all of us had died this day, then it would have pleased you well. 7Now therefore arise, go out, and speak kindly to your servants; for I swear by Yehovah, if you do not go out, not a man will stay with you this night: and that will be worse to you than all the evil that has befallen you from your youth until now. 8Then the king arose, and sat in the gate. And they told all the people, saying, Behold, the king is sitting in the gate: and all the people came before the king. Now Israel had fled each man to his tent. 9And all the people were at strife throughout all the tribes of Israel, saying, The king delivered us out of the hand of our enemies, and he saved us out of the hand of the Philistines; and now he has fled out of the land from Absalom. 10And Absalom, whom we anointed over us, is dead in battle. Now therefore why do you not speak a word of bringing the king back? 11And king David sent to Zadok and to Abiathar the priests, saying, Speak to the elders of Judah, saying, Why are you the last to bring the king back to his house? seeing the speech of all Israel has come to the king, to bring him to his house. 12You are my brothers, you are my bone and my flesh: why then are you the last to bring back the king? 13And say to Amasa, Are you not my bone and my flesh? God do so to me, and more also, if you are not captain of the host before me continually in place of Joab. 14And he bowed the heart of all the men of Judah, even as the heart of one man; so that they sent to the king, saying, Return, you and all your servants. 15So the king returned, and came to the Jordan. And Judah came to Gilgal, to go to meet the king, to bring the king over the Jordan. 16And Shimei the son of Gera, the Benjamite, who was of Bahurim, hurried and came down with the men of Judah to meet king David. 17And there were a thousand men of Benjamin with him, and Ziba the servant of the house of Saul, and his fifteen sons and his twenty servants with him; and they went through the Jordan in the presence of the king. 18And there went over a ferry-boat to bring over the king's household, and to do what he thought good. And Shimei the son of Gera fell down before the king, when he had come over the Jordan. 19And he said to the king, Do not let my lord impute iniquity to me, nor remember that which your servant did perversely the day that my lord the king went out of Jerusalem, that the king should take it to his heart. 20For your servant knows that I have sinned: therefore, behold, I have come this day the first of all the house of Joseph to go down to meet my lord the king. 21But Abishai the son of Zeruiah answered and said, Shall not Shimei be put to death for this, because he cursed Yehovah's anointed? 22And David said, What have I to do with you, you

sons of Zeruiah, that you should this day be adversaries to me? shall any man be put to death this day in Israel? for do I not know that I am this day king over Israel? 23And the king said to Shimei, You shall not die. And the king swore to him. 24And Mephibosheth the son of Saul came down to meet the king; and he had neither dressed his feet, nor trimmed his beard, nor washed his clothes, from the day the king departed until the day he came home in peace. 25And it happened, when he had come to Jerusalem to meet the king, that the king said to him, Why did you not go with me, Mephibosheth? 26And he answered, My lord, O king, my servant deceived me: for your servant said, I will saddle a donkey for myself, that I may ride on it, and go with the king; because your servant is lame. 27And he has slandered your servant to my lord the king; but my lord the king is as an angel of God: do therefore what is good in your eyes. 28For all my father's house were but dead men before my lord the king; yet you set your servant among those who ate at your own table. What right therefore do I still have that I should cry any more to the king? 29And the king said to him, Why do you speak any more of your matters? I say, You and Ziba divide the land. 30And Mephibosheth said to the king, Yes, let him take all, since my lord the king has come in peace to his own house. 31And Barzillai the Gileadite came down from Rogelim; and he went over the Jordan with the king, to conduct him over the Jordan. 32Now Barzillai was a very aged man, even eighty years old: and he had provided the king with sustenance while he lay at Mahanaim; for he was a very great man. 33And the king said to Barzillai, Come over with me, and I will sustain you with me in Jerusalem. 34And Barzillai said to the king, How many are the days of the years of my life, that I should go up with the king to Jerusalem? 35I am this day eighty years old: can I discern between good and bad? can your servant taste what I eat or what I drink? can I hear any more the voice of singing men and singing women? why then should your servant still be a burden to my lord the king? 36Your servant would but just go over the Jordan with the king: and why should the king recompense me with such a reward? 37Please let your servant turn back again, that I may die in my own city, by the grave of my father and my mother. But behold, your servant Chimham; let him go over with my lord the king; and do to him what shall seem good to you. 38And the king answered, Chimham shall go over with me, and I will do to him that which shall seem good to you: and whatever you shall require of me, that I will do for you. 39And all the people went over the Jordan, and the king went over: and the king kissed Barzillai, and blessed him; and he returned to his own place. 40So the king went over to Gilgal, and Chimham went over with him: and all the people of Judah brought the king over, and also half the people of Israel. 41And, behold, all the men of Israel came to the king, and said to the king, Why have our brothers the men of Judah stolen you away, and brought the king, and his household, over the Jordan, and all David's men with him? 42And all the men of Judah answered the men of Israel, Because the king is near of kin to us: why then are you angry for this matter? have we eaten at all at the king's cost? or has he given us any gift? 43And the men of Israel answered the men of Judah, and said, We have ten parts in the king, and we have also more right in David than you: why then did you despise us, that our advice should not be first had in bringing back our king? And the words of the men of Judah were fiercer than the words of the men of Israel.

Chapter 20

1And there happened to be there a worthless fellow, whose name was Sheba, the son of Bichri, a Benjamite: and he blew the trumpet, and said, We have no portion in David, nor have we inheritance in the son of Jesse: every man to his tents, O Israel. 2So all the men of Israel went up from following David, and followed Sheba the son of Bichri; but the men of Judah clung to their king, from the Jordan even to Jerusalem. 3And David came to his house at Jerusalem; and the king took the ten women his concubines, whom he had left to keep the house, and put them in custody, and provided them with sustenance, but did not go in to them. So they were shut up to the day of their death, living in widowhood. 4Then the king said to Amasa, Call me the men of Judah together within three days, and be here present. 5So Amasa went to call the men of Judah together; but he delayed longer than the set time which he had appointed him. 6And David said to Abishai, Now Sheba the son of Bichri will do us more harm than Absalom did: take your lord's servants, and pursue after him, lest he get fortified cities for himself, and escape out of our sight. 7And there went out after him Joab's men, and the Cherethites and the Pelethites, and all the mighty men; and they went out of Jerusalem, to pursue after Sheba the son of Bichri.

[8]When they were at the great stone which is in Gibeon, Amasa came to meet them. And Joab was girded with his apparel of war that he had put on, and on it was a belt with a sword fastened upon his loins in its sheath; and as he went out it fell out. [9]And Joab said to Amasa, Is it well with you, my brother? And Joab took Amasa by the beard with his right hand to kiss him. [10]But Amasa took no heed to the sword that was in Joab's hand: so he struck him with it in the body, and shed out his bowels to the ground, and did not strike him again; and he died. And Joab and Abishai his brother pursued after Sheba the son of Bichri. [11]And there stood by him one of Joab's young men, and said, He who favors Joab, and he who is for David, let him follow Joab. [12]And Amasa lay wallowing in his blood in the midst of the highway. And when the man saw that all the people stood still, he carried Amasa out of the highway into the field, and cast a garment over him, when he saw that everyone who came by him stood still. [13]When he had been removed out of the highway, all the people went on after Joab, to pursue after Sheba the son of Bichri. [14]And he went through all the tribes of Israel to Abel, and to Beth-maacah, and all the Berites: and they were gathered together, and went also after him. [15]And they came and besieged him in Abel of Beth-maacah, and they cast up a mound against the city, and it stood against the rampart; and all the people who were with Joab battered the wall, to throw it down. [16]Then a wise woman cried out of the city, Hear, hear; please say to Joab, Come near here, that I may speak with you. [17]And he came near to her; and the woman said, Are you Joab? And he answered, I am. Then she said to him, Hear the words of your handmaid. And he answered, I do hear. [18]Then she spoke, saying, They used to speak in old time, saying, They shall surely ask counsel at Abel: and so they ended the matter. [19]I am of those who are peaceable and faithful in Israel: you seek to destroy a city and a mother in Israel: why will you swallow up the inheritance of Yehovah? [20]And Joab answered and said, Far be it, far be it from me, that I should swallow up or destroy. [21]The matter is not so: but a man of the hill-country of Ephraim, Sheba the son of Bichri by name, has lifted up his hand against the king, even against David; deliver him only, and I will depart from the city. And the woman said to Joab, Behold, his head shall be thrown to you over the wall. [22]Then the woman went to all the people in her wisdom. And they cut off the head of Sheba the son of Bichri, and threw it out to Joab. And he blew the trumpet, and they were dispersed from the city, every man to his tent. And Joab returned to Jerusalem to the king. [23]Now Joab was over all the host of Israel; and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada was over the Cherethites and over the Pelethites; [24]and Adoram was over the men subject to taskwork; and Jehoshaphat the son of Ahilud was the recorder; [25]and Sheva was scribe; and Zadok and Abiathar were priests; [26]and also Ira the Jairite was chief minister to David.

Chapter 21

[1]And there was a famine in the days of David for three years, year after year; and David sought the face of Yehovah. And Yehovah said, It is for Saul, and for his bloody house, because he put to death the Gibeonites. [2]And the king called the Gibeonites, and said to them (now the Gibeonites were not of the children of Israel, but of the remnant of the Amorites; and the children of Israel had sworn to them: and Saul sought to slay them in his zeal for the children of Israel and Judah); [3]and David said to the Gibeonites, What shall I do for you? and with what shall I make atonement, that you may bless the inheritance of Yehovah? [4]And the Gibeonites said to him, It is no matter of silver or gold between us and Saul, or his house; nor is it for us to put any man to death in Israel. And he said, What you shall say, that I will do for you. [5]And they said to the king, The man who consumed us, and who devised against us, that we should be destroyed from remaining in any of the borders of Israel, [6]let seven men of his sons be delivered to us, and we will hang them up to Yehovah in Gibeah of Saul, the chosen of Yehovah. And the king said, I will give them. [7]But the king spared Mephibosheth, the son of Jonathan the son of Saul, because of Yehovah's oath that was between them, between David and Jonathan the son of Saul. [8]But the king took the two sons of Rizpah the daughter of Aiah, whom she bore to Saul, Armoni and Mephibosheth; and the five sons of Michal the daughter of Saul, whom she bore to Adriel the son of Barzillai the Meholathite: [9]and he delivered them into the hands of the Gibeonites, and they hanged them in the mountain before Yehovah, and they fell all seven together. And they were put to death in the days of harvest, in the first days, at the beginning of barley harvest. [10]And Rizpah the daughter of Aiah took sackcloth, and spread it for her upon the rock, from the beginning of harvest until water was

poured upon them from heaven; and she allowed neither the birds of the heavens to rest on them by day, nor the beasts of the field by night. 11And it was told David what Rizpah the daughter of Aiah, the concubine of Saul, had done. 12And David went and took the bones of Saul and the bones of Jonathan his son from the men of Jabesh-gilead, who had stolen them from the street of Beth-shan, where the Philistines had hanged them, in the day that the Philistines slew Saul in Gilboa; 13and he brought up from there the bones of Saul and the bones of Jonathan his son: and they gathered the bones of those who were hanged. 14And they buried the bones of Saul and Jonathan his son in the country of Benjamin in Zela, in the tomb of Kish his father: and they performed all that the king commanded. And after that God was entreated for the land. 15And the Philistines had war again with Israel; and David went down, and his servants with him, and fought against the Philistines. And David grew faint; 16and Ishbi-benob, who was of the sons of the giant, the weight of whose spear was three hundred shekels of bronze in weight, he being girded with a new sword, thought to have slain David. 17But Abishai the son of Zeruiah helped him, and struck the Philistine, and killed him. Then the men of David swore to him, saying, You shall go no more out with us to battle, that you may not quench the lamp of Israel. 18And it happened after this, that there was again war with the Philistines at Gob: then Sibbecai the Hushathite slew Saph, who was of the sons of the giant. 19And there was again war with the Philistines at Gob; and Elhanan the son of Jaare-oregim the Beth-lehemite slew Goliath the Gittite, the staff of whose spear was like a weaver's beam. 20And there was again war at Gath, where there was a man of great stature, who had on every hand six fingers, and on every foot six toes, twenty-four in number; and he also was born to the giant. 21And when he defied Israel, Jonathan the son of Shimei, David's brother, slew him. 22These four were born to the giant in Gath; and they fell by the hand of David, and by the hand of his servants.

Chapter 22

1And David spoke to Yehovah the words of this song in the day that Yehovah delivered him out of the hand of all his enemies, and out of the hand of Saul: 2and he said, Yehovah is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer, even my own; 3God, my rock, in him I will take refuge; My shield, and the horn of my salvation, my high tower, and my refuge; My savior, you save me from violence. 4I will call upon Yehovah, who is worthy to be praised: So shall I be saved from my enemies. 5For the waves of death surrounded me; The floods of ungodliness made me afraid: 6The cords of Sheol were around me; The snares of death came upon me. 7In my distress I called upon Yehovah; Yes, I called to my God: And he heard my voice out of his temple, And my cry came into his ears. 8Then the earth shook and trembled, The foundations of heaven quaked And were shaken, because he was angry. 9There went up a smoke out of his nostrils, And fire out of his mouth devoured: Coals were kindled by it. 10He bowed the heavens also, and came down; And thick darkness was under his feet. 11And he rode upon a cherub, and flew; Yes, he was seen upon the wings of the wind. 12And he made darkness pavilions around him, Gathering of waters, thick clouds of the skies. 13At the brightness before him Coals of fire were kindled. 14Yehovah thundered from heaven, And the Most High uttered his voice. 15And he sent out arrows, and scattered them; Lightning, and routed them. 16Then the channels of the sea appeared, The foundations of the world were laid bare, By the rebuke of Yehovah, At the blast of the breath of his nostrils. 17He sent from on high, he took me; He drew me out of many waters; 18He delivered me from my strong enemy, From those who hated me; for they were too mighty for me. 19They came upon me in the day of my calamity; But Yehovah was my stay. 20He brought me out also into a large place; He delivered me, because he delighted in me. 21Yehovah rewarded me according to my righteousness; According to the cleanness of my hands he has recompensed me. 22For I have kept the ways of Yehovah, And have not wickedly departed from my God. 23For all his ordinances were before me; And as for his statutes, I did not depart from them. 24I was also perfect toward him; And I kept myself from my iniquity. 25Therefore Yehovah has recompensed me according to my righteousness, According to my cleanness in his eyesight. 26With the merciful you will show yourself merciful; With the perfect man you will show yourself perfect; 27With the pure you will show yourself pure; And with the perverse you will show yourself crooked. 28And the afflicted people you will save; But your eyes are upon the haughty, that you may bring them down. 29For you are my lamp, O Yehovah; And Yehovah will lighten my darkness. 30For by you I run upon a troop; By my God I leap over a wall. 31As for God, his way is

perfect: The word of Yehovah is tried; He is a shield to all those who take refuge in him. 32For who is God, except Yehovah? And who is a rock, except our God? 33God is my strong fortress; And he guides the perfect in his way. 34He makes his feet like hinds' feet, And sets me upon my high places. 35He teaches my hands to war, So that my arms bend a bow of bronze. 36You have also given me the shield of your salvation; And your gentleness has made me great. 37You have enlarged my steps under me; And my feet have not slipped. 38I have pursued my enemies, and destroyed them; Nor did I turn again until they were consumed. 39And I have consumed them, and struck them through, so that they cannot arise: Yes, they have fallen under my feet. 40For you have girded me with strength to the battle; You have subdued under me those who rose up against me. 41You have also made my enemies turn their backs to me, That I might cut off those who hate me. 42They looked, but there was none to save; Even to Yehovah, but he did not answer them. 43Then I beat them fine as the dust of the earth, I crushed them as the mire of the streets, and spread them abroad. 44You also have delivered me from the strivings of my people; You have kept me to be the head of the nations: A people whom I have not known shall serve me. 45The foreigners shall submit themselves to me: As soon as they hear of me, they shall obey me. 46The foreigners shall fade away, And shall come trembling out of their strongholds. 47Yehovah lives; And blessed be my rock; And exalted be God, the rock of my salvation, 48Even the God who executes vengeance for me, And who brings down peoples under me, 49And who brings me out from my enemies: Yes, you lift me up above those who rise up against me; You deliver me from the violent man. 50Therefore I will give thanks to you, O Yehovah, among the nations, And will sing praises to your name. 51Great deliverance he gives to his king, And shows lovingkindness to his anointed, To David and to his seed, forevermore.

Chapter 23

1Now these are the last words of David. David the son of Jesse says, And the man who was raised on high says, The anointed of the God of Jacob, And the sweet psalmist of Israel: 2The Spirit of Yehovah spoke by me, And his word was upon my tongue. 3The God of Israel said, The Rock of Israel spoke to me: One who rules over men righteously, Who rules in the fear of God, 4He shall be as the light of the morning, when the sun rises, A morning without clouds, When the tender grass springs out of the earth, Through clear shining after rain. 5Truly my house is not so with God; Yet he has made with me an everlasting covenant, Ordered in all things, and sure: For it is all my salvation, and all my desire, Although he does not make it grow. 6But the ungodly shall be all of them as thorns to be thrust away, Because they cannot be taken with the hand; 7But the man who touches them Must be armed with iron and the staff of a spear: And they shall be utterly burned with fire in their place. 8These are the names of the mighty men whom David had: Josheb-basshebeth a Tahchemonite, chief of the captains; he was Adino the Eznite, against eight hundred slain at one time. 9And after him was Eleazar the son of Dodai the son of an Ahohite, one of the three mighty men with David, when they defied the Philistines who were gathered there together to battle, and the men of Israel had gone away. 10He arose, and struck the Philistines until his hand was weary, and his hand clung to the sword; and Yehovah brought about a great victory that day; and the people returned after him only to take spoil. 11And after him was Shammah the son of Agee a Hararite. And the Philistines were gathered together into a troop, where there was a plot of ground full of lentils; and the people fled from the Philistines. 12But he stood in the midst of the plot, and defended it, and slew the Philistines; and Yehovah brought about a great victory. 13And three of the thirty chief men went down, and came to David in the harvest time to the cave of Adullam; and the troop of the Philistines was encamped in the valley of Rephaim. 14And David was then in the stronghold; and the garrison of the Philistines was then in Beth-lehem. 15And David longed, and said, Oh that one would give me water to drink of the well of Beth-lehem, which is by the gate! 16And the three mighty men broke through the host of the Philistines, and drew water out of the well of Beth-lehem, that was by the gate, and took it, and brought it to David: but he would not drink of it, but poured it out to Yehovah. 17And he said, Far be it from me, O Yehovah, that I should do this: shall I drink the blood of the men who went in jeopardy of their lives? therefore he would not drink it. These things the three mighty men did. 18And Abishai, the brother of Joab, the son of Zeruiah, was chief of the three. And he lifted up his spear against three hundred and slew them, and had a name among the three. 19Was he not most honorable of the three? therefore he was made their captain: however he did not attain to the first

three. 20And Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, the son of a valiant man of Kabzeel, who had done mighty deeds, he slew the two sons of Ariel of Moab: he went down also and slew a lion in the midst of a pit in time of snow. 21And he slew an Egyptian, a handsome man: and the Egyptian had a spear in his hand; but he went down to him with a staff, and plucked the spear out of the Egyptian's hand, and slew him with his own spear. 22These things Benaiah the son of Jehoiada did, and had a name among the three mighty men. 23He was more honorable than the thirty, but he did not attain to the first three. And David set him over his guard. 24Asahel the brother of Joab was one of the thirty; Elhanan the son of Dodo of Beth-lehem, 25Shammah the Harodite, Elika the Harodite, 26Helez the Paltite, Ira the son of Ikkesh the Tekoite, 27Abiezer the Anathothite, Mebunnai the Hushathite, 28Zalmon the Ahohite, Maharai the Netophathite, 29Heleb the son of Baanah the Netophathite, Ittai the son of Ribai of Gibeah of the children of Benjamin, 30Benaiah a Pirathonite, Hiddai of the brooks of Gaash. 31Abi-albon the Arbathite, Azmaveth the Barhumite, 32Eliahba the Shaalbonite, the sons of Jashen, Jonathan, 33Shammah the Hararite, Ahiam the son of Sharar the Ararite, 34Eliphelet the son of Ahasbai, the son of the Maacathite, Eliam the son of Ahithophel the Gilonite, 35Hezro the Carmelite, Paarai the Arbite, 36Igal the son of Nathan of Zobah, Bani the Gadite, 37Zelek the Ammonite, Naharai the Beerothite, armorbearers to Joab the son of Zeruiah, 38Ira the Ithrite, Gareb the Ithrite, 39Uriah the Hittite: thirty-seven in all.

Chapter 24

1And again the anger of Yehovah was kindled against Israel, and he moved David against them, saying, Go, number Israel and Judah. 2And the king said to Joab the captain of the host, who was with him, Go now to and fro through all the tribes of Israel, from Dan even to Beer-sheba, and number the people, that I may know the sum of the people. 3And Joab said to the king, Now may Yehovah your God add to the people, however many they may be, a hundredfold; and may the eyes of my lord the king see it: but why does my lord the king delight in this thing? 4Nevertheless, the king's word prevailed against Joab, and against the captains of the host. And Joab and the captains of the host went out from the presence of the king, to number the people of Israel. 5And they passed over the Jordan, and encamped in Aroer, on the right side of the city that is in the middle of the valley of Gad, and to Jazer: 6then they came to Gilead, and to the land of Tahtim-hodshi; and they came to Dan-jaan, and around to Sidon, 7and came to the stronghold of Tyre, and to all the cities of the Hivites, and of the Canaanites; and they went out to the south of Judah, at Beer-sheba. 8So when they had gone to and fro through all the land, they came to Jerusalem at the end of nine months and twenty days. 9And Joab gave up the sum of the numbering of the people to the king: and there were in Israel eight hundred thousand valiant men who drew the sword; and the men of Judah were five hundred thousand men. 10And David's heart struck him after he had numbered the people. And David said to Yehovah, I have sinned greatly in that which I have done: but now, O Yehovah, put away, I beg you, the iniquity of your servant; for I have done very foolishly. 11And when David rose up in the morning, the word of Yehovah came to the prophet Gad, David's seer, saying, 12Go and speak to David, Thus says Yehovah, I offer you three things: choose one of them, that I may do it to you. 13So Gad came to David, and told him, and said to him, Shall seven years of famine come to you in your land? or will you flee three months before your foes while they pursue you? or shall there be three days' pestilence in your land? now take counsel, and consider what answer I shall return to him who sent me. 14And David said to Gad, I am in great distress: let us fall now into the hand of Yehovah; for his mercies are great; and let me not fall into the hand of man. 15So Yehovah sent a pestilence upon Israel from the morning even to the time appointed; and there died of the people from Dan even to Beer-sheba seventy thousand men. 16And when the angel stretched out his hand toward Jerusalem to destroy it, Yehovah repented of the evil, and said to the angel who destroyed the people, It is enough; now stay your hand. And the angel of Yehovah was by the threshing-floor of Araunah the Jebusite. 17And David spoke to Yehovah when he saw the angel who struck the people, and said, Look, I have sinned, and I have done perversely; but these sheep, what have they done? please let your hand be against me, and against my father's house. 18And Gad came that day to David, and said to him, Go up, erect an altar to Yehovah in the threshing-floor of Araunah the Jebusite. 19And David went up according to the saying of Gad, as Yehovah commanded. 20And Araunah looked out, and saw the king and his servants coming on toward him: and Araunah went

out, and bowed himself before the king with his face to the ground. 21 And Araunah said, Why has my lord the king come to his servant? And David said, To buy the threshing-floor from you, to build an altar to Yehovah, that the plague may be averted from the people. 22 And Araunah said to David, Let my lord the king take and offer up what seems good to him: behold, the oxen for the burnt-offering, and the threshing instruments and the yokes of the oxen for the wood: 23 all this, O king, does Araunah give to the king. And Araunah said to the king, May Yehovah your God accept you. 24 And the king said to Araunah, No; but I will truly buy it from you at a price; nor will I offer burnt-offerings to Yehovah my God which cost me nothing. So David bought the threshing-floor and the oxen for fifty shekels of silver. 25 And David built there an altar to Yehovah, and offered burnt-offerings and peace-offerings. So Yehovah was entreated for the land, and the plague was averted from Israel.

1 Kings

Chapter 1

1 Now king David was old and advanced in years; and
they covered him with clothes, but he could not get
warm. 2 Therefore his servants said to him, Let there
be sought for my lord the king a young virgin: and let
her stand before the king, and care for him; and let
her lie in your bosom, that my lord the king may get
warm. 3 So they sought for a beautiful young woman
throughout all the territory of Israel, and found
Abishag the Shunammite, and brought her to the
king. 4 And the young woman was very beautiful; and
she cared for the king, and ministered to him; but the
king did not know her. 5 Then Adonijah the son of
Haggith exalted himself, saying, I will be king: and
he prepared for himself chariots and horsemen, and
fifty men to run before him. 6 And his father had
never displeased him at any time by saying, Why
have you done so? and he was also a very handsome
man; and he was born after Absalom. 7 And he
conferred with Joab the son of Zeruiah, and with
Abiathar the priest: and they following Adonijah
helped him. 8 But Zadok the priest, and Benaiah the
son of Jehoiada, and Nathan the prophet, and
Shimei, and Rei, and the mighty men who belonged
to David, were not with Adonijah. 9 And Adonijah
sacrificed sheep and oxen and fatlings by the stone of
Zoheleth, which is beside En-rogel; and he called all
his brothers, the king's sons, and all the men of
Judah, the king's servants: 10 but Nathan the prophet,
and Benaiah, and the mighty men, and Solomon his
brother, he did not call. 11 Then Nathan spoke to Bath-
sheba the mother of Solomon, saying, Have you not
heard that Adonijah the son of Haggith has become
king, and David our lord does not know it? 12 Now
therefore come, let me, please, give you counsel, that
you may save your own life, and the life of your son
Solomon. 13 Go in to king David, and say to him, Did
you not, my lord, O king, swear to your handmaid,
saying, Assuredly Solomon your son shall reign after
me, and he shall sit upon my throne? why then does
Adonijah reign? 14 Behold, while you are still talking
there with the king, I also will come in after you, and
confirm your words. 15 And Bath-sheba went in to the
king into the chamber: and the king was very old;
and Abishag the Shunammite was ministering to the
king. 16 And Bath-sheba bowed, and paid homage to
the king. And the king said, What do you want? 17 And
she said to him, My lord, you swore by Yehovah your
God to your handmaid, saying, Assuredly Solomon
your son shall reign after me, and he shall sit upon
my throne. 18 And now, behold, Adonijah reigns; and
you, my lord the king, do not know it: 19 and he has
sacrificed oxen and fatlings and sheep in abundance,
and has called all the sons of the king, and Abiathar
the priest, and Joab the commander of the army; but
Solomon your servant he has not called. 20 And you,
my lord the king, the eyes of all Israel are upon you,
that you should tell them who shall sit on the throne
of my lord the king after him. 21 Otherwise it will
happen, when my lord the king sleeps with his
fathers, that I and my son Solomon shall be counted
offenders. 22 And, behold, while she was still talking
with the king, Nathan the prophet came in. 23 And
they told the king, saying, Behold, Nathan the
prophet. And when he had come in before the king,
he bowed himself before the king with his face to the
ground. 24 And Nathan said, My lord, O king, have you
said, Adonijah shall reign after me, and he shall sit
upon my throne? 25 For he has gone down this day,
and has sacrificed oxen and fatlings and sheep in
abundance, and has called all the king's sons, and the
commanders of the army, and Abiathar the priest;
and, behold, they are eating and drinking before
him, and say, Long live king Adonijah. 26 But me, even
me your servant, and Zadok the priest, and Benaiah
the son of Jehoiada, and your servant Solomon, he
has not called. 27 Has this thing been done by my lord
the king, and you have not shown your servants who
should sit on the throne of my lord the king after
him? 28 Then king David answered and said, Call to
me Bath-sheba. And she came into the king's
presence, and stood before the king. 29 And the king
swore, and said, As Yehovah lives, who has redeemed
my soul out of all adversity, 30 truly as I swore to you
by Yehovah, the God of Israel, saying, Assuredly
Solomon your son shall reign after me, and he shall
sit upon my throne in my place; truly so will I do this
day. 31 Then Bath-sheba bowed with her face to the
earth, and paid homage to the king, and said, Let my
lord king David live forever. 32 And king David said,
Call to me Zadok the priest, and Nathan the prophet,
and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada. And they came
before the king. 33 And the king said to them, Take
with you the servants of your lord, and cause
Solomon my son to ride upon my own mule, and

bring him down to Gihon: 34and let Zadok the priest and Nathan the prophet anoint him there king over Israel; and blow the trumpet, and say, Long live king Solomon. 35Then you shall come up after him, and he shall come and sit upon my throne; for he shall be king in my place; and I have appointed him to be prince over Israel and over Judah. 36And Benaiah the son of Jehoiada answered the king, and said, Amen: Yehovah, the God of my lord the king, say so too. 37As Yehovah has been with my lord the king, even so may he be with Solomon, and make his throne greater than the throne of my lord king David. 38So 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. 39And Zadok the priest took the horn of oil out of the Tent, and anointed Solomon. And they blew the trumpet; and all the people said, Long live king Solomon. 40And all the people came up after him, and the people played on pipes, and rejoiced with great joy, so that the earth split with the sound of them. 41And Adonijah and all the guests who were with him heard it as they had finished eating. And when Joab heard the sound of the trumpet, he said, Why is this noise of the city in an uproar? 42While he was still speaking, behold, Jonathan the son of Abiathar the priest came: and Adonijah said, Come in; for you are a worthy man, and bring good news. 43And Jonathan answered and said to Adonijah, Truly our lord king David has made Solomon king: 44and the king has sent with him Zadok the priest, and Nathan the prophet, and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, and the Cherethites and the Pelethites; and they have caused him to ride upon the king's mule; 45and Zadok the priest and Nathan the prophet have anointed him king in Gihon; and they have come up from there rejoicing, so that the city rang again. This is the noise that you have heard. 46And also Solomon sits on the throne of the kingdom. 47And moreover the king's servants came to bless our lord king David, saying, May your God make the name of Solomon better than your name, and make his throne greater than your throne: and the king bowed himself upon the bed. 48And also the king said this, Blessed be Yehovah, the God of Israel, who has given one to sit on my throne this day, my eyes even seeing it. 49And all the guests of Adonijah were afraid, and rose up, and went every man his way. 50And Adonijah feared because of Solomon; and he arose, and went, and took hold of the horns of the altar. 51And it was told Solomon, saying, Behold, Adonijah fears king Solomon; for, behold, he has taken hold of the horns of the altar, saying, Let king Solomon swear to me first that he will not kill his servant with the sword. 52And Solomon said, If he shows himself a worthy man, not a hair of him shall fall to the earth; but if wickedness is found in him, he shall die. 53So king Solomon sent, and they brought him down from the altar. And he came and paid homage to king Solomon; and Solomon said to him, Go to your house.

Chapter 2

1Now the days of David drew near that he should die; and he charged Solomon his son, saying, 2I am going the way of all the earth: be strong therefore, and show yourself a man; 3and keep the charge of Yehovah your God, to walk in his ways, to keep his statutes, and his commandments, and his ordinances, and his testimonies, according to what is written in the law of Moses, that you may prosper in all that you do, and wherever you turn yourself; 4that Yehovah may establish his word which he spoke concerning me, saying, If your children take heed to their way, to walk before me in truth with all their heart and with all their soul, you shall not lack (he said) a man on the throne of Israel. 5Moreover you know also what Joab the son of Zeruiah did to me, even what he did to the two commanders of the armies of Israel, to Abner the son of Ner, and to Amasa the son of Jether, whom he killed, and shed the blood of war in peace, and put the blood of war upon his belt that was around his waist, and in his sandals that were on his feet. 6Do therefore according to your wisdom, and do not let his gray head go down to Sheol in peace. 7But show kindness to the sons of Barzillai the Gileadite, and let them be among those who eat at your table; for so they came to me when I fled from Absalom your brother. 8And, behold, there is with you 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 the Jordan, and I swore to him by Yehovah, saying, I will not put you to death with the sword. 9Now therefore do not hold him guiltless, for you are a wise man; and you will know what you ought to do to him, and you shall bring his gray head down to Sheol with blood. 10And David slept with his fathers, and was buried in the city of David. 11And the days that David reigned over Israel were forty years:

seven years he reigned in Hebron, and thirty-three years he reigned in Jerusalem. 12And Solomon sat upon the throne of David his father; and his kingdom was established greatly. 13Then Adonijah the son of Haggith came to Bath-sheba the mother of Solomon. And she said, Do you come peaceably? And he said, Peaceably. 14He said moreover, I have something to say to you. And she said, Speak. 15And he said, You know that the kingdom was mine, and that all Israel set their faces on me, that I should reign: however, the kingdom has turned about, and has become my brother's; for it was his from Yehovah. 16And now I ask one request of you; do not refuse me. And she said to him, Speak. 17And he said, Speak, please, to Solomon the king (for he will not refuse you), that he give me Abishag the Shunammite as wife. 18And Bath-sheba said, Well; I will speak for you to the king. 19Bath-sheba therefore went to king Solomon, to speak to him for Adonijah. And the king rose up to meet her, and bowed himself to her, and sat down on his throne, and caused a throne to be set for the king's mother; and she sat on his right hand. 20Then she said, I ask one small request of you; do not refuse me. And the king said to her, Ask, my mother; for I will not refuse you. 21And she said, Let Abishag the Shunammite be given to Adonijah your brother as wife. 22And king Solomon answered and said to his mother, And why do you ask Abishag the Shunammite for Adonijah? ask for him the kingdom also; for he is my older brother; even for him, and for Abiathar the priest, and for Joab the son of Zeruiah. 23Then king Solomon swore by Yehovah, saying, May God do so to me, and more also, if Adonijah has not spoken this word against his own life. 24Now therefore as Yehovah lives, who has established me, and set me on the throne of David my father, and who has made me a house, as he promised, surely Adonijah shall be put to death this day. 25And king Solomon sent by Benaiah the son of Jehoiada; and he fell upon him, so that he died. 26And to Abiathar the priest the king said, Go to Anathoth, to your own fields; for you are worthy of death: but I will not at this time put you to death, because you carried the ark of the Lord Yehovah before David my father, and because you were afflicted in all in which my father was afflicted. 27So Solomon thrust out Abiathar from being priest to Yehovah, that he might fulfill the word of Yehovah, which he spoke concerning the house of Eli in Shiloh. 28And the news came to Joab; for Joab had turned after Adonijah, though he had not turned after Absalom. And Joab fled to the Tent of Yehovah, and took hold of the horns of the altar. 29And it was told king Solomon, Joab has fled to the Tent of Yehovah, and, behold, he is by the altar. Then Solomon sent Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, saying, Go, fall upon him. 30And Benaiah came to the Tent of Yehovah, and said to him, Thus says the king, Come out. And he said, No; but I will die here. And Benaiah brought the king word again, saying, Thus said Joab, and thus he answered me. 31And the king said to him, Do as he has said, and fall upon him, and bury him; that you may take away the blood, which Joab shed without cause, from me and from my father's house. 32And Yehovah will return his blood upon his own head, because he fell upon two men more righteous and better than he, and killed them with the sword, and my father David did not know it, namely, Abner the son of Ner, commander of the army of Israel, and Amasa the son of Jether, commander of the army of Judah. 33So shall their blood return upon the head of Joab, and upon the head of his seed forever: but to David, and to his seed, and to his house, and to his throne, there shall be peace forever from Yehovah. 34Then Benaiah the son of Jehoiada went up, and fell upon him, and killed him; and he was buried in his own house in the wilderness. 35And the king put Benaiah the son of Jehoiada in his place over the army; and Zadok the priest the king put in the place of Abiathar. 36And the king sent and called for Shimei, and said to him, Build yourself a house in Jerusalem, and dwell there, and do not go out from there anywhere. 37For on the day you go out, and cross over the brook Kidron, know for certain that you shall surely die: your blood shall be upon your own head. 38And Shimei said to the king, The saying is good: as my lord the king has said, so will your servant do. And Shimei dwelt in Jerusalem many days. 39And it happened at the end of three years, that two of the servants of Shimei ran away to Achish, son of Maacah, king of Gath. And they told Shimei, saying, Behold, your servants are in Gath. 40And Shimei arose, and saddled his donkey, and went to Gath to Achish, to seek his servants; and Shimei went, and brought his servants from Gath. 41And it was told Solomon that Shimei had gone from Jerusalem to Gath, and had come back. 42And the king sent and called for Shimei, and said to him, Did I not make you swear by Yehovah, and solemnly warn you, saying, Know for certain, that on the day you go out, and walk abroad anywhere, you shall surely die?

and you said to me, The saying that I have heard is good. 43Why then have you not kept the oath of Yehovah, and the commandment that I have charged you with? 44The king said moreover to Shimei, You know all the wickedness which your heart is aware of, that you did to David my father: therefore Yehovah shall return your wickedness upon your own head. 45But king Solomon shall be blessed, and the throne of David shall be established before Yehovah forever. 46So the king commanded Benaiah the son of Jehoiada; and he went out, and fell upon him, so that he died. And the kingdom was established in the hand of Solomon.

Chapter 3

1And Solomon made a marriage alliance with Pharaoh king of Egypt, and took Pharaoh's daughter, and brought her into the city of David, until he had finished building his own house, and the house of Yehovah, and the wall around Jerusalem. 2Only the people sacrificed in the high places, because there was no house built for the name of Yehovah until those days. 3And Solomon loved Yehovah, walking in the statutes of David his father: only he sacrificed and burned incense in the high places. 4And the king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there; for that was the great high place: Solomon offered a thousand burnt offerings upon that altar. 5In Gibeon Yehovah appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, Ask what I shall give you. 6And Solomon said, You have shown to your servant David my father great lovingkindness, because he walked before you in truth, and in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart with you; and you have kept for him this great lovingkindness, that you have given him a son to sit on his throne, as it is this day. 7And now, O Yehovah my God, you have made your servant king instead of David my father: and I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. 8And your servant is in the midst of your people whom you have chosen, a great people, who cannot be numbered nor counted for multitude. 9Give your servant therefore an understanding heart to judge your people, that I may discern between good and evil; for who is able to judge this your great people? 10And the speech pleased the Lord, that Solomon had asked this thing. 11And God said to him, Because you have asked this thing, and have not asked for yourself long life, nor have asked riches for yourself, nor have asked the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern justice; 12behold, I have done according to your word: behold, I have given you a wise and an understanding heart; so that there has been none like you before you, nor shall any arise like you after you. 13And I have also given you what you have not asked, both riches and honor, so that there shall not be any among the kings like you, all your days. 14And if you will walk in my ways, to keep my statutes and my commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your days. 15And Solomon awoke; and, behold, it was a dream: and he came to Jerusalem, and stood before the ark of the covenant of Yehovah, and offered up burnt offerings, and offered peace offerings, and made a feast for all his servants. 16Then two women who were prostitutes came to the king, and stood before him. 17And the one woman said, Oh, my lord, I and this woman dwell in one house; and I gave birth to a child with her in the house. 18And it happened the third day after I gave birth, that this woman gave birth also; and we were together; there was no stranger with us in the house, except we two in the house. 19And this woman's child died in the night, because she lay upon it. 20And she arose at midnight, and took my son from beside me, while your handmaid slept, and laid him in her bosom, and laid her dead child in my bosom. 21And when I rose in the morning to nurse my child, behold, he was dead; but when I had looked at him closely in the morning, behold, it was not my son, whom I had borne. 22And the other woman said, No; but the living one is my son, and the dead one is your son. And this one said, No; but the dead one is your son, and the living one is my son. Thus they spoke before the king. 23Then the king said, The one says, This is my son who lives, and your son is the dead one: and the other says, No; but your son is the dead one, and my son is the living one. 24And the king said, Bring me a sword. And they brought a sword before the king. 25And the king said, Divide the living child in two, and give half to the one, and half to the other. 26Then the woman whose the living child was spoke to the king, for her heart yearned over her son, and she said, Oh, my lord, give her the living child, and by no means kill it. But the other said, It shall be neither mine nor yours; divide it. 27Then the king answered and said, Give her the living child, and by no means kill it: she is its mother. 28And 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 justice.

Chapter 4

[1]And king Solomon was king over all Israel. [2]And these were the princes whom he had: Azariah the son of Zadok, the priest; [3]Elihoreph and Ahijah, the sons of Shisha, scribes; Jehoshaphat the son of Ahilud, the recorder; [4]and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada was over the army; and Zadok and Abiathar were priests; [5]and Azariah the son of Nathan was over the officers; and Zabud the son of Nathan was chief minister, and the king's friend; [6]and Ahishar was over the household; and Adoniram the son of Abda was over the men subject to forced labor. [7]And Solomon had twelve officers over all Israel, who provided food for the king and his household: each man had to make provision for a month in the year. [8]And these are their names: Ben-hur, in the hill country of Ephraim; [9]Ben-deker, in Makaz, and in Shaalbim, and Beth-shemesh, and Elon-beth-hanan; [10]Ben-hesed, in Arubboth (to him belonged Socoh, and all the land of Hepher); [11]Ben-abinadab, in all the height of Dor (he had Taphath the daughter of Solomon as wife); [12]Baana the son of Ahilud, in Taanach and Megiddo, and all Beth-shean which is beside Zarethan, beneath Jezreel, from Beth-shean to Abel-meholah, as far as beyond Jokmeam; [13]Ben-geber, in Ramoth-gilead (to him belonged the towns of Jair the son of Manasseh, which are in Gilead; even to him belonged the region of Argob, which is in Bashan, sixty great cities with walls and bronze bars); [14]Ahinadab the son of Iddo, in Mahanaim; [15]Ahimaaz, in Naphtali (he also took Basemath the daughter of Solomon as wife); [16]Baana the son of Hushai, in Asher and Bealoth; [17]Jehoshaphat the son of Paruah, in Issachar; [18]Shimei the son of Ela, in Benjamin; [19]Geber the son of Uri, in the land of Gilead, the country of Sihon king of the Amorites and of Og king of Bashan; and he was the only officer who was in the land. [20]Judah and Israel were many as the sand which is by the sea in multitude, eating and drinking and making merry. [21]And Solomon ruled over all the kingdoms from the River to the land of the Philistines, and to the border of Egypt: they brought tribute, and served Solomon all the days of his life. [22]And Solomon's provision for one day was thirty measures of fine flour, and sixty measures of meal, [23]ten fat oxen, and twenty oxen out of the pastures, and a hundred sheep, besides deer, and gazelles, and roebucks, and fattened fowl. [24]For he had dominion over all the region on this side of the River, from Tiphsah even to Gaza, over all the kings on this side of the River: and he had peace on all sides around him. [25]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 of Solomon. [26]And Solomon had forty thousand stalls of horses for his chariots, and twelve thousand horsemen. [27]And those officers provided food for king Solomon, and for all who came to king Solomon's table, every man in his month; they let nothing be lacking. [28]They also brought barley and straw for the horses and swift steeds to the place where the officers were, every man according to his charge. [29]And God gave Solomon wisdom and understanding exceedingly great, and breadth of mind, even as the sand that is on the seashore. [30]And Solomon's wisdom excelled the wisdom of all the children of the east, and all the wisdom of Egypt. [31]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 in all the surrounding nations. [32]And he spoke three thousand proverbs; and his songs were a thousand and five. [33]And he spoke of trees, from the cedar that is in Lebanon even to the hyssop that springs out of the wall; he spoke also of beasts, and of birds, and of creeping things, and of fishes. [34]And there came people from all peoples to hear the wisdom of Solomon, from all kings of the earth, who had heard of his wisdom.

Chapter 5

[1]And Hiram king of Tyre sent his servants to Solomon; for he had heard that they had anointed him king in place of his father: for Hiram had always been a lover of David. [2]And Solomon sent to Hiram, saying, [3]You know that David my father could not build a house for the name of Yehovah his God because of the wars which were around him on every side, until Yehovah put them under the soles of his feet. [4]But now Yehovah my God has given me rest on every side; there is neither adversary, nor misfortune. [5]And, behold, I intend to build a house for the name of Yehovah my God, as Yehovah spoke to David my father, saying, Your son, whom I will set upon your throne in your place, he shall build the house for my name. [6]Now therefore command that they cut cedar trees for me out of Lebanon; and my servants shall be with your servants; and I will pay you wages for your servants according to all that you shall say: for you know that there is not among us anyone who knows how to cut timber like the Sidonians. [7]And it happened, when Hiram heard the

words of Solomon, that he rejoiced greatly, and said, Blessed be Yehovah this day, who has given to David a wise son over this great people. 8And Hiram sent to Solomon, saying, I have heard the message which you have sent to me: I will do all your desire concerning timber of cedar, and concerning timber of fir. 9My servants shall bring them down from Lebanon to the sea; and I will make them into rafts to go by sea to the place that you shall appoint for me, and will cause them to be broken up there, and you shall receive them; and you shall accomplish my desire, in giving food for my household. 10So Hiram gave Solomon timber of cedar and timber of fir according to all his desire. 11And Solomon gave Hiram twenty thousand measures of wheat for food for his household, and twenty measures of pure oil: thus Solomon gave to Hiram year by year. 12And Yehovah gave Solomon wisdom, as he promised him; and there was peace between Hiram and Solomon; and the two of them made a treaty together. 13And king Solomon raised a forced levy out of all Israel; and the levy was thirty thousand men. 14And he sent them to Lebanon, ten thousand a month in shifts; a month they were in Lebanon, and two months at home: and Adoniram was over the men subject to forced labor. 15And Solomon had seventy thousand who carried burdens, and eighty thousand who were stonecutters in the mountains; 16besides Solomon's chief officers who were over the work, three thousand three hundred, who ruled over the people who labored in the work. 17And the king commanded, and they quarried great stones, costly stones, to lay the foundation of the house with dressed stone. 18And Solomon's builders and Hiram's builders and the Gebalites shaped them, and prepared the timber and the stones to build the house.

Chapter 6

1And it happened in the four hundred and eightieth year after the children of Israel had come out of the land of Egypt, in the fourth year of Solomon's reign over Israel, in the month Ziv, which is the second month, that he began to build the house of Yehovah. 2And the house which king Solomon built for Yehovah, its length was sixty cubits, and its breadth twenty cubits, and its height thirty cubits. 3And the porch before the temple of the house, twenty cubits was its length, according to the breadth of the house; and ten cubits was its breadth before the house. 4And for the house he made windows of fixed latticework. 5And against the wall of the house he built stories all around, against the walls of the house all around, both of the temple and of the inner sanctuary; and he made side chambers all around. 6The lowest 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 offsets in the wall of the house all around, that the beams should not be inserted into the walls of the house. 7And the house, when it was being built, was built of stone prepared at the quarry; and there was neither hammer nor axe nor any tool of iron heard in the house, while it was being built. 8The door for the middle side chambers was on the right side of the house: and they went up by winding stairs into the middle story, and out of the middle into the third. 9So he built the house, and finished it; and he covered the house with beams and planks of cedar. 10And he built the stories against all the house, each five cubits high: and they rested on the house with timber of cedar. 11And the word of Yehovah came to Solomon, saying, 12Concerning this house which you are building, if you will walk in my statutes, and execute my ordinances, and keep all my commandments to walk in them; then I will establish my word with you, which I spoke to David your father. 13And I will dwell among the children of Israel, and will not forsake my people Israel. 14So Solomon built the house, and finished it. 15And he built the walls of the house on the inside with boards of cedar: from the floor of the house to the walls of the ceiling, he covered them on the inside with wood; and he covered the floor of the house with boards of cypress. 16And he built twenty cubits on the rear part of the house with boards of cedar from the floor to the walls of the ceiling: he built them for it inside, for an inner sanctuary, even for the most holy place. 17And the house, that is, the temple before the inner sanctuary, was forty cubits long. 18And there was cedar on the house inside, carved with gourds and open flowers: all was cedar; there was no stone seen. 19And he prepared an inner sanctuary in the midst of the house inside, to set there the ark of the covenant of Yehovah. 20And within the inner sanctuary was a space of twenty cubits in length, and twenty cubits in breadth, and twenty cubits in height; and he overlaid it with pure gold: and he covered the altar with cedar. 21So Solomon overlaid the house inside with pure gold: and he drew chains of gold across before the inner sanctuary; and he overlaid it with gold. 22And the whole house he overlaid with gold, until all the house was finished: also the whole altar that

belonged to the inner sanctuary he overlaid with gold. 23And in the inner sanctuary he made two cherubim of olive wood, each ten cubits high. 24And five cubits was the one wing of the cherub, and five cubits the other wing of the cherub: from the uttermost part of the one wing to the uttermost part of the other were ten cubits. 25And the other cherub was ten cubits: both the cherubim were of one measure and one form. 26The height of the one cherub was ten cubits, and so was that of the other cherub. 27And he set the cherubim within the inner house; and the wings of the cherubim were stretched out, so that the wing of the one touched the one wall, and the wing of the other cherub touched the other wall; and their wings touched one another in the middle of the house. 28And he overlaid the cherubim with gold. 29And he carved all the walls of the house all around with carved figures of cherubim and palm trees and open flowers, inside and outside. 30And the floor of the house he overlaid with gold, inside and outside. 31And for the entrance of the inner sanctuary he made doors of olive wood: the lintel and doorposts were a fifth part of the wall. 32So 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. 33So also he made for the entrance of the temple doorposts of olive wood, out of a fourth part of the wall; 34and two doors of cypress wood: the two leaves of the one door were folding, and the two leaves of the other door were folding. 35And he carved on them cherubim and palm trees and open flowers; and he overlaid them with gold fitted upon the carved work. 36And he built the inner court with three courses of cut stone, and a course of cedar beams. 37In the fourth year the foundation of the house of Yehovah was laid, in the month Ziv. 38And in the eleventh year, in the month Bul, which is the eighth month, the house was finished throughout all its parts, and according to all its design. So he was seven years in building it.

Chapter 7

1And Solomon was building his own house thirteen years, and he finished all his house. 2For he built the house of the forest of Lebanon; its length was a hundred cubits, and its breadth fifty cubits, and its height thirty cubits, upon four rows of cedar pillars, with cedar beams upon the pillars. 3And it was covered with cedar above over the forty-five beams, that were upon the pillars; fifteen in a row. 4And there were beams in three rows, and window was opposite window in three tiers. 5And all the doors and posts were made square with beams: and window was opposite window in three tiers. 6And he made the porch of pillars; its length was fifty cubits, and its breadth thirty cubits; and a porch before them; and pillars and a canopy before them. 7And he made the porch of the throne where he was to judge, even the porch of judgment: and it was covered with cedar from floor to floor. 8And his house where he was to dwell, the other court inside the porch, was of the same work. He made also a house for Pharaoh's daughter (whom Solomon had taken as wife), like this porch. 9All these were of costly stones, even of cut stone, according to measure, sawed with saws, inside and outside, even from the foundation to the coping, and so on the outside to the great court. 10And the foundation was of costly stones, even great stones, stones of ten cubits, and stones of eight cubits. 11And above were costly stones, even cut stone, according to measure, and cedar wood. 12And the great court all around had three courses of cut stone, and a course of cedar beams; just as the inner court of the house of Yehovah, and the porch of the house. 13And king Solomon sent and brought Hiram out of Tyre. 14He was the son of a widow of the tribe of Naphtali, and his father was a man of Tyre, a worker in bronze; and he was filled with wisdom and understanding and skill, to do all work in bronze. And he came to king Solomon, and did all his work. 15For he cast the two pillars of bronze, eighteen cubits high each: and a line of twelve cubits measured the circumference of each. 16And he made two capitals of cast bronze, to set upon the tops of the pillars: the height of the one capital was five cubits, and the height of the other capital was five cubits. 17There were nets of checker work, and wreaths of chain work, for the capitals which were upon the top of the pillars; seven for the one capital, and seven for the other capital. 18So he made the pillars; and there were two rows all around upon the one network, to cover the capitals that were upon the top of the pillars: and so he did for the other capital. 19And the capitals that were upon the top of the pillars in the porch were of lily work, four cubits. 20And there were capitals above also upon the two pillars, close by the rounded projection which was beside the network: and the pomegranates were two hundred, in rows all around upon the other capital. 21And he set up the pillars at the porch of the temple: and he set up the right pillar,

and called its name Jachin; and he set up the left pillar, and called its name Boaz. 22And upon the top of the pillars was lily work: so the work of the pillars was finished. 23And he made the cast sea of ten cubits from brim to brim, round in shape, and its height was five cubits; and a line of thirty cubits measured its circumference. 24And under its brim all around there were gourds which encircled it, for ten cubits, encircling the sea all around: the gourds were in two rows, cast when it was cast. 25It stood upon twelve oxen, three facing north, and three facing west, and three facing south, and three facing east; and the sea was set upon them above, and all their rear parts were inward. 26And it was a handbreadth thick: and its brim was made like the brim of a cup, like the flower of a lily: it held two thousand baths. 27And he made the ten stands of bronze; four cubits was the length of one stand, and four cubits its breadth, and three cubits its height. 28And the work of the stands was in this manner: they had panels; and there were panels between the frames; 29and on the panels that were between the frames were lions, oxen, and cherubim; and upon the frames there was a pedestal above; and beneath the lions and oxen were wreaths of hanging work. 30And every stand had four bronze wheels, and axles of bronze; and its four feet had supports: beneath the basin were the supports cast, with wreaths at the side of each. 31And its mouth within the capital and above was a cubit: and its mouth was round like the work of a pedestal, a cubit and a half; and also upon its mouth were engravings, and their panels were square, not round. 32And the four wheels were underneath the panels; and the axles of the wheels were in the stand: and the height of a wheel was a cubit and half a cubit. 33And the work of the wheels was like the work of a chariot wheel: their axles, and their rims, and their spokes, and their hubs, were all cast. 34And there were four supports at the four corners of each stand: its supports were of the stand itself. 35And in the top of the stand there was a round band half a cubit high; and on the top of the stand its stays and its panels were of the same. 36And on the plates of its stays, and on its panels, he engraved cherubim, lions, and palm trees, according to the space of each, with wreaths all around. 37In this manner he made the ten stands: all of them had one casting, one measure, and one form. 38And he made ten basins of bronze: one basin contained forty baths; and every basin was four cubits; and upon every one of the ten stands one basin. 39And he set the bases, five on the right side of the house, and five on the left side of the house: and he set the sea on the right side of the house eastward, toward the south. 40And Hiram made the basins, and the shovels, and the bowls. So Hiram finished doing all the work that he did for king Solomon in the house of Yehovah: 41the two pillars, and the two bowls of the capitals that were on the top of the pillars; and the two networks to cover the two bowls of the capitals that were on the top of the pillars; 42and the four hundred pomegranates for the two networks; two rows of pomegranates for each network, to cover the two bowls of the capitals that were upon the pillars; 43and the ten stands, and the ten basins on the stands; 44and the one sea, and the twelve oxen under the sea; 45and the pots, and the shovels, and the bowls: even all these vessels, which Hiram made for king Solomon, in the house of Yehovah, were of burnished bronze. 46In the plain of the Jordan the king cast them, in the clay ground between Succoth and Zarethan. 47And Solomon left all the vessels unweighed, because they were exceedingly many: the weight of the bronze could not be found out. 48And Solomon made all the vessels that were in the house of Yehovah: the golden altar, and the table on which the showbread was, of gold; 49and the lampstands, five on the right side, and five on the left, before the inner sanctuary, of pure gold; and the flowers, and the lamps, and the tongs, of gold; 50and the cups, and the snuffers, and the bowls, 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, that is, of the temple, of gold. 51Thus all the work that king Solomon did in the house of Yehovah 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 Yehovah.

Chapter 8

1Then Solomon assembled the elders of Israel, and all the heads of the tribes, the princes of the fathers' houses of the children of Israel, to king Solomon in Jerusalem, to bring up the ark of the covenant of Yehovah out of the city of David, which is Zion. 2And all the men of Israel assembled themselves to king Solomon at the feast, in the month Ethanim, which is the seventh month. 3And all the elders of Israel came, and the priests took up the ark. 4And they brought up the ark of Yehovah, and the tent of meeting, and all

the holy vessels that were in the Tent; even these the priests and the Levites brought up. 5And king Solomon and all the congregation of Israel, who were assembled to him, were with him before the ark, sacrificing sheep and oxen, that could not be counted nor numbered for multitude. 6And the priests brought in the ark of the covenant of Yehovah to its place, into the inner sanctuary of the house, to the most holy place, even under the wings of the cherubim. 7For the cherubim spread out their wings over the place of the ark, and the cherubim covered the ark and its poles above. 8And the poles were so long that the ends of the poles were seen from the holy place before the inner sanctuary; but they were not seen outside: and there they are to this day. 9There was nothing in the ark except the two tablets of stone which Moses put there at Horeb, when Yehovah made a covenant with the children of Israel, when they came out of the land of Egypt. 10And it happened, when the priests had come out of the holy place, that the cloud filled the house of Yehovah, 11so that the priests could not stand to minister because of the cloud; for the glory of Yehovah filled the house of Yehovah. 12Then Solomon spoke, Yehovah has said that he would dwell in the thick darkness. 13I have surely built you an exalted house, a place for you to dwell in forever. 14And the king turned his face around, and blessed all the assembly of Israel: and all the assembly of Israel stood. 15And he said, Blessed be Yehovah, the God of Israel, who spoke with his mouth to David my father, and has with his hand fulfilled it, saying, 16Since the day that I brought my people Israel out of Egypt, I chose no city out of all the tribes of Israel to build a house, that my name might be there; but I chose David to be over my people Israel. 17Now it was in the heart of David my father to build a house for the name of Yehovah, the God of Israel. 18But Yehovah said to David my father, Since it was in your heart to build a house for my name, you did well that it was in your heart: 19nevertheless you shall not build the house; but your son who shall come out of your loins, he shall build the house for my name. 20And Yehovah has established his word that he spoke; for I have risen up in the place of David my father, and sit on the throne of Israel, as Yehovah promised, and have built the house for the name of Yehovah, the God of Israel. 21And there I have set a place for the ark, in which is the covenant of Yehovah, which he made with our fathers, when he brought them out of the land of Egypt. 22And Solomon stood before the altar of Yehovah in the presence of all the assembly of Israel, and spread out his hands toward heaven; 23and he said, O Yehovah, the God of Israel, there is no God like you, in heaven above, or on earth beneath; who keep covenant and lovingkindness with your servants, who walk before you with all their heart; 24who have kept with your servant David my father what you promised him: yes, you spoke with your mouth, and have fulfilled it with your hand, as it is this day. 25Now therefore, O Yehovah, the God of Israel, keep with your servant David my father what you have promised him, saying, You shall not lack a man in my sight to sit on the throne of Israel, if only your children take heed to their way, to walk before me as you have walked before me. 26Now therefore, O God of Israel, let your word, please, be confirmed, which you spoke to your servant David my father. 27But will God indeed dwell on the earth? behold, heaven and the heaven of heavens cannot contain you; how much less this house that I have built! 28Yet have regard to the prayer of your servant, and to his supplication, O Yehovah my God, to listen to the cry and to the prayer which your servant prays before you this day; 29that your eyes may be open toward this house night and day, even toward the place of which you have said, My name shall be there; to listen to the prayer which your servant shall pray toward this place. 30And listen to the supplication of your servant, and of your people Israel, when they pray toward this place: yes, hear in heaven your dwelling place; and when you hear, forgive. 31If a man sins against his neighbor, and an oath is laid upon him to make him swear, and he comes and swears before your altar in this house; 32then hear in heaven, and act, and judge your servants, condemning the wicked, to bring his way upon his own head, and justifying the righteous, to give him according to his righteousness. 33When your people Israel are struck down before the enemy, because they have sinned against you; if they turn again to you, and confess your name, and pray and make supplication to you in this house: 34then hear in heaven, and forgive the sin of your people Israel, and bring them again to the land which you gave to their fathers. 35When heaven is shut up, and there is no rain, because they have sinned against you; if they pray toward this place, and confess your name, and turn from their sin, when you afflict them: 36then hear in heaven, and forgive the sin of your servants,

and of your people Israel, when you teach them the good way in which they should walk; and send rain upon your land, which you have given to your people for an inheritance. 37If there is famine in the land, if there is pestilence, if there is blight or mildew, locust or caterpillar; if their enemy besieges them in the land of their cities; whatever plague, whatever sickness there is; 38whatever prayer and supplication is made by any man, or by all your people Israel, who shall know every man the plague of his own heart, and spread out his hands toward this house: 39then hear in heaven your dwelling place, and forgive, and act, and render to every man according to all his ways, whose heart you know; (for you, even you only, know the hearts of all the children of men;) 40that they may fear you all the days that they live in the land which you gave to our fathers. 41Moreover concerning the foreigner, who is not of your people Israel, when he comes out of a far country for your name's sake 42(for they shall hear of your great name, and of your mighty hand, and of your outstretched arm); when he comes and prays toward this house; 43hear in heaven your dwelling place, and do according to all that the foreigner calls to you for; that all the peoples of the earth may know your name, to fear you, as do your people Israel, and that they may know that this house which I have built is called by your name. 44If your people go out to battle against their enemy, by whatever way you shall send them, and they pray to Yehovah toward the city which you have chosen, and toward the house which I have built for your name; 45then hear in heaven their prayer and their supplication, and maintain their cause. 46If they sin against you (for there is no man who does not sin), and you are angry with them, and deliver them to the enemy, so that they carry them away captive to the land of the enemy, far off or near; 47yet if they come to their senses in the land where they are carried captive, and turn again, and make supplication to you in the land of those who carried them captive, saying, We have sinned, and have done perversely, we have dealt wickedly; 48if they return to you with all their heart and with all their soul in the land of their enemies, who carried them captive, and pray to you toward their land, which you gave to their fathers, the city which you have chosen, and the house which I have built for your name: 49then hear their prayer and their supplication in heaven your dwelling place, and maintain their cause; 50and forgive your people who have sinned against you, and all their transgressions in which they have transgressed against you; and give them compassion before those who carried them captive, that they may have compassion on them 51(for they are your people, and your inheritance, which you brought out of Egypt, from the midst of the furnace of iron); 52that your eyes may be open to the supplication of your servant, and to the supplication of your people Israel, to listen to them whenever they cry to you. 53For you separated them from among all the peoples of the earth, to be your inheritance, as you spoke by Moses your servant, when you brought our fathers out of Egypt, O Lord Yehovah. 54And it was so, that, when Solomon had finished praying all this prayer and supplication to Yehovah, he arose from before the altar of Yehovah, from kneeling on his knees with his hands spread out toward heaven. 55And he stood, and blessed all the assembly of Israel with a loud voice, saying, 56Blessed be Yehovah, who has given rest to his people Israel, according to all that he promised: not one word has failed of all his good promise, which he promised by Moses his servant. 57May Yehovah our God be with us, as he was with our fathers: let him not leave us, nor forsake us; 58that he may incline our hearts to him, to walk in all his ways, and to keep his commandments, and his statutes, and his ordinances, which he commanded our fathers. 59And let these my words, with which I have made supplication before Yehovah, be near to Yehovah our God day and night, that he may maintain the cause of his servant, and the cause of his people Israel, as each day requires; 60that all the peoples of the earth may know that Yehovah, he is God; there is none else. 61Let your heart therefore be perfect with Yehovah our God, to walk in his statutes, and to keep his commandments, as at this day. 62And the king, and all Israel with him, offered sacrifice before Yehovah. 63And Solomon offered for the sacrifice of peace offerings, which he offered to Yehovah, twenty-two thousand oxen, and a hundred and twenty thousand sheep. So the king and all the children of Israel dedicated the house of Yehovah. 64The same day the king consecrated the middle of the court that was before the house of Yehovah; for there he offered the burnt offering, and the meal offering, and the fat of the peace offerings, because the bronze altar that was before Yehovah was too small to receive the burnt offering, and the meal offering, and the fat of the peace offerings. 65So Solomon held the feast at that

time, and all Israel with him, a great assembly, from the entrance of Hamath to the brook of Egypt, before Yehovah our God, seven days and seven days, even fourteen days. 66On the eighth day he sent the people away; and they blessed the king, and went to their tents joyful and glad of heart for all the goodness that Yehovah had shown to David his servant, and to Israel his people.

Chapter 9

1And it happened, when Solomon had finished the building of the house of Yehovah, and the king's house, and all Solomon's desire which he was pleased to do, 2that Yehovah appeared to Solomon the second time, as he had appeared to him at Gibeon. 3And Yehovah said to him, I have heard your prayer and your supplication, that you have made before me: I have consecrated this house, which you have built, to put my name there forever; and my eyes and my heart shall be there perpetually. 4And as for you, if you will walk before me, as David your father walked, in integrity of heart, and in uprightness, to do according to all that I have commanded you, and will keep my statutes and my ordinances; 5then I will establish the throne of your kingdom over Israel forever, as I promised to David your father, saying, You shall not lack a man upon the throne of Israel. 6But if you turn away from following me, you or your children, and do not keep my commandments and my statutes which I have set before you, but go and serve other gods, and bow down to them; 7then I will cut off Israel from the land which I have given them; and this house, which I have consecrated for my name, I will cast out of my sight; and Israel shall be a proverb and a byword among all peoples. 8And though this house is so high, yet everyone who passes by it shall be astonished, and shall hiss; and they shall say, Why has Yehovah done thus to this land, and to this house? 9and they shall answer, Because they forsook Yehovah their God, who brought their fathers out of the land of Egypt, and laid hold on other gods, and bowed down to them, and served them: therefore Yehovah has brought all this evil upon them. 10And it happened at the end of twenty years, in which Solomon had built the two houses, the house of Yehovah and the king's house 11(now Hiram the king of Tyre had supplied Solomon with cedar trees and cypress trees, and with gold, according to all his desire), that then king Solomon gave Hiram twenty cities in the land of Galilee. 12And Hiram came out from Tyre to see the cities which Solomon had given him; and they did not please him. 13And he said, What cities are these which you have given me, my brother? And he called them the land of Cabul to this day. 14And Hiram sent to the king a hundred and twenty talents of gold. 15And this is the account of the forced levy which king Solomon raised, to build the house of Yehovah, and his own house, and Millo, and the wall of Jerusalem, and Hazor, and Megiddo, and Gezer. 16Pharaoh king of Egypt had gone up, and taken Gezer, and burned it with fire, and killed the Canaanites who lived in the city, and given it as a dowry to his daughter, Solomon's wife. 17And Solomon built Gezer, and Lower Beth-horon, 18and Baalath, and Tamar in the wilderness, in the land, 19and all the storage cities that Solomon had, and the cities for his chariots, and the cities for his horsemen, and whatever Solomon desired to build for his pleasure in Jerusalem, and in Lebanon, and in all the land of his dominion. 20As for all the people who were left of the Amorites, the Hittites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites, who were not of the children of Israel; 21their children who were left after them in the land, whom the children of Israel were not able utterly to destroy, of them Solomon raised a levy of bondservants to this day. 22But of the children of Israel Solomon made no bondservants; but they were the men of war, and his servants, and his princes, and his captains, and commanders of his chariots and of his horsemen. 23These were the chief officers who were over Solomon's work, five hundred and fifty, who ruled over the people who labored in the work. 24But Pharaoh's daughter came up out of the city of David to her house which Solomon had built for her: then he built Millo. 25And three times a year Solomon offered burnt offerings and peace offerings upon the altar which he built to Yehovah, burning incense with it, upon the altar that was before Yehovah. So he finished the house. 26And king Solomon made a fleet of ships in Ezion-geber, which is beside Eloth, on the shore of the Red Sea, in the land of Edom. 27And Hiram sent in the fleet his servants, sailors who had knowledge of the sea, with the servants of Solomon. 28And they came to Ophir, and brought gold from there, four hundred and twenty talents, and brought it to king Solomon.

Chapter 10

1And when the queen of Sheba heard of the fame of Solomon concerning the name of Yehovah, she came to test him with hard questions. 2And she came to

Jerusalem with a very great retinue, with camels that carried spices, and very much gold, and precious stones; and when she had come to Solomon, she spoke with him about all that was in her heart. 3And Solomon answered all her questions: there was not anything hidden from the king which he did not tell her. 4And when the queen of Sheba had seen all the wisdom of Solomon, and the house that he had built, 5and the food of his table, and the seating of his servants, and the attendance of his ministers, and their clothing, and his cupbearers, and his ascent by which he went up to the house of Yehovah; there was no more spirit in her. 6And she said to the king, It was a true report that I heard in my own land of your acts, and of your wisdom. 7However, I did not believe the words, until I came, and my eyes had seen it: and, behold, the half was not told me; your wisdom and prosperity exceed the report which I heard. 8Happy are your men, happy are these your servants, who stand continually before you, and who hear your wisdom. 9Blessed be Yehovah your God, who delighted in you, to set you on the throne of Israel: because Yehovah loved Israel forever, therefore he made you king, to do justice and righteousness. 10And she gave the king a hundred and twenty talents of gold, and a very great quantity of spices, and precious stones: there came no more such abundance of spices as these which the queen of Sheba gave to king Solomon. 11And the fleet of Hiram also, which brought gold from Ophir, brought in from Ophir a great abundance of almug trees and precious stones. 12And the king made of the almug trees pillars for the house of Yehovah, and for the king's house, harps also and lyres for the singers: no such almug trees have come, nor been seen, to this day. 13And king Solomon gave to the queen of Sheba all her desire, whatever she asked, besides what Solomon gave her of his royal bounty. So she turned, and went to her own land, she and her servants. 14Now the weight of gold that came to Solomon in one year was six hundred sixty-six talents of gold, 15besides what the traders brought, and the trade of the merchants, and of all the kings of the mixed peoples, and of the governors of the country. 16And king Solomon made two hundred large shields of beaten gold; six hundred shekels of gold went into one shield. 17And he made three hundred shields of beaten gold; three pounds of gold went into one shield: and the king put them in the house of the forest of Lebanon. 18Moreover the king made a great throne of ivory, and overlaid it with the finest gold. 19There were six steps to the throne, and the top of the throne was round at the back; and there were armrests on either side of the seat, and two lions standing beside the armrests. 20And twelve lions stood there on the one side and on the other upon the six steps: nothing like it was made in any kingdom. 21And 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 not considered as anything in the days of Solomon. 22For the king had at sea a fleet of Tarshish with the fleet of Hiram: once every three years the fleet of Tarshish came, bringing gold, and silver, ivory, and apes, and peacocks. 23So king Solomon exceeded all the kings of the earth in riches and in wisdom. 24And all the earth sought the presence of Solomon, to hear his wisdom, which God had put in his heart. 25And they brought every man his tribute, vessels of silver, and vessels of gold, and clothing, and armor, and spices, horses, and mules, a set amount year by year. 26And Solomon gathered together chariots and horsemen: and he had fourteen hundred chariots, and twelve thousand horsemen, whom he stationed in the chariot cities, and with the king at Jerusalem. 27And the king made silver to be in Jerusalem as stones, and cedars he made to be as the sycamore trees that are in the lowland, for abundance. 28And the horses which Solomon had were brought out of Egypt; and the king's merchants received them in droves, each drove at a price. 29And a chariot came up and went out of Egypt for six hundred shekels of silver, and a horse for a hundred and fifty; and so for all the kings of the Hittites, and for the kings of Syria, they brought them out by their means.

Chapter 11

1Now king Solomon loved many foreign women, together with the daughter of Pharaoh, women of the Moabites, Ammonites, Edomites, Sidonians, and Hittites; 2of the nations concerning which Yehovah said to the children of Israel, You shall not go among them, nor shall they come among you; for surely they will turn away your heart after their gods: Solomon clung to these in love. 3And he had seven hundred wives, princesses, and three hundred concubines; and his wives turned away his heart. 4For it happened, when Solomon was old, that his wives turned away his heart after other gods; and his heart was not perfect with Yehovah his God, as was the heart of David his father. 5For Solomon went after

Ashtoreth the goddess of the Sidonians, and after Milcom the abomination of the Ammonites. 6And Solomon did what was evil in the sight of Yehovah, and did not go fully after Yehovah, as David his father did. 7Then Solomon built a high place for Chemosh the abomination of Moab, on the mountain that is before Jerusalem, and for Molech the abomination of the children of Ammon. 8And so he did for all his foreign wives, who burned incense and sacrificed to their gods. 9And Yehovah was angry with Solomon, because his heart was turned away from Yehovah, the God of Israel, who had appeared to him twice, 10and had commanded him concerning this thing, that he should not go after other gods: but he did not keep what Yehovah commanded. 11Therefore Yehovah said to Solomon, Since this has been done by you, and you have not kept my covenant and my statutes, which I have commanded you, I will surely tear the kingdom from you, and will give it to your servant. 12Nevertheless in your days I will not do it, for David your father's sake: but I will tear it out of the hand of your son. 13However, I will not tear away all the kingdom; but I will give one tribe to your son, for David my servant's sake, and for Jerusalem's sake which I have chosen. 14And Yehovah raised up an adversary to Solomon, Hadad the Edomite: he was of the king's seed in Edom. 15For it happened, when David was in Edom, and Joab the commander of the army had gone up to bury the slain, and had struck down every male in Edom 16(for Joab and all Israel remained there six months, until he had cut off every male in Edom); 17that Hadad fled, he and some Edomites of his father's servants with him, to go into Egypt, Hadad being still a little child. 18And they arose out of Midian, and came to Paran; and they took men with them out of Paran, and they came to Egypt, to Pharaoh king of Egypt, who gave him a house, and assigned him food, and gave him land. 19And Hadad found great favor in the sight of Pharaoh, so that he gave him as wife the sister of his own wife, the sister of Tahpenes the queen. 20And the sister of Tahpenes bore him Genubath his son, whom Tahpenes weaned in Pharaoh's house; and Genubath was in Pharaoh's house among the sons of Pharaoh. 21And when Hadad heard in Egypt that David slept with his fathers, and that Joab the commander of the army was dead, Hadad said to Pharaoh, Let me depart, that I may go to my own country. 22Then Pharaoh said to him, But what have you lacked with me, that, behold, you seek to go to your own country? And he answered, Nothing: however, only let me depart. 23And God raised up another adversary to him, Rezon the son of Eliada, who had fled from his lord Hadadezer king of Zobah. 24And he gathered men to him, and became leader of a marauding band, when David killed those of Zobah: and they went to Damascus, and lived there, and reigned in Damascus. 25And he was an adversary to Israel all the days of Solomon, besides the harm that Hadad did: and he abhorred Israel, and reigned over Syria. 26And Jeroboam the son of Nebat, an Ephraimite of Zeredah, a servant of Solomon, whose mother's name was Zeruah, a widow, he also lifted up his hand against the king. 27And this was the reason why he lifted up his hand against the king: Solomon built Millo, and repaired the breach of the city of David his father. 28And the man Jeroboam was a mighty man of valor; and Solomon saw that the young man was industrious, and he gave him charge over all the forced labor of the house of Joseph. 29And it happened at that time, when Jeroboam went out of Jerusalem, that the prophet Ahijah the Shilonite found him on the road; now Ahijah had clothed himself with a new garment; and the two of them were alone in the field. 30And Ahijah took hold of the new garment that was on him, and tore it into twelve pieces. 31And he said to Jeroboam, Take ten pieces for yourself; for thus says Yehovah, the God of Israel, Behold, I will tear the kingdom out of the hand of Solomon, and will give ten tribes to you 32(but he shall have one tribe, for my servant David's sake and for Jerusalem's sake, the city which I have chosen out of all the tribes of Israel); 33because they have forsaken me, and have bowed down to Ashtoreth the goddess of the Sidonians, Chemosh the god of Moab, and Milcom the god of the children of Ammon; and they have not walked in my ways, to do what is right in my eyes, and to keep my statutes and my ordinances, as David his father did. 34However, 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, who kept my commandments and my statutes; 35but I will take the kingdom out of his son's hand, and will give it to you, even ten tribes. 36And to his son I will give one tribe, that David my servant may always have a lamp before me in Jerusalem, the city which I have chosen for myself to put my name there. 37And I will take you, and you shall reign according to all that your soul desires, and shall be king over Israel. 38And it shall

be, if you will listen to all that I command you, and will walk in my ways, and do what is right in my eyes, to keep my statutes and my commandments, as David my servant did; that I will be with you, and will build you a sure house, as I built for David, and will give Israel to you. 39And I will for this afflict the seed of David, but not forever. 40Solomon sought therefore to kill Jeroboam; but Jeroboam arose, and fled into Egypt, to Shishak king of Egypt, and was in Egypt until the death of Solomon. 41Now 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? 42And the time that Solomon reigned in Jerusalem over all Israel was forty years. 43And Solomon slept with his fathers, and was buried in the city of David his father: and Rehoboam his son reigned in his place.

Chapter 12

1And Rehoboam went to Shechem: for all Israel had come to Shechem to make him king. 2And it happened, when Jeroboam the son of Nebat heard of it (for he was still in Egypt, where he had fled from the presence of king Solomon, and Jeroboam lived in Egypt, 3and they sent and called him), that Jeroboam and all the assembly of Israel came, and spoke to Rehoboam, saying, 4Your father made our yoke heavy: now therefore make the hard service of your father, and his heavy yoke which he put upon us, lighter, and we will serve you. 5And he said to them, Go away for three days, then come again to me. And the people departed. 6And king Rehoboam took counsel with the old men, who had stood before Solomon his father while he was still alive, saying, What counsel do you give me to return an answer to this people? 7And they spoke to him, saying, If you will be a servant to this people this day, and will serve them, and answer them, and speak good words to them, then they will be your servants forever. 8But he forsook the counsel of the old men which they had given him, and took counsel with the young men who had grown up with him, who stood before him. 9And he said to them, What counsel do you give, that we may return an answer to this people, who have spoken to me, saying, Make the yoke that your father put upon us lighter? 10And the young men who had grown up with him spoke to him, saying, Thus shall you say to this people who spoke to you, saying, Your father made our yoke heavy, but make it lighter for us; thus shall you speak to them, My little finger is thicker than my father's loins. 11And now whereas my father loaded you with a heavy yoke, I will add to your yoke: my father chastised you with whips, but I will chastise you with scorpions. 12So Jeroboam and all the people came to Rehoboam the third day, as the king had said, saying, Come to me again the third day. 13And the king answered the people roughly, and forsook the counsel of the old men which they had given him, 14and spoke to them according to the counsel of the young men, saying, My father made your yoke heavy, but I will add to your yoke: my father chastised you with whips, but I will chastise you with scorpions. 15So the king did not listen to the people; for it was a turn of events brought about by Yehovah, that he might establish his word, which Yehovah spoke by Ahijah the Shilonite to Jeroboam the son of Nebat. 16And when all Israel saw that the king did not listen to them, the people answered the king, saying, What portion have we in David? nor have we inheritance in the son of Jesse: to your tents, O Israel: now see to your own house, David. So Israel departed to their tents. 17But as for the children of Israel who lived in the cities of Judah, Rehoboam reigned over them. 18Then king Rehoboam sent Adoram, who was over the men subject to forced labor; and all Israel stoned him to death with stones. And king Rehoboam hurried to get up into his chariot, to flee to Jerusalem. 19So Israel rebelled against the house of David to this day. 20And it happened, when all Israel heard that Jeroboam had returned, that they sent and called him to the congregation, and made him king over all Israel: there was none who followed the house of David, but the tribe of Judah only. 21And when Rehoboam had come to Jerusalem, he assembled all the house of Judah, and the tribe of Benjamin, a hundred and eighty thousand chosen men, who were warriors, to fight against the house of Israel, to bring the kingdom back to Rehoboam the son of Solomon. 22But the word of God came to Shemaiah the man of God, saying, 23Speak to Rehoboam the son of Solomon, king of Judah, and to all the house of Judah and Benjamin, and to the rest of the people, saying, 24Thus says Yehovah, You shall not go up, nor fight against your brothers the children of Israel: return every man to his house; for this thing is from me. So they listened to the word of Yehovah, and returned and went their way, according to the word of Yehovah. 25Then Jeroboam built Shechem in the hill country of Ephraim, and lived there; and he went out from there, and built Penuel. 26And Jeroboam

said in his heart, Now the kingdom will return to the house of David: 27if this people go up to offer sacrifices in the house of Yehovah at Jerusalem, then the heart of this people will turn again to their lord, even to Rehoboam king of Judah; and they will kill me, and return to Rehoboam king of Judah. 28So the king took counsel, and made two calves of gold; and he said to them, It is too much for you to go up to Jerusalem: behold your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt. 29And he set the one in Beth-el, and the other he put in Dan. 30And this thing became a sin; for the people went to worship before the one, even to Dan. 31And he made houses of high places, and made priests from among all the people, who were not of the sons of Levi. 32And Jeroboam ordained a feast in the eighth month, on the fifteenth day of the month, like the feast that is in Judah, and he went up to the altar; so he did in Beth-el, sacrificing to the calves that he had made: and he placed in Beth-el the priests of the high places that he had made. 33And he went up to 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 in his own heart: and he ordained a feast for the children of Israel, and went up to the altar, to burn incense.

Chapter 13

1And, behold, there came a man of God out of Judah by the word of Yehovah to Beth-el: and Jeroboam was standing by the altar to burn incense. 2And he cried against the altar by the word of Yehovah, and said, O altar, altar, thus says Yehovah: Behold, a son shall be born to the house of David, Josiah by name; and upon you he shall sacrifice the priests of the high places who burn incense upon you, and men's bones they shall burn upon you. 3And he gave a sign the same day, saying, This is the sign which Yehovah has spoken: Behold, the altar shall be torn apart, and the ashes that are upon it shall be poured out. 4And it happened, when the king heard the saying of the man of God, which he cried against the altar in Beth-el, that Jeroboam stretched out his hand from the altar, saying, Seize him. And his hand, which he stretched out against him, dried up, so that he could not draw it back again to him. 5The altar also was torn apart, and the ashes poured out from the altar, according to the sign which the man of God had given by the word of Yehovah. 6And the king answered and said to the man of God, Entreat now the favor of Yehovah your God, and pray for me, that my hand may be restored to me again. And the man of God entreated Yehovah, and the king's hand was restored to him again, and became as it was before. 7And the king said to the man of God, Come home with me, and refresh yourself, and I will give you a reward. 8And the man of God said to the king, If you were to give me half your house, I would not go in with you, nor would I eat bread nor drink water in this place; 9for so it was commanded me by the word of Yehovah, saying, You shall eat no bread, nor drink water, nor return by the way that you came. 10So he went another way, and did not return by the way that he came to Beth-el. 11Now an old prophet lived in Beth-el; and one of 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 to the king, they also told to their father. 12And their father said to them, Which way did he go? Now his sons had seen which way the man of God went, who came from Judah. 13And he said to his sons, Saddle the donkey for me. So they saddled the donkey for him; and he rode on it. 14And he went after the man of God, and found him sitting under an oak; and he said to him, Are you the man of God who came from Judah? And he said, I am. 15Then he said to him, Come home with me, and eat bread. 16And he said, I may not return with you, nor go in with you; nor will I eat bread nor drink water with you in this place: 17for it was said to me by the word of Yehovah, You shall eat no bread nor drink water there, nor turn again to go by the way that you came. 18And he said to him, I also am a prophet as you are; and an angel spoke to me by the word of Yehovah, saying, Bring him back with you into your house, that he may eat bread and drink water. But he lied to him. 19So he went back with him, and ate bread in his house, and drank water. 20And it happened, as they sat at the table, that the word of Yehovah came to the prophet who brought him back; 21and he cried to the man of God who came from Judah, saying, Thus says Yehovah, Because you have been disobedient to the mouth of Yehovah, and have not kept the commandment which Yehovah your God commanded you, 22but came back, and have eaten bread and drunk water in the place of which he said to you, Eat no bread, and drink no water; your body shall not come to the tomb of your fathers. 23And it happened, after he had eaten bread, and after he had drunk, that he saddled the donkey for him, that is, for the prophet whom he had brought back. 24And when he had gone, a lion met him on the road,

and killed him: and his body was thrown in the road, and the donkey stood by it; the lion also stood by the body. 25And, behold, men passed by, and saw the body thrown in the road, and the lion standing by the body; and they came and told it in the city where the old prophet lived. 26And when the prophet who brought him back from the way heard of it, he said, It is the man of God, who was disobedient to the mouth of Yehovah: therefore Yehovah has delivered him to the lion, which has torn him, and killed him, according to the word of Yehovah, which he spoke to him. 27And he spoke to his sons, saying, Saddle the donkey for me. And they saddled it. 28And he went and found his body thrown in the road, and the donkey and the lion standing by the body: the lion had not eaten the body, nor torn the donkey. 29And the prophet took up the body of the man of God, and laid it upon the donkey, and brought it back; and he came to the city of the old prophet, to mourn, and to bury him. 30And he laid his body in his own grave; and they mourned over him, saying, Alas, my brother! 31And it happened, after he had buried him, that he spoke to his sons, saying, When I am dead, then bury me in the tomb in which the man of God is buried; lay my bones beside his bones. 32For the saying which he cried by the word of Yehovah 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. 33After this thing Jeroboam did not return from his evil way, but made again from among all the people priests of the high places: whoever wanted to, he consecrated him, that there might be priests of the high places. 34And this thing became sin to the house of Jeroboam, even to cut it off, and to destroy it from off the face of the earth.

Chapter 14

1At that time Abijah the son of Jeroboam fell sick. 2And Jeroboam said to his wife, Arise, please, and disguise yourself, that you may not be known to be the wife of Jeroboam; and go to Shiloh: behold, there is Ahijah the prophet, who spoke concerning me that I should be king over this people. 3And take with you ten loaves, and cakes, and a jar of honey, and go to him: he will tell you what shall become of the child. 4And 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 dim because of his age. 5And Yehovah said to Ahijah, Behold, the wife of Jeroboam is coming to inquire of you concerning her son; for he is sick: thus and thus shall you say to her; for it will be, when she comes in, that she will pretend to be another woman. 6And it was so, when Ahijah heard the sound of her feet, as she came in at the door, that he said, Come in, you wife of Jeroboam; why do you pretend to be another? for I am sent to you with heavy news. 7Go, tell Jeroboam, Thus says Yehovah, the God of Israel: Because I exalted you from among the people, and made you prince over my people Israel, 8and tore the kingdom away from the house of David, and gave it to you; and yet you have not been as my servant David, who kept my commandments, and who followed me with all his heart, to do only what was right in my eyes, 9but have done evil above all who were before you, and have gone and made for yourself other gods, and cast images, to provoke me to anger, and have cast me behind your back: 10therefore, behold, I will bring evil upon the house of Jeroboam, and will cut off from Jeroboam every male, both the one shut up and the one left free in Israel, and will utterly sweep away the house of Jeroboam, as a man sweeps away dung, until it is all gone. 11Anyone belonging to Jeroboam who dies in the city the dogs shall eat; and anyone who dies in the field the birds of the heavens shall eat: for Yehovah has spoken it. 12Arise therefore, go to your house: and when your feet enter into the city, the child shall die. 13And all Israel shall mourn for him, and bury him; for he only of Jeroboam shall come to the grave, because in him there is found some good thing toward Yehovah, the God of Israel, in the house of Jeroboam. 14Moreover Yehovah will raise up for himself a king over Israel, who shall cut off the house of Jeroboam that day: but what? even now. 15For Yehovah will strike Israel, as a reed is shaken in the water; and he will root up Israel out of this good land which he gave to their fathers, and will scatter them beyond the River, because they have made their Asherim, provoking Yehovah to anger. 16And he will give Israel up because of the sins of Jeroboam, which he has sinned, and with which he has made Israel sin. 17And Jeroboam's wife arose, and departed, and came to Tirzah: and as she came to the threshold of the house, the child died. 18And all Israel buried him, and mourned for him, according to the word of Yehovah, which he spoke by his servant Ahijah the prophet. 19And 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. 20And the days which Jeroboam reigned were twenty-two years: and he slept with his

fathers, and Nadab his son reigned in his place. 21And Rehoboam the son of Solomon reigned in Judah. Rehoboam was forty-one years old when he began to reign, and he reigned seventeen years in Jerusalem, the city which Yehovah had chosen out of all the tribes of Israel, to put his name there: and his mother's name was Naamah the Ammonite. 22And Judah did what was evil in the sight of Yehovah, and they provoked him to jealousy with their sins which they committed, above all that their fathers had done. 23For they also built for themselves high places, and pillars, and Asherim, on every high hill, and under every green tree; 24and there were also male cult prostitutes in the land: they did according to all the abominations of the nations which Yehovah drove out before the children of Israel. 25And it happened in the fifth year of king Rehoboam, that Shishak king of Egypt came up against Jerusalem; 26and he took away the treasures of the house of Yehovah, and the treasures of the king's house; he even took away all: and he took away all the shields of gold which Solomon had made. 27And king Rehoboam made in their place shields of bronze, and committed them to the hands of the captains of the guard, who kept the door of the king's house. 28And it was so, that, as often as the king went into the house of Yehovah, the guard carried them, and brought them back into the guardroom. 29Now 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? 30And there was war between Rehoboam and Jeroboam continually. 31And Rehoboam slept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the city of David: and his mother's name was Naamah the Ammonite. And Abijam his son reigned in his place.

Chapter 15

1Now in the eighteenth year of king Jeroboam the son of Nebat Abijam began to reign over Judah. 2He reigned three years in Jerusalem: and his mother's name was Maacah the daughter of Abishalom. 3And he walked in all the sins of his father, which he had done before him; and his heart was not perfect with Yehovah his God, as the heart of David his father. 4Nevertheless for David's sake Yehovah his God gave him a lamp in Jerusalem, to set up his son after him, and to establish Jerusalem; 5because David did what was right in the eyes of Yehovah, and did not turn aside from anything that he commanded him all the days of his life, except only in the matter of Uriah the Hittite. 6Now there was war between Rehoboam and Jeroboam all the days of his life. 7And 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. 8And Abijam slept with his fathers; and they buried him in the city of David: and Asa his son reigned in his place. 9And in the twentieth year of Jeroboam king of Israel Asa began to reign over Judah. 10And he reigned forty-one years in Jerusalem: and his mother's name was Maacah the daughter of Abishalom. 11And Asa did what was right in the eyes of Yehovah, as David his father did. 12And he put away the male cult prostitutes out of the land, and removed all the idols that his fathers had made. 13And 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 burned it at the brook Kidron. 14But the high places were not taken away: nevertheless the heart of Asa was perfect with Yehovah all his days. 15And he brought into the house of Yehovah the things that his father had dedicated, and the things that he himself had dedicated, silver, and gold, and vessels. 16And there was war between Asa and Baasha king of Israel all their days. 17And Baasha king of Israel went up against Judah, and built Ramah, that he might not allow anyone to go out or come in to Asa king of Judah. 18Then Asa took all the silver and the gold that were left in the treasures of the house of Yehovah, and the treasures of the king's house, and delivered them into the hand of his servants; and king Asa sent them to Ben-hadad, the son of Tabrimmon, the son of Hezion, king of Syria, who lived at Damascus, saying, 19There is a treaty between me and you, between my father and your father: behold, I have sent to you a present of silver and gold; go, break your treaty with Baasha king of Israel, that he may withdraw from me. 20And Ben-hadad listened to king Asa, and sent the commanders of his armies against the cities of Israel, and struck Ijon, and Dan, and Abel-beth-maacah, and all Chinneroth, with all the land of Naphtali. 21And it happened, when Baasha heard of it, that he stopped building Ramah, and lived in Tirzah. 22Then king Asa made a proclamation to all Judah; none was exempted: and they carried away the stones of Ramah, and its timber, with which Baasha had built; and king Asa built with them Geba of Benjamin, and Mizpah. 23Now 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 diseased in his feet. 24And Asa slept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the city of David his father; and Jehoshaphat his son reigned in his place. 25And 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. 26And he did what was evil in the sight of Yehovah, and walked in the way of his father, and in his sin with which he made Israel sin. 27And Baasha the son of Ahijah, of the house of Issachar, conspired against him; and Baasha struck him down at Gibbethon, which belonged to the Philistines; for Nadab and all Israel were laying siege to Gibbethon. 28So in the third year of Asa king of Judah Baasha killed him, and reigned in his place. 29And it happened that, as soon as he was king, he struck down all the house of Jeroboam: he did not leave to Jeroboam anyone that breathed, until he had destroyed him; according to the saying of Yehovah, which he spoke by his servant Ahijah the Shilonite; 30for the sins of Jeroboam which he sinned, and with which he made Israel sin, because of his provocation with which he provoked Yehovah, the God of Israel, to anger. 31Now 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? 32And there was war between Asa and Baasha king of Israel all their days. 33In the third year of Asa king of Judah Baasha the son of Ahijah began to reign over all Israel in Tirzah, and reigned twenty-four years. 34And he did what was evil in the sight of Yehovah, and walked in the way of Jeroboam, and in his sin with which he made Israel sin.

Chapter 16

1And the word of Yehovah came to Jehu the son of Hanani against Baasha, saying, 2Since I exalted you out of the dust, and made you prince over my people Israel, and you have walked in the way of Jeroboam, and have made my people Israel sin, to provoke me to anger with their sins; 3behold, I will utterly sweep away Baasha and his house; and I will make your house like the house of Jeroboam the son of Nebat. 4Anyone belonging to Baasha who dies in the city the dogs shall eat; and anyone of his who dies in the field the birds of the heavens shall eat. 5Now 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? 6And Baasha slept with his fathers, and was buried in Tirzah; and Elah his son reigned in his place. 7And moreover by the prophet Jehu the son of Hanani the word of Yehovah came against Baasha, and against his house, both because of all the evil that he did in the sight of Yehovah, to provoke him to anger with the work of his hands, in being like the house of Jeroboam, and because he struck it down. 8In the twenty-sixth year of Asa king of Judah Elah the son of Baasha began to reign over Israel in Tirzah, and reigned two years. 9And his servant Zimri, commander of half his chariots, conspired against him. Now he was in Tirzah, drinking himself drunk in the house of Arza, who was over the household in Tirzah: 10and Zimri went in and struck him, and killed him, in the twenty-seventh year of Asa king of Judah, and reigned in his place. 11And it happened, when he began to reign, as soon as he sat on his throne, that he struck down all the house of Baasha: he did not leave him a single male, neither of his relatives, nor of his friends. 12Thus Zimri destroyed all the house of Baasha, according to the word of Yehovah, which he spoke against Baasha by Jehu the prophet, 13for all the sins of Baasha, and the sins of Elah his son, which they sinned, and with which they made Israel sin, to provoke Yehovah, the God of Israel, to anger with their vanities. 14Now 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? 15In the twenty-seventh year of Asa king of Judah Zimri reigned seven days in Tirzah. Now the people were encamped against Gibbethon, which belonged to the Philistines. 16And the people who were encamped heard it said, Zimri has conspired, and has also struck down the king: therefore all Israel made Omri, the commander of the army, king over Israel that day in the camp. 17And Omri went up from Gibbethon, and all Israel with him, and they besieged Tirzah. 18And it happened, when Zimri saw that the city was taken, that he went into the citadel of the king's house, and burned the king's house over him with fire, and died, 19for his sins which he sinned in doing what was evil in the sight of Yehovah, in walking in the way of Jeroboam, and in his sin which he did, to make Israel sin. 20Now the rest of the acts of Zimri, and the treason that he committed, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel? 21Then the people of Israel were divided into two parts: half of the people followed Tibni the son of Ginath, to make him king; and half followed Omri. 22But the people who followed Omri prevailed against

the people who followed Tibni the son of Ginath: so Tibni died, and Omri reigned. 23In the thirty-first year of Asa king of Judah Omri began to reign over Israel, and reigned twelve years: six years he reigned in Tirzah. 24And he bought the hill Samaria from Shemer for two talents of silver; and he built on the hill, and called the name of the city which he built, after the name of Shemer, the owner of the hill, Samaria. 25And Omri did what was evil in the sight of Yehovah, and dealt wickedly above all who were before him. 26For he walked in all the way of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, and in his sins with which he made Israel sin, to provoke Yehovah, the God of Israel, to anger with their vanities. 27Now the rest of the acts of Omri which he did, and his might that he showed, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel? 28So Omri slept with his fathers, and was buried in Samaria; and Ahab his son reigned in his place. 29And in the thirty-eighth year of Asa king of Judah Ahab the son of Omri began to reign over Israel: and Ahab the son of Omri reigned over Israel in Samaria twenty-two years. 30And Ahab the son of Omri did what was evil in the sight of Yehovah above all who were before him. 31And it happened, as if it had been a light thing for him to walk in the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, that he took as wife Jezebel the daughter of Ethbaal king of the Sidonians, and went and served Baal, and bowed down to him. 32And he erected an altar for Baal in the house of Baal, which he had built in Samaria. 33And Ahab made the Asherah; and Ahab did still more to provoke Yehovah, the God of Israel, to anger than all the kings of Israel who were before him. 34In his days Hiel the Beth-elite built Jericho: he laid its foundation at the cost of Abiram his firstborn, and set up its gates at the cost of his youngest son Segub, according to the word of Yehovah, which he spoke by Joshua the son of Nun.

Chapter 17

1And Elijah the Tishbite, who was of the sojourners of Gilead, said to Ahab, As Yehovah, the God of Israel, lives, before whom I stand, there shall not be dew nor rain these years, but according to my word. 2And the word of Yehovah came to him, saying, 3Go away from here, and turn eastward, and hide yourself by the brook Cherith, that is east of the Jordan. 4And it shall be, that you shall drink from the brook; and I have commanded the ravens to feed you there. 5So he went and did according to the word of Yehovah; for he went and lived by the brook Cherith, that is east of the Jordan. 6And the ravens brought him bread and meat in the morning, and bread and meat in the evening; and he drank from the brook. 7And it happened after a while, that the brook dried up, because there was no rain in the land. 8And the word of Yehovah came to him, saying, 9Arise, go to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and dwell there: behold, I have commanded a widow there to sustain you. 10So he arose and went to Zarephath; and when he came to the gate of the city, behold, a widow was there gathering sticks: and he called to her, and said, Bring me, please, a little water in a vessel, that I may drink. 11And as she was going to get it, he called to her, and said, Bring me, please, a morsel of bread in your hand. 12And she said, As Yehovah your God lives, I do not have a cake, only a handful of flour in the jar, and a little oil in the jug: and, behold, I am gathering two sticks, that I may go in and prepare it for me and my son, that we may eat it, and die. 13And Elijah said to her, Do not fear; go and do as you have said; but make me a little cake from it first, and bring it out to me, and afterward make some for yourself and for your son. 14For thus says Yehovah, the God of Israel, The jar of flour shall not be used up, nor shall the jug of oil run dry, until the day that Yehovah sends rain upon the earth. 15And she went and did according to the saying of Elijah: and she, and he, and her household, ate many days. 16The jar of flour was not used up, nor did the jug of oil run dry, according to the word of Yehovah, which he spoke by Elijah. 17And it happened after these things, that the son of the woman, the mistress of the house, fell sick; and his sickness was so severe, that there was no breath left in him. 18And she said to Elijah, What have I to do with you, O you man of God? you have come to me to bring my sin to remembrance, and to kill my son! 19And he said to her, Give me your son. And he took him out of her bosom, and carried him up into the upper room, where he was staying, and laid him upon his own bed. 20And he cried to Yehovah, and said, O Yehovah my God, have you also brought evil upon the widow with whom I sojourn, by killing her son? 21And he stretched himself upon the child three times, and cried to Yehovah, and said, O Yehovah my God, please, let this child's soul come into him again. 22And Yehovah listened to the voice of Elijah; and the soul of the child came into him again, and he revived. 23And Elijah took the child, and brought him down out of the upper room into the house, and delivered him to his mother; and Elijah said, See, your son

lives. 24And the woman said to Elijah, Now I know that you are a man of God, and that the word of Yehovah in your mouth is truth.

Chapter 18

1And it happened after many days, that the word of Yehovah came to Elijah, in the third year, saying, Go, show yourself to Ahab; and I will send rain upon the earth. 2And Elijah went to show himself to Ahab. And the famine was severe in Samaria. 3And Ahab called Obadiah, who was over the household. (Now Obadiah feared Yehovah greatly: 4for it was so, when Jezebel cut off the prophets of Yehovah, that Obadiah took a hundred prophets, and hid them by fifties in a cave, and fed them with bread and water.) 5And Ahab said to Obadiah, Go through the land, to all the springs of water, and to all the brooks: perhaps we may find grass and keep the horses and mules alive, that we may not lose all the beasts. 6So they divided the land between them to pass throughout it: Ahab went one way by himself, and Obadiah went another way by himself. 7And as Obadiah was on the way, behold, Elijah met him: and he recognized him, and fell on his face, and said, Is it you, my lord Elijah? 8And he answered him, It is I: go, tell your lord, Behold, Elijah is here. 9And he said, How have I sinned, that you would deliver your servant into the hand of Ahab, to kill me? 10As Yehovah your God lives, there is no nation or kingdom where my lord has not sent to seek you: and when they said, He is not here, he made the kingdom and nation swear an oath that they had not found you. 11And now you say, Go, tell your lord, Behold, Elijah is here. 12And it will happen, as soon as I have gone from you, that the Spirit of Yehovah will carry you where I do not know; and so when I come and tell Ahab, and he cannot find you, he will kill me: but I your servant have feared Yehovah from my youth. 13Was it not told my lord what I did when Jezebel killed the prophets of Yehovah, how I hid a hundred men of Yehovah's prophets by fifties in a cave, and fed them with bread and water? 14And now you say, Go, tell your lord, Behold, Elijah is here; and he will kill me. 15And Elijah said, As Yehovah of hosts lives, before whom I stand, I will surely show myself to him today. 16So Obadiah went to meet Ahab, and told him; and Ahab went to meet Elijah. 17And it happened, when Ahab saw Elijah, that Ahab said to him, Is it you, you troubler of Israel? 18And he answered, I have not troubled Israel; but you, and your father's house, in that you have forsaken the commandments of Yehovah, and you have followed the Baalim. 19Now therefore send, and gather to me all Israel at mount Carmel, and the four hundred and fifty prophets of Baal, and the four hundred prophets of the Asherah, who eat at Jezebel's table. 20So Ahab sent to all the children of Israel, and gathered the prophets together to mount Carmel. 21And Elijah came near to all the people, and said, How long will you go limping between the two sides? if Yehovah is God, follow him; but if Baal, then follow him. And the people did not answer him a word. 22Then Elijah said to the people, I, even I only, am left a prophet of Yehovah; but Baal's prophets are four hundred and fifty men. 23Let them therefore give us two bulls; and let them choose one bull for themselves, and cut it in pieces, and lay it on the wood, and put no fire under it; and I will prepare the other bull, and lay it on the wood, and put no fire under it. 24And you call on the name of your god, and I will call on the name of Yehovah; and the God who answers by fire, let him be God. And all the people answered and said, It is well spoken. 25And Elijah said to the prophets of Baal, Choose one bull for yourselves, and prepare it first; for you are many; and call on the name of your god, but put no fire under it. 26And they took the bull which was given them, and they prepared it, and called on the name of Baal from morning even until noon, saying, O Baal, hear us. But there was no voice, nor anyone who answered. And they leaped about the altar which was made. 27And it happened at noon, that Elijah mocked them, and said, Cry aloud; for he is a god: either he is musing, or he has gone aside, or he is on a journey, or perhaps he is asleep and must be awakened. 28And they cried aloud, and cut themselves according to their custom with knives and lances, until the blood gushed out upon them. 29And 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, nor anyone to answer, nor anyone who paid attention. 30And Elijah said to all the people, Come near to me; and all the people came near to him. And he repaired the altar of Yehovah that was thrown down. 31And Elijah took twelve stones, according to the number of the tribes of the sons of Jacob, to whom the word of Yehovah came, saying, Israel shall be your name. 32And with the stones he built an altar in the name of Yehovah; and he made a trench around the altar, as great as would contain two measures of seed. 33And he put the wood in order, and cut the bull in pieces, and laid it on the

wood. And he said, Fill four jars with water, and pour it on the burnt offering, and on the wood. 34And 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. 35And the water ran around the altar; and he filled the trench also with water. 36And it happened at the time of the offering of the evening oblation, that Elijah the prophet came near, and said, O Yehovah, the God of Abraham, of Isaac, and of Israel, let it be known this day that you are God in Israel, and that I am your servant, and that I have done all these things at your word. 37Hear me, O Yehovah, hear me, that this people may know that you, Yehovah, are God, and that you have turned their heart back again. 38Then the fire of Yehovah fell, and consumed the burnt offering, and the wood, and the stones, and the dust, and licked up the water that was in the trench. 39And when all the people saw it, they fell on their faces: and they said, Yehovah, he is God; Yehovah, he is God. 40And Elijah said to them, Seize the prophets of Baal; do not let one of them escape. And they seized them; and Elijah brought them down to the brook Kishon, and killed them there. 41And Elijah said to Ahab, Go up, eat and drink; for there is the sound of abundance of rain. 42So Ahab went up to eat and to drink. And Elijah went up to the top of Carmel; and he bowed himself down upon the earth, and put his face between his knees. 43And he 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. 44And it happened at the seventh time, that he said, Behold, a cloud is rising out of the sea, as small as a man's hand. And he said, Go up, say to Ahab, Get your chariot ready, and go down, so that the rain does not stop you. 45And it happened in a little while, that the heavens grew black with clouds and wind, and there was a great rain. And Ahab rode, and went to Jezreel: 46and the hand of Yehovah was on Elijah; and he girded up his loins, and ran before Ahab to the entrance of Jezreel.

Chapter 19

1And Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and also how he had killed all the prophets with the sword. 2Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, So may the gods do to me, and more also, if I do not make your life as the life of one of them by tomorrow about this time. 3And when he saw that, he arose, and went for his life, and came to Beer-sheba, which belongs to Judah, and left his servant there. 4But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a juniper tree: and he requested for himself that he might die, and said, It is enough; now, O Yehovah, take away my life; for I am no better than my fathers. 5And he lay down and slept under a juniper tree; and, behold, an angel touched him, and said to him, Arise and eat. 6And he looked, and, behold, there was at his head a cake baked on the coals, and a jar of water. And he ate and drank, and lay down again. 7And the angel of Yehovah came again the second time, and touched him, and said, Arise and eat, because the journey is too great for you. 8And he arose, and ate and drank, and went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mountain of God. 9And he came there to a cave, and lodged there; and, behold, the word of Yehovah came to him, and he said to him, What are you doing here, Elijah? 10And he said, I have been very jealous for Yehovah, the God of hosts; for the children of Israel have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword: and I, even I only, am left; and they seek my life, to take it away. 11And he said, Go out, and stand upon the mountain before Yehovah. And, behold, Yehovah passed by, and a great and strong wind tore the mountains, and broke the rocks in pieces before Yehovah; but Yehovah was not in the wind: and after the wind an earthquake; but Yehovah was not in the earthquake: 12and after the earthquake a fire; but Yehovah was not in the fire: and after the fire a still small voice. 13And it was so, when Elijah heard it, that he wrapped his face in his mantle, and went out, and stood in the entrance of the cave. And, behold, there came a voice to him, and said, What are you doing here, Elijah? 14And he said, I have been very jealous for Yehovah, the God of hosts; for the children of Israel have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword; and I, even I only, am left; and they seek my life, to take it away. 15And Yehovah said to him, Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus: and when you come, you shall anoint Hazael to be king over Syria; 16and Jehu the son of Nimshi you shall anoint to be king over Israel; and Elisha the son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah you shall anoint to be prophet in your place. 17And it shall happen, that whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael Jehu shall kill; and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu Elisha shall kill. 18Yet I will leave for myself seven thousand in Israel, all the knees which

have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth which has not kissed him. 19So he departed from there, and found Elisha the son of Shaphat, who was plowing, with twelve yoke of oxen before him, and he with the twelfth: and Elijah passed over to him, and cast his mantle upon him. 20And he left the oxen, and ran after Elijah, and said, Let me, please, kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow you. And he said to him, Go back again; for what have I done to you? 21And he returned from following him, and took the yoke of oxen, and sacrificed them, and boiled their flesh with the equipment of the oxen, and gave to the people, and they ate. Then he arose, and went after Elijah, and ministered to him.

Chapter 20

1And Ben-hadad the king of Syria gathered all his army together; and there were thirty-two kings with him, and horses and chariots: and he went up and besieged Samaria, and fought against it. 2And he sent messengers to Ahab king of Israel, into the city, and said to him, Thus says Ben-hadad, 3Your silver and your gold are mine; your wives also and your children, even the finest, are mine. 4And the king of Israel answered and said, It is according to your saying, my lord, O king; I am yours, and all that I have. 5And the messengers came again, and said, Thus speaks Ben-hadad, saying, I indeed sent to you, saying, You shall deliver to me your silver, and your gold, and your wives, and your children; 6but I will send my servants to you tomorrow about this time, and they shall search your house, and the houses of your servants; and it shall be, that whatever is pleasing in your eyes, they shall put it in their hand, and take it away. 7Then the king of Israel called all the elders of the land, and said, Take note, please, and see how this man is seeking trouble: for he sent to me for my wives, and for my children, and for my silver, and for my gold; and I did not refuse him. 8And all the elders and all the people said to him, Do not listen, nor consent. 9Therefore he said to the messengers of Ben-hadad, Tell my lord the king, All that you sent for to your servant at the first I will do; but this thing I cannot do. And the messengers departed, and brought him word again. 10And Ben-hadad sent to him, and said, May the gods do so to me, and more also, if the dust of Samaria shall suffice for handfuls for all the people who follow me. 11And the king of Israel answered and said, Tell him, Let not him who puts on his armor boast himself as he who takes it off. 12And it happened, when Ben-hadad heard this message, as he was drinking, he and the kings, in the tents, that he said to his servants, Take your positions. And they took their positions against the city. 13And, behold, a prophet came near to Ahab king of Israel, and said, Thus says Yehovah, Have you seen all this great multitude? behold, I will deliver it into your hand this day; and you shall know that I am Yehovah. 14And Ahab said, By whom? And he said, Thus says Yehovah, By the young men of the princes of the provinces. Then he said, Who shall begin the battle? And he answered, You. 15Then he mustered the young men of the princes of the provinces, and they were two hundred and thirty-two: and after them he mustered all the people, even all the children of Israel, being seven thousand. 16And they went out at noon. But Ben-hadad was drinking himself drunk in the tents, he and the kings, the thirty-two kings who helped him. 17And the young men of the princes of the provinces went out first; and Ben-hadad sent out, and they told him, saying, Men have come out from Samaria. 18And he said, Whether they have come out for peace, take them alive; or whether they have come out for war, take them alive. 19So these went out of the city, the young men of the princes of the provinces, and the army which followed them. 20And they killed every one his man; and the Syrians fled, and Israel pursued them: and Ben-hadad the king of Syria escaped on a horse with horsemen. 21And the king of Israel went out, and struck the horses and chariots, and killed the Syrians with a great slaughter. 22And the prophet came near to the king of Israel, and said to him, Go, strengthen yourself, and take note, and see what you do; for in the spring the king of Syria will come up against you. 23And the servants of the king of Syria said to him, Their god is a god 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. 24And do this thing: remove the kings, every man from his place, and put commanders in their place; 25and muster an army, like the army that you have lost, horse for horse, and chariot for chariot; and we will fight against them in the plain, and surely we shall be stronger than they. And he listened to their voice, and did so. 26And it happened in the spring, that Ben-hadad mustered the Syrians, and went up to Aphek, to fight against Israel. 27And the children of Israel were mustered, and were provisioned, and went against them: and the children of Israel encamped before them like two little flocks of goats;

but the Syrians filled the country. 28And a man of God came near and spoke to the king of Israel, and said, Thus says Yehovah, Because the Syrians have said, Yehovah is a god of the hills, but he is not a god of the valleys; therefore I will deliver all this great multitude into your hand, and you shall know that I am Yehovah. 29And they encamped opposite one another seven days. And so it was, that on the seventh day the battle was joined; and the children of Israel killed of the Syrians a hundred thousand foot soldiers in one day. 30But the rest fled to Aphek, into the city; and the wall fell upon twenty-seven thousand men who were left. And Ben-hadad fled, and came into the city, into an inner room. 31And his servants said to him, Behold now, we have heard that the kings of the house of Israel are merciful kings: let us, please, put sackcloth on our loins, and ropes upon our heads, and go out to the king of Israel: perhaps he will save your life. 32So they put sackcloth on their loins, and put ropes on their heads, and came to the king of Israel, and said, Your servant Ben-hadad says, Please, let me live. And he said, Is he still alive? he is my brother. 33Now the men were watching for a sign, and quickly caught up whether it was his mind; and they said, Your brother Ben-hadad. Then he said, Go, bring him. Then Ben-hadad came out to him; and he made him come up into the chariot. 34And Ben-hadad said to him, The cities which my father took from your father I will restore; and you shall make streets for yourself in Damascus, as my father made in Samaria. And I, said Ahab, will let you go with this covenant. So he made a covenant with him, and let him go. 35And a certain man of the sons of the prophets said to his fellow by the word of Yehovah, Strike me, please. And the man refused to strike him. 36Then he said to him, Because you have not obeyed the voice of Yehovah, behold, as soon as you have departed from me, a lion shall kill you. And as soon as he had departed from him, a lion found him, and killed him. 37Then he found another man, and said, Strike me, please. And the man struck him, striking and wounding him. 38So the prophet departed, and waited for the king by the road, and disguised himself with his headband over his eyes. 39And as the king passed by, he cried to the king; and he said, Your servant went out into the midst of the battle; and, behold, a man turned aside, and brought a man to me, and said, Guard this man: if by any means he is missing, then your life shall be for his life, or else you shall pay a talent of silver. 40And as your servant was busy here and there, he was gone. And the king of Israel said to him, So shall your judgment be; you yourself have decided it. 41And he hurried, and took the headband away from his eyes; and the king of Israel recognized him as one of the prophets. 42And he said to him, Thus says Yehovah, Because you have let go out of your hand the man whom I had devoted to destruction, therefore your life shall go for his life, and your people for his people. 43And the king of Israel went to his house sullen and displeased, and came to Samaria.

Chapter 21

1And it happened after these things, that Naboth the Jezreelite had a vineyard, which was in Jezreel, beside the palace of Ahab king of Samaria. 2And Ahab spoke to Naboth, saying, Give me your vineyard, that I may have it for a vegetable garden, because it is near my house; and I will give you for it a better vineyard than it: or, if it seems good to you, I will give you its worth in money. 3And Naboth said to Ahab, Yehovah forbid that I should give the inheritance of my fathers to you. 4And Ahab came into his house sullen and displeased because of the word which Naboth the Jezreelite had spoken to him; for he had said, I will not give you the inheritance of my fathers. And he lay down upon his bed, and turned away his face, and would eat no bread. 5But Jezebel his wife came to him, and said to him, Why is your spirit so sad, that you eat no bread? 6And he said to her, Because I spoke to Naboth the Jezreelite, and said to him, Give me your vineyard for money; or else, if it pleases you, I will give you another vineyard for it: and he answered, I will not give you my vineyard. 7And Jezebel his wife said to him, Do you now govern the kingdom of Israel? arise, and eat bread, and let your heart be merry: I will give you the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite. 8So she wrote letters in Ahab's name, and sealed them with his seal, and sent the letters to the elders and to the nobles who were in his city, and who lived with Naboth. 9And she wrote in the letters, saying, Proclaim a fast, and set Naboth on high among the people: 10and set two men, worthless fellows, before him, and let them bear witness against him, saying, You cursed God and the king. And then carry him out, and stone him to death. 11And the men of his city, even the elders and the nobles who lived in his city, did as Jezebel had sent to them, just as it was written in the letters which she had sent to them. 12They proclaimed a fast, and set Naboth on high among the people. 13And the two

men, the worthless fellows, came in and sat before him: and the worthless fellows bore witness against him, even against Naboth, in the presence of the people, saying, Naboth cursed God and the king. Then they carried him out of the city, and stoned him to death with stones. 14Then they sent to Jezebel, saying, Naboth has been stoned, and is dead. 15And it happened, when Jezebel heard that Naboth had been stoned, and was dead, that Jezebel said to Ahab, Arise, take possession of the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite, which he refused to give you for money; for Naboth is not alive, but dead. 16And it happened, 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. 17And the word of Yehovah came to Elijah the Tishbite, saying, 18Arise, go down to meet Ahab king of Israel, who dwells in Samaria: behold, he is in the vineyard of Naboth, where he has gone down to take possession of it. 19And you shall speak to him, saying, Thus says Yehovah, Have you killed, and also taken possession? And you shall speak to him, saying, Thus says Yehovah, In the place where dogs licked the blood of Naboth shall dogs lick your blood, even yours. 20And Ahab said to Elijah, Have you found me, O my enemy? And he answered, I have found you, because you have sold yourself to do what is evil in the sight of Yehovah. 21Behold, I will bring evil upon you, and will utterly sweep you away and will cut off from Ahab every male, both the one shut up and the one left free in Israel: 22and I will make your house like the house of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, and like the house of Baasha the son of Ahijah for the provocation with which you have provoked me to anger, and have made Israel sin. 23And of Jezebel also Yehovah spoke, saying, The dogs shall eat Jezebel by the rampart of Jezreel. 24Anyone belonging to Ahab who dies in the city the dogs shall eat; and anyone who dies in the field the birds of the heavens shall eat. 25(But there was none like Ahab, who sold himself to do what was evil in the sight of Yehovah, whom Jezebel his wife stirred up. 26And he did very abominably in following idols, according to all that the Amorites did, whom Yehovah cast out before the children of Israel.) 27And it happened, when Ahab heard those words, that he tore his clothes, and put sackcloth upon his flesh, and fasted, and lay in sackcloth, and went about dejectedly. 28And the word of Yehovah came to Elijah the Tishbite, saying, 29Do you see how Ahab humbles himself before me? because he humbles himself before me, I will not bring the evil in his days; but in his son's days I will bring the evil upon his house.

Chapter 22

1And they continued three years without war between Syria and Israel. 2And it happened in the third year, that Jehoshaphat the king of Judah came down to the king of Israel. 3And the king of Israel said to his servants, Do you know that Ramoth-gilead is ours, and we keep quiet, and do not take it out of the hand of the king of Syria? 4And he said to Jehoshaphat, Will you go with me to battle to Ramoth-gilead? And Jehoshaphat said to the king of Israel, I am as you are, my people as your people, my horses as your horses. 5And Jehoshaphat said to the king of Israel, Inquire first, please, for the word of Yehovah. 6Then the king of Israel gathered the prophets together, about four hundred men, and said to them, Shall I go against Ramoth-gilead to battle, or shall I refrain? And they said, Go up; for the Lord will deliver it into the hand of the king. 7But Jehoshaphat said, Is there not here another prophet of Yehovah, that we may inquire of him? 8And the king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat, There is still one man by whom we may inquire of Yehovah, Micaiah the son of Imlah: but I hate him; for he does not prophesy good concerning me, but evil. And Jehoshaphat said, Let not the king say so. 9Then the king of Israel called an officer, and said, Bring Micaiah the son of Imlah quickly. 10Now the king of Israel and Jehoshaphat the king of Judah were sitting each on his throne, arrayed in their robes, in an open place at the entrance of the gate of Samaria; and all the prophets were prophesying before them. 11And Zedekiah the son of Chenaanah made for himself horns of iron, and said, Thus says Yehovah, With these you shall push the Syrians, until they are consumed. 12And all the prophets prophesied so, saying, Go up to Ramoth-gilead, and prosper; for Yehovah will deliver it into the hand of the king. 13And the messenger who went to call Micaiah spoke to him, saying, Behold now, the words of the prophets declare good to the king with one mouth: let your word, please, be like the word of one of them, and speak good. 14And Micaiah said, As Yehovah lives, what Yehovah says to me, that I will speak. 15And when he had come to the king, the king said to him, Micaiah, shall we go to Ramoth-gilead to battle, or shall we refrain? And he answered him, Go up and prosper; and Yehovah will deliver it into the hand of the king. 16And the king said to him, How

many times shall I make you swear that you speak to me nothing but the truth in the name of Yehovah? 17And he said, I saw all Israel scattered upon the mountains, as sheep that have no shepherd: and Yehovah said, These have no master; let them return every man to his house in peace. 18And the king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat, Did I not tell you that he would not prophesy good concerning me, but evil? 19And Micaiah said, Therefore hear the word of Yehovah: I saw Yehovah sitting on his throne, and all the host of heaven standing by him on his right hand and on his left. 20And Yehovah said, Who shall entice Ahab, that he may go up and fall at Ramoth-gilead? And one said one thing; and another said another. 21And a spirit came out, and stood before Yehovah, and said, I will entice him. 22And Yehovah said to him, By what means? And he said, I will go out, and will be a lying spirit in the mouth of all his prophets. And he said, You shall entice him, and shall prevail also: go out, and do so. 23Now therefore, behold, Yehovah has put a lying spirit in the mouth of all these your prophets; and Yehovah has spoken evil concerning you. 24Then Zedekiah the son of Chenaanah came near, and struck Micaiah on the cheek, and said, Which way did the Spirit of Yehovah go from me to speak to you? 25And Micaiah said, Behold, you shall see on that day, when you go into an inner room to hide yourself. 26And the king of Israel said, Take Micaiah, and carry him back to Amon the governor of the city, and to Joash the king's son; 27and say, Thus says 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. 28And Micaiah said, If you return at all in peace, Yehovah has not spoken by me. And he said, Hear, you peoples, all of you. 29So the king of Israel and Jehoshaphat the king of Judah went up to Ramoth-gilead. 30And the king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat, I will disguise myself, and go into the battle; but you put on your robes. And the king of Israel disguised himself, and went into the battle. 31Now the king of Syria had commanded the thirty-two captains of his chariots, saying, Fight with neither small nor great, except only with the king of Israel. 32And it happened, 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. 33And it happened, when the captains of the chariots saw that it was not the king of Israel, that they turned back from pursuing him. 34And a certain man drew his bow at random, and struck the king of Israel between the joints of the armor: therefore he said to the driver of his chariot, Turn your hand, and carry me out of the army; for I am severely wounded. 35And the battle increased that day: and the king was propped up in his chariot facing the Syrians, and died at evening; and the blood ran out of the wound into the bottom of the chariot. 36And a cry went throughout the army about the going down of the sun, saying, Every man to his city, and every man to his country. 37So the king died, and was brought to Samaria; and they buried the king in Samaria. 38And they washed the chariot by the pool of Samaria; and the dogs licked up his blood (now the prostitutes washed themselves there); according to the word of Yehovah which he spoke. 39Now the rest of the acts of Ahab, and all that he did, and the ivory house which he built, and all the cities that he built, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel? 40So Ahab slept with his fathers; and Ahaziah his son reigned in his place. 41And Jehoshaphat the son of Asa began to reign over Judah in the fourth year of Ahab king of Israel. 42Jehoshaphat was thirty-five years old when he began to reign; and he reigned twenty-five years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Azubah the daughter of Shilhi. 43And he walked in all the way of Asa his father; he did not turn aside from it, doing what was right in the eyes of Yehovah: however, the high places were not taken away; the people still sacrificed and burned incense in the high places. 44And Jehoshaphat made peace with the king of Israel. 45Now the rest of the acts of Jehoshaphat, and his might that he showed, and how he warred, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah? 46And the remnant of the male cult prostitutes, who remained in the days of his father Asa, he put away out of the land. 47And there was no king in Edom: a deputy was king. 48Jehoshaphat made ships of Tarshish to go to Ophir for gold: but they did not go; for the ships were wrecked at Ezion-geber. 49Then Ahaziah the son of Ahab said to Jehoshaphat, Let my servants go with your servants in the ships. But Jehoshaphat would not. 50And Jehoshaphat slept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the city of David his father; And Jehoram his son reigned in his place. 51Ahaziah 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. 52And he did

what was evil in the sight of Yehovah, and walked in the way of his father, and in the way of his mother, and in the way of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, by which he made Israel sin. 53 And he served Baal, and bowed down to him, and provoked to anger Yehovah, the God of Israel, according to all that his father had done.

2 Kings

Chapter 1

1And Moab rebelled against Israel after the death of Ahab. 2And Ahaziah fell down through the lattice in his upper chamber that was in Samaria, and was sick: and he sent messengers, and said to them, Go, inquire of Baal-zebub, the god of Ekron, whether I shall recover from this sickness. 3But the angel of Yehovah said to Elijah the Tishbite, Arise, go up to meet the messengers of the king of Samaria, and say to them, Is it because there is no God in Israel, that you go to inquire of Baal-zebub, the god of Ekron? 4Now therefore thus says Yehovah, You shall not come down from the bed to which you have gone up, but shall surely die. And Elijah departed. 5And the messengers returned to him, and he said to them, Why is it that you have returned? 6And they said to him, A man came up to meet us, and said to us, Go, turn again to the king who sent you, and say to him, Thus says Yehovah, Is it because there is no God in Israel, that you send to inquire of Baal-zebub, the god of Ekron? therefore you shall not come down from the bed to which you have gone up, but shall surely die. 7And he said to them, What manner of man was he who came up to meet you, and told you these words? 8And they answered him, He was a hairy man, and wearing a belt of leather about his loins. And he said, It is Elijah the Tishbite. 9Then the king sent to him a captain of fifty with his fifty. And he went up to him: and, behold, he was sitting on the top of the hill. And he spoke to him, O man of God, the king has said, Come down. 10And Elijah answered and said to the captain of fifty, If I am a man of God, let fire come down from heaven, and consume you and your fifty. And fire came down from heaven, and consumed him and his fifty. 11And again he sent to him another captain of fifty with his fifty. And he answered and said to him, O man of God, thus has the king said, Come down quickly. 12And Elijah answered and said to them, If I am a man of God, let fire come down from heaven, and consume you and your fifty. And the fire of God came down from heaven, and consumed him and his fifty. 13And again he sent the captain of a third fifty with his fifty. And the third captain of fifty went up, and came and fell on his knees before Elijah, and begged him, and said to him, O man of God, please let my life, and the life of these fifty your servants, be precious in your sight. 14Behold, fire came down from heaven, and consumed the two former captains of fifty with their fifties; but now let my life be precious in your sight. 15And the angel of Yehovah said to Elijah, Go down with him: do not be afraid of him. And he arose, and went down with him to the king. 16And he said to him, Thus says Yehovah, Because you have sent messengers to inquire of Baal-zebub, the god of Ekron, is it because there is no God in Israel to inquire of his word? therefore you shall not come down from the bed to which you have gone up, but shall surely die. 17So he died according to the word of Yehovah which Elijah had spoken. And Jehoram began to reign in his place in the second year of Jehoram the son of Jehoshaphat king of Judah; because he had no son. 18Now the rest of the acts of Ahaziah which he did, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel?

Chapter 2

1And it happened, when Yehovah was about to take up Elijah by a whirlwind into heaven, that Elijah went with Elisha from Gilgal. 2And Elijah said to Elisha, Please stay here; for Yehovah has sent me as far as Beth-el. And Elisha said, As Yehovah lives, and as your soul lives, I will not leave you. So they went down to Beth-el. 3And the sons of the prophets who were at Beth-el came forth to Elisha, and said to him, Do you know that Yehovah will take away your master from your head today? And he said, Yes, I know it; hold your peace. 4And Elijah said to him, Elisha, please stay here; for Yehovah has sent me to Jericho. And he said, As Yehovah lives, and as your soul lives, I will not leave you. So they came to Jericho. 5And the sons of the prophets who were at Jericho came near to Elisha, and said to him, Do you know that Yehovah will take away your master from your head today? And he answered, Yes, I know it; hold your peace. 6And Elijah said to him, Please stay here; for Yehovah has sent me to the Jordan. And he said, As Yehovah lives, and as your soul lives, I will not leave you. And the two of them went on. 7And fifty men of the sons of the prophets went, and stood opposite them at a distance: and the two of them stood by the Jordan. 8And Elijah took his mantle, and wrapped it together, and struck the waters, and they were divided to one side and to the other, so that the two of them went over on dry ground. 9And it

happened, when they had gone over, that Elijah said to Elisha, Ask what I shall do for you, before I am taken from you. And Elisha said, Please let a double portion of your spirit be on me. 10And he said, You have asked a hard thing: nevertheless, if you see me when I am taken from you, it shall be so to you; but if not, it shall not be so. 11And it happened, as they still went on, and talked, that, behold, there appeared a chariot of fire, and horses of fire, which separated the two of them; and Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven. 12And Elisha saw it, and he cried, My father, my father, the chariots of Israel and its horsemen! And he saw him no more: and he took hold of his own clothes, and tore them in two pieces. 13He also took up the mantle of Elijah that fell from him, and went back, and stood by the bank of the Jordan. 14And he took the mantle of Elijah that fell from him, and struck the waters, and said, Where is Yehovah, the God of Elijah? and when he also had struck the waters, they were divided to one side and to the other; and Elisha went over. 15And when the sons of the prophets who were at Jericho opposite him saw him, they said, The spirit of Elijah does rest on Elisha. And they came to meet him, and bowed themselves to the ground before him. 16And they said to him, Behold now, there are with your servants fifty strong men; please let them go and seek your master, lest the Spirit of Yehovah has taken him up, and cast him on some mountain, or into some valley. And he said, You shall not send. 17And when they urged him until he was ashamed, he said, Send. They sent therefore fifty men; and they sought three days, but did not find him. 18And they came back to him, while he stayed at Jericho; and he said to them, Did I not say to you, Do not go? 19And the men of the city said to Elisha, Behold, please, the situation of this city is pleasant, as my lord sees: but the water is bad, and the land miscarries. 20And he said, Bring me a new bowl, and put salt in it. And they brought it to him. 21And he went forth to the spring of the waters, and cast salt in it, and said, Thus says Yehovah, I have healed these waters; there shall not be from there any more death or miscarrying. 22So the waters were healed to this day, according to the word of Elisha which he spoke. 23And he went up from there to Beth-el; and as he was going up by the way, young lads came out of the city, and mocked him, and said to him, Go up, you baldhead; go up, you baldhead. 24And he looked behind him and saw them, and cursed them in the name of Yehovah. And two she-bears came out of the wood, and tore forty-two of the lads. 25And he went from there to mount Carmel, and from there he returned to Samaria.

Chapter 3

1Now Jehoram the son of Ahab began to reign over Israel in Samaria in the eighteenth year of Jehoshaphat king of Judah, and reigned twelve years. 2And he did that which was evil in the sight of Yehovah, but not like his father, and like his mother; for he put away the pillar of Baal that his father had made. 3Nevertheless he clung to the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, with which he made Israel sin; he did not depart from them. 4Now Mesha king of Moab was a sheep-master; and he rendered to the king of Israel the wool of a hundred thousand lambs, and of a hundred thousand rams. 5But it happened, when Ahab was dead, that the king of Moab rebelled against the king of Israel. 6And king Jehoram went out of Samaria at that time, and mustered all Israel. 7And he went and sent to Jehoshaphat the king of Judah, saying, The king of Moab has rebelled against me: will you go with me against Moab to battle? And he said, I will go up: I am as you are, my people as your people, my horses as your horses. 8And he said, Which way shall we go up? And he answered, The way of the wilderness of Edom. 9So the king of Israel went, and the king of Judah, and the king of Edom; and they made a circuit of seven days' journey: and there was no water for the host, nor for the beasts that followed them. 10And the king of Israel said, Alas! for Yehovah has called these three kings together to deliver them into the hand of Moab. 11But Jehoshaphat said, Is there not here a prophet of Yehovah, so that we may inquire of Yehovah by him? And one of the king of Israel's servants answered and said, Elisha the son of Shaphat is here, who poured water on the hands of Elijah. 12And Jehoshaphat said, The word of Yehovah is with him. So the king of Israel and Jehoshaphat and the king of Edom went down to him. 13And Elisha said to the king of Israel, What have I to do with you? go to the prophets of your father, and to the prophets of your mother. And the king of Israel said to him, No; for Yehovah has called these three kings together to deliver them into the hand of Moab. 14And Elisha said, As Yehovah of hosts lives, before whom I stand, surely, were it not that I regard the presence of Jehoshaphat the king of Judah, I would not look toward you, nor see you. 15But now bring me a minstrel. And it happened, when the minstrel played, that the hand of Yehovah

came upon him. 16And he said, Thus says Yehovah, Make this valley full of trenches. 17For thus says Yehovah, You shall not see wind, neither shall you see rain; yet that valley shall be filled with water, and you shall drink, both you and your cattle and your beasts. 18And this is only a light thing in the sight of Yehovah: he will also deliver the Moabites into your hand. 19And you shall strike every fortified city, and every choice city, and shall fell every good tree, and stop all fountains of water, and mar every good piece of land with stones. 20And it happened in the morning, about the time of offering the oblation, that, behold, water came by the way of Edom, and the country was filled with water. 21Now when all the Moabites heard that the kings had come up to fight against them, they gathered themselves together, all who were able to put on armor, and upward, and stood on the border. 22And they rose up early in the morning, and the sun shone on the water, and the Moabites saw the water opposite them as red as blood: 23and they said, This is blood; the kings are surely destroyed, and they have struck each other down: now therefore, Moab, to the spoil. 24And when they came to the camp of Israel, the Israelites rose up and struck the Moabites, so that they fled before them; and they went forward into the land striking the Moabites. 25And they beat down the cities; and on every good piece of land each man cast his stone, and filled it; and they stopped all the fountains of water, and felled all the good trees, until in Kir-hareseth only they left its stones; however, the slingers went around it, and struck it. 26And when the king of Moab saw that the battle was too severe for him, he took with him seven hundred men who drew sword, to break through to the king of Edom; but they could not. 27Then he took his eldest son who should have reigned in his place, and offered him for a burnt-offering on the wall. And there was great wrath against Israel: and they departed from him, and returned to their own land.

Chapter 4

1Now a certain woman of the wives of the sons of the prophets cried out to Elisha, saying, Your servant my husband is dead; and you know that your servant feared Yehovah: and the creditor has come to take to him my two children to be slaves. 2And Elisha said to her, What shall I do for you? tell me; what have you in the house? And she said, Your handmaid has nothing in the house, except a pot of oil. 3Then he said, Go, borrow vessels from outside, from all your neighbors, even empty vessels; do not borrow a few. 4And you shall go in, and shut the door upon you and upon your sons, and pour out into all those vessels; and you shall set aside that which is full. 5So she went from him, and shut the door upon her and upon her sons; they brought the vessels to her, and she poured out. 6And it happened, when the vessels were full, that she said to her son, Bring me another vessel. And he said to her, There is not another vessel. And the oil stopped. 7Then she came and told the man of God. And he said, Go, sell the oil, and pay your debt, and you and your sons live on the rest. 8And it happened one day, that Elisha passed to Shunem, where there was a great woman; and she urged him to eat bread. And so it was, that as often as he passed by, he turned in there to eat bread. 9And she said to her husband, Behold now, I perceive that this is a holy man of God, who passes by us continually. 10Please let us make a little chamber on the wall; and let us set for him there a bed, and a table, and a seat, and a candlestick: and it shall be, when he comes to us, that he shall turn in there. 11And it happened one day, that he came there, and he turned into the chamber and lay there. 12And he said to Gehazi his servant, Call this Shunammite. And when he had called her, she stood before him. 13And he said to him, Say now to her, Behold, you have taken all this trouble for us; what is to be done for you? would you be spoken for to the king, or to the captain of the host? And she answered, I dwell among my own people. 14And he said, What then is to be done for her? And Gehazi answered, Truly she has no son, and her husband is old. 15And he said, Call her. And when he had called her, she stood in the door. 16And he said, At this season, when the time comes around, you shall embrace a son. And she said, No, my lord, you man of God, do not lie to your handmaid. 17And the woman conceived, and bore a son at that season, when the time came around, as Elisha had said to her. 18And when the child was grown, it happened one day, that he went out to his father to the reapers. 19And he said to his father, My head, my head. And he said to his servant, Carry him to his mother. 20And when he had taken him, and brought him to his mother, he sat on her knees until noon, and then died. 21And she went up and laid him on the bed of the man of God, and shut the door upon him, and went out. 22And she called to her husband, and said, Please send me one of the servants, and one of the donkeys, that I may run to the man of God, and come again. 23And he

said, Why will you go to him today? it is neither new moon nor sabbath. And she said, It shall be well. 24Then she saddled a donkey, and said to her servant, Drive, and go forward; do not slow down the riding for me, unless I tell you. 25So she went, and came to the man of God to mount Carmel. And it happened, when the man of God saw her at a distance, that he said to Gehazi his servant, Behold, there is the Shunammite: 26please run now to meet her, and say to her, Is it well with you? is it well with your husband? is it well with the child? And she answered, It is well. 27And when she came to the man of God to the hill, she caught hold of his feet. And Gehazi came near to thrust her away; but the man of God said, Let her alone: for her soul is distressed within her; and Yehovah has hidden it from me, and has not told me. 28Then she said, Did I ask my lord for a son? did I not say, Do not deceive me? 29Then he said to Gehazi, Gird up your loins, and take my staff in your hand, and go your way: if you meet any man, do not salute him; and if anyone salutes you, do not answer him: and lay my staff upon the face of the child. 30And the mother of the child said, As Yehovah lives, and as your soul lives, I will not leave you. And he arose, and followed her. 31And Gehazi passed on before them, and laid the staff upon the face of the child; but there was neither voice, nor hearing. Therefore he returned to meet him, and told him, saying, The child has not awakened. 32And when Elisha had come into the house, behold, the child was dead, and laid upon his bed. 33He went in therefore, and shut the door on the two of them, and prayed to Yehovah. 34And he went up, and lay upon the child, and put his mouth upon his mouth, and his eyes upon his eyes, and his hands upon his hands: and he stretched himself upon him; and the flesh of the child grew warm. 35Then he returned, and walked in the house once back and forth; and went up, and stretched himself upon him: and the child sneezed seven times, and the child opened his eyes. 36And he called Gehazi, and said, Call this Shunammite. So he called her. And when she had come in to him, he said, Take up your son. 37Then she went in, and fell at his feet, and bowed herself to the ground; and she took up her son, and went out. 38And Elisha came again to Gilgal. And there was a famine in the land; and the sons of the prophets were sitting before him; and he said to his servant, Set on the great pot, and boil stew for the sons of the prophets. 39And one went out into the field to gather herbs, and found a wild vine, and gathered from it wild gourds, his lap full, and came and cut them up into the pot of stew; for they did not know them. 40So they poured out for the men to eat. And it happened, as they were eating of the stew, that they cried out, and said, O man of God, there is death in the pot. And they could not eat of it. 41But he said, Then bring flour. And he cast it into the pot; and he said, Pour out for the people, that they may eat. And there was no harm in the pot. 42And a man came from Baal-shalishah, and brought the man of God bread of the first-fruits, twenty loaves of barley, and fresh ears of grain in his sack. And he said, Give to the people, that they may eat. 43And his servant said, What, should I set this before a hundred men? But he said, Give the people, that they may eat; for thus says Yehovah, They shall eat, and shall leave some over. 44So he set it before them, and they ate, and left some over, according to the word of Yehovah.

Chapter 5

1Now Naaman, captain of the host of the king of Syria, was a great man with his master, and honorable, because by him Yehovah had given victory to Syria: he was also a mighty man of valor, but he was a leper. 2And the Syrians had gone out in bands, and had brought away captive out of the land of Israel a little girl; and she waited on Naaman's wife. 3And she said to her mistress, If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! then he would cure him of his leprosy. 4And one went in, and told his lord, saying, Thus and thus said the girl who is from the land of Israel. 5And the king of Syria said, Go now, and I will send a letter to the king of Israel. And he departed, and took with him ten talents of silver, and six thousand pieces of gold, and ten changes of clothing. 6And he brought the letter to the king of Israel, saying, And now when this letter has come to you, behold, I have sent Naaman my servant to you, that you may cure him of his leprosy. 7And it happened, when the king of Israel had read the letter, that he tore his clothes, and said, Am I God, to kill and to make alive, that this man sends to me to cure a man of his leprosy? but please consider, and see how he seeks a quarrel against me. 8And it was so, when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, that he sent to the king, saying, Why have you torn your clothes? let him come now to me, and he shall know that there is a prophet in Israel. 9So Naaman came with his horses and with his chariots, and stood at the door of the house of Elisha. 10And Elisha sent a messenger to

him, saying, Go and wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall come again to you, and you shall be clean. 11But Naaman was angry, and went away, and said, Behold, I thought, He will surely come out to me, and stand, and call on the name of Yehovah his God, and wave his hand over the place, and cure the leper. 12Are not Abanah and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? may I not wash in them, and be clean? So he turned and went away in a rage. 13And his servants came near, and spoke to him, and said, My father, if the prophet had told you to do some great thing, would you not have done it? how much rather then, when he says to you, Wash, and be clean? 14Then he went down, and dipped himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the saying of the man of God; and his flesh came again like the flesh of a little child, and he was clean. 15And he returned to the man of God, he and all his company, and came, and stood before him; and he said, Behold now, I know that there is no God in all the earth, but in Israel: now therefore, please take a present from your servant. 16But he said, As Yehovah lives, before whom I stand, I will receive none. And he urged him to take it; but he refused. 17And Naaman said, If not, then please let there be given to your servant two mules' burden of earth; for your servant will from now on offer neither burnt-offering nor sacrifice to other gods, but to Yehovah. 18In this thing may Yehovah pardon your servant: when my master goes into the house of Rimmon to bow down there, and he leans on my hand, and I bow myself in the house of Rimmon, when I bow myself in the house of Rimmon, may Yehovah pardon your servant in this thing. 19And he said to him, Go in peace. So he departed from him a little way. 20But Gehazi the servant of Elisha the man of God, said, Behold, my master has spared this Naaman the Syrian, in not receiving at his hands that which he brought: as Yehovah lives, I will run after him, and take something from him. 21So Gehazi followed after Naaman. And when Naaman saw one running after him, he alighted from the chariot to meet him, and said, Is all well? 22And he said, All is well. My master has sent me, saying, Behold, even now there have come to me from the hill-country of Ephraim two young men of the sons of the prophets; please give them a talent of silver, and two changes of clothing. 23And Naaman said, Be pleased to take two talents. And he urged him, and bound two talents of silver in two bags, with two changes of clothing, and laid them on two of his servants; and they carried them before him. 24And when he came to the hill, he took them from their hand, and stored them in the house; and he let the men go, and they departed. 25But he went in, and stood before his master. And Elisha said to him, Where have you come from, Gehazi? And he said, Your servant went nowhere. 26And he said to him, Did not my heart go with you, when the man turned from his chariot to meet you? Is it a time to receive money, and to receive garments, and oliveyards and vineyards, and sheep and oxen, and men-servants and maid-servants? 27The leprosy therefore of Naaman shall cling to you, and to your seed forever. And he went out from his presence a leper as white as snow.

Chapter 6

1And the sons of the prophets said to Elisha, Behold now, the place where we dwell before you is too narrow for us. 2Please let us go to the Jordan, and take from there every man a beam, and let us make a place for us there, where we may dwell. And he answered, Go. 3And one said, Please be pleased to go with your servants. And he answered, I will go. 4So he went with them. And when they came to the Jordan, they cut down wood. 5But as one was felling a beam, the axe-head fell into the water; and he cried, and said, Alas, my master! for it was borrowed. 6And the man of God said, Where did it fall? And he showed him the place. And he cut down a stick, and cast it in there, and made the iron float. 7And he said, Take it up to you. So he put out his hand, and took it. 8Now the king of Syria was warring against Israel; and he took counsel with his servants, saying, In such and such a place my camp shall be. 9And the man of God sent to the king of Israel, saying, Beware that you do not pass such a place; for there the Syrians are coming down. 10And the king of Israel sent to the place which the man of God told him and warned him of; and he saved himself there, not once nor twice. 11And the heart of the king of Syria was greatly troubled for this thing; and he called his servants, and said to them, Will you not show me which of us is for the king of Israel? 12And one of his servants said, No, my lord, O king; but Elisha, the prophet who is in Israel, tells the king of Israel the words that you speak in your bedchamber. 13And he said, Go and see where he is, that I may send and fetch him. And it was told him, saying, Behold, he is in Dothan. 14Therefore he sent there horses, and chariots, and a great host: and they came by night, and surrounded

the city. 15And when the servant of the man of God had risen early, and gone out, behold, a host with horses and chariots was all around the city. And his servant said to him, Alas, my master! what shall we do? 16And he answered, Do not fear; for those who are with us are more than those who are with them. 17And Elisha prayed, and said, Yehovah, please open his eyes, that he may see. And Yehovah opened the eyes of the young man; and he saw: and, behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha. 18And when they came down to him, Elisha prayed to Yehovah, and said, Please strike this people with blindness. And he struck them with blindness according to the word of Elisha. 19And Elisha said to them, This is not the way, neither is this the city: follow me, and I will bring you to the man whom you seek. And he led them to Samaria. 20And it happened, when they had come into Samaria, that Elisha said, Yehovah, open the eyes of these men, that they may see. And Yehovah opened their eyes, and they saw; and, behold, they were in the midst of Samaria. 21And the king of Israel said to Elisha, when he saw them, My father, shall I strike them? shall I strike them? 22And he answered, You shall not strike them: would you strike those whom you have taken captive with your sword and with your bow? set bread and water before them, that they may eat and drink, and go to their master. 23And he prepared great provision for them; and when they had eaten and drunk, he sent them away, and they went to their master. And the bands of Syria came no more into the land of Israel. 24And it happened after this, that Ben-hadad king of Syria gathered all his host, and went up, and besieged Samaria. 25And there was a great famine in Samaria: and, behold, they besieged it, until a donkey's head was sold for eighty pieces of silver, and the fourth part of a kab of dove's dung for five pieces of silver. 26And as the king of Israel was passing by on the wall, a woman cried to him, saying, Help, my lord, O king. 27And he said, If Yehovah does not help you, from where shall I help you? out of the threshing-floor, or out of the winepress? 28And the king said to her, What troubles you? And she answered, This woman said to me, Give your son, that we may eat him today, and we will eat my son tomorrow. 29So we boiled my son, and ate him: and I said to her on the next day, Give your son, that we may eat him; and she has hidden her son. 30And it happened, when the king heard the words of the woman, that he tore his clothes (now he was passing by on the wall); and the people looked, and, behold, he had sackcloth underneath on his flesh. 31Then he said, May God do so to me, and more also, if the head of Elisha the son of Shaphat shall stand on him this day. 32But Elisha was sitting in his house, and the elders were sitting with him; and the king sent a man from before him: but before the messenger came to him, he said to the elders, Do you see how this son of a murderer has sent to take away my head? look, when the messenger comes, shut the door, and hold the door fast against him: is not the sound of his master's feet behind him? 33And while he was still talking with them, behold, the messenger came down to him: and he said, Behold, this evil is from Yehovah; why should I wait for Yehovah any longer?

Chapter 7

1And Elisha said, Hear the word of Yehovah: thus says Yehovah, Tomorrow about this time a measure of fine flour shall be sold for a shekel, and two measures of barley for a shekel, in the gate of Samaria. 2Then the captain on whose hand the king leaned answered the man of God, and said, Behold, if Yehovah should make windows in heaven, might this thing be? And he said, Behold, you shall see it with your eyes, but shall not eat of it. 3Now there were four leprous men at the entrance of the gate: and they said one to another, Why do we sit here until we die? 4If we say, We will enter into the city, then the famine is in the city, and we shall die there; and if we sit still here, we die also. Now therefore come, and let us go over to the host of the Syrians: if they save us alive, we shall live; and if they kill us, we shall only die. 5And they rose up in the twilight, to go to the camp of the Syrians; and when they had come to the outermost part of the camp of the Syrians, behold, there was no man there. 6For the Lord had made the host of the Syrians to hear a noise of chariots, and a noise of horses, even the noise of a great host: and they said one to another, Look, the king of Israel has hired against us the kings of the Hittites, and the kings of the Egyptians, to come upon us. 7Therefore they arose and fled in the twilight, and left their tents, and their horses, and their donkeys, even the camp as it was, and fled for their life. 8And when these lepers came to the outermost part of the camp, they went into one tent, and ate and drank, and carried from there silver, and gold, and clothing, and went and hid it; and they came back, and entered into another tent, and carried from there also, and went and hid it. 9Then they said one to another, We are not doing

right; this day is a day of good tidings, and we hold our peace: if we wait until the morning light, punishment will overtake us; now therefore come, let us go and tell the king's household. 10So they came and called to the gatekeeper of the city; and they told them, saying, We came to the camp of the Syrians, and, behold, there was no man there, neither voice of man, but the horses tied, and the donkeys tied, and the tents as they were. 11And he called the gatekeepers; and they told it to the king's household within. 12And the king arose in the night, and said to his servants, I will now show you what the Syrians have done to us. They know that we are hungry; therefore they have gone out of the camp to hide themselves in the field, saying, When they come out of the city, we shall take them alive, and get into the city. 13And one of his servants answered and said, Please let some take five of the horses that remain, which are left in the city (behold, they are as all the multitude of Israel that are left in it; behold, they are as all the multitude of Israel that are consumed); and let us send and see. 14They took therefore two chariots with horses; and the king sent after the host of the Syrians, saying, Go and see. 15And they went after them to the Jordan: and, look, all the way was full of garments and vessels, which the Syrians had cast away in their haste. And the messengers returned, and told the king. 16And the people went out, and plundered the camp of the Syrians. So a measure of fine flour was sold for a shekel, and two measures of barley for a shekel, according to the word of Yehovah. 17And the king appointed the captain on whose hand he leaned to have the charge of the gate: and the people trampled him in the gate, and he died as the man of God had said, who spoke when the king came down to him. 18And it happened, as the man of God had spoken to the king, saying, Two measures of barley for a shekel, and a measure of fine flour for a shekel, shall be tomorrow about this time in the gate of Samaria; 19and that captain answered the man of God, and said, Now, behold, if Yehovah should make windows in heaven, might such a thing be? and he said, Behold, you shall see it with your eyes, but shall not eat of it: 20it happened even so to him; for the people trampled him in the gate, and he died.

Chapter 8

1Now Elisha had spoken to the woman, whose son he had restored to life, saying, Arise, and go, you and your household, and sojourn wherever you can sojourn: for Yehovah has called for a famine; and it shall also come upon the land seven years. 2And the woman arose, and did according to the word of the man of God; and she went with her household, and sojourned in the land of the Philistines seven years. 3And it happened at the end of the seven years, that the woman returned out of the land of the Philistines: and she went forth to cry to the king for her house and for her land. 4Now the king was talking with Gehazi the servant of the man of God, saying, Please tell me all the great things that Elisha has done. 5And it happened, as he was telling the king how he had restored to life him who was dead, that, behold, the woman, whose son he had restored to life, cried to the king for her house and for her land. And Gehazi said, My lord, O king, this is the woman, and this is her son, whom Elisha restored to life. 6And when the king asked the woman, she told him. So the king appointed to her a certain officer, saying, Restore all that was hers, and all the fruits of the field since the day that she left the land, even until now. 7And Elisha came to Damascus; and Ben-hadad the king of Syria was sick; and it was told him, saying, The man of God has come here. 8And the king said to Hazael, Take a present in your hand, and go, meet the man of God, and inquire of Yehovah by him, saying, Shall I recover from this sickness? 9So Hazael went to meet him, and took a present with him, even of every good thing of Damascus, forty camels' burden, and came and stood before him, and said, Your son Ben-hadad king of Syria has sent me to you, saying, Shall I recover from this sickness? 10And Elisha said to him, Go, say to him, You shall surely recover; however, Yehovah has shown me that he shall surely die. 11And he fixed his gaze steadily on him, until he was ashamed: and the man of God wept. 12And Hazael said, Why does my lord weep? And he answered, Because I know the evil that you will do to the children of Israel: their strongholds you will set on fire, and their young men you will kill with the sword, and you will dash in pieces their little ones, and rip up their women with child. 13And Hazael said, But what is your servant, who is only a dog, that he should do this great thing? And Elisha answered, Yehovah has shown me that you shall be king over Syria. 14Then he departed from Elisha, and came to his master; who said to him, What did Elisha say to you? And he answered, He told me that you would surely recover. 15And it happened on the next day, that he took the coverlet, and dipped it in water, and spread it on his face, so that he died: and Hazael

reigned in his place. 16And in the fifth year of Joram the son of Ahab king of Israel, Jehoshaphat being then king of Judah, Jehoram the son of Jehoshaphat king of Judah began to reign. 17He was thirty-two years old when he began to reign; and he reigned eight years in Jerusalem. 18And he walked in the way of the kings of Israel, as did the house of Ahab: for he had the daughter of Ahab as wife; and he did that which was evil in the sight of Yehovah. 19However, Yehovah would not destroy Judah, for David his servant's sake, as he promised him to give to him a lamp for his children always. 20In his days Edom revolted from under the hand of Judah, and made a king over themselves. 21Then Joram passed over to Zair, and all his chariots with him: and he rose up by night, and struck the Edomites who surrounded him, and the captains of the chariots; and the people fled to their tents. 22So Edom revolted from under the hand of Judah to this day. Then Libnah revolted at the same time. 23And the rest of the acts of Joram, and all that he did, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah? 24And Joram slept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the city of David; and Ahaziah his son reigned in his place. 25In the twelfth year of Joram the son of Ahab king of Israel Ahaziah the son of Jehoram king of Judah began to reign. 26Ahaziah was twenty-two years old when he began to reign; and he reigned one year in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Athaliah the daughter of Omri king of Israel. 27And he walked in the way of the house of Ahab, and did that which was evil in the sight of Yehovah, as did the house of Ahab; for he was the son-in-law of the house of Ahab. 28And he went with Joram the son of Ahab to war against Hazael king of Syria at Ramoth-gilead: and the Syrians wounded Joram. 29And king Joram returned to be healed in Jezreel of the wounds which the Syrians had given him at Ramah, when he fought against Hazael king of Syria. And Ahaziah the son of Jehoram king of Judah went down to see Joram the son of Ahab in Jezreel, because he was sick.

Chapter 9

1And Elisha the prophet called one of the sons of the prophets, and said to him, Gird up your loins, and take this vial of oil in your hand, and go to Ramoth-gilead. 2And when you come there, look there for Jehu the son of Jehoshaphat the son of Nimshi, and go in, and make him arise up from among his brothers, and carry him to an inner chamber. 3Then take the vial of oil, and pour it on his head, and say, Thus says Yehovah, I have anointed you king over Israel. Then open the door, and flee, and do not wait. 4So the young man, even the young man the prophet, went to Ramoth-gilead. 5And when he came, behold, the captains of the host were sitting; and he said, I have an errand to you, O captain. And Jehu said, To which of us all? And he said, To you, O captain. 6And he arose, and went into the house; and he poured the oil on his head, and said to him, Thus says Yehovah, the God of Israel, I have anointed you king over the people of Yehovah, even over Israel. 7And you shall strike down the house of Ahab your master, that I may avenge the blood of my servants the prophets, and the blood of all the servants of Yehovah, at the hand of Jezebel. 8For the whole house of Ahab shall perish; and I will cut off from Ahab every man-child, and him who is shut up and him who is left at large in Israel. 9And I will make the house of Ahab like the house of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, and like the house of Baasha the son of Ahijah. 10And the dogs shall eat Jezebel in the portion of Jezreel, and there shall be none to bury her. And he opened the door, and fled. 11Then Jehu came forth to the servants of his lord: and one said to him, Is all well? why did this mad fellow come to you? And he said to them, You know the man and what his talk was. 12And they said, It is false; tell us now. And he said, Thus and thus he spoke to me, saying, Thus says Yehovah, I have anointed you king over Israel. 13Then they hurried, and each man took his garment, and put it under him on the top of the stairs, and blew the trumpet, saying, Jehu is king. 14So Jehu the son of Jehoshaphat the son of Nimshi conspired against Joram. (Now Joram was keeping Ramoth-gilead, he and all Israel, because of Hazael king of Syria; 15but king Joram had returned to be healed in Jezreel of the wounds which the Syrians had given him, when he fought with Hazael king of Syria.) And Jehu said, If this is your mind, then let none escape and go forth out of the city, to go to tell it in Jezreel. 16So Jehu rode in a chariot, and went to Jezreel; for Joram lay there. And Ahaziah king of Judah had come down to see Joram. 17Now the watchman was standing on the tower in Jezreel, and he spied the company of Jehu as he came, and said, I see a company. And Joram said, Take a horseman, and send to meet them, and let him say, Is it peace? 18So one went on horseback to meet him, and said, Thus says the king, Is it peace? And Jehu said, What have you to do with peace? turn behind

me. And the watchman told, saying, The messenger came to them, but he does not come back. 19Then he sent out a second on horseback, who came to them, and said, Thus says the king, Is it peace? And Jehu answered, What have you to do with peace? turn behind me. 20And the watchman told, saying, He came even to them, and does not come back: and the driving is like the driving of Jehu the son of Nimshi; for he drives furiously. 21And Joram said, Make ready. And they made ready his chariot. And Joram king of Israel and Ahaziah king of Judah went out, each in his chariot, and they went out to meet Jehu, and found him in the portion of Naboth the Jezreelite. 22And it happened, when Joram saw Jehu, that he said, Is it peace, Jehu? And he answered, What peace, so long as the whoredoms of your mother Jezebel and her witchcrafts are so many? 23And Joram turned his hands, and fled, and said to Ahaziah, There is treachery, O Ahaziah. 24And Jehu drew his bow with his full strength, and struck Joram between his arms; and the arrow went out at his heart, and he sank down in his chariot. 25Then Jehu said to Bidkar his captain, Take up, and cast him in the portion of the field of Naboth the Jezreelite; for remember how that, when I and you rode together after Ahab his father, Yehovah laid this burden on him: 26Surely I have seen yesterday the blood of Naboth, and the blood of his sons, says Yehovah; and I will repay you in this plot, says Yehovah. Now therefore take and cast him into the plot of ground, according to the word of Yehovah. 27But when Ahaziah the king of Judah saw this, he fled by the way of the garden-house. And Jehu followed after him, and said, Strike him also in the chariot: and they struck him at the ascent of Gur, which is by Ibleam. And he fled to Megiddo, and died there. 28And his servants carried him in a chariot to Jerusalem, and buried him in his tomb with his fathers in the city of David. 29And in the eleventh year of Joram the son of Ahab Ahaziah began to reign over Judah. 30And when Jehu had come to Jezreel, Jezebel heard of it; and she painted her eyes, and adorned her head, and looked out at the window. 31And as Jehu entered in at the gate, she said, Is it peace, you Zimri, your master's murderer? 32And he lifted up his face to the window, and said, Who is on my side? who? And two or three eunuchs looked out to him. 33And he said, Throw her down. So they threw her down; and some of her blood was sprinkled on the wall, and on the horses: and he trampled her under foot. 34And when he had come in, he ate and drank; and he said, See now to this cursed woman, and bury her; for she is a king's daughter. 35And they went to bury her; but they found no more of her than the skull, and the feet, and the palms of her hands. 36Therefore they came back, and told him. And he said, This is the word of Yehovah, which he spoke by his servant Elijah the Tishbite, saying, In the portion of Jezreel the dogs shall eat the flesh of Jezebel; 37and the body of Jezebel shall be as dung upon the face of the field in the portion of Jezreel, so that they shall not say, This is Jezebel.

Chapter 10

1Now Ahab had seventy sons in Samaria. And Jehu wrote letters, and sent to Samaria, to the rulers of Jezreel, even the elders, and to those who brought up the sons of Ahab, saying, 2And now as soon as this letter comes to you, seeing your master's sons are with you, and there are with you chariots and horses, a fortified city also, and armor; 3look out the best and most fitting of your master's sons, and set him on his father's throne, and fight for your master's house. 4But they were exceedingly afraid, and said, Behold, the two kings did not stand before him: how then shall we stand? 5And he who was over the household, and he who was over the city, the elders also, and those who brought up the children, sent to Jehu, saying, We are your servants, and will do all that you tell us; we will not make any man king: you do that which is good in your eyes. 6Then he wrote a letter the second time to them, saying, If you are on my side, and if you will listen to my voice, take the heads of the men your master's sons, and come to me to Jezreel by this time tomorrow. Now the king's sons, being seventy persons, were with the great men of the city, who brought them up. 7And it happened, when the letter came to them, that they took the king's sons, and killed them, even seventy persons, and put their heads in baskets, and sent them to him to Jezreel. 8And a messenger came, and told him, saying, They have brought the heads of the king's sons. And he said, Lay them in two heaps at the entrance of the gate until the morning. 9And it happened in the morning, that he went out, and stood, and said to all the people, You are righteous: behold, I conspired against my master, and killed him; but who struck down all these? 10Know now that there shall fall to the earth nothing of the word of Yehovah, which Yehovah spoke concerning the house of Ahab: for Yehovah has done that which he spoke by his servant Elijah. 11So Jehu struck down all

who remained of the house of Ahab in Jezreel, and all his great men, and his familiar friends, and his priests, until he left him none remaining. 12And he arose and departed, and went to Samaria. And as he was at the shearing-house of the shepherds in the way, 13Jehu met with the brothers of Ahaziah king of Judah, and said, Who are you? And they answered, We are the brothers of Ahaziah: and we go down to salute the children of the king and the children of the queen. 14And he said, Take them alive. And they took them alive, and killed them at the pit of the shearing-house, forty-two men; nor did he leave any of them. 15And when he had departed from there, he came upon Jehonadab the son of Rechab coming to meet him; and he saluted him, and said to him, Is your heart right, as my heart is with your heart? And Jehonadab answered, It is. If it is, give me your hand. And he gave him his hand; and he took him up to him into the chariot. 16And he said, Come with me, and see my zeal for Yehovah. So they made him ride in his chariot. 17And when he came to Samaria, he struck down all who remained to Ahab in Samaria, until he had destroyed him, according to the word of Yehovah, which he spoke to Elijah. 18And Jehu gathered all the people together, and said to them, Ahab served Baal a little; but Jehu will serve him much. 19Now therefore call to me all the prophets of Baal, all his worshippers, and all his priests; let none be missing: for I have a great sacrifice to do to Baal; whoever is missing, he shall not live. But Jehu did it in cunning, in order that he might destroy the worshippers of Baal. 20And Jehu said, Sanctify a solemn assembly for Baal. And they proclaimed it. 21And Jehu sent through all Israel: and all the worshippers of Baal came, so that there was not a man left who did not come. And they came into the house of Baal; and the house of Baal was filled from one end to another. 22And he said to him who was over the wardrobe, Bring forth vestments for all the worshippers of Baal. And he brought them forth vestments. 23And Jehu went, and Jehonadab the son of Rechab, into the house of Baal; and he said to the worshippers of Baal, Search, and look that there are none here with you of the servants of Yehovah, but the worshippers of Baal only. 24And they went in to offer sacrifices and burnt-offerings. Now Jehu had stationed eighty men outside, and said, If any of the men whom I bring into your hands escape, he who lets him go, his life shall be for the life of him. 25And it happened, as soon as he had made an end of offering the burnt-offering, that Jehu said to the guard and to the captains, Go in, and kill them; let none come forth. And they struck them down with the edge of the sword; and the guard and the captains cast them out, and went to the city of the house of Baal. 26And they brought forth the pillars that were in the house of Baal, and burned them. 27And they broke down the pillar of Baal, and broke down the house of Baal, and made it a latrine, to this day. 28Thus Jehu destroyed Baal out of Israel. 29However, from the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, with which he made Israel sin, Jehu did not depart, that is, the golden calves that were in Beth-el, and that were in Dan. 30And Yehovah said to Jehu, Because you have done well in executing that which is right in my eyes, and have done to the house of Ahab according to all that was in my heart, your sons of the fourth generation shall sit on the throne of Israel. 31But Jehu took no heed to walk in the law of Yehovah, the God of Israel, with all his heart: he did not depart from the sins of Jeroboam, with which he made Israel sin. 32In those days Yehovah began to cut off from Israel: and Hazael struck them in all the borders of Israel; 33from the Jordan eastward, all the land of Gilead, the Gadites, and the Reubenites, and the Manassites, from Aroer, which is by the valley of the Arnon, even Gilead and Bashan. 34Now the rest of the acts of Jehu, and all that he did, and all his might, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel? 35And Jehu slept with his fathers; and they buried him in Samaria. And Jehoahaz his son reigned in his place. 36And the time that Jehu reigned over Israel in Samaria was twenty-eight years.

Chapter 11

1Now when Athaliah the mother of Ahaziah saw that her son was dead, she arose and destroyed all the royal seed. 2But Jehosheba, the daughter of king Joram, sister of Ahaziah, took Joash the son of Ahaziah, and stole him away from among the king's sons who were killed, even him and his nurse, and put them in the bedchamber; and they hid him from Athaliah, so that he was not killed; 3And he was hidden with her in the house of Yehovah six years. And Athaliah reigned over the land. 4And in the seventh year Jehoiada sent and fetched the captains over hundreds of the Carites and of the guard, and brought them to him into the house of Yehovah; and he made a covenant with them, and took an oath from them in the house of Yehovah, and showed

them the king's son. 5And he commanded them, saying, This is the thing that you shall do: a third of you, who come in on the sabbath, shall be keepers of the watch of the king's house; 6and a third shall be at the gate Sur; and a third at the gate behind the guard: so shall you keep the watch of the house, and be a barrier. 7And the two companies of you, even all who go out on the sabbath, shall keep the watch of the house of Yehovah around the king. 8And you shall surround the king, every man with his weapons in his hand; and he who comes within the ranks, let him be killed: and be with the king when he goes out, and when he comes in. 9And the captains over hundreds did according to all that Jehoiada the priest commanded; and each man took his men, those who were to come in on the sabbath, with those who were to go out on the sabbath, and came to Jehoiada the priest. 10And the priest delivered to the captains over hundreds the spears and shields that had been king David's, which were in the house of Yehovah. 11And the guard stood, every man with his weapons in his hand, from the right side of the house to the left side of the house, along by the altar and the house, around the king. 12Then he brought out the king's son, and put the crown upon him, and gave him the testimony; and they made him king, and anointed him; and they clapped their hands, and said, Long live the king. 13And when Athaliah heard the noise of the guard and of the people, she came to the people into the house of Yehovah: 14and she looked, and, behold, the king stood by the pillar, as the manner was, and the captains and the trumpets by the king; and all the people of the land rejoiced, and blew trumpets. Then Athaliah tore her clothes, and cried, Treason! treason! 15And Jehoiada the priest commanded the captains of hundreds who were set over the host, and said to them, Bring her out between the ranks; and him who follows her kill with the sword. For the priest said, Let her not be killed in the house of Yehovah. 16So they made way for her; and she went by the way of the horses' entry to the king's house: and there she was killed. 17And Jehoiada made a covenant between Yehovah and the king and the people, that they should be Yehovah's people; between the king also and the people. 18And all the people of the land went to the house of Baal, and broke it down; his altars and his images they broke in pieces thoroughly, and killed Mattan the priest of Baal before the altars. And the priest appointed officers over the house of Yehovah. 19And he took the captains over hundreds, and the Carites, and the guard, and all the people of the land; and they brought down the king from the house of Yehovah, and came by the way of the gate of the guard to the king's house. And he sat on the throne of the kings. 20So all the people of the land rejoiced, and the city was quiet. And Athaliah they had killed with the sword at the king's house. 21Jehoash was seven years old when he began to reign.

Chapter 12

1In the seventh year of Jehu Jehoash began to reign; and he reigned forty years in Jerusalem: and his mother's name was Zibiah of Beer-sheba. 2And Jehoash did that which was right in the eyes of Yehovah all his days in which Jehoiada the priest instructed him. 3However, the high places were not taken away; the people still sacrificed and burned incense in the high places. 4And Jehoash said to the priests, All the money of the hallowed things that is brought into the house of Yehovah, in current money, the money of the persons for whom each man is rated, and all the money that it comes into any man's heart to bring into the house of Yehovah, 5let the priests take it to them, every man from his acquaintance; and they shall repair the breaches of the house, wherever any breach shall be found. 6But it was so, that in the twenty-third year of king Jehoash the priests had not repaired the breaches of the house. 7Then king Jehoash called for Jehoiada the priest, and for the other priests, and said to them, Why do you not repair the breaches of the house? now therefore take no more money from your acquaintance, but deliver it for the breaches of the house. 8And the priests consented that they should take no more money from the people, nor repair the breaches of the house. 9But Jehoiada the priest took a chest, and bored a hole in the lid of it, and set it beside the altar, on the right side as one comes into the house of Yehovah: and the priests who kept the threshold put in it all the money that was brought into the house of Yehovah. 10And it was so, when they saw that there was much money in the chest, that the king's scribe and the high priest came up, and they tied up in bags and counted the money that was found in the house of Yehovah. 11And they gave the money that was weighed out into the hands of those who did the work, who had the oversight of the house of Yehovah: and they paid it out to the carpenters and the builders, who worked on the house of Yehovah, 12and to the masons and the

hewers of stone, and for buying timber and hewn stone to repair the breaches of the house of Yehovah, and for all that was laid out for the house to repair it. 13But there were not made for the house of Yehovah cups of silver, snuffers, basins, trumpets, any vessels of gold, or vessels of silver, of the money that was brought into the house of Yehovah; 14for they gave that to those who did the work, and repaired with it the house of Yehovah. 15Moreover they did not demand an accounting from the men, into whose hand they delivered the money to give to those who did the work; for they dealt faithfully. 16The money for the trespass-offerings, and the money for the sin-offerings, was not brought into the house of Yehovah: it was the priests'. 17Then Hazael king of Syria went up, and fought against Gath, and took it; and Hazael set his face to go up to Jerusalem. 18And Jehoash king of Judah took all the hallowed things that Jehoshaphat and Jehoram and Ahaziah, his fathers, kings of Judah, had dedicated, and his own hallowed things, and all the gold that was found in the treasures of the house of Yehovah, and of the king's house, and sent it to Hazael king of Syria: and he went away from Jerusalem. 19Now the rest of the acts of Joash, and all that he did, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah? 20And his servants arose, and made a conspiracy, and struck down Joash at the house of Millo, on the way that goes down to Silla. 21For Jozacar the son of Shimeath, and Jehozabad the son of Shomer, his servants, struck him, and he died; and they buried him with his fathers in the city of David: and Amaziah his son reigned in his place.

Chapter 13

1In the twenty-third year of Joash the son of Ahaziah, king of Judah, Jehoahaz the son of Jehu began to reign over Israel in Samaria, and reigned seventeen years. 2And he did that which was evil in the sight of Yehovah, and followed the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, with which he made Israel sin; he did not depart from them. 3And the anger of Yehovah was kindled against Israel, and he delivered them into the hand of Hazael king of Syria, and into the hand of Ben-hadad the son of Hazael, continually. 4And Jehoahaz pleaded with Yehovah, and Yehovah listened to him; for he saw the oppression of Israel, how the king of Syria oppressed them. 5(And Yehovah gave Israel a savior, so that they went out from under the hand of the Syrians; and the children of Israel dwelt in their tents as before. 6Nevertheless they did not depart from the sins of the house of Jeroboam, with which he made Israel sin, but walked in them: and there remained the Asherah also in Samaria.) 7For he did not leave to Jehoahaz of the people more than fifty horsemen, and ten chariots, and ten thousand footmen; for the king of Syria destroyed them, and made them like the dust in threshing. 8Now the rest of the acts of Jehoahaz, and all that he did, and his might, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel? 9And Jehoahaz slept with his fathers; and they buried him in Samaria: and Joash his son reigned in his place. 10In the thirty-seventh year of Joash king of Judah Jehoash the son of Jehoahaz began to reign over Israel in Samaria, and reigned sixteen years. 11And he did that which was evil in the sight of Yehovah; he did not depart from all the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, with which he made Israel sin; but he walked in them. 12Now the rest of the acts of Joash, and all that he did, and his might with which he fought against Amaziah king of Judah, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel? 13And Joash slept with his fathers; and Jeroboam sat upon his throne: and Joash was buried in Samaria with the kings of Israel. 14Now Elisha had fallen sick with the sickness of which he died: and Joash the king of Israel came down to him, and wept over him, and said, My father, my father, the chariots of Israel and its horsemen! 15And Elisha said to him, Take bow and arrows; and he took to him bow and arrows. 16And he said to the king of Israel, Put your hand upon the bow; and he put his hand upon it. And Elisha laid his hands upon the king's hands. 17And he said, Open the window eastward; and he opened it. Then Elisha said, Shoot; and he shot. And he said, Yehovah's arrow of victory, even the arrow of victory over Syria; for you shall strike the Syrians in Aphek, until you have consumed them. 18And he said, Take the arrows; and he took them. And he said to the king of Israel, Strike the ground; and he struck three times, and stopped. 19And the man of God was angry with him, and said, You should have struck five or six times: then you would have struck Syria until you had consumed it; whereas now you shall strike Syria only three times. 20And Elisha died, and they buried him. Now the bands of the Moabites invaded the land at the coming in of the year. 21And it happened, as they were burying a man, that, behold, they spied a band; and they cast the man into the tomb of Elisha: and as soon as the man touched the bones of Elisha,

he revived, and stood up on his feet. 22And Hazael king of Syria oppressed Israel all the days of Jehoahaz. 23But Yehovah was gracious to them, and had compassion on them, and had respect to them, because of his covenant with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and would not destroy them, nor did he cast them from his presence as yet. 24And Hazael king of Syria died; and Ben-hadad his son reigned in his place. 25And Jehoash the son of Jehoahaz took again out of the hand of Ben-hadad the son of Hazael the cities which he had taken out of the hand of Jehoahaz his father by war. Three times Joash struck him, and recovered the cities of Israel.

Chapter 14

1In the second year of Joash son of Joahaz king of Israel Amaziah the son of Joash king of Judah began to reign. 2He was twenty-five years old when he began to reign; and he reigned twenty-nine years in Jerusalem: and his mother's name was Jehoaddin of Jerusalem. 3And he did that which was right in the eyes of Yehovah, yet not like David his father: he did according to all that Joash his father had done. 4However, the high places were not taken away: the people still sacrificed and burned incense in the high places. 5And it happened, as soon as the kingdom was established in his hand, that he killed his servants who had killed the king his father: 6but the children of the murderers he did not put to death; according to that which is written in the book of the law of Moses, as Yehovah commanded, saying, The fathers shall not be put to death for the children, nor the children be put to death for the fathers; but every man shall die for his own sin. 7He killed of Edom in the Valley of Salt ten thousand, and took Sela by war, and called the name of it Joktheel, to this day. 8Then Amaziah sent messengers to Jehoash, the son of Jehoahaz son of Jehu, king of Israel, saying, Come, let us look one another in the face. 9And Jehoash the king of Israel sent to Amaziah king of Judah, saying, The thistle that was in Lebanon sent to the cedar that was in Lebanon, saying, Give your daughter to my son as wife: and a wild beast that was in Lebanon passed by, and trampled the thistle. 10You have indeed struck Edom, and your heart has lifted you up: glory in it, and stay at home; for why should you meddle to your hurt, that you should fall, even you, and Judah with you? 11But Amaziah would not hear. So Jehoash king of Israel went up; and he and Amaziah king of Judah looked one another in the face at Beth-shemesh, which belongs to Judah. 12And Judah was defeated before Israel; and they fled, every man to his tent. 13And Jehoash king of Israel took Amaziah king of Judah, the son of Jehoash the son of Ahaziah, at Beth-shemesh, and came to Jerusalem, and broke down the wall of Jerusalem from the gate of Ephraim to the corner gate, four hundred cubits. 14And he took all the gold and silver, and all the vessels that were found in the house of Yehovah, and in the treasures of the king's house, the hostages also, and returned to Samaria. 15Now the rest of the acts of Jehoash which he did, and his might, and how he fought with Amaziah king of Judah, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel? 16And Jehoash slept with his fathers, and was buried in Samaria with the kings of Israel; and Jeroboam his son reigned in his place. 17And Amaziah the son of Joash king of Judah lived after the death of Jehoash son of Jehoahaz king of Israel fifteen years. 18Now the rest of the acts of Amaziah, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah? 19And they made a conspiracy against him in Jerusalem; and he fled to Lachish: but they sent after him to Lachish, and killed him there. 20And they brought him on horses; and he was buried at Jerusalem with his fathers in the city of David. 21And all the people of Judah took Azariah, who was sixteen years old, and made him king in place of his father Amaziah. 22He built Elath, and restored it to Judah, after the king slept with his fathers. 23In the fifteenth year of Amaziah the son of Joash king of Judah Jeroboam the son of Joash king of Israel began to reign in Samaria, and reigned forty-one years. 24And he did that which was evil in the sight of Yehovah: he did not depart from all the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, with which he made Israel sin. 25He restored the border of Israel from the entrance of Hamath to the sea of the Arabah, according to the word of Yehovah, the God of Israel, which he spoke by his servant Jonah the son of Amittai, the prophet, who was of Gath-hepher. 26For Yehovah saw the affliction of Israel, that it was very bitter; for there was none shut up nor left at large, nor was there any helper for Israel. 27And Yehovah did not say that he would blot out the name of Israel from under heaven; but he saved them by the hand of Jeroboam the son of Joash. 28Now the rest of the acts of Jeroboam, and all that he did, and his might, how he warred, and how he recovered Damascus, and Hamath, which had belonged to Judah, for Israel, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of

Israel? 29And Jeroboam slept with his fathers, even with the kings of Israel; and Zechariah his son reigned in his place.

Chapter 15

1In the twenty-seventh year of Jeroboam king of Israel Azariah son of Amaziah king of Judah began to reign. 2He was sixteen years old when he began to reign; and he reigned fifty-two years in Jerusalem: and his mother's name was Jecoliah of Jerusalem. 3And he did that which was right in the eyes of Yehovah, according to all that his father Amaziah had done. 4However, the high places were not taken away: the people still sacrificed and burned incense in the high places. 5And Yehovah struck the king, so that he was a leper to the day of his death, and dwelt in a separate house. And Jotham the king's son was over the household, judging the people of the land. 6Now the rest of the acts of Azariah, and all that he did, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah? 7And Azariah slept with his fathers; and they buried him with his fathers in the city of David: and Jotham his son reigned in his place. 8In the thirty-eighth year of Azariah king of Judah Zechariah the son of Jeroboam reigned over Israel in Samaria six months. 9And he did that which was evil in the sight of Yehovah, as his fathers had done: he did not depart from the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, with which he made Israel sin. 10And Shallum the son of Jabesh conspired against him, and struck him before the people, and killed him, and reigned in his place. 11Now the rest of the acts of Zechariah, behold, they are written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel. 12This was the word of Yehovah which he spoke to Jehu, saying, Your sons to the fourth generation shall sit on the throne of Israel. And so it happened. 13Shallum the son of Jabesh began to reign in the thirty-ninth year of Uzziah king of Judah; and he reigned the space of a month in Samaria. 14And Menahem the son of Gadi went up from Tirzah, and came to Samaria, and struck Shallum the son of Jabesh in Samaria, and killed him, and reigned in his place. 15Now the rest of the acts of Shallum, and his conspiracy which he made, behold, they are written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel. 16Then Menahem struck Tiphsah, and all who were in it, and its borders, from Tirzah: because they did not open to him, therefore he struck it; and all the women in it who were with child he ripped up. 17In the thirty-ninth year of Azariah king of Judah Menahem the son of Gadi began to reign over Israel, and reigned ten years in Samaria. 18And he did that which was evil in the sight of Yehovah: he did not depart all his days from the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, with which he made Israel sin. 19Pul the king of Assyria came against the land; and Menahem gave Pul a thousand talents of silver, that his hand might be with him to confirm the kingdom in his hand. 20And Menahem exacted the money from Israel, even of all the mighty men of wealth, of each man fifty shekels of silver, to give to the king of Assyria. So the king of Assyria turned back, and did not stay there in the land. 21Now the rest of the acts of Menahem, and all that he did, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel? 22And Menahem slept with his fathers; and Pekahiah his son reigned in his place. 23In the fiftieth year of Azariah king of Judah Pekahiah the son of Menahem began to reign over Israel in Samaria, and reigned two years. 24And he did that which was evil in the sight of Yehovah: he did not depart from the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, with which he made Israel sin. 25And Pekah the son of Remaliah, his captain, conspired against him, and struck him in Samaria, in the castle of the king's house, with Argob and Arieh; and with him were fifty men of the Gileadites: and he killed him, and reigned in his place. 26Now the rest of the acts of Pekahiah, and all that he did, behold, they are written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel. 27In the fifty-second year of Azariah king of Judah Pekah the son of Remaliah began to reign over Israel in Samaria, and reigned twenty years. 28And he did that which was evil in the sight of Yehovah: he did not depart from the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, with which he made Israel sin. 29In the days of Pekah king of Israel Tiglath-pileser king of Assyria came, and took Ijon, and Abel-beth-maacah, and Janoah, and Kedesh, and Hazor, and Gilead, and Galilee, all the land of Naphtali; and he carried them captive to Assyria. 30And Hoshea the son of Elah made a conspiracy against Pekah the son of Remaliah, and struck him, and killed him, and reigned in his place, in the twentieth year of Jotham the son of Uzziah. 31Now the rest of the acts of Pekah, and all that he did, behold, they are written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel. 32In the second year of Pekah the son of Remaliah king of Israel Jotham the son of Uzziah king of Judah began to reign. 33He was twenty-five years old when he began to reign; and he reigned sixteen years in

Jerusalem: and his mother's name was Jerusha the daughter of Zadok. 34And he did that which was right in the eyes of Yehovah; he did according to all that his father Uzziah had done. 35However, the high places were not taken away: the people still sacrificed and burned incense in the high places. He built the upper gate of the house of Yehovah. 36Now the rest of the acts of Jotham, and all that he did, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah? 37In those days Yehovah began to send against Judah Rezin the king of Syria, and Pekah the son of Remaliah. 38And Jotham slept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the city of David his father: and Ahaz his son reigned in his place.

Chapter 16

1In the seventeenth year of Pekah the son of Remaliah Ahaz the son of Jotham king of Judah began to reign. 2Ahaz was twenty years old when he began to reign; and he reigned sixteen years in Jerusalem: and he did not do that which was right in the eyes of Yehovah his God, like David his father. 3But he walked in the way of the kings of Israel, indeed, he made his son pass through the fire, according to the abominations of the nations, whom Yehovah cast out from before the children of Israel. 4And he sacrificed and burned incense in the high places, and on the hills, and under every green tree. 5Then Rezin king of Syria and Pekah son of Remaliah king of Israel came up to Jerusalem to war: and they besieged Ahaz, but could not overcome him. 6At that time Rezin king of Syria recovered Elath to Syria, and drove the Jews from Elath; and the Syrians came to Elath, and dwelt there, to this day. 7So Ahaz sent messengers to Tiglath-pileser king of Assyria, saying, I am your servant and your son: come up, and save me out of the hand of the king of Syria, and out of the hand of the king of Israel, who rise up against me. 8And Ahaz took the silver and gold that was found in the house of Yehovah, and in the treasures of the king's house, and sent it for a present to the king of Assyria. 9And the king of Assyria listened to him; and the king of Assyria went up against Damascus, and took it, and carried the people of it captive to Kir, and killed Rezin. 10And king Ahaz went to Damascus to meet Tiglath-pileser king of Assyria, and saw the altar that was at Damascus; and king Ahaz sent to Urijah the priest the design of the altar, and the pattern of it, according to all its workmanship. 11And Urijah the priest built an altar: according to all that king Ahaz had sent from Damascus, so Urijah the priest made it before the coming of king Ahaz from Damascus. 12And when the king had come from Damascus, the king saw the altar: and the king drew near to the altar, and offered on it. 13And he burnt his burnt-offering and his meal-offering, and poured his drink-offering, and sprinkled the blood of his peace-offerings, upon the altar. 14And the bronze altar, which was before Yehovah, he brought from the forefront of the house, from between his altar and the house of Yehovah, and put it on the north side of his altar. 15And king Ahaz commanded Urijah the priest, saying, Upon the great altar burn the morning burnt-offering, and the evening meal-offering, and the king's burnt-offering, and his meal-offering, with the burnt-offering of all the people of the land, and their meal-offering, and their drink-offerings; and sprinkle upon it all the blood of the burnt-offering, and all the blood of the sacrifice: but the bronze altar shall be for me to inquire by. 16Thus Urijah the priest did, according to all that king Ahaz commanded. 17And king Ahaz cut off the panels of the bases, and removed the basin from them, and took down the sea from the bronze oxen that were under it, and put it upon a pavement of stone. 18And the covered way for the sabbath that they had built in the house, and the king's outer entry, he turned to the house of Yehovah, because of the king of Assyria. 19Now the rest of the acts of Ahaz which he did, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah? 20And Ahaz slept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the city of David: and Hezekiah his son reigned in his place.

Chapter 17

1In the twelfth year of Ahaz king of Judah Hoshea the son of Elah began to reign in Samaria over Israel, and reigned nine years. 2And he did that which was evil in the sight of Yehovah, yet not as the kings of Israel who were before him. 3Shalmaneser king of Assyria came up against him; and Hoshea became his servant, and brought him tribute. 4And the king of Assyria found conspiracy in Hoshea; for he had sent messengers to So king of Egypt, and offered no tribute to the king of Assyria, as he had done year by year: therefore the king of Assyria shut him up, and bound him in prison. 5Then the king of Assyria came up throughout all the land, and went up to Samaria, and besieged it three years. 6In the ninth year of Hoshea the king of Assyria took Samaria, and carried Israel away to Assyria, and placed them in Halah, and on the Habor, the river of Gozan, and in the cities of

the Medes. 7And it was so, because the children of Israel had sinned against Yehovah their God, who brought them up out of the land of Egypt from under the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt, and had feared other gods, 8and walked in the statutes of the nations, whom Yehovah cast out from before the children of Israel, and of the kings of Israel, which they made. 9And the children of Israel secretly did things that were not right against Yehovah their God: and they built for themselves high places in all their cities, from the tower of the watchmen to the fortified city; 10and they set up for themselves pillars and Asherim on every high hill, and under every green tree; 11and there they burned incense in all the high places, as did the nations whom Yehovah carried away before them; and they did wicked things to provoke Yehovah to anger; 12and they served idols, of which Yehovah had said to them, You shall not do this thing. 13Yet Yehovah testified to Israel, and to Judah, by every prophet, and every seer, saying, Turn from your evil ways, and keep my commandments and my statutes, according to all the law which I commanded your fathers, and which I sent to you by my servants the prophets. 14Notwithstanding, they would not hear, but hardened their neck, like the neck of their fathers, who did not believe in Yehovah their God. 15And they rejected his statutes, and his covenant that he made with their fathers, and his testimonies which he testified to them; and they followed vanity, and became vain, and went after the nations that were around them, concerning whom Yehovah had charged them that they should not do like them. 16And they forsook all the commandments of Yehovah their God, and made for themselves molten images, even two calves, and made an Asherah, and bowed down to all the host of heaven, and served Baal. 17And they caused their sons and their daughters to pass through the fire, and used divination and enchantments, and sold themselves to do that which was evil in the sight of Yehovah, to provoke him to anger. 18Therefore Yehovah was very angry with Israel, and removed them out of his sight: there was none left but the tribe of Judah only. 19Also Judah did not keep the commandments of Yehovah their God, but walked in the statutes of Israel which they made. 20And Yehovah rejected all the seed of Israel, and afflicted them, and delivered them into the hand of spoilers, until he had cast them out of his sight. 21For he tore Israel from the house of David; and they made Jeroboam the son of Nebat king: and Jeroboam drove Israel from following Yehovah, and made them sin a great sin. 22And the children of Israel walked in all the sins of Jeroboam which he did; they did not depart from them; 23until Yehovah removed Israel out of his sight, as he spoke by all his servants the prophets. So Israel was carried away out of their own land to Assyria to this day. 24And the king of Assyria brought men from Babylon, and from Cuthah, and from Avva, and from Hamath and Sepharvaim, and placed them in the cities of Samaria instead of the children of Israel; and they possessed Samaria, and dwelt in its cities. 25And so it was, at the beginning of their dwelling there, that they did not fear Yehovah: therefore Yehovah sent lions among them, which killed some of them. 26Therefore they spoke to the king of Assyria, saying, The nations which you have carried away, and placed in the cities of Samaria, do not know the law of the god of the land: therefore he has sent lions among them, and, behold, they kill them, because they do not know the law of the god of the land. 27Then the king of Assyria commanded, saying, Carry there one of the priests whom you brought from there; and let them go and dwell there, and let him teach them the law of the god of the land. 28So one of the priests whom they had carried away from Samaria came and dwelt in Beth-el, and taught them how they should fear Yehovah. 29However, every nation made gods of their own, and put them in the houses of the high places which the Samaritans had made, every nation in their cities in which they dwelt. 30And the men of Babylon made Succoth-benoth, and the men of Cuth made Nergal, and the men of Hamath made Ashima, 31and the Avvites made Nibhaz and Tartak; and the Sepharvites burned their children in the fire to Adrammelech and Anammelech, the gods of Sepharvaim. 32So they feared Yehovah, and made for themselves from among themselves priests of the high places, who sacrificed for them in the houses of the high places. 33They feared Yehovah, and served their own gods, after the manner of the nations from among whom they had been carried away. 34To this day they do according to the former manner: they do not fear Yehovah, nor do they follow their statutes, or after their ordinances, or after the law or after the commandment which Yehovah commanded the children of Jacob, whom he named Israel; 35with whom Yehovah had made a covenant, and charged them, saying, You shall not fear other gods, nor bow

yourselves to them, nor serve them, nor sacrifice to them: 36but Yehovah, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt with great power and with an outstretched arm, him you shall fear, and to him you shall bow yourselves, and to him you shall sacrifice: 37and the statutes and the ordinances, and the law and the commandment, which he wrote for you, you shall observe to do forevermore; and you shall not fear other gods: 38and the covenant that I have made with you you shall not forget; neither shall you fear other gods: 39but Yehovah your God you shall fear; and he will deliver you out of the hand of all your enemies. 40However, they did not listen, but they did according to their former manner. 41So these nations feared Yehovah, and served their graven images; their children likewise, and their children's children, as did their fathers, so do they to this day.

Chapter 18

1Now it happened in the third year of Hoshea son of Elah king of Israel, that Hezekiah the son of Ahaz king of Judah began to reign. 2He was twenty-five years old when he began to reign; and he reigned twenty-nine years in Jerusalem: and his mother's name was Abi the daughter of Zechariah. 3And he did that which was right in the eyes of Yehovah, according to all that David his father had done. 4He removed the high places, and broke the pillars, and cut down the Asherah: and he broke in pieces the bronze serpent that Moses had made; for to those days the children of Israel burned incense to it; and he called it Nehushtan. 5He trusted in Yehovah, the God of Israel; so that after him there was none like him among all the kings of Judah, nor among those who were before him. 6For he clung to Yehovah; he did not depart from following him, but kept his commandments, which Yehovah commanded Moses. 7And Yehovah was with him; wherever he went out he prospered: and he rebelled against the king of Assyria, and did not serve him. 8He struck the Philistines as far as Gaza and its borders, from the tower of the watchmen to the fortified city. 9And it happened in the fourth year of king Hezekiah, which was the seventh year of Hoshea son of Elah king of Israel, that Shalmaneser king of Assyria came up against Samaria, and besieged it. 10And at the end of three years they took it: in the sixth year of Hezekiah, which was the ninth year of Hoshea king of Israel, Samaria was taken. 11And the king of Assyria carried Israel away to Assyria, and put them in Halah, and on the Habor, the river of Gozan, and in the cities of the Medes, 12because they did not obey the voice of Yehovah their God, but transgressed his covenant, even all that Moses the servant of Yehovah commanded, and would not hear it, nor do it. 13Now in the fourteenth year of king Hezekiah Sennacherib king of Assyria came up against all the fortified cities of Judah, and took them. 14And Hezekiah king of Judah sent to the king of Assyria to Lachish, saying, I have offended; return from me: that which you put on me I will bear. And the king of Assyria appointed to Hezekiah king of Judah three hundred talents of silver and thirty talents of gold. 15And Hezekiah gave him all the silver that was found in the house of Yehovah, and in the treasures of the king's house. 16At that time Hezekiah cut off the gold from the doors of the temple of Yehovah, and from the pillars which Hezekiah king of Judah had overlaid, and gave it to the king of Assyria. 17And the king of Assyria sent Tartan and Rab-saris and Rabshakeh from Lachish to king Hezekiah with a great army to Jerusalem. And they went up and came to Jerusalem. And when they had come up, they came and stood by the conduit of the upper pool, which is in the highway of the fuller's field. 18And when they had called to the king, Eliakim the son of Hilkiah, who was over the household, and Shebnah the scribe, and Joah the son of Asaph the recorder, came out to them. 19And Rabshakeh said to them, Say now to Hezekiah, Thus says the great king, the king of Assyria, What confidence is this in which you trust? 20You say (but they are only vain words), There is counsel and strength for the war. Now on whom do you trust, that you have rebelled against me? 21Now, behold, you trust in the staff of this bruised reed, even in Egypt; on which if a man leans, it will go into his hand, and pierce it: so is Pharaoh king of Egypt to all who trust in him. 22But if you say to me, We trust in Yehovah our God; is not that he, whose high places and whose altars Hezekiah has taken away, and has said to Judah and to Jerusalem, You shall worship before this altar in Jerusalem? 23Now therefore, please give pledges to my master the king of Assyria, and I will give you two thousand horses, if you are able on your part to set riders on them. 24How then can you turn away the face of one captain of the least of my master's servants, and put your trust in Egypt for chariots and for horsemen? 25Have I now come up without Yehovah against this place to destroy it? Yehovah said to me, Go up against this land, and destroy it. 26Then Eliakim the son of Hilkiah, and

Shebnah, and Joah, said to Rabshakeh, Please speak to your servants in the Syrian language; for we understand it: and do not speak with us in the Jews' language, in the ears of the people who are on the wall. 27But Rabshakeh said to them, Has my master sent me to your master, and to you, to speak these words? has he not sent me to the men who sit on the wall, to eat their own dung, and to drink their own water with you? 28Then Rabshakeh stood, and cried with a loud voice in the Jews' language, and spoke, saying, Hear the word of the great king, the king of Assyria. 29Thus says the king, Do not let Hezekiah deceive you; for he will not be able to deliver you out of his hand: 30nor let Hezekiah make you trust in Yehovah, saying, Yehovah will surely deliver us, and this city shall not be given into the hand of the king of Assyria. 31Do not listen to Hezekiah: for thus says the king of Assyria, Make your peace with me, and come out to me; and eat every one of his vine, and every one of his fig-tree, and drink every one the waters of his own cistern; 32until I come and take you away to a land like your own land, a land of grain and new wine, a land of bread and vineyards, a land of olive-trees and of honey, that you may live, and not die: and do not listen to Hezekiah, when he persuades you, saying, Yehovah will deliver us. 33Has any of the gods of the nations ever delivered his land out of the hand of the king of Assyria? 34Where are the gods of Hamath, and of Arpad? where are the gods of Sepharvaim, of Hena, and Ivvah? have they delivered Samaria out of my hand? 35Who are they among all the gods of the countries, who have delivered their country out of my hand, that Yehovah should deliver Jerusalem out of my hand? 36But the people held their peace, and did not answer him a word; for the king's commandment was, saying, Do not answer him. 37Then Eliakim the son of Hilkiah, who was over the household, and Shebna the scribe, and Joah the son of Asaph the recorder, came to Hezekiah with their clothes torn, and told him the words of Rabshakeh.

Chapter 19

1And it happened, when king Hezekiah heard it, that he tore his clothes, and covered himself with sackcloth, and went into the house of Yehovah. 2And he sent Eliakim, who was over the household, and Shebna the scribe, and the elders of the priests, covered with sackcloth, to Isaiah the prophet the son of Amoz. 3And they said to him, Thus says Hezekiah, This day is a day of trouble, and of rebuke, and of disgrace; for the children have come to the point of birth, and there is not strength to bring forth. 4It may be Yehovah your God will hear all the words of Rabshakeh, whom the king of Assyria his master has sent to defy the living God, and will rebuke the words which Yehovah your God has heard: therefore lift up your prayer for the remnant that is left. 5So the servants of king Hezekiah came to Isaiah. 6And Isaiah said to them, Thus shall you say to your master, Thus says Yehovah, Do not be afraid of the words that you have heard, with which the servants of the king of Assyria have blasphemed me. 7Behold, I will put a spirit in him, and he shall hear tidings, and shall return to his own land; and I will cause him to fall by the sword in his own land. 8So Rabshakeh returned, and found the king of Assyria warring against Libnah; for he had heard that he had departed from Lachish. 9And when he heard it said of Tirhakah king of Ethiopia, Behold, he has come out to fight against you, he sent messengers again to Hezekiah, saying, 10Thus shall you speak to Hezekiah king of Judah, saying, Do not let your God in whom you trust deceive you, saying, Jerusalem shall not be given into the hand of the king of Assyria. 11Behold, you have heard what the kings of Assyria have done to all lands, by destroying them utterly: and shall you be delivered? 12Have the gods of the nations delivered them, which my fathers have destroyed, Gozan, and Haran, and Rezeph, and the children of Eden who were in Telassar? 13Where is the king of Hamath, and the king of Arpad, and the king of the city of Sepharvaim, of Hena, and Ivvah? 14And Hezekiah received the letter from the hand of the messengers, and read it; and Hezekiah went up to the house of Yehovah, and spread it before Yehovah. 15And Hezekiah prayed before Yehovah, and said, O Yehovah, the God of Israel, who sits above the cherubim, you are the God, even you alone, of all the kingdoms of the earth; you have made heaven and earth. 16Incline your ear, O Yehovah, and hear; open your eyes, O Yehovah, and see; and hear the words of Sennacherib, with which he has sent him to defy the living God. 17Of a truth, Yehovah, the kings of Assyria have laid waste the nations and their lands, 18and have cast their gods into the fire; for they were no gods, but the work of men's hands, wood and stone; therefore they have destroyed them. 19Now therefore, O Yehovah our God, please save us out of his hand, that all the kingdoms of the earth may know that you Yehovah are God alone. 20Then Isaiah the son of

Amoz sent to Hezekiah, saying, Thus says Yehovah, the God of Israel, Whereas you have prayed to me against Sennacherib king of Assyria, I have heard you. 21This is the word that Yehovah has spoken concerning him: The virgin daughter of Zion has despised you and laughed you to scorn; the daughter of Jerusalem has shaken her head at you. 22Whom have you defied and blasphemed? and against whom have you exalted your voice and lifted up your eyes on high? even against the Holy One of Israel. 23By your messengers you have defied the Lord, and have said, With the multitude of my chariots I have come up to the height of the mountains, to the innermost parts of Lebanon; and I will cut down its tall cedars, and its choice fir-trees; and I will enter into his farthest lodging-place, the forest of his fruitful field. 24I have dug and drunk strange waters, and with the sole of my feet I will dry up all the rivers of Egypt. 25Have you not heard how I have done it long ago, and formed it of ancient times? now I have brought it about, that it should be yours to lay waste fortified cities into ruinous heaps. 26Therefore their inhabitants were of small power, they were dismayed and confounded; they were as the grass of the field, and as the green herb, as the grass on the housetops, and as grain blasted before it is grown up. 27But I know your sitting down, and your going out, and your coming in, and your raging against me. 28Because of your raging against me, and because your arrogance has come up into my ears, therefore I will put my hook in your nose, and my bridle in your lips, and I will turn you back by the way by which you came. 29And this shall be the sign to you: you shall eat this year that which grows of itself, and in the second year that which springs of the same; and in the third year sow, and reap, and plant vineyards, and eat their fruit. 30And the remnant that has escaped of the house of Judah shall again take root downward, and bear fruit upward. 31For out of Jerusalem a remnant shall go forth, and out of mount Zion those who shall escape: the zeal of Yehovah shall perform this. 32Therefore thus says Yehovah concerning the king of Assyria, He shall not come to this city, nor shoot an arrow there, neither shall he come before it with shield, nor cast up a mound against it. 33By the way that he came, by the same he shall return, and he shall not come to this city, says Yehovah. 34For I will defend this city to save it, for my own sake, and for my servant David's sake. 35And it happened that night, that the angel of Yehovah went forth, and struck in the camp of the Assyrians a hundred and eighty-five thousand: and when men arose early in the morning, behold, these were all dead bodies. 36So Sennacherib king of Assyria departed, and went and returned, and dwelt at Nineveh. 37And it happened, as he was bowing down in the house of Nisroch his god, that Adrammelech and Sharezer struck him down with the sword: and they escaped into the land of Ararat. And Esar-haddon his son reigned in his place.

Chapter 20

1In those days Hezekiah was sick to the point of death. And Isaiah the prophet the son of Amoz came to him, and said to him, Thus says Yehovah, Set your house in order; for you shall die, and not live. 2Then he turned his face to the wall, and prayed to Yehovah, saying, 3Remember now, O Yehovah, I plead with you, how I have walked before you in truth and with a perfect heart, and have done that which is good in your sight. And Hezekiah wept bitterly. 4And it happened, before Isaiah had gone out into the middle part of the city, that the word of Yehovah came to him, saying, 5Turn back, and say to Hezekiah the prince of my people, Thus says Yehovah, the God of David your father, I have heard your prayer, I have seen your tears: behold, I will heal you; on the third day you shall go up to the house of Yehovah. 6And I will add to your days fifteen years; and I will deliver you and this city out of the hand of the king of Assyria; and I will defend this city for my own sake, and for my servant David's sake. 7And Isaiah said, Take a cake of figs. And they took and laid it on the boil, and he recovered. 8And Hezekiah said to Isaiah, What shall be the sign that Yehovah will heal me, and that I shall go up to the house of Yehovah the third day? 9And Isaiah said, This shall be the sign to you from Yehovah, that Yehovah will do the thing that he has spoken: shall the shadow go forward ten steps, or go back ten steps? 10And Hezekiah answered, It is a light thing for the shadow to decline ten steps: no, but let the shadow return backward ten steps. 11And Isaiah the prophet cried to Yehovah; and he brought the shadow ten steps backward, by which it had gone down on the dial of Ahaz. 12At that time Berodach-baladan the son of Baladan, king of Babylon, sent letters and a present to Hezekiah; for he had heard that Hezekiah had been sick. 13And Hezekiah listened to them, and showed them all the house of his precious things, the silver, and the gold, and the spices, and the precious oil, and the house of

his armor, and all that was found in his treasures: there was nothing in his house, nor in all his dominion, that Hezekiah did not show them. 14Then Isaiah the prophet came to king Hezekiah, and said to him, What did these men say? and from where did they come to you? And Hezekiah said, They have come from a far country, even from Babylon. 15And he said, What have they seen in your house? And Hezekiah answered, They have seen all that is in my house: there is nothing among my treasures that I have not shown them. 16And Isaiah said to Hezekiah, Hear the word of Yehovah. 17Behold, the days come, that all that is in your house, and that which your fathers have laid up in store to this day, shall be carried to Babylon: nothing shall be left, says Yehovah. 18And of your sons who shall issue from you, whom you shall father, they shall take away; and they shall be eunuchs in the palace of the king of Babylon. 19Then Hezekiah said to Isaiah, Good is the word of Yehovah which you have spoken. He said moreover, Is it not so, if peace and truth shall be in my days? 20Now the rest of the acts of Hezekiah, and all his might, and how he made the pool, and the conduit, and brought water into the city, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah? 21And Hezekiah slept with his fathers; and Manasseh his son reigned in his place.

Chapter 21

1Manasseh was twelve years old when he began to reign; and he reigned fifty-five years in Jerusalem: and his mother's name was Hephzibah. 2And he did that which was evil in the sight of Yehovah, according to the abominations of the nations whom Yehovah cast out before the children of Israel. 3For he built again the high places which Hezekiah his father had destroyed; and he reared up altars for Baal, and made an Asherah, as did Ahab king of Israel, and bowed down to all the host of heaven, and served them. 4And he built altars in the house of Yehovah, of which Yehovah said, In Jerusalem I will put my name. 5And he built altars for all the host of heaven in the two courts of the house of Yehovah. 6And he made his son pass through the fire, and practiced augury, and used enchantments, and dealt with those who had familiar spirits, and with wizards: he did much evil in the sight of Yehovah, to provoke him to anger. 7And he set the graven image of Asherah, that he had made, in the house of which Yehovah said to David and to Solomon his son, In this house, and in Jerusalem, which I have chosen out of all the tribes of Israel, I will put my name forever; 8nor will I cause the feet of Israel to wander any more out of the land which I gave their fathers, if only they will observe to do according to all that I have commanded them, and according to all the law that my servant Moses commanded them. 9But they did not listen: and Manasseh seduced them to do that which is evil more than did the nations whom Yehovah destroyed before the children of Israel. 10And Yehovah spoke by his servants the prophets, saying, 11Because Manasseh king of Judah has done these abominations, and has done wickedly above all that the Amorites did, who were before him, and has made Judah also sin with his idols; 12therefore thus says Yehovah, the God of Israel, Behold, I bring such evil upon Jerusalem and Judah, that whoever hears of it, both his ears shall tingle. 13And I will stretch over Jerusalem the line of Samaria, and the plummet of the house of Ahab; and I will wipe Jerusalem as a man wipes a dish, wiping it and turning it upside down. 14And I will cast off the remnant of my inheritance, and deliver them into the hand of their enemies; and they shall become a prey and a spoil to all their enemies; 15because they have done that which is evil in my sight, and have provoked me to anger, since the day their fathers came forth out of Egypt, even to this day. 16Moreover Manasseh shed innocent blood very much, until he had filled Jerusalem from one end to another; besides his sin with which he made Judah sin, in doing that which was evil in the sight of Yehovah. 17Now the rest of the acts of Manasseh, and all that he did, and his sin that he sinned, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah? 18And Manasseh slept with his fathers, and was buried in the garden of his own house, in the garden of Uzza: and Amon his son reigned in his place. 19Amon was twenty-two years old when he began to reign; and he reigned two years in Jerusalem: and his mother's name was Meshullemeth the daughter of Haruz of Jotbah. 20And he did that which was evil in the sight of Yehovah, as did Manasseh his father. 21And he walked in all the way that his father walked in, and served the idols that his father served, and bowed down to them: 22and he forsook Yehovah, the God of his fathers, and did not walk in the way of Yehovah. 23And the servants of Amon conspired against him, and put the king to death in his own house. 24But the people of the land killed all those who had conspired against king Amon; and the people of the land made Josiah his son king in his place. 25Now the rest of the

acts of Amon which he did, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah? 26And he was buried in his tomb in the garden of Uzza: and Josiah his son reigned in his place.

Chapter 22

1Josiah was eight years old when he began to reign; and he reigned thirty-one years in Jerusalem: and his mother's name was Jedidah the daughter of Adaiah of Bozkath. 2And he did that which was right in the eyes of Yehovah, and walked in all the way of David his father, and did not turn aside to the right hand or to the left. 3And it happened in the eighteenth year of king Josiah, that the king sent Shaphan, the son of Azaliah the son of Meshullam, the scribe, to the house of Yehovah, saying, 4Go up to Hilkiah the high priest, that he may total the money which is brought into the house of Yehovah, which the keepers of the threshold have gathered from the people: 5and let them deliver it into the hand of the workmen who have the oversight of the house of Yehovah; and let them give it to the workmen who are in the house of Yehovah, to repair the breaches of the house, 6to the carpenters, and to the builders, and to the masons, and for buying timber and hewn stone to repair the house. 7However, there was no accounting required of them for the money that was delivered into their hand; for they dealt faithfully. 8And Hilkiah the high priest said to Shaphan the scribe, I have found the book of the law in the house of Yehovah. And Hilkiah delivered the book to Shaphan, and he read it. 9And Shaphan the scribe came to the king, and brought the king word again, and said, Your servants have emptied out the money that was found in the house, and have delivered it into the hand of the workmen who have the oversight of the house of Yehovah. 10And Shaphan the scribe told the king, saying, Hilkiah the priest has delivered me a book. And Shaphan read it before the king. 11And it happened, when the king had heard the words of the book of the law, that he tore his clothes. 12And the king commanded Hilkiah the priest, and Ahikam the son of Shaphan, and Achbor the son of Micaiah, and Shaphan the scribe, and Asaiah the king's servant, saying, 13Go, inquire of Yehovah for me, and for the people, and for all Judah, concerning the words of this book that has been found; for great is the wrath of Yehovah that is kindled against us, because our fathers have not listened to the words of this book, to do according to all that which is written concerning us. 14So Hilkiah the priest, and Ahikam, and Achbor, and Shaphan, and Asaiah, went to Huldah the prophetess, the wife of Shallum the son of Tikvah, the son of Harhas, keeper of the wardrobe (now she dwelt in Jerusalem in the second quarter); and they spoke with her. 15And she said to them, Thus says Yehovah, the God of Israel: Tell the man who sent you to me, 16Thus says Yehovah, Behold, I will bring evil upon this place, and upon its inhabitants, even all the words of the book which the king of Judah has read. 17Because they have forsaken me, and have burned incense to other gods, that they might provoke me to anger with all the work of their hands, therefore my wrath shall be kindled against this place, and it shall not be quenched. 18But to the king of Judah, who sent you to inquire of Yehovah, thus shall you say to him, Thus says Yehovah, the God of Israel: Concerning the words which you have heard, 19because your heart was tender, and you humbled yourself before Yehovah, when you heard what I spoke against this place, and against its inhabitants, that they should become a desolation and a curse, and have torn your clothes, and wept before me; I also have heard you, says Yehovah. 20Therefore, behold, I will gather you to your fathers, and you shall be gathered to your grave in peace, nor shall your eyes see all the evil which I will bring upon this place. And they brought the king word again.

Chapter 23

1And the king sent, and they gathered to him all the elders of Judah and of Jerusalem. 2And the king went up to the house of Yehovah, and all the men of Judah and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem with him, and the priests, and the prophets, and all the people, both small and great: and he read in their ears all the words of the book of the covenant which was found in the house of Yehovah. 3And the king stood by the pillar, and made a covenant before Yehovah, to walk after Yehovah, and to keep his commandments, and his testimonies, and his statutes, with all his heart, and all his soul, to confirm the words of this covenant that were written in this book: and all the people stood to the covenant. 4And the king commanded Hilkiah the high priest, and the priests of the second order, and the keepers of the threshold, to bring forth out of the temple of Yehovah all the vessels that were made for Baal, and for the Asherah, and for all the host of heaven, and he burned them outside Jerusalem in the fields of the Kidron, and carried their ashes to Beth-el. 5And he put down the idolatrous priests, whom the kings of Judah had

ordained to burn incense in the high places in the cities of Judah, and in the places around Jerusalem; those also who burned incense to Baal, to the sun, and to the moon, and to the planets, and to all the host of heaven. 6And he brought out the Asherah from the house of Yehovah, outside Jerusalem, to the brook Kidron, and burned it at the brook Kidron, and beat it to dust, and cast its dust upon the graves of the common people. 7And he broke down the houses of the sodomites, which were in the house of Yehovah, where the women wove hangings for the Asherah. 8And he brought all the priests out of the cities of Judah, and defiled the high places where the priests had burned incense, from Geba to Beer-sheba; and he broke down the high places of the gates that were at the entrance of the gate of Joshua the governor of the city, which were on a man's left hand at the gate of the city. 9Nevertheless the priests of the high places did not come up to the altar of Yehovah in Jerusalem, but they ate unleavened bread among their brothers. 10And he defiled Topheth, which is in the valley of the children of Hinnom, that no man might make his son or his daughter pass through the fire to Molech. 11And he took away the horses that the kings of Judah had given to the sun, at the entrance of the house of Yehovah, by the chamber of Nathan-melech the chamberlain, which was in the precincts; and he burned the chariots of the sun with fire. 12And the altars that were on the roof of the upper chamber of Ahaz, which the kings of Judah had made, and the altars which Manasseh had made in the two courts of the house of Yehovah, the king broke down, and beat them down from there, and cast their dust into the brook Kidron. 13And the high places that were before Jerusalem, which were on the right hand of the mount of corruption, which Solomon the king of Israel had built for Ashtoreth the abomination of the Sidonians, and for Chemosh the abomination of Moab, and for Milcom the abomination of the children of Ammon, the king defiled. 14And he broke in pieces the pillars, and cut down the Asherim, and filled their places with the bones of men. 15Moreover the altar that was at Beth-el, and the high place which Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who made Israel sin, had made, even that altar and the high place he broke down; and he burned the high place and beat it to dust, and burned the Asherah. 16And as Josiah turned himself, he saw the tombs that were there in the mount; and he sent, and took the bones out of the tombs, and burned them upon the altar, and defiled it, according to the word of Yehovah which the man of God proclaimed, who proclaimed these things. 17Then he said, What monument is that which I see? And the men of the city told him, It is the tomb of the man of God, who came from Judah, and proclaimed these things that you have done against the altar of Beth-el. 18And he said, Leave him alone; let no man move his bones. So they let his bones alone, with the bones of the prophet who came out of Samaria. 19And all the houses also of the high places that were in the cities of Samaria, which the kings of Israel had made to provoke Yehovah to anger, Josiah took away, and did to them according to all the acts that he had done in Beth-el. 20And he killed all the priests of the high places that were there, upon the altars, and burned men's bones upon them; and he returned to Jerusalem. 21And the king commanded all the people, saying, Keep the passover to Yehovah your God, as it is written in this book of the covenant. 22Surely there was not kept such a passover from the days of the judges who judged Israel, nor in all the days of the kings of Israel, nor of the kings of Judah; 23but in the eighteenth year of king Josiah this passover was kept to Yehovah in Jerusalem. 24Moreover those who had familiar spirits, and the wizards, and the teraphim, and the idols, and all the abominations that were seen in the land of Judah and in Jerusalem, Josiah put away, that he might confirm the words of the law which were written in the book that Hilkiah the priest found in the house of Yehovah. 25And there was no king like him before him, who turned to Yehovah with all his heart, and with all his soul, and with all his might, according to all the law of Moses; nor did any like him arise after him. 26Notwithstanding, Yehovah did not turn from the fierceness of his great wrath, with which his anger was kindled against Judah, because of all the provocations with which Manasseh had provoked him. 27And Yehovah said, I will remove Judah also out of my sight, as I have removed Israel, and I will cast off this city which I have chosen, even Jerusalem, and the house of which I said, My name shall be there. 28Now the rest of the acts of Josiah, and all that he did, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah? 29In his days Pharaoh-necoh king of Egypt went up against the king of Assyria to the river Euphrates: and king Josiah went against him; and Pharaoh-necoh killed him at Megiddo, when he had seen him. 30And his servants carried him in a chariot dead from Megiddo,

and brought him to Jerusalem, and buried him in his own tomb. And the people of the land took Jehoahaz the son of Josiah, and anointed him, and made him king in his father's place. 31Jehoahaz was twenty-three years old when he began to reign; and he reigned three months in Jerusalem: and his mother's name was Hamutal the daughter of Jeremiah of Libnah. 32And he did that which was evil in the sight of Yehovah, according to all that his fathers had done. 33And Pharaoh-necoh put him in bonds at Riblah in the land of Hamath, that he might not reign in Jerusalem; and put the land to a tribute of a hundred talents of silver, and a talent of gold. 34And Pharaoh-necoh made Eliakim the son of Josiah king in place of Josiah his father, and changed his name to Jehoiakim: but he took Jehoahaz away; and he came to Egypt, and died there. 35And Jehoiakim gave the silver and the gold to Pharaoh; but he taxed the land to give the money according to the commandment of Pharaoh: he exacted the silver and the gold from the people of the land, from everyone according to his taxation, to give it to Pharaoh-necoh. 36Jehoiakim was twenty-five years old when he began to reign; and he reigned eleven years in Jerusalem: and his mother's name was Zebidah the daughter of Pedaiah of Rumah. 37And he did that which was evil in the sight of Yehovah, according to all that his fathers had done.

Chapter 24

1In his days Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came up, and Jehoiakim became his servant three years: then he turned and rebelled against him. 2And Yehovah sent against him bands of the Chaldeans, and bands of the Syrians, and bands of the Moabites, and bands of the children of Ammon, and sent them against Judah to destroy it, according to the word of Yehovah, which he spoke by his servants the prophets. 3Surely at the commandment of Yehovah this came upon Judah, to remove them out of his sight, for the sins of Manasseh, according to all that he did, 4and also for the innocent blood that he shed; for he filled Jerusalem with innocent blood: and Yehovah would not pardon. 5Now the rest of the acts of Jehoiakim, and all that he did, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah? 6So Jehoiakim slept with his fathers; and Jehoiachin his son reigned in his place. 7And the king of Egypt did not come out of his land again; for the king of Babylon had taken, from the brook of Egypt to the river Euphrates, all that pertained to the king of Egypt. 8Jehoiachin was eighteen years old when he began to reign; and he reigned in Jerusalem three months: and his mother's name was Nehushta the daughter of Elnathan of Jerusalem. 9And he did that which was evil in the sight of Yehovah, according to all that his father had done. 10At that time the servants of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came up to Jerusalem, and the city was besieged. 11And Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came to the city, while his servants were besieging it; 12and Jehoiachin the king of Judah went out to the king of Babylon, he, and his mother, and his servants, and his princes, and his officers: and the king of Babylon took him in the eighth year of his reign. 13And he carried out from there all the treasures of the house of Yehovah, and the treasures of the king's house, and cut in pieces all the vessels of gold, which Solomon king of Israel had made in the temple of Yehovah, as Yehovah had said. 14And he carried away all Jerusalem, and all the princes, and all the mighty men of valor, even ten thousand captives, and all the craftsmen and the smiths; none remained, except the poorest sort of the people of the land. 15And he carried away Jehoiachin to Babylon; and the king's mother, and the king's wives, and his officers, and the chief men of the land, he carried into captivity from Jerusalem to Babylon. 16And all the men of might, even seven thousand, and the craftsmen and the smiths a thousand, all of them strong and fit for war, even these the king of Babylon brought captive to Babylon. 17And the king of Babylon made Mattaniah, Jehoiachin's father's brother, king in his place, and changed his name to Zedekiah. 18Zedekiah was twenty-one years old when he began to reign; and he reigned eleven years in Jerusalem: and his mother's name was Hamutal the daughter of Jeremiah of Libnah. 19And he did that which was evil in the sight of Yehovah, according to all that Jehoiakim had done. 20For through the anger of Yehovah it happened in Jerusalem and Judah, until he had cast them out from his presence. And Zedekiah rebelled against the king of Babylon.

Chapter 25

1And it happened in the ninth year of his reign, in the tenth month, in the tenth day of the month, that Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came, he and all his army, against Jerusalem, and encamped against it; and they built forts against it all around. 2So the city was besieged to the eleventh year of king Zedekiah. 3On the ninth day of the fourth month the famine was severe in the city, so that there was no bread for

the people of the land. 4Then a breach was made in the city, and all the men of war fled by night by the way of the gate between the two walls, which was by the king's garden (now the Chaldeans were against the city all around); and the king went by the way of the Arabah. 5But the army of the Chaldeans pursued after the king, and overtook him in the plains of Jericho; and all his army was scattered from him. 6Then they took the king, and carried him up to the king of Babylon to Riblah; and they passed judgment on him. 7And they killed the sons of Zedekiah before his eyes, and put out the eyes of Zedekiah, and bound him in fetters, and carried him to Babylon. 8Now in the fifth month, on the seventh day of the month, which was the nineteenth year of king Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon, Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard, a servant of the king of Babylon, came to Jerusalem. 9And he burned the house of Yehovah, and the king's house; and all the houses of Jerusalem, even every great house, he burned with fire. 10And all the army of the Chaldeans, who were with the captain of the guard, broke down the walls of Jerusalem all around. 11And the rest of the people who were left in the city, and the deserters who had deserted to the king of Babylon, and the rest of the multitude, Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard carried away captive. 12But the captain of the guard left of the poorest of the land to be vinedressers and farmers. 13And the pillars of bronze that were in the house of Yehovah, and the bases and the bronze sea that were in the house of Yehovah, the Chaldeans broke in pieces, and carried their bronze to Babylon. 14And the pots, and the shovels, and the snuffers, and the spoons, and all the vessels of bronze with which they ministered, they took away. 15And the firepans, and the basins, that which was of gold, in gold, and that which was of silver, in silver, the captain of the guard took away. 16The two pillars, the one sea, and the bases, which Solomon had made for the house of Yehovah, the bronze of all these vessels was beyond weighing. 17The height of the one pillar was eighteen cubits, and a capital of bronze was on it; and the height of the capital was three cubits, with network and pomegranates on the capital all around, all of bronze: and the second pillar had the same, with network. 18And the captain of the guard took Seraiah the chief priest, and Zephaniah the second priest, and the three keepers of the threshold: 19and out of the city he took an officer who was set over the men of war; and five men of those who saw the king's face, who were found in the city; and the scribe, the captain of the host, who mustered the people of the land; and sixty men of the people of the land, who were found in the city. 20And Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard took them, and brought them to the king of Babylon to Riblah. 21And the king of Babylon struck them down, and put them to death at Riblah in the land of Hamath. So Judah was carried away captive out of his land. 22And as for the people who were left in the land of Judah, whom Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon had left, even over them he made Gedaliah the son of Ahikam, the son of Shaphan, governor. 23Now when all the captains of the forces, they and their men, heard that the king of Babylon had made Gedaliah governor, they came to Gedaliah to Mizpah, even Ishmael the son of Nethaniah, and Johanan the son of Kareah, and Seraiah the son of Tanhumeth the Netophathite, and Jaazaniah the son of the Maacathite, they and their men. 24And Gedaliah swore to them and to their men, and said to them, Do not fear because of the servants of the Chaldeans: dwell in the land, and serve the king of Babylon, and it shall be well with you. 25But it happened in the seventh month, that Ishmael the son of Nethaniah, the son of Elishama, of the royal seed, came, and ten men with him, and struck Gedaliah, so that he died, and the Jews and the Chaldeans who were with him at Mizpah. 26And all the people, both small and great, and the captains of the forces, arose, and came to Egypt; for they were afraid of the Chaldeans. 27And it happened in the thirty-seventh year of the captivity of Jehoiachin king of Judah, in the twelfth month, on the twenty-seventh day of the month, that Evil-merodach king of Babylon, in the year that he began to reign, lifted up the head of Jehoiachin king of Judah out of prison; 28and he spoke kindly to him, and set his throne above the throne of the kings who were with him in Babylon, 29and changed his prison garments. And Jehoiachin ate bread before him continually all the days of his life: 30and for his allowance, there was a continual allowance given him by the king, every day a portion, all the days of his life.

1 Chronicles

Chapter 1

[1]Adam, Seth, Enosh, [2]Kenan, Mahalalel, Jared, [3]Enoch, Methuselah, Lamech, [4]Noah, Shem, Ham, and Japheth. [5]The sons of Japheth: Gomer, and Magog, and Madai, and Javan, and Tubal, and Meshech, and Tiras. [6]And the sons of Gomer: Ashkenaz, and Diphath, and Togarmah. [7]And the sons of Javan: Elishah, and Tarshish, Kittim, and Rodanim. [8]The sons of Ham: Cush, and Mizraim, Put, and Canaan. [9]And the sons of Cush: Seba, and Havilah, and Sabta, and Raama, and Sabteca. And the sons of Raamah: Sheba, and Dedan. [10]And Cush fathered Nimrod; he began to be a mighty one in the earth. [11]And Mizraim fathered Ludim, and Anamim, and Lehabim, and Naphtuhim, [12]and Pathrusim, and Casluhim (from whom came the Philistines), and Caphtorim. [13]And Canaan fathered Sidon his first-born, and Heth, [14]and the Jebusite, and the Amorite, and the Girgashite, [15]and the Hivite, and the Arkite, and the Sinite, [16]and the Arvadite, and the Zemarite, and the Hamathite. [17]The sons of Shem: Elam, and Asshur, and Arpachshad, and Lud, and Aram, and Uz, and Hul, and Gether, and Meshech. [18]And Arpachshad fathered Shelah, and Shelah fathered Eber. [19]And to Eber were born two sons: the name of the one was Peleg; for in his days the earth was divided; and his brother's name was Joktan. [20]And Joktan fathered Almodad, and Sheleph, and Hazarmaveth, and Jerah, [21]and Hadoram, and Uzal, and Diklah, [22]and Ebal, and Abimael, and Sheba, [23]and Ophir, and Havilah, and Jobab. All these were the sons of Joktan. [24]Shem, Arpachshad, Shelah, [25]Eber, Peleg, Reu, [26]Serug, Nahor, Terah, [27]Abram (the same is Abraham). [28]The sons of Abraham: Isaac, and Ishmael. [29]These are their generations: the first-born of Ishmael, Nebaioth; then Kedar, and Adbeel, and Mibsam, [30]Mishma, and Dumah, Massa, Hadad, and Tema, [31]Jetur, Naphish, and Kedemah. These are the sons of Ishmael. [32]And the sons of Keturah, Abraham's concubine: she bore Zimran, and Jokshan, and Medan, and Midian, and Ishbak, and Shuah. And the sons of Jokshan: Sheba, and Dedan. [33]And the sons of Midian: Ephah, and Epher, and Hanoch, and Abida, and Eldaah. All these were the sons of Keturah. [34]And Abraham fathered Isaac. The sons of Isaac: Esau, and Israel. [35]The sons of Esau: Eliphaz, Reuel, and Jeush, and Jalam, and Korah. [36]The sons of Eliphaz: Teman, and Omar, Zephi, and Gatam, Kenaz, and Timna, and Amalek. [37]The sons of Reuel: Nahath, Zerah, Shammah, and Mizzah. [38]And the sons of Seir: Lotan, and Shobal, and Zibeon, and Anah, and Dishon, and Ezer, and Dishan. [39]And the sons of Lotan: Hori, and Homam; and Timna was Lotan's sister. [40]The sons of Shobal: Alian, and Manahath, and Ebal, Shephi, and Onam. And the sons of Zibeon: Aiah, and Anah. [41]The sons of Anah: Dishon. And the sons of Dishon: Hamran, and Eshban, and Ithran, and Cheran. [42]The sons of Ezer: Bilhan, and Zaavan, Jaakan. The sons of Dishan: Uz, and Aran. [43]Now these are the kings who reigned in the land of Edom, before any king reigned over the children of Israel: Bela the son of Beor; and the name of his city was Dinhabah. [44]And Bela died, and Jobab the son of Zerah of Bozrah reigned in his place. [45]And Jobab died, and Husham of the land of the Temanites reigned in his place. [46]And Husham died, and Hadad the son of Bedad, who struck Midian in the field of Moab, reigned in his place; and the name of his city was Avith. [47]And Hadad died, and Samlah of Masrekah reigned in his place. [48]And Samlah died, and Shaul of Rehoboth by the River reigned in his place. [49]And Shaul died, and Baal-hanan the son of Achbor reigned in his place. [50]And Baal-hanan died, and Hadad reigned in his place; and the name of his city was Pai: and his wife's name was Mehetabel, the daughter of Matred, the daughter of Me-zahab. [51]And Hadad died. And the chiefs of Edom were: chief Timna, chief Aliah, chief Jetheth, [52]chief Oholibamah, chief Elah, chief Pinon, [53]chief Kenaz, chief Teman, chief Mibzar, [54]chief Magdiel, chief Iram. These are the chiefs of Edom.

Chapter 2

[1]These are the sons of Israel: Reuben, Simeon, Levi, and Judah, Issachar, and Zebulun, [2]Dan, Joseph, and Benjamin, Naphtali, Gad, and Asher. [3]The sons of Judah: Er, and Onan, and Shelah; these three were born to him of Shua's daughter the Canaanitess. And Er, Judah's first-born, was wicked in the sight of Yehovah; and he slew him. [4]And Tamar his daughter-in-law bore him Perez and Zerah. All the sons of Judah were five. [5]The sons of Perez: Hezron, and Hamul. [6]And the sons of Zerah: Zimri, and Ethan, and Heman, and Calcol, and Dara; five of them in all. [7]And the sons of Carmi: Achar, the troubler of Israel,

who committed a trespass in the devoted thing. 8And the sons of Ethan: Azariah. 9The sons also of Hezron, who were born to him: Jerahmeel, and Ram, and Chelubai. 10And Ram fathered Amminadab, and Amminadab fathered Nahshon, prince of the children of Judah; 11and Nahshon fathered Salma, and Salma fathered Boaz, 12and Boaz fathered Obed, and Obed fathered Jesse; 13and Jesse fathered his first-born Eliab, and Abinadab the second, and Shimea the third, 14Nethanel the fourth, Raddai the fifth, 15Ozem the sixth, David the seventh; 16and their sisters were Zeruiah and Abigail. And the sons of Zeruiah: Abishai, and Joab, and Asahel, three. 17And Abigail bore Amasa; and the father of Amasa was Jether the Ishmaelite. 18And Caleb the son of Hezron fathered children of Azubah his wife, and of Jerioth; and these were her sons: Jesher, and Shobab, and Ardon. 19And Azubah died, and Caleb took to himself Ephrath, who bore him Hur. 20And Hur fathered Uri, and Uri fathered Bezalel. 21And afterward Hezron went in to the daughter of Machir the father of Gilead, whom he took as wife when he was sixty years old; and she bore him Segub. 22And Segub fathered Jair, who had twenty-three cities in the land of Gilead. 23And Geshur and Aram took the towns of Jair from them, with Kenath, and its villages, even sixty cities. All these were the sons of Machir the father of Gilead. 24And after Hezron was dead in Caleb-ephrathah, then Abijah Hezron's wife bore him Ashhur the father of Tekoa. 25And the sons of Jerahmeel the first-born of Hezron were Ram the first-born, and Bunah, and Oren, and Ozem, Ahijah. 26And Jerahmeel had another wife, whose name was Atarah; she was the mother of Onam. 27And the sons of Ram the first-born of Jerahmeel were Maaz, and Jamin, and Eker. 28And the sons of Onam were Shammai, and Jada. And the sons of Shammai: Nadab, and Abishur. 29And the name of the wife of Abishur was Abihail; and she bore him Ahban, and Molid. 30And the sons of Nadab: Seled, and Appaim; but Seled died without children. 31And the sons of Appaim: Ishi. And the sons of Ishi: Sheshan. And the sons of Sheshan: Ahlai. 32And the sons of Jada the brother of Shammai: Jether, and Jonathan; and Jether died without children. 33And the sons of Jonathan: Peleth, and Zaza. These were the sons of Jerahmeel. 34Now Sheshan had no sons, but daughters. And Sheshan had a servant, an Egyptian, whose name was Jarha. 35And Sheshan gave his daughter to Jarha his servant as wife; and she bore him Attai. 36And Attai fathered Nathan, and Nathan fathered Zabad, 37and Zabad fathered Ephlal, and Ephlal fathered Obed, 38and Obed fathered Jehu, and Jehu fathered Azariah, 39and Azariah fathered Helez, and Helez fathered Eleasah, 40and Eleasah fathered Sismai, and Sismai fathered Shallum, 41and Shallum fathered Jekamiah, and Jekamiah fathered Elishama. 42And the sons of Caleb the brother of Jerahmeel were Mesha his first-born, who was the father of Ziph; and the sons of Mareshah the father of Hebron. 43And the sons of Hebron: Korah, and Tappuah, and Rekem, and Shema. 44And Shema fathered Raham, the father of Jorkeam; and Rekem fathered Shammai. 45And the son of Shammai was Maon; and Maon was the father of Beth-zur. 46And Ephah, Caleb's concubine, bore Haran, and Moza, and Gazez; and Haran fathered Gazez. 47And the sons of Jahdai: Regem, and Jothan, and Geshan, and Pelet, and Ephah, and Shaaph. 48Maacah, Caleb's concubine, bore Sheber and Tirhanah. 49She also bore Shaaph the father of Madmannah, Sheva the father of Machbena, and the father of Gibea; and the daughter of Caleb was Achsah. 50These were the sons of Caleb, the son of Hur, the first-born of Ephrathah: Shobal the father of Kiriath-jearim, 51Salma the father of Beth-lehem, Hareph the father of Beth-gader. 52And Shobal the father of Kiriath-jearim had sons: Haroeh, half of the Menuhoth. 53And the families of Kiriath-jearim: The Ithrites, and the Puthites, and the Shumathites, and the Mishraites; of them came the Zorathites and the Eshtaolites. 54The sons of Salma: Beth-lehem, and the Netophathites, Atroth-beth-joab, and half of the Manahathites, the Zorites. 55And the families of scribes who dwelt at Jabez: the Tirathites, the Shimeathites, the Sucathites. These are the Kenites who came from Hammath, the father of the house of Rechab.

Chapter 3

1Now these were the sons of David, who were born to him in Hebron: the first-born, Amnon, of Ahinoam the Jezreelitess; the second, Daniel, of Abigail the Carmelitess; 2the third, Absalom the son of Maacah the daughter of Talmai king of Geshur; the fourth, Adonijah the son of Haggith; 3the fifth, Shephatiah of Abital; the sixth, Ithream by Eglah his wife: 4six were born to him in Hebron; and there he reigned seven years and six months. And in Jerusalem he reigned thirty-three years; 5and these were born to him in Jerusalem: Shimea, and Shobab, and Nathan, and Solomon, four, of Bath-shua the daughter of Ammiel;

6and Ibhar, and Elishama, and Eliphelet, 7and Nogah, and Nepheg, and Japhia, 8and Elishama, and Eliada, and Eliphelet, nine. 9All these were the sons of David, besides the sons of the concubines; and Tamar was their sister. 10And Solomon's son was Rehoboam, Abijah his son, Asa his son, Jehoshaphat his son, 11Joram his son, Ahaziah his son, Joash his son, 12Amaziah his son, Azariah his son, Jotham his son, 13Ahaz his son, Hezekiah his son, Manasseh his son, 14Amon his son, Josiah his son. 15And the sons of Josiah: the first-born Johanan, the second Jehoiakim, the third Zedekiah, the fourth Shallum. 16And the sons of Jehoiakim: Jeconiah his son, Zedekiah his son. 17And the sons of Jeconiah, the captive: Shealtiel his son, 18and Malchiram, and Pedaiah, and Shenazzar, Jekamiah, Hoshama, and Nedabiah. 19And the sons of Pedaiah: Zerubbabel, and Shimei. And the sons of Zerubbabel: Meshullam, and Hananiah; and Shelomith was their sister; 20and Hashubah, and Ohel, and Berechiah, and Hasadiah, Jushab-hesed, five. 21And the sons of Hananiah: Pelatiah, and Jeshaiah; the sons of Rephaiah, the sons of Arnan, the sons of Obadiah, the sons of Shecaniah. 22And the sons of Shecaniah: Shemaiah. And the sons of Shemaiah: Hattush, and Igal, and Bariah, and Neariah, and Shaphat, six. 23And the sons of Neariah: Elioenai, and Hizkiah, and Azrikam, three. 24And the sons of Elioenai: Hodaviah, and Eliashib, and Pelaiah, and Akkub, and Johanan, and Delaiah, and Anani, seven.

Chapter 4

1The sons of Judah: Perez, Hezron, and Carmi, and Hur, and Shobal. 2And Reaiah the son of Shobal fathered Jahath; and Jahath fathered Ahumai and Lahad. These are the families of the Zorathites. 3And these were the sons of the father of Etam: Jezreel, and Ishma, and Idbash; and the name of their sister was Hazzelelponi; 4and Penuel the father of Gedor, and Ezer the father of Hushah. These are the sons of Hur, the first-born of Ephrathah, the father of Bethlehem. 5And Ashhur the father of Tekoa had two wives, Helah and Naarah. 6And Naarah bore him Ahuzzam, and Hepher, and Temeni, and Haahashtari. These were the sons of Naarah. 7And the sons of Helah were Zers, Izhar, and Ethnan. 8And Hakkoz fathered Anub, and Zobebah, and the families of Aharhel the son of Harum. 9And Jabez was more honorable than his brothers: and his mother called his name Jabez, saying, Because I bore him with sorrow. 10And Jabez called on the God of Israel, saying, Oh that you would bless me indeed, and enlarge my border, and that your hand might be with me, and that you would keep me from evil, that it may not be to my sorrow! And God granted him what he requested. 11And Chelub the brother of Shuhah fathered Mehir, who was the father of Eshton. 12And Eshton fathered Beth-rapha, and Paseah, and Tehinnah the father of Ir-nahash. These are the men of Recah. 13And the sons of Kenaz: Othniel, and Seraiah. And the sons of Othniel: Hathath. 14And Meonothai fathered Ophrah: and Seraiah fathered Joab the father of Ge-harashim; for they were craftsmen. 15And the sons of Caleb the son of Jephunneh: Iru, Elah, and Naam; and the sons of Elah; and Kenaz. 16And the sons of Jehallelel: Ziph, and Ziphah, Tiria, and Asarel. 17And the sons of Ezrah: Jether, and Mered, and Epher, and Jalon; and she bore Miriam, and Shammai, and Ishbah the father of Eshtemoa. 18And his wife the Jewess bore Jered the father of Gedor, and Heber the father of Soco, and Jekuthiel the father of Zanoah. And these are the sons of Bithiah the daughter of Pharaoh, whom Mered took. 19And the sons of the wife of Hodiah, the sister of Naham, were the father of Keilah the Garmite, and Eshtemoa the Maacathite. 20And the sons of Shimon: Amnon, and Rinnah, Ben-hanan, and Tilon. And the sons of Ishi: Zoheth, and Ben-zoheth. 21The sons of Shelah the son of Judah: Er the father of Lecah, and Laadah the father of Mareshah, and the families of the house of those who worked fine linen, of the house of Ashbea; 22and Jokim, and the men of Cozeba, and Joash, and Saraph, who had dominion in Moab, and Jashubi-lehem. And the records are ancient. 23These were the potters, and the inhabitants of Netaim and Gederah: there they dwelt with the king for his work. 24The sons of Simeon: Nemuel, and Jamin, Jarib, Zerah, Shaul; 25Shallum his son, Mibsam his son, Mishma his son. 26And the sons of Mishma: Hammuel his son, Zaccur his son, Shimei his son. 27And Shimei had sixteen sons and six daughters; but his brothers did not have many children, nor did all their family multiply like the children of Judah. 28And they dwelt at Beer-sheba, and Moladah, and Hazar-shual, 29and at Bilhah, and at Ezem, and at Tolad, 30and at Bethuel, and at Hormah, and at Ziklag, 31and at Beth-marcaboth, and Hazar-susim, and at Beth-biri, and at Shaaraim. These were their cities to the reign of David. 32And their villages were Etam, and Ain, Rimmon, and Tochen, and Ashan, five cities; 33and all

their villages that were around the same cities, to Baal. These were their habitations, and they have their genealogy. 34And Meshobab, and Jamlech, and Joshah the son of Amaziah, 35and Joel, and Jehu the son of Joshibiah, the son of Seraiah, the son of Asiel, 36and Elioenai, and Jaakobah, and Jeshohaiah, and Asaiah, and Adiel, and Jesimiel, and Benaiah, 37and Ziza the son of Shiphi, the son of Allon, the son of Jedaiah, the son of Shimri, the son of Shemaiah— 38these mentioned by name were princes in their families: and their fathers' houses increased greatly. 39And they went to the entrance of Gedor, even to the east side of the valley, to seek pasture for their flocks. 40And they found fat and good pasture, and the land was wide, and quiet, and peaceable; for those who dwelt there formerly were of Ham. 41And these written by name came in the days of Hezekiah king of Judah, and struck their tents, and the Meunim who were found there, and destroyed them utterly to this day, and dwelt in their place; because there was pasture there for their flocks. 42And some of them, even of the sons of Simeon, five hundred men, went to mount Seir, having for their captains Pelatiah, and Neariah, and Rephaiah, and Uzziel, the sons of Ishi. 43And they struck the remnant of the Amalekites who had escaped, and have dwelt there to this day.

Chapter 5

1And the sons of Reuben the first-born of Israel (for he was the first-born; but, because he defiled his father's couch, his birthright was given to the sons of Joseph the son of Israel; and the genealogy is not to be reckoned according to the birthright. 2For Judah prevailed above his brothers, and from him came the prince; but the birthright was Joseph's), 3the sons of Reuben the first-born of Israel: Hanoch, and Pallu, Hezron, and Carmi. 4The sons of Joel: Shemaiah his son, Gog his son, Shimei his son, 5Micah his son, Reaiah his son, Baal his son, 6Beerah his son, whom Tilgath-pilneser king of Assyria carried away captive: he was prince of the Reubenites. 7And his brothers by their families, when the genealogy of their generations was reckoned: the chief, Jeiel, and Zechariah, 8and Bela the son of Azaz, the son of Shema, the son of Joel, who dwelt in Aroer, even to Nebo and Baal-meon: 9and eastward he dwelt even to the entrance of the wilderness from the river Euphrates, because their cattle were multiplied in the land of Gilead. 10And in the days of Saul, they made war with the Hagrites, who fell by their hand; and they dwelt in their tents throughout all the land east of Gilead. 11And the sons of Gad dwelt opposite them, in the land of Bashan to Salecah: 12Joel the chief, and Shapham the second, and Janai, and Shaphat in Bashan. 13And their brothers of their fathers' houses: Michael, and Meshullam, and Sheba, and Jorai, and Jacan, and Zia, and Eber, seven. 14These were the sons of Abihail, the son of Huri, the son of Jaroah, the son of Gilead, the son of Michael, the son of Jeshishai, the son of Jahdo, the son of Buz; 15Ahi the son of Abdiel, the son of Guni, chief of their fathers' houses. 16And they dwelt in Gilead in Bashan, and in its towns, and in all the pasturelands of Sharon, as far as their borders. 17All these were reckoned by genealogies in the days of Jotham king of Judah, and in the days of Jeroboam king of Israel. 18The sons of Reuben, and the Gadites, and the half-tribe of Manasseh, of valiant men, men able to bear shield and sword, and to shoot with bow, and skillful in war, were forty-four thousand seven hundred and sixty, who were able to go forth to war. 19And they made war with the Hagrites, with Jetur, and Naphish, and Nodab. 20And they were helped against them, and the Hagrites were delivered into their hand, and all who were with them; for they cried to God in the battle, and he was entreated by them, because they put their trust in him. 21And they took away their cattle; of their camels fifty thousand, and of sheep two hundred and fifty thousand, and of donkeys two thousand, and of men a hundred thousand. 22For many fell slain, because the war was of God. And they dwelt in their place until the captivity. 23And the children of the half-tribe of Manasseh dwelt in the land: they increased from Bashan to Baal-hermon and Senir and mount Hermon. 24And these were the heads of their fathers' houses: even Epher, and Ishi, and Eliel, and Azriel, and Jeremiah, and Hodaviah, and Jahdiel, mighty men of valor, famous men, heads of their fathers' houses. 25And they trespassed against the God of their fathers, and played the prostitute after the gods of the peoples of the land, whom God destroyed before them. 26And the God of Israel stirred up the spirit of Pul king of Assyria, and the spirit of Tilgath-pilneser king of Assyria, and he carried them away, even the Reubenites, and the Gadites, and the half-tribe of Manasseh, and brought them to Halah, and Habor, and Hara, and to the river of Gozan, to this day.

Chapter 6

[1]The sons of Levi: Gershon, Kohath, and Merari. [2]And the sons of Kohath: Amram, Izhar, and Hebron, and Uzziel. [3]And the children of Amram: Aaron, and Moses, and Miriam. And the sons of Aaron: Nadab, and Abihu, Eleazar, and Ithamar. [4]Eleazar fathered Phinehas, Phinehas fathered Abishua, [5]and Abishua fathered Bukki, and Bukki fathered Uzzi, [6]and Uzzi fathered Zerahiah, and Zerahiah fathered Meraioth, [7]Meraioth fathered Amariah, and Amariah fathered Ahitub, [8]and Ahitub fathered Zadok, and Zadok fathered Ahimaaz, [9]and Ahimaaz fathered Azariah, and Azariah fathered Johanan, [10]and Johanan fathered Azariah (it was he who executed the priest's office in the house that Solomon built in Jerusalem), [11]and Azariah fathered Amariah, and Amariah fathered Ahitub, [12]and Ahitub fathered Zadok, and Zadok fathered Shallum, [13]and Shallum fathered Hilkiah, and Hilkiah fathered Azariah, [14]and Azariah fathered Seraiah, and Seraiah fathered Jehozadak; [15]And Jehozadak went into captivity, when Yehovah carried away Judah and Jerusalem by the hand of Nebuchadnezzar. [16]The sons of Levi: Gershom, Kohath, and Merari. [17]And these are the names of the sons of Gershom: Libni and Shimei. [18]And the sons of Kohath were Amram, and Izhar, and Hebron, and Uzziel. [19]The sons of Merari: Mahli and Mushi. And these are the families of the Levites according to their fathers' houses. [20]Of Gershom: Libni his son, Jahath his son, Zimmah his son, [21]Joah his son, Iddo his son, Zerah his son, Jeatherai his son. [22]The sons of Kohath: Amminadab his son, Korah his son, Assir his son, [23]Elkanah his son, and Ebiasaph his son, and Assir his son, [24]Tahath his son, Uriel his son, Uzziah his son, and Shaul his son. [25]And the sons of Elkanah: Amasai, and Ahimoth. [26]As for Elkanah, the sons of Elkanah: Zophai his son, and Nahath his son, [27]Eliab his son, Jeroham his son, Elkanah his son. [28]And the sons of Samuel: the first-born, Joel, and the second Abijah. [29]The sons of Merari: Mahli, Libni his son, Shimei his son, Uzzah his son, [30]Shimea his son, Haggiah his son, Asaiah his son. [31]And these are those whom David set over the service of song in the house of Yehovah, after the ark had rest. [32]And they ministered with song before the tabernacle of the tent of meeting, until Solomon had built the house of Yehovah in Jerusalem: and they waited on their office according to their order. [33]And these are those who waited, and their sons. Of the sons of the Kohathites: Heman the singer, the son of Joel, the son of Samuel, [34]the son of Elkanah, the son of Jeroham, the son of Eliel, the son of Toah, [35]the son of Zuph, the son of Elkanah, the son of Mahath, the son of Amasai, [36]the son of Elkanah, the son of Joel, the son of Azariah, the son of Zephaniah, [37]the son of Tahath, the son of Assir, the son of Ebiasaph, the son of Korah, [38]the son of Izhar, the son of Kohath, the son of Levi, the son of Israel. [39]And his brother Asaph, who stood on his right hand, even Asaph the son of Berechiah, the son of Shimea, [40]the son of Michael, the son of Baaseiah, the son of Malchijah, [41]the son of Ethni, the son of Zerah, the son of Adaiah, [42]the son of Ethan, the son of Zimmah, the son of Shimei, [43]the son of Jahath, the son of Gershom, the son of Levi. [44]And on the left hand their brothers the sons of Merari: Ethan the son of Kishi, the son of Abdi, the son of Malluch, [45]the son of Hashabiah, the son of Amaziah, the son of Hilkiah, [46]the son of Amzi, the son of Bani, the son of Shemer, [47]the son of Mahli, the son of Mushi, the son of Merari, the son of Levi. [48]And their brothers the Levites were appointed for all the service of the tabernacle of the house of God. [49]But Aaron and his sons offered upon the altar of burnt-offering, and upon the altar of incense, for all the work of the most holy place, and to make atonement for Israel, according to all that Moses the servant of God had commanded. [50]And these are the sons of Aaron: Eleazar his son, Phinehas his son, Abishua his son, [51]Bukki his son, Uzzi his son, Zerahiah his son, [52]Meraioth his son, Amariah his son, Ahitub his son, [53]Zadok his son, Ahimaaz his son. [54]Now these are their dwelling places according to their encampments in their borders: to the sons of Aaron, of the families of the Kohathites (for theirs was the first lot), [55]to them they gave Hebron in the land of Judah, and its pasturelands around it; [56]but the fields of the city, and its villages, they gave to Caleb the son of Jephunneh. [57]And to the sons of Aaron they gave the cities of refuge, Hebron; Libnah also with its pasturelands, and Jattir, and Eshtemoa with its pasturelands, [58]and Hilen with its pasturelands, Debir with its pasturelands, [59]and Ashan with its pasturelands, and Beth-shemesh with its pasturelands; [60]and out of the tribe of Benjamin, Geba with its pasturelands, and Allemeth with its pasturelands, and Anathoth with its pasturelands. All their cities throughout their families were thirteen cities. [61]And to the rest of the sons of Kohath were given by lot, out of the family of the tribe, out of

the half-tribe, the half of Manasseh, ten cities. 62And to the sons of Gershom, according to their families, out of the tribe of Issachar, and out of the tribe of Asher, and out of the tribe of Naphtali, and out of the tribe of Manasseh in Bashan, thirteen cities. 63To the sons of Merari were given by lot, according to their families, out of the tribe of Reuben, and out of the tribe of Gad, and out of the tribe of Zebulun, twelve cities. 64And the children of Israel gave to the Levites the cities with their pasturelands. 65And they gave by lot out of the tribe of the children of Judah, and out of the tribe of the children of Simeon, and out of the tribe of the children of Benjamin, these cities which are mentioned by name. 66And some of the families of the sons of Kohath had cities of their borders out of the tribe of Ephraim. 67And they gave to them the cities of refuge, Shechem in the hill country of Ephraim with its pasturelands; Gezer also with its pasturelands, 68and Jokmeam with its pasturelands, and Beth-horon with its pasturelands, 69and Aijalon with its pasturelands, and Gath-rimmon with its pasturelands; 70and out of the half-tribe of Manasseh, Aner with its pasturelands, and Bileam with its pasturelands, for the rest of the family of the sons of Kohath. 71To the sons of Gershom were given, out of the family of the half-tribe of Manasseh, Golan in Bashan with its pasturelands, and Ashtaroth with its pasturelands; 72and out of the tribe of Issachar, Kedesh with its pasturelands, Daberath with its pasturelands, 73and Ramoth with its pasturelands, and Anem with its pasturelands; 74and out of the tribe of Asher, Mashal with its pasturelands, and Abdon with its pasturelands, 75and Hukok with its pasturelands, and Rehob with its pasturelands; 76and out of the tribe of Naphtali, Kedesh in Galilee with its pasturelands, and Hammon with its pasturelands, and Kiriathaim with its pasturelands. 77To the rest of the Levites, the sons of Merari, were given, out of the tribe of Zebulun, Rimmono with its pasturelands, Tabor with its pasturelands; 78and beyond the Jordan at Jericho, on the east side of the Jordan, were given them, out of the tribe of Reuben, Bezer in the wilderness with its pasturelands, and Jahzah with its pasturelands, 79and Kedemoth with its pasturelands, and Mephaath with its pasturelands; 80and out of the tribe of Gad, Ramoth in Gilead with its pasturelands, and Mahanaim with its pasturelands, 81and Heshbon with its pasturelands, and Jazer with its pasturelands.

Chapter 7

1And of the sons of Issachar: Tola, and Puah, Jashub, and Shimron, four. 2And the sons of Tola: Uzzi, and Rephaiah, and Jeriel, and Jahmai, and Ibsam, and Shemuel, heads of their fathers' houses, that is, of Tola; mighty men of valor in their generations: their number in the days of David was twenty-two thousand and six hundred. 3And the sons of Uzzi: Izrahiah. And the sons of Izrahiah: Michael, and Obadiah, and Joel, Isshiah, five; all of them chief men. 4And with them, by their generations, according to their fathers' houses, were bands of the host for war, thirty-six thousand; for they had many wives and sons. 5And their brothers among all the families of Issachar, mighty men of valor, reckoned in all by genealogy, were eighty-seven thousand. 6The sons of Benjamin: Bela, and Becher, and Jediael, three. 7And the sons of Bela: Ezbon, and Uzzi, and Uzziel, and Jerimoth, and Iri, five; heads of fathers' houses, mighty men of valor; and they were reckoned by genealogy twenty-two thousand and thirty-four. 8And the sons of Becher: Zemirah, and Joash, and Eliezer, and Elioenai, and Omri, and Jeremoth, and Abijah, and Anathoth, and Alemeth. All these were the sons of Becher. 9And they were reckoned by genealogy, according to their generations, heads of their fathers' houses, mighty men of valor, twenty thousand and two hundred. 10And the sons of Jediael: Bilhan. And the sons of Bilhan: Jeush, and Benjamin, and Ehud, and Chenaanah, and Zethan, and Tarshish, and Ahishahar. 11All these were sons of Jediael, according to the heads of their fathers' houses, mighty men of valor, seventeen thousand and two hundred, who were able to go forth in the host for war. 12Shuppim also, and Huppim, the sons of Ir, Hushim, the sons of Aher. 13The sons of Naphtali: Jahziel, and Guni, and Jezer, and Shallum, the sons of Bilhah. 14The sons of Manasseh: Asriel, whom his concubine the Aramitess bore; she bore Machir the father of Gilead. 15And Machir took a wife from Huppim and Shuppim, whose sister's name was Maacah; and the name of the second was Zelophehad: and Zelophehad had daughters. 16And Maacah the wife of Machir bore a son, and she called his name Peresh; and the name of his brother was Sheresh; and his sons were Ulam and Rakem. 17And the sons of Ulam: Bedan. These were the sons of Gilead the son of Machir, the son of Manasseh. 18And his sister Hammolecheth bore Ishhod, and Abiezer, and Mahlah. 19And the sons of Shemida were Ahian,

and Shechem, and Likhi, and Aniam. 20And the sons of Ephraim: Shuthelah, and Bered his son, and Tahath his son, and Eleadah his son, and Tahath his son, 21and Zabad his son, and Shuthelah his son, and Ezer, and Elead, whom the men of Gath who were born in the land slew, because they came down to take away their cattle. 22And Ephraim their father mourned many days, and his brothers came to comfort him. 23And he went in to his wife, and she conceived, and bore a son, and he called his name Beriah, because it went evil with his house. 24And his daughter was Sheerah, who built Beth-horon the lower and the upper, and Uzzen-sheerah. 25And Rephah was his son, and Resheph, and Telah his son, and Tahan his son, 26Ladan his son, Ammihud his son, Elishama his son, 27Nun his son, Joshua his son. 28And their possessions and habitations were Beth-el and its towns, and eastward Naaran, and westward Gezer, with its towns; Shechem also and its towns, to Azzah and its towns; 29and by the borders of the children of Manasseh, Beth-shean and its towns, Taanach and its towns, Megiddo and its towns, Dor and its towns. In these dwelt the children of Joseph the son of Israel. 30The sons of Asher: Imnah, and Ishvah, and Ishvi, and Beriah, and Serah their sister. 31And the sons of Beriah: Heber, and Malchiel, who was the father of Birzaith. 32And Heber fathered Japhlet, and Shomer, and Hotham, and Shua their sister. 33And the sons of Japhlet: Pasach, and Bimhal, and Ashvath. These are the children of Japhlet. 34And the sons of Shemer: Ahi, and Rohgah, Jehubbah, and Aram. 35And the sons of Helem his brother: Zophah, and Imna, and Shelesh, and Amal. 36The sons of Zophah: Suah, and Harnepher, and Shual, and Beri, and Imrah, 37Bezer, and Hod, and Shamma, and Shilshah, and Ithran, and Beera. 38And the sons of Jether: Jephunneh, and Pispa, and Ara. 39And the sons of Ulla: Arah, and Hanniel, and Rizia. 40All these were the children of Asher, heads of the fathers' houses, choice and mighty men of valor, chief of the princes. And the number of them reckoned by genealogy for service in war was twenty-six thousand men.

Chapter 8

1And Benjamin fathered Bela his first-born, Ashbel the second, and Aharah the third, 2Nohah the fourth, and Rapha the fifth. 3And Bela had sons: Addar, and Gera, and Abihud, 4and Abishua, and Naaman, and Ahoah, 5and Gera, and Shephuphan, and Huram. 6And these are the sons of Ehud: these are the heads of fathers' houses of the inhabitants of Geba, and they carried them captive to Manahath: 7and Naaman, and Ahijah, and Gera, he carried them captive; and he fathered Uzza and Ahihud. 8And Shaharaim fathered children in the field of Moab, after he had sent them away; Hushim and Baara were his wives. 9And he fathered of Hodesh his wife, Jobab, and Zibia, and Mesha, and Malcam, 10and Jeuz, and Shachia, and Mirmah. These were his sons, heads of fathers' houses. 11And of Hushim he fathered Abitub and Elpaal. 12And the sons of Elpaal: Eber, and Misham, and Shemed, who built Ono and Lod, with its towns; 13and Beriah, and Shema, who were heads of fathers' houses of the inhabitants of Aijalon, who put to flight the inhabitants of Gath; 14and Ahio, Shashak, and Jeremoth, 15and Zebadiah, and Arad, and Eder, 16and Michael, and Ishpah, and Joha, the sons of Beriah, 17and Zebadiah, and Meshullam, and Hizki, and Heber, 18and Ishmerai, and Izliah, and Jobab, the sons of Elpaal, 19and Jakim, and Zichri, and Zabdi, 20and Elienai, and Zillethai, and Eliel, 21and Adaiah, and Beraiah, and Shimrath, the sons of Shimei, 22and Ishpan, and Eber, and Eliel, 23and Abdon, and Zichri, and Hanan, 24and Hananiah, and Elam, and Anthothijah, 25and Iphdeiah, and Penuel, the sons of Shashak, 26and Shamsherai, and Shehariah, and Athaliah, 27and Jaareshiah, and Elijah, and Zichri, the sons of Jeroham. 28These were heads of fathers' houses throughout their generations, chief men: these dwelt in Jerusalem. 29And in Gibeon there dwelt the father of Gibeon, Jeiel, whose wife's name was Maacah; 30and his first-born son Abdon, and Zur, and Kish, and Baal, and Nadab, 31and Gedor, and Ahio, and Zecher. 32And Mikloth fathered Shimeah. And they also dwelt with their brothers in Jerusalem, opposite their brothers. 33And Ner fathered Kish; and Kish fathered Saul; and Saul fathered Jonathan, and Malchi-shua, and Abinadab, and Eshbaal. 34And the son of Jonathan was Merib-baal; and Merib-baal fathered Micah. 35And the sons of Micah: Pithon, and Melech, and Tarea, and Ahaz. 36And Ahaz fathered Jehoaddah; and Jehoaddah fathered Alemeth, and Azmaveth, and Zimri; and Zimri fathered Moza. 37And Moza fathered Binea; Raphah was his son, Eleasah his son, Azel his son. 38And Azel had six sons, whose names are these: Azrikam, Bocheru, and Ishmael, and Sheariah, and Obadiah, and Hanan. All these were the sons of Azel. 39And the sons of Eshek his brother: Ulam his first-born, Jeush the second, and Eliphelet

the third. 40And the sons of Ulam were mighty men of valor, archers, and had many sons, and sons' sons, a hundred and fifty. All these were of the sons of Benjamin.

Chapter 9

1So all Israel were reckoned by genealogies; and, behold, they are written in the book of the kings of Israel. And Judah was carried away captive to Babylon for their transgression. 2Now the first inhabitants who dwelt in their possessions in their cities were Israel, the priests, the Levites, and the Nethinim. 3And in Jerusalem dwelt of the children of Judah, and of the children of Benjamin, and of the children of Ephraim and Manasseh: 4Uthai the son of Ammihud, the son of Omri, the son of Imri, the son of Bani, of the children of Perez the son of Judah. 5And of the Shilonites: Asaiah the first-born, and his sons. 6And of the sons of Zerah: Jeuel, and their brothers, six hundred and ninety. 7And of the sons of Benjamin: Sallu the son of Meshullam, the son of Hodaviah, the son of Hassenuah, 8and Ibneiah the son of Jeroham, and Elah the son of Uzzi, the son of Michri, and Meshullam the son of Shephatiah, the son of Reuel, the son of Ibnijah; 9and their brothers, according to their generations, nine hundred and fifty-six. All these men were heads of fathers' houses by their fathers' houses. 10And of the priests: Jedaiah, and Jehoiarib, Jachin, 11and Azariah the son of Hilkiah, the son of Meshullam, the son of Zadok, the son of Meraioth, the son of Ahitub, the ruler of the house of God; 12and Adaiah the son of Jeroham, the son of Pashhur, the son of Malchijah, and Maasai the son of Adiel, the son of Jahzerah, the son of Meshullam, the son of Meshillemith, the son of Immer; 13and their brothers, heads of their fathers' houses, a thousand and seven hundred and sixty; very able men for the work of the service of the house of God. 14And of the Levites: Shemaiah the son of Hasshub, the son of Azrikam, the son of Hashabiah, of the sons of Merari; 15and Bakbakkar, Heresh, and Galal, and Mattaniah the son of Mica, the son of Zichri, the son of Asaph, 16and Obadiah the son of Shemaiah, the son of Galal, the son of Jeduthun, and Berechiah the son of Asa, the son of Elkanah, who dwelt in the villages of the Netophathites. 17And the gatekeepers: Shallum, and Akkub, and Talmon, and Ahiman, and their brothers (Shallum was the chief), 18who until now waited in the king's gate eastward: they were the gatekeepers for the camp of the children of Levi. 19And Shallum the son of Kore, the son of Ebiasaph, the son of Korah, and his brothers, of his father's house, the Korahites, were over the work of the service, keepers of the thresholds of the tent: and their fathers had been over the camp of Yehovah, keepers of the entrance. 20And Phinehas the son of Eleazar was ruler over them in time past, and Yehovah was with him. 21Zechariah the son of Meshelemiah was gatekeeper of the door of the tent of meeting. 22All these who were chosen to be gatekeepers at the thresholds were two hundred and twelve. These were reckoned by genealogy in their villages, whom David and Samuel the seer ordained in their office of trust. 23So they and their children had the oversight of the gates of the house of Yehovah, even the house of the tent, by wards. 24On the four sides were the gatekeepers, toward the east, west, north, and south. 25And their brothers, in their villages, were to come in every seven days from time to time to be with them: 26for the four chief gatekeepers, who were Levites, were in an office of trust, and were over the chambers and over the treasuries in the house of God. 27And they lodged around the house of God, because its charge was upon them; and to them pertained its opening morning by morning. 28And certain of them had charge of the vessels of service; for by count these were brought in and by count these were taken out. 29Some of them also were appointed over the furniture, and over all the vessels of the sanctuary, and over the fine flour, and the wine, and the oil, and the frankincense, and the spices. 30And some of the sons of the priests prepared the mixture of the spices. 31And Mattithiah, one of the Levites, who was the first-born of Shallum the Korahite, had the office of trust over the things that were baked in pans. 32And some of their brothers, of the sons of the Kohathites, were over the showbread, to prepare it every sabbath. 33And these are the singers, heads of fathers' houses of the Levites, who dwelt in the chambers and were free from other service; for they were employed in their work day and night. 34These were heads of fathers' houses of the Levites, throughout their generations, chief men: these dwelt at Jerusalem. 35And in Gibeon there dwelt the father of Gibeon, Jeiel, whose wife's name was Maacah; 36and his first-born son Abdon, and Zur, and Kish, and Baal, and Ner, and Nadab, 37and Gedor, and Ahio, and Zechariah, and Mikloth. 38And Mikloth fathered Shimeam. And they also dwelt with their brothers in Jerusalem, opposite their brothers. 39And Ner

fathered Kish; and Kish fathered Saul; and Saul fathered Jonathan, and Malchishua, and Abinadab, and Eshbaal. 40And the son of Jonathan was Merib-baal; and Merib-baal fathered Micah. 41And the sons of Micah: Pithon, and Melech, and Tahrea, and Ahaz. 42And Ahaz fathered Jarah; and Jarah fathered Alemeth, and Azmaveth, and Zimri; and Zimri fathered Moza; 43and Moza fathered Binea; and Rephaiah his son, Eleasah his son, Azel his son. 44And Azel had six sons, whose names are these: Azrikam, Bocheru, and Ishmael, and Sheariah, and Obadiah, and Hanan: these were the sons of Azel.

Chapter 10

1Now the Philistines fought against Israel: and the men of Israel fled from before the Philistines, and fell down slain in mount Gilboa. 2And the Philistines pursued Saul and his sons closely; and the Philistines slew Jonathan, and Abinadab, and Malchi-shua, the sons of Saul. 3And the battle went hard against Saul, and the archers overtook him; and he was distressed because of the archers. 4Then Saul said to his armor-bearer, Draw your sword, and thrust me through with it, lest these uncircumcised come and abuse me. But his armor-bearer would not; for he was greatly afraid. Therefore Saul took his sword, and fell upon it. 5And when his armor-bearer saw that Saul was dead, he likewise fell upon his sword, and died. 6So Saul died, and his three sons; and all his house died together. 7And when all the men of Israel who were in the valley saw that they fled, and that Saul and his sons were dead, they forsook their cities, and fled; and the Philistines came and dwelt in them. 8And it happened on the next day, when the Philistines came to strip the slain, that they found Saul and his sons fallen on mount Gilboa. 9And they stripped him, and took his head, and his armor, and sent into the land of the Philistines all around, to carry the news to their idols, and to the people. 10And they put his armor in the house of their gods, and fastened his head in the house of Dagon. 11And when all Jabesh-gilead heard all that the Philistines had done to Saul, 12all the valiant men arose, and took away the body of Saul, and the bodies of his sons, and brought them to Jabesh, and buried their bones under the oak in Jabesh, and fasted seven days. 13So Saul died for his trespass which he committed against Yehovah, because of the word of Yehovah, which he did not keep; and also because he asked counsel of one who had a familiar spirit, to inquire by it, 14and did not inquire of Yehovah: therefore he slew him, and turned the kingdom to David the son of Jesse.

Chapter 11

1Then all Israel gathered themselves to David to Hebron, saying, Behold, we are your bone and your flesh. 2In times past, even when Saul was king, it was you who led out and brought in Israel: and Yehovah your God said to you, You shall be shepherd of my people Israel, and you shall be prince over my people Israel. 3So all the elders of Israel came to the king to Hebron; and David made a covenant with them in Hebron before Yehovah; and they anointed David king over Israel, according to the word of Yehovah by Samuel. 4And David and all Israel went to Jerusalem (the same is Jebus); and the Jebusites, the inhabitants of the land, were there. 5And the inhabitants of Jebus said to David, You shall not come in here. Nevertheless David took the stronghold of Zion; the same is the city of David. 6And David said, Whoever strikes the Jebusites first shall be chief and captain. And Joab the son of Zeruiah went up first, and was made chief. 7And David dwelt in the stronghold; therefore they called it the city of David. 8And he built the city all around, from Millo even all around; and Joab repaired the rest of the city. 9And David grew greater and greater; for Yehovah of hosts was with him. 10Now these are the chief of the mighty men whom David had, who showed themselves strong with him in his kingdom, together with all Israel, to make him king, according to the word of Yehovah concerning Israel. 11And this is the number of the mighty men whom David had: Jashobeam, the son of a Hachmonite, the chief of the thirty; he lifted up his spear against three hundred and slew them at one time. 12And after him was Eleazar the son of Dodo, the Ahohite, who was one of the three mighty men. 13He was with David at Pasdammim, and there the Philistines were gathered together to battle, where there was a plot of ground full of barley; and the people fled from before the Philistines. 14And they stood in the midst of the plot, and defended it, and slew the Philistines; and Yehovah saved them by a great victory. 15And three of the thirty chief men went down to the rock to David, into the cave of Adullam; and the host of the Philistines were encamped in the valley of Rephaim. 16And David was then in the stronghold, and the garrison of the Philistines was then in Beth-lehem. 17And David longed, and said, Oh that one would give me water to drink of the well of Beth-lehem, which is by the gate!

18 And the three broke through the host of the
Philistines, and drew water out of the well of Beth-
lehem, that was by the gate, and took it, and brought
it to David: but David would not drink of it, but
poured it out to Yehovah, 19 and said, My God forbid
me, that I should do this: shall I drink the blood of
these men who have put their lives in jeopardy? For
with the jeopardy of their lives they brought it.
Therefore he would not drink it. These things the
three mighty men did. 20 And Abishai, the brother of
Joab, he was chief of the three; for he lifted up his
spear against three hundred and slew them, and had
a name among the three. 21 Of the three, he was more
honorable than the two, and was made their captain:
however, he did not attain to the first three.
22 Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, the son of a valiant
man of Kabzeel, who had done mighty deeds, he slew
the two sons of Ariel of Moab: he went down also and
slew a lion in the midst of a pit in time of snow. 23 And
he slew an Egyptian, a man of great stature, five
cubits high; and in the Egyptian's hand was a spear
like a weaver's beam; and he went down to him with
a staff, and plucked the spear out of the Egyptian's
hand, and slew him with his own spear. 24 These
things Benaiah the son of Jehoiada did, and had a
name among the three mighty men. 25 Behold, he was
more honorable than the thirty, but he did not attain
to the first three: and David set him over his guard.
26 Also the mighty men of the armies: Asahel the
brother of Joab, Elhanan the son of Dodo of Beth-
lehem, 27 Shammoth the Harorite, Helez the Pelonite,
28 Ira the son of Ikkesh the Tekoite, Abiezer the
Anathothite, 29 Sibbecai the Hushathite, Ilai the
Ahohite, 30 Maharai the Netophathite, Heled the son
of Baanah the Netophathite, 31 Ithai the son of Ribai of
Gibeah of the children of Benjamin, Benaiah the
Pirathonite, 32 Hurai of the brooks of Gaash, Abiel the
Arbathite, 33 Azmaveth the Baharumite, Eliahba the
Shaalbonite, 34 the sons of Hashem the Gizonite,
Jonathan the son of Shagee the Hararite, 35 Ahiam the
son of Sacar the Hararite, Eliphal the son of Ur,
36 Hepher the Mecherathite, Ahijah the Pelonite,
37 Hezro the Carmelite, Naarai the son of Ezbai, 38 Joel
the brother of Nathan, Mibhar the son of Hagri,
39 Zelek the Ammonite, Naharai the Berothite, the
armorbearer of Joab the son of Zeruiah, 40 Ira the
Ithrite, Gareb the Ithrite, 41 Uriah the Hittite, Zabad
the son of Ahlai, 42 Adina the son of Shiza the
Reubenite, a chief of the Reubenites, and thirty with
him, 43 Hanan the son of Maacah, and Joshaphat the
Mithnite, 44 Uzzia the Ashterathite, Shama and Jeiel
the sons of Hotham the Aroerite, 45 Jediael the son of
Shimri, and Joha his brother, the Tizite, 46 Eliel the
Mahavite, and Jeribai, and Joshaviah, the sons of
Elnaam, and Ithmah the Moabite, 47 Eliel, and Obed,
and Jaasiel the Mezobaite.

Chapter 12

1 Now these are those who came to David to Ziklag,
while he still kept himself hidden because of Saul the
son of Kish; and they were among the mighty men,
his helpers in war. 2 They were armed with bows, and
could use both the right hand and the left in slinging
stones and in shooting arrows from the bow: they
were of Saul's brothers of Benjamin. 3 The chief was
Ahiezer; then Joash, the sons of Shemaah the
Gibeathite, and Jeziel, and Pelet, the sons of
Azmaveth, and Beracah, and Jehu the Anathothite,
4 and Ishmaiah the Gibeonite, a mighty man among
the thirty, and over the thirty, and Jeremiah, and
Jahaziel, and Johanan, and Jozabad the Gederathite,
5 Eluzai, and Jerimoth, and Bealiah, and Shemariah,
and Shephatiah the Haruphite, 6 Elkanah, and
Isshiah, and Azarel, and Joezer, and Jashobeam, the
Korahites, 7 and Joelah, and Zebadiah, the sons of
Jeroham of Gedor. 8 And of the Gadites there
separated themselves to David to the stronghold in
the wilderness, mighty men of valor, men trained for
war, who could handle shield and spear; whose faces
were like the faces of lions, and they were as swift as
the gazelles upon the mountains: 9 Ezer the chief,
Obadiah the second, Eliab the third, 10 Mishmannah
the fourth, Jeremiah the fifth, 11 Attai the sixth, Eliel
the seventh, 12 Johanan the eighth, Elzabad the ninth,
13 Jeremiah the tenth, Machbannai the eleventh.
14 These of the sons of Gad were captains of the host:
he who was least was equal to a hundred, and the
greatest to a thousand. 15 These are those who went
over the Jordan in the first month, when it had
overflowed all its banks; and they put to flight all
those of the valleys, both toward the east and toward
the west. 16 And some of the children of Benjamin and
Judah came to the stronghold to David. 17 And David
went out to meet them, and answered and said to
them, If you have come peaceably to me to help me,
my heart shall be knit to you; but if you have come to
betray me to my adversaries, seeing there is no wrong
in my hands, may the God of our fathers look on it,
and rebuke it. 18 Then the Spirit came upon Amasai,
who was chief of the thirty, and he said, We are
yours, David, and on your side, you son of Jesse:

peace, peace be to you, and peace be to your helpers; for your God helps you. Then David received them, and made them captains of the band. [19]Of Manasseh also some fell away to David, when he came with the Philistines against Saul to battle: but they did not help them; for the lords of the Philistines after taking counsel sent him away, saying, He will fall away to his master Saul to the jeopardy of our heads. [20]As he went to Ziklag, there fell to him of Manasseh, Adnah, and Jozabad, and Jediael, and Michael, and Jozabad, and Elihu, and Zillethai, captains of thousands who were of Manasseh. [21]And they helped David against the band of raiders: for they were all mighty men of valor, and were captains in the host. [22]For from day to day men came to David to help him, until there was a great host, like the host of God. [23]And these are the numbers of the heads of those who were armed for war, who came to David to Hebron, to turn the kingdom of Saul to him, according to the word of Yehovah. [24]The children of Judah who bore shield and spear were six thousand and eight hundred, armed for war. [25]Of the children of Simeon, mighty men of valor for the war, seven thousand and one hundred. [26]Of the children of Levi four thousand and six hundred. [27]And Jehoiada was the leader of the house of Aaron; and with him were three thousand and seven hundred, [28]and Zadok, a young man mighty of valor, and of his father's house twenty-two captains. [29]And of the children of Benjamin, the brothers of Saul, three thousand: for until then the greatest part of them had kept their allegiance to the house of Saul. [30]And of the children of Ephraim twenty thousand and eight hundred, mighty men of valor, famous men in their fathers' houses. [31]And of the half-tribe of Manasseh eighteen thousand, who were mentioned by name, to come and make David king. [32]And of the children of Issachar, men who had understanding of the times, to know what Israel ought to do, the heads of them were two hundred; and all their brothers were at their command. [33]Of Zebulun, such as were able to go out in the host, who could set the battle in array, with all kinds of instruments of war, fifty thousand, and who could order the battle array, and were not of double heart. [34]And of Naphtali a thousand captains, and with them with shield and spear thirty-seven thousand. [35]And of the Danites who could set the battle in array, twenty-eight thousand and six hundred. [36]And of Asher, such as were able to go out in the host, who could set the battle in array, forty thousand. [37]And on the other side of the Jordan, of the Reubenites, and the Gadites, and of the half-tribe of Manasseh, with all kinds of instruments of war for the battle, a hundred and twenty thousand. [38]All these, being men of war, who could order the battle array, came with a perfect heart to Hebron, to make David king over all Israel: and all the rest also of Israel were of one heart to make David king. [39]And they were there with David three days, eating and drinking; for their brothers had made preparation for them. [40]Moreover those who were near to them, even as far as Issachar and Zebulun and Naphtali, brought bread on donkeys, and on camels, and on mules, and on oxen, provisions of meal, cakes of figs, and clusters of raisins, and wine, and oil, and oxen, and sheep in abundance: for there was joy in Israel.

Chapter 13

[1]And David consulted with the captains of thousands and of hundreds, even with every leader. [2]And David said to all the assembly of Israel, If it seems good to you, and if it is of Yehovah our God, let us send abroad everywhere to our brothers who are left in all the land of Israel, with whom the priests and Levites are in their cities that have pasturelands, that they may gather themselves to us; [3]and let us bring back the ark of our God to us: for we did not seek it in the days of Saul. [4]And all the assembly said that they would do so; for the thing was right in the eyes of all the people. [5]So David assembled all Israel together, from the Shihor the brook of Egypt even to the entrance of Hamath, to bring the ark of God from Kiriath-jearim. [6]And David went up, and all Israel, to Baalah, that is, to Kiriath-jearim, which belonged to Judah, to bring up from there the ark of God Yehovah who sits above the cherubim, that is called by the Name. [7]And they carried the ark of God upon a new cart, and brought it out of the house of Abinadab: and Uzza and Ahio drove the cart. [8]And David and all Israel played before God with all their might, even with songs, and with harps, and with psalteries, and with timbrels, and with cymbals, and with trumpets. [9]And when they came to the threshing floor of Chidon, Uzza put out his hand to hold the ark; for the oxen stumbled. [10]And the anger of Yehovah was kindled against Uzza, and he struck him, because he put out his hand to the ark; and there he died before God. [11]And David was displeased, because Yehovah had broken forth upon Uzza: and he called that place Perez-uzza, to this day. [12]And David was afraid of God that day, saying, How shall I bring

the ark of God home to me? 13So David did not remove the ark to himself into the city of David, but carried it aside into the house of Obed-edom the Gittite. 14And the ark of God remained with the family of Obed-edom in his house three months: and Yehovah blessed the house of Obed-edom, and all that he had.

Chapter 14

1And Hiram king of Tyre sent messengers to David, and cedar trees, and masons, and carpenters, to build him a house. 2And David perceived that Yehovah had established him king over Israel; for his kingdom was exalted on high, for his people Israel's sake. 3And David took more wives at Jerusalem; and David fathered more sons and daughters. 4And these are the names of the children whom he had in Jerusalem: Shammua, and Shobab, Nathan, and Solomon, 5and Ibhar, and Elishua, and Elpelet, 6and Nogah, and Nepheg, and Japhia, 7and Elishama, and Beeliada, and Eliphelet. 8And when the Philistines heard that David was anointed king over all Israel, all the Philistines went up to seek David: and David heard of it, and went out against them. 9Now the Philistines had come and made a raid in the valley of Rephaim. 10And David inquired of God, saying, Shall I go up against the Philistines? and will you deliver them into my hand? And Yehovah said to him, Go up; for I will deliver them into your hand. 11So they came up to Baal-perazim, and David struck them there; and David said, God has broken my enemies by my hand, like the breach of waters. Therefore they called the name of that place Baal-perazim. 12And they left their gods there; and David gave command, and they were burned with fire. 13And the Philistines once again made a raid in the valley. 14And David inquired again of God; and God said to him, You shall not go up after them: turn away from them, and come upon them opposite the mulberry trees. 15And it shall be, when you hear the sound of marching in the tops of the mulberry trees, that then you shall go out to battle; for God has gone out before you to strike the host of the Philistines. 16And David did as God commanded him: and they struck the host of the Philistines from Gibeon even to Gezer. 17And the fame of David went out into all lands; and Yehovah brought the fear of him upon all nations.

Chapter 15

1And David made himself houses in the city of David; and he prepared a place for the ark of God, and pitched a tent for it. 2Then David said, No one ought to carry the ark of God but the Levites: for Yehovah has chosen them to carry the ark of God, and to minister to him forever. 3And David assembled all Israel at Jerusalem, to bring up the ark of Yehovah to its place, which he had prepared for it. 4And David gathered together the sons of Aaron, and the Levites: 5of the sons of Kohath, Uriel the chief, and his brothers a hundred and twenty; 6of the sons of Merari, Asaiah the chief, and his brothers two hundred and twenty; 7of the sons of Gershom, Joel the chief, and his brothers a hundred and thirty; 8of the sons of Elizaphan, Shemaiah the chief, and his brothers two hundred; 9of the sons of Hebron, Eliel the chief, and his brothers eighty; 10of the sons of Uzziel, Amminadab the chief, and his brothers a hundred and twelve. 11And David called for Zadok and Abiathar the priests, and for the Levites, for Uriel, Asaiah, and Joel, Shemaiah, and Eliel, and Amminadab, 12and said to them, You are the heads of the fathers' houses of the Levites: sanctify yourselves, both you and your brothers, that you may bring up the ark of Yehovah, the God of Israel, to the place that I have prepared for it. 13For because you did not carry it the first time, Yehovah our God made a breach upon us, because we did not seek him according to the ordinance. 14So the priests and the Levites sanctified themselves to bring up the ark of Yehovah, the God of Israel. 15And the children of the Levites carried the ark of God upon their shoulders with its poles, as Moses commanded according to the word of Yehovah. 16And David spoke to the chief of the Levites to appoint their brothers the singers, with instruments of music, psalteries and harps and cymbals, sounding aloud and lifting up the voice with joy. 17So the Levites appointed Heman the son of Joel; and of his brothers, Asaph the son of Berechiah; and of the sons of Merari their brothers, Ethan the son of Kushaiah; 18and with them their brothers of the second rank, Zechariah, Ben, and Jaaziel, and Shemiramoth, and Jehiel, and Unni, Eliab, and Benaiah, and Maaseiah, and Mattithiah, and Eliphelehu, and Mikneiah, and Obed-edom, and Jeiel, the doorkeepers. 19So the singers, Heman, Asaph, and Ethan, were appointed, with cymbals of bronze to sound aloud; 20and Zechariah, and Aziel, and Shemiramoth, and Jehiel, and Unni, and Eliab, and Maaseiah, and Benaiah, with psalteries set to Alamoth; 21and Mattithiah, and Eliphelehu, and Mikneiah, and Obed-edom, and Jeiel, and Azaziah,

with harps set to the Sheminith, to lead. 22And Chenaniah, chief of the Levites, was over the song: he instructed about the song, because he was skillful. 23And Berechiah and Elkanah were doorkeepers for the ark. 24And Shebaniah, and Joshaphat, and Nethanel, and Amasai, and Zechariah, and Benaiah, and Eliezer, the priests, blew the trumpets before the ark of God; and Obed-edom and Jehiah were doorkeepers for the ark. 25So David, and the elders of Israel, and the captains over thousands, went to bring up the ark of the covenant of Yehovah out of the house of Obed-edom with joy. 26And it happened, when God helped the Levites who carried the ark of the covenant of Yehovah, that they sacrificed seven bulls and seven rams. 27And David was clothed with a robe of fine linen, and all the Levites who carried the ark, and the singers, and Chenaniah the master of the song with the singers: and David had on him an ephod of linen. 28Thus all Israel brought up the ark of the covenant of Yehovah with shouting, and with sound of the horn, and with trumpets, and with cymbals, sounding aloud with psalteries and harps. 29And it happened, as the ark of the covenant of Yehovah came to the city of David, that Michal the daughter of Saul looked out of the window, and saw king David dancing and playing; and she despised him in her heart.

Chapter 16

1And they brought in the ark of God, and set it in the midst of the tent that David had pitched for it: and they offered burnt-offerings and peace-offerings before God. 2And when David had made an end of offering the burnt-offering and the peace-offerings, he blessed the people in the name of Yehovah. 3And he distributed to everyone of Israel, both man and woman, to everyone a loaf of bread, and a portion of meat, and a cake of raisins. 4And he appointed certain of the Levites to minister before the ark of Yehovah, and to celebrate and to thank and praise Yehovah, the God of Israel: 5Asaph the chief, and second to him Zechariah, Jeiel, and Shemiramoth, and Jehiel, and Mattithiah, and Eliab, and Benaiah, and Obed-edom, and Jeiel, with psalteries and with harps; and Asaph with cymbals, sounding aloud; 6and Benaiah and Jahaziel the priests with trumpets continually, before the ark of the covenant of God. 7Then on that day David first ordained to give thanks to Yehovah, by the hand of Asaph and his brothers. 8O give thanks to Yehovah, call upon his name; Make known his doings among the peoples. 9Sing to him, sing praises to him; Talk of all his marvelous works. 10Glory in his holy name; Let the heart of those who seek Yehovah rejoice. 11Seek Yehovah and his strength; Seek his face evermore. 12Remember his marvelous works that he has done, His wonders, and the judgments of his mouth, 13O you seed of Israel his servant, You children of Jacob, his chosen ones. 14He is Yehovah our God; His judgments are in all the earth. 15Remember his covenant forever, The word which he commanded to a thousand generations, 16The covenant which he made with Abraham, And his oath to Isaac, 17And confirmed the same to Jacob for a statute, To Israel for an everlasting covenant, 18Saying, To you I will give the land of Canaan, The lot of your inheritance; 19When you were but a few men in number, Indeed, very few, and sojourners in it; 20And they went about from nation to nation, And from one kingdom to another people. 21He allowed no man to do them wrong; Indeed, he reproved kings for their sakes, 22Saying, Do not touch my anointed ones, And do my prophets no harm. 23Sing to Yehovah, all the earth; Show forth his salvation from day to day. 24Declare his glory among the nations, His marvelous works among all the peoples. 25For great is Yehovah, and greatly to be praised: He also is to be feared above all gods. 26For all the gods of the peoples are idols: But Yehovah made the heavens. 27Honor and majesty are before him: Strength and gladness are in his place. 28Ascribe to Yehovah, you kindreds of the peoples, Ascribe to Yehovah glory and strength; 29Ascribe to Yehovah the glory due to his name: Bring an offering, and come before him; Worship Yehovah in holy array. 30Tremble before him, all the earth: The world also is established that it cannot be moved. 31Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice; And let them say among the nations, Yehovah reigns. 32Let the sea roar, and its fullness; Let the field exult, and all that is in it; 33Then shall the trees of the wood sing for joy before Yehovah; For he comes to judge the earth. 34O give thanks to Yehovah; for he is good; For his lovingkindness endures forever. 35And say, Save us, O God of our salvation, And gather us together and deliver us from the nations, To give thanks to your holy name, And to triumph in your praise. 36Blessed be Yehovah, the God of Israel, From everlasting even to everlasting. And all the people said, Amen, and praised Yehovah. 37So he left there, before the ark of the covenant of Yehovah, Asaph and his brothers, to minister before the ark continually, as every day's work required; 38and Obed-edom with

their brothers, sixty-eight; Obed-edom also the son of Jeduthun and Hosah to be doorkeepers; 39and Zadok the priest, and his brothers the priests, before the tabernacle of Yehovah in the high place that was at Gibeon, 40to offer burnt-offerings to Yehovah upon the altar of burnt-offering continually morning and evening, even according to all that is written in the law of Yehovah, which he commanded to Israel; 41and with them Heman and Jeduthun, and the rest who were chosen, who were mentioned by name, to give thanks to Yehovah, because his lovingkindness endures forever; 42and with them Heman and Jeduthun with trumpets and cymbals for those who should sound aloud, and with instruments for the songs of God; and the sons of Jeduthun to be at the gate. 43And all the people departed, every man to his house: and David returned to bless his house.

Chapter 17

1And it happened, when David dwelt in his house, that David said to Nathan the prophet, Look, I dwell in a house of cedar, but the ark of the covenant of Yehovah dwells under curtains. 2And Nathan said to David, Do all that is in your heart; for God is with you. 3And it happened the same night, that the word of God came to Nathan, saying, 4Go and tell David my servant, Thus says Yehovah, You shall not build me a house to dwell in: 5for I have not dwelt in a house since the day that I brought up Israel, to this day, but have gone from tent to tent, and from one tabernacle to another. 6In all places where I have walked with all Israel, did I speak a word with any of the judges of Israel, whom I commanded to be shepherd of my people, saying, Why have you not built me a house of cedar? 7Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David, Thus says Yehovah of hosts, I took you from the sheepfold, from following the sheep, that you should be prince over my people Israel: 8and I have been with you wherever you have gone, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make you a name, like the name of the great ones who are in the earth. 9And I will appoint a place for my people Israel, and will plant them, that they may dwell in their own place, and be moved no more; nor shall the children of wickedness waste them any more, as at the first, 10and as from the day that I commanded judges to be over my people Israel; and I will subdue all your enemies. Moreover I tell you that Yehovah will build you a house. 11And it shall happen, when your days are fulfilled that you must go to be with your fathers, that I will set up your seed after you, who shall be of your sons; and I will establish his kingdom. 12He shall build me a house, and I will establish his throne forever. 13I will be his father, and he shall be my son: and I will not take my lovingkindness away from him, as I took it from him who was before you; 14but I will settle him in my house and in my kingdom forever; and his throne shall be established forever. 15According to all these words, and according to all this vision, so Nathan spoke to David. 16Then David the king went in, and sat before Yehovah; and he said, Who am I, O Yehovah God, and what is my house, that you have brought me thus far? 17And this was a small thing in your eyes, O God; but you have spoken of your servant's house for a great while to come, and have regarded me according to the rank of a man of high degree, O Yehovah God. 18What more can David say to you concerning the honor which is done to your servant? For you know your servant. 19O Yehovah, for your servant's sake, and according to your own heart, you have done all this greatness, to make known all these great things. 20O Yehovah, there is none like you, nor is there any God besides you, according to all that we have heard with our ears. 21And what one nation in the earth is like your people Israel, whom God went to redeem to himself for a people, to make you a name by great and terrible things, in driving out nations from before your people, whom you redeemed out of Egypt? 22For your people Israel you made your own people forever; and you, Yehovah, became their God. 23And now, O Yehovah, let the word that you have spoken concerning your servant, and concerning his house, be established forever, and do as you have spoken. 24And let your name be established and magnified forever, saying, Yehovah of hosts is the God of Israel, even a God to Israel: and the house of David your servant is established before you. 25For you, O my God, have revealed to your servant that you will build him a house: therefore your servant has found it in his heart to pray before you. 26And now, O Yehovah, you are God, and have promised this good thing to your servant: 27and now it has pleased you to bless the house of your servant, that it may continue forever before you: for you, O Yehovah, have blessed, and it is blessed forever.

Chapter 18

1And after this it happened, that David struck the Philistines, and subdued them, and took Gath and its towns out of the hand of the Philistines. 2And he struck Moab; and the Moabites became servants to

David, and brought tribute. 3And David struck Hadarezer king of Zobah to Hamath, as he went to establish his dominion by the river Euphrates. 4And David took from him a thousand chariots, and seven thousand horsemen, and twenty thousand foot soldiers; and David hamstrung all the chariot horses, but reserved of them enough for a hundred chariots. 5And when the Syrians of Damascus came to help Hadarezer king of Zobah, David struck twenty-two thousand men of the Syrians. 6Then David put garrisons in Syria of Damascus; and the Syrians became servants to David, and brought tribute. And Yehovah gave victory to David wherever he went. 7And David took the shields of gold that were on the servants of Hadarezer, and brought them to Jerusalem. 8And from Tibhath and from Cun, cities of Hadarezer, David took very much bronze, with which Solomon made the bronze sea, and the pillars, and the vessels of bronze. 9And when Tou king of Hamath heard that David had struck all the host of Hadarezer king of Zobah, 10he sent Hadoram his son to king David, to greet him, and to bless him, because he had fought against Hadarezer and struck him (for Hadarezer had wars with Tou); and he had with him all kinds of vessels of gold and silver and bronze. 11These also king David dedicated to Yehovah, with the silver and the gold that he carried away from all the nations; from Edom, and from Moab, and from the children of Ammon, and from the Philistines, and from Amalek. 12Moreover Abishai the son of Zeruiah struck eighteen thousand of the Edomites in the Valley of Salt. 13And he put garrisons in Edom; and all the Edomites became servants to David. And Yehovah gave victory to David wherever he went. 14And David reigned over all Israel; and he executed justice and righteousness to all his people. 15And Joab the son of Zeruiah was over the host; and Jehoshaphat the son of Ahilud was recorder; 16and Zadok the son of Ahitub, and Abimelech the son of Abiathar, were priests; and Shavsha was scribe; 17and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada was over the Cherethites and the Pelethites; and the sons of David were chief about the king.

Chapter 19

1And it happened after this, that Nahash the king of the children of Ammon died, and his son reigned in his place. 2And David said, I will show kindness to Hanun the son of Nahash, because his father showed kindness to me. So David sent messengers to comfort him concerning his father. And David's servants came into the land of the children of Ammon to Hanun, to comfort him. 3But the princes of the children of Ammon said to Hanun, Do you think that David honors your father, in that he has sent comforters to you? Have not his servants come to you to search, and to overthrow, and to spy out the land? 4So Hanun took David's servants, and shaved them, and cut off their garments in the middle, even to their buttocks, and sent them away. 5Then certain persons went, and told David how the men had been treated. And he sent to meet them; for the men were greatly ashamed. And the king said, Remain at Jericho until your beards have grown, and then return. 6And when the children of Ammon saw that they had made themselves odious to David, Hanun and the children of Ammon sent a thousand talents of silver to hire for themselves chariots and horsemen out of Mesopotamia, and out of Aram-maacah, and out of Zobah. 7So they hired for themselves thirty-two thousand chariots, and the king of Maacah and his people, who came and encamped before Medeba. And the children of Ammon gathered themselves together from their cities, and came to battle. 8And when David heard of it, he sent Joab, and all the host of the mighty men. 9And the children of Ammon came out, and put the battle in array at the gate of the city: and the kings who had come were by themselves in the field. 10Now when Joab saw that the battle was set against him before and behind, he chose of all the choice men of Israel, and put them in array against the Syrians. 11And the rest of the people he committed into the hand of Abishai his brother; and they put themselves in array against the children of Ammon. 12And he said, If the Syrians are too strong for me, then you shall help me; but if the children of Ammon are too strong for you, then I will help you. 13Be of good courage, and let us show ourselves courageous for our people, and for the cities of our God: and may Yehovah do what seems good to him. 14So Joab and the people who were with him drew near before the Syrians to the battle; and they fled before him. 15And when the children of Ammon saw that the Syrians had fled, they likewise fled before Abishai his brother, and entered into the city. Then Joab came to Jerusalem. 16And when the Syrians saw that they were defeated before Israel, they sent messengers, and brought out the Syrians who were beyond the River, with Shophach the captain of the host of Hadarezer at their head. 17And it was told David; and

he gathered all Israel together, and passed over the Jordan, and came upon them, and set the battle in array against them. So when David had put the battle in array against the Syrians, they fought with him. 18And the Syrians fled before Israel; and David slew of the Syrians the men of seven thousand chariots, and forty thousand foot soldiers, and killed Shophach the captain of the host. 19And when the servants of Hadarezer saw that they were defeated before Israel, they made peace with David, and served him: nor would the Syrians help the children of Ammon any more.

Chapter 20

1And it happened, at the time of the return of the year, at the time when kings go out to battle, that Joab led out the army, and wasted the country of the children of Ammon, and came and besieged Rabbah. But David remained at Jerusalem. And Joab struck Rabbah, and overthrew it. 2And David took the crown of their king from his head, and found it to weigh a talent of gold, and there were precious stones in it; and it was set upon David's head: and he brought out the spoil of the city, exceedingly much. 3And he brought out the people who were in it, and cut them with saws, and with harrows of iron, and with axes. And thus David did to all the cities of the children of Ammon. And David and all the people returned to Jerusalem. 4And it happened after this, that war arose at Gezer with the Philistines: then Sibbecai the Hushathite slew Sippai, of the sons of the giant; and they were subdued. 5And there was again war with the Philistines; and Elhanan the son of Jair slew Lahmi the brother of Goliath the Gittite, the staff of whose spear was like a weaver's beam. 6And there was again war at Gath, where there was a man of great stature, whose fingers and toes were twenty-four, six on each hand, and six on each foot; and he also was born to the giant. 7And when he defied Israel, Jonathan the son of Shimea David's brother slew him. 8These were born to the giant in Gath; and they fell by the hand of David, and by the hand of his servants.

Chapter 21

1And Satan stood up against Israel, and moved David to number Israel. 2And David said to Joab and to the princes of the people, Go, number Israel from Beer-sheba even to Dan; and bring me word, that I may know the sum of them. 3And Joab said, May Yehovah make his people a hundred times as many as they are: but, my lord the king, are they not all my lord's servants? Why does my lord require this thing? Why will he be a cause of guilt to Israel? 4Nevertheless the king's word prevailed against Joab. Therefore Joab departed, and went throughout all Israel, and came to Jerusalem. 5And Joab gave the sum of the numbering of the people to David. And all those of Israel were a million and a hundred thousand men who drew sword: and Judah was four hundred and seventy thousand men who drew sword. 6But he did not count Levi and Benjamin among them; for the king's word was abominable to Joab. 7And God was displeased with this thing; therefore he struck Israel. 8And David said to God, I have sinned greatly, in that I have done this thing: but now, put away, I beg you, the iniquity of your servant; for I have done very foolishly. 9And Yehovah spoke to Gad, David's seer, saying, 10Go and speak to David, saying, Thus says Yehovah, I offer you three things: choose one of them, that I may do it to you. 11So Gad came to David, and said to him, Thus says Yehovah, Take whichever you will: 12either three years of famine; or three months to be consumed before your foes, while the sword of your enemies overtakes you; or else three days the sword of Yehovah, even pestilence in the land, and the angel of Yehovah destroying throughout all the borders of Israel. Now therefore consider what answer I shall return to him who sent me. 13And David said to Gad, I am in great distress: let me fall, I pray, into the hand of Yehovah; for very great are his mercies: and do not let me fall into the hand of man. 14So Yehovah sent a pestilence upon Israel; and seventy thousand men of Israel fell. 15And God sent an angel to Jerusalem to destroy it: and as he was about to destroy, Yehovah looked, and he relented of the evil, and said to the destroying angel, It is enough; now stay your hand. And the angel of Yehovah was standing by the threshing floor of Ornan the Jebusite. 16And David lifted up his eyes, and saw the angel of Yehovah standing between earth and heaven, having a drawn sword in his hand stretched out over Jerusalem. Then David and the elders, clothed in sackcloth, fell upon their faces. 17And David said to God, Is it not I who commanded the people to be numbered? It is I who have sinned and done very wickedly; but these sheep, what have they done? Let your hand, I pray you, O Yehovah my God, be against me, and against my father's house; but not against your people, that they should be plagued. 18Then the angel of Yehovah commanded

Gad to say to David, that David should go up, and raise an altar to Yehovah on the threshing floor of Ornan the Jebusite. 19And David went up at the saying of Gad, which he spoke in the name of Yehovah. 20And Ornan turned back, and saw the angel; and his four sons who were with him hid themselves. Now Ornan was threshing wheat. 21And as David came to Ornan, Ornan looked and saw David, and went out of the threshing floor, and bowed himself to David with his face to the ground. 22Then David said to Ornan, Give me the place of this threshing floor, that I may build on it an altar to Yehovah: for the full price you shall give it to me, that the plague may be stayed from the people. 23And Ornan said to David, Take it for yourself, and let my lord the king do what is good in his eyes: look, I give you the oxen for burnt-offerings, and the threshing instruments for wood, and the wheat for the meal-offering; I give it all. 24And king David said to Ornan, No; but I will truly buy it for the full price: for I will not take what is yours for Yehovah, nor offer a burnt-offering without cost. 25So David gave to Ornan for the place six hundred shekels of gold by weight. 26And David built there an altar to Yehovah, and offered burnt-offerings and peace-offerings, and called upon Yehovah; and he answered him from heaven by fire upon the altar of burnt-offering. 27And Yehovah commanded the angel; and he put his sword back into its sheath. 28At that time, when David saw that Yehovah had answered him on the threshing floor of Ornan the Jebusite, then he sacrificed there. 29For the tabernacle of Yehovah, which Moses made in the wilderness, and the altar of burnt-offering, were at that time in the high place at Gibeon. 30But David could not go before it to inquire of God; for he was afraid because of the sword of the angel of Yehovah.

Chapter 22

1Then David said, This is the house of Yehovah God, and this is the altar of burnt-offering for Israel. 2And David commanded to gather together the sojourners who were in the land of Israel; and he set masons to hew dressed stones to build the house of God. 3And David prepared iron in abundance for the nails for the doors of the gates, and for the clamps; and bronze in abundance beyond weighing; 4and cedar trees without number: for the Sidonians and those of Tyre brought cedar trees in abundance to David. 5And David said, Solomon my son is young and tender, and the house that is to be built for Yehovah must be exceedingly magnificent, of fame and of glory throughout all countries: I will therefore make preparation for it. So David prepared abundantly before his death. 6Then he called for Solomon his son, and charged him to build a house for Yehovah, the God of Israel. 7And David said to Solomon his son, As for me, it was in my heart to build a house to the name of Yehovah my God. 8But the word of Yehovah came to me, saying, You have shed blood abundantly, and have made great wars: you shall not build a house to my name, because you have shed much blood upon the earth in my sight. 9Behold, a son shall be born to you, who shall be a man of rest; and I will give him rest from all his enemies all around; for his name shall be Solomon, and I will give peace and quietness to Israel in his days. 10He shall build a house for my name; and he shall be my son, and I will be his father; and I will establish the throne of his kingdom over Israel forever. 11Now, my son, may Yehovah be with you; and may you prosper, and build the house of Yehovah your God, as he has spoken concerning you. 12Only may Yehovah give you discretion and understanding, and give you charge concerning Israel; that so you may keep the law of Yehovah your God. 13Then you shall prosper, if you observe to do the statutes and the ordinances with which Yehovah charged Moses concerning Israel: be strong, and of good courage; do not fear, nor be dismayed. 14Now, behold, in my affliction I have prepared for the house of Yehovah a hundred thousand talents of gold, and a million talents of silver, and of bronze and iron beyond weighing; for it is in abundance: timber also and stone I have prepared; and you may add to them. 15Moreover there are workmen with you in abundance, hewers and workers of stone and timber, and all men who are skillful in every kind of work: 16of the gold, the silver, and the bronze, and the iron, there is no number. Arise and be doing, and may Yehovah be with you. 17David also commanded all the princes of Israel to help Solomon his son, saying, 18Is not Yehovah your God with you? and has he not given you rest on every side? for he has delivered the inhabitants of the land into my hand; and the land is subdued before Yehovah, and before his people. 19Now set your heart and your soul to seek after Yehovah your God; arise therefore, and build the sanctuary of Yehovah God, to bring the ark of the covenant of Yehovah, and the holy vessels of God, into the house that is to be built to the name of Yehovah.

Chapter 23

1Now David was old and full of days; and he made
Solomon his son king over Israel. 2And he gathered
together all the princes of Israel, with the priests and
the Levites. 3And the Levites were numbered from
thirty years old and upward: and their number by
their heads, man by man, was thirty-eight thousand.
4Of these, twenty-four thousand were to oversee the
work of the house of Yehovah; and six thousand were
officers and judges; 5and four thousand were
doorkeepers; and four thousand praised Yehovah
with the instruments which I made, said David, to
praise with them. 6And David divided them into
courses according to the sons of Levi: Gershon,
Kohath, and Merari. 7Of the Gershonites: Ladan and
Shimei. 8The sons of Ladan: Jehiel the chief, and
Zetham, and Joel, three. 9The sons of Shimei:
Shelomoth, and Haziel, and Haran, three. These were
the heads of the fathers' houses of Ladan. 10And the
sons of Shimei: Jahath, Zina, and Jeush, and Beriah.
These four were the sons of Shimei. 11And Jahath was
the chief, and Zizah the second: but Jeush and Beriah
did not have many sons; therefore they became a
fathers' house in one reckoning. 12The sons of
Kohath: Amram, Izhar, Hebron, and Uzziel, four.
13The sons of Amram: Aaron and Moses; and Aaron
was separated, that he should sanctify the most holy
things, he and his sons, forever, to burn incense
before Yehovah, to minister to him, and to bless in
his name, forever. 14But as for Moses the man of God,
his sons were named among the tribe of Levi. 15The
sons of Moses: Gershom and Eliezer. 16The sons of
Gershom: Shebuel the chief. 17And the sons of Eliezer
were: Rehabiah the chief; and Eliezer had no other
sons; but the sons of Rehabiah were very many. 18The
sons of Izhar: Shelomith the chief. 19The sons of
Hebron: Jeriah the chief, Amariah the second,
Jahaziel the third, and Jekameam the fourth. 20The
sons of Uzziel: Micah the chief, and Isshiah the
second. 21The sons of Merari: Mahli and Mushi. The
sons of Mahli: Eleazar and Kish. 22And Eleazar died,
and had no sons, but daughters only: and their
brothers the sons of Kish took them as wives. 23The
sons of Mushi: Mahli, and Eder, and Jeremoth, three.
24These were the sons of Levi according to their
fathers' houses, even the heads of the fathers' houses
of those of them who were counted, in the number of
names by their heads, who did the work for the
service of the house of Yehovah, from twenty years
old and upward. 25For David said, Yehovah, the God
of Israel, has given rest to his people; and he dwells in
Jerusalem forever: 26and also the Levites shall no
more have need to carry the tabernacle and all its
vessels for its service. 27For by the last words of David
the sons of Levi were numbered, from twenty years
old and upward. 28For their office was to wait on the
sons of Aaron for the service of the house of Yehovah,
in the courts, and in the chambers, and in the
purifying of all holy things, even the work of the
service of the house of God; 29for the showbread also,
and for the fine flour for a meal-offering, whether of
unleavened wafers, or of what is baked in the pan, or
of what is soaked, and for all kinds of measure and
size; 30and to stand every morning to thank and
praise Yehovah, and likewise at evening; 31and to
offer all burnt-offerings to Yehovah, on the sabbaths,
on the new moons, and on the set feasts, in number
according to the ordinance concerning them,
continually before Yehovah; 32and that they should
keep the charge of the tent of meeting, and the
charge of the holy place, and the charge of the sons of
Aaron their brothers, for the service of the house of
Yehovah.

Chapter 24

1And the courses of the sons of Aaron were these. The
sons of Aaron: Nadab and Abihu, Eleazar and
Ithamar. 2But Nadab and Abihu died before their
father, and had no children: therefore Eleazar and
Ithamar executed the priest's office. 3And David with
Zadok of the sons of Eleazar, and Ahimelech of the
sons of Ithamar, divided them according to their
ordering in their service. 4And there were more chief
men found of the sons of Eleazar than of the sons of
Ithamar; and thus they were divided: of the sons of
Eleazar there were sixteen, heads of fathers' houses;
and of the sons of Ithamar, according to their fathers'
houses, eight. 5Thus they were divided by lot, one
sort with another; for there were princes of the
sanctuary, and princes of God, both of the sons of
Eleazar, and of the sons of Ithamar. 6And Shemaiah
the son of Nethanel the scribe, who was of the
Levites, wrote them in the presence of the king, and
the princes, and Zadok the priest, and Ahimelech the
son of Abiathar, and the heads of the fathers' houses
of the priests and of the Levites; one fathers' house
being taken for Eleazar, and one taken for Ithamar.
7Now the first lot came forth to Jehoiarib, the second
to Jedaiah, 8the third to Harim, the fourth to Seorim,
9the fifth to Malchijah, the sixth to Mijamin, 10the
seventh to Hakkoz, the eighth to Abijah, 11the ninth

to Jeshua, the tenth to Shecaniah, 12the eleventh to Eliashib, the twelfth to Jakim, 13the thirteenth to Huppah, the fourteenth to Jeshebeab, 14the fifteenth to Bilgah, the sixteenth to Immer, 15the seventeenth to Hezir, the eighteenth to Happizzez, 16the nineteenth to Pethahiah, the twentieth to Jehezkel, 17the twenty-first to Jachin, the twenty-second to Gamul, 18the twenty-third to Delaiah, the twenty-fourth to Maaziah. 19This was the ordering of them in their service, to come into the house of Yehovah according to the ordinance given to them by Aaron their father, as Yehovah, the God of Israel, had commanded him. 20And of the rest of the sons of Levi: of the sons of Amram, Shubael; of the sons of Shubael, Jehdeiah. 21Of Rehabiah: of the sons of Rehabiah, Isshiah the chief. 22Of the Izharites, Shelomoth; of the sons of Shelomoth, Jahath. 23And the sons of Hebron: Jeriah the chief, Amariah the second, Jahaziel the third, Jekameam the fourth. 24The sons of Uzziel, Micah; of the sons of Micah, Shamir. 25The brother of Micah, Isshiah; of the sons of Isshiah, Zechariah. 26The sons of Merari: Mahli and Mushi; the sons of Jaaziah: Beno. 27The sons of Merari: of Jaaziah, Beno, and Shoham, and Zaccur, and Ibri. 28Of Mahli: Eleazar, who had no sons. 29Of Kish; the sons of Kish: Jerahmeel. 30And the sons of Mushi: Mahli, and Eder, and Jerimoth. These were the sons of the Levites according to their fathers' houses. 31These likewise cast lots even as their brothers the sons of Aaron in the presence of David the king, and Zadok, and Ahimelech, and the heads of the fathers' houses of the priests and of the Levites; the fathers' houses of the chief even as those of his younger brother.

Chapter 25

1Moreover David and the captains of the host set apart for the service certain of the sons of Asaph, and of Heman, and of Jeduthun, who should prophesy with harps, with psalteries, and with cymbals: and the number of those who did the work according to their service was: 2of the sons of Asaph: Zaccur, and Joseph, and Nethaniah, and Asharelah, the sons of Asaph, under the hand of Asaph, who prophesied according to the order of the king. 3Of Jeduthun; the sons of Jeduthun: Gedaliah, and Zeri, and Jeshaiah, Hashabiah, and Mattithiah, six, under the hands of their father Jeduthun with the harp, who prophesied in giving thanks and praising Yehovah. 4Of Heman; the sons of Heman: Bukkiah, Mattaniah, Uzziel, Shebuel, and Jerimoth, Hananiah, Hanani, Eliathah, Giddalti, and Romamti-ezer, Joshbekashah, Mallothi, Hothir, Mahazioth. 5All these were the sons of Heman the king's seer in the words of God, to lift up the horn. And God gave to Heman fourteen sons and three daughters. 6All these were under the hands of their father for song in the house of Yehovah, with cymbals, psalteries, and harps, for the service of the house of God; Asaph, Jeduthun, and Heman being under the order of the king. 7And the number of them, with their brothers who were instructed in singing to Yehovah, even all who were skillful, was two hundred and eighty-eight. 8And they cast lots for their offices, all alike, the small as well as the great, the teacher as well as the student. 9Now the first lot came forth for Asaph to Joseph: the second to Gedaliah; he and his brothers and sons were twelve: 10the third to Zaccur, his sons and his brothers, twelve: 11the fourth to Izri, his sons and his brothers, twelve: 12the fifth to Nethaniah, his sons and his brothers, twelve: 13the sixth to Bukkiah, his sons and his brothers, twelve: 14the seventh to Jesharelah, his sons and his brothers, twelve: 15the eighth to Jeshaiah, his sons and his brothers, twelve: 16the ninth to Mattaniah, his sons and his brothers, twelve: 17the tenth to Shimei, his sons and his brothers, twelve: 18the eleventh to Azarel, his sons and his brothers, twelve: 19the twelfth to Hashabiah, his sons and his brothers, twelve: 20for the thirteenth, Shubael, his sons and his brothers, twelve: 21for the fourteenth, Mattithiah, his sons and his brothers, twelve: 22for the fifteenth to Jeremoth, his sons and his brothers, twelve: 23for the sixteenth to Hananiah, his sons and his brothers, twelve: 24for the seventeenth to Joshbekashah, his sons and his brothers, twelve: 25for the eighteenth to Hanani, his sons and his brothers, twelve: 26for the nineteenth to Mallothi, his sons and his brothers, twelve: 27for the twentieth to Eliathah, his sons and his brothers, twelve: 28for the twenty-first to Hothir, his sons and his brothers, twelve: 29for the twenty-second to Giddalti, his sons and his brothers, twelve: 30for the twenty-third to Mahazioth, his sons and his brothers, twelve: 31for the twenty-fourth to Romamtiezer, his sons and his brothers, twelve.

Chapter 26

1For the courses of the doorkeepers: of the Korahites, Meshelemiah the son of Kore, of the sons of Asaph. 2And Meshelemiah had sons: Zechariah the first-born, Jediael the second, Zebadiah the third, Jathniel the fourth, 3Elam the fifth, Jehohanan the

sixth, Eliehoenai the seventh. 4And Obed-edom had sons: Shemaiah the first-born, Jehozabad the second, Joah the third, and Sacar the fourth, and Nethanel the fifth, 5Ammiel the sixth, Issachar the seventh, Peullethai the eighth; for God blessed him. 6Also to Shemaiah his son were sons born, who ruled over the house of their father; for they were mighty men of valor. 7The sons of Shemaiah: Othni, and Rephael, and Obed, Elzabad, whose brothers were valiant men, Elihu, and Semachiah. 8All these were of the sons of Obed-edom: they and their sons and their brothers, able men in strength for the service; sixty-two of Obed-edom. 9And Meshelemiah had sons and brothers, valiant men, eighteen. 10Also Hosah, of the children of Merari, had sons: Shimri the chief (for though he was not the first-born, yet his father made him chief), 11Hilkiah the second, Tebaliah the third, Zechariah the fourth: all the sons and brothers of Hosah were thirteen. 12Of these were the courses of the doorkeepers, even of the chief men, having offices like their brothers, to minister in the house of Yehovah. 13And they cast lots, the small as well as the great, according to their fathers' houses, for every gate. 14And the lot eastward fell to Shelemiah. Then for Zechariah his son, a discreet counselor, they cast lots; and his lot came out northward. 15To Obed-edom southward; and to his sons the storehouse. 16To Shuppim and Hosah westward, by the gate of Shallecheth, at the causeway that goes up, watch against watch. 17Eastward were six Levites, northward four a day, southward four a day, and for the storehouse two and two. 18For Parbar westward, four at the causeway, and two at Parbar. 19These were the courses of the doorkeepers; of the sons of the Korahites, and of the sons of Merari. 20And of the Levites, Ahijah was over the treasures of the house of God, and over the treasures of the dedicated things. 21The sons of Ladan, the sons of the Gershonites belonging to Ladan, the heads of the fathers' houses belonging to Ladan the Gershonite: Jehieli. 22The sons of Jehieli: Zetham, and Joel his brother, over the treasures of the house of Yehovah. 23Of the Amramites, of the Izharites, of the Hebronites, of the Uzzielites: 24and Shebuel the son of Gershom, the son of Moses, was ruler over the treasures. 25And his brothers: of Eliezer came Rehabiah his son, and Jeshaiah his son, and Joram his son, and Zichri his son, and Shelomoth his son. 26This Shelomoth and his brothers were over all the treasures of the dedicated things, which David the king, and the heads of the fathers' houses, the captains over thousands and hundreds, and the captains of the host, had dedicated. 27Out of the spoil won in battles they dedicated gifts to repair the house of Yehovah. 28And all that Samuel the seer, and Saul the son of Kish, and Abner the son of Ner, and Joab the son of Zeruiah, had dedicated, whoever had dedicated anything, it was under the hand of Shelomoth, and of his brothers. 29Of the Izharites, Chenaniah and his sons were for the outward business over Israel, for officers and judges. 30Of the Hebronites, Hashabiah and his brothers, men of valor, a thousand and seven hundred, had the oversight of Israel beyond the Jordan westward, for all the business of Yehovah, and for the service of the king. 31Of the Hebronites was Jerijah the chief, even of the Hebronites, according to their generations by fathers' houses. In the fortieth year of the reign of David they were sought for, and there were found among them mighty men of valor at Jazer of Gilead. 32And his brothers, men of valor, were two thousand and seven hundred, heads of fathers' houses, whom king David made overseers over the Reubenites, and the Gadites, and the half-tribe of the Manassites, for every matter pertaining to God, and for the affairs of the king.

Chapter 27

1Now the children of Israel according to their number, that is, the heads of fathers' houses and the captains of thousands and of hundreds, and their officers who served the king, in any matter of the courses which came in and went out month by month throughout all the months of the year—of every course were twenty-four thousand. 2Over the first course for the first month was Jashobeam the son of Zabdiel: and in his course were twenty-four thousand. 3He was of the children of Perez, the chief of all the captains of the host for the first month. 4And over the course of the second month was Dodai the Ahohite, and his course; and Mikloth the ruler: and in his course were twenty-four thousand. 5The third captain of the host for the third month was Benaiah, the son of Jehoiada the priest, chief: and in his course were twenty-four thousand. 6This is that Benaiah, who was the mighty man of the thirty, and over the thirty: and of his course was Ammizabad his son. 7The fourth captain for the fourth month was Asahel the brother of Joab, and Zebadiah his son after him: and in his course were twenty-four thousand. 8The fifth captain for the fifth month was Shamhuth the Izrahite: and in his course were

twenty-four thousand. 9The sixth captain for the sixth month was Ira the son of Ikkesh the Tekoite: and in his course were twenty-four thousand. 10The seventh captain for the seventh month was Helez the Pelonite, of the children of Ephraim: and in his course were twenty-four thousand. 11The eighth captain for the eighth month was Sibbecai the Hushathite, of the Zerahites: and in his course were twenty-four thousand. 12The ninth captain for the ninth month was Abiezer the Anathothite, of the Benjamites: and in his course were twenty-four thousand. 13The tenth captain for the tenth month was Maharai the Netophathite, of the Zerahites: and in his course were twenty-four thousand. 14The eleventh captain for the eleventh month was Benaiah the Pirathonite, of the children of Ephraim: and in his course were twenty-four thousand. 15The twelfth captain for the twelfth month was Heldai the Netophathite, of Othniel: and in his course were twenty-four thousand. 16Furthermore over the tribes of Israel: of the Reubenites was Eliezer the son of Zichri the ruler: of the Simeonites, Shephatiah the son of Maacah: 17of Levi, Hashabiah the son of Kemuel: of Aaron, Zadok: 18of Judah, Elihu, one of the brothers of David: of Issachar, Omri the son of Michael: 19of Zebulun, Ishmaiah the son of Obadiah: of Naphtali, Jeremoth the son of Azriel: 20of the children of Ephraim, Hoshea the son of Azaziah: of the half-tribe of Manasseh, Joel the son of Pedaiah: 21of the half-tribe of Manasseh in Gilead, Iddo the son of Zechariah: of Benjamin, Jaasiel the son of Abner: 22of Dan, Azarel the son of Jeroham. These were the captains of the tribes of Israel. 23But David did not take the number of those twenty years old and under, because Yehovah had said he would increase Israel like the stars of heaven. 24Joab the son of Zeruiah began to number, but did not finish; and wrath came upon Israel for this; nor was the number put into the account in the chronicles of king David. 25And over the king's treasures was Azmaveth the son of Adiel: and over the treasures in the fields, in the cities, and in the villages, and in the castles, was Jonathan the son of Uzziah: 26and over those who did the work of the field for tillage of the ground was Ezri the son of Chelub: 27and over the vineyards was Shimei the Ramathite: and over the produce of the vineyards for the wine cellars was Zabdi the Shiphmite: 28and over the olive trees and the sycamore trees that were in the lowland was Baal-hanan the Gederite: and over the cellars of oil was Joash: 29and over the herds that fed in Sharon was Shitrai the Sharonite: and over the herds that were in the valleys was Shaphat the son of Adlai: 30and over the camels was Obil the Ishmaelite: and over the donkeys was Jehdeiah the Meronothite: and over the flocks was Jaziz the Hagrite. 31All these were the rulers of the property which was king David's. 32Also Jonathan, David's uncle, was a counselor, a man of understanding, and a scribe: and Jehiel the son of Hachmoni was with the king's sons: 33and Ahithophel was the king's counselor: and Hushai the Archite was the king's friend: 34and after Ahithophel was Jehoiada the son of Benaiah, and Abiathar: and the captain of the king's host was Joab.

Chapter 28

1And David assembled all the princes of Israel, the princes of the tribes, and the captains of the companies who served the king by course, and the captains of thousands, and the captains of hundreds, and the rulers over all the property and possessions of the king and of his sons, with the officers, and the mighty men, even all the mighty men of valor, to Jerusalem. 2Then David the king stood up on his feet, and said, Hear me, my brothers, and my people: as for me, it was in my heart to build a house of rest for the ark of the covenant of Yehovah, and for the footstool of our God; and I had made ready for the building. 3But God said to me, You shall not build a house for my name, because you are a man of war, and have shed blood. 4However, Yehovah, the God of Israel, chose me out of all the house of my father to be king over Israel forever: for he has chosen Judah to be prince; and in the house of Judah, the house of my father; and among the sons of my father he took pleasure in me to make me king over all Israel; 5and of all my sons (for Yehovah has given me many sons), he has chosen Solomon my son to sit upon the throne of the kingdom of Yehovah over Israel. 6And he said to me, Solomon your son, he shall build my house and my courts; for I have chosen him to be my son, and I will be his father. 7And I will establish his kingdom forever, if he is constant to do my commandments and my ordinances, as at this day. 8Now therefore, in the sight of all Israel, the assembly of Yehovah, and in the hearing of our God, observe and seek out all the commandments of Yehovah your God; that you may possess this good land, and leave it for an inheritance to your children after you forever. 9And you, Solomon my son, know the God of your father, and serve him with a perfect heart and with a willing mind; for Yehovah searches

all hearts, and understands all the imaginations of the thoughts. If you seek him, he will be found by you; but if you forsake him, he will cast you off forever. 10Take heed now; for Yehovah has chosen you to build a house for the sanctuary: be strong, and do it. 11Then David gave to Solomon his son the pattern of the porch of the temple, and of its houses, and of its treasuries, and of its upper rooms, and of its inner chambers, and of the place of the mercy seat; 12and the pattern of all that he had by the Spirit, for the courts of the house of Yehovah, and for all the chambers all around, for the treasuries of the house of God, and for the treasuries of the dedicated things; 13also for the courses of the priests and the Levites, and for all the work of the service of the house of Yehovah, and for all the vessels of service in the house of Yehovah; 14of gold by weight for the vessels of gold, for all vessels of every kind of service; of silver for all the vessels of silver by weight, for all vessels of every kind of service; 15by weight also for the lampstands of gold, and for their lamps, of gold, by weight for every lampstand and for its lamps; and for the lampstands of silver, silver by weight for every lampstand and for its lamps, according to the use of every lampstand; 16and the gold by weight for the tables of showbread, for every table; and silver for the tables of silver; 17and the forks, and the basins, and the cups, of pure gold; and for the golden bowls by weight for every bowl; and for the silver bowls by weight for every bowl; 18and for the altar of incense refined gold by weight; and gold for the pattern of the chariot, even the cherubim, that spread out their wings, and covered the ark of the covenant of Yehovah. 19All this, said David, I have been made to understand in writing from the hand of Yehovah, even all the works of this pattern. 20And David said to Solomon his son, Be strong and of good courage, and do it: do not fear, nor be dismayed; for Yehovah God, even my God, is with you; he will not fail you, nor forsake you, until all the work for the service of the house of Yehovah is finished. 21And, behold, there are the courses of the priests and the Levites, for all the service of the house of God: and there shall be with you in all kinds of work every willing man who has skill, for any kind of service: also the captains and all the people will be wholly at your command.

Chapter 29

1And David the king said to all the assembly, Solomon my son, whom alone God has chosen, is still young and tender, and the work is great; for the palace is not for man, but for Yehovah God. 2Now I have prepared with all my might for the house of my God the gold for the things of gold, and the silver for the things of silver, and the bronze for the things of bronze, the iron for the things of iron, and wood for the things of wood; onyx stones, and stones to be set, stones for inlaid work, and of various colors, and all kinds of precious stones, and marble stones in abundance. 3Moreover also, because I have set my affection on the house of my God, seeing that I have a treasure of my own of gold and silver, I give it to the house of my God, over and above all that I have prepared for the holy house, 4even three thousand talents of gold, of the gold of Ophir, and seven thousand talents of refined silver, with which to overlay the walls of the houses; 5of gold for the things of gold, and of silver for the things of silver, and for all kinds of work to be made by the hands of craftsmen. Who then offers willingly to consecrate himself this day to Yehovah? 6Then the princes of the fathers' houses, and the princes of the tribes of Israel, and the captains of thousands and of hundreds, with the rulers over the king's work, offered willingly; 7and they gave for the service of the house of God of gold five thousand talents and ten thousand darics, and of silver ten thousand talents, and of bronze eighteen thousand talents, and of iron a hundred thousand talents. 8And they with whom precious stones were found gave them to the treasure of the house of Yehovah, under the hand of Jehiel the Gershonite. 9Then the people rejoiced, because they offered willingly, because with a perfect heart they offered willingly to Yehovah: and David the king also rejoiced with great joy. 10Therefore David blessed Yehovah before all the assembly; and David said, Blessed are you, O Yehovah, the God of Israel our father, forever and ever. 11Yours, O Yehovah, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for all that is in the heavens and in the earth is yours; yours is the kingdom, O Yehovah, and you are exalted as head above all. 12Both riches and honor come from you, and you rule over all; and in your hand is power and might; and in your hand it is to make great, and to give strength to all. 13Now therefore, our God, we thank you, and praise your glorious name. 14But who am I, and what is my people, that we should be able to offer so willingly in this way? For all things come from you, and of your own we have given you. 15For we are strangers before you, and sojourners, as all our

fathers were: our days on the earth are as a shadow, and there is no abiding. 16O Yehovah our God, all this store that we have prepared to build you a house for your holy name comes from your hand, and is all your own. 17I know also, my God, that you test the heart, and have pleasure in uprightness. As for me, in the uprightness of my heart I have willingly offered all these things: and now I have seen with joy your people, who are present here, offer willingly to you. 18O Yehovah, the God of Abraham, of Isaac, and of Israel, our fathers, keep this forever in the imagination of the thoughts of the heart of your people, and prepare their heart to you; 19and give to Solomon my son a perfect heart, to keep your commandments, your testimonies, and your statutes, and to do all these things, and to build the palace, for which I have made provision. 20And David said to all the assembly, Now bless Yehovah your God. And all the assembly blessed Yehovah, the God of their fathers, and bowed down their heads, and prostrated themselves before Yehovah, and the king. 21And they sacrificed sacrifices to Yehovah, and offered burnt-offerings to Yehovah, on the day after that day, even a thousand bulls, a thousand rams, and a thousand lambs, with their drink-offerings, and sacrifices in abundance for all Israel, 22and ate and drank before Yehovah on that day with great gladness. And they made Solomon the son of David king the second time, and anointed him to Yehovah to be prince, and Zadok to be priest. 23Then Solomon sat on the throne of Yehovah as king instead of David his father, and prospered; and all Israel obeyed him. 24And all the princes, and the mighty men, and all the sons likewise of king David, submitted themselves to Solomon the king. 25And Yehovah magnified Solomon exceedingly in the sight of all Israel, and bestowed upon him such royal majesty as had not been on any king before him in Israel. 26Now David the son of Jesse reigned over all Israel. 27And the time that he reigned over Israel was forty years; seven years he reigned in Hebron, and thirty-three years he reigned in Jerusalem. 28And he died in a good old age, full of days, riches, and honor: and Solomon his son reigned in his place. 29Now the acts of David the king, first and last, behold, they are written in the history of Samuel the seer, and in the history of Nathan the prophet, and in the history of Gad the seer, 30with all his reign and his might, and the times that went over him, and over Israel, and over all the kingdoms of the countries.

2 Chronicles

Chapter 1

1 And Solomon the son of David was strengthened in
his kingdom, and Yehovah his God was with him,
and magnified him exceedingly. 2 And Solomon spoke
to all Israel, to the captains of thousands and of
hundreds, and to the judges, and to every prince in
all Israel, the heads of the fathers' houses. 3 So
Solomon, and all the assembly with him, went to the
high place that was at Gibeon; for there was the tent
of meeting of God, which Moses the servant of
Yehovah had made in the wilderness. 4 But David had
brought up the ark of God from Kiriath-jearim to the
place that David had prepared for it; for he had
pitched a tent for it at Jerusalem. 5 Moreover the
bronze altar, which Bezalel the son of Uri, the son of
Hur, had made, was there before the tabernacle of
Yehovah: and Solomon and the assembly sought it.
6 And Solomon went up there to the bronze altar
before Yehovah, which was at the tent of meeting,
and offered a thousand burnt-offerings upon it. 7 In
that night God appeared to Solomon, and said to him,
Ask what I shall give you. 8 And Solomon said to God,
You have shown great lovingkindness to David my
father, and have made me king in his place. 9 Now, O
Yehovah God, let your promise to David my father be
established; for you have made me king over a people
like the dust of the earth in multitude. 10 Give me now
wisdom and knowledge, that I may go out and come
in before this people; for who can judge this your
people, who are so great? 11 And God said to Solomon,
Because this was in your heart, and you have not
asked for riches, wealth, or honor, nor the life of
those who hate you, nor yet have asked for long life;
but have asked for wisdom and knowledge for
yourself, that you may judge my people, over whom I
have made you king: 12 wisdom and knowledge are
granted to you; and I will give you riches, and wealth,
and honor, such as none of the kings who have been
before you have had; nor shall any after you have the
like. 13 So Solomon came from the high place that was
at Gibeon, from before the tent of meeting, to
Jerusalem; and he reigned over Israel. 14 And
Solomon gathered chariots and horsemen: and he
had one thousand four hundred chariots, and twelve
thousand horsemen, which he placed in the chariot
cities, and with the king at Jerusalem. 15 And the king
made silver and gold to be in Jerusalem as stones, and
cedars he made to be as the sycamore-trees that are in
the lowland, for abundance. 16 And the horses which
Solomon had were brought out of Egypt; the king's
merchants received them in droves, each drove at a
price. 17 And they fetched up and brought out of Egypt
a chariot for six hundred shekels of silver, and a
horse for a hundred and fifty: and so for all the kings
of the Hittites, and the kings of Syria, they brought
them out by their means.

Chapter 2

1 Now Solomon intended to build a house for the
name of Yehovah, and a house for his kingdom. 2 And
Solomon counted out seventy thousand men to bear
burdens, and eighty thousand men who were hewers
in the mountains, and three thousand six hundred to
oversee them. 3 And Solomon sent to Huram the king
of Tyre, saying, As you dealt with David my father,
and sent him cedars to build himself a house to dwell
in, even so deal with me. 4 Behold, I am about to build
a house for the name of Yehovah my God, to dedicate
it to him, and to burn before him incense of sweet
spices, and for the continual showbread, and for the
burnt-offerings morning and evening, on the
sabbaths, and on the new moons, and on the set
feasts of Yehovah our God. This is an ordinance for
ever to Israel. 5 And the house which I build is great;
for great is our God above all gods. 6 But who is able to
build him a house, seeing heaven and the heaven of
heavens cannot contain him? who am I then, that I
should build him a house, except only to burn
incense before him? 7 Now therefore send me a man
skillful to work in gold, and in silver, and in bronze,
and in iron, and in purple, and crimson, and blue,
and who knows how to engrave all kinds of
engravings, to be with the skillful men who are with
me in Judah and in Jerusalem, whom David my
father provided. 8 Send me also cedar-trees, fir-trees,
and algum-trees, out of Lebanon; for I know that
your servants know how to cut timber in Lebanon.
And, behold, my servants shall be with your servants,
9 even to prepare timber for me in abundance; for the
house which I am about to build shall be great and
wonderful. 10 And, behold, I will give to your
servants, the hewers who cut timber, twenty
thousand measures of beaten wheat, and twenty
thousand measures of barley, and twenty thousand
baths of wine, and twenty thousand baths of oil.

11 Then Huram the king of Tyre answered in writing,
which he sent to Solomon, Because Yehovah loves his
people, he has made you king over them. 12 Huram
said moreover, Blessed be Yehovah, the God of Israel,
who made heaven and earth, who has given to David
the king a wise son, endowed with discretion and
understanding, who should build a house for
Yehovah, and a house for his kingdom. 13 And now I
have sent a skillful man, endowed with
understanding, Huram my father, 14 the son of a
woman of the daughters of Dan; and his father was a
man of Tyre, skillful to work in gold, and in silver, in
bronze, in iron, in stone, and in timber, in purple, in
blue, and in fine linen, and in crimson, also to
engrave any kind of engraving, and to devise any
device; that there may be a place appointed to him
with your skillful men, and with the skillful men of
my lord David your father. 15 Now therefore the wheat
and the barley, the oil and the wine, which my lord
has spoken of, let him send to his servants: 16 and we
will cut wood out of Lebanon, as much as you shall
need; and we will bring it to you in floats by sea to
Joppa; and you shall carry it up to Jerusalem. 17 And
Solomon numbered all the sojourners who were in
the land of Israel, after the numbering with which
David his father had numbered them; and they were
found a hundred and fifty-three thousand six
hundred. 18 And he set seventy thousand of them to
bear burdens, and eighty thousand who were hewers
in the mountains, and three thousand six hundred
overseers to set the people at work.

Chapter 3

1 Then Solomon began to build the house of Yehovah
at Jerusalem on mount Moriah, where Yehovah
appeared to David his father, which he made ready in
the place that David had appointed, in the threshing-
floor of Ornan the Jebusite. 2 And he began to build in
the second day of the second month, in the fourth
year of his reign. 3 Now these are the foundations
which Solomon laid for the building of the house of
God. The length by cubits according to the old
measure was sixty cubits, and the breadth twenty
cubits. 4 And the porch that was before the house, the
length of it, according to the breadth of the house,
was twenty cubits, and the height a hundred and
twenty; and he overlaid it within with pure gold.
5 And the greater house he lined with fir-wood, which
he overlaid with fine gold, and worked on it palm-
trees and chains. 6 And he adorned the house with
precious stones for beauty: and the gold was gold of
Parvaim. 7 He overlaid also the house, the beams, the
thresholds, and its walls, and its doors, with gold;
and engraved cherubim on the walls. 8 And he made
the most holy house: its length, according to the
breadth of the house, was twenty cubits, and its
breadth twenty cubits; and he overlaid it with fine
gold, amounting to six hundred talents. 9 And the
weight of the nails was fifty shekels of gold. And he
overlaid the upper chambers with gold. 10 And in the
most holy house he made two cherubim of image
work; and they overlaid them with gold. 11 And the
wings of the cherubim were twenty cubits long: the
wing of the one cherub was five cubits, reaching to
the wall of the house; and the other wing was
likewise five cubits, reaching to the wing of the other
cherub. 12 And the wing of the other cherub was five
cubits, reaching to the wall of the house; and the
other wing was five cubits also, joining to the wing of
the other cherub. 13 The wings of these cherubim
spread out twenty cubits: and they stood on their
feet, and their faces were toward the house. 14 And he
made the veil of blue, and purple, and crimson, and
fine linen, and worked cherubim on it. 15 Also he made
before the house two pillars thirty-five cubits high,
and the capital that was on the top of each of them
was five cubits. 16 And he made chains in the oracle,
and put them on the tops of the pillars; and he made a
hundred pomegranates, and put them on the chains.
17 And he set up the pillars before the temple, one on
the right hand, and the other on the left; and called
the name of that on the right hand Jachin, and the
name of that on the left Boaz.

Chapter 4

1 Moreover he made an altar of bronze, twenty cubits
its length, and twenty cubits its breadth, and ten
cubits its height. 2 Also he made the molten sea of ten
cubits from brim to brim, round in shape; and its
height was five cubits; and a line of thirty cubits
encircled it. 3 And under it was the likeness of oxen,
which encircled it, for ten cubits, surrounding the
sea. The oxen were in two rows, cast when it was cast.
4 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 rear parts were inward. 5 And it was a
handbreadth thick; and its brim was made like the
brim of a cup, like the flower of a lily: it received and
held three thousand baths. 6 He made also ten lavers,
and put five on the right hand, and five on the left, to

wash in them; such things as belonged to the burnt-offering they washed in them; but the sea was for the priests to wash in. 7And he made the ten candlesticks of gold according to the ordinance concerning them; and he set them in the temple, five on the right hand, and five on the left. 8He made also ten tables, and placed them in the temple, five on the right side, and five on the left. And he made a hundred basins of gold. 9Furthermore he made the court of the priests, and the great court, and doors for the court, and overlaid the doors of them with bronze. 10And he set the sea on the right side of the house eastward, toward the south. 11And Huram made the pots, and the shovels, and the basins. So Huram made an end of doing the work that he did for king Solomon in the house of God: 12the two pillars, and the bowls, and the two capitals which were on the top of the pillars, and the two networks to cover the two bowls of the capitals that were on the top of the pillars, 13and the four hundred pomegranates for the two networks; two rows of pomegranates for each network, to cover the two bowls of the capitals that were upon the pillars. 14He made also the bases, and the lavers he made upon the bases; 15one sea, and the twelve oxen under it. 16The pots also, and the shovels, and the flesh-hooks, and all their vessels, Huram his father made for king Solomon, for the house of Yehovah, of bright bronze. 17In the plain of the Jordan the king cast them, in the clay ground between Succoth and Zeredah. 18Thus Solomon made all these vessels in great abundance: for the weight of the bronze could not be found out. 19And Solomon made all the vessels that were in the house of God, the golden altar also, and the tables on which was the showbread; 20and the candlesticks with their lamps, to burn according to the ordinance before the oracle, of pure gold; 21and the flowers, and the lamps, and the tongs, of gold, and that perfect gold; 22and the snuffers, and the basins, and the spoons, and the firepans, of pure gold. And as for the entry of the house, its inner doors for the most holy place, and the doors of the house, that is, of the temple, were of gold.

Chapter 5

1Thus all the work that Solomon did for the house of Yehovah was finished. And Solomon brought in the things that David his father had dedicated, even the silver, and the gold, and all the vessels, and put them in the treasuries of the house of God. 2Then Solomon assembled the elders of Israel, and all the heads of the tribes, the princes of the fathers' houses of the children of Israel, to Jerusalem, to bring up the ark of the covenant of Yehovah out of the city of David, which is Zion. 3And all the men of Israel assembled themselves to the king at the feast, which was in the seventh month. 4And all the elders of Israel came: and the Levites took up the ark; 5and they brought up the ark, and the tent of meeting, and all the holy vessels that were in the Tent; these the priests the Levites brought up. 6And king Solomon and all the congregation of Israel, who were assembled to him, were before the ark, sacrificing sheep and oxen, that could not be counted nor numbered for multitude. 7And the priests brought in the ark of the covenant of Yehovah to its place, into the oracle of the house, to the most holy place, even under the wings of the cherubim. 8For the cherubim spread out their wings over the place of the ark, and the cherubim covered the ark and its staves above. 9And the staves were so long that the ends of the staves were seen from the ark before the oracle; but they were not seen outside: and there it is to this day. 10There was nothing in the ark except the two tables which Moses put there at Horeb, when Yehovah made a covenant with the children of Israel, when they came out of Egypt. 11And it happened, when the priests had come out of the holy place (for all the priests who were present had sanctified themselves, and did not keep their courses; 12also the Levites who were the singers, all of them, even Asaph, Heman, Jeduthun, and their sons and their brothers, arrayed in fine linen, with cymbals and psalteries and harps, stood at the east end of the altar, and with them a hundred and twenty priests sounding with trumpets); 13it happened, when the trumpeters and singers were as one, to make one sound to be heard in praising and thanking Yehovah; and when they lifted up their voice with the trumpets and cymbals and instruments of music, and praised Yehovah, saying, For he is good; for his lovingkindness endures for ever; that then the house was filled with a cloud, even the house of Yehovah, 14so that the priests could not stand to minister by reason of the cloud: for the glory of Yehovah filled the house of God.

Chapter 6

1Then Solomon spoke, Yehovah has said that he would dwell in the thick darkness. 2But I have built you a house of habitation, and a place for you to dwell in for ever. 3And the king turned his face, and blessed all the assembly of Israel: and all the assembly of Israel stood. 4And he said, Blessed be Yehovah, the

God of Israel, who spoke with his mouth to David my father, and has with his hands fulfilled it, saying, 5Since the day that I brought out my people out of the land of Egypt, I chose no city out of all the tribes of Israel to build a house in, that my name might be there; nor did I choose any man to be prince over my people Israel: 6but I have chosen Jerusalem, that my name might be there, and have chosen David to be over my people Israel. 7Now it was in the heart of David my father to build a house for the name of Yehovah, the God of Israel. 8But Yehovah said to David my father, Whereas it was in your heart to build a house for my name, you did well that it was in your heart: 9nevertheless you shall not build the house; but your son who shall come out of your loins, he shall build the house for my name. 10And Yehovah has performed his word that he spoke; for I have risen up in the place of David my father, and sit on the throne of Israel, as Yehovah promised, and have built the house for the name of Yehovah, the God of Israel. 11And there I have set the ark, in which is the covenant of Yehovah, which he made with the children of Israel. 12And he stood before the altar of Yehovah in the presence of all the assembly of Israel, and spread out his hands 13(for Solomon had made a bronze scaffold, five cubits long, and five cubits broad, and three cubits high, and had set it in the midst of the court; and upon it he stood, and kneeled down upon his knees before all the assembly of Israel, and spread out his hands toward heaven); 14and he said, O Yehovah, the God of Israel, there is no God like you, in heaven, or on earth; who keeps covenant and lovingkindness with your servants, who walk before you with all their heart; 15who have kept with your servant David my father that which you promised him: indeed, you spoke with your mouth, and have fulfilled it with your hand, as it is this day. 16Now therefore, O Yehovah, the God of Israel, keep with your servant David my father that which you have promised him, saying, You shall not lack a man in my sight to sit on the throne of Israel, if only your children take heed to their way, to walk in my law as you have walked before me. 17Now therefore, O Yehovah, the God of Israel, let your word be verified, which you spoke to your servant David. 18But will God indeed dwell with men on the earth? behold, heaven and the heaven of heavens cannot contain you; how much less this house which I have built! 19Yet have regard to the prayer of your servant, and to his supplication, O Yehovah my God, to listen to the cry and to the prayer which your servant prays before you; 20that your eyes may be open toward this house day and night, even toward the place of which you have said that you would put your name there; to listen to the prayer which your servant shall pray toward this place. 21And listen to the supplications of your servant, and of your people Israel, when they shall pray toward this place: indeed, hear from your dwelling-place, even from heaven; and when you hear, forgive. 22If a man sins against his neighbor, and an oath is laid upon him to cause him to swear, and he comes and swears before your altar in this house; 23then hear from heaven, and do, and judge your servants, repaying the wicked, to bring his way upon his own head; and justifying the righteous, to give him according to his righteousness. 24And if your people Israel are struck down before the enemy, because they have sinned against you, and shall turn again and confess your name, and pray and make supplication before you in this house; 25then hear from heaven, and forgive the sin of your people Israel, and bring them back to the land which you gave to them and to their fathers. 26When the heavens are shut up, and there is no rain, because they have sinned against you; if they pray toward this place, and confess your name, and turn from their sin, when you afflict them: 27then hear in heaven, and forgive the sin of your servants, and of your people Israel, when you teach them the good way in which they should walk; and send rain upon your land, which you have given to your people for an inheritance. 28If there is famine in the land, if there is pestilence, if there is blasting or mildew, locust or caterpillar; if their enemies besiege them in the land of their cities; whatever plague or whatever sickness there is; 29whatever prayer and supplication is made by any man, or by all your people Israel, who shall know every man his own plague and his own sorrow, and shall spread out his hands toward this house: 30then hear from heaven your dwelling-place, and forgive, and render to every man according to all his ways, whose heart you know (for you, even you only, know the hearts of the children of men); 31that they may fear you, to walk in your ways, so long as they live in the land which you gave to our fathers. 32Moreover concerning the foreigner, who is not of your people Israel, when he shall come from a far country for your great name's sake, and your mighty hand, and your outstretched arm; when they shall come and pray toward this house: 33then hear from

heaven, even from your dwelling-place, and do according to all that the foreigner calls to you for; that all the peoples of the earth may know your name, and fear you, as does your people Israel, and that they may know that this house which I have built is called by your name. 34If your people go out to battle against their enemies, by whatever way you shall send them, and they pray to you toward this city which you have chosen, and the house which I have built for your name; 35then hear from heaven their prayer and their supplication, and maintain their cause. 36If they sin against you (for there is no man who does not sin), and you are angry with them, and deliver them to the enemy, so that they carry them away captive to a land far off or near; 37yet if they shall come to their senses in the land where they are carried captive, and turn again, and make supplication to you in the land of their captivity, saying, We have sinned, we have done perversely, and have dealt wickedly; 38if they return to you with all their heart and with all their soul in the land of their captivity, where they have carried them captive, and pray toward their land, which you gave to their fathers, and the city which you have chosen, and toward the house which I have built for your name: 39then hear from heaven, even from your dwelling-place, their prayer and their supplications, and maintain their cause, and forgive your people who have sinned against you. 40Now, O my God, let, I beg you, your eyes be open, and let your ears be attentive, to the prayer that is made in this place. 41Now therefore arise, O Yehovah God, into your resting-place, you, and the ark of your strength: let your priests, O Yehovah God, be clothed with salvation, and let your saints rejoice in goodness. 42O Yehovah God, do not turn away the face of your anointed: remember your lovingkindnesses to David your servant.

Chapter 7

1Now when Solomon had made an end of praying, the fire came down from heaven, and consumed the burnt-offering and the sacrifices; and the glory of Yehovah filled the house. 2And the priests could not enter into the house of Yehovah, because the glory of Yehovah filled Yehovah's house. 3And all the children of Israel looked on, when the fire came down, and the glory of Yehovah was upon the house; and they bowed themselves with their faces to the ground upon the pavement, and worshiped, and gave thanks to Yehovah, saying, For he is good; for his lovingkindness endures for ever. 4Then the king and all the people offered sacrifice before Yehovah. 5And king Solomon offered a sacrifice of twenty-two thousand oxen, and a hundred and twenty thousand sheep. So the king and all the people dedicated the house of God. 6And the priests stood, according to their offices; the Levites also with instruments of music of Yehovah, which David the king had made to give thanks to Yehovah (for his lovingkindness endures for ever), when David praised by their ministry: and the priests sounded trumpets before them; and all Israel stood. 7Moreover Solomon consecrated the middle of the court that was before the house of Yehovah; for there he offered the burnt-offerings, and the fat of the peace-offerings, because the bronze altar which Solomon had made was not able to receive the burnt-offering, and the meal-offering, and the fat. 8So Solomon held the feast at that time seven days, and all Israel with him, a very great assembly, from the entrance of Hamath to the brook of Egypt. 9And on the eighth day they held a solemn assembly: for they kept the dedication of the altar seven days, and the feast seven days. 10And on the twenty-third day of the seventh month he sent the people away to their tents, joyful and glad of heart for the goodness that Yehovah had shown to David, and to Solomon, and to Israel his people. 11Thus Solomon finished the house of Yehovah, and the king's house: and all that came into Solomon's heart to make in the house of Yehovah, and in his own house, he successfully accomplished. 12And Yehovah appeared to Solomon by night, and said to him, I have heard your prayer, and have chosen this place for myself as a house of sacrifice. 13If I shut up the heavens so that there is no rain, or if I command the locust to devour the land, or if I send pestilence among my people; 14if my people, who are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land. 15Now my eyes shall be open, and my ears attentive, to the prayer that is made in this place. 16For now I have chosen and consecrated this house, that my name may be there for ever; and my eyes and my heart shall be there perpetually. 17And as for you, if you will walk before me as David your father walked, and do according to all that I have commanded you, and will keep my statutes and my ordinances; 18then I will establish the throne of your kingdom, according as I covenanted with David your

father, saying, You shall not lack a man to be ruler in Israel. 19But if you turn away, and forsake my statutes and my commandments which I have set before you, and shall go and serve other gods, and bow down to them; 20then I will pluck them up by the roots out of my land which I have given them; and this house, which I have consecrated for my name, I will cast out of my sight, and I will make it a proverb and a byword among all peoples. 21And this house, which is so high, everyone who passes by it shall be astonished, and shall say, Why has Yehovah done thus to this land, and to this house? 22And they shall answer, Because they forsook Yehovah, the God of their fathers, who brought them out of the land of Egypt, and laid hold on other gods, and bowed down to them, and served them: therefore he has brought all this evil upon them.

Chapter 8

1And it happened at the end of twenty years, in which Solomon had built the house of Yehovah, and his own house, 2that the cities which Huram had given to Solomon, Solomon built them, and caused the children of Israel to dwell there. 3And Solomon went to Hamath-zobah, and prevailed against it. 4And he built Tadmor in the wilderness, and all the store-cities, which he built in Hamath. 5Also he built Beth-horon the upper, and Beth-horon the lower, fortified cities, with walls, gates, and bars; 6and Baalath, and all the store-cities that Solomon had, and all the cities for his chariots, and the cities for his horsemen, and all that Solomon desired to build for his pleasure in Jerusalem, and in Lebanon, and in all the land of his dominion. 7As for all the people who were left of the Hittites, and the Amorites, and the Perizzites, and the Hivites, and the Jebusites, who were not of Israel; 8of their children who were left after them in the land, whom the children of Israel did not consume, of them Solomon raised a levy of bondservants to this day. 9But of the children of Israel Solomon made no servants for his work; but they were men of war, and chief of his captains, and rulers of his chariots and of his horsemen. 10And these were the chief officers of king Solomon, even two hundred and fifty, who bore rule over the people. 11And Solomon brought up the daughter of Pharaoh out of the city of David to the house that he had built for her; for he said, My wife shall not dwell in the house of David king of Israel, because the places are holy, to which the ark of Yehovah has come. 12Then Solomon offered burnt-offerings to Yehovah on the altar of Yehovah, which he had built before the porch, 13even as the duty of every day required, offering according to the commandment of Moses, on the sabbaths, and on the new moons, and on the set feasts, three times in the year, even in the feast of unleavened bread, and in the feast of weeks, and in the feast of tabernacles. 14And he appointed, according to the ordinance of David his father, the courses of the priests to their service, and the Levites to their offices, to praise, and to minister before the priests, as the duty of every day required; the doorkeepers also by their courses at every gate: for so David the man of God had commanded. 15And they did not depart from the commandment of the king to the priests and Levites concerning any matter, or concerning the treasures. 16Now all the work of Solomon was prepared to the day of the foundation of the house of Yehovah, and until it was finished. So the house of Yehovah was completed. 17Then Solomon went to Ezion-geber, and to Eloth, on the sea-shore in the land of Edom. 18And Huram sent him by the hands of his servants ships, and servants who had knowledge of the sea; and they came with the servants of Solomon to Ophir, and fetched from there four hundred and fifty talents of gold, and brought them to king Solomon.

Chapter 9

1And when the queen of Sheba heard of the fame of Solomon, she came to test Solomon with hard questions at Jerusalem, with a very great train, and camels that bore spices, and gold in abundance, and precious stones: and when she had come to Solomon, she talked with him of all that was in her heart. 2And Solomon answered all her questions; and there was not anything hidden from Solomon which he did not tell her. 3And when the queen of Sheba had seen the wisdom of Solomon, and the house that he had built, 4and the food of his table, and the sitting of his servants, and the attendance of his ministers, and their apparel, his cupbearers also, and their apparel, and his ascent by which he went up to the house of Yehovah; there was no more spirit in her. 5And she said to the king, It was a true report that I heard in my own land of your acts, and of your wisdom. 6However, I did not believe their words, until I came, and my eyes had seen it; and, behold, the half of the greatness of your wisdom was not told me: you exceed the fame that I heard. 7Happy are your men, and happy are these your servants, who stand continually before you, and hear your wisdom. 8Blessed be Yehovah your God, who delighted in you,

to set you on his throne, to be king for Yehovah your God: because your God loved Israel, to establish them for ever, therefore he made you king over them, to do justice and righteousness. 9And she gave the king a hundred and twenty talents of gold, and spices in great abundance, and precious stones: neither was there any such spice as the queen of Sheba gave to king Solomon. 10And the servants also of Huram, and the servants of Solomon, who brought gold from Ophir, brought algum-trees and precious stones. 11And the king made of the algum-trees terraces for the house of Yehovah, and for the king's house, and harps and psalteries for the singers: and there were none such seen before in the land of Judah. 12And king Solomon gave to the queen of Sheba all her desire, whatever she asked, besides that which she had brought to the king. So she turned, and went to her own land, she and her servants. 13Now the weight of gold that came to Solomon in one year was six hundred and sixty-six talents of gold, 14besides that which the traders and merchants brought: and all the kings of Arabia and the governors of the country brought gold and silver to Solomon. 15And king Solomon made two hundred bucklers of beaten gold; six hundred shekels of beaten gold went to one buckler. 16And he made three hundred shields of beaten gold; three hundred shekels of gold went to one shield: and the king put them in the house of the forest of Lebanon. 17Moreover the king made a great throne of ivory, and overlaid it with pure gold. 18And there were six steps to the throne, with a footstool of gold, which were fastened to the throne, and armrests on either side by the place of the seat, and two lions standing beside the armrests. 19And 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. 20And 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: silver was accounted as nothing in the days of Solomon. 21For the king had ships that went to Tarshish with the servants of Huram; once every three years the ships of Tarshish came, bringing gold, and silver, ivory, and apes, and peacocks. 22So king Solomon exceeded all the kings of the earth in riches and wisdom. 23And all the kings of the earth sought the presence of Solomon, to hear his wisdom, which God had put in his heart. 24And they brought every man his tribute, vessels of silver, and vessels of gold, and clothing, armor, and spices, horses, and mules, so much year by year. 25And Solomon had four thousand stalls for horses and chariots, and twelve thousand horsemen, which he stationed in the chariot cities, and with the king at Jerusalem. 26And he ruled over all the kings from the River even to the land of the Philistines, and to the border of Egypt. 27And the king made silver to be in Jerusalem as stones, and cedars he made to be as the sycamore-trees that are in the lowland, for abundance. 28And they brought horses for Solomon out of Egypt, and out of all lands. 29Now the rest of the acts of Solomon, first and last, are they not written in the history of Nathan the prophet, and in the prophecy of Ahijah the Shilonite, and in the visions of Iddo the seer concerning Jeroboam the son of Nebat? 30And Solomon reigned in Jerusalem over all Israel forty years. 31And Solomon slept with his fathers, and he was buried in the city of David his father: and Rehoboam his son reigned in his place.

Chapter 10

1And Rehoboam went to Shechem; for all Israel had come to Shechem to make him king. 2And it happened, when Jeroboam the son of Nebat heard of it (for he was in Egypt, where he had fled from the presence of king Solomon), that Jeroboam returned out of Egypt. 3And they sent and called him; and Jeroboam and all Israel came, and they spoke to Rehoboam, saying, 4Your father made our yoke grievous: now therefore make the grievous service of your father, and his heavy yoke which he put upon us, lighter, and we will serve you. 5And he said to them, Come back to me after three days. And the people departed. 6And king Rehoboam took counsel with the old men, who had stood before Solomon his father while he yet lived, saying, What counsel do you give me to return an answer to this people? 7And they spoke to him, saying, If you are kind to this people, and please them, and speak good words to them, then they will be your servants for ever. 8But he forsook the counsel of the old men which they had given him, and took counsel with the young men who had grown up with him, who stood before him. 9And he said to them, What counsel do you give, that we may return an answer to this people, who have spoken to me, saying, Make the yoke that your father put upon us lighter? 10And the young men who had grown up with him spoke to him, saying, Thus you shall say to the people who spoke to you, saying, Your father made our yoke heavy, but make it lighter for us; thus you shall say to them, My little finger is thicker than my father's loins. 11And now whereas my

father loaded you with a heavy yoke, I will add to your yoke: my father chastised you with whips, but I will chastise you with scorpions. 12So Jeroboam and all the people came to Rehoboam the third day, as the king had said, saying, Come back to me the third day. 13And the king answered them roughly; and king Rehoboam forsook the counsel of the old men, 14and spoke to them according to the counsel of the young men, saying, My father made your yoke heavy, but I will add to it: my father chastised you with whips, but I will chastise you with scorpions. 15So the king did not listen to the people; for it was brought about by God, that Yehovah might establish his word, which he spoke by Ahijah the Shilonite to Jeroboam the son of Nebat. 16And when all Israel saw that the king did not listen to them, the people answered the king, saying, What portion have we in David? neither have we inheritance in the son of Jesse: every man to your tents, O Israel: now see to your own house, David. So all Israel departed to their tents. 17But as for the children of Israel who dwelt in the cities of Judah, Rehoboam reigned over them. 18Then king Rehoboam sent Hadoram, who was over the men subject to taskwork; and the children of Israel stoned him to death with stones. And king Rehoboam made haste to get up into his chariot, to flee to Jerusalem. 19So Israel rebelled against the house of David to this day.

Chapter 11

1And when Rehoboam had come to Jerusalem, he assembled the house of Judah and Benjamin, a hundred and eighty thousand chosen men, who were warriors, to fight against Israel, to bring the kingdom back to Rehoboam. 2But the word of Yehovah came to Shemaiah the man of God, saying, 3Speak to Rehoboam the son of Solomon, king of Judah, and to all Israel in Judah and Benjamin, saying, 4Thus says Yehovah, You shall not go up, nor fight against your brothers: return every man to his house; for this thing is of me. So they listened to the words of Yehovah, and returned from going against Jeroboam. 5And Rehoboam dwelt in Jerusalem, and built cities for defense in Judah. 6He built Beth-lehem, and Etam, and Tekoa, 7And Beth-zur, and Soco, and Adullam, 8and Gath, and Mareshah, and Ziph, 9and Adoraim, and Lachish, and Azekah, 10and Zorah, and Aijalon, and Hebron, which are in Judah and in Benjamin, fortified cities. 11And he fortified the strongholds, and put captains in them, and stores of provisions, and oil and wine. 12And in every city he put shields and spears, and made them exceedingly strong. And Judah and Benjamin belonged to him. 13And the priests and the Levites who were in all Israel came to him out of all their territory. 14For the Levites left their pasture lands and their possession, and came to Judah and Jerusalem: for Jeroboam and his sons cast them off, that they should not execute the priest's office to Yehovah; 15and he appointed for himself priests for the high places, and for the goat idols, and for the calves which he had made. 16And after them, out of all the tribes of Israel, such as set their hearts to seek Yehovah, the God of Israel, came to Jerusalem to sacrifice to Yehovah, the God of their fathers. 17So they strengthened the kingdom of Judah, and made Rehoboam the son of Solomon strong, three years; for they walked three years in the way of David and Solomon. 18And Rehoboam took a wife for himself, Mahalath the daughter of Jerimoth the son of David, and of Abihail the daughter of Eliab the son of Jesse; 19and she bore him sons: Jeush, and Shemariah, and Zaham. 20And after her he took Maacah the daughter of Absalom; and she bore him Abijah, and Attai, and Ziza, and Shelomith. 21And Rehoboam loved Maacah the daughter of Absalom above all his wives and his concubines (for he took eighteen wives, and sixty concubines, and fathered twenty-eight sons and sixty daughters). 22And Rehoboam appointed Abijah the son of Maacah to be chief, even the prince among his brothers; for he intended to make him king. 23And he dealt wisely, and dispersed some of all his sons throughout all the lands of Judah and Benjamin, to every fortified city: and he gave them provisions in abundance. And he sought for them many wives.

Chapter 12

1And it happened, when the kingdom of Rehoboam was established, and he was strong, that he forsook the law of Yehovah, and all Israel with him. 2And it happened in the fifth year of king Rehoboam, that Shishak king of Egypt came up against Jerusalem, because they had trespassed against Yehovah, 3with twelve hundred chariots, and sixty thousand horsemen. And the people who came with him out of Egypt were without number: the Lubim, the Sukkiim, and the Ethiopians. 4And he took the fortified cities which pertained to Judah, and came to Jerusalem. 5Now Shemaiah the prophet came to Rehoboam, and to the princes of Judah, who were gathered together to Jerusalem because of Shishak, and said to them, Thus says Yehovah, You have

forsaken me, therefore I have also left you in the hand of Shishak. 6Then the princes of Israel and the king humbled themselves; and they said, Yehovah is righteous. 7And when Yehovah saw that they humbled themselves, the word of Yehovah came to Shemaiah, saying, They have humbled themselves: I will not destroy them; but I will grant them some deliverance, and my wrath shall not be poured out upon Jerusalem by the hand of Shishak. 8Nevertheless they shall be his servants, that they may know my service, and the service of the kingdoms of the countries. 9So Shishak king of Egypt came up against Jerusalem, and took away the treasures of the house of Yehovah, and the treasures of the king's house: he took all away: he took away also the shields of gold which Solomon had made. 10And king Rehoboam made in their place shields of bronze, and committed them to the hands of the captains of the guard, who kept the door of the king's house. 11And it was so, that, as often as the king entered into the house of Yehovah, the guard came and carried them, and brought them back into the guard-chamber. 12And when he humbled himself, the wrath of Yehovah turned from him, so as not to destroy him altogether: and moreover in Judah there were good things found. 13So king Rehoboam strengthened himself in Jerusalem, and reigned: for Rehoboam was forty-one years old when he began to reign, and he reigned seventeen years in Jerusalem, the city which Yehovah had chosen out of all the tribes of Israel, to put his name there: and his mother's name was Naamah the Ammonitess. 14And he did that which was evil, because he did not set his heart to seek Yehovah. 15Now the acts of Rehoboam, first and last, are they not written in the histories of Shemaiah the prophet and of Iddo the seer, after the manner of genealogies? And there were wars between Rehoboam and Jeroboam continually. 16And Rehoboam slept with his fathers, and was buried in the city of David: and Abijah his son reigned in his place.

Chapter 13

1In the eighteenth year of king Jeroboam Abijah began to reign over Judah. 2Three years he reigned in Jerusalem: and his mother's name was Micaiah the daughter of Uriel of Gibeah. And there was war between Abijah and Jeroboam. 3And Abijah joined battle with an army of valiant men of war, even four hundred thousand chosen men: and Jeroboam set the battle in array against him with eight hundred thousand chosen men, who were mighty men of valor. 4And Abijah stood up upon mount Zemaraim, which is in the hill-country of Ephraim, and said, Hear me, O Jeroboam and all Israel: 5Ought you not to know that Yehovah, the God of Israel, gave the kingdom over Israel to David for ever, even to him and to his sons by a covenant of salt? 6Yet Jeroboam the son of Nebat, the servant of Solomon the son of David, rose up, and rebelled against his lord. 7And there were gathered to him worthless men, base fellows, who strengthened themselves against Rehoboam the son of Solomon, when Rehoboam was young and tender-hearted, and could not withstand them. 8And now you think to withstand the kingdom of Yehovah in the hand of the sons of David; and you are a great multitude, and there are with you the golden calves which Jeroboam made you for gods. 9Have you not driven out the priests of Yehovah, the sons of Aaron, and the Levites, and made for yourselves priests after the manner of the peoples of other lands? so that whoever comes to consecrate himself with a young bullock and seven rams, the same may be a priest of those who are no gods. 10But as for us, Yehovah is our God, and we have not forsaken him; and we have priests ministering to Yehovah, the sons of Aaron, and the Levites in their work: 11and they burn to Yehovah every morning and every evening burnt-offerings and sweet incense: the showbread also they set in order upon the pure table; and the candlestick of gold with its lamps, to burn every evening: for we keep the charge of Yehovah our God; but you have forsaken him. 12And, behold, God is with us at our head, and his priests with the trumpets of alarm to sound an alarm against you. O children of Israel, do not fight against Yehovah, the God of your fathers; for you shall not prosper. 13But Jeroboam caused an ambush to come around behind them: so they were before Judah, and the ambush was behind them. 14And when Judah looked back, behold, the battle was before and behind them; and they cried to Yehovah, and the priests sounded with the trumpets. 15Then the men of Judah gave a shout: and as the men of Judah shouted, it happened, that God struck Jeroboam and all Israel before Abijah and Judah. 16And the children of Israel fled before Judah; and God delivered them into their hand. 17And Abijah and his people killed them with a great slaughter: so there fell slain of Israel five hundred thousand chosen men. 18Thus the children of Israel were subdued at that time, and the children of Judah

prevailed, because they relied upon Yehovah, the God of their fathers. 19And Abijah pursued after Jeroboam, and took cities from him, Beth-el with its towns, and Jeshanah with its towns, and Ephron with its towns. 20Neither did Jeroboam recover strength again in the days of Abijah: and Yehovah struck him, and he died. 21But Abijah grew mighty, and took to himself fourteen wives, and fathered twenty-two sons, and sixteen daughters. 22And the rest of the acts of Abijah, and his ways, and his sayings, are written in the commentary of the prophet Iddo.

Chapter 14

1So Abijah slept with his fathers, and they buried him in the city of David; and Asa his son reigned in his place. In his days the land was quiet ten years. 2And Asa did that which was good and right in the eyes of Yehovah his God: 3for he took away the foreign altars, and the high places, and broke down the pillars, and hewed down the Asherim, 4and commanded Judah to seek Yehovah, the God of their fathers, and to do the law and the commandment. 5Also he took away out of all the cities of Judah the high places and the sun-images: and the kingdom was quiet before him. 6And he built fortified cities in Judah; for the land was quiet, and he had no war in those years, because Yehovah had given him rest. 7For he said to Judah, Let us build these cities, and make about them walls, and towers, gates, and bars; the land is yet before us, because we have sought Yehovah our God; we have sought him, and he has given us rest on every side. So they built and prospered. 8And Asa had an army that bore bucklers and spears, out of Judah three hundred thousand; and out of Benjamin, that bore shields and drew bows, two hundred and eighty thousand: all these were mighty men of valor. 9And there came out against them Zerah the Ethiopian with an army of a thousand thousand, and three hundred chariots; and he came to Mareshah. 10Then Asa went out to meet him, and they set the battle in array in the valley of Zephathah at Mareshah. 11And Asa cried to Yehovah his God, and said, Yehovah, there is none besides you to help, between the mighty and him who has no strength: help us, O Yehovah our God; for we rely on you, and in your name we have come against this multitude. O Yehovah, you are our God; do not let man prevail against you. 12So Yehovah struck the Ethiopians before Asa, and before Judah; and the Ethiopians fled. 13And Asa and the people who were with him pursued them to Gerar: and there fell of the Ethiopians so many that they could not recover themselves; for they were destroyed before Yehovah, and before his host; and they carried away very much booty. 14And they struck all the cities around Gerar; for the fear of Yehovah came upon them: and they despoiled all the cities; for there was much spoil in them. 15They struck also the tents of cattle, and carried away sheep in abundance, and camels, and returned to Jerusalem.

Chapter 15

1And the Spirit of God came upon Azariah the son of Oded: 2and he went out to meet Asa, and said to him, Hear me, Asa, and all Judah and Benjamin: Yehovah is with you, while you are with him; and if you seek him, he will be found by you; but if you forsake him, he will forsake you. 3Now for a long time Israel was without the true God, and without a teaching priest, and without law: 4but when in their distress they turned to Yehovah, the God of Israel, and sought him, he was found by them. 5And in those times there was no peace to him who went out, nor to him who came in; but great vexations were upon all the inhabitants of the lands. 6And they were broken in pieces, nation against nation, and city against city; for God troubled them with all adversity. 7But be strong, and do not let your hands be slack; for your work shall be rewarded. 8And when Asa heard these words, and the prophecy of Oded the prophet, he took courage, and put away the abominations out of all the land of Judah and Benjamin, and out of the cities which he had taken from the hill-country of Ephraim; and he renewed the altar of Yehovah, which was before the porch of Yehovah. 9And he gathered all Judah and Benjamin, and those who sojourned with them out of Ephraim and Manasseh, and out of Simeon: for they deserted to him out of Israel in abundance, when they saw that Yehovah his God was with him. 10So they gathered themselves together at Jerusalem in the third month, in the fifteenth year of the reign of Asa. 11And they sacrificed to Yehovah in that day, of the spoil which they had brought, seven hundred oxen and seven thousand sheep. 12And they entered into the covenant to seek Yehovah, the God of their fathers, with all their heart and with all their soul; 13and that whoever would not seek Yehovah, the God of Israel, should be put to death, whether small or great, whether man or woman. 14And they swore to Yehovah with a loud voice, and with shouting, and with trumpets, and

with cornets. 15And all Judah rejoiced at the oath; for they had sworn with all their heart, and sought him with their whole desire; and he was found by them: and Yehovah gave them rest all around. 16And also Maacah, the mother of Asa the king, he removed from being queen, because she had made an abominable image for an Asherah; and Asa cut down her image, and made dust of it, and burnt it at the brook Kidron. 17But the high places were not taken away out of Israel: nevertheless the heart of Asa was perfect all his days. 18And he brought into the house of God the things that his father had dedicated, and that he himself had dedicated, silver, and gold, and vessels. 19And there was no more war to the thirty-fifth year of the reign of Asa.

Chapter 16

1In the thirty-sixth year of the reign of Asa, Baasha king of Israel went up against Judah, and built Ramah, that he might not allow anyone to go out or come in to Asa king of Judah. 2Then Asa brought out silver and gold out of the treasures of the house of Yehovah and of the king's house, and sent to Ben-hadad king of Syria, who dwelt at Damascus, saying, 3There is a league between me and you, as there was between my father and your father: behold, I have sent you silver and gold; go, break your league with Baasha king of Israel, that he may depart from me. 4And Ben-hadad listened to king Asa, and sent the captains of his armies against the cities of Israel; and they struck Ijon, and Dan, and Abel-maim, and all the store-cities of Naphtali. 5And it happened, when Baasha heard of it, that he left off building Ramah, and let his work cease. 6Then Asa the king took all Judah; and they carried away the stones of Ramah, and its timber, with which Baasha had been building; and he built with it Geba and Mizpah. 7And at that time Hanani the seer came to Asa king of Judah, and said to him, Because you have relied on the king of Syria, and have not relied on Yehovah your God, therefore the army of the king of Syria has escaped out of your hand. 8Were not the Ethiopians and the Lubim a huge army, with chariots and horsemen exceedingly many? yet, because you relied on Yehovah, he delivered them into your hand. 9For the eyes of Yehovah run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show himself strong on behalf of those whose heart is perfect toward him. In this you have done foolishly; for from now on you shall have wars. 10Then Asa was angry with the seer, and put him in the prison-house; for he was in a rage with him because of this thing. And Asa oppressed some of the people at the same time. 11And, behold, the acts of Asa, first and last, look, they are written in the book of the kings of Judah and Israel. 12And in the thirty-ninth year of his reign Asa was diseased in his feet; his disease was exceedingly great: yet in his disease he did not seek Yehovah, but to the physicians. 13And Asa slept with his fathers, and died in the forty-first year of his reign. 14And they buried him in his own sepulchres, which he had hewn out for himself in the city of David, and laid him in the bed which was filled with sweet odors and various kinds of spices prepared by the perfumers' art: and they made a very great burning for him.

Chapter 17

1And Jehoshaphat his son reigned in his place, and strengthened himself against Israel. 2And he placed forces in all the fortified cities of Judah, and set garrisons in the land of Judah, and in the cities of Ephraim, which Asa his father had taken. 3And Yehovah was with Jehoshaphat, because he walked in the first ways of his father David, and did not seek the Baalim, 4but sought the God of his father, and walked in his commandments, and not after the doings of Israel. 5Therefore Yehovah established the kingdom in his hand; and all Judah brought to Jehoshaphat tribute; and he had riches and honor in abundance. 6And his heart was lifted up in the ways of Yehovah: and furthermore he took away the high places and the Asherim out of Judah. 7Also in the third year of his reign he sent his princes, even Ben-hail, and Obadiah, and Zechariah, and Nethanel, and Micaiah, to teach in the cities of Judah; 8and with them the Levites, even Shemaiah, and Nethaniah, and Zebadiah, and Asahel, and Shemiramoth, and Jehonathan, and Adonijah, and Tobijah, and Tob-adonijah, the Levites; and with them Elishama and Jehoram, the priests. 9And they taught in Judah, having the book of the law of Yehovah with them; and they went about throughout all the cities of Judah, and taught among the people. 10And the fear of Yehovah fell upon all the kingdoms of the lands that were around Judah, so that they made no war against Jehoshaphat. 11And some of the Philistines brought Jehoshaphat presents, and silver for tribute; the Arabians also brought him flocks, seven thousand and seven hundred rams, and seven thousand and seven hundred he-goats. 12And Jehoshaphat grew exceedingly great; and he built in Judah castles and cities of store. 13And he had many

works in the cities of Judah; and men of war, mighty men of valor, in Jerusalem. 14And this was the numbering of them according to their fathers' houses: Of Judah, the captains of thousands: Adnah the captain, and with him mighty men of valor three hundred thousand; 15and next to him Jehohanan the captain, and with him two hundred and eighty thousand; 16and next to him Amasiah the son of Zichri, who willingly offered himself to Yehovah; and with him two hundred thousand mighty men of valor. 17And of Benjamin: Eliada a mighty man of valor, and with him two hundred thousand armed with bow and shield; 18and next to him Jehozabad, and with him a hundred and eighty thousand ready prepared for war. 19These were those who waited on the king, besides those whom the king put in the fortified cities throughout all Judah.

Chapter 18

1Now Jehoshaphat had riches and honor in abundance; and he made a marriage alliance with Ahab. 2And after certain years he went down to Ahab to Samaria. And Ahab killed sheep and oxen for him in abundance, and for the people who were with him, and induced him to go up with him to Ramoth-gilead. 3And Ahab king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat king of Judah, Will you go with me to Ramoth-gilead? And he answered him, I am as you are, and my people as your people; and we will be with you in the war. 4And Jehoshaphat said to the king of Israel, Inquire first, please, for the word of Yehovah. 5Then the king of Israel gathered the prophets together, four hundred men, and said to them, Shall we go to Ramoth-gilead to battle, or shall I refrain? And they said, Go up; for God will deliver it into the hand of the king. 6But Jehoshaphat said, Is there not here another prophet of Yehovah, that we may inquire of him? 7And the king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat, There is yet one man by whom we may inquire of Yehovah: but I hate him; for he never prophesies good concerning me, but always evil: the same is Micaiah the son of Imla. And Jehoshaphat said, Do not let the king say so. 8Then the king of Israel called an officer, and said, Fetch quickly Micaiah the son of Imla. 9Now the king of Israel and Jehoshaphat the king of Judah sat each on his throne, arrayed in their robes, and they were sitting in an open place at the entrance of the gate of Samaria; and all the prophets were prophesying before them. 10And Zedekiah the son of Chenaanah made for himself horns of iron and said, Thus says Yehovah, With these you shall gore the Syrians, until they are consumed. 11And all the prophets prophesied so, saying, Go up to Ramoth-gilead, and prosper; for Yehovah will deliver it into the hand of the king. 12And the messenger who went to call Micaiah spoke to him, saying, Behold, the words of the prophets declare good to the king with one mouth: let your word therefore, please, be like one of theirs, and speak good. 13And Micaiah said, As Yehovah lives, what my God says, that I will speak. 14And when he had come to the king, the king said to him, Micaiah, shall we go to Ramoth-gilead to battle, or shall I refrain? And he said, Go up, and prosper; and they shall be delivered into your hand. 15And the king said to him, How many times shall I adjure you that you speak to me nothing but the truth in the name of Yehovah? 16And he said, I saw all Israel scattered upon the mountains, as sheep that have no shepherd: and Yehovah said, These have no master; let them return every man to his house in peace. 17And the king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat, Did I not tell you that he would not prophesy good concerning me, but evil? 18And Micaiah said, Therefore hear the word of Yehovah: I saw Yehovah sitting upon his throne, and all the host of heaven standing on his right hand and on his left. 19And Yehovah said, Who shall entice Ahab king of Israel, that he may go up and fall at Ramoth-gilead? And one spoke saying after this manner, and another saying after that manner. 20And there came out a spirit, and stood before Yehovah, and said, I will entice him. And Yehovah said to him, With what? 21And he said, I will go out, and will be a lying spirit in the mouth of all his prophets. And he said, You shall entice him, and shall prevail also: go out, and do so. 22Now therefore, behold, Yehovah has put a lying spirit in the mouth of these your prophets; and Yehovah has spoken evil concerning you. 23Then Zedekiah the son of Chenaanah came near, and struck Micaiah upon the cheek, and said, Which way did the Spirit of Yehovah go from me to speak to you? 24And Micaiah said, Behold, you shall see on that day, when you shall go into an inner chamber to hide yourself. 25And the king of Israel said, Take Micaiah, and carry him back to Amon the governor of the city, and to Joash the king's son; 26and say, Thus says the king, Put this fellow in the prison, and feed him with bread of affliction and with water of affliction, until I return in peace. 27And Micaiah said, If you return at all in peace, Yehovah has not spoken by me. And he said, Hear, you peoples, all of you. 28So the king of Israel

and Jehoshaphat the king of Judah went up to Ramoth-gilead. 29And the king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat, I will disguise myself, and go into the battle; but put on your robes. So the king of Israel disguised himself; and they went into the battle. 30Now the king of Syria had commanded the captains of his chariots, saying, Fight neither with small nor great, except only with the king of Israel. 31And it happened, when the captains of the chariots saw Jehoshaphat, that they said, It is the king of Israel. Therefore they turned about to fight against him: but Jehoshaphat cried out, and Yehovah helped him; and God moved them to depart from him. 32And it happened, when the captains of the chariots saw that it was not the king of Israel, that they turned back from pursuing him. 33And a certain man drew his bow at random, and struck the king of Israel between the joints of the armor: therefore he said to the driver of the chariot, Turn your hand, and carry me out of the army; for I am severely wounded. 34And the battle increased that day: however, the king of Israel propped himself up in his chariot facing the Syrians until the evening; and about the time of the going down of the sun he died.

Chapter 19

1And Jehoshaphat the king of Judah returned to his house in peace to Jerusalem. 2And Jehu the son of Hanani the seer went out to meet him, and said to king Jehoshaphat, Should you help the wicked, and love those who hate Yehovah? for this thing wrath is upon you from before Yehovah. 3Nevertheless there are good things found in you, in that you have put away the Asheroth out of the land, and have set your heart to seek God. 4And Jehoshaphat dwelt at Jerusalem: and he went out again among the people from Beer-sheba to the hill-country of Ephraim, and brought them back to Yehovah, the God of their fathers. 5And he set judges in the land throughout all the fortified cities of Judah, city by city, 6and said to the judges, Consider what you do: for you do not judge for man, but for Yehovah; and he is with you in the judgment. 7Now therefore let the fear of Yehovah be upon you; take heed and do it: for there is no iniquity with Yehovah our God, nor partiality, nor taking of bribes. 8Moreover in Jerusalem Jehoshaphat appointed some of the Levites and the priests, and of the heads of the fathers' houses of Israel, for the judgment of Yehovah, and for controversies. And they returned to Jerusalem. 9And he charged them, saying, Thus you shall do in the fear of Yehovah, faithfully, and with a perfect heart. 10And whenever any controversy shall come to you from your brothers who dwell in their cities, between blood and blood, between law and commandment, statutes and ordinances, you shall warn them, that they may not be guilty toward Yehovah, and so wrath come upon you and upon your brothers: do this, and you shall not be guilty. 11And, behold, Amariah the chief priest is over you in all matters of Yehovah; and Zebadiah the son of Ishmael, the ruler of the house of Judah, in all the king's matters: also the Levites shall be officers before you. Deal courageously, and Yehovah be with the good.

Chapter 20

1And it happened after this, that the children of Moab, and the children of Ammon, and with them some of the Ammonites, came against Jehoshaphat to battle. 2Then some came who told Jehoshaphat, saying, There comes a great multitude against you from beyond the sea from Syria; and, behold, they are in Hazazon-tamar (the same is En-gedi). 3And Jehoshaphat feared, and set himself to seek Yehovah; and he proclaimed a fast throughout all Judah. 4And Judah gathered themselves together, to seek help from Yehovah: even out of all the cities of Judah they came to seek Yehovah. 5And Jehoshaphat stood in the assembly of Judah and Jerusalem, in the house of Yehovah, before the new court; 6and he said, O Yehovah, the God of our fathers, are you not God in heaven? and are you not ruler over all the kingdoms of the nations? and in your hand is power and might, so that none is able to withstand you. 7Did you not, O our God, drive out the inhabitants of this land before your people Israel, and give it to the seed of Abraham your friend for ever? 8And they dwelt in it, and have built for you a sanctuary in it for your name, saying, 9If evil comes upon us, the sword, judgment, or pestilence, or famine, we will stand before this house, and before you (for your name is in this house), and cry to you in our affliction, and you will hear and save. 10And now, behold, the children of Ammon and Moab and mount Seir, whom you would not let Israel invade, when they came out of the land of Egypt, but they turned aside from them, and did not destroy them; 11behold, how they reward us, to come to cast us out of your possession, which you have given us to inherit. 12O our God, will you not judge them? for we have no might against this great company that comes against us; nor do we know what to do: but our eyes are upon you. 13And all

Judah stood before Yehovah, with their little ones, their wives, and their children. 14Then the Spirit of Yehovah came upon Jahaziel the son of Zechariah, the son of Benaiah, the son of Jeiel, the son of Mattaniah, the Levite, of the sons of Asaph, in the midst of the assembly; 15and he said, Listen, all Judah, and you inhabitants of Jerusalem, and you king Jehoshaphat: Thus says Yehovah to you, Do not fear, nor be dismayed by reason of this great multitude; for the battle is not yours, but God's. 16Tomorrow go down against them: behold, they come up by the ascent of Ziz; and you shall find them at the end of the valley, before the wilderness of Jeruel. 17You shall not need to fight in this battle: set yourselves, stand still, and see the salvation of Yehovah with you, O Judah and Jerusalem; do not fear, nor be dismayed: tomorrow go out against them; for Yehovah is with you. 18And Jehoshaphat bowed his head with his face to the ground; and all Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem fell down before Yehovah, worshiping Yehovah. 19And the Levites, of the children of the Kohathites and of the children of the Korahites, stood up to praise Yehovah, the God of Israel, with an exceedingly loud voice. 20And they rose early in the morning, and went out into the wilderness of Tekoa: and as they went out, Jehoshaphat stood and said, Hear me, O Judah, and you inhabitants of Jerusalem: believe in Yehovah your God, so you shall be established; believe his prophets, so you shall prosper. 21And when he had taken counsel with the people, he appointed those who should sing to Yehovah, and give praise in holy array, as they went out before the army, and say, Give thanks to Yehovah; for his lovingkindness endures for ever. 22And when they began to sing and to praise, Yehovah set ambushes against the children of Ammon, Moab, and mount Seir, who had come against Judah; and they were struck down. 23For the children of Ammon and Moab stood up against the inhabitants of mount Seir, to utterly kill and destroy them: and when they had made an end of the inhabitants of Seir, every one helped to destroy another. 24And when Judah came to the watch-tower of the wilderness, they looked upon the multitude; and, behold, they were dead bodies fallen to the earth, and there were none who escaped. 25And when Jehoshaphat and his people came to take the spoil of them, they found among them in abundance both riches and dead bodies, and precious jewels, which they stripped off for themselves, more than they could carry away: and they were three days in taking the spoil, it was so much. 26And on the fourth day they assembled themselves in the valley of Beracah; for there they blessed Yehovah: therefore the name of that place was called The valley of Beracah to this day. 27Then they returned, every man of Judah and Jerusalem, and Jehoshaphat in the forefront of them, to go back to Jerusalem with joy; for Yehovah had made them rejoice over their enemies. 28And they came to Jerusalem with psalteries and harps and trumpets to the house of Yehovah. 29And the fear of God was on all the kingdoms of the countries, when they heard that Yehovah fought against the enemies of Israel. 30So the realm of Jehoshaphat was quiet; for his God gave him rest all around. 31And Jehoshaphat reigned over Judah: he was thirty-five years old when he began to reign; and he reigned twenty-five years in Jerusalem: and his mother's name was Azubah the daughter of Shilhi. 32And he walked in the way of Asa his father, and did not turn aside from it, doing that which was right in the eyes of Yehovah. 33However, the high places were not taken away; neither as yet had the people set their hearts to the God of their fathers. 34Now the rest of the acts of Jehoshaphat, first and last, behold, they are written in the history of Jehu the son of Hanani, which is inserted in the book of the kings of Israel. 35And after this Jehoshaphat king of Judah joined himself with Ahaziah king of Israel; the same did very wickedly: 36and he joined himself with him to make ships to go to Tarshish; and they made the ships in Ezion-geber. 37Then Eliezer the son of Dodavahu of Mareshah prophesied against Jehoshaphat, saying, Because you have joined yourself with Ahaziah, Yehovah has destroyed your works. And the ships were broken, so that they were not able to go to Tarshish.

Chapter 21

1And Jehoshaphat slept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the city of David: and Jehoram his son reigned in his place. 2And he had brothers, the sons of Jehoshaphat: Azariah, and Jehiel, and Zechariah, and Azariah, and Michael, and Shephatiah; all these were the sons of Jehoshaphat king of Israel. 3And their father gave them great gifts, of silver, and of gold, and of precious things, with fortified cities in Judah: but the kingdom he gave to Jehoram, because he was the first-born. 4Now when Jehoram had risen up over the kingdom of his father, and had strengthened himself, he killed all his brothers with the sword, and also some of the princes

of Israel. 5Jehoram was thirty-two years old when he began to reign; and he reigned eight years in Jerusalem. 6And he walked in the way of the kings of Israel, as did the house of Ahab; for he had the daughter of Ahab as wife: and he did that which was evil in the sight of Yehovah. 7However, Yehovah would not destroy the house of David, because of the covenant that he had made with David, and as he promised to give a lamp to him and to his children always. 8In his days Edom revolted from under the hand of Judah, and made a king over themselves. 9Then Jehoram passed over with his captains, and all his chariots with him: and he rose up by night, and struck the Edomites who surrounded him, and the captains of the chariots. 10So Edom revolted from under the hand of Judah to this day: then Libnah revolted at the same time from under his hand, because he had forsaken Yehovah, the God of his fathers. 11Moreover he made high places in the mountains of Judah, and made the inhabitants of Jerusalem play the prostitute, and led Judah astray. 12And there came a writing to him from Elijah the prophet, saying, Thus says Yehovah, the God of David your father, Because you have not walked in the ways of Jehoshaphat your father, nor in the ways of Asa king of Judah, 13but have walked in the way of the kings of Israel, and have made Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem play the prostitute, just as the house of Ahab did, and also have killed your brothers of your father's house, who were better than yourself: 14behold, Yehovah will strike with a great plague your people, and your children, and your wives, and all your substance; 15and you shall have great sickness by disease of your bowels, until your bowels fall out by reason of the sickness, day by day. 16And Yehovah stirred up against Jehoram the spirit of the Philistines, and of the Arabians who are beside the Ethiopians: 17and they came up against Judah, and broke into it, and carried away all the substance that was found in the king's house, and his sons also, and his wives; so that there was not a son left to him, except Jehoahaz, the youngest of his sons. 18And after all this Yehovah struck him in his bowels with an incurable disease. 19And it happened, in process of time, at the end of two years, that his bowels fell out by reason of his sickness, and he died of severe diseases. And his people made no burning for him, like the burning of his fathers. 20He was thirty-two years old when he began to reign, and he reigned in Jerusalem eight years: and he departed without being desired; and they buried him in the city of David, but not in the sepulchres of the kings.

Chapter 22

1And the inhabitants of Jerusalem made Ahaziah his youngest son king in his place; for the band of men who came with the Arabians to the camp had killed all the eldest. So Ahaziah the son of Jehoram king of Judah reigned. 2Ahaziah was forty-two years old when he began to reign; and he reigned one year in Jerusalem: and his mother's name was Athaliah the daughter of Omri. 3He also walked in the ways of the house of Ahab; for his mother was his counselor to do wickedly. 4And he did that which was evil in the sight of Yehovah, as did the house of Ahab; for they were his counselors after the death of his father, to his destruction. 5He walked also according to their counsel, and went with Jehoram the son of Ahab king of Israel to war against Hazael king of Syria at Ramoth-gilead: and the Syrians wounded Joram. 6And he returned to be healed in Jezreel of the wounds which they had given him at Ramah, when he fought against Hazael king of Syria. And Azariah the son of Jehoram king of Judah went down to see Jehoram the son of Ahab in Jezreel, because he was sick. 7Now the destruction of Ahaziah was from God, in that he went to Joram: for when he had come, he went out with Jehoram against Jehu the son of Nimshi, whom Yehovah had anointed to cut off the house of Ahab. 8And it happened, when Jehu was executing judgment upon the house of Ahab, that he found the princes of Judah, and the sons of the brothers of Ahaziah, ministering to Ahaziah, and killed them. 9And he sought Ahaziah, and they caught him (now he was hiding in Samaria), and they brought him to Jehu, and killed him; and they buried him, for they said, He is the son of Jehoshaphat, who sought Yehovah with all his heart. And the house of Ahaziah had no power to hold the kingdom. 10Now when Athaliah the mother of Ahaziah saw that her son was dead, she arose and destroyed all the royal seed of the house of Judah. 11But Jehoshabeath, the daughter of the king, took Joash the son of Ahaziah, and stole him away from among the king's sons who were slain, and put him and his nurse in the bedchamber. So Jehoshabeath, the daughter of king Jehoram, the wife of Jehoiada the priest (for she was the sister of Ahaziah), hid him from Athaliah, so that she did not kill him. 12And he was with them, hidden in the house of God, six years: and Athaliah reigned over the land.

Chapter 23

[1]And in the seventh year Jehoiada strengthened himself, and took the captains of hundreds, Azariah the son of Jeroham, and Ishmael the son of Jehohanan, and Azariah the son of Obed, and Maaseiah the son of Adaiah, and Elishaphat the son of Zichri, into covenant with him. [2]And they went about in Judah, and gathered the Levites out of all the cities of Judah, and the heads of fathers' houses of Israel, and they came to Jerusalem. [3]And all the assembly made a covenant with the king in the house of God. And he said to them, Behold, the king's son shall reign, as Yehovah has spoken concerning the sons of David. [4]This is the thing that you shall do: a third part of you, who come in on the sabbath, of the priests and of the Levites, shall be gatekeepers of the thresholds; [5]and a third part shall be at the king's house; and a third part at the gate of the foundation: and all the people shall be in the courts of the house of Yehovah. [6]But let none come into the house of Yehovah, except the priests, and those of the Levites who minister; they shall come in, for they are holy: but all the people shall keep the charge of Yehovah. [7]And the Levites shall surround the king, every man with his weapons in his hand; and whoever comes into the house, let him be slain: and be with the king when he comes in, and when he goes out. [8]So the Levites and all Judah did according to all that Jehoiada the priest commanded: and they took every man his men, those who were to come in on the sabbath, with those who were to go out on the sabbath; for Jehoiada the priest did not dismiss the courses. [9]And Jehoiada the priest delivered to the captains of hundreds the spears, and bucklers, and shields, which had been king David's, which were in the house of God. [10]And he set all the people, every man with his weapon in his hand, from the right side of the house to the left side of the house, along by the altar and the house, around the king. [11]Then they brought out the king's son, and put the crown upon him, and gave him the testimony, and made him king: and Jehoiada and his sons anointed him; and they said, Long live the king. [12]And when Athaliah heard the noise of the people running and praising the king, she came to the people into the house of Yehovah: [13]and she looked, and, behold, the king stood by his pillar at the entrance, and the captains and the trumpets by the king; and all the people of the land rejoiced, and blew trumpets; the singers also played on instruments of music, and led the singing of praise. Then Athaliah tore her clothes, and said, Treason! treason! [14]And Jehoiada the priest brought out the captains of hundreds who were set over the army, and said to them, Bring her out between the ranks; and whoever follows her, let him be slain with the sword: for the priest said, Do not kill her in the house of Yehovah. [15]So they made way for her; and she went to the entrance of the horse gate to the king's house: and they killed her there. [16]And Jehoiada made a covenant between himself, and all the people, and the king, that they should be Yehovah's people. [17]And all the people went to the house of Baal, and broke it down, and broke his altars and his images in pieces, and killed Mattan the priest of Baal before the altars. [18]And Jehoiada appointed the officers of the house of Yehovah under the hand of the priests the Levites, whom David had distributed in the house of Yehovah, to offer the burnt-offerings of Yehovah, as it is written in the law of Moses, with rejoicing and with singing, according to the order of David. [19]And he set the gatekeepers at the gates of the house of Yehovah, that none who was unclean in anything should enter in. [20]And he took the captains of hundreds, and the nobles, and the governors of the people, and all the people of the land, and brought down the king from the house of Yehovah: and they came through the upper gate to the king's house, and set the king upon the throne of the kingdom. [21]So all the people of the land rejoiced, and the city was quiet. And Athaliah they had killed with the sword.

Chapter 24

[1]Joash was seven years old when he began to reign; and he reigned forty years in Jerusalem: and his mother's name was Zibiah, of Beer-sheba. [2]And Joash did that which was right in the eyes of Yehovah all the days of Jehoiada the priest. [3]And Jehoiada took two wives for him; and he fathered sons and daughters. [4]And it happened after this, that Joash intended to restore the house of Yehovah. [5]And he gathered together the priests and the Levites, and said to them, Go out to the cities of Judah, and gather money from all Israel to repair the house of your God from year to year; and see that you hasten the matter. However, the Levites did not hasten it. [6]And the king called for Jehoiada the chief, and said to him, Why have you not required of the Levites to bring in out of Judah and out of Jerusalem the tax of Moses the servant of Yehovah, and of the assembly of Israel, for the tent of the testimony? [7]For the sons of Athaliah,

that wicked woman, had broken up the house of God; and also all the dedicated things of the house of Yehovah they bestowed upon the Baalim. 8So the king commanded, and they made a chest, and set it outside at the gate of the house of Yehovah. 9And they made a proclamation through Judah and Jerusalem, to bring in for Yehovah the tax that Moses the servant of God laid upon Israel in the wilderness. 10And all the princes and all the people rejoiced, and brought in, and cast into the chest, until they had made an end. 11And it was so, that, whenever the chest was brought to the king's officers by the hand of the Levites, and when they saw that there was much money, the king's scribe and the chief priest's officer came and emptied the chest, and took it, and carried it back to its place. Thus they did day by day, and gathered money in abundance. 12And the king and Jehoiada gave it to such as did the work of the service of the house of Yehovah; and they hired masons and carpenters to restore the house of Yehovah, and also such as worked iron and bronze to repair the house of Yehovah. 13So the workmen worked, and the work of repairing went forward in their hands, and they set up the house of God in its state, and strengthened it. 14And when they had made an end, they brought the rest of the money before the king and Jehoiada, of which were made vessels for the house of Yehovah, even vessels with which to minister and to offer, and spoons, and vessels of gold and silver. And they offered burnt-offerings in the house of Yehovah continually all the days of Jehoiada. 15But Jehoiada grew old and was full of days, and he died; he was a hundred and thirty years old when he died. 16And they buried him in the city of David among the kings, because he had done good in Israel, and toward God and his house. 17Now after the death of Jehoiada the princes of Judah came, and made obeisance to the king. Then the king listened to them. 18And they forsook the house of Yehovah, the God of their fathers, and served the Asherim and the idols: and wrath came upon Judah and Jerusalem for this their guiltiness. 19Yet he sent prophets to them, to bring them back to Yehovah; and they testified against them: but they would not give ear. 20And the Spirit of God came upon Zechariah the son of Jehoiada the priest; and he stood above the people, and said to them, Thus says God, Why do you transgress the commandments of Yehovah, so that you cannot prosper? because you have forsaken Yehovah, he has also forsaken you. 21And they conspired against him, and stoned him with stones at the commandment of the king in the court of the house of Yehovah. 22Thus Joash the king did not remember the kindness which Jehoiada his father had done to him, but killed his son. And when he died, he said, Yehovah look upon it, and require it. 23And it happened at the end of the year, that the army of the Syrians came up against him: and they came to Judah and Jerusalem, and destroyed all the princes of the people from among the people, and sent all the spoil of them to the king of Damascus. 24For the army of the Syrians came with a small company of men; and Yehovah delivered a very great army into their hand, because they had forsaken Yehovah, the God of their fathers. So they executed judgment upon Joash. 25And when they had departed from him (for they left him very sick), his own servants conspired against him for the blood of the sons of Jehoiada the priest, and killed him on his bed, and he died; and they buried him in the city of David, but they did not bury him in the sepulchres of the kings. 26And these are those who conspired against him: Zabad the son of Shimeath the Ammonitess, and Jehozabad the son of Shimrith the Moabitess. 27Now concerning his sons, and the greatness of the burdens laid upon him, and the rebuilding of the house of God, behold, they are written in the commentary of the book of the kings. And Amaziah his son reigned in his place.

Chapter 25

1Amaziah was twenty-five years old when he began to reign; and he reigned twenty-nine years in Jerusalem: and his mother's name was Jehoaddan, of Jerusalem. 2And he did that which was right in the eyes of Yehovah, but not with a perfect heart. 3Now it happened, when the kingdom was established to him, that he killed his servants who had killed the king his father. 4But he did not put their children to death, but did according to that which is written in the law in the book of Moses, as Yehovah commanded, saying, The fathers shall not die for the children, neither shall the children die for the fathers; but every man shall die for his own sin. 5Moreover Amaziah gathered Judah together, and ordered them according to their fathers' houses, under captains of thousands and captains of hundreds, even all Judah and Benjamin: and he numbered them from twenty years old and upward, and found them three hundred thousand chosen men, able to go out to war, who could handle spear and shield. 6He hired also a hundred thousand

mighty men of valor out of Israel for a hundred talents of silver. 7But there came a man of God to him, saying, O king, do not let the army of Israel go with you; for Yehovah is not with Israel, that is, with all the children of Ephraim. 8But if you will go, do valiantly, be strong for the battle: God will cast you down before the enemy; for God has power to help, and to cast down. 9And Amaziah said to the man of God, But what shall we do for the hundred talents which I have given to the army of Israel? And the man of God answered, Yehovah is able to give you much more than this. 10Then Amaziah separated them, that is, the army that had come to him out of Ephraim, to go home again: therefore their anger was greatly kindled against Judah, and they returned home in fierce anger. 11And Amaziah took courage, and led out his people, and went to the Valley of Salt, and struck down ten thousand of the children of Seir. 12And another ten thousand the children of Judah carried away alive, and brought them to the top of the rock, and cast them down from the top of the rock, so that they were all broken in pieces. 13But the men of the army whom Amaziah sent back, that they should not go with him to battle, fell upon the cities of Judah, from Samaria even to Beth-horon, and struck down three thousand of them, and took much spoil. 14Now it happened, after Amaziah had come from the slaughter of the Edomites, that he brought the gods of the children of Seir, and set them up to be his gods, and bowed himself down before them, and burned incense to them. 15Therefore the anger of Yehovah was kindled against Amaziah, and he sent to him a prophet, who said to him, Why have you sought after the gods of the people, which have not delivered their own people out of your hand? 16And it happened, as he talked with him, that the king said to him, Have we made you of the king's counsel? stop; why should you be struck down? Then the prophet stopped, and said, I know that God has determined to destroy you, because you have done this, and have not listened to my counsel. 17Then Amaziah king of Judah took advice, and sent to Joash, the son of Jehoahaz the son of Jehu, king of Israel, saying, Come, let us look one another in the face. 18And Joash king of Israel sent to Amaziah king of Judah, saying, The thistle that was in Lebanon sent to the cedar that was in Lebanon, saying, Give your daughter to my son as wife: and there passed by a wild beast that was in Lebanon, and trod down the thistle. 19You say, Look, you have struck Edom; and your heart lifts you up to boast: remain now at home; why should you meddle to your hurt, that you should fall, even you, and Judah with you? 20But Amaziah would not hear; for it was from God, that he might deliver them into the hand of their enemies, because they had sought after the gods of Edom. 21So Joash king of Israel went up; and he and Amaziah king of Judah looked one another in the face at Beth-shemesh, which belongs to Judah. 22And Judah was defeated before Israel; and they fled every man to his tent. 23And Joash king of Israel took Amaziah king of Judah, the son of Joash the son of Jehoahaz, at Beth-shemesh, and brought him to Jerusalem, and broke down the wall of Jerusalem from the gate of Ephraim to the corner gate, four hundred cubits. 24And he took all the gold and silver, and all the vessels that were found in the house of God with Obed-edom, and the treasures of the king's house, the hostages also, and returned to Samaria. 25And Amaziah the son of Joash king of Judah lived after the death of Joash son of Jehoahaz king of Israel fifteen years. 26Now the rest of the acts of Amaziah, first and last, behold, are they not written in the book of the kings of Judah and Israel? 27Now from the time that Amaziah turned away from following Yehovah they made a conspiracy against him in Jerusalem; and he fled to Lachish: but they sent after him to Lachish, and killed him there. 28And they brought him upon horses, and buried him with his fathers in the city of Judah.

Chapter 26

1And all the people of Judah took Uzziah, who was sixteen years old, and made him king in the place of his father Amaziah. 2He built Eloth, and restored it to Judah, after the king slept with his fathers. 3Uzziah was sixteen years old when he began to reign; and he reigned fifty-two years in Jerusalem: and his mother's name was Jechiliah, of Jerusalem. 4And he did that which was right in the eyes of Yehovah, according to all that his father Amaziah had done. 5And he set himself to seek God in the days of Zechariah, who had understanding in the vision of God: and as long as he sought Yehovah, God made him prosper. 6And he went out and made war against the Philistines, and broke down the wall of Gath, and the wall of Jabneh, and the wall of Ashdod; and he built cities in the country of Ashdod, and among the Philistines. 7And God helped him against the Philistines, and against the Arabians who dwelt in Gur-baal, and the Meunim. 8And the Ammonites

gave tribute to Uzziah: and his name spread abroad even to the entrance of Egypt; for he grew exceedingly strong. 9Moreover Uzziah built towers in Jerusalem at the corner gate, and at the valley gate, and at the turning of the wall, and fortified them. 10And he built towers in the wilderness, and hewed out many cisterns, for he had many cattle; in the lowland also, and in the plain: and he had farmers and vinedressers in the mountains and in the fruitful fields; for he loved the soil. 11Moreover Uzziah had an army of fighting men, who went out to war by bands, according to the number of their reckoning made by Jeiel the scribe and Maaseiah the officer, under the hand of Hananiah, one of the king's captains. 12The whole number of the heads of fathers' houses, even the mighty men of valor, was two thousand six hundred. 13And under their hand was an army, three hundred and seven thousand five hundred, who made war with mighty power, to help the king against the enemy. 14And Uzziah prepared for them, even for all the army, shields, and spears, and helmets, and coats of mail, and bows, and stones for slinging. 15And he made in Jerusalem machines, invented by skillful men, to be on the towers and upon the battlements, with which to shoot arrows and great stones. And his name spread far abroad; for he was marvelously helped, until he was strong. 16But when he was strong, his heart was lifted up, so that he did corruptly, and he trespassed against Yehovah his God; for he went into the temple of Yehovah to burn incense upon the altar of incense. 17And Azariah the priest went in after him, and with him eighty priests of Yehovah, who were valiant men: 18and they withstood Uzziah the king, and said to him, It does not pertain to you, Uzziah, to burn incense to Yehovah, but to the priests the sons of Aaron, who are consecrated to burn incense: go out of the sanctuary; for you have trespassed; neither shall it be for your honor from Yehovah God. 19Then Uzziah was angry; and he had a censer in his hand to burn incense; and while he was angry with the priests, the leprosy broke out on his forehead before the priests in the house of Yehovah, beside the altar of incense. 20And Azariah the chief priest, and all the priests, looked upon him, and, behold, he was leprous in his forehead, and they thrust him out quickly from there; indeed, he himself also hurried to go out, because Yehovah had struck him. 21And Uzziah the king was a leper to the day of his death, and dwelt in a separate house, being a leper; for he was cut off from the house of Yehovah: and Jotham his son was over the king's house, judging the people of the land. 22Now the rest of the acts of Uzziah, first and last, Isaiah the prophet, the son of Amoz, wrote. 23So Uzziah slept with his fathers; and they buried him with his fathers in the field of burial which belonged to the kings; for they said, He is a leper: and Jotham his son reigned in his place.

Chapter 27

1Jotham was twenty-five years old when he began to reign; and he reigned sixteen years in Jerusalem: and his mother's name was Jerushah the daughter of Zadok. 2And he did that which was right in the eyes of Yehovah, according to all that his father Uzziah had done: however, he did not enter into the temple of Yehovah. And the people still acted corruptly. 3He built the upper gate of the house of Yehovah, and on the wall of Ophel he built much. 4Moreover he built cities in the hill-country of Judah, and in the forests he built castles and towers. 5He fought also with the king of the children of Ammon, and prevailed against them. And the children of Ammon gave him the same year a hundred talents of silver, and ten thousand measures of wheat, and ten thousand of barley. So much the children of Ammon rendered to him, in the second year also, and in the third. 6So Jotham became mighty, because he ordered his ways before Yehovah his God. 7Now the rest of the acts of Jotham, and all his wars, and his ways, behold, they are written in the book of the kings of Israel and Judah. 8He was twenty-five years old when he began to reign, and reigned sixteen years in Jerusalem. 9And Jotham slept with his fathers, and they buried him in the city of David: and Ahaz his son reigned in his place.

Chapter 28

1Ahaz was twenty years old when he began to reign; and he reigned sixteen years in Jerusalem: and he did not do that which was right in the eyes of Yehovah, like David his father; 2but he walked in the ways of the kings of Israel, and made also molten images for the Baalim. 3Moreover he burnt incense in the valley of the son of Hinnom, and burnt his children in the fire, according to the abominations of the nations whom Yehovah cast out before the children of Israel. 4And he sacrificed and burnt incense in the high places, and on the hills, and under every green tree. 5Therefore Yehovah his God delivered him into the hand of the king of Syria; and they struck him, and

carried away a great multitude of his people as captives, and brought them to Damascus. And he was also delivered into the hand of the king of Israel, who struck him with a great slaughter. 6For Pekah the son of Remaliah killed in Judah a hundred and twenty thousand in one day, all of them valiant men; because they had forsaken Yehovah, the God of their fathers. 7And Zichri, a mighty man of Ephraim, killed Maaseiah the king's son, and Azrikam the ruler of the house, and Elkanah who was next to the king. 8And the children of Israel carried away captive two hundred thousand of their brothers, women, sons, and daughters, and also took away much spoil from them, and brought the spoil to Samaria. 9But a prophet of Yehovah was there, whose name was Oded: and he went out to meet the army that came to Samaria, and said to them, Behold, because Yehovah, the God of your fathers, was angry with Judah, he has delivered them into your hand, and you have killed them in a rage which has reached up to heaven. 10And now you intend to subjugate the children of Judah and Jerusalem as male slaves and female slaves for yourselves: but are there not even with you trespasses of your own against Yehovah your God? 11Now hear me therefore, and send back the captives, whom you have taken captive from your brothers; for the fierce wrath of Yehovah is upon you. 12Then certain of the heads of the children of Ephraim, Azariah the son of Johanan, Berechiah the son of Meshillemoth, and Jehizkiah the son of Shallum, and Amasa the son of Hadlai, stood up against those who came from the war, 13and said to them, You shall not bring in the captives here: for you intend that which will bring upon us a trespass against Yehovah, to add to our sins and to our trespass; for our trespass is great, and there is fierce wrath against Israel. 14So the armed men left the captives and the spoil before the princes and all the assembly. 15And the men who have been mentioned by name rose up, and took the captives, and with the spoil clothed all who were naked among them, and arrayed them, and shod them, and gave them to eat and to drink, and anointed them, and carried all the feeble of them upon donkeys, and brought them to Jericho, the city of palm-trees, to their brothers: then they returned to Samaria. 16At that time king Ahaz sent to the kings of Assyria to help him. 17For again the Edomites had come and struck Judah, and carried away captives. 18The Philistines also had invaded the cities of the lowland, and of the South of Judah, and had taken Beth-shemesh, and Aijalon, and Gederoth, and Soco with its towns, and Timnah with its towns, Gimzo also and its towns: and they dwelt there. 19For Yehovah brought Judah low because of Ahaz king of Israel; for he had dealt wantonly in Judah, and trespassed severely against Yehovah. 20And Tilgath-pilneser king of Assyria came to him, and distressed him, but did not strengthen him. 21For Ahaz took away a portion out of the house of Yehovah, and out of the house of the king and of the princes, and gave it to the king of Assyria: but it did not help him. 22And in the time of his distress he trespassed yet more against Yehovah, this same king Ahaz. 23For he sacrificed to the gods of Damascus, which struck him; and he said, Because the gods of the kings of Syria helped them, therefore I will sacrifice to them, that they may help me. But they were the ruin of him, and of all Israel. 24And Ahaz gathered together the vessels of the house of God, and cut in pieces the vessels of the house of God, and shut up the doors of the house of Yehovah; and he made for himself altars in every corner of Jerusalem. 25And in every city of Judah he made high places to burn incense to other gods, and provoked to anger Yehovah, the God of his fathers. 26Now the rest of his acts, and all his ways, first and last, behold, they are written in the book of the kings of Judah and Israel. 27And Ahaz slept with his fathers, and they buried him in the city, even in Jerusalem; for they did not bring him into the sepulchres of the kings of Israel: and Hezekiah his son reigned in his place.

Chapter 29

1Hezekiah began to reign when he was twenty-five years old; and he reigned twenty-nine years in Jerusalem: and his mother's name was Abijah, the daughter of Zechariah. 2And he did that which was right in the eyes of Yehovah, according to all that David his father had done. 3He in the first year of his reign, in the first month, opened the doors of the house of Yehovah, and repaired them. 4And he brought in the priests and the Levites, and gathered them together into the broad place on the east, 5and said to them, Hear me, you Levites; now sanctify yourselves, and sanctify the house of Yehovah, the God of your fathers, and carry out the filthiness out of the holy place. 6For our fathers have trespassed, and done that which was evil in the sight of Yehovah our God, and have forsaken him, and have turned away their faces from the habitation of Yehovah, and turned their backs. 7Also they have shut up the doors

of the porch, and put out the lamps, and have not burned incense nor offered burnt-offerings in the holy place to the God of Israel. 8 Therefore the wrath of Yehovah was upon Judah and Jerusalem, and he has delivered them to be tossed to and fro, to be an astonishment, and a hissing, as you see with your eyes. 9 For, look, our fathers have fallen by the sword, and our sons and our daughters and our wives are in captivity for this. 10 Now it is in my heart to make a covenant with Yehovah, the God of Israel, that his fierce anger may turn away from us. 11 My sons, do not now be negligent; for Yehovah has chosen you to stand before him, to minister to him, and that you should be his ministers, and burn incense. 12 Then the Levites arose, Mahath, the son of Amasai, and Joel the son of Azariah, of the sons of the Kohathites; and of the sons of Merari, Kish the son of Abdi, and Azariah the son of Jehallelel; and of the Gershonites, Joah the son of Zimmah, and Eden the son of Joah; 13 and of the sons of Elizaphan, Shimri and Jeuel; and of the sons of Asaph, Zechariah and Mattaniah; 14 and of the sons of Heman, Jehuel and Shimei; and of the sons of Jeduthun, Shemaiah and Uzziel. 15 And they gathered their brothers, and sanctified themselves, and went in, according to the commandment of the king by the words of Yehovah, to cleanse the house of Yehovah. 16 And the priests went in to the inner part of the house of Yehovah, to cleanse it, and brought out all the uncleanness that they found in the temple of Yehovah into the court of the house of Yehovah. And the Levites took it, to carry it out to the brook Kidron. 17 Now they began on the first day of the first month to sanctify, and on the eighth day of the month they came to the porch of Yehovah; and they sanctified the house of Yehovah in eight days: and on the sixteenth day of the first month they made an end. 18 Then they went in to Hezekiah the king within the palace, and said, We have cleansed all the house of Yehovah, and the altar of burnt-offering, with all its vessels, and the table of showbread, with all its vessels. 19 Moreover all the vessels, which king Ahaz in his reign cast away when he trespassed, we have prepared and sanctified; and, behold, they are before the altar of Yehovah. 20 Then Hezekiah the king arose early, and gathered the princes of the city, and went up to the house of Yehovah. 21 And they brought seven bullocks, and seven rams, and seven lambs, and seven he-goats, for a sin-offering for the kingdom and for the sanctuary and for Judah. And he commanded the priests the sons of Aaron to offer them on the altar of Yehovah. 22 So they killed the bullocks, and the priests received the blood, and sprinkled it on the altar: and they killed the rams, and sprinkled the blood upon the altar: they killed also the lambs, and sprinkled the blood upon the altar. 23 And they brought near the he-goats for the sin-offering before the king and the assembly; and they laid their hands upon them: 24 and the priests killed them, and they made a sin-offering with their blood upon the altar, to make atonement for all Israel; for the king commanded that the burnt-offering and the sin-offering should be made for all Israel. 25 And he set the Levites in the house of Yehovah with cymbals, with psalteries, and with harps, according to the commandment of David, and of Gad the king's seer, and Nathan the prophet; for the commandment was from Yehovah by his prophets. 26 And the Levites stood with the instruments of David, and the priests with the trumpets. 27 And Hezekiah commanded to offer the burnt-offering upon the altar. And when the burnt-offering began, the song of Yehovah began also, and the trumpets, together with the instruments of David king of Israel. 28 And all the assembly worshiped, and the singers sang, and the trumpeters sounded; all this continued until the burnt-offering was finished. 29 And when they had made an end of offering, the king and all who were present with him bowed themselves and worshiped. 30 Moreover Hezekiah the king and the princes commanded the Levites to sing praises to Yehovah with the words of David, and of Asaph the seer. And they sang praises with gladness, and they bowed their heads and worshiped. 31 Then Hezekiah answered and said, Now you have consecrated yourselves to Yehovah; come near and bring sacrifices and thank-offerings into the house of Yehovah. And the assembly brought in sacrifices and thank-offerings; and as many as were of a willing heart brought burnt-offerings. 32 And the number of the burnt-offerings which the assembly brought was seventy bullocks, a hundred rams, and two hundred lambs: all these were for a burnt-offering to Yehovah. 33 And the consecrated things were six hundred oxen and three thousand sheep. 34 But the priests were too few, so that they could not flay all the burnt-offerings: therefore their brothers the Levites helped them, until the work was ended, and until the priests had sanctified themselves; for the Levites were more upright in heart to sanctify themselves than the priests. 35 And also the burnt-offerings were in

abundance, with the fat of the peace-offerings, and with the drink-offerings for every burnt-offering. So the service of the house of Yehovah was set in order. 36 And Hezekiah rejoiced, and all the people, because of that which God had prepared for the people: for the thing was done suddenly.

Chapter 30

1 And Hezekiah sent to all Israel and Judah, and wrote letters also to Ephraim and Manasseh, that they should come to the house of Yehovah at Jerusalem, to keep the passover to Yehovah, the God of Israel. 2 For the king had taken counsel, and his princes, and all the assembly in Jerusalem, to keep the passover in the second month. 3 For they could not keep it at that time, because the priests had not sanctified themselves in sufficient number, neither had the people gathered themselves together to Jerusalem. 4 And the thing was right in the eyes of the king and of all the assembly. 5 So they established a decree to make proclamation throughout all Israel, from Beer-sheba even to Dan, that they should come to keep the passover to Yehovah, the God of Israel, at Jerusalem: for they had not kept it in great numbers in such manner as it is written. 6 So the couriers went with the letters from the king and his princes throughout all Israel and Judah, and according to the commandment of the king, saying, You children of Israel, turn back to Yehovah, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, that he may return to the remnant of you who have escaped out of the hand of the kings of Assyria. 7 And do not be like your fathers, and like your brothers, who trespassed against Yehovah, the God of their fathers, so that he gave them up to desolation, as you see. 8 Now do not be stiffnecked, as your fathers were; but yield yourselves to Yehovah, and enter into his sanctuary, which he has sanctified for ever, and serve Yehovah your God, that his fierce anger may turn away from you. 9 For if you turn back to Yehovah, your brothers and your children shall find compassion before those who led them captive, and shall come back into this land: for Yehovah your God is gracious and merciful, and will not turn away his face from you, if you return to him. 10 So the couriers passed from city to city through the country of Ephraim and Manasseh, even to Zebulun: but they laughed them to scorn, and mocked them. 11 Nevertheless certain men of Asher and Manasseh and of Zebulun humbled themselves, and came to Jerusalem. 12 Also the hand of God came upon Judah to give them one heart, to do the commandment of the king and of the princes by the word of Yehovah. 13 And many people assembled at Jerusalem to keep the feast of unleavened bread in the second month, a very great assembly. 14 And they arose and took away the altars that were in Jerusalem, and all the altars for incense they took away, and cast them into the brook Kidron. 15 Then they killed the passover on the fourteenth day of the second month: and the priests and the Levites were ashamed, and sanctified themselves, and brought burnt-offerings into the house of Yehovah. 16 And they stood in their place after their order, according to the law of Moses the man of God: the priests sprinkled the blood which they received from the hand of the Levites. 17 For there were many in the assembly who had not sanctified themselves: therefore the Levites had the charge of killing the passovers for everyone who was not clean, to sanctify them to Yehovah. 18 For a multitude of the people, even many of Ephraim and Manasseh, Issachar and Zebulun, had not cleansed themselves, yet they ate the passover otherwise than it is written. For Hezekiah had prayed for them, saying, The good Yehovah pardon every one 19 that sets his heart to seek God, Yehovah, the God of his fathers, though he is not cleansed according to the purification of the sanctuary. 20 And Yehovah listened to Hezekiah, and healed the people. 21 And the children of Israel who were present at Jerusalem kept the feast of unleavened bread seven days with great gladness; and the Levites and the priests praised Yehovah day by day, singing with loud instruments to Yehovah. 22 And Hezekiah spoke encouragingly to all the Levites who had good understanding in the service of Yehovah. So they ate throughout the feast for the seven days, offering sacrifices of peace-offerings, and making confession to Yehovah, the God of their fathers. 23 And the whole assembly took counsel to keep another seven days; and they kept another seven days with gladness. 24 For Hezekiah king of Judah gave to the assembly for offerings a thousand bullocks and seven thousand sheep; and the princes gave to the assembly a thousand bullocks and ten thousand sheep: and a great number of priests sanctified themselves. 25 And all the assembly of Judah, with the priests and the Levites, and all the assembly that came out of Israel, and the sojourners who came out of the land of Israel, and who dwelt in Judah, rejoiced. 26 So there was great joy in Jerusalem; for since the time of Solomon the son of David king of Israel there was not the like in

Jerusalem. 27Then the priests the Levites arose and blessed the people: and their voice was heard, and their prayer came up to his holy habitation, even to heaven.

Chapter 31

1Now when all this was finished, all Israel who were present went out to the cities of Judah, and broke in pieces the pillars, and hewed down the Asherim, and broke down the high places and the altars out of all Judah and Benjamin, in Ephraim also and Manasseh, until they had destroyed them all. Then all the children of Israel returned, every man to his possession, into their own cities. 2And Hezekiah appointed the courses of the priests and the Levites according to their courses, every man according to his service, both the priests and the Levites, for burnt-offerings and for peace-offerings, to minister, and to give thanks, and to praise in the gates of the camp of Yehovah. 3He appointed also the king's portion of his substance for the burnt-offerings, that is, for the morning and evening burnt-offerings, and the burnt-offerings for the sabbaths, and for the new moons, and for the set feasts, as it is written in the law of Yehovah. 4Moreover he commanded the people who dwelt in Jerusalem to give the portion of the priests and the Levites, that they might give themselves to the law of Yehovah. 5And as soon as the commandment spread abroad, the children of Israel gave in abundance the first-fruits of grain, new wine, and oil, and honey, and of all the increase of the field; and the tithe of all things they brought in abundantly. 6And the children of Israel and Judah, who dwelt in the cities of Judah, they also brought in the tithe of oxen and sheep, and the tithe of dedicated things which were consecrated to Yehovah their God, and laid them in heaps. 7In the third month they began to lay the foundation of the heaps, and finished them in the seventh month. 8And when Hezekiah and the princes came and saw the heaps, they blessed Yehovah, and his people Israel. 9Then Hezekiah questioned the priests and the Levites concerning the heaps. 10And Azariah the chief priest, of the house of Zadok, answered him and said, Since the people began to bring the oblations into the house of Yehovah, we have eaten and had enough, and have left plenty: for Yehovah has blessed his people; and that which is left is this great store. 11Then Hezekiah commanded to prepare chambers in the house of Yehovah; and they prepared them; 12and they brought in the oblations and the tithes and the dedicated things faithfully. And over them Conaniah the Levite was ruler, and Shimei his brother was second; 13and Jehiel, and Azaziah, and Nahath, and Asahel, and Jerimoth, and Jozabad, and Eliel, and Ismachiah, and Mahath, and Benaiah, were overseers under the hand of Conaniah and Shimei his brother, by the appointment of Hezekiah the king, and Azariah the ruler of the house of God. 14And Kore the son of Imnah the Levite, the gatekeeper at the east gate, was over the freewill-offerings of God, to distribute the oblations of Yehovah, and the most holy things. 15And under him were Eden, and Miniamin, and Jeshua, and Shemaiah, Amariah, and Shecaniah, in the cities of the priests, in their office of trust, to give to their brothers by courses, as well to the great as to the small: 16besides those who were reckoned by genealogy of males, from three years old and upward, even everyone who entered into the house of Yehovah, as the duty of every day required, for their service in their offices according to their courses; 17and those who were reckoned by genealogy of the priests by their fathers' houses, and the Levites from twenty years old and upward, in their offices by their courses; 18and those who were reckoned by genealogy of all their little ones, their wives, and their sons, and their daughters, through all the congregation: for in their office of trust they sanctified themselves in holiness. 19Also for the sons of Aaron the priests, who were in the fields of the pasture lands of their cities, in every city, there were men who were mentioned by name, to give portions to all the males among the priests, and to all who were reckoned by genealogy among the Levites. 20And thus Hezekiah did throughout all Judah; and he did that which was good and right and faithful before Yehovah his God. 21And in every work that he began in the service of the house of God, and in the law, and in the commandments, to seek his God, he did it with all his heart, and prospered.

Chapter 32

1After these things, and this faithfulness, Sennacherib king of Assyria came, and entered into Judah, and encamped against the fortified cities, and thought to win them for himself. 2And when Hezekiah saw that Sennacherib had come, and that he intended to fight against Jerusalem, 3he took counsel with his princes and his mighty men to stop the waters of the fountains which were outside the city; and they helped him. 4So many people were gathered together, and they stopped all the

fountains, and the brook that flowed through the midst of the land, saying, Why should the kings of Assyria come, and find much water? 5And he took courage, and built up all the wall that was broken down, and raised it up to the towers, and the other wall outside, and strengthened Millo in the city of David, and made weapons and shields in abundance. 6And he set captains of war over the people, and gathered them together to him in the broad place at the gate of the city, and spoke encouragingly to them, saying, 7Be strong and of good courage, do not be afraid nor dismayed for the king of Assyria, nor for all the multitude that is with him; for there is a greater with us than with him: 8with him is an arm of flesh; but with us is Yehovah our God to help us, and to fight our battles. And the people rested themselves upon the words of Hezekiah king of Judah. 9After this Sennacherib king of Assyria sent his servants to Jerusalem (now he was before Lachish, and all his power with him), to Hezekiah king of Judah, and to all Judah who were at Jerusalem, saying, 10Thus says Sennacherib king of Assyria, On what do you trust, that you endure the siege in Jerusalem? 11Does not Hezekiah persuade you, to give you over to die by famine and by thirst, saying, Yehovah our God will deliver us out of the hand of the king of Assyria? 12Has not the same Hezekiah taken away his high places and his altars, and commanded Judah and Jerusalem, saying, You shall worship before one altar, and upon it you shall burn incense? 13Do you not know what I and my fathers have done to all the peoples of the lands? Were the gods of the nations of the lands in any way able to deliver their land out of my hand? 14Who was there among all the gods of those nations which my fathers utterly destroyed, who could deliver his people out of my hand, that your God should be able to deliver you out of my hand? 15Now therefore do not let Hezekiah deceive you, nor persuade you after this manner, nor believe him; for no god of any nation or kingdom was able to deliver his people out of my hand, and out of the hand of my fathers: how much less shall your God deliver you out of my hand? 16And his servants spoke yet more against Yehovah God, and against his servant Hezekiah. 17He wrote also letters, to revile Yehovah, the God of Israel, and to speak against him, saying, As the gods of the nations of the lands, which have not delivered their people out of my hand, so the God of Hezekiah shall not deliver his people out of my hand. 18And they cried with a loud voice in the Jews' language to the people of Jerusalem who were on the wall, to frighten them, and to trouble them; that they might take the city. 19And they spoke of the God of Jerusalem, as of the gods of the peoples of the earth, which are the work of men's hands. 20And Hezekiah the king, and Isaiah the prophet the son of Amoz, prayed because of this, and cried to heaven. 21And Yehovah sent an angel, who cut off all the mighty men of valor, and the leaders and captains, in the camp of the king of Assyria. So he returned with shame of face to his own land. And when he had come into the house of his god, those who came out from his own bowels killed him there with the sword. 22Thus Yehovah saved Hezekiah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem from the hand of Sennacherib the king of Assyria, and from the hand of all others, and guided them on every side. 23And many brought gifts to Yehovah to Jerusalem, and precious things to Hezekiah king of Judah; so that he was exalted in the sight of all nations from then on. 24In those days Hezekiah was sick even to death: and he prayed to Yehovah; and he spoke to him, and gave him a sign. 25But Hezekiah did not render back according to the benefit done to him; for his heart was lifted up: therefore there was wrath upon him, and upon Judah and Jerusalem. 26Notwithstanding Hezekiah humbled himself for the pride of his heart, both he and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so that the wrath of Yehovah did not come upon them in the days of Hezekiah. 27And Hezekiah had exceedingly much riches and honor: and he provided for himself treasuries for silver, and for gold, and for precious stones, and for spices, and for shields, and for all manner of goodly vessels; 28store-houses also for the increase of grain and new wine and oil; and stalls for all manner of beasts, and flocks in folds. 29Moreover he provided for himself cities, and possessions of flocks and herds in abundance; for God had given him very much substance. 30This same Hezekiah also stopped the upper spring of the waters of Gihon, and brought them straight down on the west side of the city of David. And Hezekiah prospered in all his works. 31However, in the business of the ambassadors of the princes of Babylon, who sent to him to inquire of the wonder that was done in the land, God left him, to test him, that he might know all that was in his heart. 32Now the rest of the acts of Hezekiah, and his good deeds, behold, they are written in the vision of Isaiah the prophet the son of Amoz, in the book of the kings of Judah and Israel. 33And Hezekiah slept

with his fathers, and they buried him in the ascent of the sepulchres of the sons of David: and all Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem did him honor at his death. And Manasseh his son reigned in his place.

Chapter 33

1 Manasseh was twelve years old when he began to reign; and he reigned fifty-five years in Jerusalem. 2 And he did that which was evil in the sight of Yehovah, according to the abominations of the nations whom Yehovah cast out before the children of Israel. 3 For he built again the high places which Hezekiah his father had broken down; and he reared up altars for the Baalim, and made Asheroth, and bowed down to all the host of heaven, and served them. 4 And he built altars in the house of Yehovah, of which Yehovah said, In Jerusalem my name shall be for ever. 5 And he built altars for all the host of heaven in the two courts of the house of Yehovah. 6 He also made his children pass through the fire in the valley of the son of Hinnom; and he practiced augury, and used enchantments, and practiced sorcery, and dealt with those who had familiar spirits, and with wizards: he did much evil in the sight of Yehovah, to provoke him to anger. 7 And he set the graven image of the idol, which he had made, in the house of God, of which God said to David and to Solomon his son, In this house, and in Jerusalem, which I have chosen out of all the tribes of Israel, I will put my name for ever: 8 nor will I again remove the foot of Israel from off the land which I have appointed for your fathers, if only they will observe to do all that I have commanded them, even all the law and the statutes and the ordinances given by Moses. 9 And Manasseh seduced Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so that they did evil more than did the nations whom Yehovah destroyed before the children of Israel. 10 And Yehovah spoke to Manasseh, and to his people; but they gave no heed. 11 Therefore Yehovah brought upon them the captains of the army of the king of Assyria, who took Manasseh in chains, and bound him with fetters, and carried him to Babylon. 12 And when he was in distress, he pleaded with Yehovah his God, and humbled himself greatly before the God of his fathers. 13 And he prayed to him; and he was moved by his entreaty, and heard his supplication, and brought him back to Jerusalem into his kingdom. Then Manasseh knew that Yehovah he was God. 14 Now after this he built an outer wall to the city of David, on the west side of Gihon, in the valley, even to the entrance at the fish gate; and he encircled Ophel with it, and raised it up to a very great height: and he put valiant captains in all the fortified cities of Judah. 15 And he took away the foreign gods, and the idol out of the house of Yehovah, and all the altars that he had built in the mount of the house of Yehovah, and in Jerusalem, and cast them out of the city. 16 And he built up the altar of Yehovah, and offered on it sacrifices of peace-offerings and of thanksgiving, and commanded Judah to serve Yehovah, the God of Israel. 17 Nevertheless the people sacrificed still in the high places, but only to Yehovah their God. 18 Now the rest of the acts of Manasseh, and his prayer to his God, and the words of the seers who spoke to him in the name of Yehovah, the God of Israel, behold, they are written among the acts of the kings of Israel. 19 His prayer also, and how God was moved by his entreaty, and all his sin and his trespass, and the places in which he built high places, and set up the Asherim and the graven images, before he humbled himself, behold, they are written in the history of Hozai. 20 So Manasseh slept with his fathers, and they buried him in his own house: and Amon his son reigned in his place. 21 Amon was twenty-two years old when he began to reign; and he reigned two years in Jerusalem. 22 And he did that which was evil in the sight of Yehovah, as did Manasseh his father; and Amon sacrificed to all the graven images which Manasseh his father had made, and served them. 23 And he did not humble himself before Yehovah, as Manasseh his father had humbled himself; but this same Amon trespassed more and more. 24 And his servants conspired against him, and put him to death in his own house. 25 But the people of the land killed all those who had conspired against king Amon; and the people of the land made Josiah his son king in his place.

Chapter 34

1 Josiah was eight years old when he began to reign; and he reigned thirty-one years in Jerusalem. 2 And he did that which was right in the eyes of Yehovah, and walked in the ways of David his father, and did not turn aside to the right hand or to the left. 3 For in the eighth year of his reign, while he was yet young, he began to seek after the God of David his father; and in the twelfth year he began to purge Judah and Jerusalem from the high places, and the Asherim, and the graven images, and the molten images. 4 And they broke down the altars of the Baalim in his presence; and the sun-images that were on high above them he hewed down; and the Asherim, and

the graven images, and the molten images, he broke in pieces, and made dust of them, and strewed it upon the graves of those who had sacrificed to them. 5And he burnt the bones of the priests upon their altars, and purged Judah and Jerusalem. 6And so he did in the cities of Manasseh and Ephraim and Simeon, even to Naphtali, in their ruins around. 7And he broke down the altars, and beat the Asherim and the graven images into powder, and hewed down all the sun-images throughout all the land of Israel, and returned to Jerusalem. 8Now in the eighteenth year of his reign, when he had purged the land and the house, he sent Shaphan the son of Azaliah, and Maaseiah the governor of the city, and Joah the son of Joahaz the recorder, to repair the house of Yehovah his God. 9And they came to Hilkiah the high priest, and delivered the money that was brought into the house of God, which the Levites, the keepers of the threshold, had gathered from the hand of Manasseh and Ephraim, and of all the remnant of Israel, and of all Judah and Benjamin, and of the inhabitants of Jerusalem. 10And they delivered it into the hand of the workmen who had the oversight of the house of Yehovah; and the workmen who worked in the house of Yehovah gave it to mend and repair the house: 11even to the carpenters and to the builders they gave it, to buy hewn stone, and timber for couplings, and to make beams for the houses which the kings of Judah had destroyed. 12And the men did the work faithfully: and the overseers of them were Jahath and Obadiah, the Levites, of the sons of Merari; and Zechariah and Meshullam, of the sons of the Kohathites, to set it forward; and others of the Levites, all who were skillful with instruments of music. 13Also they were over the bearers of burdens, and set forward all who did the work in every manner of service: and of the Levites there were scribes, and officers, and gatekeepers. 14And when they brought out the money that was brought into the house of Yehovah, Hilkiah the priest found the book of the law of Yehovah given by Moses. 15And Hilkiah answered and said to Shaphan the scribe, I have found the book of the law in the house of Yehovah. And Hilkiah delivered the book to Shaphan. 16And Shaphan carried the book to the king, and moreover brought back word to the king, saying, All that was committed to your servants, they are doing. 17And they have emptied out the money that was found in the house of Yehovah, and have delivered it into the hand of the overseers, and into the hand of the workmen. 18And Shaphan the scribe told the king, saying, Hilkiah the priest has delivered a book to me. And Shaphan read in it before the king. 19And it happened, when the king had heard the words of the law, that he tore his clothes. 20And the king commanded Hilkiah, and Ahikam the son of Shaphan, and Abdon the son of Micah, and Shaphan the scribe, and Asaiah the king's servant, saying, 21Go, inquire of Yehovah for me, and for those who are left in Israel and in Judah, concerning the words of the book that is found; for great is the wrath of Yehovah that is poured out upon us, because our fathers have not kept the word of Yehovah, to do according to all that is written in this book. 22So Hilkiah, and those whom the king had commanded, went to Huldah the prophetess, the wife of Shallum the son of Tokhath, the son of Hasrah, keeper of the wardrobe (now she dwelt in Jerusalem in the second quarter); and they spoke to her to that effect. 23And she said to them, Thus says Yehovah, the God of Israel: Tell the man who sent you to me, 24Thus says Yehovah, Behold, I will bring evil upon this place, and upon its inhabitants, even all the curses that are written in the book which they have read before the king of Judah. 25Because they have forsaken me, and have burned incense to other gods, that they might provoke me to anger with all the works of their hands; therefore my wrath is poured out upon this place, and it shall not be quenched. 26But to the king of Judah, who sent you to inquire of Yehovah, thus you shall say to him, Thus says Yehovah, the God of Israel: As concerning the words which you have heard, 27because your heart was tender, and you humbled yourself before God, when you heard his words against this place, and against its inhabitants, and have humbled yourself before me, and have torn your clothes, and wept before me; I also have heard you, says Yehovah. 28Behold, I will gather you to your fathers, and you shall be gathered to your grave in peace, neither shall your eyes see all the evil that I will bring upon this place, and upon its inhabitants. And they brought back word to the king. 29Then the king sent and gathered together all the elders of Judah and Jerusalem. 30And the king went up to the house of Yehovah, and all the men of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and the priests, and the Levites, and all the people, both great and small: and he read in their ears all the words of the book of the covenant that was found in the house of Yehovah. 31And the king stood in his place, and made a

covenant before Yehovah, to walk after Yehovah, and to keep his commandments, and his testimonies, and his statutes, with all his heart, and with all his soul, to perform the words of the covenant that were written in this book. 32And he caused all who were found in Jerusalem and Benjamin to stand to it. And the inhabitants of Jerusalem did according to the covenant of God, the God of their fathers. 33And Josiah took away all the abominations out of all the countries that pertained to the children of Israel, and made all who were found in Israel serve, even to serve Yehovah their God. All his days they did not depart from following Yehovah, the God of their fathers.

Chapter 35

1And Josiah kept a passover to Yehovah in Jerusalem: and they killed the passover on the fourteenth day of the first month. 2And he set the priests in their offices, and encouraged them to the service of the house of Yehovah. 3And he said to the Levites who taught all Israel, who were holy to Yehovah, Put the holy ark in the house which Solomon the son of David king of Israel built; there shall no longer be a burden upon your shoulders. Now serve Yehovah your God, and his people Israel; 4and prepare yourselves according to your fathers' houses by your courses, according to the writing of David king of Israel, and according to the writing of Solomon his son. 5And stand in the holy place according to the divisions of the fathers' houses of your brothers the children of the people, and let there be for each a portion of a father's house of the Levites. 6And kill the passover, and sanctify yourselves, and prepare for your brothers, to do according to the word of Yehovah by Moses. 7And Josiah gave to the children of the people, of the flock, lambs and kids, all of them for the passover-offerings, to all who were present, to the number of thirty thousand, and three thousand bullocks: these were of the king's substance. 8And his princes gave for a freewill-offering to the people, to the priests, and to the Levites. Hilkiah and Zechariah and Jehiel, the rulers of the house of God, gave to the priests for the passover-offerings two thousand six hundred small cattle, and three hundred oxen. 9Conaniah also, and Shemaiah and Nethanel, his brothers, and Hashabiah and Jeiel and Jozabad, the chiefs of the Levites, gave to the Levites for the passover-offerings five thousand small cattle, and five hundred oxen. 10So the service was prepared, and the priests stood in their place, and the Levites by their courses, according to the king's commandment. 11And they killed the passover, and the priests sprinkled the blood which they received from their hand, and the Levites flayed them. 12And they removed the burnt-offerings, that they might give them according to the divisions of the fathers' houses of the children of the people, to offer to Yehovah, as it is written in the book of Moses. And so they did with the oxen. 13And they roasted the passover with fire according to the ordinance: and the holy offerings they boiled in pots, and in caldrons, and in pans, and carried them quickly to all the children of the people. 14And afterward they prepared for themselves, and for the priests, because the priests the sons of Aaron were busied in offering the burnt-offerings and the fat until night: therefore the Levites prepared for themselves, and for the priests the sons of Aaron. 15And the singers the sons of Asaph were in their place, according to the commandment of David, and Asaph, and Heman, and Jeduthun the king's seer; and the gatekeepers were at every gate: they did not need to depart from their service; for their brothers the Levites prepared for them. 16So all the service of Yehovah was prepared the same day, to keep the passover, and to offer burnt-offerings upon the altar of Yehovah, according to the commandment of king Josiah. 17And the children of Israel who were present kept the passover at that time, and the feast of unleavened bread seven days. 18And there was no passover like that kept in Israel from the days of Samuel the prophet; neither did any of the kings of Israel keep such a passover as Josiah kept, and the priests, and the Levites, and all Judah and Israel who were present, and the inhabitants of Jerusalem. 19In the eighteenth year of the reign of Josiah this passover was kept. 20After all this, when Josiah had prepared the temple, Neco king of Egypt went up to fight against Carchemish by the Euphrates: and Josiah went out against him. 21But he sent ambassadors to him, saying, What have I to do with you, you king of Judah? I am not coming against you this day, but against the house with which I have war; and God has commanded me to make haste: refrain from meddling with God, who is with me, that he may not destroy you. 22Nevertheless Josiah would not turn his face from him, but disguised himself, that he might fight with him, and did not listen to the words of Neco from the mouth of God, and came to fight in the valley of Megiddo. 23And the archers shot at king Josiah; and the king said to his servants, Take me

away; for I am severely wounded. 24So his servants took him out of the chariot, and put him in the second chariot that he had, and brought him to Jerusalem; and he died, and was buried in the sepulchres of his fathers. And all Judah and Jerusalem mourned for Josiah. 25And Jeremiah lamented for Josiah: and all the singing men and singing women spoke of Josiah in their lamentations to this day; and they made them a statute in Israel: and, behold, they are written in the lamentations. 26Now the rest of the acts of Josiah, and his good deeds, according to that which is written in the law of Yehovah, 27and his acts, first and last, behold, they are written in the book of the kings of Israel and Judah.

Chapter 36

1Then the people of the land took Jehoahaz the son of Josiah, and made him king in his father's place in Jerusalem. 2Joahaz was twenty-three years old when he began to reign; and he reigned three months in Jerusalem. 3And the king of Egypt deposed him at Jerusalem, and fined the land a hundred talents of silver and a talent of gold. 4And the king of Egypt made Eliakim his brother king over Judah and Jerusalem, and changed his name to Jehoiakim. And Neco took Joahaz his brother, and carried him to Egypt. 5Jehoiakim was twenty-five years old when he began to reign; and he reigned eleven years in Jerusalem: and he did that which was evil in the sight of Yehovah his God. 6Against him Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came up, and bound him in fetters, to carry him to Babylon. 7Nebuchadnezzar also carried some of the vessels of the house of Yehovah to Babylon, and put them in his temple at Babylon. 8Now the rest of the acts of Jehoiakim, and his abominations which he did, and that which was found in him, behold, they are written in the book of the kings of Israel and Judah: and Jehoiachin his son reigned in his place. 9Jehoiachin was eight years old when he began to reign; and he reigned three months and ten days in Jerusalem: and he did that which was evil in the sight of Yehovah. 10And at the return of the year king Nebuchadnezzar sent, and brought him to Babylon, with the goodly vessels of the house of Yehovah, and made Zedekiah his brother king over Judah and Jerusalem. 11Zedekiah was twenty-one years old when he began to reign; and he reigned eleven years in Jerusalem: 12and he did that which was evil in the sight of Yehovah his God; he did not humble himself before Jeremiah the prophet speaking from the mouth of Yehovah. 13And he also rebelled against king Nebuchadnezzar, who had made him swear by God: but he stiffened his neck, and hardened his heart against turning to Yehovah, the God of Israel. 14Moreover all the chiefs of the priests, and the people, trespassed very greatly according to all the abominations of the nations; and they polluted the house of Yehovah which he had consecrated in Jerusalem. 15And Yehovah, the God of their fathers, sent to them by his messengers, rising up early and sending, because he had compassion on his people, and on his dwelling-place: 16but they mocked the messengers of God, and despised his words, and scoffed at his prophets, until the wrath of Yehovah arose against his people, until there was no remedy. 17Therefore he brought upon them the king of the Chaldeans, who killed their young men with the sword in the house of their sanctuary, and had no compassion upon young man or virgin, old man or gray-headed: he gave them all into his hand. 18And all the vessels of the house of God, great and small, and the treasures of the house of Yehovah, and the treasures of the king, and of his princes, all these he brought to Babylon. 19And they burnt the house of God, and broke down the wall of Jerusalem, and burnt all its palaces with fire, and destroyed all its goodly vessels. 20And those who had escaped from the sword he carried away to Babylon; and they were servants to him and his sons until the reign of the kingdom of Persia: 21to fulfill the word of Yehovah by the mouth of Jeremiah, until the land had enjoyed its sabbaths: for as long as it lay desolate it kept sabbath, to fulfill seventy years. 22Now in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, that the word of Yehovah by the mouth of Jeremiah might be accomplished, Yehovah stirred up the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia, so that he made a proclamation throughout all his kingdom, and put it also in writing, saying, 23Thus says Cyrus king of Persia, All the kingdoms of the earth Yehovah, the God of heaven, has given me; and he has charged me to build for him a house in Jerusalem, which is in Judah. Whoever there is among you of all his people, Yehovah his God be with him, and let him go up.

Ezra

Chapter 1

1 Now in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, that the
word of Yehovah by the mouth of Jeremiah might be
accomplished, Yehovah stirred up the spirit of Cyrus
king of Persia, so that he made a proclamation
throughout all his kingdom, and put it also in
writing, saying, 2 Thus says Cyrus king of Persia,
Yehovah, the God of heaven, has given me all the
kingdoms of the earth; and he has charged me to
build him a house in Jerusalem, which is in Judah.
3 Whoever there is among you of all his people, his
God be with him, and let him go up to Jerusalem,
which is in Judah, and build the house of Yehovah,
the God of Israel (he is God), which is in Jerusalem.
4 And whoever is left, in any place where he sojourns,
let the men of his place help him with silver, and with
gold, and with goods, and with beasts, besides the
freewill-offering for the house of God which is in
Jerusalem. 5 Then the heads of fathers' houses of
Judah and Benjamin rose up, and the priests, and the
Levites, even all whose spirit God had stirred to go up
to build the house of Yehovah which is in Jerusalem.
6 And all those who were around them strengthened
their hands with vessels of silver, with gold, with
goods, and with beasts, and with precious things,
besides all that was willingly offered. 7 Also Cyrus the
king brought out the vessels of the house of Yehovah,
which Nebuchadnezzar had brought out of
Jerusalem, and had put in the house of his gods;
8 even those Cyrus king of Persia brought out by the
hand of Mithredath the treasurer, and counted them
out to Sheshbazzar, the prince of Judah. 9 And this is
the number of them: thirty platters of gold, a
thousand platters of silver, twenty-nine knives,
10 thirty bowls of gold, silver bowls of a second sort
four hundred and ten, and other vessels a thousand.
11 All the vessels of gold and of silver were five
thousand four hundred. All these Sheshbazzar
brought up, when those of the captivity were brought
up from Babylon to Jerusalem.

Chapter 2

1 Now these are the children of the province, who
went up out of the captivity of those who had been
carried away, whom Nebuchadnezzar the king of
Babylon had carried away to Babylon, and who
returned to Jerusalem and Judah, every one to his
city; 2 who came with Zerubbabel, Jeshua, Nehemiah,
Seraiah, Reelaiah, Mordecai, Bilshan, Mispar, Bigvai,
Rehum, Baanah. The number of the men of the
people of Israel: 3 The children of Parosh, two
thousand one hundred seventy-two. 4 The children of
Shephatiah, three hundred seventy-two. 5 The
children of Arah, seven hundred seventy-five. 6 The
children of Pahath-moab, of the children of Jeshua
and Joab, two thousand eight hundred and twelve.
7 The children of Elam, one thousand two hundred
fifty-four. 8 The children of Zattu, nine hundred forty-
five. 9 The children of Zaccai, seven hundred sixty.
10 The children of Bani, six hundred forty-two. 11 The
children of Bebai, six hundred twenty-three. 12 The
children of Azgad, one thousand two hundred
twenty-two. 13 The children of Adonikam, six hundred
sixty-six. 14 The children of Bigvai, two thousand fifty-
six. 15 The children of Adin, four hundred fifty-four.
16 The children of Ater, of Hezekiah, ninety-eight.
17 The children of Bezai, three hundred twenty-three.
18 The children of Jorah, a hundred and twelve. 19 The
children of Hashum, two hundred twenty-three.
20 The children of Gibbar, ninety-five. 21 The children
of Beth-lehem, one hundred twenty-three. 22 The men
of Netophah, fifty-six. 23 The men of Anathoth, one
hundred twenty-eight. 24 The children of Azmaveth,
forty-two. 25 The children of Kiriath-arim, Chephirah,
and Beeroth, seven hundred forty-three. 26 The
children of Ramah and Geba, six hundred twenty-
one. 27 The men of Michmas, one hundred twenty-
two. 28 The men of Beth-el and Ai, two hundred
twenty-three. 29 The children of Nebo, fifty-two. 30 The
children of Magbish, one hundred fifty-six. 31 The
children of the other Elam, one thousand two
hundred fifty-four. 32 The children of Harim, three
hundred and twenty. 33 The children of Lod, Hadid,
and Ono, seven hundred twenty-five. 34 The children
of Jericho, three hundred forty-five. 35 The children of
Senaah, three thousand and six hundred and thirty.
36 The priests: the children of Jedaiah, of the house of
Jeshua, nine hundred seventy-three. 37 The children
of Immer, one thousand fifty-two. 38 The children of
Pashhur, one thousand two hundred forty-seven.
39 The children of Harim, a thousand and seventeen.
40 The Levites: the children of Jeshua and Kadmiel, of
the children of Hodaviah, seventy-four. 41 The singers:
the children of Asaph, one hundred twenty-eight.
42 The children of the gatekeepers: the children of
Shallum, the children of Ater, the children of

Talmon, the children of Akkub, the children of Hatita, the children of Shobai, in all one hundred thirty-nine. 43The Nethinim: the children of Ziha, the children of Hasupha, the children of Tabbaoth, 44the children of Keros, the children of Siaha, the children of Padon, 45the children of Lebanah, the children of Hagabah, the children of Akkub, 46the children of Hagab, the children of Shamlai, the children of Hanan, 47the children of Giddel, the children of Gahar, the children of Reaiah, 48the children of Rezin, the children of Nekoda, the children of Gazzam, 49the children of Uzza, the children of Paseah, the children of Besai, 50the children of Asnah, the children of Meunim, the children of Nephisim, 51the children of Bakbuk, the children of Hakupha, the children of Harhur, 52the children of Bazluth, the children of Mehida, the children of Harsha, 53the children of Barkos, the children of Sisera, the children of Temah, 54the children of Neziah, the children of Hatipha. 55The children of Solomon's servants: the children of Sotai, the children of Hassophereth, the children of Peruda, 56the children of Jaalah, the children of Darkon, the children of Giddel, 57the children of Shephatiah, the children of Hattil, the children of Pochereth-hazzebaim, the children of Ami. 58All the Nethinim, and the children of Solomon's servants, were three hundred ninety-two. 59And these were those who went up from Tel-melah, Tel-harsha, Cherub, Addan, and Immer; but they could not show their fathers' houses, and their seed, whether they were of Israel: 60the children of Delaiah, the children of Tobiah, the children of Nekoda, six hundred fifty-two. 61And of the children of the priests: the children of Habaiah, the children of Hakkoz, the children of Barzillai, who took a wife from the daughters of Barzillai the Gileadite, and was called by their name. 62These sought their register among those who were reckoned by genealogy, but they were not found: therefore they were deemed polluted and removed from the priesthood. 63And the governor said to them, that they should not eat of the most holy things, until a priest stood up with Urim and with Thummim. 64The whole assembly together was forty-two thousand three hundred sixty, 65besides their male servants and their female servants, of whom there were seven thousand three hundred thirty-seven: and they had two hundred singing men and singing women. 66Their horses were seven hundred thirty-six; their mules, two hundred forty-five; 67their camels, four hundred thirty-five; their donkeys, six thousand seven hundred and twenty. 68And some of the heads of fathers' houses, when they came to the house of Yehovah which is in Jerusalem, offered willingly for the house of God to set it up in its place: 69they gave according to their ability into the treasury of the work sixty-one thousand darics of gold, and five thousand pounds of silver, and one hundred priests' garments. 70So the priests, and the Levites, and some of the people, and the singers, and the gatekeepers, and the Nethinim, lived in their cities, and all Israel in their cities.

Chapter 3

1And when the seventh month had come, and the children of Israel were in the cities, the people gathered themselves together as one man to Jerusalem. 2Then Jeshua the son of Jozadak stood up, and his brothers the priests, and Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, and his brothers, and built the altar of the God of Israel, to offer burnt-offerings on it, as it is written in the law of Moses the man of God. 3And they set the altar on its base; for fear was upon them because of the peoples of the countries: and they offered burnt-offerings on it to Yehovah, even burnt-offerings morning and evening. 4And they kept the feast of tabernacles, as it is written, and offered the daily burnt-offerings by number, according to the ordinance, as the duty of every day required; 5and afterward the continual burnt-offering, and the offerings of the new moons, and of all the set feasts of Yehovah that were consecrated, and of every one who willingly offered a freewill-offering to Yehovah. 6From the first day of the seventh month they began to offer burnt-offerings to Yehovah: but the foundation of the temple of Yehovah was not yet laid. 7They also gave money to the masons, and to the carpenters; and food, and drink, and oil, to those of Sidon, and to those of Tyre, to bring cedar-trees from Lebanon to the sea, to Joppa, according to the grant that they had from Cyrus king of Persia. 8Now in the second year of their coming to the house of God at Jerusalem, in the second month, Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, and Jeshua the son of Jozadak, and the rest of their brothers the priests and the Levites, and all those who had come out of the captivity to Jerusalem, began, and appointed the Levites, from twenty years old and upward, to have the oversight of the work of the house of Yehovah. 9Then Jeshua stood with his sons and his brothers, Kadmiel and his sons, the sons of Judah, together, to have the

oversight of the workmen in the house of God: the sons of Henadad, with their sons and their brothers the Levites. 10And when the builders laid the foundation of the temple of Yehovah, they set the priests in their apparel with trumpets, and the Levites the sons of Asaph with cymbals, to praise Yehovah, according to the order of David king of Israel. 11And they sang one to another in praising and giving thanks to Yehovah, saying, For he is good, for his lovingkindness endures forever toward Israel. And all the people shouted with a great shout, when they praised Yehovah, because the foundation of the house of Yehovah was laid. 12But many of the priests and Levites and heads of fathers' houses, the old men who had seen the first house, when the foundation of this house was laid before their eyes, wept with a loud voice; and many shouted aloud for joy: 13so that the people could not distinguish the noise of the shout of joy from the noise of the weeping of the people; for the people shouted with a loud shout, and the noise was heard far away.

Chapter 4

1Now when the adversaries of Judah and Benjamin heard that the children of the captivity were building a temple to Yehovah, the God of Israel; 2then they drew near to Zerubbabel, and to the heads of fathers' houses, and said to them, Let us build with you; for we seek your God, as you do; and we have sacrificed to him since the days of Esar-haddon king of Assyria, who brought us up here. 3But Zerubbabel, and Jeshua, and the rest of the heads of fathers' houses of Israel, said to them, You have nothing to do with us in building a house to our God; but we ourselves together will build to Yehovah, the God of Israel, as king Cyrus the king of Persia has commanded us. 4Then the people of the land weakened the hands of the people of Judah, and troubled them in building, 5and hired counselors against them, to frustrate their purpose, all the days of Cyrus king of Persia, even until the reign of Darius king of Persia. 6And in the reign of Ahasuerus, in the beginning of his reign, they wrote an accusation against the inhabitants of Judah and Jerusalem. 7And in the days of Artaxerxes, Bishlam, Mithredath, Tabeel, and the rest of his companions wrote to Artaxerxes king of Persia; and the writing of the letter was written in the Syrian script, and set forth in the Syrian language. 8Rehum the chancellor and Shimshai the scribe wrote a letter against Jerusalem to Artaxerxes the king in this manner: 9then Rehum the chancellor wrote, and Shimshai the scribe, and the rest of their companions, the Dinaites, and the Apharsathchites, the Tarpelites, the Apharsites, the Archevites, the Babylonians, the Shushanchites, the Dehaites, the Elamites, 10and the rest of the nations whom the great and noble Osnappar brought over, and set in the city of Samaria, and in the rest of the country beyond the River, and so forth. 11This is the copy of the letter that they sent to Artaxerxes the king: Your servants the men beyond the River, and so forth. 12Be it known to the king, that the Jews who came up from you have come to us to Jerusalem; they are building the rebellious and the bad city, and have finished the walls, and repaired the foundations. 13Be it known now to the king, that, if this city is built, and the walls finished, they will not pay tribute, custom, or toll, and in the end it will be harmful to the kings. 14Now because we eat the salt of the palace, and it is not fitting for us to see the king's dishonor, therefore we have sent and informed the king; 15that search may be made in the book of the records of your fathers: so you shall find in the book of the records, and know that this city is a rebellious city, and harmful to kings and provinces, and that they have stirred up sedition within it from old times; for which reason this city was laid waste. 16We inform the king that, if this city is built, and the walls finished, by this means you shall have no portion beyond the River. 17Then the king sent an answer to Rehum the chancellor, and to Shimshai the scribe, and to the rest of their companions who live in Samaria, and in the rest of the country beyond the River: Peace, and so forth. 18The letter which you sent to us has been plainly read before me. 19And I decreed, and search has been made, and it is found that this city from old times has made insurrection against kings, and that rebellion and sedition have been made in it. 20There have been mighty kings also over Jerusalem, who have ruled over all the country beyond the River; and tribute, custom, and toll were paid to them. 21Now make a decree to cause these men to cease, and that this city not be built, until a decree shall be made by me. 22And take heed that you are not slack in this: why should damage grow to the hurt of the kings? 23Then when the copy of king Artaxerxes' letter was read before Rehum, and Shimshai the scribe, and their companions, they went in haste to Jerusalem to the Jews, and made them cease by force and power. 24Then the work of the house of God which is at Jerusalem ceased; and it

ceased until the second year of the reign of Darius king of Persia.

Chapter 5

[1]Now the prophets, Haggai the prophet, and Zechariah the son of Iddo, prophesied to the Jews who were in Judah and Jerusalem; in the name of the God of Israel they prophesied to them. [2]Then Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, and Jeshua the son of Jozadak, rose up and began to build the house of God which is at Jerusalem; and with them were the prophets of God, helping them. [3]At the same time Tattenai, the governor beyond the River, and Shethar-bozenai, and their companions came to them, and said thus to them, Who gave you a decree to build this house, and to finish this wall? [4]Then we told them in this manner, what the names of the men were who were making this building. [5]But the eye of their God was upon the elders of the Jews, and they did not make them cease, until the matter should come to Darius, and then answer should be returned by letter concerning it. [6]The copy of the letter that Tattenai, the governor beyond the River, and Shethar-bozenai, and his companions the Apharsachites, who were beyond the River, sent to Darius the king; [7]they sent a letter to him, in which was written thus: To Darius the king, all peace. [8]Be it known to the king, that we went into the province of Judah, to the house of the great God, which is built with great stones, and timber is laid in the walls; and this work goes on with diligence and prospers in their hands. [9]Then we asked those elders, and said to them thus, Who gave you a decree to build this house, and to finish this wall? [10]We also asked them their names, to inform you, that we might write the names of the men who were at the head of them. [11]And thus they returned us answer, saying, We are the servants of the God of heaven and earth, and are building the house that was built these many years ago, which a great king of Israel built and finished. [12]But after our fathers had provoked the God of heaven to wrath, he gave them into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, the Chaldean, who destroyed this house, and carried the people away into Babylon. [13]But in the first year of Cyrus king of Babylon, Cyrus the king made a decree to build this house of God. [14]And the gold and silver vessels also of the house of God, which Nebuchadnezzar took out of the temple that was in Jerusalem, and brought into the temple of Babylon, those Cyrus the king took out of the temple of Babylon, and they were delivered to one whose name was Sheshbazzar, whom he had made governor; [15]and he said to him, Take these vessels, go, put them in the temple that is in Jerusalem, and let the house of God be built in its place. [16]Then the same Sheshbazzar came, and laid the foundations of the house of God which is in Jerusalem: and since that time even until now it has been in building, and yet it is not completed. [17]Now therefore, if it seems good to the king, let a search be made in the king's treasure-house, which is there at Babylon, whether it is so, that a decree was made by Cyrus the king to build this house of God at Jerusalem; and let the king send his pleasure to us concerning this matter.

Chapter 6

[1]Then Darius the king made a decree, and search was made in the house of the archives, where the treasures were laid up in Babylon. [2]And there was found at Achmetha, in the palace that is in the province of Media, a scroll, and in it was thus written for a record: [3]In the first year of Cyrus the king, Cyrus the king made a decree: Concerning the house of God at Jerusalem, let the house be built, the place where they offer sacrifices, and let its foundations be strongly laid; its height sixty cubits, and its breadth sixty cubits; [4]with three courses of great stones, and a course of new timber: and let the expenses be given out of the king's house. [5]And also let the gold and silver vessels of the house of God, which Nebuchadnezzar took out of the temple which is at Jerusalem, and brought to Babylon, be restored, and brought back to the temple which is at Jerusalem, every one to its place; and you shall put them in the house of God. [6]Now therefore, Tattenai, governor beyond the River, Shethar-bozenai, and your companions the Apharsachites, who are beyond the River, keep far away from there: [7]let the work of this house of God alone; let the governor of the Jews and the elders of the Jews build this house of God in its place. [8]Moreover I make a decree what you shall do for these elders of the Jews for the building of this house of God: that from the king's goods, even from the tribute beyond the River, expenses be given with all diligence to these men, that they not be hindered. [9]And whatever they have need of, both young bulls, and rams, and lambs, for burnt-offerings to the God of heaven; also wheat, salt, wine, and oil, according to the word of the priests who are at Jerusalem, let it be given them day by day without fail; [10]that they may offer sacrifices of pleasing aroma to the God of

heaven, and pray for the life of the king, and of his sons. 11Also I have made a decree, that whoever shall alter this word, let a beam be pulled out from his house, and let him be lifted up and fastened on it; and let his house be made a dunghill for this: 12and may the God who has caused his name to dwell there overthrow all kings and peoples who shall put out their hand to alter it, to destroy this house of God which is at Jerusalem. I Darius have made a decree; let it be done with all diligence. 13Then Tattenai, the governor beyond the River, Shethar-bozenai, and their companions, because Darius the king had sent, did accordingly with all diligence. 14And the elders of the Jews built and prospered, through the prophesying of Haggai the prophet and Zechariah the son of Iddo. And they built and finished it, according to the commandment of the God of Israel, and according to the decree of Cyrus, and Darius, and Artaxerxes king of Persia. 15And this house was finished on the third day of the month Adar, which was in the sixth year of the reign of Darius the king. 16And the children of Israel, the priests and the Levites, and the rest of the children of the captivity, kept the dedication of this house of God with joy. 17And they offered at the dedication of this house of God a hundred bulls, two hundred rams, four hundred lambs; and for a sin-offering for all Israel, twelve male goats, according to the number of the tribes of Israel. 18And they set the priests in their divisions, and the Levites in their courses, for the service of God, which is at Jerusalem; as it is written in the book of Moses. 19And the children of the captivity kept the passover on the fourteenth day of the first month. 20For the priests and the Levites had purified themselves together; all of them were pure: and they killed the passover for all the children of the captivity, and for their brothers the priests, and for themselves. 21And the children of Israel who had come back out of the captivity, and all such as had separated themselves to them from the filthiness of the nations of the land, to seek Yehovah, the God of Israel, ate, 22and kept the feast of unleavened bread seven days with joy: for Yehovah had made them joyful, and had turned the heart of the king of Assyria to them, to strengthen their hands in the work of the house of God, the God of Israel.

Chapter 7

1Now after these things, in the reign of Artaxerxes king of Persia, Ezra the son of Seraiah, the son of Azariah, the son of Hilkiah, 2the son of Shallum, the son of Zadok, the son of Ahitub, 3the son of Amariah, the son of Azariah, the son of Meraioth, 4the son of Zerahiah, the son of Uzzi, the son of Bukki, 5the son of Abishua, the son of Phinehas, the son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron the chief priest— 6this Ezra went up from Babylon. And he was a skilled scribe in the law of Moses, which Yehovah, the God of Israel, had given; and the king granted him all his request, according to the hand of Yehovah his God upon him. 7And some of the children of Israel went up, and of the priests, and the Levites, and the singers, and the gatekeepers, and the Nethinim, to Jerusalem, in the seventh year of Artaxerxes the king. 8And he came to Jerusalem in the fifth month, which was in the seventh year of the king. 9For on the first day of the first month he began to go up from Babylon; and on the first day of the fifth month he came to Jerusalem, according to the good hand of his God upon him. 10For Ezra had set his heart to seek the law of Yehovah, and to do it, and to teach in Israel statutes and ordinances. 11Now this is the copy of the letter that the king Artaxerxes gave to Ezra the priest, the scribe, even the scribe of the words of the commandments of Yehovah, and of his statutes to Israel: 12Artaxerxes, king of kings, to Ezra the priest, the scribe of the law of the God of heaven, perfect and so forth. 13I make a decree, that all those of the people of Israel, and their priests and the Levites, in my realm, who are minded of their own free will to go to Jerusalem, go with you. 14Because you are sent by the king and his seven counselors, to inquire concerning Judah and Jerusalem, according to the law of your God which is in your hand, 15and to carry the silver and gold, which the king and his counselors have freely offered to the God of Israel, whose habitation is in Jerusalem, 16and all the silver and gold that you shall find in all the province of Babylon, with the freewill-offering of the people, and of the priests, offering willingly for the house of their God which is in Jerusalem; 17therefore you shall with all diligence buy with this money bulls, rams, lambs, with their meal-offerings and their drink-offerings, and shall offer them on the altar of the house of your God which is in Jerusalem. 18And whatever shall seem good to you and to your brothers to do with the rest of the silver and the gold, do that according to the will of your God. 19And the vessels that are given you for the service of the house of your God, deliver before the God of Jerusalem. 20And whatever more shall be needed for the house of your God, which you

shall have occasion to provide, provide it out of the king's treasure-house. 21And I, even I Artaxerxes the king, make a decree to all the treasurers who are beyond the River, that whatever Ezra the priest, the scribe of the law of the God of heaven, shall require of you, it be done with all diligence, 22up to a hundred talents of silver, and up to a hundred measures of wheat, and up to a hundred baths of wine, and up to a hundred baths of oil, and salt without prescribing how much. 23Whatever is commanded by the God of heaven, let it be done exactly for the house of the God of heaven; for why should there be wrath against the realm of the king and his sons? 24Also we inform you, that concerning any of the priests and Levites, the singers, gatekeepers, Nethinim, or servants of this house of God, it shall not be lawful to impose tribute, custom, or toll, upon them. 25And you, Ezra, according to the wisdom of your God that is in your hand, appoint magistrates and judges, who may judge all the people who are beyond the River, all such as know the laws of your God; and teach him who does not know them. 26And whoever will not do the law of your God, and the law of the king, let judgment be executed on him with all diligence, whether it be to death, or to banishment, or to confiscation of goods, or to imprisonment. 27Blessed be Yehovah, the God of our fathers, who has put such a thing as this in the king's heart, to beautify the house of Yehovah which is in Jerusalem; 28and has extended lovingkindness to me before the king, and his counselors, and before all the king's mighty princes. And I was strengthened according to the hand of Yehovah my God upon me, and I gathered together out of Israel chief men to go up with me.

Chapter 8

1Now these are the heads of their fathers' houses, and this is the genealogy of those who went up with me from Babylon, in the reign of Artaxerxes the king: 2Of the sons of Phinehas, Gershom. Of the sons of Ithamar, Daniel. Of the sons of David, Hattush. 3Of the sons of Shecaniah, of the sons of Parosh, Zechariah; and with him were reckoned by genealogy of the males a hundred and fifty. 4Of the sons of Pahath-moab, Eliehoenai the son of Zerahiah; and with him two hundred males. 5Of the sons of Shecaniah, the son of Jahaziel; and with him three hundred males. 6And of the sons of Adin, Ebed the son of Jonathan; and with him fifty males. 7And of the sons of Elam, Jeshaiah the son of Athaliah; and with him seventy males. 8And of the sons of Shephatiah, Zebadiah the son of Michael; and with him eighty males. 9Of the sons of Joab, Obadiah the son of Jehiel; and with him two hundred and eighteen males. 10And of the sons of Shelomith, the son of Josiphiah; and with him one hundred sixty males. 11And of the sons of Bebai, Zechariah the son of Bebai; and with him twenty-eight males. 12And of the sons of Azgad, Johanan the son of Hakkatan; and with him a hundred and ten males. 13And of the sons of Adonikam, who were the last; and these are their names: Eliphelet, Jeuel, and Shemaiah; and with them sixty males. 14And of the sons of Bigvai, Uthai and Zabbud; and with them seventy males. 15And I gathered them together to the river that runs to Ahava; and there we camped three days: and I reviewed the people, and the priests, and found there none of the sons of Levi. 16Then I sent for Eliezer, for Ariel, for Shemaiah, and for Elnathan, and for Jarib, and for Elnathan, and for Nathan, and for Zechariah, and for Meshullam, chief men; also for Joiarib, and for Elnathan, who were teachers. 17And I sent them out to Iddo the chief at the place Casiphia; and I told them what they should say to Iddo, and his brothers the Nethinim, at the place Casiphia, that they should bring to us ministers for the house of our God. 18And according to the good hand of our God upon us they brought us a man of discretion, of the sons of Mahli, the son of Levi, the son of Israel; and Sherebiah, with his sons and his brothers, eighteen; 19and Hashabiah, and with him Jeshaiah of the sons of Merari, his brothers and their sons, twenty; 20and of the Nethinim, whom David and the princes had given for the service of the Levites, two hundred and twenty Nethinim: all of them were mentioned by name. 21Then I proclaimed a fast there, at the river Ahava, that we might humble ourselves before our God, to seek from him a straight way for us, and for our little ones, and for all our goods. 22For I was ashamed to ask the king for a band of soldiers and horsemen to help us against the enemy on the way, because we had spoken to the king, saying, The hand of our God is upon all those who seek him, for good; but his power and his wrath is against all those who forsake him. 23So we fasted and implored our God for this: and he listened to our entreaty. 24Then I set apart twelve of the chiefs of the priests, even Sherebiah, Hashabiah, and ten of their brothers with them, 25and weighed out to them the silver, and the gold, and the vessels, even the offering for the house of our God, which the king, and his counselors, and his princes, and all

Israel there present, had offered: 26I weighed into their hand six hundred and fifty talents of silver, and silver vessels of a hundred talents; of gold a hundred talents; 27and twenty bowls of gold, of a thousand darics; and two vessels of fine bright bronze, precious as gold. 28And I said to them, You are holy to Yehovah, and the vessels are holy; and the silver and the gold are a freewill-offering to Yehovah, the God of your fathers. 29Watch, and keep them, until you weigh them before the chiefs of the priests and the Levites, and the princes of the fathers' houses of Israel, at Jerusalem, in the chambers of the house of Yehovah. 30So the priests and the Levites received the weight of the silver and the gold, and the vessels, to bring them to Jerusalem to the house of our God. 31Then we departed from the river Ahava on the twelfth day of the first month, to go to Jerusalem: and the hand of our God was upon us, and he delivered us from the hand of the enemy and the ambusher along the way. 32And we came to Jerusalem, and stayed there three days. 33And on the fourth day the silver and the gold and the vessels were weighed in the house of our God into the hand of Meremoth the son of Uriah the priest (and with him was Eleazar the son of Phinehas; and with them was Jozabad the son of Jeshua, and Noadiah the son of Binnui, the Levites)— 34the whole by number and by weight: and all the weight was written at that time. 35The children of the captivity, who had come out of exile, offered burnt-offerings to the God of Israel, twelve bulls for all Israel, ninety-six rams, seventy-seven lambs, twelve male goats for a sin-offering: all this was a burnt-offering to Yehovah. 36And they delivered the king's commissions to the king's satraps, and to the governors beyond the River: and they supported the people and the house of God.

Chapter 9

1Now when these things were done, the princes drew near to me, saying, The people of Israel, and the priests and the Levites, have not separated themselves from the peoples of the lands, doing according to their abominations, even of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Perizzites, the Jebusites, the Ammonites, the Moabites, the Egyptians, and the Amorites. 2For they have taken some of their daughters for themselves and for their sons, so that the holy seed have mingled themselves with the peoples of the lands: indeed, the hand of the princes and rulers has been foremost in this trespass. 3And when I heard this thing, I tore my garment and my robe, and pulled out the hair of my head and of my beard, and sat down appalled. 4Then every one who trembled at the words of the God of Israel assembled to me, because of the trespass of those of the captivity; and I sat appalled until the evening offering. 5And at the evening offering I rose up from my humiliation, even with my garment and my robe torn; and I fell on my knees, and spread out my hands to Yehovah my God; 6and I said, O my God, I am ashamed and blush to lift up my face to you, my God; for our iniquities have increased over our head, and our guiltiness has grown up to the heavens. 7Since the days of our fathers we have been exceedingly guilty to this day; and for our iniquities we, our kings, and our priests, have been delivered into the hand of the kings of the lands, to the sword, to captivity, and to plunder, and to confusion of face, as it is this day. 8And now for a little moment grace has been shown from Yehovah our God, to leave us a remnant to escape, and to give us a nail in his holy place, that our God may lighten our eyes, and give us a little reviving in our bondage. 9For we are slaves; yet our God has not forsaken us in our bondage, but has extended lovingkindness to us in the sight of the kings of Persia, to give us a reviving, to set up the house of our God, and to repair its ruins, and to give us a wall in Judah and in Jerusalem. 10And now, O our God, what shall we say after this? for we have forsaken your commandments, 11which you have commanded by your servants the prophets, saying, The land, which you are going to possess, is an unclean land through the uncleanness of the peoples of the lands, through their abominations, which have filled it from one end to another with their filthiness: 12now therefore do not give your daughters to their sons, nor take their daughters for your sons, nor seek their peace or their prosperity forever; that you may be strong, and eat the good of the land, and leave it for an inheritance to your children forever. 13And after all that has come upon us for our evil deeds, and for our great guilt, seeing that you our God have punished us less than our iniquities deserve, and have given us such a remnant, 14shall we again break your commandments, and intermarry with the peoples who do these abominations? would you not be angry with us until you had consumed us, so that there should be no remnant, nor any to escape? 15O Yehovah, the God of Israel, you are righteous; for we are left a remnant that has escaped,

as it is this day: behold, we are before you in our guiltiness; for none can stand before you because of this.

Chapter 10

1Now while Ezra prayed and made confession, weeping and casting himself down before the house of God, a very great assembly of men and women and children gathered together to him out of Israel; for the people wept very bitterly. 2And Shecaniah the son of Jehiel, one of the sons of Elam, answered and said to Ezra, We have trespassed against our God, and have married foreign women of the peoples of the land: yet now there is hope for Israel concerning this thing. 3Now therefore let us make a covenant with our God to put away all the wives, and those who are born of them, according to the counsel of my lord, and of those who tremble at the commandment of our God; and let it be done according to the law. 4Arise; for the matter belongs to you, and we are with you: be of good courage, and do it. 5Then Ezra arose, and made the chiefs of the priests, the Levites, and all Israel swear that they would do according to this word. So they swore. 6Then Ezra rose up from before the house of God, and went into the chamber of Jehohanan the son of Eliashib: and when he came there, he ate no bread, nor drank water; for he mourned because of the trespass of those of the captivity. 7And they made proclamation throughout Judah and Jerusalem to all the children of the captivity, that they should gather themselves together to Jerusalem; 8and that whoever did not come within three days, according to the counsel of the princes and the elders, all his goods should be forfeited, and he himself separated from the assembly of the captivity. 9Then all the men of Judah and Benjamin gathered themselves together to Jerusalem within the three days (it was the ninth month, on the twentieth day of the month); and all the people sat in the open square before the house of God, trembling because of this matter, and because of the heavy rain. 10And Ezra the priest stood up, and said to them, You have trespassed, and have married foreign women, to increase the guilt of Israel. 11Now therefore make confession to Yehovah, the God of your fathers, and do his pleasure; and separate yourselves from the peoples of the land, and from the foreign women. 12Then all the assembly answered and said with a loud voice, As you have said concerning us, so must we do. 13But the people are many, and it is a time of much rain, and we are not able to stand outside: neither is this a work of one day or two; for we have greatly transgressed in this matter. 14Let now our princes be appointed for all the assembly, and let all those in our cities who have married foreign women come at appointed times, and with them the elders of every city, and its judges, until the fierce wrath of our God is turned from us, until this matter is dealt with. 15Only Jonathan the son of Asahel and Jahzeiah the son of Tikvah stood up against this matter: and Meshullam and Shabbethai the Levite helped them. 16And the children of the captivity did so. And Ezra the priest, with certain heads of fathers' houses, according to their fathers' houses, and all of them by their names, were set apart; and they sat down on the first day of the tenth month to examine the matter. 17And they made an end with all the men who had married foreign women by the first day of the first month. 18And among the sons of the priests there were found some who had married foreign women: namely, of the sons of Jeshua, the son of Jozadak, and his brothers, Maaseiah, and Eliezer, and Jarib, and Gedaliah. 19And they gave their hand that they would put away their wives; and being guilty, they offered a ram of the flock for their guilt. 20And of the sons of Immer: Hanani and Zebadiah. 21And of the sons of Harim: Maaseiah, and Elijah, and Shemaiah, and Jehiel, and Uzziah. 22And of the sons of Pashhur: Elioenai, Maaseiah, Ishmael, Nethanel, Jozabad, and Elasah. 23And of the Levites: Jozabad, and Shimei, and Kelaiah (the same is Kelita), Pethahiah, Judah, and Eliezer. 24And of the singers: Eliashib. And of the gatekeepers: Shallum, and Telem, and Uri. 25And of Israel: Of the sons of Parosh: Ramiah, and Izziah, and Malchijah, and Mijamin, and Eleazar, and Malchijah, and Benaiah. 26And of the sons of Elam: Mattaniah, Zechariah, and Jehiel, and Abdi, and Jeremoth, and Elijah. 27And of the sons of Zattu: Elioenai, Eliashib, Mattaniah, and Jeremoth, and Zabad, and Aziza. 28And of the sons of Bebai: Jehohanan, Hananiah, Zabbai, Athlai. 29And of the sons of Bani: Meshullam, Malluch, and Adaiah, Jashub, and Sheal, Jeremoth. 30And of the sons of Pahath-moab: Adna, and Chelal, Benaiah, Maaseiah, Mattaniah, Bezalel, and Binnui, and Manasseh. 31And of the sons of Harim: Eliezer, Isshijah, Malchijah, Shemaiah, Shimeon, 32Benjamin, Malluch, Shemariah. 33Of the sons of Hashum: Mattenai, Mattattah, Zabad, Eliphelet, Jeremai, Manasseh, Shimei. 34Of the sons of Bani: Maadai, Amram, and Uel, 35Benaiah, Bedeiah,

Cheluhi, [36]Vaniah, Meremoth, Eliashib, [37]Mattaniah, Mattenai, and Jaasu, [38]and Bani, and Binnui, Shimei, [39]and Shelemiah, and Nathan, and Adaiah, [40]Machnadebai, Shashai, Sharai, [41]Azarel, and Shelemiah, Shemariah, [42]Shallum, Amariah, Joseph. [43]Of the sons of Nebo: Jeiel, Mattithiah, Zabad, Zebina, Iddo, and Joel, Benaiah. [44]All these had taken foreign wives; and some of them had wives by whom they had children.

Nehemiah

Chapter 1

1 The words of Nehemiah the son of Hacaliah. Now it
happened in the month Chislev, in the twentieth
year, as I was in Shushan the palace, 2 that Hanani,
one of my brothers, came, he and certain men out of
Judah; and I asked them concerning the Jews who
had escaped, who were left of the captivity, and
concerning Jerusalem. 3 And they said to me, The
remnant that are left of the captivity there in the
province are in great affliction and reproach: the wall
of Jerusalem also is broken down, and its gates are
burned with fire. 4 And it happened, when I heard
these words, that I sat down and wept, and mourned
for days; and I fasted and prayed before the God of
heaven, 5 and said, I implore you, O Yehovah, the God
of heaven, the great and terrible God, who keeps
covenant and lovingkindness with those who love
him and keep his commandments: 6 let your ear now
be attentive, and your eyes open, that you may listen
to the prayer of your servant, which I pray before you
at this time, day and night, for the children of Israel
your servants, while I confess the sins of the children
of Israel, which we have sinned against you. Indeed, I
and my father's house have sinned: 7 we have dealt
very corruptly against you, and have not kept the
commandments, nor the statutes, nor the
ordinances, which you commanded your servant
Moses. 8 Remember, I implore you, the word that you
commanded your servant Moses, saying, If you
trespass, I will scatter you abroad among the peoples:
9 but if you return to me, and keep my
commandments and do them, though your outcasts
were in the uttermost part of the heavens, yet I will
gather them from there, and will bring them to the
place that I have chosen, to cause my name to dwell
there. 10 Now these are your servants and your people,
whom you have redeemed by your great power, and
by your strong hand. 11 O Lord, I implore you, let your
ear now be attentive to the prayer of your servant,
and to the prayer of your servants, who delight to
fear your name; and please prosper your servant this
day, and grant him mercy in the sight of this man.
Now I was cupbearer to the king.

Chapter 2

1 And it happened in the month Nisan, in the
twentieth year of Artaxerxes the king, when wine
was before him, that I took up the wine, and gave it to
the king. Now I had not been sad before in his
presence. 2 And the king said to me, Why is your
countenance sad, seeing you are not sick? this is
nothing else but sorrow of heart. Then I was very
greatly afraid. 3 And I said to the king, Let the king
live forever: why should my countenance not be sad,
when the city, the place of my fathers' tombs, lies
waste, and its gates are consumed with fire? 4 Then
the king said to me, For what do you make request?
So I prayed to the God of heaven. 5 And I said to the
king, If it pleases the king, and if your servant has
found favor in your sight, that you would send me to
Judah, to the city of my fathers' tombs, that I may
build it. 6 And the king said to me (the queen also
sitting by him), For how long shall your journey be?
and when will you return? So it pleased the king to
send me; and I set him a time. 7 Moreover I said to the
king, If it pleases the king, let letters be given me to
the governors beyond the River, that they may let me
pass through till I come to Judah; 8 and a letter to
Asaph the keeper of the king's forest, that he may
give me timber to make beams for the gates of the
castle which belongs to the house, and for the wall of
the city, and for the house that I shall enter into. And
the king granted me, according to the good hand of
my God upon me. 9 Then I came to the governors
beyond the River, and gave them the king's letters.
Now the king had sent with me captains of the army
and horsemen. 10 And when Sanballat the Horonite,
and Tobiah the servant, the Ammonite, heard of it, it
grieved them exceedingly, that a man had come to
seek the welfare of the children of Israel. 11 So I came
to Jerusalem, and was there three days. 12 And I arose
in the night, I and some few men with me; nor did I
tell any man what my God put into my heart to do for
Jerusalem; neither was there any beast with me,
except the beast that I rode upon. 13 And I went out by
night by the valley gate, even toward the jackal's
well, and to the dung gate, and viewed the walls of
Jerusalem, which were broken down, and its gates
were consumed with fire. 14 Then I went on to the
fountain gate and to the king's pool: but there was no
place for the beast that was under me to pass. 15 Then I
went up in the night by the brook, and viewed the
wall; and I turned back, and entered by the valley
gate, and so returned. 16 And the rulers did not know
where I went, or what I did; neither had I as yet told it
to the Jews, nor to the priests, nor to the nobles, nor

to the rulers, nor to the rest that did the work. 17 Then I said to them, You see the bad situation that we are in, how Jerusalem lies waste, and its gates are burned with fire: come, and let us build up the wall of Jerusalem, that we may no longer be a reproach. 18 And I told them of the hand of my God which was good upon me, as also of the king's words that he had spoken to me. And they said, Let us rise up and build. So they strengthened their hands for the good work. 19 But when Sanballat the Horonite, and Tobiah the servant, the Ammonite, and Geshem the Arabian, heard it, they mocked us, and despised us, and said, What is this thing that you do? will you rebel against the king? 20 Then I answered them, and said to them, The God of heaven, he will prosper us; therefore we his servants will arise and build: but you have no portion, nor right, nor memorial, in Jerusalem.

Chapter 3

1 Then Eliashib the high priest rose up with his brothers the priests, and they built the sheep gate; they sanctified it, and set up its doors; even to the tower of Hammeah they sanctified it, to the tower of Hananel. 2 And next to him the men of Jericho built. And next to them Zaccur built the son of Imri. 3 And the sons of Hassenaah built the fish gate; they laid its beams, and set up its doors, its bolts, and its bars. 4 And next to them Meremoth the son of Uriah, the son of Hakkoz, repaired. And next to them Meshullam the son of Berechiah, the son of Meshezabel, repaired. And next to them Zadok the son of Baana repaired. 5 And next to them the Tekoites repaired; but their nobles did not put their necks to the work of their lord. 6 And Joiada the son of Paseah and Meshullam the son of Besodeiah repaired the old gate; they laid its beams, and set up its doors, and its bolts, and its bars. 7 And next to them Melatiah the Gibeonite, and Jadon the Meronothite, repaired, the men of Gibeon, and of Mizpah, who belonged to the throne of the governor beyond the River. 8 Next to him Uzziel the son of Harhaiah, goldsmiths, repaired. And next to him Hananiah one of the perfumers repaired, and they fortified Jerusalem even to the broad wall. 9 And next to them Rephaiah the son of Hur, the ruler of half the district of Jerusalem, repaired. 10 And next to them Jedaiah the son of Harumaph repaired, opposite his house. And next to him Hattush the son of Hashabneiah repaired. 11 Malchijah the son of Harim, and Hasshub the son of Pahath-moab, repaired another portion, and the tower of the furnaces. 12 And next to him Shallum the son of Hallohesh, the ruler of half the district of Jerusalem, repaired, he and his daughters. 13 Hanun and the inhabitants of Zanoah repaired the valley gate; they built it, and set up its doors, its bolts, and its bars, and a thousand cubits of the wall to the dung gate. 14 And Malchijah the son of Rechab, the ruler of the district of Beth-haccherem, repaired the dung gate; he built it, and set up its doors, its bolts, and its bars. 15 And Shallun the son of Col-hozeh, the ruler of the district of Mizpah, repaired the fountain gate; he built it, and covered it, and set up its doors, its bolts, and its bars, and the wall of the pool of Shelah by the king's garden, even to the stairs that go down from the city of David. 16 After him Nehemiah the son of Azbuk, the ruler of half the district of Beth-zur, repaired to the place opposite the tombs of David, and to the pool that was made, and to the house of the mighty men. 17 After him the Levites repaired, Rehum the son of Bani. Next to him Hashabiah, the ruler of half the district of Keilah, repaired, for his district. 18 After him their brothers repaired, Bavvai the son of Henadad, the ruler of half the district of Keilah. 19 And next to him Ezer the son of Jeshua, the ruler of Mizpah, repaired another portion, opposite the ascent to the armory at the turning of the wall. 20 After him Baruch the son of Zabbai earnestly repaired another portion, from the turning of the wall to the door of the house of Eliashib the high priest. 21 After him Meremoth the son of Uriah the son of Hakkoz repaired another portion, from the door of the house of Eliashib even to the end of the house of Eliashib. 22 And after him the priests, the men of the Plain, repaired. 23 After them Benjamin and Hasshub repaired opposite their house. After them Azariah the son of Maaseiah the son of Ananiah repaired beside his own house. 24 After him Binnui the son of Henadad repaired another portion, from the house of Azariah to the turning of the wall, and to the corner. 25 Palal the son of Uzai repaired opposite the turning of the wall, and the tower that stands out from the upper house of the king, which is by the court of the guard. After him Pedaiah the son of Parosh repaired. 26 (Now the Nethinim dwelt in Ophel, to the place opposite the water gate toward the east, and the tower that stands out.) 27 After him the Tekoites repaired another portion, opposite the great tower that stands out, and to the wall of Ophel. 28 Above the horse gate the priests repaired, every one opposite his own house. 29 After them Zadok the son of Immer repaired

opposite his own house. And after him Shemaiah the son of Shecaniah, the keeper of the east gate, repaired. 30After him Hananiah the son of Shelemiah, and Hanun the sixth son of Zalaph, repaired another portion. After him Meshullam the son of Berechiah repaired opposite his chamber. 31After him Malchijah one of the goldsmiths repaired to the house of the Nethinim, and of the merchants, opposite the gate of Hammiphkad, and to the ascent of the corner. 32And between the ascent of the corner and the sheep gate the goldsmiths and the merchants repaired.

Chapter 4

1But it happened that, when Sanballat heard that we were building the wall, he was angry, and greatly enraged, and mocked the Jews. 2And he spoke before his brothers and the army of Samaria, and said, What are these feeble Jews doing? will they fortify themselves? will they sacrifice? will they finish in a day? will they revive the stones out of the heaps of rubbish, seeing they are burned? 3Now Tobiah the Ammonite was by him, and he said, Even that which they are building, if a fox goes up, he shall break down their stone wall. 4Hear, O our God; for we are despised: and turn back their reproach upon their own head, and give them up for a spoil in a land of captivity; 5and do not cover their iniquity, and do not let their sin be blotted out from before you; for they have provoked you to anger before the builders. 6So we built the wall; and all the wall was joined together to half its height: for the people had a mind to work. 7But it happened that, when Sanballat, and Tobiah, and the Arabians, and the Ammonites, and the Ashdodites, heard that the repairing of the walls of Jerusalem went forward, and that the breaches began to be stopped, then they were very angry; 8and they conspired all of them together to come and fight against Jerusalem, and to cause confusion in it. 9But we made our prayer to our God, and set a watch against them day and night, because of them. 10And Judah said, The strength of the bearers of burdens is decayed, and there is much rubbish; so that we are not able to build the wall. 11And our adversaries said, They shall not know, neither see, till we come into the midst of them, and slay them, and cause the work to cease. 12And it happened that, when the Jews who dwelt by them came, they said to us ten times from all places, You must return to us. 13Therefore I set in the lowest parts of the space behind the wall, in the open places, I set there the people after their families with their swords, their spears, and their bows. 14And I looked, and rose up, and said to the nobles, and to the rulers, and to the rest of the people, Do not be afraid of them: remember the Lord, who is great and terrible, and fight for your brothers, your sons, and your daughters, your wives, and your houses. 15And it happened, when our enemies heard that it was known to us, and God had brought their counsel to nothing, that all of us returned to the wall, every one to his work. 16And it happened from that time forth, that half of my servants worked in the work, and half of them held the spears, the shields, and the bows, and the coats of mail; and the rulers were behind all the house of Judah. 17Those who built the wall and those who bore burdens loaded themselves; every one with one of his hands worked in the work, and with the other held his weapon; 18and the builders, every one had his sword girded by his side, and so built. And he who sounded the trumpet was by me. 19And I said to the nobles, and to the rulers and to the rest of the people, The work is great and large, and we are separated upon the wall, one far from another: 20in whatever place you hear the sound of the trumpet, rally there to us; our God will fight for us. 21So we worked in the work: and half of them held the spears from the rising of the morning till the stars appeared. 22Likewise at the same time I said to the people, Let every one with his servant lodge within Jerusalem, that in the night they may be a guard to us, and may labor in the day. 23So neither I, nor my brothers, nor my servants, nor the men of the guard that followed me, none of us put off our clothes, every one went with his weapon to the water.

Chapter 5

1Then there arose a great cry of the people and of their wives against their brothers the Jews. 2For there were those who said, We, our sons and our daughters, are many: let us get grain, that we may eat and live. 3Some also there were who said, We are mortgaging our fields, and our vineyards, and our houses: let us get grain, because of the famine. 4There were also those who said, We have borrowed money for the king's tribute upon our fields and our vineyards. 5Yet now our flesh is as the flesh of our brothers, our children as their children: and, look, we bring into bondage our sons and our daughters to be servants, and some of our daughters are brought into bondage already: neither is it in our power to help it; for other men have our fields and our

vineyards. 6And I was very angry when I heard their cry and these words. 7Then I consulted with myself, and contended with the nobles and the rulers, and said to them, You exact usury, every one from his brother. And I held a great assembly against them. 8And I said to them, We according to our ability have redeemed our brothers the Jews, who were sold to the nations; and would you even sell your brothers, and should they be sold to us? Then they were silent, and could not find a word. 9Also I said, The thing that you do is not good: ought you not to walk in the fear of our God, because of the reproach of the nations our enemies? 10And I likewise, my brothers and my servants, are lending them money and grain. Please, let us stop this usury. 11Please restore to them, even this day, their fields, their vineyards, their olive groves, and their houses, also the hundredth part of the money, and of the grain, the new wine, and the oil, that you exact from them. 12Then they said, We will restore them, and will require nothing of them; so we will do, even as you say. Then I called the priests, and took an oath from them, that they would do according to this promise. 13Also I shook out my lap, and said, So God shake out every man from his house, and from his labor, who does not perform this promise; even thus be he shaken out, and emptied. And all the assembly said, Amen, and praised Yehovah. And the people did according to this promise. 14Moreover from the time that I was appointed to be their governor in the land of Judah, from the twentieth year even to the thirty-second year of Artaxerxes the king, that is, twelve years, I and my brothers have not eaten the bread of the governor. 15But the former governors who were before me laid burdens on the people, and took from them bread and wine, besides forty shekels of silver; indeed, even their servants bore rule over the people: but I did not do so, because of the fear of God. 16Indeed, I also continued in the work of this wall, nor did we buy any land: and all my servants were gathered there to the work. 17Moreover there were at my table, of the Jews and the rulers, a hundred and fifty men, besides those who came to us from among the nations that were all around us. 18Now that which was prepared for one day was one ox and six choice sheep; also fowls were prepared for me, and once in ten days an abundance of all sorts of wine: yet for all this I did not demand the bread of the governor, because the bondage was heavy upon this people. 19Remember to me, O my God, for good, all that I have done for this people.

Chapter 6

1Now it happened, when it was reported to Sanballat and Tobiah, and to Geshem the Arabian, and to the rest of our enemies, that I had built the wall, and that there was no breach left in it (though even to that time I had not set up the doors in the gates), 2that Sanballat and Geshem sent to me, saying, Come, let us meet together in one of the villages in the plain of Ono. But they thought to do me harm. 3And I sent messengers to them, saying, I am doing a great work, so that I cannot come down: why should the work cease, while I leave it, and come down to you? 4And they sent to me four times in this way; and I answered them in the same manner. 5Then Sanballat sent his servant to me in like manner the fifth time with an open letter in his hand, 6in which was written, It is reported among the nations, and Gashmu says it, that you and the Jews think to rebel; for which cause you are building the wall: and you would be their king, according to these words. 7And you have also appointed prophets to preach of you at Jerusalem, saying, There is a king in Judah: and now it shall be reported to the king according to these words. Come now therefore, and let us take counsel together. 8Then I sent to him, saying, There are no such things done as you say, but you feign them out of your own heart. 9For they all would have made us afraid, saying, Their hands shall be weakened from the work, that it may not be done. But now, O God, strengthen my hands. 10And I went to the house of Shemaiah the son of Delaiah the son of Mehetabel, who was shut up; and he said, Let us meet together in the house of God, within the temple, and let us shut the doors of the temple: for they will come to slay you; indeed, in the night they will come to slay you. 11And I said, Should such a man as I flee? and who is there, that, being such as I, would go into the temple to save his life? I will not go in. 12And I discerned, and, look, God had not sent him; but he pronounced this prophecy against me: and Tobiah and Sanballat had hired him. 13For this reason he was hired, that I should be afraid, and do so, and sin, and that they might have matter for an evil report, that they might reproach me. 14Remember, O my God, Tobiah and Sanballat according to these their works, and also the prophetess Noadiah, and the rest of the prophets, who would have put me in fear. 15So the wall was finished in the twenty-fifth day of the month Elul, in

fifty-two days. 16And it happened, when all our enemies heard of it, that all the nations that were about us feared, and were much cast down in their own eyes; for they perceived that this work was done by our God. 17Moreover in those days the nobles of Judah sent many letters to Tobiah, and the letters of Tobiah came to them. 18For there were many in Judah sworn to him, because he was the son-in-law of Shecaniah the son of Arah; and his son Jehohanan had taken the daughter of Meshullam the son of Berechiah as wife. 19Also they spoke of his good deeds before me, and reported my words to him. And Tobiah sent letters to put me in fear.

Chapter 7

1Now it happened, when the wall was built, and I had set up the doors, and the gatekeepers and the singers and the Levites were appointed, 2that I gave my brother Hanani, and Hananiah the governor of the castle, charge over Jerusalem; for he was a faithful man, and feared God above many. 3And I said to them, Do not let the gates of Jerusalem be opened until the sun is hot; and while they stand on guard, let them shut the doors, and bar them: and appoint watches of the inhabitants of Jerusalem, every one in his watch, and every one to be opposite his house. 4Now the city was wide and large; but the people were few in it, and the houses were not built. 5And my God put into my heart to gather together the nobles, and the rulers, and the people, that they might be reckoned by genealogy. And I found the book of the genealogy of those who came up at first, and I found written in it: 6These are the children of the province, who went up out of the captivity of those that had been carried away, whom Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon had carried away, and who returned to Jerusalem and to Judah, every one to his city; 7who came with Zerubbabel, Jeshua, Nehemiah, Azariah, Raamiah, Nahamani, Mordecai, Bilshan, Mispereth, Bigvai, Nehum, Baanah. The number of the men of the people of Israel: 8The children of Parosh, two thousand one hundred and seventy-two. 9The children of Shephatiah, three hundred and seventy-two. 10The children of Arah, six hundred and fifty-two. 11The children of Pahath-moab, of the children of Jeshua and Joab, two thousand eight hundred and eighteen. 12The children of Elam, a thousand two hundred and fifty-four. 13The children of Zattu, eight hundred and forty-five. 14The children of Zaccai, seven hundred and sixty. 15The children of Binnui, six hundred and forty-eight. 16The children of Bebai, six hundred and twenty-eight. 17The children of Azgad, two thousand three hundred and twenty-two. 18The children of Adonikam, six hundred and sixty-seven. 19The children of Bigvai, two thousand and sixty-seven. 20The children of Adin, six hundred and fifty-five. 21The children of Ater, of Hezekiah, ninety-eight. 22The children of Hashum, three hundred and twenty-eight. 23The children of Bezai, three hundred and twenty-four. 24The children of Hariph, a hundred and twelve. 25The children of Gibeon, ninety-five. 26The men of Beth-lehem and Netophah, a hundred and eighty-eight. 27The men of Anathoth, a hundred and twenty-eight. 28The men of Beth-azmaveth, forty-two. 29The men of Kiriath-jearim, Chephirah, and Beeroth, seven hundred and forty-three. 30The men of Ramah and Geba, six hundred and twenty-one. 31The men of Michmas, a hundred and twenty-two. 32The men of Beth-el and Ai, a hundred and twenty-three. 33The men of the other Nebo, fifty-two. 34The children of the other Elam, a thousand two hundred and fifty-four. 35The children of Harim, three hundred and twenty. 36The children of Jericho, three hundred and forty-five. 37The children of Lod, Hadid, and Ono, seven hundred and twenty-one. 38The children of Senaah, three thousand nine hundred and thirty. 39The priests: The children of Jedaiah, of the house of Jeshua, nine hundred and seventy-three. 40The children of Immer, a thousand and fifty-two. 41The children of Pashhur, a thousand two hundred and forty-seven. 42The children of Harim, a thousand and seventeen. 43The Levites: the children of Jeshua, of Kadmiel, of the children of Hodevah, seventy-four. 44The singers: the children of Asaph, a hundred and forty-eight. 45The gatekeepers: the children of Shallum, the children of Ater, the children of Talmon, the children of Akkub, the children of Hatita, the children of Shobai, a hundred and thirty-eight. 46The Nethinim: the children of Ziha, the children of Hasupha, the children of Tabbaoth, 47the children of Keros, the children of Sia, the children of Padon, 48the children of Lebana, the children of Hagaba, the children of Salmai, 49the children of Hanan, the children of Giddel, the children of Gahar, 50the children of Reaiah, the children of Rezin, the children of Nekoda, 51the children of Gazzam, the children of Uzza, the children of Paseah. 52The children of Besai, the children of Meunim, the children of Nephushesim, 53the children of Bakbuk, the children of Hakupha,

the children of Harhur, 54the children of Bazlith, the children of Mehida, the children of Harsha, 55the children of Barkos, the children of Sisera, the children of Temah, 56the children of Neziah, the children of Hatipha. 57The children of Solomon's servants: the children of Sotai, the children of Sophereth, the children of Perida, 58the children of Jaala, the children of Darkon, the children of Giddel, 59the children of Shephatiah, the children of Hattil, the children of Pochereth-hazzebaim, the children of Amon. 60All the Nethinim, and the children of Solomon's servants, were three hundred and ninety-two. 61And these were those who went up from Tel-melah, Tel-harsha, Cherub, Addon, and Immer; but they could not show their fathers' houses, nor their seed, whether they were of Israel: 62The children of Delaiah, the children of Tobiah, the children of Nekoda, six hundred and forty-two. 63And of the priests: the children of Hobaiah, the children of Hakkoz, the children of Barzillai, who took a wife from the daughters of Barzillai the Gileadite, and was called after their name. 64These sought their register among those who were reckoned by genealogy, but it was not found: therefore they were deemed polluted and put from the priesthood. 65And the governor said to them, that they should not eat of the most holy things, till a priest stood up with Urim and Thummim. 66The whole assembly together was forty-two thousand three hundred and sixty, 67besides their male servants and their female servants, of whom there were seven thousand three hundred and thirty-seven: and they had two hundred and forty-five singing men and singing women. 68Their horses were seven hundred and thirty-six; their mules, two hundred and forty-five; 69their camels, four hundred and thirty-five; their donkeys, six thousand seven hundred and twenty. 70And some from among the heads of fathers' houses gave to the work. The governor gave to the treasury a thousand darics of gold, fifty basins, five hundred and thirty priests' garments. 71And some of the heads of fathers' houses gave into the treasury of the work twenty thousand darics of gold, and two thousand two hundred pounds of silver. 72And that which the rest of the people gave was twenty thousand darics of gold, and two thousand pounds of silver, and sixty-seven priests' garments. 73So the priests, and the Levites, and the gatekeepers, and the singers, and some of the people, and the Nethinim, and all Israel, dwelt in their cities. And when the seventh month had come, the children of Israel were in their cities.

Chapter 8

1And all the people gathered themselves together as one man into the broad place that was before the water gate; and they spoke to Ezra the scribe to bring the book of the law of Moses, which Yehovah had commanded to Israel. 2And Ezra the priest brought the law before the assembly, both men and women, and all who could hear with understanding, upon the first day of the seventh month. 3And he read from it before the broad place that was before the water gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women, and of those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. 4And Ezra the scribe stood upon a platform of wood, which they had made for the purpose; and beside him stood Mattithiah, and Shema, and Anaiah, and Uriah, and Hilkiah, and Maaseiah, on his right hand; and on his left hand, Pedaiah, and Mishael, and Malchijah, and Hashum, and Hashbaddanah, Zechariah, and Meshullam. 5And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people (for he was above all the people); and when he opened it, all the people stood up. 6And Ezra blessed Yehovah, the great God; and all the people answered, Amen, Amen, with the lifting up of their hands: and they bowed their heads, and worshipped Yehovah with their faces to the ground. 7Also Jeshua, and Bani, and Sherebiah, Jamin, Akkub, Shabbethai, Hodiah, Maaseiah, Kelita, Azariah, Jozabad, Hanan, Pelaiah, and the Levites, caused the people to understand the law: and the people stood in their place. 8And they read in the book, in the law of God, distinctly; and they gave the sense, so that they understood the reading. 9And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest the scribe, and the Levites who taught the people, said to all the people, This day is holy to Yehovah your God; do not mourn, nor weep. For all the people wept, when they heard the words of the law. 10Then he said to them, Go your way, eat the fat, and drink the sweet, and send portions to him for whom nothing is prepared; for this day is holy to our Lord: and do not be grieved; for the joy of Yehovah is your strength. 11So the Levites stilled all the people, saying, Be quiet, for the day is holy; and do not be grieved. 12And all the people went their way to eat, and to drink, and to send portions, and to make great mirth, because they had understood the words that were declared to them.

13 And on the second day the heads of fathers' houses
of all the people, the priests, and the Levites, were
gathered together, to Ezra the scribe, even to give
attention to the words of the law. 14 And they found
written in the law, that Yehovah had commanded by
Moses, that the children of Israel should dwell in
booths in the feast of the seventh month; 15 and that
they should publish and proclaim in all their cities,
and in Jerusalem, saying, Go forth to the mount, and
fetch olive branches, and branches of wild olive, and
myrtle branches, and palm branches, and branches
of thick trees, to make booths, as it is written. 16 So
the people went forth, and brought them, and made
themselves booths, every one upon the roof of his
house, and in their courts, and in the courts of the
house of God, and in the broad place of the water
gate, and in the broad place of the gate of Ephraim.
17 And all the assembly of those who had come back
out of the captivity made booths, and dwelt in the
booths: for since the days of Jeshua the son of Nun to
that day the children of Israel had not done so. And
there was very great gladness. 18 Also day by day, from
the first day to the last day, he read in the book of the
law of God. And they kept the feast seven days; and
on the eighth day there was a solemn assembly,
according to the ordinance.

Chapter 9

1 Now in the twenty-fourth day of this month the
children of Israel were assembled with fasting, and
with sackcloth, and earth upon them. 2 And the seed
of Israel separated themselves from all foreigners,
and stood and confessed their sins, and the iniquities
of their fathers. 3 And they stood up in their place,
and read in the book of the law of Yehovah their God
a fourth part of the day; and another fourth part they
confessed, and worshipped Yehovah their God. 4 Then
there stood up upon the stairs of the Levites Jeshua,
and Bani, Kadmiel, Shebaniah, Bunni, Sherebiah,
Bani, and Chenani, and cried with a loud voice to
Yehovah their God. 5 Then the Levites, Jeshua, and
Kadmiel, Bani, Hashabneiah, Sherebiah, Hodiah,
Shebaniah, and Pethahiah, said, Stand up and bless
Yehovah your God from everlasting to everlasting;
and blessed be your glorious name, which is exalted
above all blessing and praise. 6 You are Yehovah, even
you alone; you have made heaven, the heaven of
heavens, with all their host, the earth and all things
that are on it, the seas and all that is in them, and you
preserve them all; and the host of heaven worships
you. 7 You are Yehovah the God, who chose Abram,
and brought him forth out of Ur of the Chaldees, and
gave him the name of Abraham, 8 and found his heart
faithful before you, and made a covenant with him to
give the land of the Canaanite, the Hittite, the
Amorite, and the Perizzite, and the Jebusite, and the
Girgashite, to give it to his seed, and have performed
your words; for you are righteous. 9 And you saw the
affliction of our fathers in Egypt, and heard their cry
by the Red Sea, 10 and showed signs and wonders
upon Pharaoh, and on all his servants, and on all the
people of his land; for you knew that they dealt
proudly against them, and made a name for yourself,
as it is this day. 11 And you divided the sea before
them, so that they went through the midst of the sea
on the dry land; and their pursuers you cast into the
depths, as a stone into the mighty waters. 12 Moreover
in a pillar of cloud you led them by day; and in a pillar
of fire by night, to give them light in the way in which
they should go. 13 You came down also upon mount
Sinai, and spoke with them from heaven, and gave
them right ordinances and true laws, good statutes
and commandments, 14 and made known to them
your holy sabbath, and commanded them
commandments, and statutes, and a law, by Moses
your servant, 15 and gave them bread from heaven for
their hunger, and brought forth water for them out
of the rock for their thirst, and commanded them
that they should go in to possess the land which you
had sworn to give them. 16 But they and our fathers
dealt proudly, and hardened their neck, and did not
listen to your commandments, 17 and refused to obey,
nor were mindful of your wonders that you did
among them, but hardened their neck, and in their
rebellion appointed a captain to return to their
bondage. But you are a God ready to pardon, gracious
and merciful, slow to anger, and abundant in
lovingkindness, and did not forsake them. 18 Indeed,
when they had made for themselves a molten calf,
and said, This is your God who brought you up out of
Egypt, and had committed great provocations; 19 yet
you in your manifold mercies did not forsake them in
the wilderness: the pillar of cloud did not depart
from over them by day, to lead them in the way;
neither the pillar of fire by night, to show them light,
and the way in which they should go. 20 You gave also
your good Spirit to instruct them, and did not
withhold your manna from their mouth, and gave
them water for their thirst. 21 Indeed, forty years you
sustained them in the wilderness, and they lacked
nothing; their clothes did not wear out, and their feet

did not swell. 22Moreover you gave them kingdoms and peoples, which you allotted according to their portions: so they possessed the land of Sihon, even the land of the king of Heshbon, and the land of Og king of Bashan. 23Their children also you multiplied as the stars of heaven, and brought them into the land concerning which you said to their fathers, that they should go in to possess it. 24So the children went in and possessed the land, and you subdued before them the inhabitants of the land, the Canaanites, and gave them into their hands, with their kings, and the peoples of the land, that they might do with them as they would. 25And they took fortified cities, and a fat land, and possessed houses full of all good things, cisterns hewn out, vineyards, and olive groves, and fruit-trees in abundance: so they ate, and were filled, and became fat, and delighted themselves in your great goodness. 26Nevertheless they were disobedient, and rebelled against you, and cast your law behind their back, and slew your prophets who testified against them to turn them back to you, and they committed great provocations. 27Therefore you delivered them into the hand of their adversaries, who distressed them: and in the time of their trouble, when they cried to you, you heard from heaven; and according to your manifold mercies you gave them saviors who saved them out of the hand of their adversaries. 28But after they had rest, they did evil again before you; therefore you left them in the hand of their enemies, so that they had the dominion over them: yet when they returned, and cried to you, you heard from heaven; and many times you delivered them according to your mercies, 29and testified against them, that you might bring them back to your law. Yet they dealt proudly, and did not listen to your commandments, but sinned against your ordinances (which if a man does, he shall live in them), and withdrew the shoulder, and hardened their neck, and would not hear. 30Yet many years you bore with them, and testified against them by your Spirit through your prophets: yet they would not give ear: therefore you gave them into the hand of the peoples of the lands. 31Nevertheless in your manifold mercies you did not make a full end of them, nor forsake them; for you are a gracious and merciful God. 32Now therefore, our God, the great, the mighty, and the terrible God, who keeps covenant and lovingkindness, do not let all the hardship seem little before you, that has come upon us, on our kings, on our princes, and on our priests, and on our prophets, and on our fathers, and on all your people, since the time of the kings of Assyria to this day. 33However you are just in all that has come upon us; for you have dealt truly, but we have done wickedly; 34neither have our kings, our princes, our priests, nor our fathers, kept your law, nor listened to your commandments and your testimonies with which you testified against them. 35For they have not served you in their kingdom, and in your great goodness that you gave them, and in the large and fat land which you gave before them, nor did they turn from their wicked works. 36Behold, we are servants this day, and as for the land that you gave to our fathers to eat its fruit and its good, behold, we are servants in it. 37And it yields much increase to the kings whom you have set over us because of our sins: also they have power over our bodies, and over our cattle, at their pleasure, and we are in great distress. 38And yet for all this we make a sure covenant, and write it; and our princes, our Levites, and our priests, seal to it.

Chapter 10

1Now those who sealed were: Nehemiah the governor, the son of Hacaliah, and Zedekiah, 2Seraiah, Azariah, Jeremiah, 3Pashhur, Amariah, Malchijah, 4Hattush, Shebaniah, Malluch, 5Harim, Meremoth, Obadiah, 6Daniel, Ginnethon, Baruch, 7Meshullam, Abijah, Mijamin, 8Maaziah, Bilgai, Shemaiah; these were the priests. 9And the Levites: namely, Jeshua the son of Azaniah, Binnui of the sons of Henadad, Kadmiel; 10and their brothers, Shebaniah, Hodiah, Kelita, Pelaiah, Hanan, 11Mica, Rehob, Hashabiah, 12Zaccur, Sherebiah, Shebaniah, 13Hodiah, Bani, Beninu. 14The chiefs of the people: Parosh, Pahath-moab, Elam, Zattu, Bani, 15Bunni, Azgad, Bebai, 16Adonijah, Bigvai, Adin, 17Ater, Hezekiah, Azzur, 18Hodiah, Hashum, Bezai, 19Hariph, Anathoth, Nobai, 20Magpiash, Meshullam, Hezir, 21Meshezabel, Zadok, Jaddua, 22Pelatiah, Hanan, Anaiah, 23Hoshea, Hananiah, Hasshub, 24Hallohesh, Pilha, Shobek, 25Rehum, Hashabnah, Maaseiah, 26and Ahiah, Hanan, Anan, 27Malluch, Harim, Baanah. 28And the rest of the people, the priests, the Levites, the gatekeepers, the singers, the Nethinim, and all those who had separated themselves from the peoples of the lands to the law of God, their wives, their sons, and their daughters, every one who had knowledge, and understanding; 29they clung to their brothers, their nobles, and entered into a curse, and into an oath, to walk in God's law, which was given by Moses the servant of God, and to observe and do all

the commandments of Yehovah our Lord, and his ordinances and his statutes; 30and that we would not give our daughters to the peoples of the land, nor take their daughters for our sons; 31and if the peoples of the land bring wares or any grain on the sabbath day to sell, that we would not buy from them on the sabbath, or on a holy day; and that we would forego the seventh year, and the exaction of every debt. 32Also we made ordinances for us, to charge ourselves yearly with the third part of a shekel for the service of the house of our God; 33for the showbread, and for the continual meal-offering, and for the continual burnt-offering, for the sabbaths, for the new moons, for the set feasts, and for the holy things, and for the sin-offerings to make atonement for Israel, and for all the work of the house of our God. 34And we cast lots, the priests, the Levites, and the people, for the wood-offering, to bring it into the house of our God, according to our fathers' houses, at times appointed, year by year, to burn upon the altar of Yehovah our God, as it is written in the law; 35and to bring the first-fruits of our ground, and the first-fruits of all fruit of all manner of trees, year by year, to the house of Yehovah; 36also the first-born of our sons, and of our cattle, as it is written in the law, and the firstlings of our herds and of our flocks, to bring to the house of our God, to the priests who minister in the house of our God; 37and that we should bring the first-fruits of our dough, and our heave-offerings, and the fruit of all manner of trees, the new wine and the oil, to the priests, to the chambers of the house of our God; and the tithes of our ground to the Levites; for they, the Levites, take the tithes in all the cities of our tillage. 38And the priest the son of Aaron shall be with the Levites, when the Levites take tithes: and the Levites shall bring up the tithe of the tithes to the house of our God, to the chambers, into the treasure-house. 39For the children of Israel and the children of Levi shall bring the heave-offering of the grain, of the new wine, and of the oil, to the chambers, where are the vessels of the sanctuary, and the priests who minister, and the gatekeepers, and the singers: and we will not forsake the house of our God.

Chapter 11

1And the princes of the people dwelt in Jerusalem: the rest of the people also cast lots, to bring one of ten to dwell in Jerusalem the holy city, and nine parts in the other cities. 2And the people blessed all the men who willingly offered themselves to dwell in Jerusalem. 3Now these are the chiefs of the province who dwelt in Jerusalem: but in the cities of Judah every one dwelt in his possession in their cities, namely, Israel, the priests, and the Levites, and the Nethinim, and the children of Solomon's servants. 4And in Jerusalem dwelt some of the children of Judah, and of the children of Benjamin. Of the children of Judah: Athaiah the son of Uzziah, the son of Zechariah, the son of Amariah, the son of Shephatiah, the son of Mahalalel, of the children of Perez; 5and Maaseiah the son of Baruch, the son of Col-hozeh, the son of Hazaiah, the son of Adaiah, the son of Joiarib, the son of Zechariah, the son of the Shilonite. 6All the sons of Perez who dwelt in Jerusalem were four hundred and sixty-eight valiant men. 7And these are the sons of Benjamin: Sallu the son of Meshullam, the son of Joed, the son of Pedaiah, the son of Kolaiah, the son of Maaseiah, the son of Ithiel, the son of Jeshaiah. 8And after him Gabbai, Sallai, nine hundred and twenty-eight. 9And Joel the son of Zichri was their overseer; and Judah the son of Hassenuah was second over the city. 10Of the priests: Jedaiah the son of Joiarib, Jachin, 11Seraiah the son of Hilkiah, the son of Meshullam, the son of Zadok, the son of Meraioth, the son of Ahitub, the ruler of the house of God, 12and their brothers who did the work of the house, eight hundred and twenty-two; and Adaiah the son of Jeroham, the son of Pelaliah, the son of Amzi, the son of Zechariah, the son of Pashhur, the son of Malchijah, 13and his brothers, chiefs of fathers' houses, two hundred and forty-two; and Amashsai the son of Azarel, the son of Ahzai, the son of Meshillemoth, the son of Immer, 14and their brothers, mighty men of valor, a hundred and twenty-eight; and their overseer was Zabdiel, the son of Haggedolim. 15And of the Levites: Shemaiah the son of Hasshub, the son of Azrikam, the son of Hashabiah, the son of Bunni; 16and Shabbethai and Jozabad, of the chiefs of the Levites, who had the oversight of the outside business of the house of God; 17and Mattaniah the son of Mica, the son of Zabdi, the son of Asaph, who was the chief to begin the thanksgiving in prayer, and Bakbukiah, the second among his brothers; and Abda the son of Shammua, the son of Galal, the son of Jeduthun. 18All the Levites in the holy city were two hundred and eighty-four. 19Moreover the gatekeepers, Akkub, Talmon, and their brothers, who kept watch at the gates, were a hundred and seventy-two. 20And the rest of Israel, of the priests, the Levites, were in all the cities of Judah,

every one in his inheritance. 21But the Nethinim dwelt in Ophel: and Ziha and Gishpa were over the Nethinim. 22The overseer also of the Levites at Jerusalem was Uzzi the son of Bani, the son of Hashabiah, the son of Mattaniah, the son of Mica, of the sons of Asaph, the singers, over the business of the house of God. 23For there was a commandment from the king concerning them, and a settled provision for the singers, as every day required. 24And Pethahiah the son of Meshezabel, of the children of Zerah the son of Judah, was at the king's hand in all matters concerning the people. 25And as for the villages, with their fields, some of the children of Judah dwelt in Kiriath-arba and its towns, and in Dibon and its towns, and in Jekabzeel and its villages, 26and in Jeshua, and in Moladah, and Beth-pelet, 27and in Hazar-shual, and in Beer-sheba and its towns, 28and in Ziklag, and in Meconah and in its towns, 29and in En-rimmon, and in Zorah, and in Jarmuth, 30Zanoah, Adullam, and their villages, Lachish and its fields, Azekah and its towns. So they encamped from Beer-sheba to the valley of Hinnom. 31The children of Benjamin also dwelt from Geba onward, at Michmash and Aija, and at Beth-el and its towns, 32at Anathoth, Nob, Ananiah, 33Hazor, Ramah, Gittaim, 34Hadid, Zeboim, Neballat, 35Lod, and Ono, the valley of craftsmen. 36And of the Levites, certain courses in Judah were joined to Benjamin.

Chapter 12

1Now these are the priests and the Levites who went up with Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, and Jeshua: Seraiah, Jeremiah, Ezra, 2Amariah, Malluch, Hattush, 3Shecaniah, Rehum, Meremoth, 4Iddo, Ginnethoi, Abijah, 5Mijamin, Maadiah, Bilgah, 6Shemaiah, and Joiarib, Jedaiah. 7Sallu, Amok, Hilkiah, Jedaiah. These were the chiefs of the priests and of their brothers in the days of Jeshua. 8Moreover the Levites: Jeshua, Binnui, Kadmiel, Sherebiah, Judah, and Mattaniah, who was over the thanksgiving, he and his brothers. 9Also Bakbukiah and Unno, their brothers, stood opposite them according to their offices. 10And Jeshua fathered Joiakim, and Joiakim fathered Eliashib, and Eliashib fathered Joiada, 11and Joiada fathered Jonathan, and Jonathan fathered Jaddua. 12And in the days of Joiakim were priests, heads of fathers' houses: of Seraiah, Meraiah; of Jeremiah, Hananiah; 13of Ezra, Meshullam; of Amariah, Jehohanan; 14of Malluchi, Jonathan; of Shebaniah, Joseph; 15of Harim, Adna; of Meraioth, Helkai; 16of Iddo, Zechariah; of Ginnethon, Meshullam; 17of Abijah, Zichri; of Miniamin, of Moadiah, Piltai; 18of Bilgah, Shammua; of Shemaiah, Jehonathan; 19and of Joiarib, Mattenai; of Jedaiah, Uzzi; 20of Sallai, Kallai; of Amok, Eber; 21of Hilkiah, Hashabiah; of Jedaiah, Nethanel. 22As for the Levites, in the days of Eliashib, Joiada, and Johanan, and Jaddua, there were recorded the heads of fathers' houses; also the priests, in the reign of Darius the Persian. 23The sons of Levi, heads of fathers' houses, were written in the book of the chronicles, even until the days of Johanan the son of Eliashib. 24And the chiefs of the Levites: Hashabiah, Sherebiah, and Jeshua the son of Kadmiel, with their brothers opposite them, to praise and give thanks, according to the commandment of David the man of God, watch next to watch. 25Mattaniah, and Bakbukiah, Obadiah, Meshullam, Talmon, Akkub, were gatekeepers keeping the watch at the store-houses of the gates. 26These were in the days of Joiakim the son of Jeshua, the son of Jozadak, and in the days of Nehemiah the governor, and of Ezra the priest the scribe. 27And at the dedication of the wall of Jerusalem they sought the Levites out of all their places, to bring them to Jerusalem, to keep the dedication with gladness, both with thanksgivings, and with singing, with cymbals, psalteries, and with harps. 28And the sons of the singers gathered themselves together, both out of the plain all around Jerusalem, and from the villages of the Netophathites; 29also from Beth-gilgal, and out of the fields of Geba and Azmaveth: for the singers had built themselves villages all around Jerusalem. 30And the priests and the Levites purified themselves; and they purified the people, and the gates, and the wall. 31Then I brought up the princes of Judah upon the wall, and appointed two great companies who gave thanks and went in procession; of which one went on the right hand upon the wall toward the dung gate: 32and after them went Hoshaiah, and half of the princes of Judah, 33and Azariah, Ezra, and Meshullam, 34Judah, and Benjamin, and Shemaiah, and Jeremiah, 35and certain of the priests' sons with trumpets: Zechariah the son of Jonathan, the son of Shemaiah, the son of Mattaniah, the son of Micaiah, the son of Zaccur, the son of Asaph; 36and his brothers, Shemaiah, and Azarel, Milalai, Gilalai, Maai, Nethanel, and Judah, Hanani, with the musical instruments of David the man of God; and Ezra the scribe was before them. 37And by the

fountain gate, and straight before them, they went up by the stairs of the city of David, at the ascent of the wall, above the house of David, even to the water gate eastward. 38And the other company of those who gave thanks went to meet them, and I after them, with the half of the people, upon the wall, above the tower of the furnaces, even to the broad wall, 39and above the gate of Ephraim, and by the old gate, and by the fish gate, and the tower of Hananel, and the tower of Hammeah, even to the sheep gate: and they stood still in the gate of the guard. 40So the two companies of those who gave thanks stood in the house of God, and I, and the half of the rulers with me; 41and the priests, Eliakim, Maaseiah, Miniamin, Micaiah, Elioenai, Zechariah, and Hananiah, with trumpets; 42and Maaseiah, and Shemaiah, and Eleazar, and Uzzi, and Jehohanan, and Malchijah, and Elam, and Ezer. And the singers sang loud, with Jezrahiah their overseer. 43And they offered great sacrifices that day, and rejoiced; for God had made them rejoice with great joy; and the women also and the children rejoiced: so that the joy of Jerusalem was heard even afar off. 44And on that day men were appointed over the chambers for the treasures, for the heave-offerings, for the first-fruits, and for the tithes, to gather into them, according to the fields of the cities, the portions appointed by the law for the priests and Levites: for Judah rejoiced for the priests and for the Levites who served. 45And they kept the charge of their God, and the charge of the purification, and so did the singers and the gatekeepers, according to the commandment of David, and of Solomon his son. 46For in the days of David and Asaph of old there was a chief of the singers, and songs of praise and thanksgiving to God. 47And all Israel in the days of Zerubbabel, and in the days of Nehemiah, gave the portions of the singers and the gatekeepers, as every day required: and they set apart that which was for the Levites; and the Levites set apart that which was for the sons of Aaron.

Chapter 13

1On that day they read in the book of Moses in the hearing of the people; and in it was found written, that an Ammonite and a Moabite should not enter into the assembly of God forever, 2because they did not meet the children of Israel with bread and with water, but hired Balaam against them, to curse them: however our God turned the curse into a blessing. 3And it happened, when they had heard the law, that they separated from Israel all the mixed multitude. 4Now before this, Eliashib the priest, who was appointed over the chambers of the house of our God, being allied to Tobiah, 5had prepared for him a great chamber, where previously they laid the meal-offerings, the frankincense, and the vessels, and the tithes of the grain, the new wine, and the oil, which were given by commandment to the Levites, and the singers, and the gatekeepers; and the heave-offerings for the priests. 6But in all this time I was not at Jerusalem; for in the thirty-second year of Artaxerxes king of Babylon I went to the king: and after some days I asked leave of the king, 7and I came to Jerusalem, and understood the evil that Eliashib had done for Tobiah, in preparing him a chamber in the courts of the house of God. 8And it grieved me greatly: therefore I cast forth all the household goods of Tobiah out of the chamber. 9Then I commanded, and they cleansed the chambers: and there I brought back the vessels of the house of God, with the meal-offerings and the frankincense. 10And I perceived that the portions of the Levites had not been given them; so that the Levites and the singers, who did the work, had fled every one to his field. 11Then I contended with the rulers, and said, Why is the house of God forsaken? And I gathered them together, and set them in their place. 12Then all Judah brought the tithe of the grain and the new wine and the oil to the treasuries. 13And I made treasurers over the treasuries, Shelemiah the priest, and Zadok the scribe, and of the Levites, Pedaiah: and next to them was Hanan the son of Zaccur, the son of Mattaniah; for they were counted faithful, and their business was to distribute to their brothers. 14Remember me, O my God, concerning this, and do not wipe out my good deeds that I have done for the house of my God, and for its observances. 15In those days I saw in Judah some men treading winepresses on the sabbath, and bringing in sheaves, and loading donkeys with them; as also wine, grapes, and figs, and all manner of burdens, which they brought into Jerusalem on the sabbath day: and I testified against them on the day in which they sold provisions. 16Men of Tyre also dwelt there, who brought in fish, and all manner of wares, and sold on the sabbath to the children of Judah, and in Jerusalem. 17Then I contended with the nobles of Judah, and said to them, What evil thing is this that you do, and profane the sabbath day? 18Did not your fathers do so, and did not our God bring all this evil upon us, and upon this city? yet you bring more

wrath upon Israel by profaning the sabbath. 19And it happened that, when the gates of Jerusalem began to be dark before the sabbath, I commanded that the doors should be shut, and commanded that they should not be opened till after the sabbath: and some of my servants I set over the gates, that no burden should be brought in on the sabbath day. 20So the merchants and sellers of all kind of wares lodged outside Jerusalem once or twice. 21Then I testified against them, and said to them, Why do you lodge around the wall? if you do so again, I will lay hands on you. From that time forth they came no more on the sabbath. 22And I commanded the Levites that they should purify themselves, and that they should come and keep the gates, to sanctify the sabbath day. Remember to me, O my God, this also, and spare me according to the greatness of your lovingkindness. 23In those days also I saw the Jews who had married women of Ashdod, of Ammon, and of Moab: 24and their children spoke half in the speech of Ashdod, and could not speak in the Jews' language, but according to the language of each people. 25And I contended with them, and cursed them, and struck some of them, and plucked off their hair, and made them swear by God, saying, You shall not give your daughters to their sons, nor take their daughters for your sons, or for yourselves. 26Did not Solomon king of Israel sin by these things? yet among many nations there was no king like him, and he was beloved by his God, and God made him king over all Israel: nevertheless foreign women caused even him to sin. 27Shall we then listen to you to do all this great evil, to trespass against our God in marrying foreign women? 28And one of the sons of Joiada, the son of Eliashib the high priest, was son-in-law to Sanballat the Horonite: therefore I chased him from me. 29Remember them, O my God, because they have defiled the priesthood, and the covenant of the priesthood, and of the Levites. 30Thus I cleansed them from all foreigners, and appointed charges for the priests and for the Levites, every one in his work; 31and for the wood-offering, at times appointed, and for the first-fruits. Remember me, O my God, for good.

Esther

Chapter 1

[1]Now it happened in the days of Ahasuerus (this is Ahasuerus who reigned from India even to Ethiopia, over a hundred and twenty-seven provinces), [2]that in those days, when the king Ahasuerus sat on the throne of his kingdom, which was in Shushan the palace, [3]in the third year of his reign, he made a feast to all his princes and his servants; the power of Persia and Media, the nobles and princes of the provinces, being before him; [4]when he showed the riches of his glorious kingdom and the honor of his excellent majesty many days, even a hundred and eighty days. [5]And when these days were fulfilled, the king made a feast for all the people who were present in Shushan the palace, both great and small, seven days, in the court of the garden of the king's palace. [6]There were hangings of white cloth, of green, and of blue, fastened with cords of fine linen and purple to silver rings and pillars of marble: the couches were of gold and silver, on a pavement of red, and white, and yellow, and black marble. [7]And they gave them drink in vessels of gold (the vessels being different one from another), and royal wine in abundance, according to the bounty of the king. [8]And the drinking was according to the law; none could compel: for so the king had appointed to all the officers of his house, that they should do according to every man's pleasure. [9]Also Vashti the queen made a feast for the women in the royal house which belonged to king Ahasuerus. [10]On the seventh day, when the heart of the king was merry with wine, he commanded Mehuman, Biztha, Harbona, Bigtha, and Abagtha, Zethar, and Carcas, the seven chamberlains who ministered in the presence of Ahasuerus the king, [11]to bring Vashti the queen before the king with the royal crown, to show the peoples and the princes her beauty; for she was beautiful to look on. [12]But the queen Vashti refused to come at the king's commandment by the chamberlains: therefore the king was very angry, and his anger burned in him. [13]Then the king said to the wise men, who knew the times (for so was the king's manner toward all who knew law and judgment; [14]and the next to him were Carshena, Shethar, Admatha, Tarshish, Meres, Marsena, and Memucan, the seven princes of Persia and Media, who saw the king's face, and sat first in the kingdom), [15]What shall we do to the queen Vashti according to law, because she has not done the bidding of the king Ahasuerus by the chamberlains? [16]And Memucan answered before the king and the princes, Vashti the queen has not done wrong to the king only, but also to all the princes, and to all the peoples who are in all the provinces of the king Ahasuerus. [17]For this deed of the queen will become known to all women, to make their husbands contemptible in their eyes, when it shall be reported, The king Ahasuerus commanded Vashti the queen to be brought in before him, but she did not come. [18]And this day the princesses of Persia and Media who have heard of the deed of the queen will say the same to all the king's princes. So there will arise much contempt and wrath. [19]If it pleases the king, let a royal commandment go out from him, and let it be written among the laws of the Persians and the Medes, that it may not be altered, that Vashti come no more before king Ahasuerus; and let the king give her royal position to another who is better than she. [20]And when the king's decree which he shall make shall be published throughout all his kingdom (for it is great), all the wives will give to their husbands honor, both to great and small. [21]And the saying pleased the king and the princes; and the king did according to the word of Memucan: [22]for he sent letters into all the king's provinces, into every province according to its script, and to every people according to their language, that every man should bear rule in his own house, and should speak according to the language of his people.

Chapter 2

[1]After these things, when the wrath of king Ahasuerus was pacified, he remembered Vashti, and what she had done, and what was decreed against her. [2]Then the king's servants who ministered to him said, Let beautiful young virgins be sought for the king: [3]and let the king appoint officers in all the provinces of his kingdom, that they may gather together all the beautiful young virgins to Shushan the palace, to the house of the women, to the custody of Hegai the king's chamberlain, keeper of the women; and let their things for purification be given them; [4]and let the young woman who pleases the king be queen instead of Vashti. And the thing pleased the king; and he did so. [5]There was a certain Jew in Shushan the palace, whose name was

Mordecai, the son of Jair, the son of Shimei, the son of Kish, a Benjamite, 6who had been carried away from Jerusalem with the captives that had been carried away with Jeconiah king of Judah, whom Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon had carried away. 7And he brought up Hadassah, that is, Esther, his uncle's daughter: for she had neither father nor mother, and the young woman was lovely and beautiful; and when her father and mother were dead, Mordecai took her for his own daughter. 8So it happened, when the king's commandment and his decree were heard, and when many young women were gathered together to Shushan the palace, to the custody of Hegai, that Esther was taken into the king's house, to the custody of Hegai, keeper of the women. 9And the young woman pleased him, and she obtained kindness from him; and he quickly gave her her things for purification, with her portions, and the seven young women who were suitable to be given her out of the king's house: and he moved her and her young women to the best place of the house of the women. 10Esther had not made known her people nor her kindred; for Mordecai had charged her that she should not make it known. 11And Mordecai walked every day before the court of the women's house, to know how Esther was doing, and what would become of her. 12Now when the turn of every young woman had come to go in to king Ahasuerus, after it had been done to her according to the law for the women twelve months (for so were the days of their purifications accomplished, namely, six months with oil of myrrh, and six months with sweet odors and with the things for the purifying of the women), 13then in this way the young woman came to the king: Whatever she desired was given her to go with her out of the house of the women to the king's house. 14In the evening she went, and the next day she returned into the second house of the women, to the custody of Shaashgaz, the king's chamberlain, who kept the concubines: she came in to the king no more, unless the king delighted in her, and she was called by name. 15Now when the turn of Esther, the daughter of Abihail the uncle of Mordecai, who had taken her for his daughter, had come to go in to the king, she required nothing but what Hegai the king's chamberlain, the keeper of the women, appointed. And Esther obtained favor in the sight of all who looked on her. 16So Esther was taken to king Ahasuerus into his royal house in the tenth month, which is the month Tebeth, in the seventh year of his reign. 17And the king loved Esther above all the women, and she obtained favor and kindness in his sight more than all the virgins; so that he set the royal crown on her head, and made her queen instead of Vashti. 18Then the king made a great feast for all his princes and his servants, even Esther's feast; and he made a release to the provinces, and gave gifts, according to the bounty of the king. 19And when the virgins were gathered together the second time, then Mordecai was sitting in the king's gate. 20Esther had not yet made known her kindred nor her people; as Mordecai had charged her: for Esther did the commandment of Mordecai, just as when she was brought up with him. 21In those days, while Mordecai was sitting in the king's gate, two of the king's chamberlains, Bigthan and Teresh, of those who kept the threshold, were angry, and sought to lay hands on the king Ahasuerus. 22And the thing became known to Mordecai, who told it to Esther the queen; and Esther told the king of it in Mordecai's name. 23And when investigation was made of the matter, and it was found to be so, they were both hanged on a tree: and it was written in the book of the chronicles before the king.

Chapter 3

1After these things king Ahasuerus promoted Haman the son of Hammedatha the Agagite, and advanced him, and set his seat above all the princes who were with him. 2And all the king's servants, who were in the king's gate, bowed down, and paid homage to Haman; for the king had so commanded concerning him. But Mordecai did not bow down, nor pay him homage. 3Then the king's servants, who were in the king's gate, said to Mordecai, Why do you transgress the king's commandment? 4Now it happened, when they spoke daily to him, and he did not listen to them, that they told Haman, to see whether Mordecai's words would stand: for he had told them that he was a Jew. 5And when Haman saw that Mordecai did not bow down, nor pay him homage, then Haman was full of wrath. 6But he disdained to lay hands on Mordecai alone; for they had made known to him the people of Mordecai: therefore Haman sought to destroy all the Jews who were throughout the whole kingdom of Ahasuerus, even the people of Mordecai. 7In the first month, which is the month Nisan, in the twelfth year of king Ahasuerus, they cast Pur, that is, the lot, before Haman from day to day, and from month to month, to the twelfth month, which is the month Adar. 8And

Haman said to king Ahasuerus, There is a certain people scattered abroad and dispersed among the peoples in all the provinces of your kingdom; and their laws are different from those of every people; neither do they keep the king's laws: therefore it is not for the king's profit to tolerate them. 9If it pleases the king, let it be written that they be destroyed: and I will pay ten thousand talents of silver into the hands of those who have the charge of the king's business, to bring it into the king's treasuries. 10And the king took his ring from his hand, and gave it to Haman the son of Hammedatha the Agagite, the Jews' enemy. 11And the king said to Haman, The silver is given to you, the people also, to do with them as it seems good to you. 12Then the king's scribes were called in the first month, on its thirteenth day; and there was written according to all that Haman commanded to the king's satraps, and to the governors who were over every province, and to the princes of every people, to every province according to its script, and to every people according to their language; in the name of king Ahasuerus it was written, and it was sealed with the king's ring. 13And letters were sent by couriers into all the king's provinces, to destroy, to kill, and to cause to perish, all Jews, both young and old, little children and women, in one day, even on the thirteenth day of the twelfth month, which is the month Adar, and to take their spoil for a prey. 14A copy of the writing, that the decree should be given out in every province, was published to all the peoples, that they should be ready for that day. 15The couriers went out in haste by the king's commandment, and the decree was given out in Shushan the palace. And the king and Haman sat down to drink; but the city of Shushan was perplexed.

Chapter 4

1Now when Mordecai knew all that was done, Mordecai tore his clothes, and put on sackcloth with ashes, and went out into the midst of the city, and cried with a loud and a bitter cry; 2and he came even before the king's gate: for none might enter within the king's gate clothed with sackcloth. 3And in every province, wherever the king's commandment and his decree came, there was great mourning among the Jews, and fasting, and weeping, and wailing; and many lay in sackcloth and ashes. 4And Esther's young women and her chamberlains came and told it to her; and the queen was exceedingly grieved: and she sent clothing to clothe Mordecai, and to take his sackcloth from off him; but he did not receive it. 5Then Esther called for Hathach, one of the king's chamberlains, whom he had appointed to attend on her, and charged him to go to Mordecai, to know what this was, and why it was. 6So Hathach went out to Mordecai to the broad place of the city, which was before the king's gate. 7And Mordecai told him of all that had happened to him, and the exact sum of the money that Haman had promised to pay to the king's treasuries for the Jews, to destroy them. 8Also he gave him the copy of the writing of the decree that was given out in Shushan to destroy them, to show it to Esther, and to declare it to her, and to charge her that she should go in to the king, to make supplication to him, and to make request before him, for her people. 9And Hathach came and told Esther the words of Mordecai. 10Then Esther spoke to Hathach, and gave him a message to Mordecai, saying: 11All the king's servants, and the people of the king's provinces, know, that whoever, whether man or woman, shall come to the king into the inner court, who is not called, there is one law for him, that he be put to death, except those to whom the king shall hold out the golden scepter, that he may live: but I have not been called to come in to the king these thirty days. 12And they told Mordecai Esther's words. 13Then Mordecai told them to return answer to Esther, Do not think to yourself that you shall escape in the king's house, more than all the Jews. 14For if you altogether hold your peace at this time, then relief and deliverance will arise for the Jews from another place, but you and your father's house will perish: and who knows whether you have not come to the kingdom for such a time as this? 15Then Esther told them to return answer to Mordecai, 16Go, gather together all the Jews who are present in Shushan, and fast for me, and neither eat nor drink three days, night or day: I also and my young women will fast in the same way; and so I will go in to the king, which is not according to the law: and if I perish, I perish. 17So Mordecai went his way, and did according to all that Esther had commanded him.

Chapter 5

1Now it happened on the third day, that Esther put on her royal clothing, and stood in the inner court of the king's house, opposite the king's house: and the king sat on his royal throne in the royal house, opposite the entrance of the house. 2And it was so, when the king saw Esther the queen standing in the court, that she obtained favor in his sight; and the king held out

to Esther the golden scepter that was in his hand. So Esther drew near, and touched the top of the scepter. 3Then the king said to her, What do you wish, queen Esther? and what is your request? it shall be given you even to the half of the kingdom. 4And Esther said, If it seems good to the king, let the king and Haman come this day to the banquet that I have prepared for him. 5Then the king said, Cause Haman to hurry, that it may be done as Esther has said. So the king and Haman came to the banquet that Esther had prepared. 6And the king said to Esther at the banquet of wine, What is your petition? and it shall be granted you: and what is your request? even to the half of the kingdom it shall be performed. 7Then Esther answered, and said, My petition and my request is: 8If I have found favor in the sight of the king, and if it pleases the king to grant my petition, and to perform my request, let the king and Haman come to the banquet that I shall prepare for them, and I will do tomorrow as the king has said. 9Then Haman went out that day joyful and glad of heart: but when Haman saw Mordecai in the king's gate, that he did not stand up nor move for him, he was filled with wrath against Mordecai. 10Nevertheless Haman refrained himself, and went home; and he sent and fetched his friends and Zeresh his wife. 11And Haman recounted to them the glory of his riches, and the multitude of his children, and all the things in which the king had promoted him, and how he had advanced him above the princes and servants of the king. 12Haman said moreover, Indeed, Esther the queen let no man come in with the king to the banquet that she had prepared but myself; and tomorrow also I am invited by her together with the king. 13Yet all this avails me nothing, so long as I see Mordecai the Jew sitting at the king's gate. 14Then Zeresh his wife and all his friends said to him, Let a gallows be made fifty cubits high, and in the morning speak to the king that Mordecai may be hanged on it: then go in merrily with the king to the banquet. And the thing pleased Haman; and he caused the gallows to be made.

Chapter 6

1On that night the king could not sleep; and he commanded to bring the book of records of the chronicles, and they were read before the king. 2And it was found written, that Mordecai had told of Bigthana and Teresh, two of the king's chamberlains, of those who kept the threshold, who had sought to lay hands on the king Ahasuerus. 3And the king said, What honor and dignity has been bestowed on Mordecai for this? Then the king's servants who ministered to him said, Nothing has been done for him. 4And the king said, Who is in the court? Now Haman had come into the outer court of the king's house, to speak to the king to hang Mordecai on the gallows that he had prepared for him. 5And the king's servants said to him, Behold, Haman stands in the court. And the king said, Let him come in. 6So Haman came in. And the king said to him, What shall be done to the man whom the king delights to honor? Now Haman said in his heart, To whom would the king delight to do honor more than to myself? 7And Haman said to the king, For the man whom the king delights to honor, 8let royal clothing be brought which the king is accustomed to wear, and the horse that the king rides on, and on whose head a royal crown is set: 9and let the clothing and the horse be delivered to the hand of one of the king's most noble princes, that they may array with them the man whom the king delights to honor, and cause him to ride on horseback through the street of the city, and proclaim before him, Thus shall it be done to the man whom the king delights to honor. 10Then the king said to Haman, Hurry, and take the clothing and the horse, as you have said, and do even so to Mordecai the Jew, who sits at the king's gate: let nothing fail of all that you have spoken. 11Then Haman took the clothing and the horse, and arrayed Mordecai, and caused him to ride through the street of the city, and proclaimed before him, Thus shall it be done to the man whom the king delights to honor. 12And Mordecai came again to the king's gate. But Haman hurried to his house, mourning and having his head covered. 13And Haman recounted to Zeresh his wife and all his friends everything that had happened to him. Then his wise men and Zeresh his wife said to him, If Mordecai, before whom you have begun to fall, is of the seed of the Jews, you shall not prevail against him, but shall surely fall before him. 14While they were still talking with him, the king's chamberlains came, and hurried to bring Haman to the banquet that Esther had prepared.

Chapter 7

1So the king and Haman came to banquet with Esther the queen. 2And the king said again to Esther on the second day at the banquet of wine, What is your petition, queen Esther? and it shall be granted you: and what is your request? even to the half of the kingdom it shall be performed. 3Then Esther the

queen answered and said, If I have found favor in your sight, O king, and if it pleases the king, let my life be given me at my petition, and my people at my request: 4for we are sold, I and my people, to be destroyed, to be killed, and to perish. But if we had been sold for male and female slaves, I would have held my peace, although the adversary could not have compensated for the king's damage. 5Then the king Ahasuerus spoke and said to Esther the queen, Who is he, and where is he, who dared presume in his heart to do so? 6And Esther said, An adversary and an enemy, even this wicked Haman. Then Haman was afraid before the king and the queen. 7And the king arose in his wrath from the banquet of wine and went into the palace garden: and Haman stood up to make request for his life to Esther the queen; for he saw that there was evil determined against him by the king. 8Then the king returned out of the palace garden into the place of the banquet of wine; and Haman had fallen on the couch on which Esther was. Then the king said, Will he even assault the queen before me in the house? As the word went out of the king's mouth, they covered Haman's face. 9Then Harbonah, one of the chamberlains who were before the king, said, Behold also, the gallows fifty cubits high, which Haman has made for Mordecai, who spoke good for the king, stands in the house of Haman. And the king said, Hang him on it. 10So they hanged Haman on the gallows that he had prepared for Mordecai. Then the king's wrath was pacified.

Chapter 8

1On that day the king Ahasuerus gave the house of Haman the Jews' enemy to Esther the queen. And Mordecai came before the king; for Esther had told what he was to her. 2And the king took off his ring, which he had taken from Haman, and gave it to Mordecai. And Esther set Mordecai over the house of Haman. 3And Esther spoke yet again before the king, and fell down at his feet, and implored him with tears to put away the evil of Haman the Agagite, and his scheme that he had devised against the Jews. 4Then the king held out to Esther the golden scepter. So Esther arose, and stood before the king. 5And she said, If it pleases the king, and if I have found favor in his sight, and the thing seems right before the king, and I am pleasing in his eyes, let it be written to reverse the letters devised by Haman, the son of Hammedatha the Agagite, which he wrote to destroy the Jews who are in all the king's provinces: 6for how can I endure to see the evil that shall come to my people? or how can I endure to see the destruction of my kindred? 7Then the king Ahasuerus said to Esther the queen and to Mordecai the Jew, Behold, I have given Esther the house of Haman, and him they have hanged on the gallows, because he laid his hand on the Jews. 8You also write to the Jews, as it pleases you, in the king's name, and seal it with the king's ring; for the writing which is written in the king's name, and sealed with the king's ring, no man may reverse. 9Then the king's scribes were called at that time, in the third month, which is the month Sivan, on its twenty-third day; and it was written according to all that Mordecai commanded to the Jews, and to the satraps, and the governors and princes of the provinces which are from India to Ethiopia, a hundred and twenty-seven provinces, to every province according to its script, and to every people according to their language, and to the Jews according to their script, and according to their language. 10And he wrote in the name of king Ahasuerus, and sealed it with the king's ring, and sent letters by couriers on horseback, riding on swift steeds that were used in the king's service, bred from the royal stud: 11in which the king granted the Jews who were in every city to gather themselves together, and to stand for their life, to destroy, to kill, and to cause to perish, all the power of the people and province that would assault them, their little ones and women, and to take their spoil for a prey, 12on one day in all the provinces of king Ahasuerus, namely, on the thirteenth day of the twelfth month, which is the month Adar. 13A copy of the writing, that the decree should be given out in every province, was published to all the peoples, and that the Jews should be ready for that day to avenge themselves on their enemies. 14So the couriers who rode on swift steeds that were used in the king's service went out, being hastened and pressed on by the king's commandment; and the decree was given out in Shushan the palace. 15And Mordecai went out from the presence of the king in royal clothing of blue and white, and with a great crown of gold, and with a robe of fine linen and purple: and the city of Shushan shouted and was glad. 16The Jews had light and gladness, and joy and honor. 17And in every province, and in every city, wherever the king's commandment and his decree came, the Jews had gladness and joy, a feast and a good day. And many from among the peoples of the land became Jews; for the fear of the Jews had fallen on them.

Chapter 9

[1]Now in the twelfth month, which is the month Adar, on its thirteenth day, when the king's commandment and his decree drew near to be put into execution, on the day that the enemies of the Jews hoped to have rule over them (whereas it was turned to the contrary, that the Jews had rule over those who hated them), [2]the Jews gathered themselves together in their cities throughout all the provinces of the king Ahasuerus, to lay hands on such as sought their harm: and no man could withstand them; for the fear of them had fallen on all the peoples. [3]And all the princes of the provinces, and the satraps, and the governors, and those who did the king's business, helped the Jews; because the fear of Mordecai had fallen on them. [4]For Mordecai was great in the king's house, and his fame went out throughout all the provinces; for the man Mordecai grew greater and greater. [5]And the Jews struck all their enemies with the stroke of the sword, and with slaughter and destruction, and did what they would to those who hated them. [6]And in Shushan the palace the Jews killed and destroyed five hundred men. [7]And Parshandatha, and Dalphon, and Aspatha, [8]and Poratha, and Adalia, and Aridatha, [9]and Parmashta, and Arisai, and Aridai, and Vaizatha, [10]the ten sons of Haman the son of Hammedatha, the Jews' enemy, they killed; but on the spoil they did not lay their hand. [11]On that day the number of those who were slain in Shushan the palace was brought before the king. [12]And the king said to Esther the queen, The Jews have killed and destroyed five hundred men in Shushan the palace, and the ten sons of Haman; what then have they done in the rest of the king's provinces! Now what is your petition? and it shall be granted you: or what further is your request? and it shall be done. [13]Then Esther said, If it pleases the king, let it be granted to the Jews who are in Shushan to do tomorrow also according to this day's decree, and let Haman's ten sons be hanged on the gallows. [14]And the king commanded it so to be done: and a decree was given out in Shushan; and they hanged Haman's ten sons. [15]And the Jews who were in Shushan gathered themselves together on the fourteenth day also of the month Adar, and killed three hundred men in Shushan; but on the spoil they did not lay their hand. [16]And the other Jews who were in the king's provinces gathered themselves together, and stood for their lives, and had rest from their enemies, and killed of those who hated them seventy-five thousand; but on the spoil they did not lay their hand. [17]This was done on the thirteenth day of the month Adar; and on its fourteenth day they rested, and made it a day of feasting and gladness. [18]But the Jews who were in Shushan assembled together on its thirteenth day, and on its fourteenth; and on its fifteenth day they rested, and made it a day of feasting and gladness. [19]Therefore the Jews of the villages, who dwell in the unwalled towns, make the fourteenth day of the month Adar a day of gladness and feasting, and a good day, and of sending portions one to another. [20]And Mordecai wrote these things, and sent letters to all the Jews who were in all the provinces of the king Ahasuerus, both near and far, [21]to enjoin them that they should keep the fourteenth day of the month Adar, and its fifteenth day, yearly, [22]as the days on which the Jews had rest from their enemies, and the month which was turned for them from sorrow to gladness, and from mourning into a good day; that they should make them days of feasting and gladness, and of sending portions one to another, and gifts to the poor. [23]And the Jews undertook to do as they had begun, and as Mordecai had written to them; [24]because Haman the son of Hammedatha, the Agagite, the enemy of all the Jews, had plotted against the Jews to destroy them, and had cast Pur, that is the lot, to consume them, and to destroy them; [25]but when the matter came before the king, he commanded by letters that his wicked device, which he had devised against the Jews, should return upon his own head, and that he and his sons should be hanged on the gallows. [26]Therefore they called these days Purim, after the name of Pur. Therefore because of all the words of this letter, and of that which they had seen concerning this matter, and that which had come to them, [27]the Jews ordained, and took upon themselves, and upon their seed, and upon all such as joined themselves to them, so that it should not fail, that they would keep these two days according to their writing, and according to their appointed time, every year; [28]and that these days should be remembered and kept throughout every generation, every family, every province, and every city; and that these days of Purim should not fail from among the Jews, nor the remembrance of them perish from their seed. [29]Then Esther the queen, the daughter of Abihail, and Mordecai the Jew, wrote with all authority to confirm this second letter of Purim. [30]And he sent letters to all the Jews, to the hundred and twenty-seven provinces of the

kingdom of Ahasuerus, with words of peace and truth, 31to confirm these days of Purim in their appointed times, just as Mordecai the Jew and Esther the queen had enjoined them, and as they had ordained for themselves and for their seed, in the matter of the fastings and their cry. 32And the commandment of Esther confirmed these matters of Purim; and it was written in the book.

Chapter 10

1And the king Ahasuerus laid a tribute on the land, and on the isles of the sea. 2And all the acts of his power and of his might, and the full account of the greatness of Mordecai, to which the king advanced him, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Media and Persia? 3For Mordecai the Jew was next to king Ahasuerus, and great among the Jews, and accepted by the multitude of his brothers, seeking the good of his people, and speaking peace to all his seed.

Job

Chapter 1

1 There was a man in the land of Uz, whose name was Job; and that man was perfect and upright, and one who feared God, and turned away from evil.

2 And there were born to him seven sons and three daughters.

3 His possessions also were seven thousand sheep, and three thousand camels, and five hundred yoke of oxen, and five hundred female donkeys, and a very great household; so that this man was the greatest of all the children of the east.

4 And his sons went and held a feast in the house of each one on his day; and they sent and called for their three sisters to eat and to drink with them.

5 And it was so, when the days of their feasting had run their course, that Job sent and sanctified them, and rose up early in the morning, and offered burnt-offerings according to the number of them all: for Job said, It may be that my sons have sinned, and renounced God in their hearts. Thus Job did continually.

6 Now it happened on the day when the sons of God came to present themselves before Yehovah, that Satan also came among them.

7 And Yehovah said to Satan, From where do you come? Then Satan answered Yehovah, and said, From going to and fro in the earth, and from walking up and down in it.

8 And Yehovah said to Satan, Have you considered my servant Job? for there is none like him in the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one who fears God, and turns away from evil.

9 Then Satan answered Yehovah, and said, Does Job fear God for nothing?

10 Have you not made a hedge about him, and about his house, and about all that he has, on every side? you have blessed the work of his hands, and his possessions have increased in the land.

11 But stretch out your hand now, and touch all that he has, and he will renounce you to your face.

12 And Yehovah said to Satan, Behold, all that he has is in your power; only do not stretch out your hand against himself. So Satan went out from the presence of Yehovah.

13 And it happened one day when his sons and his daughters were eating and drinking wine in their eldest brother's house,

14 that a messenger came to Job, and said, The oxen were plowing, and the donkeys feeding beside them;

15 and the Sabeans fell upon them, and took them away: indeed, they have slain the servants with the edge of the sword; and I only have escaped alone to tell you.

16 While he was still speaking, another also came, and said, The fire of God has fallen from heaven, and has burned up the sheep and the servants, and consumed them; and I only have escaped alone to tell you.

17 While he was still speaking, another also came, and said, The Chaldeans made three bands, and fell upon the camels, and have taken them away, indeed, and slain the servants with the edge of the sword; and I only have escaped alone to tell you.

18 While he was still speaking, another also came, and said, Your sons and your daughters were eating and drinking wine in their eldest brother's house;

19 and, behold, a great wind came from the wilderness, and struck the four corners of the house, and it fell upon the young men, and they are dead; and I only have escaped alone to tell you.

20 Then Job arose, and tore his robe, and shaved his head, and fell down on the ground, and worshiped;

21 and he said, Naked I came out of my mother's womb, and naked I shall return there: Yehovah gave, and Yehovah has taken away; blessed be the name of Yehovah.

22 In all this Job did not sin, nor charge God foolishly.

Chapter 2

1 Again it happened on the day when the sons of God came to present themselves before Yehovah, that Satan came also among them to present himself before Yehovah.

2 And Yehovah said to Satan, From where do you come? And Satan answered Yehovah, and said, From going to and fro in the earth, and from walking up and down in it.

3 And Yehovah said to Satan, Have you considered my servant Job? for there is none like him in the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one who fears God, and turns away from evil: and he still holds fast his

integrity, although you moved me against him, to destroy him without cause.
4 And Satan answered Yehovah, and said, Skin for skin, indeed, all that a man has he will give for his life.
5 But stretch out your hand now, and touch his bone and his flesh, and he will renounce you to your face.
6 And Yehovah said to Satan, Behold, he is in your hand; only spare his life.
7 So Satan went out from the presence of Yehovah, and struck Job with painful boils from the sole of his foot to his crown.
8 And he took a potsherd to scrape himself with it; and he sat among the ashes.
9 Then his wife said to him, Do you still hold fast your integrity? renounce God, and die.
10 But he said to her, You speak as one of the foolish women speaks. What? shall we receive good at the hand of God, and shall we not receive evil? In all this Job did not sin with his lips.
11 Now when Job's three friends heard of all this evil that had come upon him, they came every one from his own place: Eliphaz the Temanite, and Bildad the Shuhite, and Zophar the Naamathite; and they made an appointment together to come to bemoan him and to comfort him.
12 And when they lifted up their eyes from a distance, and did not recognize him, they lifted up their voice, and wept; and they tore every one his robe, and sprinkled dust on their heads toward heaven.
13 So they sat down with him on the ground seven days and seven nights, and none spoke a word to him: for they saw that his grief was very great.

Chapter 3

1 After this Job opened his mouth, and cursed his day.
2 And Job answered and said:
3 Let the day perish on which I was born, And the night which said, A man-child is conceived.
4 Let that day be darkness; Let not God from above seek for it, Neither let the light shine on it.
5 Let darkness and the shadow of death claim it for their own; Let a cloud dwell on it; Let all that makes black the day terrify it.
6 As for that night, let thick darkness seize upon it: Let it not rejoice among the days of the year; Let it not come into the number of the months.
7 Look, let that night be barren; Let no joyful voice come into it.
8 Let those curse it who curse the day, Who are ready to rouse up leviathan.
9 Let the stars of its twilight be dark: Let it look for light, but have none; Neither let it behold the eyelids of the morning:
10 Because it did not shut up the doors of my mother's womb, Nor hide trouble from my eyes.
11 Why did I not die from the womb? Why did I not give up the ghost when my mother bore me?
12 Why did the knees receive me? Or why the breasts, that I should suck?
13 For now I would have lain down and been quiet; I would have slept; then I would have been at rest,
14 With kings and counselors of the earth, Who built up waste places for themselves;
15 Or with princes who had gold, Who filled their houses with silver:
16 Or as a hidden untimely birth I would not have been, As infants who never saw light.
17 There the wicked cease from troubling; And there the weary are at rest.
18 There the prisoners are at ease together; They do not hear the voice of the taskmaster.
19 The small and the great are there: And the servant is free from his master.
20 Why is light given to him who is in misery, And life to the bitter in soul;
21 Who long for death, but it does not come, And dig for it more than for hidden treasures;
22 Who rejoice exceedingly, And are glad, when they can find the grave?
23 Why is light given to a man whose way is hidden, And whom God has hedged in?
24 For my sighing comes before I eat, And my groanings are poured out like water.
25 For the thing which I fear comes upon me, And that which I am afraid of comes to me.
26 I am not at ease, neither am I quiet, neither have I rest; But trouble comes.

Chapter 4

1 Then Eliphaz the Temanite answered, and said,
2 If one attempts to speak with you, will you be grieved? But who can withhold himself from speaking?

3 Behold, you have instructed many, And you have
strengthened the weak hands.
4 Your words have upheld him who was falling, And
you have made firm the feeble knees.
5 But now it has come to you, and you faint; It touches
you, and you are troubled.
6 Is not your fear of God your confidence, And the
integrity of your ways your hope?
7 Remember, please, who ever perished, being
innocent? Or where were the upright cut off?
8 According as I have seen, those who plow iniquity,
And sow trouble, reap the same.
9 By the breath of God they perish, And by the blast of
his anger are they consumed.
10 The roaring of the lion, and the voice of the fierce
lion, And the teeth of the young lions, are broken.
11 The old lion perishes for lack of prey, And the
whelps of the lioness are scattered abroad.
12 Now a thing was secretly brought to me, And my ear
received a whisper of it.
13 In thoughts from the visions of the night, When
deep sleep falls on men,
14 Fear came upon me, and trembling, Which made all
my bones shake.
15 Then a spirit passed before my face; The hair of my
flesh stood up.
16 It stood still, but I could not discern its appearance;
A form was before my eyes: There was silence, and I
heard a voice, saying,
17 Shall mortal man be more just than God? Shall a
man be more pure than his Maker?
18 Behold, he puts no trust in his servants; And his
angels he charges with folly:
19 How much more those who dwell in houses of clay,
Whose foundation is in the dust, Who are crushed
before the moth!
20 Between morning and evening they are destroyed:
They perish forever without anyone regarding it.
21 Is not their tent-cord plucked up within them? They
die, and that without wisdom.

Chapter 5

1 Call now; is there anyone who will answer you? And
to which of the holy ones will you turn?
2 For vexation kills the foolish man, And jealousy
slays the silly one.
3 I have seen the foolish taking root: But suddenly I
cursed his habitation.
4 His children are far from safety, And they are
crushed in the gate, Neither is there any to deliver
them:
5 Whose harvest the hungry eats up, And takes it even
out of the thorns; And the snare gapes for their
wealth.
6 For affliction does not come forth from the dust,
Neither does trouble spring out of the ground;
7 But man is born to trouble, As the sparks fly upward.
8 But as for me, I would seek to God, And to God
would I commit my cause;
9 Who does great things and unsearchable, Marvelous
things without number:
10 Who gives rain on the earth, And sends waters on
the fields;
11 So that he sets up on high those that are low, And
those that mourn are exalted to safety.
12 He frustrates the devices of the crafty, So that their
hands cannot perform their enterprise.
13 He takes the wise in their own craftiness; And the
counsel of the cunning is carried headlong.
14 They meet with darkness in the day-time, And grope
at noonday as in the night.
15 But he saves from the sword of their mouth, Even
the needy from the hand of the mighty.
16 So the poor has hope, And iniquity stops her mouth.
17 Behold, happy is the man whom God corrects:
Therefore do not despise the chastening of the
Almighty.
18 For he causes pain, and binds up; He wounds, and
his hands make whole.
19 He will deliver you in six troubles; Indeed, in seven
no evil shall touch you.
20 In famine he will redeem you from death; And in
war from the power of the sword.
21 You shall be hidden from the scourge of the tongue;
Neither shall you be afraid of destruction when it
comes.
22 At destruction and dearth you shall laugh; Neither
shall you be afraid of the beasts of the earth.
23 For you shall be in league with the stones of the
field; And the beasts of the field shall be at peace
with you.
24 And you shall know that your tent is in peace; And
you shall visit your fold, and shall miss nothing.
25 You shall know also that your seed shall be great,
And your offspring as the grass of the earth.

26 You shall come to your grave in a full age, As a
shock of grain comes in in its season.
27 Look at this: we have searched it, so it is; Hear it,
and know it for your good.

Chapter 6

1 Then Job answered and said,
2 Oh that my vexation were but weighed, And all my
calamity laid in the balances!
3 For now it would be heavier than the sand of the
seas: Therefore my words have been rash.
4 For the arrows of the Almighty are within me,
Whose poison my spirit drinks up: The terrors of
God set themselves in array against me.
5 Does the wild donkey bray when he has grass? Or
does the ox low over his fodder?
6 Can that which has no savor be eaten without salt?
Or is there any taste in the white of an egg?
7 My soul refuses to touch them; They are as
loathsome food to me.
8 Oh that I might have my request; And that God
would grant me the thing that I long for!
9 Even that it would please God to crush me; That he
would let loose his hand, and cut me off!
10 And let it still be my consolation, Indeed, let me
exult in pain that does not spare, That I have not
denied the words of the Holy One.
11 What is my strength, that I should wait? And what
is my end, that I should be patient?
12 Is my strength the strength of stones? Or is my flesh
of bronze?
13 Is it not that I have no help in me, And that wisdom
is driven quite from me?
14 To him who is ready to faint kindness should be
shown from his friend; Even to him who forsakes
the fear of the Almighty.
15 My brothers have dealt deceitfully as a brook, As the
channel of brooks that pass away;
16 Which are black by reason of the ice, And in which
the snow hides itself:
17 When they grow warm, they vanish; When it is hot,
they are consumed out of their place.
18 The caravans that travel by the way of them turn
aside; They go up into the waste, and perish.
19 The caravans of Tema looked, The companies of
Sheba waited for them.
20 They were put to shame because they had hoped;
They came there, and were confounded.
21 For now you are nothing; You see a terror, and are
afraid.
22 Did I say, Give to me? Or, Offer a present for me
from your possessions?
23 Or, Deliver me from the adversary's hand? Or,
Redeem me from the hand of the oppressors?
24 Teach me, and I will hold my peace; And cause me
to understand how I have erred.
25 How forcible are words of uprightness! But your
reproof, what does it reprove?
26 Do you think to reprove words, Seeing that the
speeches of one who is desperate are as wind?
27 Indeed, you would cast lots over the fatherless, And
make merchandise of your friend.
28 Now therefore be pleased to look at me; For surely I
shall not lie to your face.
29 Return, please, let there be no injustice; Indeed,
return again, my cause is righteous.
30 Is there injustice on my tongue? Cannot my taste
discern mischievous things?

Chapter 7

1 Is there not a warfare for man on earth? And are not
his days like the days of a hireling?
2 As a servant who earnestly desires the shadow, And
as a hireling who looks for his wages:
3 So am I made to possess months of misery, And
wearisome nights are appointed to me.
4 When I lie down, I say, When shall I arise, and the
night be gone? And I am full of tossings to and fro
to the dawning of the day.
5 My flesh is clothed with worms and clods of dust; My
skin closes up, and breaks out afresh.
6 My days are swifter than a weaver's shuttle, And are
spent without hope.
7 Oh remember that my life is a breath: My eye shall
no more see good.
8 The eye of him who sees me shall behold me no
more; Your eyes shall be on me, but I shall not be.
9 As the cloud is consumed and vanishes away, So he
who goes down to Sheol shall come up no more.
10 He shall return no more to his house, Neither shall
his place know him anymore.
11 Therefore I will not refrain my mouth; I will speak
in the anguish of my spirit; I will complain in the
bitterness of my soul.
12 Am I a sea, or a sea-monster, That you set a watch
over me?

13 When I say, My bed shall comfort me, My couch
shall ease my complaint;
14 Then you scare me with dreams, And terrify me
through visions:
15 So that my soul chooses strangling, And death
rather than these my bones.
16 I loathe my life; I would not live always: Let me
alone; for my days are vanity.
17 What is man, that you should magnify him, And
that you should set your mind on him,
18 And that you should visit him every morning, And
try him every moment?
19 How long will you not look away from me, Nor let
me alone until I swallow down my spittle?
20 If I have sinned, what do I do to you, O you watcher
of men? Why have you set me as a mark for you, So
that I am a burden to myself?
21 And why do you not pardon my transgression, and
take away my iniquity? For now I shall lie down in
the dust; And you will seek me diligently, but I
shall not be.

Chapter 8

1 Then Bildad the Shuhite answered, and said,
2 How long will you speak these things? And how long
shall the words of your mouth be like a mighty
wind?
3 Does God pervert justice? Or does the Almighty
pervert righteousness?
4 If your children have sinned against him, And he
has delivered them into the hand of their
transgression;
5 If you would seek diligently to God, And make your
supplication to the Almighty;
6 If you were pure and upright: Surely now he would
awake for you, And make the habitation of your
righteousness prosperous.
7 And though your beginning was small, Yet your
latter end would greatly increase.
8 For inquire, please, of the former age, And apply
yourself to that which their fathers have searched
out
9 (For we are but of yesterday, and know nothing,
Because our days on earth are a shadow);
10 Shall they not teach you, and tell you, And utter
words out of their heart?
11 Can the rush grow up without mire? Can the flag
grow without water?
12 While it is still in its greenness, and not cut down, It
withers before any other herb.
13 So are the paths of all who forget God; And the hope
of the godless man shall perish:
14 Whose confidence shall break apart, And whose
trust is a spider's web.
15 He shall lean on his house, but it shall not stand: He
shall hold fast to it, but it shall not endure.
16 He is green before the sun, And his shoots go forth
over his garden.
17 His roots are wrapped about the stone-heap, He
beholds the place of stones.
18 If he is destroyed from his place, Then it shall deny
him, saying, I have not seen you.
19 Behold, this is the joy of his way; And out of the
earth shall others spring.
20 Behold, God will not cast away a perfect man,
Neither will he uphold the evil-doers.
21 He will yet fill your mouth with laughter, And your
lips with shouting.
22 Those who hate you shall be clothed with shame;
And the tent of the wicked shall be no more.

Chapter 9

1 Then Job answered and said,
2 Truly I know that it is so: But how can man be just
with God?
3 If he is pleased to contend with him, He cannot
answer him one of a thousand.
4 He is wise in heart, and mighty in strength: Who has
hardened himself against him, and prospered?—
5 Him who removes the mountains, and they do not
know it, When he overturns them in his anger;
6 Who shakes the earth out of its place, And its pillars
tremble;
7 Who commands the sun, and it does not rise, And
seals up the stars;
8 Who alone stretches out the heavens, And treads on
the waves of the sea;
9 Who makes the Bear, Orion, and the Pleiades, And
the chambers of the south;
10 Who does great things past finding out, Indeed,
marvelous things without number.
11 Look, he goes by me, and I do not see him: He passes
on also, but I do not perceive him.
12 Behold, he seizes the prey, who can hinder him?
Who will say to him, What are you doing?

13 God will not withdraw his anger; The helpers of
Rahab stoop under him.
14 How much less shall I answer him, And choose out
my words to reason with him?
15 Whom, though I were righteous, yet I would not
answer; I would make supplication to my judge.
16 If I had called, and he had answered me, Yet I would
not believe that he listened to my voice.
17 For he breaks me with a tempest, And multiplies my
wounds without cause.
18 He will not allow me to take my breath, But fills me
with bitterness.
19 If we speak of strength, look, he is mighty! And if of
justice, Who, he says, will summon me?
20 Though I am righteous, my own mouth shall
condemn me: Though I am perfect, it shall prove
me perverse.
21 I am perfect; I do not regard myself; I despise my
life.
22 It is all one; therefore I say, He destroys the perfect
and the wicked.
23 If the scourge slays suddenly, He will mock at the
trial of the innocent.
24 The earth is given into the hand of the wicked; He
covers the faces of its judges: If it is not he, who
then is it?
25 Now my days are swifter than a runner: They flee
away, they see no good.
26 They have passed away as the swift ships; As the
eagle that swoops on the prey.
27 If I say, I will forget my complaint, I will put off my
sad countenance, and be of good cheer;
28 I am afraid of all my sorrows, I know that you will
not hold me innocent.
29 I shall be condemned; Why then do I labor in vain?
30 If I wash myself with snow water, And make my
hands ever so clean;
31 Yet you will plunge me in the ditch, And my own
clothes shall abhor me.
32 For he is not a man, as I am, that I should answer
him, That we should come together in judgment.
33 There is no umpire between us, That might lay his
hand on us both.
34 Let him take his rod away from me, And let not his
terror make me afraid:
35 Then I would speak, and not fear him; For I am not
so in myself.

Chapter 10

1 My soul is weary of my life; I will give free course to
my complaint; I will speak in the bitterness of my
soul.
2 I will say to God, Do not condemn me; Show me why
you contend with me.
3 Is it good to you that you should oppress, That you
should despise the work of your hands, And shine
on the counsel of the wicked?
4 Do you have eyes of flesh? Or do you see as man sees?
5 Are your days as the days of man, Or your years as
man's days,
6 That you inquire after my iniquity, And search after
my sin,
7 Although you know that I am not wicked, And there
is none who can deliver out of your hand?
8 Your hands have framed me and fashioned me
Together round about; yet you destroy me.
9 Remember, I beg you, that you have fashioned me as
clay; And will you bring me into dust again?
10 Have you not poured me out as milk, And curdled
me like cheese?
11 You have clothed me with skin and flesh, And knit
me together with bones and sinews.
12 You have granted me life and lovingkindness; And
your visitation has preserved my spirit.
13 Yet these things you hid in your heart; I know that
this is with you:
14 If I sin, then you mark me, And you will not acquit
me from my iniquity.
15 If I am wicked, woe to me; And if I am righteous, yet
I shall not lift up my head; Being filled with
ignominy, And looking on my affliction.
16 And if my head exalts itself, you hunt me as a lion;
And again you show yourself marvelous against
me.
17 You renew your witnesses against me, And increase
your indignation against me: Changes and warfare
are with me.
18 Why then have you brought me out of the womb? I
would have given up the ghost, and no eye would
have seen me.
19 I would have been as though I had not been; I would
have been carried from the womb to the grave.
20 Are not my days few? cease then, And let me alone,
that I may take comfort a little,
21 Before I go to the place from which I shall not
return, Even to the land of darkness and of the

shadow of death;
22 The land dark as midnight, The land of the shadow
of death, without any order, And where the light is
as midnight.

Chapter 11

1 Then Zophar the Naamathite answered, and said,
2 Should not the multitude of words be answered?
And should a man full of talk be justified?
3 Should your boastings make men hold their peace?
And when you mock, shall no man make you
ashamed?
4 For you say, My doctrine is pure, And I am clean in
your eyes.
5 But oh that God would speak, And open his lips
against you,
6 And that he would show you the secrets of wisdom!
For he is manifold in understanding. Know
therefore that God exacts of you less than your
iniquity deserves.
7 Can you by searching find out God? Can you find out
the Almighty to perfection?
8 It is high as heaven; what can you do? Deeper than
Sheol; what can you know?
9 Its measure is longer than the earth, And broader
than the sea.
10 If he passes through, and shuts up, And calls to
judgment, then who can hinder him?
11 For he knows false men: He sees iniquity also, even
though he does not consider it.
12 But vain man is void of understanding, Indeed, man
is born as a wild donkey's colt.
13 If you set your heart aright, And stretch out your
hands toward him;
14 If iniquity is in your hand, put it far away, And do
not let unrighteousness dwell in your tents.
15 Surely then you shall lift up your face without spot;
Indeed, you shall be steadfast, and shall not fear:
16 For you shall forget your misery; You shall
remember it as waters that have passed away,
17 And your life shall be clearer than the noonday;
Though there is darkness, it shall be as the
morning.
18 And you shall be secure, because there is hope;
Indeed, you shall search about you, and shall take
your rest in safety.
19 Also you shall lie down, and none shall make you
afraid; Indeed, many shall make suit to you.
20 But the eyes of the wicked shall fail, And they shall
have no way to flee; And their hope shall be the
giving up of the ghost.

Chapter 12

1 Then Job answered and said,
2 No doubt but you are the people, And wisdom shall
die with you.
3 But I have understanding as well as you; I am not
inferior to you: Indeed, who does not know such
things as these?
4 I am as one who is a laughingstock to his neighbor, I
who called on God, and he answered: The just, the
perfect man is a laughingstock.
5 In the thought of him who is at ease there is
contempt for misfortune; It is ready for those
whose foot slips.
6 The tents of robbers prosper, And those who provoke
God are secure; Into whose hand God brings
abundantly.
7 But ask now the beasts, and they shall teach you;
And the birds of the heavens, and they shall tell
you:
8 Or speak to the earth, and it shall teach you; And the
fish of the sea shall declare to you.
9 Who does not know in all these, That the hand of
Yehovah has done this,
10 In whose hand is the soul of every living thing, And
the breath of all mankind?
11 Does not the ear try words, Even as the palate tastes
its food?
12 With aged men is wisdom, And in length of days
understanding.
13 With God is wisdom and might; He has counsel and
understanding.
14 Behold, he breaks down, and it cannot be built
again; He shuts up a man, and there can be no
opening.
15 Behold, he withholds the waters, and they dry up;
Again, he sends them out, and they overturn the
earth.
16 With him is strength and wisdom; The deceived and
the deceiver are his.
17 He leads counselors away stripped, And judges he
makes fools.
18 He looses the bond of kings, And he binds their
loins with a belt.
19 He leads priests away stripped, And overthrows the
mighty.

20 He removes the speech of the trusty, And takes
away the understanding of the elders.
21 He pours contempt on princes, And looses the belt
of the strong.
22 He uncovers deep things out of darkness, And
brings out to light the shadow of death.
23 He increases the nations, and he destroys them: He
enlarges the nations, and he leads them captive.
24 He takes away understanding from the chiefs of the
people of the earth, And causes them to wander in
a wilderness where there is no way.
25 They grope in the dark without light; And he makes
them stagger like a drunken man.

Chapter 13

1 Look, my eye has seen all this, My ear has heard and
understood it.
2 What you know, the same I know also: I am not
inferior to you.
3 Surely I would speak to the Almighty, And I desire to
reason with God.
4 But you are forgers of lies; You are all physicians of
no value.
5 Oh that you would altogether hold your peace! And
it would be your wisdom.
6 Hear now my reasoning, And listen to the pleadings
of my lips.
7 Will you speak unrighteously for God, And talk
deceitfully for him?
8 Will you show partiality to him? Will you contend
for God?
9 Is it good that he should search you out? Or as one
deceives a man, will you deceive him?
10 He will surely reprove you, If you secretly show
partiality.
11 Shall not his majesty make you afraid, And his
dread fall on you?
12 Your memorable sayings are proverbs of ashes, Your
defenses are defenses of clay.
13 Hold your peace, let me alone, that I may speak;
And let come on me what will.
14 Why should I take my flesh in my teeth, And put my
life in my hand?
15 Behold, he will slay me; I have no hope:
Nevertheless I will maintain my ways before him.
16 This also shall be my salvation, That a godless man
shall not come before him.
17 Hear diligently my speech, And let my declaration
be in your ears.
18 Behold now, I have set my cause in order; I know
that I am righteous.
19 Who is he who will contend with me? For then I
would hold my peace and give up the ghost.
20 Only do not do two things to me; Then I will not
hide myself from your face:
21 Withdraw your hand far from me; And do not let
your terror make me afraid.
22 Then call, and I will answer; Or let me speak, and
you answer me.
23 How many are my iniquities and sins? Make me
know my transgression and my sin.
24 Why do you hide your face, And hold me for your
enemy?
25 Will you harass a driven leaf? And will you pursue
the dry stubble?
26 For you write bitter things against me, And make
me inherit the iniquities of my youth:
27 You put my feet also in the stocks, And mark all my
paths; You set a bound to the soles of my feet:
28 Though I am like a rotten thing that consumes, Like
a garment that is moth-eaten.

Chapter 14

1 Man, who is born of a woman, Is of few days, and
full of trouble.
2 He comes forth like a flower, and is cut down: He
flees also as a shadow, and does not continue.
3 And do you open your eyes on such a one, And bring
me into judgment with you?
4 Who can bring a clean thing out of an unclean? not
one.
5 Seeing his days are determined, The number of his
months is with you, And you have appointed his
bounds that he cannot pass;
6 Look away from him, that he may rest, Until he shall
accomplish, as a hireling, his day.
7 For there is hope for a tree, If it is cut down, that it
will sprout again, And that its tender branch will
not cease.
8 Though its root grows old in the earth, And its stock
dies in the ground;
9 Yet through the scent of water it will bud, And put
forth boughs like a plant.
10 But man dies, and is laid low: Indeed, man gives up
the ghost, and where is he?

11 As the waters fail from the sea, And the river wastes
and dries up;
12 So man lies down and does not rise: Until the
heavens are no more, they shall not awake, Nor be
roused out of their sleep.
13 Oh that you would hide me in Sheol, That you
would keep me secret, until your wrath is past,
That you would appoint me a set time, and
remember me!
14 If a man dies, shall he live again? All the days of my
warfare I would wait, Until my release should
come.
15 You would call, and I would answer you: You would
have a desire to the work of your hands.
16 But now you number my steps: Do you not watch
over my sin?
17 My transgression is sealed up in a bag, And you
fasten up my iniquity.
18 But the mountain falling comes to nothing; And the
rock is removed out of its place;
19 The waters wear the stones; Its overflowings wash
away the dust of the earth: So you destroy the hope
of man.
20 You prevail forever against him, and he passes; You
change his countenance, and send him away.
21 His sons come to honor, and he does not know it;
And they are brought low, but he does not perceive
it of them.
22 But his flesh on him has pain, And his soul within
him mourns.

Chapter 15

1 Then Eliphaz the Temanite answered, and said,
2 Should a wise man make answer with vain
knowledge, And fill himself with the east wind?
3 Should he reason with unprofitable talk, Or with
speeches with which he can do no good?
4 Indeed, you do away with fear, And hinder devotion
before God.
5 For your iniquity teaches your mouth, And you
choose the tongue of the crafty.
6 Your own mouth condemns you, and not I; Indeed,
your own lips testify against you.
7 Are you the first man who was born? Or were you
brought forth before the hills?
8 Have you heard the secret counsel of God? And do
you limit wisdom to yourself?
9 What do you know, that we do not know? What do
you understand, which is not in us?
10 With us are both the gray-headed and the very aged
men, Much older than your father.
11 Are the consolations of God too small for you, Even
the word that is gentle toward you?
12 Why does your heart carry you away? And why do
your eyes flash,
13 That against God you turn your spirit, And let words
go out of your mouth?
14 What is man, that he should be clean? And he who
is born of a woman, that he should be righteous?
15 Behold, he puts no trust in his holy ones; Indeed,
the heavens are not clean in his sight:
16 How much less one who is abominable and corrupt,
A man who drinks iniquity like water!
17 I will show you, hear me; And that which I have
seen I will declare
18 (Which wise men have told From their fathers, and
have not hidden it;
19 To whom alone the land was given, And no stranger
passed among them):
20 The wicked man travails with pain all his days, Even
the number of years that are laid up for the
oppressor.
21 A sound of terrors is in his ears; In prosperity the
destroyer shall come on him.
22 He does not believe that he shall return out of
darkness, And he is waited for by the sword.
23 He wanders abroad for bread, saying, Where is it?
He knows that the day of darkness is ready at his
hand.
24 Distress and anguish make him afraid; They prevail
against him, as a king ready to the battle.
25 Because he has stretched out his hand against God,
And behaves himself proudly against the Almighty;
26 He runs at him with a stiff neck, With the thick
bosses of his shields;
27 Because he has covered his face with his fatness,
And gathered fat upon his loins;
28 And he has dwelt in desolate cities, In houses which
no man inhabited, Which were ready to become
heaps of ruins;
29 He shall not be rich, neither shall his wealth
continue, Neither shall their possessions be
extended on the earth.
30 He shall not depart out of darkness; The flame shall
dry up his branches, And by the breath of God's
mouth he shall go away.

31 Let him not trust in vanity, deceiving himself; For
vanity shall be his recompense.
32 It shall be accomplished before his time, And his
branch shall not be green.
33 He shall shake off his unripe grape as the vine, And
shall cast off his flower as the olive-tree.
34 For the company of the godless shall be barren, And
fire shall consume the tents of bribery.
35 They conceive mischief, and bring forth iniquity,
And their heart prepares deceit.

Chapter 16

1 Then Job answered and said,
2 I have heard many such things: Miserable
comforters are you all.
3 Shall vain words have an end? Or what provokes you
that you answer?
4 I also could speak as you do; If your soul were in my
soul's stead, I could join words together against
you, And shake my head at you.
5 But I would strengthen you with my mouth, And the
solace of my lips would assuage your grief.
6 Though I speak, my grief is not assuaged; And
though I refrain, how am I eased?
7 But now he has made me weary: You have made
desolate all my company.
8 And you have laid fast hold on me, which is a witness
against me: And my leanness rises up against me, It
testifies to my face.
9 He has torn me in his wrath, and persecuted me; He
has gnashed at me with his teeth: My adversary
sharpens his eyes on me.
10 They have gaped at me with their mouth; They have
struck me on the cheek reproachfully: They gather
themselves together against me.
11 God delivers me to the ungodly, And casts me into
the hands of the wicked.
12 I was at ease, and he broke me apart; Indeed, he has
taken me by the neck, and dashed me to pieces: He
has also set me up for his mark.
13 His archers surround me; He splits my kidneys
apart, and does not spare; He pours out my gall on
the ground.
14 He breaks me with breach upon breach; He runs at
me like a giant.
15 I have sewn sackcloth on my skin, And have laid my
horn in the dust.
16 My face is red with weeping, And on my eyelids is
the shadow of death;
17 Although there is no violence in my hands, And my
prayer is pure.
18 O earth, do not cover my blood, And let my cry have
no resting-place.
19 Even now, behold, my witness is in heaven, And he
who vouches for me is on high.
20 My friends scoff at me: But my eye pours out tears to
God,
21 That he would maintain the right of a man with
God, And of a son of man with his neighbor!
22 For when a few years have come, I shall go the way
from which I shall not return.

Chapter 17

1 My spirit is consumed, my days are extinct, The
grave is ready for me.
2 Surely there are mockers with me, And my eye
dwells on their provocation.
3 Give now a pledge, be surety for me with yourself;
Who is there who will strike hands with me?
4 For you have hidden their heart from
understanding: Therefore you shall not exalt them.
5 He who denounces his friends for a prey, Even the
eyes of his children shall fail.
6 But he has made me a byword of the people; And
they spit in my face.
7 My eye also is dim by reason of sorrow, And all my
members are as a shadow.
8 Upright men shall be astonished at this, And the
innocent shall stir himself up against the godless.
9 Yet the righteous shall hold on his way, And he who
has clean hands shall grow stronger and stronger.
10 But as for you all, come on now again; And I shall
not find a wise man among you.
11 My days are past, my purposes are broken off, Even
the thoughts of my heart.
12 They change the night into day: The light, they say,
is near to the darkness.
13 If I look for Sheol as my house; If I have spread my
couch in the darkness;
14 If I have said to corruption, You are my father; To
the worm, You are my mother, and my sister;
15 Where then is my hope? And as for my hope, who
shall see it?
16 It shall go down to the bars of Sheol, When once
there is rest in the dust.

Chapter 18

1 Then Bildad the Shuhite answered, and said,

2 How long will you hunt for words? Consider, and
afterwards we will speak.
3 Why are we counted as beasts, And have become
unclean in your sight?
4 You who tear yourself in your anger, Shall the earth
be forsaken for you? Or shall the rock be removed
out of its place?
5 Indeed, the light of the wicked shall be put out, And
the spark of his fire shall not shine.
6 The light shall be dark in his tent, And his lamp
above him shall be put out.
7 The steps of his strength shall be narrowed, And his
own counsel shall cast him down.
8 For he is cast into a net by his own feet, And he walks
on its meshes.
9 A trap shall take him by the heel, And a snare shall
lay hold on him.
10 A noose is hidden for him in the ground, And a trap
for him in the way.
11 Terrors shall make him afraid on every side, And
shall chase him at his heels.
12 His strength shall be hunger-bitten, And calamity
shall be ready at his side.
13 The members of his body shall be devoured, Indeed,
the firstborn of death shall devour his members.
14 He shall be rooted out of his tent in which he trusts;
And he shall be brought to the king of terrors.
15 There shall dwell in his tent that which is none of
his: Brimstone shall be scattered on his habitation.
16 His roots shall be dried up beneath, And above his
branch shall be cut off.
17 His remembrance shall perish from the earth, And
he shall have no name in the street.
18 He shall be driven from light into darkness, And
chased out of the world.
19 He shall have neither son nor son's son among his
people, Nor any remaining where he sojourned.
20 Those who come after shall be astonished at his day,
As those who went before were frightened.
21 Surely such are the dwellings of the unrighteous,
And this is the place of him who does not know
God.

Chapter 19

1 Then Job answered and said,
2 How long will you vex my soul, And break me in
pieces with words?
3 These ten times you have reproached me: You are
not ashamed that you deal harshly with me.
4 And if it is indeed true that I have erred, My error
remains with myself.
5 If indeed you will magnify yourselves against me,
And plead against me my reproach;
6 Know now that God has subverted me in my cause,
And has surrounded me with his net.
7 Behold, I cry out of wrong, but I am not heard: I cry
for help, but there is no justice.
8 He has walled up my way that I cannot pass, And has
set darkness in my paths.
9 He has stripped me of my glory, And taken the
crown from my head.
10 He has broken me down on every side, and I am
gone; And my hope he has plucked up like a tree.
11 He has also kindled his wrath against me, And he
counts me to him as one of his adversaries.
12 His troops come on together, And cast up their way
against me, And encamp all around my tent.
13 He has put my brothers far from me, And my
acquaintances are wholly estranged from me.
14 My relatives have failed, And my familiar friends
have forgotten me.
15 Those who dwell in my house, and my maids, count
me for a stranger: I am an alien in their sight.
16 I call to my servant, and he gives me no answer,
Though I entreat him with my mouth.
17 My breath is strange to my wife, And my
supplication to the children of my own mother.
18 Even young children despise me; If I arise, they
speak against me.
19 All my familiar friends abhor me, And those whom I
loved have turned against me.
20 My bone clings to my skin and to my flesh, And I
have escaped with the skin of my teeth.
21 Have pity on me, have pity on me, O you my friends;
For the hand of God has touched me.
22 Why do you persecute me as God, And are not
satisfied with my flesh?
23 Oh that my words were now written! Oh that they
were inscribed in a book!
24 That with an iron pen and lead They were engraved
in the rock forever!
25 But as for me I know that my Redeemer lives, And at
last he will stand up on the earth:
26 And after my skin, even this body, is destroyed,
Then without my flesh I shall see God;

27 Whom I, even I, shall see, on my side, And my eyes
shall behold, and not as a stranger. My heart is
consumed within me.
28 If you say, How we will persecute him! And that the
root of the matter is found in me;
29 Be afraid of the sword: For wrath brings the
punishments of the sword, That you may know
there is a judgment.

Chapter 20

1 Then Zophar the Naamathite answered, and said,
2 Therefore my thoughts give answer to me, Even by
reason of my haste that is in me.
3 I have heard the reproof which puts me to shame;
And the spirit of my understanding answers me.
4 Do you not know this from old time, Since man was
placed on earth,
5 That the triumphing of the wicked is short, And the
joy of the godless but for a moment?
6 Though his height mounts up to the heavens, And
his head reaches to the clouds;
7 Yet he shall perish forever like his own dung: Those
who have seen him shall say, Where is he?
8 He shall fly away as a dream, and shall not be found:
Indeed, he shall be chased away as a vision of the
night.
9 The eye which saw him shall see him no more;
Neither shall his place behold him anymore.
10 His children shall seek the favor of the poor, And
his hands shall give back his wealth.
11 His bones are full of his youth, But it shall lie down
with him in the dust.
12 Though wickedness is sweet in his mouth, Though
he hides it under his tongue,
13 Though he spares it, and will not let it go, But keeps
it still within his mouth;
14 Yet his food in his bowels is turned, It is the gall of
asps within him.
15 He has swallowed down riches, and he shall vomit
them up again; God will cast them out of his belly.
16 He shall suck the poison of asps: The viper's tongue
shall slay him.
17 He shall not look on the rivers, The flowing streams
of honey and butter.
18 That which he labored for he shall restore, and shall
not swallow it down; According to the wealth that
he has gotten, he shall not rejoice.
19 For he has oppressed and forsaken the poor; He has
violently taken away a house, and he shall not build
it up.
20 Because he knew no quietness within him, He shall
not save anything of that in which he delights.
21 There was nothing left that he did not devour;
Therefore his prosperity shall not endure.
22 In the fullness of his sufficiency he shall be in
distress: The hand of everyone who is in misery
shall come upon him.
23 When he is about to fill his belly, God will cast the
fierceness of his wrath on him, And will rain it on
him while he is eating.
24 He shall flee from the iron weapon, And the bow of
bronze shall strike him through.
25 He draws it out, and it comes out of his body;
Indeed, the glittering point comes out of his gall:
Terrors are upon him.
26 All darkness is laid up for his treasures: A fire not
blown by man shall devour him; It shall consume
that which is left in his tent.
27 The heavens shall reveal his iniquity, And the earth
shall rise up against him.
28 The increase of his house shall depart; His goods
shall flow away in the day of his wrath.
29 This is the portion of a wicked man from God, And
the heritage appointed to him by God.

Chapter 21

1 Then Job answered and said,
2 Hear diligently my speech; And let this be your
consolations.
3 Allow me, and I also will speak; And after I have
spoken, mock on.
4 As for me, is my complaint to man? And why should
I not be impatient?
5 Mark me, and be astonished, And lay your hand on
your mouth.
6 Even when I remember I am troubled, And horror
takes hold on my flesh.
7 Why do the wicked live, Become old, indeed, grow
mighty in power?
8 Their seed is established with them in their sight,
And their offspring before their eyes.
9 Their houses are safe from fear, Neither is the rod of
God on them.
10 Their bull breeds, and does not fail; Their cow
calves, and does not cast her calf.

11 They send out their little ones like a flock, And their
children dance.
12 They sing to the tambourine and harp, And rejoice
at the sound of the pipe.
13 They spend their days in prosperity, And in a
moment they go down to Sheol.
14 And they say to God, Depart from us; For we do not
desire the knowledge of your ways.
15 What is the Almighty, that we should serve him?
And what profit should we have, if we pray to him?
16 Look, their prosperity is not in their hand: The
counsel of the wicked is far from me.
17 How often is it that the lamp of the wicked is put
out? That their calamity comes on them? That God
distributes sorrows in his anger?
18 That they are as stubble before the wind, And as
chaff that the storm carries away?
19 You say, God lays up his iniquity for his children.
Let him recompense it to himself, that he may
know it:
20 Let his own eyes see his destruction, And let him
drink of the wrath of the Almighty.
21 For what does he care for his house after him, When
the number of his months is cut off?
22 Shall anyone teach God knowledge, Seeing he
judges those who are high?
23 One dies in his full strength, Being wholly at ease
and quiet:
24 His pails are full of milk, And the marrow of his
bones is moistened.
25 And another dies in bitterness of soul, And never
tastes of good.
26 They lie down alike in the dust, And the worm
covers them.
27 Behold, I know your thoughts, And the devices with
which you would wrong me.
28 For you say, Where is the house of the prince? And
where is the tent in which the wicked dwelt?
29 Have you not asked wayfaring men? And do you not
know their evidences,
30 That the evil man is reserved to the day of calamity?
That they are led out to the day of wrath?
31 Who shall declare his way to his face? And who
shall repay him what he has done?
32 Yet he shall be borne to the grave, And men shall
keep watch over the tomb.
33 The clods of the valley shall be sweet to him, And all
men shall draw after him, As there were
innumerable before him.
34 How then do you comfort me in vain, Seeing in
your answers there remains only falsehood?

Chapter 22

1 Then Eliphaz the Temanite answered, and said,
2 Can a man be profitable to God? Surely he who is
wise is profitable to himself.
3 Is it any pleasure to the Almighty, that you are
righteous? Or is it gain to him, that you make your
ways perfect?
4 Is it for your fear of him that he reproves you, That
he enters with you into judgment?
5 Is not your wickedness great? Neither is there any
end to your iniquities.
6 For you have taken pledges from your brother for
nothing, And stripped the naked of their clothing.
7 You have not given water to the weary to drink, And
you have withheld bread from the hungry.
8 But as for the mighty man, he had the earth; And the
honorable man, he dwelt in it.
9 You have sent widows away empty, And the arms of
the fatherless have been broken.
10 Therefore snares are all around you, And sudden
fear troubles you,
11 Or darkness, so that you cannot see, And abundance
of waters cover you.
12 Is not God in the height of heaven? And behold the
height of the stars, how high they are!
13 And you say, What does God know? Can he judge
through the thick darkness?
14 Thick clouds are a covering to him, so that he does
not see; And he walks on the vault of heaven.
15 Will you keep the old way Which wicked men have
trodden?
16 Who were snatched away before their time, Whose
foundation was poured out as a stream,
17 Who said to God, Depart from us; And, What can
the Almighty do for us?
18 Yet he filled their houses with good things: But the
counsel of the wicked is far from me.
19 The righteous see it, and are glad; And the innocent
laugh them to scorn,
20 Saying, Surely those who rose up against us are cut
off, And the remnant of them the fire has
consumed.
21 Acquaint yourself now with him, and be at peace:
By this good shall come to you.

22 Receive, please, the law from his mouth, And lay up his words in your heart.
23 If you return to the Almighty, you shall be built up, If you put away unrighteousness far from your tents.
24 And lay your treasure in the dust, And the gold of Ophir among the stones of the brooks;
25 And the Almighty will be your treasure, And precious silver to you.
26 For then you shall delight yourself in the Almighty, And shall lift up your face to God.
27 You shall make your prayer to him, and he will hear you; And you shall pay your vows.
28 You shall also decree a thing, and it shall be established for you; And light shall shine on your ways.
29 When they cast you down, you shall say, There is lifting up; And the humble person he will save.
30 He will deliver even him who is not innocent: Indeed, he shall be delivered through the cleanness of your hands.

Chapter 23

1 Then Job answered and said,
2 Even today my complaint is rebellious: My stroke is heavier than my groaning.
3 Oh that I knew where I might find him! That I might come even to his seat!
4 I would set my cause in order before him, And fill my mouth with arguments.
5 I would know the words which he would answer me, And understand what he would say to me.
6 Would he contend with me in the greatness of his power? No; but he would give heed to me.
7 There the upright might reason with him; So I would be delivered forever from my judge.
8 Behold, I go forward, but he is not there; And backward, but I cannot perceive him;
9 On the left hand, when he works, but I cannot behold him; He hides himself on the right hand, so that I cannot see him.
10 But he knows the way that I take; When he has tried me, I shall come forth as gold.
11 My foot has held fast to his steps; His way I have kept, and have not turned aside.
12 I have not gone back from the commandment of his lips; I have treasured up the words of his mouth more than my necessary food.
13 But he is in one mind, and who can turn him? And what his soul desires, even that he does.
14 For he performs that which is appointed for me: And many such things are with him.
15 Therefore I am terrified at his presence; When I consider, I am afraid of him.
16 For God has made my heart faint, And the Almighty has terrified me;
17 Because I was not cut off before the darkness, Neither did he cover the thick darkness from my face.

Chapter 24

1 Why are times not laid up by the Almighty? And why do those who know him not see his days?
2 There are those who remove the landmarks; They violently take away flocks, and feed them.
3 They drive away the donkey of the fatherless; They take the widow's ox for a pledge.
4 They turn the needy out of the way: The poor of the earth all hide themselves.
5 Behold, as wild donkeys in the desert They go out to their work, seeking diligently for food; The wilderness yields them bread for their children.
6 They cut their fodder in the field; And they glean the vintage of the wicked.
7 They lie all night naked without clothing, And have no covering in the cold.
8 They are wet with the showers of the mountains, And embrace the rock for lack of a shelter.
9 There are those who pluck the fatherless from the breast, And take a pledge from the poor;
10 So that they go about naked without clothing, And being hungry they carry the sheaves.
11 They make oil within the walls of these men; They tread their winepresses, and suffer thirst.
12 From out of the populous city men groan, And the soul of the wounded cries out: Yet God does not regard the folly.
13 These are of those who rebel against the light; They do not know its ways, Nor abide in its paths.
14 The murderer rises with the light; He kills the poor and needy; And in the night he is as a thief.
15 The eye also of the adulterer waits for the twilight, Saying, No eye shall see me: And he disguises his face.
16 In the dark they dig through houses: They shut themselves up in the daytime; They do not know the light.

17 For the morning is to all of them as thick darkness;
For they know the terrors of the thick darkness.
18 Swiftly they pass away on the face of the waters;
Their portion is cursed in the earth: They do not
turn into the way of the vineyards.
19 Drought and heat consume the snow waters: So
does Sheol those who have sinned.
20 The womb shall forget him; The worm shall feed
sweetly on him; He shall be no more remembered;
And unrighteousness shall be broken as a tree.
21 He devours the barren who does not bear, And does
no good to the widow.
22 Yet God preserves the mighty by his power: He rises
up who has no assurance of life.
23 God gives them to be in security, and they rest on it;
And his eyes are on their ways.
24 They are exalted; yet a little while, and they are
gone; Indeed, they are brought low, they are taken
out of the way as all others, And are cut off as the
tops of the ears of grain.
25 And if it is not so now, who will prove me a liar, And
make my speech worth nothing?

Chapter 25

1 Then Bildad the Shuhite answered, and said,
2 Dominion and fear are with him; He makes peace in
his high places.
3 Is there any number of his armies? And on whom
does his light not arise?
4 How then can man be just with God? Or how can he
be clean who is born of a woman?
5 Behold, even the moon has no brightness, And the
stars are not pure in his sight:
6 How much less man, who is a worm! And the son of
man, who is a worm!

Chapter 26

1 Then Job answered and said,
2 How have you helped him who is without power!
How have you saved the arm that has no strength!
3 How have you counseled him who has no wisdom,
And plentifully declared sound knowledge!
4 To whom have you uttered words? And whose spirit
came forth from you?
5 Those who are deceased tremble Beneath the waters
and their inhabitants.
6 Sheol is naked before God, And Abaddon has no
covering.
7 He stretches out the north over empty space, And
hangs the earth on nothing.
8 He binds up the waters in his thick clouds; And the
cloud is not torn under them.
9 He encloses the face of his throne, And spreads his
cloud over it.
10 He has marked out a boundary on the face of the
waters, To the confines of light and darkness.
11 The pillars of heaven tremble And are astonished at
his rebuke.
12 He stirs up the sea with his power, And by his
understanding he strikes through Rahab.
13 By his Spirit the heavens are adorned; His hand has
pierced the swift serpent.
14 Look, these are but the outskirts of his ways: And
how small a whisper do we hear of him! But the
thunder of his power who can understand?

Chapter 27

1 And Job again took up his parable, and said,
2 As God lives, who has taken away my right, And the
Almighty, who has vexed my soul
3 (For my life is still whole in me, And the spirit of God
is in my nostrils);
4 Surely my lips shall not speak unrighteousness,
Neither shall my tongue utter deceit.
5 Far be it from me that I should justify you: Until I die
I will not put away my integrity from me.
6 My righteousness I hold fast, and will not let it go:
My heart shall not reproach me so long as I live.
7 Let my enemy be as the wicked, And let him who
rises up against me be as the unrighteous.
8 For what is the hope of the godless, though he gets
gain for himself, When God takes away his soul?
9 Will God hear his cry, When trouble comes on him?
10 Will he delight himself in the Almighty, And call on
God at all times?
11 I will teach you concerning the hand of God; That
which is with the Almighty I will not conceal.
12 Behold, all of you yourselves have seen it; Why then
have you become altogether vain?
13 This is the portion of a wicked man with God, And
the heritage of oppressors, which they receive from
the Almighty:
14 If his children are multiplied, it is for the sword;
And his offspring shall not be satisfied with bread.
15 Those who remain of him shall be buried in death,
And his widows shall make no lamentation.

16 Though he heaps up silver as the dust, And prepares
clothing as the clay;
17 He may prepare it, but the just shall put it on, And
the innocent shall divide the silver.
18 He builds his house as the moth, And as a booth
which the keeper makes.
19 He lies down rich, but he shall not be gathered to
his fathers; He opens his eyes, and he is not.
20 Terrors overtake him like waters; A tempest steals
him away in the night.
21 The east wind carries him away, and he departs; And
it sweeps him out of his place.
22 For God shall hurl at him, and not spare: He would
gladly flee out of his hand.
23 Men shall clap their hands at him, And shall hiss
him out of his place.

Chapter 28

1 Surely there is a mine for silver, And a place for gold
which they refine.
2 Iron is taken out of the earth, And copper is smelted
out of the stone.
3 Man sets an end to darkness, And searches out, to
the furthest bound, The stones of obscurity and of
thick darkness.
4 He breaks open a shaft away from where men
sojourn; They are forgotten by the foot; They hang
far from men, they swing to and fro.
5 As for the earth, out of it comes bread; And
underneath it is turned up as it were by fire.
6 Its stones are the place of sapphires, And it has dust
of gold.
7 That path no bird of prey knows, Neither has the
falcon's eye seen it:
8 The proud beasts have not trodden it, Nor has the
fierce lion passed by it.
9 He puts out his hand on the flinty rock; He overturns
the mountains by the roots.
10 He cuts out channels among the rocks; And his eye
sees every precious thing.
11 He binds the streams so that they do not trickle;
And the thing that is hidden he brings out to light.
12 But where shall wisdom be found? And where is the
place of understanding?
13 Man does not know its price; Neither is it found in
the land of the living.
14 The deep says, It is not in me; And the sea says, It is
not with me.
15 It cannot be gotten for gold, Neither shall silver be
weighed for its price.
16 It cannot be valued with the gold of Ophir, With the
precious onyx, or the sapphire.
17 Gold and glass cannot equal it, Neither shall it be
exchanged for jewels of fine gold.
18 No mention shall be made of coral or of crystal:
Indeed, the price of wisdom is above rubies.
19 The topaz of Ethiopia shall not equal it, Neither
shall it be valued with pure gold.
20 From where then does wisdom come? And where is
the place of understanding?
21 Seeing it is hidden from the eyes of all living, And
kept close from the birds of the heavens.
22 Destruction and Death say, We have heard a rumor
of it with our ears.
23 God understands its way, And he knows its place.
24 For he looks to the ends of the earth, And sees under
the whole heaven;
25 To make a weight for the wind: Indeed, he
measures out the waters by measure.
26 When he made a decree for the rain, And a way for
the lightning of the thunder;
27 Then he saw it, and declared it; He established it,
indeed, and searched it out.
28 And to man he said, Behold, the fear of the Lord,
that is wisdom; And to depart from evil is
understanding.

Chapter 29

1 And Job again took up his parable, and said,
2 Oh that I were as in the months of old, As in the days
when God watched over me;
3 When his lamp shone on my head, And by his light I
walked through darkness;
4 As I was in the ripeness of my days, When the
friendship of God was on my tent;
5 When the Almighty was still with me, And my
children were around me;
6 When my steps were washed with butter, And the
rock poured me out streams of oil!
7 When I went out to the gate to the city, When I
prepared my seat in the street,
8 The young men saw me and hid themselves, And the
aged rose up and stood;
9 The princes refrained from talking, And laid their
hand on their mouth;

10 The voice of the nobles was hushed, And their
tongue clung to the roof of their mouth.
11 For when the ear heard me, then it blessed me; And
when the eye saw me, it gave witness to me:
12 Because I delivered the poor who cried, The
fatherless also, who had none to help him.
13 The blessing of him who was ready to perish came
upon me; And I caused the widow's heart to sing
for joy.
14 I put on righteousness, and it clothed me: My justice
was as a robe and a diadem.
15 I was eyes to the blind, And feet I was to the lame.
16 I was a father to the needy: And the cause of him
whom I did not know I searched out.
17 And I broke the jaws of the unrighteous, And
plucked the prey out of his teeth.
18 Then I said, I shall die in my nest, And I shall
multiply my days as the sand:
19 My root is spread out to the waters, And the dew lies
all night on my branch:
20 My glory is fresh in me, And my bow is renewed in
my hand.
21 To me men gave ear, and waited, And kept silence
for my counsel.
22 After my words they did not speak again; And my
speech distilled on them.
23 And they waited for me as for the rain; And they
opened their mouth wide as for the latter rain.
24 I smiled on them, when they had no confidence;
And the light of my countenance they did not cast
down.
25 I chose out their way, and sat as chief, And dwelt as
a king in the army, As one who comforts the
mourners.

Chapter 30

1 But now those who are younger than I have me in
derision, Whose fathers I disdained to set with the
dogs of my flock.
2 Indeed, the strength of their hands, of what profit
should it be to me? Men in whom ripe age has
perished.
3 They are gaunt with want and famine; They gnaw
the dry ground, in the gloom of waste and
desolation.
4 They pluck salt-wort by the bushes; And the roots of
the broom are their food.
5 They are driven out from the midst of men; They cry
after them as after a thief;
6 So that they dwell in frightful valleys, In holes of the
earth and of the rocks.
7 Among the bushes they bray; Under the nettles they
are gathered together.
8 They are children of fools, indeed, children of base
men; They were scourged out of the land.
9 And now I have become their song, Indeed, I am a
byword to them.
10 They abhor me, they stand aloof from me, And do
not refrain from spitting in my face.
11 For he has loosed his cord, and afflicted me; And
they have cast off the bridle before me.
12 On my right hand the rabble rise; They thrust aside
my feet, And they cast up against me their ways of
destruction.
13 They mar my path, They set forward my calamity,
Even men who have no helper.
14 As through a wide breach they come: In the midst of
the ruin they roll themselves on me.
15 Terrors are turned on me; They chase my honor as
the wind; And my welfare has passed away as a
cloud.
16 And now my soul is poured out within me; Days of
affliction have taken hold of me.
17 In the night season my bones are pierced in me, And
the pains that gnaw me take no rest.
18 By God's great force my garment is disfigured; It
binds me about as the collar of my coat.
19 He has cast me into the mire, And I have become
like dust and ashes.
20 I cry to you, and you do not answer me: I stand up,
and you gaze at me.
21 You have turned to be cruel to me; With the might
of your hand you persecute me.
22 You lift me up to the wind, you cause me to ride on
it; And you dissolve me in the storm.
23 For I know that you will bring me to death, And to
the house appointed for all living.
24 Yet does not one stretch out the hand in his fall? Or
in his calamity therefore cry for help?
25 Did I not weep for him who was in trouble? Was not
my soul grieved for the needy?
26 When I looked for good, then evil came; And when I
waited for light, there came darkness.
27 My heart is troubled, and does not rest; Days of
affliction have come upon me.
28 I go mourning without the sun: I stand up in the
assembly, and cry for help.

29 I am a brother to jackals, And a companion to ostriches.
30 My skin is black, and falls from me, And my bones are burned with heat.
31 Therefore my harp is turned to mourning, And my pipe into the voice of those who weep.

Chapter 31

1 I made a covenant with my eyes; How then should I look at a virgin?
2 For what is the portion from God above, And the heritage from the Almighty on high?
3 Is it not calamity to the unrighteous, And disaster to the workers of iniquity?
4 Does he not see my ways, And number all my steps?
5 If I have walked with falsehood, And my foot has hurried to deceit
6 (Let me be weighed in an even balance, That God may know my integrity);
7 If my step has turned out of the way, And my heart walked after my eyes, And if any spot has clung to my hands:
8 Then let me sow, and let another eat; Indeed, let the produce of my field be rooted out.
9 If my heart has been enticed to a woman, And I have lain in wait at my neighbor's door;
10 Then let my wife grind for another, And let others bow down over her.
11 For that would be a heinous crime; Indeed, it would be an iniquity to be punished by the judges:
12 For it is a fire that consumes to Destruction, And would root out all my increase.
13 If I have despised the cause of my male servant or of my female servant, When they contended with me;
14 What then shall I do when God rises up? And when he visits, what shall I answer him?
15 Did not he who made me in the womb make him? And did not one fashion us in the womb?
16 If I have withheld the poor from their desire, Or have caused the eyes of the widow to fail,
17 Or have eaten my morsel alone, And the fatherless has not eaten of it
18 (No, from my youth he grew up with me as with a father, And her I have guided from my mother's womb);
19 If I have seen any perish for lack of clothing, Or that the needy had no covering;
20 If his loins have not blessed me, And if he has not been warmed with the fleece of my sheep;
21 If I have lifted up my hand against the fatherless, Because I saw my help in the gate:
22 Then let my shoulder fall from the shoulder blade, And my arm be broken from the bone.
23 For calamity from God is a terror to me, And by reason of his majesty I can do nothing.
24 If I have made gold my hope, And have said to the fine gold, You are my confidence;
25 If I have rejoiced because my wealth was great, And because my hand had gotten much;
26 If I have beheld the sun when it shone, Or the moon walking in brightness,
27 And my heart has been secretly enticed, And my mouth has kissed my hand:
28 This also would be an iniquity to be punished by the judges; For I would have denied the God who is above.
29 If I have rejoiced at the destruction of him who hated me, Or lifted myself up when evil found him
30 (Indeed, I have not allowed my mouth to sin By asking his life with a curse);
31 If the men of my tent have not said, Who can find one who has not been filled with his meat?
32 (The sojourner has not lodged in the street; But I have opened my doors to the traveler);
33 If like Adam I have covered my transgressions, By hiding my iniquity in my bosom,
34 Because I feared the great multitude, And the contempt of families terrified me, So that I kept silence, and did not go out of the door—
35 Oh that I had one to hear me! (Look, here is my signature, let the Almighty answer me) And that I had the indictment which my adversary has written!
36 Surely I would carry it on my shoulder; I would bind it to me as a crown:
37 I would declare to him the number of my steps; As a prince I would go near to him.
38 If my land cries out against me, And its furrows weep together;
39 If I have eaten its fruits without money, Or have caused its owners to lose their life:
40 Let thistles grow instead of wheat, And cockle instead of barley. The words of Job are ended.

Chapter 32

[1]So these three men ceased to answer Job, because he was righteous in his own eyes.

[2]Then the wrath of Elihu the son of Barachel the Buzite, of the family of Ram, was kindled: against Job his wrath was kindled, because he justified himself rather than God.

[3]Also against his three friends his wrath was kindled, because they had found no answer, and yet had condemned Job.

[4]Now Elihu had waited to speak to Job, because they were older than he.

[5]And when Elihu saw that there was no answer in the mouth of these three men, his wrath was kindled.

[6]And Elihu the son of Barachel the Buzite answered and said, I am young, and you are very old;
Therefore I held back, and did not dare show you my opinion.

[7]I said, Days should speak, And multitude of years should teach wisdom.

[8]But there is a spirit in man, And the breath of the Almighty gives them understanding.

[9]It is not the great who are wise, Nor the aged who understand justice.

[10]Therefore I said, Listen to me; I also will show my opinion.

[11]Behold, I waited for your words, I listened for your reasonings, While you searched out what to say.

[12]Indeed, I attended to you, And, behold, there was none who convinced Job, Or who answered his words, among you.

[13]Beware lest you say, We have found wisdom; God may vanquish him, not man:

[14]For he has not directed his words against me;
Neither will I answer him with your speeches.

[15]They are amazed, they answer no more: They do not have a word to say.

[16]And shall I wait, because they do not speak, Because they stand still, and answer no more?

[17]I also will answer my part, I also will show my opinion.

[18]For I am full of words; The spirit within me constrains me.

[19]Behold, my breast is as wine which has no vent; Like new wine-skins it is ready to burst.

[20]I will speak, that I may be refreshed; I will open my lips and answer.

[21]Do not let me, please, respect any man's person;
Neither will I give flattering titles to any man.

[22]For I do not know how to give flattering titles;
Otherwise my Maker would soon take me away.

Chapter 33

[1]However, Job, please hear my speech, And listen to all my words.

[2]Behold now, I have opened my mouth; My tongue has spoken in my mouth.

[3]My words shall utter the uprightness of my heart; And that which my lips know they shall speak sincerely.

[4]The Spirit of God has made me, And the breath of the Almighty gives me life.

[5]If you can, answer me; Set your words in order before me, stand up.

[6]Behold, I am toward God even as you are: I also am formed out of the clay.

[7]Behold, my terror shall not make you afraid, Neither shall my pressure be heavy on you.

[8]Surely you have spoken in my hearing, And I have heard the voice of your words, saying,

[9]I am clean, without transgression; I am innocent, neither is there iniquity in me:

[10]Behold, he finds occasions against me, He counts me for his enemy;

[11]He puts my feet in the stocks, He marks all my paths.

[12]Behold, I will answer you, in this you are not just;
For God is greater than man.

[13]Why do you strive against him, Because he does not give account of any of his matters?

[14]For God speaks once, Indeed twice, though man does not regard it.

[15]In a dream, in a vision of the night, When deep sleep falls on men, In slumberings on the bed;

[16]Then he opens the ears of men, And seals their instruction,

[17]That he may withdraw man from his purpose, And hide pride from man;

[18]He keeps back his soul from the pit, And his life from perishing by the sword.

[19]He is chastened also with pain on his bed, And with continual strife in his bones;

[20]So that his life abhors bread, And his soul dainty food.

21 His flesh is consumed away, that it cannot be seen;
And his bones that were not seen stick out.
22 Indeed, his soul draws near to the pit, And his life to
the destroyers.
23 If there is with him an angel, An interpreter, one
among a thousand, To show to man what is right
for him;
24 Then God is gracious to him, and says, Deliver him
from going down to the pit, I have found a ransom.
25 His flesh shall be fresher than a child's; He returns
to the days of his youth.
26 He prays to God, and he is favorable to him, So that
he sees his face with joy: And he restores to man his
righteousness.
27 He sings before men, and says, I have sinned, and
perverted that which was right, And it did not
profit me:
28 He has redeemed my soul from going into the pit,
And my life shall behold the light.
29 Look, all these things God works, Twice, indeed
three times, with a man,
30 To bring back his soul from the pit, That he may be
enlightened with the light of the living.
31 Mark well, O Job, listen to me: Hold your peace, and
I will speak.
32 If you have anything to say, answer me: Speak, for I
desire to justify you.
33 If not, listen to me: Hold your peace, and I will
teach you wisdom.

Chapter 34

1 Moreover Elihu answered and said,
2 Hear my words, you wise men; And give ear to me,
you who have knowledge.
3 For the ear tries words, As the palate tastes food.
4 Let us choose for us that which is right: Let us know
among ourselves what is good.
5 For Job has said, I am righteous, And God has taken
away my right:
6 Despite my right I am accounted a liar; My wound is
incurable, though I am without transgression.
7 What man is like Job, Who drinks up scoffing like
water,
8 Who goes in company with the workers of iniquity,
And walks with wicked men?
9 For he has said, It profits a man nothing That he
should delight himself with God.
10 Therefore listen to me, you men of understanding:
Far be it from God, that he should do wickedness,
And from the Almighty, that he should commit
iniquity.
11 For the work of a man he will render to him, And
cause every man to find according to his ways.
12 Indeed, surely, God will not do wickedly, Neither
will the Almighty pervert justice.
13 Who gave him a charge over the earth? Or who has
disposed the whole world?
14 If he sets his heart on himself, If he gathers to
himself his spirit and his breath;
15 All flesh shall perish together, And man shall turn
again to dust.
16 If now you have understanding, hear this: Listen to
the voice of my words.
17 Shall even one who hates justice govern? And will
you condemn him who is righteous and mighty?—
18 Him who says to a king, You are vile, Or to nobles,
You are wicked;
19 Who does not respect the persons of princes, Nor
regards the rich more than the poor; For they all
are the work of his hands.
20 In a moment they die, even at midnight; The people
are shaken and pass away, And the mighty are
taken away without hand.
21 For his eyes are on the ways of a man, And he sees all
his goings.
22 There is no darkness, nor thick gloom, Where the
workers of iniquity may hide themselves.
23 For he does not need to consider a man further,
That he should go before God in judgment.
24 He breaks in pieces mighty men in ways past
finding out, And sets others in their place.
25 Therefore he takes knowledge of their works; And
he overturns them in the night, so that they are
destroyed.
26 He strikes them as wicked men In the open sight of
others;
27 Because they turned aside from following him, And
would not have regard in any of his ways:
28 So that they caused the cry of the poor to come to
him, And he heard the cry of the afflicted.
29 When he gives quietness, who then can condemn?
And when he hides his face, who then can behold
him? Alike whether it is done to a nation, or to a
man:

30 That the godless man may not reign, That there may
be none to ensnare the people.
31 For has any said to God, I have borne chastisement,
I will not offend any more:
32 That which I do not see teach me: If I have done
iniquity, I will do it no more?
33 Shall his recompense be as you will, that you refuse
it? For you must choose, and not I: Therefore speak
what you know.
34 Men of understanding will say to me, Indeed, every
wise man who hears me:
35 Job speaks without knowledge, And his words are
without wisdom.
36 Would that Job were tried to the end, Because of his
answering like wicked men.
37 For he adds rebellion to his sin; He claps his hands
among us, And multiplies his words against God.

Chapter 35

1 Moreover Elihu answered and said,
2 Do you think this to be your right, Or do you say, My
righteousness is more than God's,
3 That you say, What advantage will it be to you? And,
What profit shall I have, more than if I had sinned?
4 I will answer you, And your companions with you.
5 Look to the heavens, and see; And behold the skies,
which are higher than you.
6 If you have sinned, what do you accomplish against
him? And if your transgressions are multiplied,
what do you do to him?
7 If you are righteous, what do you give him? Or what
does he receive from your hand?
8 Your wickedness may hurt a man as you are; And
your righteousness may profit a son of man.
9 By reason of the multitude of oppressions they cry
out; They cry for help by reason of the arm of the
mighty.
10 But none says, Where is God my Maker, Who gives
songs in the night,
11 Who teaches us more than the beasts of the earth,
And makes us wiser than the birds of the heavens?
12 There they cry, but none gives answer, Because of
the pride of evil men.
13 Surely God will not hear an empty cry, Neither will
the Almighty regard it.
14 How much less when you say you do not behold
him, The cause is before him, and you wait for him!
15 But now, because he has not visited in his anger,
Neither does he greatly regard arrogance;
16 Therefore Job opens his mouth in vanity; He
multiplies words without knowledge.

Chapter 36

1 Elihu also proceeded, and said,
2 Bear with me a little, and I will show you; For I still
have something to say on God's behalf.
3 I will fetch my knowledge from afar, And will
ascribe righteousness to my Maker.
4 For truly my words are not false: One who is perfect
in knowledge is with you.
5 Behold, God is mighty, and does not despise any: He
is mighty in strength of understanding.
6 He does not preserve the life of the wicked, But gives
to the afflicted their right.
7 He does not withdraw his eyes from the righteous:
But with kings on the throne He sets them forever,
and they are exalted.
8 And if they are bound in fetters, And are taken in the
cords of affliction;
9 Then he shows them their work, And their
transgressions, that they have behaved themselves
proudly.
10 He opens also their ear to instruction, And
commands that they return from iniquity.
11 If they listen and serve him, They shall spend their
days in prosperity, And their years in pleasures.
12 But if they do not listen, they shall perish by the
sword, And they shall die without knowledge.
13 But those who are godless in heart lay up anger:
They do not cry for help when he binds them.
14 They die in youth, And their life perishes among the
unclean.
15 He delivers the afflicted by their affliction, And
opens their ear in oppression.
16 Indeed, he would have allured you out of distress
Into a broad place, where there is no restriction;
And that which is set on your table would be full of
fatness.
17 But you are full of the judgment of the wicked:
Judgment and justice take hold of you.
18 For do not let wrath stir you up against
chastisements; Neither let the greatness of the
ransom turn you aside.
19 Will your cry avail, that you may not be in distress,
Or all the forces of your strength?

20 Do not desire the night, When peoples are cut off in
their place.
21 Take heed, do not regard iniquity: For this you have
chosen rather than affliction.
22 Behold, God acts loftily in his power: Who is a
teacher like him?
23 Who has prescribed his way for him? Or who can
say, You have done unrighteousness?
24 Remember that you magnify his work, Of which
men have sung.
25 All men have looked on it; Man beholds it from afar.
26 Behold, God is great, and we do not know him; The
number of his years is unsearchable.
27 For he draws up the drops of water, Which distill in
rain from his vapor,
28 Which the skies pour down And drop on man
abundantly.
29 Indeed, can anyone understand the spreadings of
the clouds, The thunderings of his pavilion?
30 Behold, he spreads his light around him; And he
covers the bottom of the sea.
31 For by these he judges the peoples; He gives food in
abundance.
32 He covers his hands with the lightning, And gives it
a charge that it strikes the mark.
33 Its noise tells concerning him, The cattle also
concerning the storm that comes up.

Chapter 37

1 Indeed, at this my heart trembles, And is moved out
of its place.
2 Hear, oh, hear the noise of his voice, And the sound
that goes out of his mouth.
3 He sends it out under the whole heaven, And his
lightning to the ends of the earth.
4 After it a voice roars; He thunders with the voice of
his majesty; And he does not restrain the lightnings
when his voice is heard.
5 God thunders marvelously with his voice; Great
things he does, which we cannot comprehend.
6 For he says to the snow, Fall on the earth; Likewise
to the shower of rain, And to the showers of his
mighty rain.
7 He seals up the hand of every man, That all men
whom he has made may know it.
8 Then the beasts go into hiding places, And remain in
their dens.
9 Out of the chamber of the south comes the storm,
And cold out of the north.
10 By the breath of God ice is given; And the breadth of
the waters is narrowed.
11 Indeed, he loads the thick cloud with moisture; He
spreads abroad the cloud of his lightning:
12 And it is turned all around by his guidance, That
they may do whatever he commands them On the
face of the habitable world,
13 Whether it is for correction, or for his land, Or for
lovingkindness, that he causes it to come.
14 Listen to this, O Job: Stand still, and consider the
wondrous works of God.
15 Do you know how God lays his charge on them, And
causes the lightning of his cloud to shine?
16 Do you know the balancings of the clouds, The
wondrous works of him who is perfect in
knowledge?
17 How your garments are warm, When the earth is
still by reason of the south wind?
18 Can you with him spread out the sky, Which is
strong as a cast metal mirror?
19 Teach us what we shall say to him; For we cannot
set our speech in order by reason of darkness.
20 Shall it be told him that I would speak? Or should a
man wish that he were swallowed up?
21 And now men do not see the light which is bright in
the skies; But the wind passes, and clears them.
22 Out of the north comes golden splendor: God has on
him terrible majesty.
23 As for the Almighty, we cannot find him out: He is
excellent in power; And in justice and abundant
righteousness he will not afflict.
24 Men therefore fear him: He does not regard any
who are wise of heart.

Chapter 38

1 Then Yehovah answered Job out of the whirlwind,
and said,
2 Who is this that darkens counsel By words without
knowledge?
3 Gird up now your loins like a man; For I will
question you, and you declare to me.
4 Where were you when I laid the foundations of the
earth? Declare, if you have understanding.
5 Who determined its measures, if you know? Or who
stretched the line on it?

6 On what were its foundations fastened? Or who laid
its cornerstone,
7 When the morning stars sang together, And all the
sons of God shouted for joy?
8 Or who shut up the sea with doors, When it broke
out, as if it had issued out of the womb;
9 When I made clouds its garment, And thick
darkness a swaddling band for it,
10 And marked out for it my bound, And set bars and
doors,
11 And said, Thus far you shall come, but no further;
And here shall your proud waves be stopped?
12 Have you commanded the morning since your days
began, And caused the dawn to know its place;
13 That it might take hold of the ends of the earth, And
the wicked be shaken out of it?
14 It is changed as clay under the seal; And all things
stand out as a garment:
15 And from the wicked their light is withheld, And
the high arm is broken.
16 Have you entered into the springs of the sea? Or
have you walked in the recesses of the deep?
17 Have the gates of death been revealed to you? Or
have you seen the gates of the shadow of death?
18 Have you comprehended the earth in its breadth?
Declare, if you know it all.
19 Where is the way to the dwelling of light? And as for
darkness, where is its place,
20 That you should take it to its bound, And that you
should discern the paths to its house?
21 Doubtless, you know, for you were then born, And
the number of your days is great!
22 Have you entered the treasuries of the snow, Or
have you seen the treasures of the hail,
23 Which I have reserved against the time of trouble,
Against the day of battle and war?
24 By what way is the light parted, Or the east wind
scattered on the earth?
25 Who has cut a channel for the flood, Or the way for
the lightning of the thunder;
26 To cause it to rain on a land where no man is; On the
wilderness, in which there is no man;
27 To satisfy the waste and desolate ground, And to
cause the tender grass to spring up?
28 Does the rain have a father? Or who has fathered
the drops of dew?
29 Out of whose womb came the ice? And the frost of
heaven, who has given birth to it?
30 The waters hide themselves and become like stone,
And the face of the deep is frozen.
31 Can you bind the cluster of the Pleiades, Or loose
the bands of Orion?
32 Can you lead out the Mazzaroth in their season? Or
can you guide the Bear with her train?
33 Do you know the ordinances of the heavens? Can
you establish their dominion in the earth?
34 Can you lift up your voice to the clouds, That
abundance of waters may cover you?
35 Can you send out lightnings, that they may go, And
say to you, Here we are?
36 Who has put wisdom in the inward parts? Or who
has given understanding to the mind?
37 Who can number the clouds by wisdom? Or who
can pour out the waterskins of heaven,
38 When the dust runs into a mass, And the clods cling
fast together?
39 Can you hunt the prey for the lioness, Or satisfy the
appetite of the young lions,
40 When they crouch in their dens, And abide in the
thicket to lie in wait?
41 Who provides for the raven his prey, When his
young ones cry to God, And wander for lack of
food?

Chapter 39

1 Do you know the time when the wild goats of the
rock give birth? Or can you mark when the does
calve?
2 Can you number the months that they fulfill? Or do
you know the time when they give birth?
3 They bow themselves, they bring forth their young,
They cast out their labor pains.
4 Their young ones become strong, they grow up in
the open field; They go out, and do not return
again.
5 Who has sent out the wild donkey free? Or who has
loosed the bonds of the swift donkey,
6 Whose home I have made the wilderness, And the
salt land his dwelling place?
7 He scorns the tumult of the city, Neither does he
hear the shoutings of the driver.
8 The range of the mountains is his pasture, And he
searches after every green thing.
9 Will the wild ox be content to serve you? Or will he
abide by your manger?

10 Can you bind the wild ox with his rope in the
furrow? Or will he harrow the valleys after you?
11 Will you trust him, because his strength is great? Or
will you leave your labor to him?
12 Will you confide in him, that he will bring home
your seed, And gather the grain of your threshing
floor?
13 The wings of the ostrich wave proudly; But are they
the pinions and plumage of love?
14 For she leaves her eggs on the earth, And warms
them in the dust,
15 And forgets that the foot may crush them, Or that
the wild beast may trample them.
16 She deals harshly with her young ones, as if they
were not hers: Though her labor is in vain, she is
without fear;
17 Because God has deprived her of wisdom, Neither
has he imparted to her understanding.
18 When she lifts herself up on high, She scorns the
horse and his rider.
19 Have you given the horse his might? Have you
clothed his neck with the quivering mane?
20 Have you made him leap as a locust? The glory of his
snorting is terrible.
21 He paws in the valley, and rejoices in his strength:
He goes out to meet the armed men.
22 He mocks at fear, and is not dismayed; Neither does
he turn back from the sword.
23 The quiver rattles against him, The flashing spear
and the javelin.
24 He swallows the ground with fierceness and rage;
Neither does he believe that it is the voice of the
trumpet.
25 As often as the trumpet sounds he says, Aha! And he
smells the battle from afar, The thunder of the
captains, and the shouting.
26 Is it by your wisdom that the hawk soars, And
stretches her wings toward the south?
27 Is it at your command that the eagle mounts up,
And makes her nest on high?
28 On the cliff she dwells, and makes her home, On the
point of the cliff, and the stronghold.
29 From there she spies out the prey; Her eyes behold it
from afar.
30 Her young ones also suck up blood: And where the
slain are, there is she.

Chapter 40

1 Moreover Yehovah answered Job, and said,
2 Shall the faultfinder contend with the Almighty? He
who argues with God, let him answer it.
3 Then Job answered Yehovah, and said,
4 Behold, I am of small account; what shall I answer
you? I lay my hand on my mouth.
5 Once I have spoken, and I will not answer; Indeed,
twice, but I will proceed no further.
6 Then Yehovah answered Job out of the whirlwind,
and said,
7 Gird up your loins now like a man: I will question
you, and you declare to me.
8 Will you even annul my judgment? Will you
condemn me, that you may be justified?
9 Or do you have an arm like God? And can you
thunder with a voice like him?
10 Adorn yourself now with excellency and dignity;
And array yourself with honor and majesty.
11 Pour out the overflowings of your anger; And look
on everyone who is proud, and abase him.
12 Look on everyone who is proud, and bring him low;
And tread down the wicked where they stand.
13 Hide them in the dust together; Bind their faces in
the hidden place.
14 Then I will also confess to you That your own right
hand can save you.
15 Behold now, behemoth, which I made as well as
you; He eats grass as an ox.
16 Look now, his strength is in his loins, And his force
is in the muscles of his belly.
17 He moves his tail like a cedar: The sinews of his
thighs are knit together.
18 His bones are as tubes of bronze; His limbs are like
bars of iron.
19 He is the chief of the ways of God: Only he who
made him gives him his sword.
20 Surely the mountains bring him food, Where all the
beasts of the field play.
21 He lies under the lotus trees, In the shelter of the
reed, and the marsh.
22 The lotus trees cover him with their shade; The
willows of the brook surround him.
23 Behold, if a river overflows, he does not tremble; He
is confident, though a Jordan swells even to his
mouth.
24 Shall anyone take him when he is on the watch, Or
pierce through his nose with a snare?

Chapter 41

[1]Can you draw out leviathan with a fishhook? Or
press down his tongue with a cord?
[2]Can you put a rope into his nose? Or pierce his jaw
through with a hook?
[3]Will he make many supplications to you? Or will he
speak soft words to you?
[4]Will he make a covenant with you, That you should
take him for a servant forever?
[5]Will you play with him as with a bird? Or will you
bind him for your young women?
[6]Will the bands of fishermen bargain over him? Will
they divide him among the merchants?
[7]Can you fill his skin with barbed irons, Or his head
with fish-spears?
[8]Lay your hand on him; Remember the battle, and do
so no more.
[9]Behold, the hope of him is in vain: Will not one be
cast down even at the sight of him?
[10]None is so fierce that he dares stir him up; Who
then is he who can stand before me?
[11]Who has first given to me, that I should repay him?
Whatever is under the whole heaven is mine.
[12]I will not keep silence concerning his limbs, Nor his
mighty strength, nor his goodly frame.
[13]Who can strip off his outer garment? Who shall
come within his jaws?
[14]Who can open the doors of his face? All around his
teeth is terror.
[15]His strong scales are his pride, Shut up together as
with a close seal.
[16]One is so near to another, That no air can come
between them.
[17]They are joined one to another; They stick together,
so that they cannot be separated.
[18]His sneezings flash out light, And his eyes are like
the eyelids of the morning.
[19]Out of his mouth go burning torches, And sparks of
fire leap out.
[20]Out of his nostrils a smoke goes, As of a boiling pot
and burning rushes.
[21]His breath kindles coals, And a flame goes out from
his mouth.
[22]In his neck abides strength, And terror dances
before him.
[23]The folds of his flesh are joined together: They are
firm on him; they cannot be moved.
[24]His heart is as firm as a stone; Indeed, firm as the
lower millstone.
[25]When he raises himself up, the mighty are afraid:
By reason of consternation they are beside
themselves.
[26]If one strikes at him with the sword, it cannot avail;
Nor the spear, the dart, nor the pointed shaft.
[27]He counts iron as straw, And bronze as rotten wood.
[28]The arrow cannot make him flee: Sling-stones are
turned with him into stubble.
[29]Clubs are counted as stubble: He laughs at the
rushing of the javelin.
[30]His underparts are like sharp potsherds: He spreads
as it were a threshing sledge on the mire.
[31]He makes the deep boil like a pot: He makes the sea
like a pot of ointment.
[32]He makes a path to shine after him; One would
think the deep to be white-haired.
[33]On earth there is not his like, One made without
fear.
[34]He beholds everything that is high: He is king over
all the sons of pride.

Chapter 42

[1]Then Job answered Yehovah, and said,
[2]I know that you can do all things, And that no
purpose of yours can be restrained.
[3]Who is this who hides counsel without knowledge?
Therefore I have uttered that which I did not
understand, Things too wonderful for me, which I
did not know.
[4]Hear, I beg you, and I will speak; I will question you,
and you declare to me.
[5]I had heard of you by the hearing of the ear; But now
my eye sees you:
[6]Therefore I abhor myself, And repent in dust and
ashes.
[7]And it was so, that, after Yehovah had spoken these
words to Job, Yehovah said to Eliphaz the
Temanite, My wrath is kindled against you, and
against your two friends; for you have not spoken
of me the thing that is right, as my servant Job has.
[8]Now therefore, take for yourselves seven bulls and
seven rams, and go to my servant Job, and offer up
for yourselves a burnt-offering; and my servant Job
shall pray for you; for him I will accept, that I may
not deal with you according to your folly; for you
have not spoken of me the thing that is right, as my
servant Job has.

9 So Eliphaz the Temanite and Bildad the Shuhite and Zophar the Naamathite went, and did according as Yehovah commanded them: and Yehovah accepted Job.

10 And Yehovah turned the captivity of Job, when he prayed for his friends: and Yehovah gave Job twice as much as he had before.

11 Then all his brothers came to him, and all his sisters, and all those who had been of his acquaintance before, and ate bread with him in his house: and they bemoaned him, and comforted him concerning all the evil that Yehovah had brought upon him: every man also gave him a piece of money, and everyone a ring of gold.

12 So Yehovah blessed the latter end of Job more than his beginning: and he had fourteen thousand sheep, and six thousand camels, and a thousand yoke of oxen, and a thousand female donkeys.

13 He had also seven sons and three daughters.

14 And he called the name of the first, Jemimah; and the name of the second, Keziah; and the name of the third, Keren-happuch.

15 And in all the land no women were found so beautiful as the daughters of Job: and their father gave them inheritance among their brothers.

16 And after this Job lived a hundred and forty years, and saw his sons, and his sons' sons, even four generations.

17 So Job died, being old and full of days.

Psalms

Psalm 1

[1]Blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel
of the wicked, Nor stand in the way of sinners, Nor
sit in the seat of scoffers:
[2]But his delight is in the law of Yehovah; And on his
law he meditates day and night.
[3]And he shall be like a tree planted by the streams of
water, That brings forth its fruit in its season,
Whose leaf also does not wither; And whatever he
does shall prosper.
[4]The wicked are not so, But are like the chaff which
the wind drives away.
[5]Therefore the wicked shall not stand in the
judgment, Nor sinners in the congregation of the
righteous.
[6]For Yehovah knows the way of the righteous; But the
way of the wicked shall perish.

Psalm 2

[1]Why do the nations rage, And the peoples meditate a
vain thing?
[2]The kings of the earth set themselves, And the rulers
take counsel together, Against Yehovah, and
against his anointed, saying,
[3]Let us break their bonds apart, And cast away their
cords from us.
[4]He who sits in the heavens will laugh: The Lord will
have them in derision.
[5]Then he will speak to them in his wrath, And terrify
them in his fierce displeasure:
[6]Yet I have set my king Upon my holy hill of Zion.
[7]I will tell of the decree: Yehovah said to me, You are
my son; This day I have begotten you.
[8]Ask of me, and I will give you the nations for your
inheritance, And the uttermost parts of the earth
for your possession.
[9]You shall break them with a rod of iron; You shall
dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel.
[10]Now therefore be wise, O you kings: Be instructed,
you judges of the earth.
[11]Serve Yehovah with fear, And rejoice with
trembling.
[12]Kiss the son, lest he be angry, and you perish in the
way, For his wrath will soon be kindled. Blessed are
all those who take refuge in him.

Psalm 3

[1]A Psalm of David, when he fled from Absalom his
son. Yehovah, how my adversaries have increased!
Many are those who rise up against me.
[2]Many there are who say of my soul, There is no help
for him in God. [Selah
[3]But you, O Yehovah, are a shield about me; My glory,
and the lifter of my head.
[4]I cry to Yehovah with my voice, And he answers me
out of his holy hill. [Selah
[5]I lay down and slept; I awoke; for Yehovah sustains
me.
[6]I will not be afraid of ten thousands of the people
Who have set themselves against me all around.
[7]Arise, O Yehovah; save me, O my God: For you have
struck all my enemies on the cheekbone; You have
broken the teeth of the wicked.
[8]Salvation belongs to Yehovah: Your blessing be upon
your people. [Selah

Psalm 4

[1]For the Chief Musician; on stringed instruments. A
Psalm of David. Answer me when I call, O God of
my righteousness; You have given me relief when I
was in distress: Have mercy upon me, and hear my
prayer.
[2]O you sons of men, how long shall my glory be
turned into dishonor? How long will you love
vanity, and seek after falsehood? [Selah
[3]But know that Yehovah has set apart for himself him
who is godly: Yehovah will hear when I call to him.
[4]Stand in awe, and do not sin: Commune with your
own heart upon your bed, and be still. [Selah
[5]Offer the sacrifices of righteousness, And put your
trust in Yehovah.
[6]Many there are who say, Who will show us any
good? Yehovah, lift up the light of your
countenance upon us.
[7]You have put gladness in my heart, More than they
have when their grain and their new wine are
increased.
[8]In peace I will both lie down and sleep; For you
alone, Yehovah, make me dwell in safety.

Psalm 5

[1]For the Chief Musician; with the Nehiloth. A Psalm
of David. Give ear to my words, O Yehovah,

Consider my meditation.
2 Listen to the voice of my cry, my King, and my God;
For to you I pray.
3 O Yehovah, in the morning you shall hear my voice;
In the morning I will order my prayer to you, and will keep watch.
4 For you are not a God who takes pleasure in wickedness: Evil shall not sojourn with you.
5 The arrogant shall not stand in your sight: You hate all workers of iniquity.
6 You will destroy those who speak lies: Yehovah abhors the bloodthirsty and deceitful man.
7 But as for me, in the abundance of your lovingkindness I will come into your house: In your fear I will worship toward your holy temple.
8 Lead me, O Yehovah, in your righteousness because of my enemies; Make your way straight before my face.
9 For there is no faithfulness in their mouth; Their inward part is very wickedness; Their throat is an open sepulcher; They flatter with their tongue.
10 Hold them guilty, O God; Let them fall by their own counsels; Thrust them out in the multitude of their transgressions; For they have rebelled against you.
11 But let all those who take refuge in you rejoice, Let them ever shout for joy, because you defend them: Let those also who love your name be joyful in you.
12 For you will bless the righteous; O Yehovah, you will surround him with favor as with a shield.

Psalm 6

1 For the Chief Musician; on stringed instruments, set to the Sheminith. A Psalm of David. O Yehovah, do not rebuke me in your anger, Nor chasten me in your hot displeasure.
2 Have mercy upon me, O Yehovah; for I am withered away: O Yehovah, heal me; for my bones are troubled.
3 My soul also is greatly troubled: And you, O Yehovah, how long?
4 Return, O Yehovah, deliver my soul: Save me for your lovingkindness' sake.
5 For in death there is no remembrance of you: In Sheol who shall give you thanks?
6 I am weary with my groaning; Every night I make my bed swim; I water my couch with my tears.
7 My eye wastes away because of grief; It grows old because of all my adversaries.
8 Depart from me, all you workers of iniquity; For Yehovah has heard the voice of my weeping.
9 Yehovah has heard my supplication; Yehovah will receive my prayer.
10 All my enemies shall be put to shame and greatly troubled: They shall turn back, they shall be put to shame suddenly.

Psalm 7

1 Shiggaion of David, which he sang to Yehovah, concerning the words of Cush a Benjamite. O Yehovah my God, in you I take refuge: Save me from all those who pursue me, and deliver me,
2 Lest they tear my soul like a lion, Rending it in pieces, while there is none to deliver.
3 O Yehovah my God, if I have done this; If there is iniquity in my hands;
4 If I have rewarded evil to him who was at peace with me (Indeed, I have delivered him who without cause was my adversary);
5 Let the enemy pursue my soul, and overtake it; Yes, let him tread my life down to the earth, And lay my glory in the dust. [Selah
6 Arise, O Yehovah, in your anger; Lift up yourself against the rage of my adversaries, And awake for me; you have commanded judgment.
7 And let the congregation of the peoples surround you; And over them return on high.
8 Yehovah ministers judgment to the peoples: Judge me, O Yehovah, according to my righteousness, and to my integrity that is in me.
9 Oh let the wickedness of the wicked come to an end, but establish the righteous: For the righteous God tries the minds and hearts.
10 My shield is with God, Who saves the upright in heart.
11 God is a righteous judge, Yes, a God who has indignation every day.
12 If a man does not turn, he will whet his sword; He has bent his bow, and made it ready;
13 He has also prepared for him the instruments of death; He makes his arrows fiery shafts.
14 Behold, he travails with iniquity; Yes, he has conceived mischief, and brought forth falsehood.
15 He has made a pit, and dug it, And has fallen into the ditch which he made.
16 His mischief shall return upon his own head, And his violence shall come down upon his own crown.

17 I will give thanks to Yehovah according to his
righteousness, And will sing praise to the name of
Yehovah Most High.

Psalm 8

1 For the Chief Musician; set to the Gittith. A Psalm of
David. O Yehovah, our Lord, How excellent is your
name in all the earth, Who have set your glory
upon the heavens!
2 Out of the mouth of babes and nursing infants you
have established strength, Because of your
adversaries, That you might still the enemy and the
avenger.
3 When I consider your heavens, the work of your
fingers, The moon and the stars, which you have
ordained;
4 What is man, that you are mindful of him? And the
son of man, that you visit him?
5 For you have made him but little lower than God,
And crown him with glory and honor.
6 You make him to have dominion over the works of
your hands; You have put all things under his feet:
7 All sheep and oxen, Yes, and the beasts of the field,
8 The birds of the heavens, and the fish of the sea,
Whatever passes through the paths of the seas.
9 O Yehovah, our Lord, How excellent is your name in
all the earth!

Psalm 9

1 For the Chief Musician; set to Muth-labben. A Psalm
of David. I will give thanks to Yehovah with my
whole heart; I will tell of all your marvelous works.
2 I will be glad and exult in you; I will sing praise to
your name, O you Most High.
3 When my enemies turn back, They stumble and
perish at your presence.
4 For you have maintained my right and my cause;
You sit in the throne judging righteously.
5 You have rebuked the nations, you have destroyed
the wicked; You have blotted out their name
forever and ever.
6 The enemy has come to an end, they are desolate
forever; And the cities which you have
overthrown, The very remembrance of them has
perished.
7 But Yehovah sits as king forever: He has prepared his
throne for judgment;
8 And he will judge the world in righteousness, He
will minister judgment to the peoples in
uprightness.
9 Yehovah also will be a high tower for the oppressed,
A high tower in times of trouble;
10 And those who know your name will put their trust
in you; For you, Yehovah, have not forsaken those
who seek you.
11 Sing praises to Yehovah, who dwells in Zion:
Declare among the people his doings.
12 For he who requires blood remembers them; He
does not forget the cry of the poor.
13 Have mercy upon me, O Yehovah; Behold my
affliction which I suffer from those who hate me,
You who lift me up from the gates of death;
14 That I may tell of all your praise. In the gates of the
daughter of Zion I will rejoice in your salvation.
15 The nations have sunk down in the pit that they
made: In the net which they hid their own foot is
taken.
16 Yehovah has made himself known, he has executed
judgment: The wicked is snared in the work of his
own hands. [Higgaion. Selah
17 The wicked shall be turned back to Sheol, Even all
the nations that forget God.
18 For the needy shall not always be forgotten, Nor the
expectation of the poor perish forever.
19 Arise, O Yehovah; do not let man prevail: Let the
nations be judged in your sight.
20 Put them in fear, O Yehovah: Let the nations know
themselves to be but men. [Selah

Psalm 10

1 Why do you stand afar off, O Yehovah? Why do you
hide yourself in times of trouble?
2 In the pride of the wicked the poor is hotly pursued;
Let them be taken in the devices that they have
conceived.
3 For the wicked boasts of his heart's desire, And the
covetous renounces, yes, spurns Yehovah.
4 The wicked, in the pride of his countenance, says, He
will not require it. All his thoughts are, There is no
God.
5 His ways are firm at all times; Your judgments are far
above out of his sight: As for all his adversaries, he
puffs at them.
6 He says in his heart, I shall not be moved; To all
generations I shall not be in adversity.
7 His mouth is full of cursing and deceit and
oppression: Under his tongue is mischief and
iniquity.

8 He sits in the lurking places of the villages; In the secret places he murders the innocent; His eyes are secretly set against the helpless.
9 He lurks in secret as a lion in his covert; He lies in wait to catch the poor: He catches the poor, when he draws him into his net.
10 He crouches, he bows down, And the helpless fall by his strong ones.
11 He says in his heart: God has forgotten; He hides his face, he will never see it.
12 Arise, O Yehovah; O God, lift up your hand: Do not forget the poor.
13 Why does the wicked spurn God, And say in his heart, You will not require it?
14 You have seen it; for you behold mischief and spite, to requite it with your hand: The helpless commits himself to you; You have been the helper of the fatherless.
15 Break the arm of the wicked; And as for the evil man, seek out his wickedness till you find none.
16 Yehovah is King forever and ever: The nations have perished out of his land.
17 Yehovah, you have heard the desire of the meek: You will prepare their heart, you will cause your ear to hear;
18 To judge the fatherless and the oppressed, That man who is of the earth may be terrible no more.

Psalm 11

1 For the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David. In Yehovah I take refuge: How can you say to my soul, Flee as a bird to your mountain;
2 For, behold, the wicked bend the bow, They make ready their arrow upon the string, That they may shoot in darkness at the upright in heart;
3 If the foundations are destroyed, What can the righteous do?
4 Yehovah is in his holy temple; Yehovah, his throne is in heaven; His eyes behold, his eyelids try, the children of men.
5 Yehovah tries the righteous; But the wicked and him who loves violence his soul hates.
6 Upon the wicked he will rain snares; Fire and brimstone and burning wind shall be the portion of their cup.
7 For Yehovah is righteous; he loves righteousness: The upright shall behold his face.

Psalm 12

1 For the Chief Musician; set to the Sheminith. A Psalm of David. Help, Yehovah; for the godly man ceases; For the faithful fail from among the children of men.
2 They speak falsehood every one with his neighbor: With flattering lip, and with a double heart, they speak.
3 Yehovah will cut off all flattering lips, The tongue that speaks great things;
4 Who have said, With our tongue we will prevail; Our lips are our own: who is lord over us?
5 Because of the oppression of the poor, because of the sighing of the needy, Now I will arise, says Yehovah; I will set him in the safety he pants for.
6 The words of Yehovah are pure words; As silver tried in a furnace on the earth, Purified seven times.
7 You will keep them, O Yehovah, You will preserve them from this generation forever.
8 The wicked walk on every side, When vileness is exalted among the sons of men.

Psalm 13

1 For the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David. How long, O Yehovah? will you forget me forever? How long will you hide your face from me?
2 How long shall I take counsel in my soul, Having sorrow in my heart all the day? How long shall my enemy be exalted over me?
3 Consider and answer me, O Yehovah my God: Lighten my eyes, lest I sleep the sleep of death;
4 Lest my enemy say, I have prevailed against him; Lest my adversaries rejoice when I am moved.
5 But I have trusted in your lovingkindness; My heart shall rejoice in your salvation.
6 I will sing to Yehovah, Because he has dealt bountifully with me.

Psalm 14

1 For the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David. The fool has said in his heart, There is no God. They are corrupt, they have done abominable works; There is none who does good.
2 Yehovah looked down from heaven upon the children of men, To see if there were any who understood, Who sought after God.
3 They have all turned aside; together they have become filthy; There is none who does good, no, not one.

4 Have all the workers of iniquity no knowledge, Who
eat up my people as they eat bread, And do not call
upon Yehovah?
5 There they were in great fear; For God is in the
generation of the righteous.
6 You put to shame the counsel of the poor, Because
Yehovah is his refuge.
7 Oh that the salvation of Israel would come out of
Zion! When Yehovah brings back the captivity of
his people, Then Jacob shall rejoice, and Israel
shall be glad.

Psalm 15

1 A Psalm of David. Yehovah, who shall sojourn in
your tabernacle? Who shall dwell in your holy hill?
2 He who walks uprightly, and works righteousness,
And speaks truth in his heart;
3 He who does not slander with his tongue, Nor does
evil to his friend, Nor takes up a reproach against
his neighbor;
4 In whose eyes a reprobate is despised, But who
honors those who fear Yehovah; He who swears to
his own hurt, and does not change;
5 He who does not put out his money at interest, Nor
takes a bribe against the innocent. He who does
these things shall never be moved.

Psalm 16

1 Michtam of David. Preserve me, O God; for in you I
take refuge.
2 O my soul, you have said to Yehovah, You are my
Lord: I have no good beyond you.
3 As for the saints who are in the earth, They are the
excellent in whom is all my delight.
4 The sorrows of those who give gifts for another god
shall be multiplied: Their drink offerings of blood I
will not offer, Nor take their names upon my lips.
5 Yehovah is the portion of my inheritance and of my
cup: You maintain my lot.
6 The lines have fallen to me in pleasant places; Yes, I
have a beautiful heritage.
7 I will bless Yehovah, who has given me counsel; Yes,
my heart instructs me in the night seasons.
8 I have set Yehovah always before me: Because he is at
my right hand, I shall not be moved.
9 Therefore my heart is glad, and my glory rejoices:
My flesh also shall dwell in safety.
10 For you will not leave my soul to Sheol; Nor will you
allow your holy one to see corruption.
11 You will show me the path of life: In your presence
is fullness of joy; In your right hand there are
pleasures forevermore.

Psalm 17

1 A Prayer of David. Hear the right, O Yehovah, attend
to my cry; Give ear to my prayer, which does not go
out of deceitful lips.
2 Let my sentence come forth from your presence; Let
your eyes look upon equity.
3 You have proved my heart; you have visited me in
the night; You have tried me, and find nothing; I
have purposed that my mouth shall not transgress.
4 As for the works of men, by the word of your lips I
have kept myself from the ways of the violent.
5 My steps have held fast to your paths, My feet have
not slipped.
6 I have called upon you, for you will answer me, O
God: Incline your ear to me, and hear my speech.
7 Show your marvelous lovingkindness, O you who
save by your right hand those who take refuge in
you From those who rise up against them.
8 Keep me as the apple of the eye; Hide me under the
shadow of your wings,
9 From the wicked who oppress me, My deadly
enemies, who surround me.
10 They are enclosed in their own fat: With their
mouth they speak proudly.
11 They have now surrounded us in our steps; They set
their eyes to cast us down to the earth.
12 He is like a lion that is eager for his prey, And as it
were a young lion lurking in secret places.
13 Arise, O Yehovah, Confront him, cast him down:
Deliver my soul from the wicked by your sword;
14 From men by your hand, O Yehovah, From men of
the world, whose portion is in this life, And whose
belly you fill with your treasure: They are satisfied
with children, And leave the rest of their substance
to their babes.
15 As for me, I shall behold your face in righteousness;
I shall be satisfied, when I awake, with beholding
your form.

Psalm 18

1 For the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David the servant
of Yehovah, who spoke to Yehovah the words of
this song in the day that Yehovah delivered him
from the hand of all his enemies, and from the
hand of Saul: and he said, I love you, O Yehovah,
my strength.

2 Yehovah is my rock, and my fortress, and my
deliverer; My God, my rock, in whom I will take
refuge; My shield, and the horn of my salvation, my
high tower.
3 I will call upon Yehovah, who is worthy to be
praised: So shall I be saved from my enemies.
4 The cords of death surrounded me, And the floods of
ungodliness made me afraid.
5 The cords of Sheol were all around me; The snares of
death came upon me.
6 In my distress I called upon Yehovah, And cried to
my God: He heard my voice out of his temple, And
my cry before him came into his ears.
7 Then the earth shook and trembled; The foundations
also of the mountains quaked And were shaken,
because he was angry.
8 There went up a smoke out of his nostrils, And fire
out of his mouth devoured: Coals were kindled by
it.
9 He bowed the heavens also, and came down; And
thick darkness was under his feet.
10 And he rode upon a cherub, and flew; Yes, he soared
upon the wings of the wind.
11 He made darkness his hiding place, his pavilion all
around him, Darkness of waters, thick clouds of
the skies.
12 At the brightness before him his thick clouds
passed, Hailstones and coals of fire.
13 Yehovah also thundered in the heavens, And the
Most High uttered his voice, Hailstones and coals
of fire.
14 And he sent out his arrows, and scattered them; Yes,
lightnings manifold, and routed them.
15 Then the channels of waters appeared, And the
foundations of the world were laid bare, At your
rebuke, O Yehovah, At the blast of the breath of
your nostrils.
16 He sent from on high, he took me; He drew me out
of many waters.
17 He delivered me from my strong enemy, And from
those who hated me; for they were too mighty for
me.
18 They came upon me in the day of my calamity; But
Yehovah was my stay.
19 He brought me forth also into a large place; He
delivered me, because he delighted in me.
20 Yehovah has rewarded me according to my
righteousness; According to the cleanness of my
hands he has recompensed me.
21 For I have kept the ways of Yehovah, And have not
wickedly departed from my God.
22 For all his ordinances were before me, And I did not
put away his statutes from me.
23 I was also perfect with him, And I kept myself from
my iniquity.
24 Therefore Yehovah has recompensed me according
to my righteousness, According to the cleanness of
my hands in his eyesight.
25 With the merciful you will show yourself merciful;
With the perfect man you will show yourself
perfect;
26 With the pure you will show yourself pure; And
with the perverse you will show yourself astute.
27 For you will save the afflicted people; But the
haughty eyes you will bring down.
28 For you will light my lamp: Yehovah my God will
lighten my darkness.
29 For by you I run against a troop; And by my God I
leap over a wall.
30 As for God, his way is perfect: The word of Yehovah
is tried; He is a shield to all those who take refuge
in him.
31 For who is God, except Yehovah? And who is a rock,
besides our God,
32 The God who girds me with strength, And makes
my way perfect?
33 He makes my feet like hinds' feet: And sets me upon
my high places.
34 He teaches my hands to war; So that my arms bend
a bow of bronze.
35 You have also given me the shield of your salvation;
And your right hand has held me up, And your
gentleness has made me great.
36 You have enlarged my steps under me, And my feet
have not slipped.
37 I will pursue my enemies, and overtake them; Nor
will I turn back till they are consumed.
38 I will strike them through, so that they shall not be
able to rise: They shall fall under my feet.
39 For you have girded me with strength for the battle:
You have subdued under me those who rose up
against me.
40 You have also made my enemies turn their backs to
me, That I might cut off those who hate me.
41 They cried, but there was none to save; Even to
Yehovah, but he did not answer them.

42 Then I beat them fine as the dust before the wind; I
cast them out as the mire of the streets.
43 You have delivered me from the strivings of the
people; You have made me the head of the nations:
A people whom I have not known shall serve me.
44 As soon as they hear of me they shall obey me; The
foreigners shall submit themselves to me.
45 The foreigners shall fade away, And shall come
trembling out of their strongholds.
46 Yehovah lives; and blessed be my rock; And exalted
be the God of my salvation,
47 Even the God who executes vengeance for me, And
subdues peoples under me.
48 He rescues me from my enemies; Yes, you lift me up
above those who rise up against me; You deliver me
from the violent man.
49 Therefore I will give thanks to you, O Yehovah,
among the nations, And will sing praises to your
name.
50 Great deliverance he gives to his king, And shows
lovingkindness to his anointed, To David and to his
seed, forevermore.

Psalm 19

1 For the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David. The
heavens declare the glory of God; And the
firmament shows his handiwork.
2 Day to day utters speech, And night to night shows
knowledge.
3 There is no speech nor language; Their voice is not
heard.
4 Their line has gone out through all the earth, And
their words to the end of the world. In them he has
set a tabernacle for the sun,
5 Which is as a bridegroom coming out of his
chamber, And rejoices as a strong man to run his
course.
6 His going forth is from the end of the heavens, And
his circuit to the ends of it; And there is nothing
hidden from its heat.
7 The law of Yehovah is perfect, restoring the soul: The
testimony of Yehovah is sure, making wise the
simple.
8 The precepts of Yehovah are right, rejoicing the
heart: The commandment of Yehovah is pure,
enlightening the eyes.
9 The fear of Yehovah is clean, enduring forever: The
ordinances of Yehovah are true, and righteous
altogether.
10 More to be desired are they than gold, yes, than
much fine gold; Sweeter also than honey and the
drippings of the honeycomb.
11 Moreover by them your servant is warned: In
keeping them there is great reward.
12 Who can discern his errors? Clear me from hidden
faults.
13 Keep back your servant also from presumptuous
sins; Do not let them have dominion over me: Then
I shall be upright, And I shall be clear from great
transgression.
14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of
my heart Be acceptable in your sight, O Yehovah,
my rock, and my redeemer.

Psalm 20

1 For the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David. May
Yehovah answer you in the day of trouble; May the
name of the God of Jacob set you up on high;
2 May he send you help from the sanctuary, And
strengthen you out of Zion;
3 May he remember all your offerings, And accept
your burnt sacrifice; [Selah
4 May he grant you your heart's desire, And fulfill all
your counsel.
5 We will triumph in your salvation, And in the name
of our God we will set up our banners: May
Yehovah fulfill all your petitions.
6 Now I know that Yehovah saves his anointed; He
will answer him from his holy heaven With the
saving strength of his right hand.
7 Some trust in chariots, and some in horses; But we
will make mention of the name of Yehovah our
God.
8 They have bowed down and fallen; But we have
risen, and stand upright.
9 Save, Yehovah: Let the King answer us when we call.

Psalm 21

1 For the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David. The king
shall be glad in your strength, O Yehovah; And in
your salvation how greatly he shall rejoice!
2 You have given him his heart's desire, And have not
withheld the request of his lips. [Selah
3 For you meet him with the blessings of goodness:
You set a crown of fine gold on his head.
4 He asked life of you, you gave it to him, Even length
of days forever and ever.

5 His glory is great in your salvation: Honor and
majesty you lay upon him.
6 For you make him most blessed forever: You make
him glad with joy in your presence.
7 For the king trusts in Yehovah; And through the
lovingkindness of the Most High he shall not be
moved.
8 Your hand will find out all your enemies; Your right
hand will find out those who hate you.
9 You will make them as a fiery furnace in the time of
your anger: Yehovah will swallow them up in his
wrath, And the fire shall devour them.
10 Their fruit you will destroy from the earth, And
their seed from among the children of men.
11 For they intended evil against you; They conceived a
device which they are not able to perform.
12 For you will make them turn their back; You will
make ready with your bowstrings against their
face.
13 Be exalted, O Yehovah, in your strength: So we will
sing and praise your power.

Psalm 22

1 For the Chief Musician; set to Aijeleth hash-Shahar.
A Psalm of David. My God, my God, why have you
forsaken me? Why are you so far from helping me,
and from the words of my groaning?
2 O my God, I cry in the daytime, but you do not
answer; And in the night season, and am not silent.
3 But you are holy, O you who inhabit the praises of
Israel.
4 Our fathers trusted in you: They trusted, and you
delivered them.
5 They cried to you, and were delivered: They trusted
in you, and were not put to shame.
6 But I am a worm, and no man; A reproach of men,
and despised of the people.
7 All those who see me mock me: They shoot out the
lip, they shake the head, saying,
8 Commit yourself to Yehovah; let him deliver him:
Let him rescue him, seeing he delights in him.
9 But you are he who took me out of the womb; You
made me trust when I was upon my mother's
breasts.
10 I was cast upon you from the womb; You have been
my God since my mother bore me.
11 Do not be far from me; for trouble is near; For there
is none to help.
12 Many bulls have surrounded me; Strong bulls of
Bashan have encircled me.
13 They gape upon me with their mouth, As a ravening
and a roaring lion.
14 I am poured out like water, And all my bones are out
of joint: My heart is like wax; It is melted within
me.
15 My strength is dried up like a potsherd; And my
tongue cleaves to my jaws; And you have brought
me into the dust of death.
16 For dogs have surrounded me: A company of
evildoers has enclosed me; They pierced my hands
and my feet.
17 I may count all my bones. They look and stare at me;
18 They divide my garments among them, And for my
clothing they cast lots.
19 But do not be far off, O Yehovah: O you my help,
hasten to help me.
20 Deliver my soul from the sword, My darling from
the power of the dog.
21 Save me from the lion's mouth; Yes, from the horns
of the wild oxen you have answered me.
22 I will declare your name to my brothers: In the
midst of the assembly I will praise you.
23 You who fear Yehovah, praise him; All you seed of
Jacob, glorify him; And stand in awe of him, all you
seed of Israel.
24 For he has not despised nor abhorred the affliction
of the afflicted; Nor has he hidden his face from
him; But when he cried to him, he heard.
25 From you comes my praise in the great assembly: I
will pay my vows before those who fear him.
26 The meek shall eat and be satisfied; Those who seek
after him shall praise Yehovah: Let your heart live
forever.
27 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to
Yehovah; And all the families of the nations shall
worship before you.
28 For the kingdom is Yehovah's; And he is the ruler
over the nations.
29 All the fat ones of the earth shall eat and worship:
All those who go down to the dust shall bow before
him, Even he who cannot keep his soul alive.
30 A seed shall serve him; It shall be told of the Lord to
the next generation.
31 They shall come and shall declare his righteousness
To a people who shall be born, that he has done it.

Psalm 23

[1]A Psalm of David. Yehovah is my shepherd; I shall not want.

[2]He makes me lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside still waters.

[3]He restores my soul: He guides me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

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

[5]You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies: You have anointed my head with oil; My cup runs over.

[6]Surely goodness and lovingkindness shall follow me all the days of my life; And I shall dwell in the house of Yehovah forever.

Psalm 24

[1]A Psalm of David. The earth is Yehovah's, and its fullness; The world, and those who dwell in it.

[2]For he has founded it upon the seas, And established it upon the floods.

[3]Who shall ascend into the hill of Yehovah? And who shall stand in his holy place?

[4]He who has clean hands, and a pure heart; Who has not lifted up his soul to falsehood, And has not sworn deceitfully.

[5]He shall receive a blessing from Yehovah, And righteousness from the God of his salvation.

[6]This is the generation of those who seek after him, Who seek your face, even Jacob. [Selah

[7]Lift up your heads, O you gates; And be lifted up, you everlasting doors: And the King of glory will come in.

[8]Who is the King of glory? Yehovah strong and mighty, Yehovah mighty in battle.

[9]Lift up your heads, O you gates; Yes, lift them up, you everlasting doors: And the King of glory will come in.

[10]Who is this King of glory? Yehovah of hosts, He is the King of glory. [Selah

Psalm 25

[1]A Psalm of David. To you, O Yehovah, I lift up my soul.

[2]O my God, in you I have trusted, Do not let me be put to shame; Do not let my enemies triumph over me.

[3]Indeed, none who wait for you shall be put to shame: Those shall be put to shame who deal treacherously without cause.

[4]Show me your ways, O Yehovah; Teach me your paths.

[5]Guide me in your truth, and teach me; For you are the God of my salvation; For you I wait all the day.

[6]Remember, O Yehovah, your tender mercies and your lovingkindness; For they have been ever of old.

[7]Do not remember the sins of my youth, nor my transgressions: According to your lovingkindness remember me, For your goodness' sake, O Yehovah.

[8]Good and upright is Yehovah: Therefore he will instruct sinners in the way.

[9]The meek he will guide in justice; And the meek he will teach his way.

[10]All the paths of Yehovah are lovingkindness and truth To such as keep his covenant and his testimonies.

[11]For your name's sake, O Yehovah, Pardon my iniquity, for it is great.

[12]Who is the man who fears Yehovah? Him he shall instruct in the way that he shall choose.

[13]His soul shall dwell at ease; And his seed shall inherit the land.

[14]The friendship of Yehovah is with those who fear him; And he will show them his covenant.

[15]My eyes are ever toward Yehovah; For he will pluck my feet out of the net.

[16]Turn to me, and have mercy upon me; For I am desolate and afflicted.

[17]The troubles of my heart are enlarged: Oh bring me out of my distresses.

[18]Consider my affliction and my travail; And forgive all my sins.

[19]Consider my enemies, for they are many; And they hate me with cruel hatred.

[20]Oh keep my soul, and deliver me: Do not let me be put to shame, for I take refuge in you.

[21]Let integrity and uprightness preserve me, For I wait for you.

[22]Redeem Israel, O God, Out of all his troubles.

Psalm 26

[1]A Psalm of David. Judge me, O Yehovah, for I have walked in my integrity: I have trusted also in Yehovah without wavering.

2 Examine me, O Yehovah, and prove me; Try my heart and my mind.
3 For your lovingkindness is before my eyes; And I have walked in your truth.
4 I have not sat with men of falsehood; Nor will I go in with hypocrites.
5 I hate the assembly of evildoers, And will not sit with the wicked.
6 I will wash my hands in innocence: So I will go around your altar, O Yehovah;
7 That I may make the voice of thanksgiving heard, And tell of all your wondrous works.
8 Yehovah, I love the habitation of your house, And the place where your glory dwells.
9 Do not gather my soul with sinners, Nor my life with men of blood;
10 In whose hands is wickedness, And their right hand is full of bribes.
11 But as for me, I will walk in my integrity: Redeem me, and be merciful to me.
12 My foot stands on level ground: In the congregations I will bless Yehovah.

Psalm 27

1 A Psalm of David. Yehovah is my light and my salvation; Whom shall I fear? Yehovah is the strength of my life; Of whom shall I be afraid?
2 When evildoers came upon me to eat up my flesh, Even my adversaries and my foes, they stumbled and fell.
3 Though a host should encamp against me, My heart shall not fear: Though war should rise against me, Even then I will be confident.
4 One thing I have asked of Yehovah, that I will seek after: That I may dwell in the house of Yehovah all the days of my life, To behold the beauty of Yehovah, And to inquire in his temple.
5 For in the day of trouble he will keep me secretly in his pavilion: In the covert of his tabernacle he will hide me; He will lift me up upon a rock.
6 And now my head shall be lifted up above my enemies all around me; And I will offer in his tabernacle sacrifices of joy; I will sing, yes, I will sing praises to Yehovah.
7 Hear, O Yehovah, when I cry with my voice: Have mercy also upon me, and answer me.
8 When you said, Seek my face; my heart said to you, Your face, Yehovah, I will seek.
9 Do not hide your face from me; Do not put your servant away in anger: You have been my help; Do not cast me off, nor forsake me, O God of my salvation.
10 When my father and my mother forsake me, Then Yehovah will take me up.
11 Teach me your way, O Yehovah; And lead me in a plain path, Because of my enemies.
12 Do not deliver me over to the will of my adversaries: For false witnesses have risen up against me, And such as breathe out cruelty.
13 I would have fainted, unless I had believed that I would see the goodness of Yehovah In the land of the living.
14 Wait for Yehovah: Be strong, and let your heart take courage; Yes, wait for Yehovah.

Psalm 28

1 A Psalm of David. To you, O Yehovah, I will call: My rock, do not be deaf to me; Lest, if you are silent to me, I become like those who go down into the pit.
2 Hear the voice of my supplications, when I cry to you, When I lift up my hands toward your holy oracle.
3 Do not draw me away with the wicked, And with the workers of iniquity; Who speak peace with their neighbors, But mischief is in their hearts.
4 Give them according to their work, and according to the wickedness of their doings: Give them according to the work of their hands; Render to them their due.
5 Because they do not regard the works of Yehovah, Nor the work of his hands, He will break them down and not build them up.
6 Blessed be Yehovah, Because he has heard the voice of my supplications.
7 Yehovah is my strength and my shield; My heart has trusted in him, and I am helped: Therefore my heart greatly rejoices; And with my song I will praise him.
8 Yehovah is their strength, And he is a stronghold of salvation to his anointed.
9 Save your people, and bless your inheritance: Be their shepherd also, and carry them forever.

Psalm 29

1 A Psalm of David. Ascribe to Yehovah, O you sons of the mighty, Ascribe to Yehovah glory and strength.
2 Ascribe to Yehovah the glory due to his name; Worship Yehovah in holy array.

3 The voice of Yehovah is upon the waters: The God of
glory thunders, Even Yehovah upon many waters.
4 The voice of Yehovah is powerful; The voice of
Yehovah is full of majesty.
5 The voice of Yehovah breaks the cedars; Yes,
Yehovah breaks in pieces the cedars of Lebanon.
6 He makes them also skip like a calf; Lebanon and
Sirion like a young wild ox.
7 The voice of Yehovah cleaves the flames of fire.
8 The voice of Yehovah shakes the wilderness;
Yehovah shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
9 The voice of Yehovah makes the hinds calve, And
strips the forests bare: And in his temple
everything says, Glory.
10 Yehovah sat as King at the Flood; Yes, Yehovah sits
as King forever.
11 Yehovah will give strength to his people; Yehovah
will bless his people with peace.

Psalm 30

1 A Psalm; a Song at the Dedication of the House. A
Psalm of David. I will extol you, O Yehovah; for you
have raised me up, And have not made my foes
rejoice over me.
2 O Yehovah my God, I cried to you, and you have
healed me.
3 O Yehovah, you have brought up my soul from
Sheol; You have kept me alive, that I should not go
down to the pit.
4 Sing praise to Yehovah, O you saints of his, And give
thanks to his holy memorial name.
5 For his anger is but for a moment; His favor is for a
lifetime: Weeping may tarry for the night, But joy
comes in the morning.
6 As for me, I said in my prosperity, I shall never be
moved.
7 You, Yehovah, by your favor had made my mountain
stand strong: You hid your face; I was troubled.
8 I cried to you, O Yehovah; And to Yehovah I made
supplication:
9 What profit is there in my blood, when I go down to
the pit? Shall the dust praise you? shall it declare
your truth?
10 Hear, O Yehovah, and have mercy upon me:
Yehovah, be my helper.
11 You have turned for me my mourning into dancing;
You have loosed my sackcloth, and girded me with
gladness;
12 To the end that my glory may sing praise to you, and
not be silent. O Yehovah my God, I will give thanks
to you forever.

Psalm 31

1 For the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David. In you, O
Yehovah, I take refuge; Let me never be put to
shame: Deliver me in your righteousness.
2 Bow down your ear to me; deliver me speedily: Be to
me a strong rock, A house of defense to save me.
3 For you are my rock and my fortress; Therefore for
your name's sake lead me and guide me.
4 Pluck me out of the net that they have laid secretly
for me; For you are my stronghold.
5 Into your hand I commend my spirit: You have
redeemed me, O Yehovah, you God of truth.
6 I hate those who regard lying vanities; But I trust in
Yehovah.
7 I will be glad and rejoice in your lovingkindness; For
you have seen my affliction: You have known my
soul in adversities;
8 And you have not shut me up into the hand of the
enemy; You have set my feet in a large place.
9 Have mercy upon me, O Yehovah, for I am in
distress: My eye wastes away with grief, yes, my
soul and my body.
10 For my life is spent with sorrow, And my years with
sighing: My strength fails because of my iniquity,
And my bones are wasted away.
11 Because of all my adversaries I have become a
reproach, Yes, to my neighbors exceedingly, And a
fear to my acquaintances: Those who saw me
outside fled from me.
12 I am forgotten as a dead man out of mind: I am like a
broken vessel.
13 For I have heard the defaming of many, Terror on
every side: While they took counsel together
against me, They devised to take away my life.
14 But I trusted in you, O Yehovah: I said, You are my
God.
15 My times are in your hand: Deliver me from the
hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute
me.
16 Make your face shine upon your servant: Save me in
your lovingkindness.
17 Do not let me be put to shame, O Yehovah; for I have
called upon you: Let the wicked be put to shame,
let them be silent in Sheol.

18 Let the lying lips be mute, Which speak against the
righteous insolently, With pride and contempt.
19 Oh how great is your goodness, Which you have laid
up for those who fear you, Which you have worked
for those who take refuge in you, Before the sons of
men!
20 In the covert of your presence you will hide them
from the plottings of man: You will keep them
secretly in a pavilion from the strife of tongues.
21 Blessed be Yehovah; For he has shown me his
marvelous lovingkindness in a strong city.
22 As for me, I said in my haste, I am cut off from
before your eyes: Nevertheless you heard the voice
of my supplications, When I cried to you.
23 Oh love Yehovah, all you his saints: Yehovah
preserves the faithful, And plentifully rewards him
who deals proudly.
24 Be strong, and let your heart take courage, All you
who hope in Yehovah.

Psalm 32

1 A Psalm of David. Maschil. Blessed is he whose
transgression is forgiven, Whose sin is covered.
2 Blessed is the man to whom Yehovah does not
impute iniquity, And in whose spirit there is no
guile.
3 When I kept silence, my bones wasted away Through
my groaning all the day long.
4 For day and night your hand was heavy upon me: My
moisture was changed as with the drought of
summer. [Selah
5 I acknowledged my sin to you, And my iniquity I did
not hide: I said, I will confess my transgressions to
Yehovah; And you forgave the iniquity of my sin.
[Selah
6 For this let everyone who is godly pray to you in a
time when you may be found: Surely when the
great waters overflow they shall not reach him.
7 You are my hiding place; you will preserve me from
trouble; You will surround me with songs of
deliverance. [Selah
8 I will instruct you and teach you in the way which
you shall go: I will counsel you with my eye upon
you.
9 Do not be as the horse, or as the mule, which have no
understanding; Whose trappings must be bit and
bridle to hold them in, Else they will not come near
to you.
10 Many sorrows shall be to the wicked; But he who
trusts in Yehovah, lovingkindness shall surround
him.
11 Be glad in Yehovah, and rejoice, you righteous; And
shout for joy, all you who are upright in heart.

Psalm 33

1 Rejoice in Yehovah, O you righteous: Praise is fitting
for the upright.
2 Give thanks to Yehovah with the harp: Sing praises
to him with the psaltery of ten strings.
3 Sing to him a new song; Play skillfully with a loud
noise.
4 For the word of Yehovah is right; And all his work is
done in faithfulness.
5 He loves righteousness and justice: The earth is full
of the lovingkindness of Yehovah.
6 By the word of Yehovah the heavens were made, And
all the host of them by the breath of his mouth.
7 He gathers the waters of the sea together as a heap:
He lays up the deeps in storehouses.
8 Let all the earth fear Yehovah: Let all the inhabitants
of the world stand in awe of him.
9 For he spoke, and it was done; He commanded, and
it stood fast.
10 Yehovah brings the counsel of the nations to
nothing; He makes the thoughts of the peoples of
no effect.
11 The counsel of Yehovah stands fast forever, The
thoughts of his heart to all generations.
12 Blessed is the nation whose God is Yehovah, The
people whom he has chosen for his own
inheritance.
13 Yehovah looks from heaven; He beholds all the sons
of men;
14 From the place of his habitation he looks forth
Upon all the inhabitants of the earth,
15 He who fashions the hearts of them all, Who
considers all their works.
16 There is no king saved by the multitude of a host: A
mighty man is not delivered by great strength.
17 A horse is a vain thing for safety; Nor does he
deliver any by his great power.
18 Behold, the eye of Yehovah is upon those who fear
him, Upon those who hope in his lovingkindness;
19 To deliver their soul from death, And to keep them
alive in famine.

20 Our soul has waited for Yehovah: He is our help and
our shield.
21 For our heart shall rejoice in him, Because we have
trusted in his holy name.
22 Let your lovingkindness, O Yehovah, be upon us,
According as we have hoped in you.

Psalm 34

1 A Psalm of David; when he changed his behavior
before Abimelech, who drove him away, and he
departed. I will bless Yehovah at all times: His
praise shall continually be in my mouth.
2 My soul shall make its boast in Yehovah: The meek
shall hear of it, and be glad.
3 Oh magnify Yehovah with me, And let us exalt his
name together.
4 I sought Yehovah, and he answered me, And
delivered me from all my fears.
5 They looked to him, and were radiant; And their
faces shall never be confounded.
6 This poor man cried, and Yehovah heard him, And
saved him out of all his troubles.
7 The angel of Yehovah encamps all around those who
fear him, And delivers them.
8 Oh taste and see that Yehovah is good: Blessed is the
man who takes refuge in him.
9 Oh fear Yehovah, you his saints; For there is no want
to those who fear him.
10 The young lions lack, and suffer hunger; But those
who seek Yehovah shall not want any good thing.
11 Come, you children, listen to me: I will teach you
the fear of Yehovah.
12 Who is the man who desires life, And loves many
days, that he may see good?
13 Keep your tongue from evil, And your lips from
speaking guile.
14 Depart from evil, and do good; Seek peace, and
pursue it.
15 The eyes of Yehovah are toward the righteous, And
his ears are open to their cry.
16 The face of Yehovah is against those who do evil, To
cut off the remembrance of them from the earth.
17 The righteous cried, and Yehovah heard, And
delivered them out of all their troubles.
18 Yehovah is near to those who are of a broken heart,
And saves such as are of a contrite spirit.
19 Many are the afflictions of the righteous; But
Yehovah delivers him out of them all.
20 He keeps all his bones: Not one of them is broken.
21 Evil shall slay the wicked; And those who hate the
righteous shall be condemned.
22 Yehovah redeems the soul of his servants; And none
of those who take refuge in him shall be
condemned.

Psalm 35

1 A Psalm of David. Strive, O Yehovah, with those who
strive with me: Fight against those who fight
against me.
2 Take hold of shield and buckler, And stand up for my
help.
3 Draw out also the spear, and stop the way against
those who pursue me: Say to my soul, I am your
salvation.
4 Let them be put to shame and brought to dishonor
who seek after my soul: Let them be turned back
and confounded who devise my hurt.
5 Let them be as chaff before the wind, And the angel
of Yehovah driving them on.
6 Let their way be dark and slippery, And the angel of
Yehovah pursuing them.
7 For without cause they have hidden for me their net
in a pit; Without cause they have dug a pit for my
soul.
8 Let destruction come upon him unawares; And let
his net that he has hidden catch himself: With
destruction let him fall into it.
9 And my soul shall be joyful in Yehovah: It shall
rejoice in his salvation.
10 All my bones shall say, Yehovah, who is like you,
Who deliver the poor from him who is too strong
for him, Yes, the poor and the needy from him who
robs him?
11 Unrighteous witnesses rise up; They ask me of
things that I do not know.
12 They reward me evil for good, To the bereavement
of my soul.
13 But as for me, when they were sick, my clothing was
sackcloth: I afflicted my soul with fasting; And my
prayer returned into my own bosom.
14 I behaved as though it had been my friend or my
brother: I bowed down mourning, as one who
bewails his mother.
15 But in my adversity they rejoiced, and gathered
themselves together: The wretches gathered
themselves together against me, and I did not
know it; They tore at me, and did not cease:

16 Like the profane mockers at feasts, They gnashed at
me with their teeth.
17 Lord, how long will you look on? Rescue my soul
from their destructions, My darling from the lions.
18 I will give you thanks in the great assembly: I will
praise you among many people.
19 Do not let those who are my enemies wrongfully
rejoice over me; Nor let them wink with the eye
who hate me without a cause.
20 For they do not speak peace; But they devise
deceitful words against those who are quiet in the
land.
21 Yes, they opened their mouth wide against me; They
said, Aha, aha, our eye has seen it.
22 You have seen it, O Yehovah; do not keep silent: O
Lord, do not be far from me.
23 Stir up yourself, and awake to the justice due to me,
Even to my cause, my God and my Lord.
24 Judge me, O Yehovah my God, according to your
righteousness; And do not let them rejoice over me.
25 Do not let them say in their heart, Aha, so we would
have it: Do not let them say, We have swallowed
him up.
26 Let them be put to shame and confounded together
who rejoice at my hurt: Let them be clothed with
shame and dishonor who magnify themselves
against me.
27 Let them shout for joy, and be glad, who favor my
righteous cause: Yes, let them say continually,
Yehovah be magnified, Who takes pleasure in the
prosperity of his servant.
28 And my tongue shall talk of your righteousness And
of your praise all the day long.

Psalm 36

1 For the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David the servant
of Yehovah. The transgression of the wicked says
within my heart, There is no fear of God before his
eyes.
2 For he flatters himself in his own eyes, That his
iniquity will not be found out and be hated.
3 The words of his mouth are iniquity and deceit: He
has ceased to be wise and to do good.
4 He devises iniquity upon his bed; He sets himself in
a way that is not good; He does not abhor evil.
5 Your lovingkindness, O Yehovah, is in the heavens;
Your faithfulness reaches to the skies.
6 Your righteousness is like the mountains of God;
Your judgments are a great deep: O Yehovah, you
preserve man and beast.
7 How precious is your lovingkindness, O God! And
the children of men take refuge under the shadow
of your wings.
8 They shall be abundantly satisfied with the fatness of
your house; And you will make them drink of the
river of your pleasures.
9 For with you is the fountain of life: In your light
shall we see light.
10 Oh continue your lovingkindness to those who
know you, And your righteousness to the upright
in heart.
11 Do not let the foot of pride come against me, And do
not let the hand of the wicked drive me away.
12 There the workers of iniquity have fallen: They are
thrust down, and shall not be able to rise.

Psalm 37

1 A Psalm of David. Do not fret yourself because of
evildoers, Nor be envious against those who work
unrighteousness.
2 For they shall soon be cut down like the grass, And
wither as the green herb.
3 Trust in Yehovah, and do good; Dwell in the land,
and feed on his faithfulness.
4 Delight yourself also in Yehovah; And he will give
you the desires of your heart.
5 Commit your way to Yehovah; Trust also in him,
and he will bring it to pass.
6 And he will make your righteousness go forth as the
light, And your justice as the noonday.
7 Rest in Yehovah, and wait patiently for him: Do not
fret yourself because of him who prospers in his
way, Because of the man who brings wicked devices
to pass.
8 Cease from anger, and forsake wrath: Do not fret
yourself, it tends only to evildoing.
9 For evildoers shall be cut off; But those who wait for
Yehovah, they shall inherit the land.
10 For yet a little while, and the wicked shall not be:
Yes, you shall diligently consider his place, and he
shall not be.
11 But the meek shall inherit the land, And shall
delight themselves in the abundance of peace.
12 The wicked plots against the just, And gnashes upon
him with his teeth.
13 The Lord will laugh at him; For he sees that his day
is coming.

14 The wicked have drawn out the sword, and have
bent their bow, To cast down the poor and needy,
To slay such as are upright in the way.
15 Their sword shall enter into their own heart, And
their bows shall be broken.
16 Better is a little that the righteous has Than the
abundance of many wicked.
17 For the arms of the wicked shall be broken; But
Yehovah upholds the righteous.
18 Yehovah knows the days of the perfect; And their
inheritance shall be forever.
19 They shall not be put to shame in the time of evil;
And in the days of famine they shall be satisfied.
20 But the wicked shall perish, And the enemies of
Yehovah shall be as the fat of lambs: They shall
consume; in smoke they shall consume away.
21 The wicked borrows, and does not repay; But the
righteous deals graciously, and gives.
22 For such as are blessed by him shall inherit the
land; And those who are cursed by him shall be cut
off.
23 A man's goings are established by Yehovah; And he
delights in his way.
24 Though he falls, he shall not be utterly cast down;
For Yehovah upholds him with his hand.
25 I have been young, and now I am old; Yet I have not
seen the righteous forsaken, Nor his seed begging
bread.
26 All the day long he deals graciously, and lends; And
his seed is blessed.
27 Depart from evil, and do good; And dwell
forevermore.
28 For Yehovah loves justice, And does not forsake his
saints; They are preserved forever: But the seed of
the wicked shall be cut off.
29 The righteous shall inherit the land, And dwell in it
forever.
30 The mouth of the righteous talks of wisdom, And
his tongue speaks justice.
31 The law of his God is in his heart; None of his steps
shall slide.
32 The wicked watches the righteous, And seeks to slay
him.
33 Yehovah will not leave him in his hand, Nor
condemn him when he is judged.
34 Wait for Yehovah, and keep his way, And he will
exalt you to inherit the land: When the wicked are
cut off, you shall see it.
35 I have seen the wicked in great power, And
spreading himself like a green tree in its native soil.
36 But one passed by, and, behold, he was not: Yes, I
sought him, but he could not be found.
37 Mark the perfect man, and behold the upright; For
there is a happy end to the man of peace.
38 As for transgressors, they shall be destroyed
together: The end of the wicked shall be cut off.
39 But the salvation of the righteous is from Yehovah:
He is their stronghold in the time of trouble.
40 And Yehovah helps them, and rescues them: He
rescues them from the wicked, and saves them,
Because they have taken refuge in him.

Psalm 38

1 A Psalm of David, to bring to remembrance. O
Yehovah, do not rebuke me in your wrath; Nor
chasten me in your hot displeasure.
2 For your arrows stick fast in me, And your hand
presses me hard.
3 There is no soundness in my flesh because of your
indignation; Nor is there any health in my bones
because of my sin.
4 For my iniquities have gone over my head: As a
heavy burden they are too heavy for me.
5 My wounds are loathsome and corrupt, Because of
my foolishness.
6 I am pained and bowed down greatly; I go mourning
all the day long.
7 For my loins are filled with burning; And there is no
soundness in my flesh.
8 I am faint and severely bruised: I have groaned by
reason of the disquiet of my heart.
9 Lord, all my desire is before you; And my groaning is
not hidden from you.
10 My heart throbs, my strength fails me: As for the
light of my eyes, it also is gone from me.
11 My lovers and my friends stand aloof from my
plague; And my kinsmen stand afar off.
12 Those also who seek after my life lay snares for me;
And those who seek my hurt speak mischievous
things, And meditate deceits all the day long.
13 But I, as a deaf man, do not hear; And I am as a mute
man who does not open his mouth.
14 Yes, I am as a man who does not hear, And in whose
mouth are no reproofs.
15 For in you, O Yehovah, I hope: You will answer, O
Lord my God.

16 For I said, Lest they rejoice over me: When my foot
slips, they magnify themselves against me.
17 For I am ready to fall, And my sorrow is continually
before me.
18 For I will declare my iniquity; I will be sorry for my
sin.
19 But my enemies are vigorous, and are strong; And
those who hate me wrongfully are multiplied.
20 Those also who render evil for good Are adversaries
to me, because I follow the thing that is good.
21 Do not forsake me, O Yehovah: O my God, do not be
far from me.
22 Make haste to help me, O Lord, my salvation.

Psalm 39

1 For the Chief Musician, for Jeduthun. A Psalm of
David. I said, I will take heed to my ways, That I
may not sin with my tongue: I will keep my mouth
with a bridle, While the wicked is before me.
2 I was mute with silence, I held my peace, even from
good; And my sorrow was stirred.
3 My heart was hot within me; While I was musing the
fire burned; Then I spoke with my tongue:
4 Yehovah, make me know my end, And the measure
of my days, what it is; Let me know how frail I am.
5 Behold, you have made my days as handbreadths;
And my lifetime is as nothing before you: Surely
every man at his best estate is altogether vanity.
[Selah
6 Surely every man walks in a vain show; Surely they
are disquieted in vain: He heaps up riches, and does
not know who shall gather them.
7 And now, Lord, what do I wait for? My hope is in
you.
8 Deliver me from all my transgressions: Do not make
me the reproach of the foolish.
9 I was mute, I did not open my mouth; Because you
did it.
10 Remove your stroke away from me: I am consumed
by the blow of your hand.
11 When you with rebukes correct man for iniquity,
You make his beauty consume away like a moth:
Surely every man is vanity. [Selah
12 Hear my prayer, O Yehovah, and give ear to my cry;
Do not hold your peace at my tears: For I am a
stranger with you, A sojourner, as all my fathers
were.
13 Oh spare me, that I may recover strength, Before I
go from here, and am no more.

Psalm 40

1 For the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David. I waited
patiently for Yehovah; And he inclined to me, and
heard my cry.
2 He brought me up also out of a horrible pit, out of
the miry clay; And he set my feet upon a rock, and
established my goings.
3 And he has put a new song in my mouth, even praise
to our God: Many shall see it, and fear, And shall
trust in Yehovah.
4 Blessed is the man who makes Yehovah his trust,
And does not respect the proud, nor such as turn
aside to lies.
5 Many, O Yehovah my God, are the wonderful works
which you have done, And your thoughts which are
toward us: They cannot be set in order to you; If I
would declare and speak of them, They are more
than can be numbered.
6 Sacrifice and offering you have no delight in; My
ears you have opened: Burnt offering and sin
offering you have not required.
7 Then I said, Behold, I have come; In the scroll of the
book it is written of me:
8 I delight to do your will, O my God; Yes, your law is
within my heart.
9 I have proclaimed good news of righteousness in the
great assembly; Behold, I will not restrain my lips,
O Yehovah, you know.
10 I have not hidden your righteousness within my
heart; I have declared your faithfulness and your
salvation; I have not concealed your
lovingkindness and your truth from the great
assembly.
11 Do not withhold your tender mercies from me, O
Yehovah; Let your lovingkindness and your truth
continually preserve me.
12 For innumerable evils have surrounded me; My
iniquities have overtaken me, so that I am not able
to look up; They are more than the hairs of my
head; And my heart has failed me.
13 Be pleased, O Yehovah, to deliver me: Make haste to
help me, O Yehovah.
14 Let them be put to shame and confounded together
Who seek after my soul to destroy it: Let them be
turned backward and brought to dishonor Who
delight in my hurt.
15 Let them be desolate by reason of their shame Who
say to me, Aha, aha.

16 Let all those who seek you rejoice and be glad in
you: Let such as love your salvation say continually,
Yehovah be magnified.
17 But I am poor and needy; Yet the Lord thinks upon
me: You are my help and my deliverer; Do not
delay, O my God.

Psalm 41

1 For the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David. Blessed is
he who considers the poor: Yehovah will deliver
him in the day of evil.
2 Yehovah will preserve him, and keep him alive, And
he shall be blessed upon the earth; And do not
deliver him to the will of his enemies.
3 Yehovah will support him upon the couch of
languishing: You make all his bed in his sickness.
4 I said, O Yehovah, have mercy upon me: Heal my
soul; for I have sinned against you.
5 My enemies speak evil against me, saying, When
will he die, and his name perish?
6 And if he comes to see me, he speaks falsehood; His
heart gathers iniquity to itself: When he goes
abroad, he tells it.
7 All who hate me whisper together against me;
Against me they devise my hurt.
8 An evil disease, they say, cleaves fast to him; And
now that he lies he shall rise up no more.
9 Yes, my own familiar friend, in whom I trusted,
Who ate of my bread, Has lifted up his heel against
me.
10 But you, O Yehovah, have mercy upon me, and raise
me up, That I may requite them.
11 By this I know that you delight in me, Because my
enemy does not triumph over me.
12 And as for me, you uphold me in my integrity, And
set me before your face forever.
13 Blessed be Yehovah, the God of Israel, From
everlasting and to everlasting. Amen, and Amen.

Psalm 42

1 For the Chief Musician. Maschil of the sons of
Korah. As the deer pants after the water brooks, So
my soul pants after you, O God.
2 My soul thirsts for God, for the living God: When
shall I come and appear before God?
3 My tears have been my food day and night, While
they continually say to me, Where is your God?
4 These things I remember, and pour out my soul
within me, How I went with the throng, and led
them to the house of God, With the voice of joy and
praise, a multitude keeping festival.
5 Why are you cast down, O my soul? And why are you
disquieted within me? Hope in God; for I shall yet
praise him For the help of his countenance.
6 O my God, my soul is cast down within me:
Therefore I remember you from the land of the
Jordan, And the Hermons, from the hill Mizar.
7 Deep calls to deep at the noise of your waterfalls: All
your waves and your billows have gone over me.
8 Yet Yehovah will command his lovingkindness in
the daytime; And in the night his song shall be
with me, Even a prayer to the God of my life.
9 I will say to God my rock, Why have you forgotten
me? Why do I go mourning because of the
oppression of the enemy?
10 As with a sword in my bones, my adversaries
reproach me, While they continually say to me,
Where is your God?
11 Why are you cast down, O my soul? And why are you
disquieted within me? Hope in God; for I shall yet
praise him, Who is the help of my countenance,
and my God.

Psalm 43

1 Judge me, O God, and plead my cause against an
ungodly nation: Oh deliver me from the deceitful
and unjust man.
2 For you are the God of my strength; why have you
cast me off? Why do I go mourning because of the
oppression of the enemy?
3 Oh send out your light and your truth; let them lead
me: Let them bring me to your holy hill, And to
your tabernacles.
4 Then I will go to the altar of God, To God my
exceeding joy; And upon the harp I will praise you,
O God, my God.
5 Why are you cast down, O my soul? And why are you
disquieted within me? Hope in God; for I shall yet
praise him, Who is the help of my countenance,
and my God.

Psalm 44

1 For the Chief Musician. A Psalm of the sons of
Korah. Maschil. We have heard with our ears, O
God, Our fathers have told us, What work you did
in their days, In the days of old.
2 You drove out the nations with your hand; But them
you planted: You afflicted the peoples; But them
you spread abroad.

3 For they did not get the land in possession by their
own sword, Nor did their own arm save them; But
your right hand, and your arm, and the light of
your countenance, Because you were favorable to
them.
4 You are my King, O God: Command deliverance for
Jacob.
5 Through you we will push down our adversaries:
Through your name we will tread them under who
rise up against us.
6 For I will not trust in my bow, Nor shall my sword
save me.
7 But you have saved us from our adversaries, And
have put them to shame who hate us.
8 In God we have made our boast all the day long, And
we will give thanks to your name forever. [Selah
9 But now you have cast us off, and brought us to
dishonor, And do not go forth with our hosts.
10 You make us turn back from the adversary; And
those who hate us take spoil for themselves.
11 You have made us like sheep appointed for food,
And have scattered us among the nations.
12 You sell your people for nothing, And have not
increased your wealth by their price.
13 You make us a reproach to our neighbors, A scoffing
and a derision to those who are all around us.
14 You make us a byword among the nations, A
shaking of the head among the peoples.
15 All the day long is my dishonor before me, And the
shame of my face has covered me,
16 For the voice of him who reproaches and
blasphemes, By reason of the enemy and the
avenger.
17 All this has come upon us; yet we have not forgotten
you, Nor have we dealt falsely in your covenant.
18 Our heart has not turned back, Nor have our steps
declined from your way,
19 That you have severely broken us in the place of
jackals, And covered us with the shadow of death.
20 If we have forgotten the name of our God, Or spread
forth our hands to a strange god;
21 Will not God search this out? For he knows the
secrets of the heart.
22 Yes, for your sake we are killed all the day long; We
are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.
23 Awake, why do you sleep, O Lord? Arise, do not cast
us off forever.
24 Why do you hide your face, And forget our affliction
and our oppression?
25 For our soul is bowed down to the dust: Our body
cleaves to the earth.
26 Rise up for our help, And redeem us for your
lovingkindness' sake.

Psalm 45

1 For the Chief Musician; set to Shoshannim. A Psalm
of the sons of Korah. Maschil. A Song of loves. My
heart overflows with a good matter; I speak the
things which I have made concerning the king: My
tongue is the pen of a ready writer.
2 You are fairer than the children of men; Grace is
poured into your lips: Therefore God has blessed
you forever.
3 Gird your sword upon your thigh, O mighty one,
Your glory and your majesty.
4 And in your majesty ride on prosperously, Because
of truth and meekness and righteousness: And
your right hand shall teach you awesome things.
5 Your arrows are sharp; The peoples fall under you;
They are in the heart of the king's enemies.
6 Your throne, O God, is forever and ever: A scepter of
equity is the scepter of your kingdom.
7 You have loved righteousness, and hated
wickedness: Therefore God, your God, has
anointed you With the oil of gladness above your
fellows.
8 All your garments smell of myrrh, and aloes, and
cassia; Out of ivory palaces stringed instruments
have made you glad.
9 Kings' daughters are among your honorable women:
At your right hand stands the queen in gold of
Ophir.
10 Listen, O daughter, and consider, and incline your
ear; Forget also your own people, and your father's
house:
11 So the king will desire your beauty; For he is your
lord; and bow down to him.
12 And the daughter of Tyre shall be there with a gift;
The rich among the people shall entreat your favor.
13 The king's daughter within the palace is all glorious:
Her clothing is interwoven with gold.
14 She shall be led to the king in embroidered work:
The virgins her companions who follow her Shall
be brought to you.
15 With gladness and rejoicing they shall be led: They
shall enter into the king's palace.

16 Instead of your fathers shall be your children,
Whom you shall make princes in all the earth.
17 I will make your name remembered in all
generations: Therefore the peoples shall give you
thanks forever and ever.

Psalm 46

1 For the Chief Musician. A Psalm of the sons of
Korah; set to Alamoth. A Song. God is our refuge
and strength, A very present help in trouble.
2 Therefore we will not fear, though the earth
changes, And though the mountains are shaken
into the heart of the seas;
3 Though its waters roar and are troubled, Though the
mountains tremble with its swelling. [Selah
4 There is a river, whose streams make glad the city of
God, The holy place of the tabernacles of the Most
High.
5 God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved:
God will help her, and that very early.
6 The nations raged, the kingdoms were moved: He
uttered his voice, the earth melted.
7 Yehovah of hosts is with us; The God of Jacob is our
refuge. [Selah
8 Come, behold the works of Yehovah, What
desolations he has made in the earth.
9 He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; He
breaks the bow, and cuts the spear in two; He burns
the chariots in the fire.
10 Be still, and know that I am God: I will be exalted
among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth.
11 Yehovah of hosts is with us; The God of Jacob is our
refuge. [Selah

Psalm 47

1 For the Chief Musician. A Psalm of the sons of
Korah. Oh clap your hands, all you peoples; Shout
to God with the voice of triumph.
2 For Yehovah Most High is awesome; He is a great
King over all the earth.
3 He subdues peoples under us, And nations under our
feet.
4 He chooses our inheritance for us, The glory of Jacob
whom he loved. [Selah
5 God has gone up with a shout, Yehovah with the
sound of a trumpet.
6 Sing praises to God, sing praises: Sing praises to our
King, sing praises.
7 For God is the King of all the earth: Sing praises with
understanding.
8 God reigns over the nations: God sits upon his holy
throne.
9 The princes of the peoples are gathered together To
be the people of the God of Abraham; For the
shields of the earth belong to God: He is greatly
exalted.

Psalm 48

1 A Song; a Psalm of the sons of Korah. Great is
Yehovah, and greatly to be praised, In the city of
our God, in his holy mountain.
2 Beautiful in elevation, the joy of the whole earth, Is
mount Zion, on the sides of the north, The city of
the great King.
3 God has made himself known in her palaces for a
refuge.
4 For, behold, the kings assembled themselves, They
passed by together.
5 They saw it, then they were amazed; They were
dismayed, they hurried away.
6 Trembling took hold of them there, Pain, as of a
woman in travail.
7 With the east wind You break the ships of Tarshish.
8 As we have heard, so we have seen In the city of
Yehovah of hosts, in the city of our God: God will
establish it forever. [Selah
9 We have thought on your lovingkindness, O God, In
the midst of your temple.
10 As is your name, O God, So is your praise to the ends
of the earth: Your right hand is full of
righteousness.
11 Let mount Zion be glad, Let the daughters of Judah
rejoice, Because of your judgments.
12 Walk about Zion, and go around her; Number its
towers;
13 Mark well her bulwarks; Consider her palaces: That
you may tell it to the generation following.
14 For this God is our God forever and ever: He will be
our guide even to death.

Psalm 49

1 For the Chief Musician. A Psalm of the sons of
Korah. Hear this, all you peoples; Give ear, all you
inhabitants of the world,
2 Both low and high, Rich and poor together.
3 My mouth shall speak wisdom; And the meditation
of my heart shall be of understanding.

4 I will incline my ear to a parable: I will open my dark
saying upon the harp.
5 Why should I fear in the days of evil, When iniquity
at my heels surrounds me?
6 Those who trust in their wealth, And boast
themselves in the multitude of their riches;
7 None of them can by any means redeem his brother,
Nor give to God a ransom for him
8 (For the redemption of their life is costly, And it fails
forever),
9 That he should still live always, That he should not
see corruption.
10 For he shall see it. Wise men die; The fool and the
brutish alike perish, And leave their wealth to
others.
11 Their inward thought is, that their houses shall
continue forever, And their dwelling places to all
generations; They call their lands after their own
names.
12 But man being in honor does not abide: He is like
the beasts that perish.
13 This their way is their folly: Yet after them men
approve their sayings. [Selah
14 They are appointed as a flock for Sheol; Death shall
be their shepherd: And the upright shall have
dominion over them in the morning; And their
beauty shall be for Sheol to consume, That there
may be no habitation for it.
15 But God will redeem my soul from the power of
Sheol; For he will receive me. [Selah
16 Do not be afraid when one is made rich, When the
glory of his house is increased:
17 For when he dies he shall carry nothing away; His
glory shall not descend after him.
18 Though while he lived he blessed his soul (And men
praise you, when you do well to yourself),
19 He shall go to the generation of his fathers; They
shall never see the light.
20 Man who is in honor, and does not understand, Is
like the beasts that perish.

Psalm 50

1 A Psalm of Asaph. The Mighty One, God, Yehovah,
has spoken, And called the earth from the rising of
the sun to its going down.
2 Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God has shone
forth.
3 Our God comes, and does not keep silence: A fire
devours before him, And it is very tempestuous all
around him.
4 He calls to the heavens above, And to the earth, that
he may judge his people:
5 Gather my saints together to me, Those who have
made a covenant with me by sacrifice.
6 And the heavens shall declare his righteousness; For
God is judge himself. [Selah
7 Hear, O my people, and I will speak; O Israel, and I
will testify to you: I am God, even your God.
8 I will not reprove you for your sacrifices; And your
burnt offerings are continually before me.
9 I will take no bull out of your house, Nor male goats
out of your folds.
10 For every beast of the forest is mine, And the cattle
upon a thousand hills.
11 I know all the birds of the mountains; And the wild
beasts of the field are mine.
12 If I were hungry, I would not tell you; For the world
is mine, and its fullness.
13 Will I eat the flesh of bulls, Or drink the blood of
goats?
14 Offer to God the sacrifice of thanksgiving; And pay
your vows to the Most High;
15 And call upon me in the day of trouble: I will deliver
you, and you shall glorify me.
16 But to the wicked God says, What right have you to
declare my statutes, And that you have taken my
covenant in your mouth,
17 Seeing that you hate instruction, And cast my words
behind you?
18 When you saw a thief, you consented with him, And
have been a partaker with adulterers.
19 You give your mouth to evil, And your tongue
frames deceit.
20 You sit and speak against your brother; You slander
your own mother's son.
21 These things you have done, and I kept silence; You
thought that I was altogether such a one as
yourself: But I will reprove you, and set them in
order before your eyes.
22 Now consider this, you who forget God, Lest I tear
you in pieces, and there be none to deliver:
23 Whoever offers the sacrifice of thanksgiving
glorifies me; And to him who orders his way rightly
I will show the salvation of God.

Psalm 51

[1]For the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David; when Nathan the prophet came to him, after he had gone in to Bath-sheba. Have mercy upon me, O God, according to your lovingkindness: According to the multitude of your tender mercies blot out my transgressions.

[2]Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, And cleanse me from my sin.

[3]For I know my transgressions; And my sin is ever before me.

[4]Against you, you only, I have sinned, And done that which is evil in your sight; That you may be justified when you speak, And be clear when you judge.

[5]Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity; And in sin my mother conceived me.

[6]Behold, you desire truth in the inward parts; And in the hidden part you will make me know wisdom.

[7]Purify me with hyssop, and I shall be clean: Wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

[8]Make me hear joy and gladness, That the bones which you have broken may rejoice.

[9]Hide your face from my sins, And blot out all my iniquities.

[10]Create in me a clean heart, O God; And renew a right spirit within me.

[11]Do not cast me away from your presence; And do not take your holy Spirit from me.

[12]Restore to me the joy of your salvation; And uphold me with a willing spirit.

[13]Then I will teach transgressors your ways; And sinners shall be converted to you.

[14]Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O God, you God of my salvation; And my tongue shall sing aloud of your righteousness.

[15]O Lord, open my lips; And my mouth shall declare your praise.

[16]For you do not delight in sacrifice; otherwise I would give it: You have no pleasure in burnt offering.

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

[18]Do good in your good pleasure to Zion: Build the walls of Jerusalem.

[19]Then you will delight in the sacrifices of righteousness, In burnt offering and whole burnt offering: Then they will offer bulls upon your altar.

Psalm 52

[1]For the Chief Musician. Maschil of David; when Doeg the Edomite came and told Saul, and said to him, David has come to the house of Ahimelech. Why do you boast yourself in mischief, O mighty man? The lovingkindness of God endures continually.

[2]Your tongue devises very wickedness, Like a sharp razor, working deceitfully.

[3]You love evil more than good, And lying rather than to speak righteousness. [Selah

[4]You love all devouring words, O you deceitful tongue.

[5]God will likewise destroy you forever; He will take you up, and pluck you out of your tent, And root you out of the land of the living. [Selah

[6]The righteous also shall see it, and fear, And shall laugh at him, saying,

[7]Behold, this is the man who did not make God his strength, But trusted in the abundance of his riches, And strengthened himself in his wickedness.

[8]But as for me, I am like a green olive tree in the house of God: I trust in the lovingkindness of God forever and ever.

[9]I will give you thanks forever, because you have done it; And I will hope in your name, for it is good, in the presence of your saints.

Psalm 53

[1]For the Chief Musician; set to Mahalath. Maschil of David. The fool has said in his heart, There is no God. Corrupt are they, and have done abominable iniquity; There is none who does good.

[2]God looked down from heaven upon the children of men, To see if there were any who understood, Who sought after God.

[3]Every one of them has gone back; together they have become filthy; There is none who does good, no, not one.

[4]Have the workers of iniquity no knowledge, Who eat up my people as they eat bread, And do not call upon God?

[5]There they were in great fear, where no fear was; For God has scattered the bones of him who encamps against you: You have put them to shame, because God has rejected them.

[6]Oh that the salvation of Israel would come out of Zion! When God brings back the captivity of his

people, Then Jacob shall rejoice, and Israel shall be glad.

Psalm 54

[1]For the Chief Musician; on stringed instruments. Maschil of David; when the Ziphites came and said to Saul, Does not David hide himself with us? Save me, O God, by your name, And judge me in your might.

[2]Hear my prayer, O God; Give ear to the words of my mouth.

[3]For strangers have risen up against me, And violent men have sought after my soul: They have not set God before them. [Selah

[4]Behold, God is my helper: The Lord is among those who uphold my soul.

[5]He will repay the evil to my enemies: Destroy them in your truth.

[6]With a freewill offering I will sacrifice to you: I will give thanks to your name, O Yehovah, for it is good.

[7]For he has delivered me out of all trouble; And my eye has seen my desire upon my enemies.

Psalm 55

[1]For the Chief Musician; on stringed instruments. Maschil of David. Give ear to my prayer, O God; And do not hide yourself from my supplication.

[2]Attend to me, and answer me: I am restless in my complaint, and moan,

[3]Because of the voice of the enemy, Because of the oppression of the wicked; For they cast iniquity upon me, And in anger they persecute me.

[4]My heart is severely pained within me: And the terrors of death have fallen upon me.

[5]Fearfulness and trembling have come upon me, And horror has overwhelmed me.

[6]And I said, Oh that I had wings like a dove! Then I would fly away, and be at rest.

[7]Behold, then I would wander far off, I would lodge in the wilderness. [Selah

[8]I would hasten to a shelter From the stormy wind and tempest.

[9]Destroy, O Lord, and divide their tongue; For I have seen violence and strife in the city.

[10]Day and night they go about it upon its walls: Iniquity also and mischief are in the midst of it.

[11]Wickedness is in its midst: Oppression and guile do not depart from its streets.

[12]For it was not an enemy who reproached me; Then I could have borne it: Nor was it he who hated me who magnified himself against me; Then I would have hidden myself from him:

[13]But it was you, a man my equal, My companion, and my familiar friend.

[14]We took sweet counsel together; We walked in the house of God with the throng.

[15]Let death come suddenly upon them, Let them go down alive into Sheol; For wickedness is in their dwelling, in the midst of them.

[16]As for me, I will call upon God; And Yehovah will save me.

[17]Evening, and morning, and at noonday, I will complain, and moan; And he will hear my voice.

[18]He has redeemed my soul in peace from the battle that was against me; For they were many who strove with me.

[19]God will hear, and answer them, Even he who abides of old, [Selah The men who have no changes, And who do not fear God.

[20]He has put forth his hands against such as were at peace with him: He has profaned his covenant.

[21]His mouth was smooth as butter, But his heart was war: His words were softer than oil, Yet they were drawn swords.

[22]Cast your burden upon Yehovah, and he will sustain you: He will never allow the righteous to be moved.

[23]But you, O God, will bring them down into the pit of destruction: Bloodthirsty and deceitful men shall not live out half their days; But I will trust in you.

Psalm 56

[1]For the Chief Musician; set to Jonath elem rehokim. A Psalm of David. Michtam; when the Philistines took him in Gath. Be merciful to me, O God; for man would swallow me up: All the day long he fighting oppresses me.

[2]My enemies would swallow me up all the day long; For they are many who fight proudly against me.

[3]When I am afraid, I will put my trust in you.

[4]In God (I will praise his word), In God I have put my trust, I will not be afraid; What can flesh do to me?

[5]All the day long they wrest my words: All their thoughts are against me for evil.

[6]They gather themselves together, they hide themselves, They mark my steps, Even as they have waited for my soul.

7 Shall they escape by iniquity? In anger cast down
the peoples, O God.
8 You number my wanderings: Put my tears into your
bottle; Are they not in your book?
9 Then my enemies shall turn back in the day that I
call: This I know, that God is for me.
10 In God (I will praise his word), In Yehovah (I will
praise his word),
11 In God I have put my trust, I will not be afraid;
What can man do to me?
12 Your vows are upon me, O God: I will render thank
offerings to you.
13 For you have delivered my soul from death: Have
you not delivered my feet from falling, That I may
walk before God In the light of the living?

Psalm 57

1 For the Chief Musician; set to Al-tashheth. A Psalm
of David. Michtam; when he fled from Saul, in the
cave. Be merciful to me, O God, be merciful to me;
For my soul takes refuge in you: Yes, in the shadow
of your wings I will take refuge, Until these
calamities have passed by.
2 I will cry to God Most High, To God who performs
all things for me.
3 He will send from heaven, and save me, When he
who would swallow me up reproaches; [Selah God
will send forth his lovingkindness and his truth.
4 My soul is among lions; I lie among those who are set
on fire, Even the sons of men, whose teeth are
spears and arrows, And their tongue a sharp
sword.
5 Be exalted, O God, above the heavens; Let your glory
be above all the earth.
6 They have prepared a net for my steps; My soul is
bowed down: They have dug a pit before me; They
have fallen into the midst of it themselves. [Selah
7 My heart is steadfast, O God, my heart is steadfast: I
will sing, yes, I will sing praises.
8 Awake, my glory; awake, psaltery and harp: I myself
will awake very early.
9 I will give thanks to you, O Lord, among the peoples:
I will sing praises to you among the nations.
10 For your lovingkindness is great to the heavens,
And your truth to the skies.
11 Be exalted, O God, above the heavens; Let your glory
be above all the earth.

Psalm 58

1 For the Chief Musician; set to Al-tashheth. A Psalm
of David. Michtam. Do you indeed in silence speak
righteousness? Do you judge uprightly, O you sons
of men?
2 No, in heart you work wickedness; You weigh out
the violence of your hands in the earth.
3 The wicked are estranged from the womb: They go
astray as soon as they are born, speaking lies.
4 Their poison is like the poison of a serpent: They are
like the deaf adder that stops her ear,
5 Which does not listen to the voice of charmers,
Charming ever so wisely.
6 Break their teeth, O God, in their mouth: Break out
the great teeth of the young lions, O Yehovah.
7 Let them melt away as water that runs off: When he
aims his arrows, let them be as though they were
cut off.
8 Let them be as a snail which melts and passes away,
Like the untimely birth of a woman, that has not
seen the sun.
9 Before your pots can feel the thorns, He will take
them away with a whirlwind, the green and the
burning alike.
10 The righteous shall rejoice when he sees the
vengeance: He shall wash his feet in the blood of
the wicked;
11 So that men shall say, Truly there is a reward for the
righteous: Truly there is a God who judges in the
earth.

Psalm 59

1 For the Chief Musician; set to Al-tashheth. A Psalm
of David. Michtam; when Saul sent, and they
watched the house to kill him. Deliver me from my
enemies, O my God: Set me on high from those
who rise up against me.
2 Deliver me from the workers of iniquity, And save
me from the bloodthirsty men.
3 For, behold, they lie in wait for my soul; The mighty
gather themselves together against me: Not for my
transgression, nor for my sin, O Yehovah.
4 They run and prepare themselves without my fault:
Awake to help me, and behold.
5 Even you, O Yehovah God of hosts, the God of Israel,
Arise to visit all the nations: Do not be merciful to
any wicked transgressors. [Selah
6 They return at evening, they howl like a dog, And go
around the city.

7 Behold, they belch out with their mouth; Swords are
in their lips: For who, they say, hears?
8 But you, O Yehovah, will laugh at them; You will
have all the nations in derision.
9 Because of his strength I will give heed to you; For
God is my high tower.
10 My God with his lovingkindness will meet me: God
will let me see my desire upon my enemies.
11 Do not slay them, lest my people forget: Scatter
them by your power, and bring them down, O Lord
our shield.
12 For the sin of their mouth, and the words of their
lips, Let them even be taken in their pride, And for
cursing and lying which they speak.
13 Consume them in wrath, consume them, so that
they shall be no more: And let them know that God
rules in Jacob, To the ends of the earth. [Selah
14 And at evening let them return, let them howl like a
dog, And go around the city.
15 They shall wander up and down for food, And tarry
all night if they are not satisfied.
16 But I will sing of your strength; Yes, I will sing aloud
of your lovingkindness in the morning: For you
have been my high tower, And a refuge in the day
of my distress.
17 To you, O my strength, I will sing praises: For God is
my high tower, the God of my mercy.

Psalm 60

1 For the Chief Musician; set to Shushan Eduth.
Michtam of David, to teach; when he strove with
Aram-naharaim and with Aram-zobah, and Joab
returned, and struck down twelve thousand of
Edom in the Valley of Salt. O God you have cast us
off, you have broken us down; You have been
angry; oh restore us again.
2 You have made the land tremble; you have torn it
open: Heal its breaches; for it shakes.
3 You have shown your people hard things: You have
made us drink the wine of staggering.
4 You have given a banner to those who fear you, That
it may be displayed because of the truth. [Selah
5 That your beloved may be delivered, Save with your
right hand, and answer us.
6 God has spoken in his holiness: I will exult; I will
divide Shechem, and measure out the valley of
Succoth.
7 Gilead is mine, and Manasseh is mine; Ephraim also
is the defense of my head; Judah is my scepter.
8 Moab is my washbasin; Upon Edom I will cast my
shoe: Philistia, shout because of me.
9 Who will bring me into the strong city? Who has led
me to Edom?
10 Have you not, O God, cast us off? And you do not go
forth, O God, with our hosts.
11 Give us help against the adversary; For vain is the
help of man.
12 Through God we shall do valiantly; For it is he who
will tread down our adversaries.

Psalm 61

1 For the Chief Musician; on a stringed instrument. A
Psalm of David. Hear my cry, O God; Attend to my
prayer.
2 From the end of the earth I will call to you, when my
heart is overwhelmed: Lead me to the rock that is
higher than I.
3 For you have been a refuge for me, A strong tower
from the enemy.
4 I will dwell in your tabernacle forever: I will take
refuge in the covert of your wings. [Selah
5 For you, O God, have heard my vows: You have given
me the heritage of those who fear your name.
6 You will prolong the king's life; His years shall be as
many generations.
7 He shall abide before God forever: Oh prepare
lovingkindness and truth, that they may preserve
him.
8 So I will sing praise to your name forever, That I may
daily perform my vows.

Psalm 62

1 For the Chief Musician; after the manner of
Jeduthun. A Psalm of David. My soul waits in
silence for God only: From him comes my
salvation.
2 He only is my rock and my salvation: He is my high
tower; I shall not be greatly moved.
3 How long will you attack a man, That you may slay
him, all of you, Like a leaning wall, like a tottering
fence?
4 They only consult to thrust him down from his
dignity; They delight in lies; They bless with their
mouth, but they curse inwardly. [Selah
5 My soul, wait in silence for God only; For my
expectation is from him.
6 He only is my rock and my salvation: He is my high
tower; I shall not be moved.

7 With God is my salvation and my glory: The rock of
my strength, and my refuge, is in God.
8 Trust in him at all times, you people; Pour out your
heart before him: God is a refuge for us. [Selah
9 Surely men of low degree are vanity, and men of
high degree are a lie: In the balances they will go
up; They are together lighter than vanity.
10 Do not trust in oppression, And do not become vain
in robbery: If riches increase, do not set your heart
on them.
11 God has spoken once, Twice I have heard this, That
power belongs to God.
12 Also to you, O Lord, belongs lovingkindness; For
you render to every man according to his work.

Psalm 63

1 A Psalm of David, when he was in the wilderness of
Judah. O God, you are my God; earnestly I will seek
you: My soul thirsts for you, my flesh longs for you,
In a dry and weary land, where no water is.
2 So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary, To see
your power and your glory.
3 Because your lovingkindness is better than life, My
lips shall praise you.
4 So I will bless you while I live: I will lift up my hands
in your name.
5 My soul shall be satisfied as with marrow and
fatness; And my mouth shall praise you with joyful
lips;
6 When I remember you upon my bed, And meditate
on you in the night watches.
7 For you have been my help, And in the shadow of
your wings I will rejoice.
8 My soul follows hard after you: Your right hand
upholds me.
9 But those who seek my soul, to destroy it, Shall go
into the lower parts of the earth.
10 They shall be given over to the power of the sword:
They shall be a portion for foxes.
11 But the king shall rejoice in God: Everyone who
swears by him shall glory; For the mouth of those
who speak lies shall be stopped.

Psalm 64

1 For the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David. Hear my
voice, O God, in my complaint: Preserve my life
from fear of the enemy.
2 Hide me from the secret counsel of evildoers, From
the tumult of the workers of iniquity;
3 Who have sharpened their tongue like a sword, And
have aimed their arrows, even bitter words,
4 That they may shoot in secret places at the perfect:
Suddenly they shoot at him, and do not fear.
5 They encourage themselves in an evil purpose; They
talk of laying snares secretly; They say, Who will
see them?
6 They search out iniquities; We have accomplished,
they say, a diligent search: And the inward thought
and the heart of everyone is deep.
7 But God will shoot at them; With an arrow suddenly
they shall be wounded.
8 So they shall be made to stumble, their own tongue
being against them: All who see them shall wag the
head.
9 And all men shall fear; And they shall declare the
work of God, And shall wisely consider his doing.
10 The righteous shall be glad in Yehovah, and shall
take refuge in him; And all the upright in heart
shall glory.

Psalm 65

1 For the Chief Musician. A Psalm. A Song of David.
Praise waits for you, O God, in Zion; And to you
shall the vow be performed.
2 O you who hear prayer, To you all flesh shall come.
3 Iniquities prevail against me: As for our
transgressions, you will forgive them.
4 Blessed is the man whom you choose, and cause to
approach you, That he may dwell in your courts:
We shall be satisfied with the goodness of your
house, Your holy temple.
5 By awesome things you will answer us in
righteousness, O God of our salvation, You who are
the confidence of all the ends of the earth, And of
those who are afar off upon the sea:
6 Who by his strength sets fast the mountains, Being
girded about with might;
7 Who stills the roaring of the seas, The roaring of
their waves, And the tumult of the peoples.
8 Those also who dwell in the uttermost parts are
afraid at your signs: You make the outgoings of the
morning and evening rejoice.
9 You visit the earth, and water it, You greatly enrich
it; The river of God is full of water: You provide
them grain, when you have so prepared the earth.
10 You water its furrows abundantly; You settle its
ridges: You make it soft with showers; You bless its
growth.

11 You crown the year with your goodness; And your
paths drop fatness.
12 They drop upon the pastures of the wilderness; And
the hills are girded with joy.
13 The pastures are clothed with flocks; The valleys
also are covered over with grain; They shout for
joy, they also sing.

Psalm 66

1 For the Chief Musician. A Song, a Psalm. Make a
joyful noise to God, all the earth:
2 Sing forth the glory of his name: Make his praise
glorious.
3 Say to God, How awesome are your works! Through
the greatness of your power your enemies shall
submit themselves to you.
4 All the earth shall worship you, And shall sing to
you; They shall sing to your name. [Selah
5 Come, and see the works of God; He is awesome in
his doing toward the children of men.
6 He turned the sea into dry land; They went through
the river on foot: There we rejoiced in him.
7 He rules by his might forever; His eyes observe the
nations: Do not let the rebellious exalt themselves.
[Selah
8 Oh bless our God, you peoples, And make the voice
of his praise heard;
9 Who holds our soul in life, And does not allow our
feet to be moved.
10 For you, O God, have proved us: You have tried us,
as silver is tried.
11 You brought us into the net; You laid a heavy burden
upon our loins.
12 You caused men to ride over our heads; We went
through fire and through water; But you brought
us out into a wealthy place.
13 I will come into your house with burnt offerings; I
will pay you my vows,
14 Which my lips uttered, And my mouth spoke, when
I was in distress.
15 I will offer to you burnt offerings of fatlings, With
the incense of rams; I will offer bulls with goats.
[Selah
16 Come, and hear, all you who fear God, And I will
declare what he has done for my soul.
17 I cried to him with my mouth, And he was extolled
with my tongue.
18 If I regard iniquity in my heart, The Lord will not
hear:
19 But truly God has heard; He has attended to the
voice of my prayer.
20 Blessed be God, Who has not turned away my
prayer, Nor his lovingkindness from me.

Psalm 67

1 For the Chief Musician; on stringed instruments. A
Psalm, a Song. May God be merciful to us, and bless
us, And cause his face to shine upon us; [Selah
2 That your way may be known upon earth, Your
salvation among all nations.
3 Let the peoples praise you, O God; Let all the peoples
praise you.
4 Oh let the nations be glad and sing for joy; For you
will judge the peoples with equity, And govern the
nations upon earth. [Selah
5 Let the peoples praise you, O God; Let all the peoples
praise you.
6 The earth has yielded its increase: God, even our
own God, will bless us.
7 God will bless us; And all the ends of the earth shall
fear him.

Psalm 68

1 For the Chief Musician; A Psalm of David, a Song.
Let God arise, let his enemies be scattered; Let
those also who hate him flee before him.
2 As smoke is driven away, so drive them away: As wax
melts before the fire, So let the wicked perish at the
presence of God.
3 But let the righteous be glad; let them exult before
God: Yes, let them rejoice with gladness.
4 Sing to God, sing praises to his name: Cast up a
highway for him who rides through the deserts;
His name is Yehovah; and exult before him.
5 A father of the fatherless, and a judge of the widows,
Is God in his holy habitation.
6 God sets the solitary in families: He brings out the
prisoners into prosperity; But the rebellious dwell
in a parched land.
7 O God, when you went forth before your people,
When you marched through the wilderness; [Selah
8 The earth trembled, The heavens also dropped rain
at the presence of God: Even Sinai trembled at the
presence of God, the God of Israel.
9 You, O God, sent a plentiful rain, You confirmed
your inheritance, when it was weary.
10 Your congregation dwelt in it: You, O God, prepared
of your goodness for the poor.

11 The Lord gives the word: The women who proclaim
the tidings are a great host.
12 Kings of armies flee, they flee; And she who stays at
home divides the spoil.
13 When you lie among the sheepfolds, It is as the
wings of a dove covered with silver, And her
pinions with yellow gold.
14 When the Almighty scattered kings there, It was as
when it snows in Zalmon.
15 A mountain of God is the mountain of Bashan; A
high mountain is the mountain of Bashan.
16 Why do you look askance, you high mountains, At
the mountain which God has desired for his abode?
Yes, Yehovah will dwell in it forever.
17 The chariots of God are twenty thousand, even
thousands upon thousands: The Lord is among
them, as in Sinai, in the sanctuary.
18 You have ascended on high, you have led away
captives; You have received gifts among men, Yes,
among the rebellious also, that Yehovah God might
dwell with them.
19 Blessed be the Lord, who daily bears our burden,
Even the God who is our salvation. [Selah
20 God is to us a God of deliverances; And to Yehovah
the Lord belongs escape from death.
21 But God will strike through the head of his enemies,
The hairy scalp of such a one as goes on still in his
guiltiness.
22 The Lord said, I will bring again from Bashan, I will
bring them again from the depths of the sea;
23 That you may crush them, dipping your foot in
blood, That the tongue of your dogs may have its
portion from your enemies.
24 They have seen your goings, O God, Even the goings
of my God, my King, into the sanctuary.
25 The singers went before, the musicians followed
after, In the midst of the young women playing
with tambourines.
26 Bless God in the congregations, Even the Lord, you
who are of the fountain of Israel.
27 There is little Benjamin their ruler, The princes of
Judah and their council, The princes of Zebulun,
the princes of Naphtali.
28 Your God has commanded your strength:
Strengthen, O God, that which you have worked
for us.
29 Because of your temple at Jerusalem Kings shall
bring presents to you.
30 Rebuke the wild beast of the reeds, The multitude of
the bulls, with the calves of the peoples, Trampling
underfoot the pieces of silver: He has scattered the
peoples who delight in war.
31 Princes shall come out of Egypt; Ethiopia shall
hasten to stretch out her hands to God.
32 Sing to God, you kingdoms of the earth; Oh sing
praises to the Lord; [Selah
33 To him who rides upon the heaven of heavens,
which are of old; Behold, he utters his voice, a
mighty voice.
34 Ascribe strength to God: His excellency is over
Israel, And his strength is in the skies.
35 O God, you are awesome out of your holy places: The
God of Israel, he gives strength and power to his
people. Blessed be God.

Psalm 69

1 For the Chief Musician; set to Shoshannim. A Psalm
of David. Save me, O God; For the waters have
come in to my soul.
2 I sink in deep mire, where there is no standing: I
have come into deep waters, where the floods
overflow me.
3 I am weary with my crying; my throat is dried: My
eyes fail while I wait for my God.
4 Those who hate me without a cause are more than
the hairs of my head: Those who would cut me off,
being my enemies wrongfully, are mighty: That
which I did not take away I have to restore.
5 O God, you know my foolishness; And my sins are
not hidden from you.
6 Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame
through me, O Lord Yehovah of hosts: Do not let
those who seek you be brought to dishonor
through me, O God of Israel.
7 Because for your sake I have borne reproach; Shame
has covered my face.
8 I have become a stranger to my brothers, And an
alien to my mother's children.
9 For the zeal of your house has eaten me up; And the
reproaches of those who reproach you have fallen
upon me.
10 When I wept, and chastened my soul with fasting,
That was to my reproach.
11 When I made sackcloth my clothing, I became a
byword to them.
12 Those who sit in the gate talk of me; And I am the
song of the drunkards.

13 But as for me, my prayer is to you, O Yehovah, in an
acceptable time: O God, in the abundance of your
lovingkindness, Answer me in the truth of your
salvation.
14 Deliver me out of the mire, and do not let me sink:
Let me be delivered from those who hate me, and
out of the deep waters.
15 Do not let the floodwater overwhelm me, Nor let the
deep swallow me up; And do not let the pit shut its
mouth upon me.
16 Answer me, O Yehovah; for your lovingkindness is
good: According to the multitude of your tender
mercies turn to me.
17 And do not hide your face from your servant; For I
am in distress; answer me speedily.
18 Draw near to my soul, and redeem it: Ransom me
because of my enemies.
19 You know my reproach, and my shame, and my
dishonor: My adversaries are all before you.
20 Reproach has broken my heart; and I am full of
heaviness: And I looked for some to take pity, but
there was none; And for comforters, but I found
none.
21 They gave me also gall for my food; And in my thirst
they gave me vinegar to drink.
22 Let their table before them become a snare; And
when they are in peace, let it become a trap.
23 Let their eyes be darkened, so that they cannot see;
And make their loins continually shake.
24 Pour out your indignation upon them, And let the
fierceness of your anger overtake them.
25 Let their habitation be desolate; Let none dwell in
their tents.
26 For they persecute him whom you have struck; And
they tell of the sorrow of those whom you have
wounded.
27 Add iniquity to their iniquity; And do not let them
come into your righteousness.
28 Let them be blotted out of the book of life, And not
be written with the righteous.
29 But I am poor and sorrowful: Let your salvation, O
God, set me up on high.
30 I will praise the name of God with a song, And will
magnify him with thanksgiving.
31 And it will please Yehovah better than an ox, Or a
bull that has horns and hoofs.
32 The meek have seen it, and are glad: You who seek
after God, let your heart live.
33 For Yehovah hears the needy, And does not despise
his prisoners.
34 Let heaven and earth praise him, The seas, and
everything that moves in them.
35 For God will save Zion, and build the cities of
Judah; And they shall abide there, and have it in
possession.
36 The seed also of his servants shall inherit it; And
those who love his name shall dwell in it.

Psalm 70

1 For the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David; to bring to
remembrance. Make haste, O God, to deliver me;
Make haste to help me, O Yehovah.
2 Let them be put to shame and confounded Who seek
after my soul: Let them be turned backward and
brought to dishonor Who delight in my hurt.
3 Let them be turned back by reason of their shame
Who say, Aha, aha.
4 Let all those who seek you rejoice and be glad in you;
And let such as love your salvation say continually,
Let God be magnified.
5 But I am poor and needy; Make haste to me, O God:
You are my help and my deliverer; O Yehovah, do
not delay.

Psalm 71

1 In you, O Yehovah, I take refuge: Let me never be put
to shame.
2 Deliver me in your righteousness, and rescue me:
Bow down your ear to me, and save me.
3 Be to me a rock of habitation, to which I may
continually resort: You have given commandment
to save me; For you are my rock and my fortress.
4 Rescue me, O my God, out of the hand of the wicked,
Out of the hand of the unrighteous and cruel man.
5 For you are my hope, O Lord Yehovah: You are my
trust from my youth.
6 By you I have been held up from the womb; You are
he who took me out of my mother's womb: My
praise shall be continually of you.
7 I am as a wonder to many; But you are my strong
refuge.
8 My mouth shall be filled with your praise, And with
your honor all the day.
9 Do not cast me off in the time of old age; Do not
forsake me when my strength fails.
10 For my enemies speak concerning me; And those
who watch for my soul take counsel together,

11 Saying, God has forsaken him: Pursue and take him;
for there is none to deliver.
12 O God, do not be far from me; O my God, make
haste to help me.
13 Let them be put to shame and consumed who are
adversaries to my soul; Let them be covered with
reproach and dishonor who seek my hurt.
14 But I will hope continually, And will praise you yet
more and more.
15 My mouth shall tell of your righteousness, And of
your salvation all the day; For I do not know their
numbers.
16 I will come with the mighty acts of the Lord
Yehovah: I will make mention of your
righteousness, even of yours only.
17 O God, you have taught me from my youth; And
until now I have declared your wondrous works.
18 Yes, even when I am old and gray-headed, O God, do
not forsake me, Until I have declared your strength
to the next generation, Your might to everyone
who is to come.
19 Your righteousness also, O God, is very high; You
who have done great things, O God, who is like
you?
20 You, who have shown us many and severe troubles,
Will revive us again, And will bring us up again
from the depths of the earth.
21 Increase my greatness, And turn again and comfort
me.
22 I will also praise you with the psaltery, Even your
truth, O my God: To you I will sing praises with the
harp, O you Holy One of Israel.
23 My lips shall shout for joy when I sing praises to
you; And my soul, which you have redeemed.
24 My tongue also shall talk of your righteousness all
the day long; For they are put to shame, for they are
confounded, who seek my hurt.

Psalm 72

1 A Psalm of Solomon. Give the king your judgments,
O God, And your righteousness to the king's son.
2 He will judge your people with righteousness, And
your poor with justice.
3 The mountains shall bring peace to the people, And
the hills, in righteousness.
4 He will judge the poor of the people, He will save the
children of the needy, And will break in pieces the
oppressor.
5 They shall fear you while the sun endures, And so
long as the moon, throughout all generations.
6 He will come down like rain upon the mown grass,
As showers that water the earth.
7 In his days the righteous shall flourish, And
abundance of peace, till the moon is no more.
8 He shall have dominion also from sea to sea, And
from the River to the ends of the earth.
9 Those who dwell in the wilderness shall bow before
him; And his enemies shall lick the dust.
10 The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall render
tribute: The kings of Sheba and Seba shall offer
gifts.
11 Yes, all kings shall fall down before him; All nations
shall serve him.
12 For he will deliver the needy when he cries, And the
poor, who has no helper.
13 He will have pity on the poor and needy, And the
souls of the needy he will save.
14 He will redeem their soul from oppression and
violence; And precious will their blood be in his
sight:
15 And they shall live; and to him shall be given of the
gold of Sheba: And men shall pray for him
continually; They shall bless him all the day long.
16 There shall be abundance of grain in the earth upon
the top of the mountains; Its fruit shall shake like
Lebanon: And those of the city shall flourish like
grass of the earth.
17 His name shall endure forever; His name shall be
continued as long as the sun: And men shall be
blessed in him; All nations shall call him happy.
18 Blessed be Yehovah God, the God of Israel, Who
only does wondrous things:
19 And blessed be his glorious name forever; And let
the whole earth be filled with his glory. Amen, and
Amen.
20 The prayers of David the son of Jesse are ended.

Psalm 73

1 A Psalm of Asaph. Surely God is good to Israel, Even
to such as are pure in heart.
2 But as for me, my feet were almost gone; My steps
had nearly slipped.
3 For I was envious at the arrogant, When I saw the
prosperity of the wicked.
4 For there are no pangs in their death; But their
strength is firm.

5 They are not in trouble as other men; Nor are they
plagued like other men.
6 Therefore pride is as a chain about their neck;
Violence covers them as a garment.
7 Their eyes stand out with fatness: They have more
than heart could wish.
8 They scoff, and in wickedness utter oppression: They
speak loftily.
9 They have set their mouth in the heavens, And their
tongue walks through the earth.
10 Therefore his people return here: And waters of a
full cup are drained by them.
11 And they say, How does God know? And is there
knowledge in the Most High?
12 Behold, these are the wicked; And, being always at
ease, they increase in riches.
13 Surely in vain I have cleansed my heart, And
washed my hands in innocence;
14 For all the day long I have been plagued, And
chastened every morning.
15 If I had said, I will speak thus; Behold, I would have
dealt treacherously with the generation of your
children.
16 When I thought how I might know this, It was too
painful for me;
17 Until I went into the sanctuary of God, And
considered their latter end.
18 Surely you set them in slippery places: You cast
them down to destruction.
19 How they have become a desolation in a moment!
They are utterly consumed with terrors.
20 As a dream when one awakes, So, O Lord, when you
awake, you will despise their image.
21 For my soul was grieved, And I was pricked in my
heart:
22 So brutish was I, and ignorant; I was as a beast
before you.
23 Nevertheless I am continually with you: You have
held my right hand.
24 You will guide me with your counsel, And afterward
receive me to glory.
25 Whom have I in heaven but you? And there is none
upon earth whom I desire besides you.
26 My flesh and my heart fail; But God is the strength
of my heart and my portion forever.
27 For, behold, those who are far from you shall
perish: You have destroyed all those who play the
prostitute, departing from you.
28 But it is good for me to draw near to God: I have
made the Lord Yehovah my refuge, That I may tell
of all your works.

Psalm 74

1 Maschil of Asaph. O God, why have you cast us off
forever? Why does your anger smoke against the
sheep of your pasture?
2 Remember your congregation, which you have
acquired of old, Which you have redeemed to be
the tribe of your inheritance; And mount Zion,
where you have dwelt.
3 Lift up your feet to the perpetual ruins, All the evil
that the enemy has done in the sanctuary.
4 Your adversaries have roared in the midst of your
assembly; They have set up their ensigns for signs.
5 They seemed as men who lifted up Axes upon a
thicket of trees.
6 And now all its carved work They break down with
hatchet and hammers.
7 They have set your sanctuary on fire; They have
profaned the dwelling place of your name by
casting it to the ground.
8 They said in their heart, Let us make havoc of them
altogether: They have burned up all the synagogues
of God in the land.
9 We do not see our signs: There is no longer any
prophet; Nor is there among us any who knows
how long.
10 How long, O God, shall the adversary reproach?
Shall the enemy blaspheme your name forever?
11 Why do you draw back your hand, even your right
hand? Pluck it out of your bosom and consume
them.
12 Yet God is my King of old, Working salvation in the
midst of the earth.
13 You divided the sea by your strength: You broke the
heads of the sea monsters in the waters.
14 You broke the heads of leviathan in pieces; You gave
him to be food to the people inhabiting the
wilderness.
15 You split open fountain and flood: You dried up
mighty rivers.
16 The day is yours, the night also is yours: You have
prepared the light and the sun.
17 You have set all the borders of the earth: You have
made summer and winter.
18 Remember this, that the enemy has reproached, O
Yehovah, And that a foolish people has blasphemed

your name.
19 Oh do not deliver the soul of your turtledove to the
wild beast: Do not forget the life of your poor
forever.
20 Have respect to the covenant; For the dark places of
the earth are full of the habitations of violence.
21 Oh do not let the oppressed return ashamed: Let the
poor and needy praise your name.
22 Arise, O God, plead your own cause: Remember
how the foolish man reproaches you all the day.
23 Do not forget the voice of your adversaries: The
tumult of those who rise up against you ascends
continually.

Psalm 75

1 For the Chief Musician; set to Al-tashheth. A Psalm
of Asaph, a Song. We give thanks to you, O God; We
give thanks, for your name is near: Men tell of your
wondrous works.
2 When I shall find the set time, I will judge uprightly.
3 The earth and all its inhabitants are dissolved: I have
set up its pillars. [Selah
4 I said to the arrogant, Do not deal arrogantly; And to
the wicked, Do not lift up the horn:
5 Do not lift up your horn on high; Do not speak with a
stiff neck.
6 For neither from the east, nor from the west, Nor yet
from the south, comes lifting up.
7 But God is the judge: He puts down one, and lifts up
another.
8 For in the hand of Yehovah there is a cup, and the
wine foams; It is full of mixture, and he pours out
of it: Surely its dregs, all the wicked of the earth
shall drain them, and drink them.
9 But I will declare forever, I will sing praises to the
God of Jacob.
10 All the horns of the wicked also I will cut off; But
the horns of the righteous shall be lifted up.

Psalm 76

1 For the Chief Musician; on stringed instruments. A
Psalm of Asaph, a Song. In Judah is God known:
His name is great in Israel.
2 In Salem also is his tabernacle, And his dwelling
place in Zion.
3 There he broke the arrows of the bow; The shield,
and the sword, and the battle. [Selah
4 Glorious are you and excellent, From the mountains
of prey.
5 The stouthearted are made a spoil, They have slept
their sleep; And none of the men of might have
found their hands.
6 At your rebuke, O God of Jacob, Both chariot and
horse are cast into a dead sleep.
7 You, even you, are to be feared; And who may stand
in your sight when once you are angry?
8 You caused sentence to be heard from heaven; The
earth feared, and was still,
9 When God arose to judgment, To save all the meek
of the earth. [Selah
10 Surely the wrath of man shall praise you: The
residue of wrath you shall gird upon yourself.
11 Vow, and pay to Yehovah your God: Let all who are
around him bring presents to him who ought to be
feared.
12 He will cut off the spirit of princes: He is awesome
to the kings of the earth.

Psalm 77

1 For the Chief Musician; after the manner of
Jeduthun. A Psalm of Asaph. I will cry to God with
my voice, Even to God with my voice; and he will
give ear to me.
2 In the day of my trouble I sought the Lord: My hand
was stretched out in the night, and did not slacken;
My soul refused to be comforted.
3 I remember God, and am disquieted: I complain,
and my spirit is overwhelmed. [Selah
4 You hold my eyes watching: I am so troubled that I
cannot speak.
5 I have considered the days of old, The years of
ancient times.
6 I call to remembrance my song in the night: I
commune with my own heart; And my spirit makes
diligent search.
7 Will the Lord cast off forever? And will he be
favorable no more?
8 Is his lovingkindness completely gone forever? Does
his promise fail forevermore?
9 Has God forgotten to be gracious? Has he in anger
shut up his tender mercies? [Selah
10 And I said, This is my infirmity; But I will remember
the years of the right hand of the Most High.
11 I will make mention of the deeds of Yehovah; For I
will remember your wonders of old.
12 I will meditate also upon all your work, And muse
on your doings.

13 Your way, O God, is in the sanctuary: Who is a great
god like God?
14 You are the God who does wonders: You have made
known your strength among the peoples.
15 You have with your arm redeemed your people, The
sons of Jacob and Joseph. [Selah
16 The waters saw you, O God; The waters saw you,
they were afraid: The depths also trembled.
17 The clouds poured out water; The skies sent out a
sound: Your arrows also went abroad.
18 The voice of your thunder was in the whirlwind;
The lightnings lit up the world: The earth trembled
and shook.
19 Your way was in the sea, And your paths in the great
waters, And your footsteps were not known.
20 You led your people like a flock, By the hand of
Moses and Aaron.

Psalm 78

1 Maschil of Asaph. Give ear, O my people, to my law:
Incline your ears to the words of my mouth.
2 I will open my mouth in a parable; I will utter dark
sayings of old,
3 Which we have heard and known, And our fathers
have told us.
4 We will not hide them from their children, Telling
to the generation to come the praises of Yehovah,
And his strength, and his wondrous works that he
has done.
5 For he established a testimony in Jacob, And
appointed a law in Israel, Which he commanded
our fathers, That they should make them known to
their children;
6 That the generation to come might know them, even
the children who should be born; Who should arise
and tell them to their children,
7 That they might set their hope in God, And not
forget the works of God, But keep his
commandments,
8 And might not be as their fathers, A stubborn and
rebellious generation, A generation that did not set
their heart aright, And whose spirit was not
steadfast with God.
9 The children of Ephraim, being armed and carrying
bows, Turned back in the day of battle.
10 They did not keep the covenant of God, And refused
to walk in his law;
11 And they forgot his doings, And his wondrous
works that he had shown them.
12 Marvelous things he did in the sight of their fathers,
In the land of Egypt, in the field of Zoan.
13 He split the sea, and caused them to pass through;
And he made the waters stand as a heap.
14 In the daytime also he led them with a cloud, And
all the night with a light of fire.
15 He split rocks in the wilderness, And gave them
drink abundantly as out of the depths.
16 He brought streams also out of the rock, And caused
waters to run down like rivers.
17 Yet they went on still to sin against him, To rebel
against the Most High in the desert.
18 And they tempted God in their heart By asking food
according to their desire.
19 Yes, they spoke against God; They said, Can God
prepare a table in the wilderness?
20 Behold, he struck the rock, so that waters gushed
out, And streams overflowed; Can he give bread
also? Will he provide flesh for his people?
21 Therefore Yehovah heard, and was angry; And a fire
was kindled against Jacob, And anger also went up
against Israel;
22 Because they did not believe in God, And did not
trust in his salvation.
23 Yet he commanded the skies above, And opened the
doors of heaven;
24 And he rained down manna upon them to eat, And
gave them food from heaven.
25 Man ate the bread of the mighty: He sent them food
to the full.
26 He caused the east wind to blow in the heavens; And
by his power he guided the south wind.
27 He rained flesh also upon them as the dust, And
winged birds as the sand of the seas:
28 And he let it fall in the midst of their camp, All
around their habitations.
29 So they ate, and were well filled; And he gave them
their own desire.
30 They were not estranged from that which they
desired, Their food was yet in their mouths,
31 When the anger of God went up against them, And
slew some of the fattest of them, And struck down
the young men of Israel.
32 For all this they sinned still, And did not believe in
his wondrous works.
33 Therefore their days he consumed in vanity, And
their years in terror.

34 When he slew them, then they inquired after him;
And they returned and sought God earnestly.
35 And they remembered that God was their rock, And
the Most High God their redeemer.
36 But they flattered him with their mouth, And lied
to him with their tongue.
37 For their heart was not right with him, Nor were
they faithful in his covenant.
38 But he, being merciful, forgave their iniquity, and
did not destroy them: Yes, many a time he turned
his anger away, And did not stir up all his wrath.
39 And he remembered that they were but flesh, A
wind that passes away, and does not come again.
40 How often did they rebel against him in the
wilderness, And grieve him in the desert!
41 And they turned again and tempted God, And
provoked the Holy One of Israel.
42 They did not remember his hand, Nor the day when
he redeemed them from the adversary;
43 How he set his signs in Egypt, And his wonders in
the field of Zoan,
44 And turned their rivers into blood, And their
streams, so that they could not drink.
45 He sent among them swarms of flies, which
devoured them; And frogs, which destroyed them.
46 He gave also their increase to the caterpillar, And
their labor to the locust.
47 He destroyed their vines with hail, And their
sycamore trees with frost.
48 He gave over their cattle also to the hail, And their
flocks to hot thunderbolts.
49 He cast upon them the fierceness of his anger,
Wrath, and indignation, and trouble, A band of
angels of evil.
50 He made a path for his anger; He did not spare their
soul from death, But gave their life over to the
pestilence,
51 And struck all the firstborn in Egypt, The chief of
their strength in the tents of Ham.
52 But he led forth his own people like sheep, And
guided them in the wilderness like a flock.
53 And he led them safely, so that they did not fear; But
the sea overwhelmed their enemies.
54 And he brought them to the border of his sanctuary,
To this mountain, which his right hand had
acquired.
55 He drove out the nations also before them, And
allotted them for an inheritance by line, And made
the tribes of Israel dwell in their tents.
56 Yet they tempted and rebelled against the Most
High God, And did not keep his testimonies;
57 But turned back, and dealt treacherously like their
fathers: They were turned aside like a deceitful
bow.
58 For they provoked him to anger with their high
places, And moved him to jealousy with their
graven images.
59 When God heard this, he was angry, And greatly
abhorred Israel;
60 So that he forsook the tabernacle of Shiloh, The tent
which he placed among men;
61 And delivered his strength into captivity, And his
glory into the adversary's hand.
62 He gave his people over also to the sword, And was
angry with his inheritance.
63 Fire devoured their young men; And their virgins
had no marriage song.
64 Their priests fell by the sword; And their widows
made no lamentation.
65 Then the Lord awoke as one out of sleep, Like a
mighty man who shouts by reason of wine.
66 And he struck his adversaries backward: He put
them to a perpetual reproach.
67 Moreover he rejected the tent of Joseph, And did
not choose the tribe of Ephraim,
68 But chose the tribe of Judah, The mount Zion which
he loved.
69 And he built his sanctuary like the heights, Like the
earth which he has established forever.
70 He chose David also his servant, And took him from
the sheepfolds:
71 From following the ewes that have their young he
brought him, To be the shepherd of Jacob his
people, and Israel his inheritance.
72 So he was their shepherd according to the integrity
of his heart, And guided them by the skillfulness of
his hands.

Psalm 79

1 A Psalm of Asaph. O God, the nations have come into
your inheritance; Your holy temple they have
defiled; They have laid Jerusalem in heaps.
2 The dead bodies of your servants they have given to
be food to the birds of the heavens, The flesh of
your saints to the beasts of the earth.
3 Their blood they have shed like water all around
Jerusalem; And there was none to bury them.

4 We have become a reproach to our neighbors, A scoffing and derision to those who are around us.
5 How long, O Yehovah? will you be angry forever? Shall your jealousy burn like fire?
6 Pour out your wrath upon the nations that do not know you, And upon the kingdoms that do not call upon your name.
7 For they have devoured Jacob, And laid waste his habitation.
8 Do not remember against us the iniquities of our forefathers: Let your tender mercies speedily meet us; For we are brought very low.
9 Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of your name; And deliver us, and forgive our sins, for your name's sake.
10 Why should the nations say, Where is their God? Let the avenging of the blood of your servants which is shed Be known among the nations in our sight.
11 Let the sighing of the prisoner come before you: According to the greatness of your power preserve those who are appointed to death;
12 And render to our neighbors sevenfold into their bosom Their reproach, with which they have reproached you, O Lord.
13 So we your people and sheep of your pasture Will give you thanks forever: We will declare your praise to all generations.

Psalm 80

1 For the Chief Musician; set to Shoshannim Eduth. A Psalm of Asaph. Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, You who lead Joseph like a flock; You who sit above the cherubim, shine forth.
2 Before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh, stir up your might, And come to save us.
3 Turn us again, O God; And cause your face to shine, and we shall be saved.
4 O Yehovah God of hosts, How long will you be angry against the prayer of your people?
5 You have fed them with the bread of tears, And given them tears to drink in large measure.
6 You make us a strife to our neighbors; And our enemies laugh among themselves.
7 Turn us again, O God of hosts; And cause your face to shine, and we shall be saved.
8 You brought a vine out of Egypt: You drove out the nations, and planted it.
9 You prepared room before it, And it took deep root, and filled the land.
10 The mountains were covered with its shadow, And its boughs were like cedars of God.
11 It sent out its branches to the sea, And its shoots to the River.
12 Why have you broken down its walls, So that all those who pass by the way pluck it?
13 The boar out of the wood ravages it, And the wild beasts of the field feed on it.
14 Turn again, we beseech you, O God of hosts: Look down from heaven, and behold, and visit this vine,
15 And the stock which your right hand planted, And the branch that you made strong for yourself.
16 It is burned with fire, it is cut down: They perish at the rebuke of your countenance.
17 Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, Upon the son of man whom you made strong for yourself.
18 So we shall not go back from you: Revive us, and we will call upon your name.
19 Turn us again, O Yehovah God of hosts; Cause your face to shine, and we shall be saved.

Psalm 81

1 For the Chief Musician; set to the Gittith. A Psalm of Asaph. Sing aloud to God our strength: Make a joyful noise to the God of Jacob.
2 Raise a song, and bring here the tambourine, The pleasant harp with the psaltery.
3 Blow the trumpet at the new moon, At the full moon, on our feast day.
4 For it is a statute for Israel, An ordinance of the God of Jacob.
5 He appointed it in Joseph for a testimony, When he went out over the land of Egypt, Where I heard a language that I did not know.
6 I removed his shoulder from the burden: His hands were freed from the basket.
7 You called in trouble, and I delivered you; I answered you in the secret place of thunder; I proved you at the waters of Meribah. [Selah
8 Hear, O my people, and I will testify to you: O Israel, if you would listen to me!
9 There shall be no strange god in you; Nor shall you bow down to any foreign god.
10 I am Yehovah your God, Who brought you up out of the land of Egypt: Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it.

11 But my people did not listen to my voice; And Israel would have none of me.
12 So I let them go after the stubbornness of their heart, That they might walk in their own counsels.
13 Oh that my people would listen to me, That Israel would walk in my ways!
14 I would soon subdue their enemies, And turn my hand against their adversaries.
15 The haters of Yehovah would submit themselves to him: But their time would endure forever.
16 He would feed them also with the finest of the wheat; And with honey out of the rock I would satisfy you.

Psalm 82

1 A Psalm of Asaph. God stands in the congregation of God; He judges among the gods.
2 How long will you judge unjustly, And respect the persons of the wicked? [Selah
3 Judge the poor and fatherless: Do justice to the afflicted and destitute.
4 Rescue the poor and needy: Deliver them out of the hand of the wicked.
5 They do not know, nor do they understand; They walk to and fro in darkness: All the foundations of the earth are shaken.
6 I said, You are gods, And all of you sons of the Most High.
7 Nevertheless you shall die like men, And fall like one of the princes.
8 Arise, O God, judge the earth; For you shall inherit all the nations.

Psalm 83

1 A Song, a Psalm of Asaph. O God, do not keep silent: Do not hold your peace, and do not be still, O God.
2 For, behold, your enemies make a tumult; And those who hate you have lifted up the head.
3 They take crafty counsel against your people, And consult together against your hidden ones.
4 They have said, Come, and let us cut them off from being a nation; That the name of Israel may be no more in remembrance.
5 For they have consulted together with one consent; Against you they make a covenant:
6 The tents of Edom and the Ishmaelites; Moab, and the Hagarenes;
7 Gebal, and Ammon, and Amalek; Philistia with the inhabitants of Tyre:
8 Assyria also is joined with them; They have helped the children of Lot. [Selah
9 Do to them as to Midian, As to Sisera, as to Jabin, at the river Kishon;
10 Who perished at Endor, Who became as dung for the earth.
11 Make their nobles like Oreb and Zeeb; Yes, all their princes like Zebah and Zalmunna;
12 Who said, Let us take to ourselves in possession The habitations of God.
13 O my God, make them like the whirling dust; As stubble before the wind.
14 As the fire that burns the forest, And as the flame that sets the mountains on fire,
15 So pursue them with your tempest, And terrify them with your storm.
16 Fill their faces with confusion, That they may seek your name, O Yehovah.
17 Let them be put to shame and dismayed forever; Yes, let them be confounded and perish;
18 That they may know that you alone, whose name is Yehovah, Are the Most High over all the earth.

Psalm 84

1 For the Chief Musician; set to the Gittith. A Psalm of the sons of Korah. How lovely are your tabernacles, O Yehovah of hosts!
2 My soul longs, yes, even faints for the courts of Yehovah; My heart and my flesh cry out to the living God.
3 Yes, the sparrow has found a house, And the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, Even your altars, O Yehovah of hosts, My King, and my God.
4 Blessed are those who dwell in your house: They will be still praising you. [Selah
5 Blessed is the man whose strength is in you; In whose heart are the highways to Zion.
6 Passing through the valley of Weeping they make it a place of springs; Yes, the early rain covers it with blessings.
7 They go from strength to strength; Every one of them appears before God in Zion.
8 O Yehovah God of hosts, hear my prayer; Give ear, O God of Jacob. [Selah
9 Behold, O God our shield, And look upon the face of your anointed.
10 For a day in your courts is better than a thousand. I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my

God, Than dwell in the tents of wickedness.
11 For Yehovah God is a sun and a shield: Yehovah will
give grace and glory; No good thing will he
withhold from those who walk uprightly.
12 O Yehovah of hosts, Blessed is the man who trusts in
you.

Psalm 85

1 For the Chief Musician. A Psalm of the sons of
Korah. Yehovah, you have been favorable to your
land; You have brought back the captivity of Jacob.
2 You have forgiven the iniquity of your people; You
have covered all their sin. [Selah
3 You have taken away all your wrath; You have
turned yourself from the fierceness of your anger.
4 Turn us, O God of our salvation, And cause your
indignation toward us to cease.
5 Will you be angry with us forever? Will you draw
out your anger to all generations?
6 Will you not revive us again, That your people may
rejoice in you?
7 Show us your lovingkindness, O Yehovah, And grant
us your salvation.
8 I will hear what God Yehovah will speak; For he will
speak peace to his people, and to his saints: But do
not let them turn again to folly.
9 Surely his salvation is near to those who fear him,
That glory may dwell in our land.
10 Mercy and truth have met together; Righteousness
and peace have kissed each other.
11 Truth springs out of the earth; And righteousness
has looked down from heaven.
12 Yes, Yehovah will give that which is good; And our
land shall yield its increase.
13 Righteousness shall go before him, And shall make
his footsteps a way to walk in.

Psalm 86

1 A Prayer of David. Bow down your ear, O Yehovah,
and answer me; For I am poor and needy.
2 Preserve my soul; for I am godly: O you my God, save
your servant who trusts in you.
3 Be merciful to me, O Lord; For to you I cry all the day
long.
4 Rejoice the soul of your servant; For to you, O Lord, I
lift up my soul.
5 For you, Lord, are good, and ready to forgive, And
abundant in lovingkindness to all those who call
upon you.
6 Give ear, O Yehovah, to my prayer; And listen to the
voice of my supplications.
7 In the day of my trouble I will call upon you; For you
will answer me.
8 There is none like you among the gods, O Lord; Nor
are there any works like your works.
9 All nations whom you have made shall come and
worship before you, O Lord; And they shall glorify
your name.
10 For you are great, and do wondrous things: You are
God alone.
11 Teach me your way, O Yehovah; I will walk in your
truth: Unite my heart to fear your name.
12 I will praise you, O Lord my God, with my whole
heart; And I will glorify your name forevermore.
13 For great is your lovingkindness toward me; And
you have delivered my soul from the lowest Sheol.
14 O God, the proud have risen up against me, And a
company of violent men have sought after my soul,
And have not set you before them.
15 But you, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious,
Slow to anger, and abundant in lovingkindness and
truth.
16 Oh turn to me, and have mercy upon me; Give your
strength to your servant, And save the son of your
handmaid.
17 Show me a sign for good, That those who hate me
may see it, and be put to shame, Because you,
Yehovah, have helped me, and comforted me.

Psalm 87

1 A Psalm of the sons of Korah; a Song. His foundation
is in the holy mountains.
2 Yehovah loves the gates of Zion More than all the
dwellings of Jacob.
3 Glorious things are spoken of you, O city of God.
[Selah
4 I will make mention of Rahab and Babylon as among
those who know me: Behold, Philistia, and Tyre,
with Ethiopia: This one was born there.
5 Yes, of Zion it shall be said, This one and that one
was born in her; And the Most High himself will
establish her.
6 Yehovah will count, when he writes up the peoples,
This one was born there. [Selah
7 Those who sing as well as those who dance shall say,
All my fountains are in you.

Psalm 88

[1]A Song, a Psalm of the sons of Korah; for the Chief Musician; set to Mahalath Leannoth. Maschil of Heman the Ezrahite. O Yehovah, the God of my salvation, I have cried day and night before you.
[2]Let my prayer enter into your presence; Incline your ear to my cry.
[3]For my soul is full of troubles, And my life draws near to Sheol.
[4]I am reckoned with those who go down into the pit; I am as a man who has no help,
[5]Cast off among the dead, Like the slain that lie in the grave, Whom you remember no more, And they are cut off from your hand.
[6]You have laid me in the lowest pit, In dark places, in the deeps.
[7]Your wrath lies hard upon me, And you have afflicted me with all your waves. [Selah
[8]You have put my acquaintances far from me; You have made me an abomination to them: I am shut up, and I cannot come forth.
[9]My eye wastes away by reason of affliction: I have called daily upon you, O Yehovah; I have spread forth my hands to you.
[10]Will you show wonders to the dead? Shall those who are deceased arise and praise you? [Selah
[11]Shall your lovingkindness be declared in the grave? Or your faithfulness in Destruction?
[12]Shall your wonders be known in the dark? And your righteousness in the land of forgetfulness?
[13]But to you, O Yehovah, I have cried; And in the morning my prayer shall come before you.
[14]Yehovah, why do you cast off my soul? Why do you hide your face from me?
[15]I am afflicted and ready to die from my youth up: While I suffer your terrors I am distracted.
[16]Your fierce wrath has gone over me; Your terrors have cut me off.
[17]They came around me like water all the day long; They surrounded me together.
[18]Lover and friend you have put far from me, And my acquaintances into darkness.

Psalm 89

[1]Maschil of Ethan the Ezrahite. I will sing of the lovingkindness of Yehovah forever: With my mouth I will make known your faithfulness to all generations.
[2]For I have said, Mercy shall be built up forever; Your faithfulness you will establish in the very heavens.
[3]I have made a covenant with my chosen, I have sworn to David my servant:
[4]Your seed I will establish forever, And build up your throne to all generations. [Selah
[5]And the heavens shall praise your wonders, O Yehovah; Your faithfulness also in the assembly of the holy ones.
[6]For who in the skies can be compared to Yehovah? Who among the sons of the mighty is like Yehovah,
[7]A God greatly feared in the council of the holy ones, And to be feared above all those who are around him?
[8]O Yehovah God of hosts, Who is a mighty one, like you, O Yehovah? And your faithfulness is all around you.
[9]You rule the pride of the sea: When its waves arise, you still them.
[10]You have broken Rahab in pieces, as one who is slain; You have scattered your enemies with the arm of your strength.
[11]The heavens are yours, the earth also is yours: The world and its fullness, you have founded them.
[12]The north and the south, you have created them: Tabor and Hermon rejoice in your name.
[13]You have a mighty arm; Strong is your hand, and high is your right hand.
[14]Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne: Lovingkindness and truth go before your face.
[15]Blessed is the people who know the joyful sound: They walk, O Yehovah, in the light of your countenance.
[16]In your name they rejoice all the day; And in your righteousness they are exalted.
[17]For you are the glory of their strength; And in your favor our horn shall be exalted.
[18]For our shield belongs to Yehovah; And our king to the Holy One of Israel.
[19]Then you spoke in vision to your saints, And said, I have laid help upon one who is mighty; I have exalted one chosen out of the people.
[20]I have found David my servant; With my holy oil I have anointed him:
[21]With whom my hand shall be established; My arm also shall strengthen him.

22 The enemy shall not exact from him, Nor the son of
wickedness afflict him.
23 And I will beat down his adversaries before him,
And strike those who hate him.
24 But my faithfulness and my lovingkindness shall be
with him; And in my name his horn shall be
exalted.
25 I will set his hand also on the sea, And his right
hand on the rivers.
26 He shall cry to me, You are my Father, My God, and
the rock of my salvation.
27 I also will make him my firstborn, The highest of
the kings of the earth.
28 My lovingkindness I will keep for him forevermore;
And my covenant shall stand fast with him.
29 His seed also I will make to endure forever, And his
throne as the days of heaven.
30 If his children forsake my law, And do not walk in
my ordinances;
31 If they break my statutes, And do not keep my
commandments;
32 Then I will visit their transgression with the rod,
And their iniquity with stripes.
33 But my lovingkindness I will not utterly take from
him, Nor allow my faithfulness to fail.
34 My covenant I will not break, Nor alter the thing
that has gone out of my lips.
35 Once I have sworn by my holiness: I will not lie to
David:
36 His seed shall endure forever, And his throne as the
sun before me.
37 It shall be established forever as the moon, And as
the faithful witness in the sky. [Selah
38 But you have cast off and rejected, You have been
angry with your anointed.
39 You have abhorred the covenant of your servant:
You have profaned his crown by casting it to the
ground.
40 You have broken down all his hedges; You have
brought his strongholds to ruin.
41 All who pass by the way rob him: He has become a
reproach to his neighbors.
42 You have exalted the right hand of his adversaries;
You have made all his enemies rejoice.
43 Yes, you turn back the edge of his sword, And have
not made him stand in the battle.
44 You have made his brightness cease, And cast his
throne down to the ground.
45 The days of his youth you have shortened: You have
covered him with shame. [Selah
46 How long, O Yehovah? will you hide yourself
forever? How long shall your wrath burn like fire?
47 Oh remember how short my time is: For what
vanity have you created all the children of men!
48 Who is the man who shall live and not see death,
Who shall deliver his soul from the power of
Sheol? [Selah
49 Lord, where are your former lovingkindnesses,
Which you swore to David in your faithfulness?
50 Remember, Lord, the reproach of your servants;
How I bear in my bosom the reproach of all the
mighty peoples,
51 With which your enemies have reproached, O
Yehovah, With which they have reproached the
footsteps of your anointed.
52 Blessed be Yehovah forevermore. Amen, and Amen.

Psalm 90

1 A Prayer of Moses the man of God. Lord, you have
been our dwelling place In all generations.
2 Before the mountains were brought forth, Or ever
you had formed the earth and the world, Even
from everlasting to everlasting, you are God.
3 You turn man to destruction, And say, Return, you
children of men.
4 For a thousand years in your sight Are but as
yesterday when it is past, And as a watch in the
night.
5 You carry them away as with a flood; they are as a
sleep: In the morning they are like grass which
grows up.
6 In the morning it flourishes, and grows up; In the
evening it is cut down, and withers.
7 For we are consumed in your anger, And in your
wrath we are troubled.
8 You have set our iniquities before you, Our secret
sins in the light of your countenance.
9 For all our days have passed away in your wrath: We
bring our years to an end as a sigh.
10 The days of our years are seventy years, Or even by
reason of strength eighty years; Yet their pride is
but labor and sorrow; For it is soon gone, and we fly
away.
11 Who knows the power of your anger, And your
wrath according to the fear that is due to you?
12 So teach us to number our days, That we may get a
heart of wisdom.

13 Return, O Yehovah; how long? And relent
concerning your servants.
14 Oh satisfy us in the morning with your
lovingkindness, That we may rejoice and be glad all
our days.
15 Make us glad according to the days in which you
have afflicted us, And the years in which we have
seen evil.
16 Let your work appear to your servants, And your
glory upon their children.
17 And let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us;
And establish the work of our hands upon us; Yes,
the work of our hands, establish it.

Psalm 91

1 He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High
Shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.
2 I will say of Yehovah, He is my refuge and my
fortress; My God, in whom I trust.
3 For he will deliver you from the snare of the fowler,
And from the deadly pestilence.
4 He will cover you with his pinions, And under his
wings you shall take refuge: His truth is a shield
and a buckler.
5 You shall not be afraid for the terror by night, Nor
for the arrow that flies by day;
6 For the pestilence that walks in darkness, Nor for
the destruction that wastes at noonday.
7 A thousand shall fall at your side, And ten thousand
at your right hand; But it shall not come near you.
8 Only with your eyes you shall behold, And see the
reward of the wicked.
9 For you, O Yehovah, are my refuge! You have made
the Most High your habitation;
10 No evil shall befall you, Nor shall any plague come
near your tent.
11 For he will give his angels charge over you, To keep
you in all your ways.
12 They shall bear you up in their hands, Lest you dash
your foot against a stone.
13 You shall tread upon the lion and adder: The young
lion and the serpent you shall trample underfoot.
14 Because he has set his love upon me, therefore I will
deliver him: I will set him on high, because he has
known my name.
15 He shall call upon me, and I will answer him; I will
be with him in trouble: I will deliver him, and
honor him.
16 With long life I will satisfy him, And show him my
salvation.

Psalm 92

1 A Psalm, a Song for the sabbath day. It is a good thing
to give thanks to Yehovah, And to sing praises to
your name, O Most High;
2 To declare your lovingkindness in the morning, And
your faithfulness every night,
3 With an instrument of ten strings, and with the
psaltery; With a solemn sound upon the harp.
4 For you, Yehovah, have made me glad through your
work: I will triumph in the works of your hands.
5 How great are your works, O Yehovah! Your
thoughts are very deep.
6 A brutish man does not know; Nor does a fool
understand this:
7 When the wicked spring up as the grass, And when
all the workers of iniquity flourish; It is that they
shall be destroyed forever.
8 But you, O Yehovah, are on high forevermore.
9 For, behold, your enemies, O Yehovah, For, behold,
your enemies shall perish; All the workers of
iniquity shall be scattered.
10 But my horn you have exalted like the horn of the
wild ox: I am anointed with fresh oil.
11 My eye also has seen my desire on my enemies, My
ears have heard my desire of the evildoers who rise
up against me.
12 The righteous shall flourish like the palm tree: He
shall grow like a cedar in Lebanon.
13 They are planted in the house of Yehovah; They
shall flourish in the courts of our God.
14 They shall still bring forth fruit in old age; They
shall be full of sap and green:
15 To show that Yehovah is upright; He is my rock, and
there is no unrighteousness in him.

Psalm 93

1 Yehovah reigns; he is clothed with majesty; Yehovah
is clothed with strength; he has girded himself
with it: The world also is established, that it cannot
be moved.
2 Your throne is established of old: You are from
everlasting.
3 The floods have lifted up, O Yehovah, The floods have
lifted up their voice; The floods lift up their waves.
4 Above the voices of many waters, The mighty
breakers of the sea, Yehovah on high is mighty.

5 Your testimonies are very sure: Holiness befits your
house, O Yehovah, forevermore.

Psalm 94

1 O Yehovah, you God to whom vengeance belongs,
You God to whom vengeance belongs, shine forth.
2 Lift up yourself, you judge of the earth: Render to
the proud their due.
3 Yehovah, how long shall the wicked, How long shall
the wicked triumph?
4 They babble, they speak arrogantly: All the workers
of iniquity boast themselves.
5 They break in pieces your people, O Yehovah, And
afflict your heritage.
6 They slay the widow and the sojourner, And murder
the fatherless.
7 And they say, Yehovah will not see, Nor will the God
of Jacob consider.
8 Consider, you brutish among the people; And you
fools, when will you be wise?
9 He who planted the ear, shall he not hear? He who
formed the eye, shall he not see?
10 He who chastises the nations, shall he not correct,
Even he who teaches man knowledge?
11 Yehovah knows the thoughts of man, That they are
vanity.
12 Blessed is the man whom you chasten, O Yehovah,
And teach out of your law;
13 That you may give him rest from the days of
adversity, Until the pit is dug for the wicked.
14 For Yehovah will not cast off his people, Nor will he
forsake his inheritance.
15 For judgment shall return to righteousness; And all
the upright in heart shall follow it.
16 Who will rise up for me against the evildoers? Who
will stand up for me against the workers of
iniquity?
17 Unless Yehovah had been my help, My soul would
soon have dwelt in silence.
18 When I said, My foot slips; Your lovingkindness, O
Yehovah, held me up.
19 In the multitude of my thoughts within me Your
comforts delight my soul.
20 Shall the throne of wickedness have fellowship
with you, Which frames mischief by statute?
21 They gather themselves together against the soul of
the righteous, And condemn the innocent blood.
22 But Yehovah has been my high tower, And my God
the rock of my refuge.
23 And he has brought upon them their own iniquity,
And will cut them off in their own wickedness;
Yehovah our God will cut them off.

Psalm 95

1 Oh come, let us sing to Yehovah; Let us make a joyful
noise to the rock of our salvation.
2 Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving;
Let us make a joyful noise to him with psalms.
3 For Yehovah is a great God, And a great King above
all gods.
4 In his hand are the deep places of the earth; The
heights of the mountains are his also.
5 The sea is his, and he made it; And his hands formed
the dry land.
6 Oh come, let us worship and bow down; Let us kneel
before Yehovah our Maker:
7 For he is our God, And we are the people of his
pasture, and the sheep of his hand. Today, oh that
you would hear his voice!
8 Do not harden your heart, as at Meribah, As in the
day of Massah in the wilderness;
9 When your fathers tempted me, Proved me, and saw
my work.
10 Forty years long I was grieved with that generation,
And said, It is a people who err in their heart, And
they have not known my ways:
11 Therefore I swore in my wrath, That they should not
enter into my rest.

Psalm 96

1 Oh sing to Yehovah a new song: Sing to Yehovah, all
the earth.
2 Sing to Yehovah, bless his name; Proclaim his
salvation from day to day.
3 Declare his glory among the nations, His marvelous
works among all the peoples.
4 For great is Yehovah, and greatly to be praised: He is
to be feared above all gods.
5 For all the gods of the peoples are idols; But Yehovah
made the heavens.
6 Honor and majesty are before him: Strength and
beauty are in his sanctuary.
7 Ascribe to Yehovah, you families of the peoples,
Ascribe to Yehovah glory and strength.
8 Ascribe to Yehovah the glory due to his name: Bring
an offering, and come into his courts.

9 Oh worship Yehovah in holy array: Tremble before
him, all the earth.
10 Say among the nations, Yehovah reigns: The world
also is established that it cannot be moved: He will
judge the peoples with equity.
11 Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice;
Let the sea roar, and its fullness;
12 Let the field exult, and all that is in it; Then all the
trees of the wood shall sing for joy
13 Before Yehovah; for he comes, For he comes to
judge the earth: He will judge the world with
righteousness, And the peoples with his truth.

Psalm 97

1 Yehovah reigns; let the earth rejoice; Let the
multitude of isles be glad.
2 Clouds and darkness are all around him:
Righteousness and justice are the foundation of his
throne.
3 A fire goes before him, And burns up his adversaries
all around.
4 His lightnings lit up the world: The earth saw, and
trembled.
5 The mountains melted like wax at the presence of
Yehovah, At the presence of the Lord of the whole
earth.
6 The heavens declare his righteousness, And all the
peoples have seen his glory.
7 Let all those be put to shame who serve graven
images, Who boast themselves of idols: Worship
him, all you gods.
8 Zion heard and was glad, And the daughters of
Judah rejoiced, Because of your judgments, O
Yehovah.
9 For you, Yehovah, are most high above all the earth:
You are exalted far above all gods.
10 O you who love Yehovah, hate evil: He preserves the
souls of his saints; He delivers them out of the hand
of the wicked.
11 Light is sown for the righteous, And gladness for the
upright in heart.
12 Be glad in Yehovah, you righteous; And give thanks
to his holy memorial name.

Psalm 98

1 A Psalm. Oh sing to Yehovah a new song; For he has
done marvelous things: His right hand, and his
holy arm, has worked salvation for him.
2 Yehovah has made known his salvation: His
righteousness he has openly shown in the sight of
the nations.
3 He has remembered his lovingkindness and his
faithfulness toward the house of Israel: All the
ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our
God.
4 Make a joyful noise to Yehovah, all the earth: Break
forth and sing for joy, yes, sing praises.
5 Sing praises to Yehovah with the harp; With the
harp and the voice of melody.
6 With trumpets and sound of the horn Make a joyful
noise before the King, Yehovah.
7 Let the sea roar, and its fullness; The world, and
those who dwell in it;
8 Let the floods clap their hands; Let the hills sing for
joy together
9 Before Yehovah; for he comes to judge the earth: He
will judge the world with righteousness, And the
peoples with equity.

Psalm 99

1 Yehovah reigns; let the peoples tremble: He sits
above the cherubim; let the earth be moved.
2 Yehovah is great in Zion; And he is high above all the
peoples.
3 Let them praise your great and awesome name: Holy
is he.
4 The king's strength also loves justice; You establish
equity; You execute justice and righteousness in
Jacob.
5 Exalt Yehovah our God, And worship at his
footstool: Holy is he.
6 Moses and Aaron among his priests, And Samuel
among those who call upon his name; They called
upon Yehovah, and he answered them.
7 He spoke to them in the pillar of cloud: They kept his
testimonies, And the statute that he gave them.
8 You answered them, O Yehovah our God: You were a
God who forgave them, Though you took
vengeance on their doings.
9 Exalt Yehovah our God, And worship at his holy hill;
For Yehovah our God is holy.

Psalm 100

1 A Psalm of thanksgiving. Make a joyful noise to
Yehovah, all you lands.
2 Serve Yehovah with gladness: Come before his
presence with singing.

3 Know that Yehovah, he is God: It is he who has made
us, and we are his; We are his people, and the sheep
of his pasture.
4 Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, And into his
courts with praise: Give thanks to him, and bless
his name.
5 For Yehovah is good; his lovingkindness endures
forever, And his faithfulness to all generations.

Psalm 101

1 A Psalm of David. I will sing of lovingkindness and
justice: To you, O Yehovah, I will sing praises.
2 I will behave myself wisely in a perfect way: Oh
when will you come to me? I will walk within my
house with a perfect heart.
3 I will set no worthless thing before my eyes: I hate
the work of those who turn aside; It shall not cling
to me.
4 A perverse heart shall depart from me: I will know
no evil thing.
5 Whoever secretly slanders his neighbor, him I will
destroy: Him who has a haughty look and a proud
heart I will not endure.
6 My eyes shall be upon the faithful of the land, that
they may dwell with me: He who walks in a perfect
way, he shall minister to me.
7 He who works deceit shall not dwell within my
house: He who speaks falsehood shall not be
established before my eyes.
8 Morning by morning I will destroy all the wicked of
the land; To cut off all the workers of iniquity from
the city of Yehovah.

Psalm 102

1 A Prayer of the afflicted, when he is overwhelmed,
and pours out his complaint before Yehovah. Hear
my prayer, O Yehovah, And let my cry come to you.
2 Do not hide your face from me in the day of my
distress: Incline your ear to me; In the day when I
call answer me speedily.
3 For my days consume away like smoke, And my
bones are burned as a firebrand.
4 My heart is struck like grass, and withered; For I
forget to eat my bread.
5 By reason of the voice of my groaning My bones
cleave to my flesh.
6 I am like a pelican of the wilderness; I have become
as an owl of the waste places.
7 I watch, and have become like a sparrow That is
alone upon the housetop.
8 My enemies reproach me all the day; Those who are
mad against me curse by me.
9 For I have eaten ashes like bread, And mingled my
drink with weeping,
10 Because of your indignation and your wrath: For
you have taken me up, and cast me away.
11 My days are like a shadow that declines; And I am
withered like grass.
12 But you, O Yehovah, will abide forever; And your
memorial name to all generations.
13 You will arise, and have mercy upon Zion; For it is
time to have pity upon her, Yes, the set time has
come.
14 For your servants take pleasure in her stones, And
have pity upon her dust.
15 So the nations shall fear the name of Yehovah, And
all the kings of the earth your glory.
16 For Yehovah has built up Zion; He has appeared in
his glory.
17 He has regarded the prayer of the destitute, And has
not despised their prayer.
18 This shall be written for the generation to come;
And a people which shall be created shall praise
Yehovah.
19 For he has looked down from the height of his
sanctuary; From heaven Yehovah beheld the earth;
20 To hear the sighing of the prisoner; To loose those
who are appointed to death;
21 That men may declare the name of Yehovah in Zion,
And his praise in Jerusalem;
22 When the peoples are gathered together, And the
kingdoms, to serve Yehovah.
23 He weakened my strength in the way; He shortened
my days.
24 I said, O my God, do not take me away in the midst
of my days: Your years are throughout all
generations.
25 Of old you laid the foundation of the earth; And the
heavens are the work of your hands.
26 They shall perish, but you shall endure; Yes, all of
them shall grow old like a garment; As a robe you
shall change them, and they shall be changed:
27 But you are the same, And your years shall have no
end.
28 The children of your servants shall continue, And
their seed shall be established before you.

Psalm 103

[1]A Psalm of David. Bless Yehovah, O my soul; And all
that is within me, bless his holy name.
[2]Bless Yehovah, O my soul, And do not forget all his
benefits:
[3]Who forgives all your iniquities; Who heals all your
diseases;
[4]Who redeems your life from destruction; Who
crowns you with lovingkindness and tender
mercies;
[5]Who satisfies your desire with good things, So that
your youth is renewed like the eagle.
[6]Yehovah executes righteous acts, And judgments for
all who are oppressed.
[7]He made known his ways to Moses, His doings to the
children of Israel.
[8]Yehovah is merciful and gracious, Slow to anger,
and abundant in lovingkindness.
[9]He will not always chide; Nor will he keep his anger
forever.
[10]He has not dealt with us according to our sins, Nor
rewarded us according to our iniquities.
[11]For as the heavens are high above the earth, So great
is his lovingkindness toward those who fear him.
[12]As far as the east is from the west, So far has he
removed our transgressions from us.
[13]As a father pities his children, So Yehovah pities
those who fear him.
[14]For he knows our frame; He remembers that we are
dust.
[15]As for man, his days are as grass; As a flower of the
field, so he flourishes.
[16]For the wind passes over it, and it is gone; And its
place shall know it no more.
[17]But the lovingkindness of Yehovah is from
everlasting to everlasting upon those who fear
him, And his righteousness to children's children;
[18]To such as keep his covenant, And to those who
remember his precepts to do them.
[19]Yehovah has established his throne in the heavens;
And his kingdom rules over all.
[20]Bless Yehovah, you his angels, Who are mighty in
strength, who fulfill his word, Listening to the
voice of his word.
[21]Bless Yehovah, all you his hosts, You ministers of
his, who do his pleasure.
[22]Bless Yehovah, all you his works, In all places of his
dominion: Bless Yehovah, O my soul.

Psalm 104

[1]Bless Yehovah, O my soul. O Yehovah my God, you
are very great; You are clothed with honor and
majesty:
[2]Who cover yourself with light as with a garment;
Who stretch out the heavens like a curtain;
[3]Who lays the beams of his chambers in the waters;
Who makes the clouds his chariot; Who walks
upon the wings of the wind;
[4]Who makes winds his messengers; Flames of fire his
ministers;
[5]Who laid the foundations of the earth, That it should
not be moved forever.
[6]You covered it with the deep as with a garment; The
waters stood above the mountains.
[7]At your rebuke they fled; At the voice of your
thunder they hurried away
[8](The mountains rose, the valleys sank down) To the
place which you had founded for them.
[9]You have set a boundary that they may not pass
over; That they may not turn again to cover the
earth.
[10]He sends forth springs into the valleys; They run
among the mountains;
[11]They give drink to every beast of the field; The wild
donkeys quench their thirst.
[12]By them the birds of the heavens have their
habitation; They sing among the branches.
[13]He waters the mountains from his chambers: The
earth is filled with the fruit of your works.
[14]He causes the grass to grow for the cattle, And herb
for the service of man; That he may bring forth
food out of the earth,
[15]And wine that makes glad the heart of man, And oil
to make his face shine, And bread that strengthens
man's heart.
[16]The trees of Yehovah are filled with moisture, The
cedars of Lebanon, which he has planted;
[17]Where the birds make their nests: As for the stork,
the fir trees are her house.
[18]The high mountains are for the wild goats; The
rocks are a refuge for the rock badgers.
[19]He appointed the moon for seasons: The sun knows
his going down.
[20]You make darkness, and it is night, In which all the
beasts of the forest creep forth.
[21]The young lions roar after their prey, And seek their
food from God.

22 The sun arises, they get away, And lie down in their dens.
23 Man goes forth to his work And to his labor until the evening.
24 O Yehovah, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all: The earth is full of your riches.
25 There is the sea, great and wide, In which are creeping things innumerable, Both small and great beasts.
26 There go the ships; There is leviathan, whom you have formed to play in it.
27 These all wait for you, That you may give them their food in due season.
28 You give to them, they gather; You open your hand, they are satisfied with good.
29 You hide your face, they are troubled; You take away their breath, they die, And return to their dust.
30 You send forth your Spirit, they are created; And you renew the face of the ground.
31 Let the glory of Yehovah endure forever; Let Yehovah rejoice in his works:
32 Who looks on the earth, and it trembles; He touches the mountains, and they smoke.
33 I will sing to Yehovah as long as I live: I will sing praise to my God while I have any being.
34 Let my meditation be sweet to him: I will rejoice in Yehovah.
35 Let sinners be consumed out of the earth. And let the wicked be no more. Bless Yehovah, O my soul. Praise Yehovah.

Psalm 105

1 Oh give thanks to Yehovah, call upon his name; Make known among the peoples his doings.
2 Sing to him, sing praises to him; Talk of all his marvelous works.
3 Glory in his holy name: Let the heart of those who seek Yehovah rejoice.
4 Seek Yehovah and his strength; Seek his face evermore.
5 Remember his marvelous works that he has done, His wonders, and the judgments of his mouth,
6 O you seed of Abraham his servant, You children of Jacob, his chosen ones.
7 He is Yehovah our God: His judgments are in all the earth.
8 He has remembered his covenant forever, The word which he commanded to a thousand generations,
9 The covenant which he made with Abraham, And his oath to Isaac,
10 And confirmed it to Jacob for a statute, To Israel for an everlasting covenant,
11 Saying, To you I will give the land of Canaan, The lot of your inheritance;
12 When they were but a few men in number, Yes, very few, and sojourners in it.
13 And they went about from nation to nation, From one kingdom to another people.
14 He allowed no man to do them wrong; Yes, he reproved kings for their sakes,
15 Saying, Do not touch my anointed ones, And do my prophets no harm.
16 And he called for a famine upon the land; He broke the whole staff of bread.
17 He sent a man before them; Joseph was sold for a servant:
18 His feet they hurt with fetters: He was laid in chains of iron,
19 Until the time that his word came to pass, The word of Yehovah tried him.
20 The king sent and loosed him; Even the ruler of peoples, and let him go free.
21 He made him lord of his house, And ruler of all his substance;
22 To bind his princes at his pleasure, And teach his elders wisdom.
23 Israel also came into Egypt; And Jacob sojourned in the land of Ham.
24 And he increased his people greatly, And made them stronger than their adversaries.
25 He turned their heart to hate his people, To deal subtly with his servants.
26 He sent Moses his servant, And Aaron whom he had chosen.
27 They set among them his signs, And wonders in the land of Ham.
28 He sent darkness, and made it dark; And they did not rebel against his words.
29 He turned their waters into blood, And slew their fish.
30 Their land swarmed with frogs In the chambers of their kings.
31 He spoke, and there came swarms of flies, And gnats in all their borders.

32 He gave them hail for rain, And flaming fire in their land.
33 He struck their vines also and their fig trees, And broke the trees of their borders.
34 He spoke, and the locust came, And the grasshopper, and that without number,
35 And ate up every herb in their land, And ate up the fruit of their ground.
36 He struck also all the firstborn in their land, The chief of all their strength.
37 And he brought them forth with silver and gold; And there was not one feeble person among his tribes.
38 Egypt was glad when they departed; For the fear of them had fallen upon them.
39 He spread a cloud for a covering, And fire to give light in the night.
40 They asked, and he brought quails, And satisfied them with the bread of heaven.
41 He opened the rock, and waters gushed out; They ran in the dry places like a river.
42 For he remembered his holy word, And Abraham his servant.
43 And he brought forth his people with joy, And his chosen with singing.
44 And he gave them the lands of the nations; And they took the labor of the peoples in possession:
45 That they might keep his statutes, And observe his laws. Praise Yehovah.

Psalm 106

1 Praise Yehovah. Oh give thanks to Yehovah; for he is good; For his lovingkindness endures forever.
2 Who can utter the mighty acts of Yehovah, Or declare all his praise?
3 Blessed are those who keep justice, And he who does righteousness at all times.
4 Remember me, O Yehovah, with the favor that you bear to your people; Oh visit me with your salvation,
5 That I may see the prosperity of your chosen, That I may rejoice in the gladness of your nation, That I may glory with your inheritance.
6 We have sinned with our fathers, We have committed iniquity, we have done wickedly.
7 Our fathers did not understand your wonders in Egypt; They did not remember the multitude of your lovingkindnesses, But were rebellious at the sea, even at the Red Sea.
8 Nevertheless he saved them for his name's sake, That he might make his mighty power known.
9 He rebuked the Red Sea also, and it was dried up: So he led them through the depths, as through a wilderness.
10 And he saved them from the hand of him who hated them, And redeemed them from the hand of the enemy.
11 And the waters covered their adversaries; There was not one of them left.
12 Then they believed his words; They sang his praise.
13 They soon forgot his works; They did not wait for his counsel,
14 But lusted exceedingly in the wilderness, And tempted God in the desert.
15 And he gave them their request, But sent leanness into their soul.
16 They envied Moses also in the camp, And Aaron the saint of Yehovah.
17 The earth opened and swallowed up Dathan, And covered the company of Abiram.
18 And a fire was kindled in their company; The flame burned up the wicked.
19 They made a calf in Horeb, And bowed down to a molten image.
20 Thus they changed their glory For the likeness of an ox that eats grass.
21 They forgot God their Savior, Who had done great things in Egypt,
22 Wondrous works in the land of Ham, And awesome things by the Red Sea.
23 Therefore he said that he would destroy them, Had not Moses his chosen stood before him in the breach, To turn away his wrath, lest he should destroy them.
24 Yes, they despised the pleasant land, They did not believe his word,
25 But murmured in their tents, And did not listen to the voice of Yehovah.
26 Therefore he swore to them, That he would overthrow them in the wilderness,
27 And that he would overthrow their seed among the nations, And scatter them in the lands.
28 They joined themselves also to Baal-peor, And ate the sacrifices of the dead.
29 Thus they provoked him to anger with their doings; And the plague broke in upon them.

30 Then Phinehas stood up, and executed judgment;
And so the plague was stayed.
31 And that was reckoned to him for righteousness, To
all generations forevermore.
32 They angered him also at the waters of Meribah, So
that it went ill with Moses for their sakes;
33 Because they were rebellious against his spirit, And
he spoke unadvisedly with his lips.
34 They did not destroy the peoples, As Yehovah
commanded them,
35 But mingled themselves with the nations, And
learned their works,
36 And served their idols, Which became a snare to
them.
37 Yes, they sacrificed their sons and their daughters
to demons,
38 And shed innocent blood, Even the blood of their
sons and of their daughters, Whom they sacrificed
to the idols of Canaan; And the land was polluted
with blood.
39 Thus they were defiled with their works, And played
the prostitute in their doings.
40 Therefore the wrath of Yehovah was kindled
against his people, And he abhorred his
inheritance.
41 And he gave them into the hand of the nations; And
those who hated them ruled over them.
42 Their enemies also oppressed them, And they were
brought into subjection under their hand.
43 Many times he delivered them; But they were
rebellious in their counsel, And were brought low
in their iniquity.
44 Nevertheless he regarded their distress, When he
heard their cry:
45 And he remembered for them his covenant, And
relented according to the multitude of his
lovingkindnesses.
46 He made them also to be pitied By all those who
carried them captive.
47 Save us, O Yehovah our God, And gather us from
among the nations, To give thanks to your holy
name, And to triumph in your praise.
48 Blessed be Yehovah, the God of Israel, From
everlasting even to everlasting. And let all the
people say, Amen. Praise Yehovah.

Psalm 107

1 O give thanks to Yehovah; for he is good; For his
lovingkindness endures forever.
2 Let the redeemed of Yehovah say so, Whom he has
redeemed from the hand of the adversary,
3 And gathered out of the lands, From the east and
from the west, From the north and from the south.
4 They wandered in the wilderness in a desert way;
They found no city of habitation.
5 Hungry and thirsty, Their soul fainted in them.
6 Then they cried to Yehovah in their trouble, And he
delivered them out of their distresses,
7 He led them also by a straight way, That they might
go to a city of habitation.
8 Oh that men would praise Yehovah for his
lovingkindness, And for his wonderful works to
the children of men!
9 For he satisfies the longing soul, And the hungry
soul he fills with good.
10 Such as sat in darkness and in the shadow of death,
Being bound in affliction and iron,
11 Because they rebelled against the words of God, And
spurned the counsel of the Most High:
12 Therefore he brought down their heart with labor;
They fell down, and there was none to help.
13 Then they cried to Yehovah in their trouble, And he
saved them out of their distresses.
14 He brought them out of darkness and the shadow of
death, And broke their bonds apart.
15 Oh that men would praise Yehovah for his
lovingkindness, And for his wonderful works to
the children of men!
16 For he has broken the gates of bronze, And cut the
bars of iron in two.
17 Fools because of their transgression, And because of
their iniquities, are afflicted.
18 Their soul abhors all manner of food; And they draw
near to the gates of death.
19 Then they cry to Yehovah in their trouble, And he
saves them out of their distresses.
20 He sends his word, and heals them, And delivers
them from their destructions.
21 Oh that men would praise Yehovah for his
lovingkindness, And for his wonderful works to
the children of men!
22 And let them offer the sacrifices of thanksgiving,
And declare his works with singing.
23 Those who go down to the sea in ships, Who do
business in great waters;
24 These see the works of Yehovah, And his wonders in
the deep.

25 For he commands, and raises the stormy wind,
Which lifts up its waves.
26 They mount up to the heavens, they go down again
to the depths: Their soul melts away because of
trouble.
27 They reel to and fro, and stagger like a drunken
man, And are at their wits' end.
28 Then they cry to Yehovah in their trouble, And he
brings them out of their distresses.
29 He makes the storm a calm, So that its waves are
still.
30 Then they are glad because they are quiet; So he
brings them to their desired haven.
31 Oh that men would praise Yehovah for his
lovingkindness, And for his wonderful works to
the children of men!
32 Let them exalt him also in the assembly of the
people, And praise him in the seat of the elders.
33 He turns rivers into a wilderness, And springs of
water into a thirsty ground;
34 A fruitful land into a salt desert, For the wickedness
of those who dwell in it.
35 He turns a wilderness into a pool of water, And a
dry land into springs of water.
36 And there he makes the hungry dwell, That they
may prepare a city of habitation,
37 And sow fields, and plant vineyards, And get fruits
of increase.
38 He blesses them also, so that they are multiplied
greatly; And he does not allow their cattle to
decrease.
39 Again, they are diminished and bowed down
Through oppression, trouble, and sorrow.
40 He pours contempt upon princes, And causes them
to wander in the waste, where there is no way.
41 Yet he sets the needy on high from affliction, And
makes families for him like a flock.
42 The upright shall see it, and be glad; And all iniquity
shall stop her mouth.
43 Whoever is wise will give heed to these things; And
they will consider the lovingkindnesses of
Yehovah.

Psalm 108

1 A Song, a Psalm of David. My heart is steadfast, O
God; I will sing, yes, I will sing praises, even with
my glory.
2 Awake, psaltery and harp: I myself will awake very
early.
3 I will give thanks to you, O Yehovah, among the
peoples; And I will sing praises to you among the
nations.
4 For your lovingkindness is great above the heavens;
And your truth reaches to the skies.
5 Be exalted, O God, above the heavens, And your
glory above all the earth.
6 That your beloved may be delivered, Save with your
right hand, and answer us.
7 God has spoken in his holiness: I will exult; I will
divide Shechem, and measure out the valley of
Succoth.
8 Gilead is mine; Manasseh is mine; Ephraim also is
the defense of my head; Judah is my scepter.
9 Moab is my washbasin; Upon Edom I will cast my
shoe; Over Philistia I will shout.
10 Who will bring me into the fortified city? Who has
led me to Edom?
11 Have you not cast us off, O God? And you do not go
forth, O God, with our hosts.
12 Give us help against the adversary; For vain is the
help of man.
13 Through God we shall do valiantly: For it is he who
will tread down our adversaries.

Psalm 109

1 For the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David. Do not
hold your peace, O God of my praise;
2 For the mouth of the wicked and the mouth of deceit
they have opened against me: They have spoken to
me with a lying tongue.
3 They have surrounded me also with words of hatred,
And fought against me without a cause.
4 For my love they are my adversaries: But I give
myself to prayer.
5 And they have rewarded me evil for good, And
hatred for my love.
6 Set a wicked man over him; And let an adversary
stand at his right hand.
7 When he is judged, let him come forth guilty; And
let his prayer be turned into sin.
8 Let his days be few; And let another take his office.
9 Let his children be fatherless, And his wife a widow.
10 Let his children be vagabonds, and beg; And let
them seek their bread out of their desolate places.
11 Let the extortioner catch all that he has; And let
strangers make spoil of his labor.

12 Let there be none to extend kindness to him; Nor let
there be any to have pity on his fatherless children.
13 Let his posterity be cut off; In the generation
following let their name be blotted out.
14 Let the iniquity of his fathers be remembered with
Yehovah; And do not let the sin of his mother be
blotted out.
15 Let them be before Yehovah continually, That he
may cut off the memory of them from the earth;
16 Because he did not remember to show kindness, But
persecuted the poor and needy man, And the
broken in heart, to slay them.
17 Yes, he loved cursing, and it came to him; And he
did not delight in blessing, and it was far from him.
18 He clothed himself also with cursing as with his
garment, And it came into his inward parts like
water, And like oil into his bones.
19 Let it be to him as the clothing with which he covers
himself, And for the belt with which he is girded
continually.
20 This is the reward of my adversaries from Yehovah,
And of those who speak evil against my soul.
21 But deal with me, O Yehovah the Lord, for your
name's sake: Because your lovingkindness is good,
deliver me;
22 For I am poor and needy, And my heart is wounded
within me.
23 I have gone like the shadow when it declines: I am
tossed up and down as the locust.
24 My knees are weak through fasting; And my flesh
fails of fatness.
25 I have become also a reproach to them: When they
see me, they shake their head.
26 Help me, O Yehovah my God; Oh save me according
to your lovingkindness:
27 That they may know that this is your hand; That
you, Yehovah, have done it.
28 Let them curse, but bless you: When they arise,
they shall be put to shame, But your servant shall
rejoice.
29 Let my adversaries be clothed with dishonor, And
let them cover themselves with their own shame as
with a robe.
30 I will give great thanks to Yehovah with my mouth;
Yes, I will praise him among the multitude.
31 For he will stand at the right hand of the needy, To
save him from those who judge his soul.

Psalm 110

1 A Psalm of David. Yehovah says to my lord, Sit at my
right hand, Until I make your enemies your
footstool.
2 Yehovah will send forth the rod of your strength out
of Zion: Rule in the midst of your enemies.
3 Your people offer themselves willingly In the day of
your power, in holy array: Out of the womb of the
morning You have the dew of your youth.
4 Yehovah has sworn, and will not relent: You are a
priest forever After the order of Melchizedek.
5 The Lord at your right hand Will strike through
kings in the day of his wrath.
6 He will judge among the nations, He will fill the
places with dead bodies; He will strike through the
head in many countries.
7 He will drink of the brook in the way: Therefore he
will lift up the head.

Psalm 111

1 Praise Yehovah. I will give thanks to Yehovah with
my whole heart, In the council of the upright, and
in the congregation.
2 The works of Yehovah are great, Sought out by all
those who have pleasure in them.
3 His work is honor and majesty; And his
righteousness endures forever.
4 He has made his wonderful works to be
remembered: Yehovah is gracious and merciful.
5 He has given food to those who fear him: He will
ever be mindful of his covenant.
6 He has shown his people the power of his works, In
giving them the heritage of the nations.
7 The works of his hands are truth and justice; All his
precepts are sure.
8 They are established forever and ever; They are done
in truth and uprightness.
9 He has sent redemption to his people; He has
commanded his covenant forever: Holy and
awesome is his name.
10 The fear of Yehovah is the beginning of wisdom; A
good understanding have all those who do his
commandments: His praise endures forever.

Psalm 112

1 Praise Yehovah. Blessed is the man who fears
Yehovah, Who delights greatly in his
commandments.

2 His seed shall be mighty upon earth: The generation
of the upright shall be blessed.
3 Wealth and riches are in his house; And his
righteousness endures forever.
4 To the upright there arises light in the darkness: He
is gracious, and merciful, and righteous.
5 It is well with the man who deals graciously and
lends; He shall maintain his cause in judgment.
6 For he shall never be moved; The righteous shall be
had in everlasting remembrance.
7 He shall not be afraid of evil tidings: His heart is
steadfast, trusting in Yehovah.
8 His heart is established, he shall not be afraid, Until
he sees his desire upon his adversaries.
9 He has dispersed, he has given to the needy; His
righteousness endures forever: His horn shall be
exalted with honor.
10 The wicked shall see it, and be grieved; He shall
gnash with his teeth, and melt away: The desire of
the wicked shall perish.

Psalm 113

1 Praise Yehovah. Praise, O you servants of Yehovah,
Praise the name of Yehovah.
2 Blessed be the name of Yehovah From this time
forth and forevermore.
3 From the rising of the sun to its going down
Yehovah's name is to be praised.
4 Yehovah is high above all nations, And his glory
above the heavens.
5 Who is like Yehovah our God, Who has his seat on
high,
6 Who humbles himself to behold The things that are
in heaven and in the earth?
7 He raises up the poor out of the dust, And lifts up the
needy from the dunghill;
8 That he may set him with princes, Even with the
princes of his people.
9 He makes the barren woman keep house, And to be a
joyful mother of children. Praise Yehovah.

Psalm 114

1 When Israel went forth out of Egypt, The house of
Jacob from a people of strange language;
2 Judah became his sanctuary, Israel his dominion.
3 The sea saw it, and fled; The Jordan was driven back.
4 The mountains skipped like rams, The little hills like
lambs.
5 What ails you, O sea, that you flee? You Jordan, that
you turn back?
6 You mountains, that you skip like rams; You little
hills, like lambs?
7 Tremble, you earth, at the presence of the Lord, At
the presence of the God of Jacob,
8 Who turned the rock into a pool of water, The flint
into a fountain of waters.

Psalm 115

1 Not to us, O Yehovah, not to us, But to your name
give glory, For your lovingkindness, and for your
truth's sake.
2 Why should the nations say, Where is now their
God?
3 But our God is in the heavens: He has done whatever
he pleased.
4 Their idols are silver and gold, The work of men's
hands.
5 They have mouths, but they do not speak; Eyes they
have, but they do not see;
6 They have ears, but they do not hear; Noses they
have, but they do not smell;
7 They have hands, but they do not handle; Feet they
have, but they do not walk; Nor do they speak
through their throat.
8 Those who make them shall be like them; Yes,
everyone who trusts in them.
9 O Israel, trust in Yehovah: He is their help and their
shield.
10 O house of Aaron, trust in Yehovah: He is their help
and their shield.
11 You who fear Yehovah, trust in Yehovah: He is their
help and their shield.
12 Yehovah has been mindful of us; he will bless us: He
will bless the house of Israel; He will bless the
house of Aaron.
13 He will bless those who fear Yehovah, Both small
and great.
14 May Yehovah increase you more and more, You and
your children.
15 Blessed are you by Yehovah, Who made heaven and
earth.
16 The heavens are the heavens of Yehovah; But the
earth he has given to the children of men.
17 The dead do not praise Yehovah, Nor any who go
down into silence;

18 But we will bless Yehovah From this time forth and
forevermore. Praise Yehovah.

Psalm 116

1 I love Yehovah, because he hears My voice and my
supplications.
2 Because he has inclined his ear to me, Therefore I
will call upon him as long as I live.
3 The cords of death surrounded me, And the pains of
Sheol laid hold on me: I found trouble and sorrow.
4 Then I called upon the name of Yehovah: O Yehovah,
I beseech you, deliver my soul.
5 Gracious is Yehovah, and righteous; Yes, our God is
merciful.
6 Yehovah preserves the simple: I was brought low,
and he saved me.
7 Return to your rest, O my soul; For Yehovah has
dealt bountifully with you.
8 For you have delivered my soul from death, My eyes
from tears, And my feet from falling.
9 I will walk before Yehovah In the land of the living.
10 I believe, for I will speak: I was greatly afflicted:
11 I said in my haste, All men are liars.
12 What shall I render to Yehovah For all his benefits
toward me?
13 I will take the cup of salvation, And call upon the
name of Yehovah.
14 I will pay my vows to Yehovah, Yes, in the presence
of all his people.
15 Precious in the sight of Yehovah Is the death of his
saints.
16 O Yehovah, truly I am your servant: I am your
servant, the son of your handmaid; You have
loosed my bonds.
17 I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanksgiving, And
will call upon the name of Yehovah.
18 I will pay my vows to Yehovah, Yes, in the presence
of all his people,
19 In the courts of Yehovah's house, In the midst of
you, O Jerusalem. Praise Yehovah.

Psalm 117

1 O praise Yehovah, all you nations; Laud him, all you
peoples.
2 For his lovingkindness is great toward us; And the
truth of Yehovah endures forever. Praise Yehovah.

Psalm 118

1 Oh give thanks to Yehovah; for he is good; For his
lovingkindness endures forever.
2 Let Israel now say, That his lovingkindness endures
forever.
3 Let the house of Aaron now say, That his
lovingkindness endures forever.
4 Let those now who fear Yehovah say, That his
lovingkindness endures forever.
5 Out of my distress I called upon Yehovah: Yehovah
answered me and set me in a large place.
6 Yehovah is on my side; I will not fear: What can man
do to me?
7 Yehovah is on my side among those who help me:
Therefore I shall see my desire upon those who hate
me.
8 It is better to take refuge in Yehovah Than to put
confidence in man.
9 It is better to take refuge in Yehovah Than to put
confidence in princes.
10 All nations surrounded me: In the name of Yehovah
I will cut them off.
11 They surrounded me; yes, they surrounded me: In
the name of Yehovah I will cut them off.
12 They surrounded me like bees; they are quenched as
the fire of thorns: In the name of Yehovah I will cut
them off.
13 You pushed hard at me that I might fall; But
Yehovah helped me.
14 Yehovah is my strength and song; And he has
become my salvation.
15 The voice of rejoicing and salvation is in the tents of
the righteous: The right hand of Yehovah does
valiantly.
16 The right hand of Yehovah is exalted: The right
hand of Yehovah does valiantly.
17 I shall not die, but live, And declare the works of
Yehovah.
18 Yehovah has chastened me severely; But he has not
given me over to death.
19 Open to me the gates of righteousness: I will enter
into them, I will give thanks to Yehovah.
20 This is the gate of Yehovah; The righteous shall
enter into it.
21 I will give thanks to you; for you have answered me,
And have become my salvation.
22 The stone which the builders rejected Has become
the head of the corner.
23 This is Yehovah's doing; It is marvelous in our eyes.
24 This is the day which Yehovah has made; We will
rejoice and be glad in it.

25 Save now, we pray, O Yehovah: O Yehovah, we pray,
send now prosperity.
26 Blessed be he who comes in the name of Yehovah:
We have blessed you out of the house of Yehovah.
27 Yehovah is God, and he has given us light: Bind the
sacrifice with cords, even to the horns of the altar.
28 You are my God, and I will give thanks to you: You
are my God, I will exalt you.
29 Oh give thanks to Yehovah; for he is good; For his
lovingkindness endures forever.

Psalm 119

1 Blessed are those who are perfect in the way, Who
walk in the law of Yehovah.
2 Blessed are those who keep his testimonies, Who
seek him with the whole heart.
3 Yes, they do no unrighteousness; They walk in his
ways.
4 You have commanded us your precepts, That we
should observe them diligently.
5 Oh that my ways were established To observe your
statutes!
6 Then I shall not be put to shame, When I have regard
for all your commandments.
7 I will give thanks to you with uprightness of heart,
When I learn your righteous judgments.
8 I will observe your statutes: Oh do not forsake me
utterly. ב BETH.
9 How shall a young man cleanse his way? By taking
heed to it according to your word.
10 With my whole heart I have sought you: Oh do not
let me wander from your commandments.
11 Your word I have laid up in my heart, That I might
not sin against you.
12 Blessed are you, O Yehovah: Teach me your statutes.
13 With my lips I have declared All the ordinances of
your mouth.
14 I have rejoiced in the way of your testimonies, As
much as in all riches.
15 I will meditate on your precepts, And have regard
for your ways.
16 I will delight myself in your statutes: I will not
forget your word. ג GIMEL.
17 Deal bountifully with your servant, that I may live;
So I will observe your word.
18 Open my eyes, that I may behold Wondrous things
out of your law.
19 I am a sojourner in the earth: Do not hide your
commandments from me.
20 My soul breaks for the longing That it has for your
ordinances at all times.
21 You have rebuked the proud who are cursed, Who
wander from your commandments.
22 Take away from me reproach and contempt; For I
have kept your testimonies.
23 Princes also sat and talked against me; But your
servant meditated on your statutes.
24 Your testimonies also are my delight And my
counselors. ד DALETH.
25 My soul cleaves to the dust: Revive me according to
your word.
26 I declared my ways, and you answered me: Teach
me your statutes.
27 Make me understand the way of your precepts: So I
shall meditate on your wondrous works.
28 My soul melts for heaviness: Strengthen me
according to your word.
29 Remove from me the way of falsehood; And grant
me your law graciously.
30 I have chosen the way of faithfulness: Your
ordinances I have set before me.
31 I cling to your testimonies: O Yehovah, do not put
me to shame.
32 I will run the way of your commandments, When
you shall enlarge my heart. ה HE.
33 Teach me, O Yehovah, the way of your statutes; And
I shall keep it to the end.
34 Give me understanding, and I shall keep your law;
Yes, I shall observe it with my whole heart.
35 Make me go in the path of your commandments;
For in it I delight.
36 Incline my heart to your testimonies, And not to
covetousness.
37 Turn away my eyes from beholding vanity, And
revive me in your ways.
38 Confirm to your servant your word, Which is for
the fear of you.
39 Turn away my reproach which I fear; For your
ordinances are good.
40 Behold, I have longed after your precepts: Revive
me in your righteousness. ו VAV.
41 Let your lovingkindnesses also come to me, O
Yehovah, Even your salvation, according to your
word.

42 So I shall have an answer for him who reproaches
me; For I trust in your word.
43 And do not take the word of truth utterly out of my
mouth; For I have hoped in your ordinances.
44 So I shall observe your law continually Forever and
ever.
45 And I shall walk at liberty; For I have sought your
precepts.
46 I will also speak of your testimonies before kings,
And shall not be put to shame.
47 And I will delight myself in your commandments,
Which I have loved.
48 I will lift up my hands also to your commandments,
which I have loved; And I will meditate on your
statutes. ז ZAYIN.
49 Remember the word to your servant, Because you
have made me hope.
50 This is my comfort in my affliction; For your word
has revived me.
51 The proud have had me greatly in derision: Yet I
have not swerved from your law.
52 I have remembered your ordinances of old, O
Yehovah, And have comforted myself.
53 Hot indignation has taken hold upon me, Because
of the wicked who forsake your law.
54 Your statutes have been my songs In the house of
my pilgrimage.
55 I have remembered your name, O Yehovah, in the
night, And have observed your law.
56 This I have had, Because I have kept your precepts. ח
HHETH.
57 Yehovah is my portion: I have said that I would
observe your words.
58 I entreated your favor with my whole heart: Be
merciful to me according to your word.
59 I thought on my ways, And turned my feet to your
testimonies.
60 I made haste, and did not delay, To observe your
commandments.
61 The cords of the wicked have wrapped around me;
But I have not forgotten your law.
62 At midnight I will rise to give thanks to you Because
of your righteous ordinances.
63 I am a companion of all those who fear you, And of
those who observe your precepts.
64 The earth, O Yehovah, is full of your
lovingkindness: Teach me your statutes. ט TETH.
65 You have dealt well with your servant, O Yehovah,
according to your word.
66 Teach me good judgment and knowledge; For I have
believed in your commandments.
67 Before I was afflicted I went astray; But now I
observe your word.
68 You are good, and do good; Teach me your statutes.
69 The proud have forged a lie against me: With my
whole heart I will keep your precepts.
70 Their heart is as fat as grease; But I delight in your
law.
71 It is good for me that I have been afflicted; That I
may learn your statutes.
72 The law of your mouth is better to me Than
thousands of gold and silver. י YODH.
73 Your hands have made me and fashioned me: Give
me understanding, that I may learn your
commandments.
74 Those who fear you shall see me and be glad,
Because I have hoped in your word.
75 I know, O Yehovah, that your judgments are
righteous, And that in faithfulness you have
afflicted me.
76 Let, I pray, your lovingkindness be for my comfort,
According to your word to your servant.
77 Let your tender mercies come to me, that I may live;
For your law is my delight.
78 Let the proud be put to shame; for they have
overthrown me wrongfully: But I will meditate on
your precepts.
79 Let those who fear you turn to me; And they shall
know your testimonies.
80 Let my heart be perfect in your statutes, That I may
not be put to shame. כ KAPH.
81 My soul faints for your salvation; But I hope in your
word.
82 My eyes fail for your word, While I say, When will
you comfort me?
83 For I have become like a wineskin in the smoke; Yet
I do not forget your statutes.
84 How many are the days of your servant? When will
you execute judgment on those who persecute me?
85 The proud have dug pits for me, Who are not
according to your law.
86 All your commandments are faithful: They
persecute me wrongfully; help me.
87 They had almost consumed me upon earth; But I did
not forsake your precepts.

88 Revive me according to your lovingkindness; So I shall observe the testimony of your mouth. ל LAMEDH.

89 Forever, O Yehovah, Your word is settled in heaven.

90 Your faithfulness is to all generations: You have established the earth, and it abides.

91 They abide this day according to your ordinances; For all things are your servants.

92 Unless your law had been my delight, I would then have perished in my affliction.

93 I will never forget your precepts; For with them you have revived me.

94 I am yours, save me; For I have sought your precepts.

95 The wicked have waited for me, to destroy me; But I will consider your testimonies.

96 I have seen an end of all perfection; But your commandment is exceedingly broad. מ MEM.

97 Oh how I love your law! It is my meditation all the day.

98 Your commandments make me wiser than my enemies; For they are ever with me.

99 I have more understanding than all my teachers; For your testimonies are my meditation.

100 I understand more than the aged, Because I have kept your precepts.

101 I have restrained my feet from every evil way, That I might observe your word.

102 I have not turned aside from your ordinances; For you have taught me.

103 How sweet are your words to my taste! Yes, sweeter than honey to my mouth!

104 Through your precepts I get understanding: Therefore I hate every false way. נ NUN.

105 Your word is a lamp to my feet, And light to my path.

106 I have sworn, and have confirmed it, That I will observe your righteous ordinances.

107 I am afflicted very much: Revive me, O Yehovah, according to your word.

108 Accept, I beseech you, the freewill offerings of my mouth, O Yehovah, And teach me your ordinances.

109 My soul is continually in my hand; Yet I do not forget your law.

110 The wicked have laid a snare for me; Yet I have not gone astray from your precepts.

111 Your testimonies I have taken as a heritage forever; For they are the rejoicing of my heart.

112 I have inclined my heart to perform your statutes Forever, even to the end. ס SAMEKH.

113 I hate those who are of a double mind; But your law I love.

114 You are my hiding place and my shield: I hope in your word.

115 Depart from me, you evildoers, That I may keep the commandments of my God.

116 Uphold me according to your word, that I may live; And do not let me be ashamed of my hope.

117 Hold me up, and I shall be safe, And shall have regard for your statutes continually.

118 You have rejected all those who stray from your statutes; For their deceit is falsehood.

119 You put away all the wicked of the earth like dross: Therefore I love your testimonies.

120 My flesh trembles for fear of you; And I am afraid of your judgments. ע AYIN.

121 I have done justice and righteousness: Do not leave me to my oppressors.

122 Be surety for your servant for good: Do not let the proud oppress me.

123 My eyes fail for your salvation, And for your righteous word.

124 Deal with your servant according to your lovingkindness, And teach me your statutes.

125 I am your servant; give me understanding, That I may know your testimonies.

126 It is time for Yehovah to work; For they have made void your law.

127 Therefore I love your commandments Above gold, yes, above fine gold.

128 Therefore I esteem all your precepts concerning all things to be right; And I hate every false way. פ PE.

129 Your testimonies are wonderful; Therefore my soul keeps them.

130 The opening of your words gives light; It gives understanding to the simple.

131 I opened wide my mouth, and panted; For I longed for your commandments.

132 Turn to me, and have mercy upon me, As is your custom toward those who love your name.

133 Establish my footsteps in your word; And do not let any iniquity have dominion over me.

134 Redeem me from the oppression of man: So I will observe your precepts.

135 Make your face shine upon your servant; And teach me your statutes.

136 Streams of water run down my eyes, Because they
do not observe your law. צ TSADHE.
137 Righteous are you, O Yehovah, And upright are
your judgments.
138 You have commanded your testimonies in
righteousness And very faithfulness.
139 My zeal has consumed me, Because my adversaries
have forgotten your words.
140 Your word is very pure; Therefore your servant
loves it.
141 I am small and despised; Yet I do not forget your
precepts.
142 Your righteousness is an everlasting righteousness,
And your law is truth.
143 Trouble and anguish have taken hold on me; Yet
your commandments are my delight.
144 Your testimonies are righteous forever: Give me
understanding, and I shall live. ק QOPH.
145 I have called with my whole heart; answer me, O
Yehovah: I will keep your statutes.
146 I have called to you; save me, And I shall observe
your testimonies.
147 I anticipated the dawning of the morning, and
cried: I hoped in your words.
148 My eyes anticipated the night watches, That I might
meditate on your word.
149 Hear my voice according to your lovingkindness:
Revive me, O Yehovah, according to your
ordinances.
150 They draw near who follow after wickedness; They
are far from your law.
151 You are near, O Yehovah; And all your
commandments are truth.
152 Of old I have known from your testimonies, That
you have founded them forever. ר RESH.
153 Consider my affliction, and deliver me; For I do not
forget your law.
154 Plead my cause, and redeem me: Revive me
according to your word.
155 Salvation is far from the wicked; For they do not
seek your statutes.
156 Great are your tender mercies, O Yehovah: Revive
me according to your ordinances.
157 Many are my persecutors and my adversaries; Yet I
have not swerved from your testimonies.
158 I beheld the treacherous, and was grieved, Because
they do not observe your word.
159 Consider how I love your precepts: Revive me, O
Yehovah, according to your lovingkindness.
160 The sum of your word is truth; And every one of
your righteous ordinances endures forever. ש
SHIN.
161 Princes have persecuted me without a cause; But
my heart stands in awe of your words.
162 I rejoice at your word, As one who finds great spoil.
163 I hate and abhor falsehood; But your law I love.
164 Seven times a day I praise you, Because of your
righteous ordinances.
165 Great peace have those who love your law; And
they have no occasion of stumbling.
166 I have hoped for your salvation, O Yehovah, And
have done your commandments.
167 My soul has observed your testimonies; And I love
them exceedingly.
168 I have observed your precepts and your
testimonies; For all my ways are before you. ת TAV.
169 Let my cry come near before you, O Yehovah: Give
me understanding according to your word.
170 Let my supplication come before you: Deliver me
according to your word.
171 Let my lips utter praise; For you teach me your
statutes.
172 Let my tongue sing of your word; For all your
commandments are righteousness.
173 Let your hand be ready to help me; For I have
chosen your precepts.
174 I have longed for your salvation, O Yehovah; And
your law is my delight.
175 Let my soul live, and it shall praise you; And let
your ordinances help me.
176 I have gone astray like a lost sheep; seek your
servant; For I do not forget your commandments.

Psalm 120

1 A Song of Ascents. In my distress I cried to Yehovah,
And he answered me.
2 Deliver my soul, O Yehovah, from lying lips, And
from a deceitful tongue.
3 What shall be given to you, and what shall be done
more to you, You deceitful tongue?
4 Sharp arrows of the mighty, With coals of juniper.
5 Woe is me, that I sojourn in Meshech, That I dwell
among the tents of Kedar!
6 My soul has long had her dwelling With him who
hates peace.

7 I am for peace: But when I speak, they are for war.

Psalm 121

1 A Song of Ascents. I will lift up my eyes to the mountains: From where shall my help come?
2 My help comes from Yehovah, Who made heaven and earth.
3 He will not allow your foot to be moved: He who keeps you will not slumber.
4 Behold, he who keeps Israel Will neither slumber nor sleep.
5 Yehovah is your keeper: Yehovah is your shade upon your right hand.
6 The sun shall not strike you by day, Nor the moon by night.
7 Yehovah will keep you from all evil; He will keep your soul.
8 Yehovah will keep your going out and your coming in From this time forth and forevermore.

Psalm 122

1 A Song of Ascents; of David. I was glad when they said to me, Let us go to the house of Yehovah.
2 Our feet are standing Within your gates, O Jerusalem,
3 Jerusalem, that is built As a city that is compact together;
4 To which the tribes go up, even the tribes of Yehovah, For an ordinance for Israel, To give thanks to the name of Yehovah.
5 For there are set thrones for judgment, The thrones of the house of David.
6 Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: They shall prosper who love you.
7 Peace be within your walls, And prosperity within your palaces.
8 For my brothers and companions' sakes, I will now say, Peace be within you.
9 For the sake of the house of Yehovah our God I will seek your good.

Psalm 123

1 A Song of Ascents. To you I lift up my eyes, O you who sit in the heavens.
2 Behold, as the eyes of servants look to the hand of their master, As the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress; So our eyes look to Yehovah our God, Until he has mercy upon us.
3 Have mercy upon us, O Yehovah, have mercy upon us; For we are exceedingly filled with contempt.
4 Our soul is exceedingly filled With the scoffing of those who are at ease, And with the contempt of the proud.

Psalm 124

1 A Song of Ascents; of David. If it had not been Yehovah who was on our side, Let Israel now say,
2 If it had not been Yehovah who was on our side, When men rose up against us;
3 Then they would have swallowed us up alive, When their wrath was kindled against us:
4 Then the waters would have overwhelmed us, The stream would have gone over our soul;
5 Then the proud waters would have gone over our soul.
6 Blessed be Yehovah, Who has not given us as a prey to their teeth.
7 Our soul has escaped as a bird out of the snare of the fowlers: The snare is broken, and we have escaped.
8 Our help is in the name of Yehovah, Who made heaven and earth.

Psalm 125

1 A Song of Ascents. Those who trust in Yehovah Are as mount Zion, which cannot be moved, but abides forever.
2 As the mountains are around Jerusalem, So Yehovah is around his people From this time forth and forevermore.
3 For the scepter of wickedness shall not rest upon the lot of the righteous; So that the righteous may not put forth their hands to iniquity.
4 Do good, O Yehovah, to those who are good, And to those who are upright in their hearts.
5 But as for such as turn aside to their crooked ways, Yehovah will lead them forth with the workers of iniquity. Peace be upon Israel.

Psalm 126

1 A Song of Ascents. When Yehovah brought back those who returned to Zion, We were like those who dream.
2 Then our mouth was filled with laughter, And our tongue with singing: Then they said among the nations, Yehovah has done great things for them.
3 Yehovah has done great things for us, For which we are glad.
4 Turn again our captivity, O Yehovah, As the streams in the South.
5 Those who sow in tears shall reap in joy.

[6]He who goes forth and weeps, bearing seed for
sowing, Shall doubtless come again with joy,
bringing his sheaves with him.

Psalm 127

[1]A Song of Ascents; of Solomon. Unless Yehovah
builds the house, They labor in vain who build it:
Unless Yehovah keeps the city, The watchman
wakes but in vain.
[2]It is vain for you to rise up early, To take rest late, To
eat the bread of toil; For so he gives to his beloved
sleep.
[3]Behold, children are a heritage from Yehovah; And
the fruit of the womb is his reward.
[4]As arrows in the hand of a mighty man, So are the
children of youth.
[5]Happy is the man who has his quiver full of them:
They shall not be put to shame, When they speak
with their enemies in the gate.

Psalm 128

[1]A Song of Ascents. Blessed is everyone who fears
Yehovah, Who walks in his ways.
[2]For you shall eat the labor of your hands: Happy you
shall be, and it shall be well with you.
[3]Your wife shall be as a fruitful vine, In the
innermost parts of your house; Your children like
olive plants, All around your table.
[4]Behold, thus shall the man be blessed Who fears
Yehovah.
[5]May Yehovah bless you out of Zion: And may you see
the good of Jerusalem all the days of your life.
[6]Yes, may you see your children's children. Peace be
upon Israel.

Psalm 129

[1]A Song of Ascents. Many a time they have afflicted
me from my youth up, Let Israel now say,
[2]Many a time they have afflicted me from my youth
up: Yet they have not prevailed against me.
[3]The plowers plowed upon my back; They made long
their furrows.
[4]Yehovah is righteous: He has cut apart the cords of
the wicked.
[5]Let them be put to shame and turned backward, All
those who hate Zion.
[6]Let them be as the grass upon the housetops, Which
withers before it grows up;
[7]With which the reaper does not fill his hand, Nor he
who binds sheaves, his bosom:
[8]Nor do those who pass by say, The blessing of
Yehovah be upon you; We bless you in the name of
Yehovah.

Psalm 130

[1]A Song of Ascents. Out of the depths I have cried to
you, O Yehovah.
[2]Lord, hear my voice: Let your ears be attentive To
the voice of my supplications.
[3]If you, Yehovah, should mark iniquities, O Lord,
who could stand?
[4]But there is forgiveness with you, That you may be
feared.
[5]I wait for Yehovah, my soul waits, And in his word I
hope.
[6]My soul waits for the Lord More than watchmen
wait for the morning; Yes, more than watchmen
for the morning.
[7]O Israel, hope in Yehovah; For with Yehovah there is
lovingkindness, And with him is abundant
redemption.
[8]And he will redeem Israel From all his iniquities.

Psalm 131

[1]A Song of Ascents; of David. Yehovah, my heart is
not haughty, nor my eyes lofty; Nor do I occupy
myself in great matters, Or in things too wonderful
for me.
[2]Surely I have stilled and quieted my soul; Like a
weaned child with his mother, Like a weaned child
is my soul within me.
[3]O Israel, hope in Yehovah From this time forth and
forevermore.

Psalm 132

[1]A Song of Ascents. Yehovah, remember for David All
his affliction;
[2]How he swore to Yehovah, And vowed to the Mighty
One of Jacob:
[3]Surely I will not come into the tabernacle of my
house, Nor go up into my bed;
[4]I will not give sleep to my eyes, Or slumber to my
eyelids;
[5]Until I find out a place for Yehovah, A tabernacle for
the Mighty One of Jacob.
[6]Behold, we heard of it in Ephrathah: We found it in
the field of the wood.
[7]We will go into his tabernacles; We will worship at
his footstool.

8 Arise, O Yehovah, into your resting place; You, and
the ark of your strength.
9 Let your priests be clothed with righteousness; And
let your saints shout for joy.
10 For your servant David's sake Do not turn away the
face of your anointed.
11 Yehovah has sworn to David in truth; He will not
turn from it: Of the fruit of your body I will set
upon your throne.
12 If your children will keep my covenant And my
testimony that I shall teach them, Their children
also shall sit upon your throne forevermore.
13 For Yehovah has chosen Zion; He has desired it for
his habitation.
14 This is my resting place forever: Here I will dwell;
for I have desired it.
15 I will abundantly bless her provision: I will satisfy
her poor with bread.
16 Her priests also I will clothe with salvation; And her
saints shall shout aloud for joy.
17 There I will make the horn of David bud: I have
ordained a lamp for my anointed.
18 His enemies I will clothe with shame; But upon
himself his crown shall flourish.

Psalm 133

1 A Song of Ascents; of David. Behold, how good and
how pleasant it is For brothers to dwell together in
unity!
2 It is like the precious oil upon the head, That ran
down upon the beard, Even Aaron's beard; That
came down upon the edge of his garments;
3 Like the dew of Hermon, That comes down upon the
mountains of Zion: For there Yehovah commanded
the blessing, Even life forevermore.

Psalm 134

1 A Song of Ascents. Behold, bless Yehovah, all you
servants of Yehovah, Who by night stand in the
house of Yehovah.
2 Lift up your hands to the sanctuary, And bless
Yehovah.
3 May Yehovah bless you out of Zion; Even he who
made heaven and earth.

Psalm 135

1 Praise Yehovah. Praise the name of Yehovah; Praise
him, O you servants of Yehovah,
2 You who stand in the house of Yehovah, In the
courts of the house of our God.
3 Praise Yehovah; for Yehovah is good: Sing praises to
his name; for it is pleasant.
4 For Yehovah has chosen Jacob for himself, And
Israel for his own possession.
5 For I know that Yehovah is great, And that our Lord
is above all gods.
6 Whatever Yehovah pleased, that he has done, In
heaven and in earth, in the seas and in all deeps;
7 Who causes the vapors to ascend from the ends of
the earth; Who makes lightnings for the rain; Who
brings forth the wind out of his treasuries;
8 Who struck the firstborn of Egypt, Both of man and
beast;
9 Who sent signs and wonders into the midst of you, O
Egypt, Upon Pharaoh, and upon all his servants;
10 Who struck many nations, And slew mighty kings,
11 Sihon king of the Amorites, And Og king of Bashan,
And all the kingdoms of Canaan,
12 And gave their land for a heritage, A heritage to
Israel his people.
13 Your name, O Yehovah, endures forever; Your
memorial name, O Yehovah, throughout all
generations.
14 For Yehovah will judge his people, And relent
concerning his servants.
15 The idols of the nations are silver and gold, The
work of men's hands.
16 They have mouths, but they do not speak; Eyes they
have, but they do not see;
17 They have ears, but they do not hear; Nor is there
any breath in their mouths.
18 Those who make them shall be like them; Yes,
everyone who trusts in them.
19 O house of Israel, bless Yehovah: O house of Aaron,
bless Yehovah:
20 O house of Levi, bless Yehovah: You who fear
Yehovah, bless Yehovah.
21 Blessed be Yehovah out of Zion, Who dwells at
Jerusalem. Praise Yehovah.

Psalm 136

1 Oh give thanks to Yehovah; for he is good; For his
lovingkindness endures forever.
2 Oh give thanks to the God of gods; For his
lovingkindness endures forever.
3 Oh give thanks to the Lord of lords; For his
lovingkindness endures forever:

4 To him who alone does great wonders; For his
lovingkindness endures forever:
5 To him who by understanding made the heavens;
For his lovingkindness endures forever:
6 To him who spread forth the earth above the waters;
For his lovingkindness endures forever:
7 To him who made great lights; For his
lovingkindness endures forever:
8 The sun to rule by day; For his lovingkindness
endures forever;
9 The moon and stars to rule by night; For his
lovingkindness endures forever:
10 To him who struck Egypt in their firstborn; For his
lovingkindness endures forever;
11 And brought out Israel from among them; For his
lovingkindness endures forever;
12 With a strong hand, and with an outstretched arm;
For his lovingkindness endures forever:
13 To him who divided the Red Sea in two; For his
lovingkindness endures forever;
14 And made Israel pass through the midst of it; For
his lovingkindness endures forever;
15 But overthrew Pharaoh and his host in the Red Sea;
For his lovingkindness endures forever:
16 To him who led his people through the wilderness;
For his lovingkindness endures forever:
17 To him who struck great kings; For his
lovingkindness endures forever;
18 And slew famous kings; For his lovingkindness
endures forever:
19 Sihon king of the Amorites; For his lovingkindness
endures forever;
20 And Og king of Bashan; For his lovingkindness
endures forever;
21 And gave their land for a heritage; For his
lovingkindness endures forever;
22 Even a heritage to Israel his servant; For his
lovingkindness endures forever:
23 Who remembered us in our low estate; For his
lovingkindness endures forever;
24 And has delivered us from our adversaries; For his
lovingkindness endures forever:
25 Who gives food to all flesh; For his lovingkindness
endures forever.
26 Oh give thanks to the God of heaven; For his
lovingkindness endures forever.

Psalm 137

1 By the rivers of Babylon, There we sat down, yes, we
wept, When we remembered Zion.
2 Upon the willows in its midst We hung up our harps.
3 For there those who led us captive required of us
songs, And those who laid us waste required of us
mirth, saying, Sing us one of the songs of Zion.
4 How shall we sing Yehovah's song In a foreign land?
5 If I forget you, O Jerusalem, Let my right hand
forget her skill.
6 Let my tongue cling to the roof of my mouth, If I do
not remember you; If I do not prefer Jerusalem
Above my chief joy.
7 Remember, O Yehovah, against the children of
Edom The day of Jerusalem; Who said, Raze it, raze
it, Even to its foundation.
8 O daughter of Babylon, who are to be destroyed,
Happy shall he be who repays you As you have
served us.
9 Happy shall he be who takes and dashes your little
ones Against the rock.

Psalm 138

1 A Psalm of David. I will give you thanks with my
whole heart: Before the gods I will sing praises to
you.
2 I will worship toward your holy temple, And give
thanks to your name for your lovingkindness and
for your truth: For you have magnified your word
above all your name.
3 In the day that I called you answered me, You
encouraged me with strength in my soul.
4 All the kings of the earth shall give you thanks, O
Yehovah, For they have heard the words of your
mouth.
5 Yes, they shall sing of the ways of Yehovah; For great
is the glory of Yehovah.
6 For though Yehovah is high, yet he regards the
lowly; But the haughty he knows from afar.
7 Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you will
revive me; You will stretch forth your hand against
the wrath of my enemies, And your right hand will
save me.
8 Yehovah will perfect that which concerns me: Your
lovingkindness, O Yehovah, endures forever; Do
not forsake the works of your own hands.

Psalm 139

[1]For the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David. O Yehovah, you have searched me, and known me.
[2]You know my sitting down and my rising up; You understand my thought afar off.
[3]You search out my path and my lying down, And are acquainted with all my ways.
[4]For there is not a word on my tongue, But, behold, O Yehovah, you know it altogether.
[5]You have hemmed me in behind and before, And laid your hand upon me.
[6]Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; It is high, I cannot attain to it.
[7]Where shall I go from your Spirit? Or where shall I flee from your presence?
[8]If I ascend up into heaven, you are there: If I make my bed in Sheol, behold, you are there.
[9]If I take the wings of the morning, And dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea;
[10]Even there your hand shall lead me, And your right hand shall hold me.
[11]If I say, Surely the darkness shall overwhelm me, And the light about me shall be night;
[12]Even the darkness does not hide from you, But the night shines as the day: The darkness and the light are both alike to you.
[13]For you formed my inward parts: You covered me in my mother's womb.
[14]I will give thanks to you; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: Wonderful are your works; And that my soul knows very well.
[15]My frame was not hidden from you, When I was made in secret, And intricately woven in the lowest parts of the earth.
[16]Your eyes saw my unformed substance; And in your book they were all written, Even the days that were ordained for me, When as yet there was none of them.
[17]How precious also are your thoughts to me, O God! How great is the sum of them!
[18]If I should count them, they are more in number than the sand: When I awake, I am still with you.
[19]Surely you will slay the wicked, O God: Depart from me therefore, you bloodthirsty men.
[20]For they speak against you wickedly, And your enemies take your name in vain.
[21]Do I not hate those, O Yehovah, who hate you? And am I not grieved with those who rise up against you?
[22]I hate them with perfect hatred: They have become my enemies.
[23]Search me, O God, and know my heart: Try me, and know my thoughts;
[24]And see if there is any wicked way in me, And lead me in the way everlasting.

Psalm 140

[1]For the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David. Deliver me, O Yehovah, from the evil man; Preserve me from the violent man:
[2]Who devise mischiefs in their heart; Continually they gather themselves together for war.
[3]They have sharpened their tongue like a serpent; Adders' poison is under their lips. [Selah
[4]Keep me, O Yehovah, from the hands of the wicked; Preserve me from the violent man: Who have purposed to thrust aside my steps.
[5]The proud have hidden a snare for me, and cords; They have spread a net by the wayside; They have set traps for me. [Selah
[6]I said to Yehovah, You are my God: Give ear to the voice of my supplications, O Yehovah.
[7]O Yehovah the Lord, the strength of my salvation, You have covered my head in the day of battle.
[8]Do not grant, O Yehovah, the desires of the wicked; Do not further his evil device, lest they exalt themselves. [Selah
[9]As for the head of those who surround me, Let the mischief of their own lips cover them.
[10]Let burning coals fall upon them: Let them be cast into the fire, Into deep pits, from where they shall not rise.
[11]An evil speaker shall not be established in the earth: Evil shall hunt the violent man to overthrow him.
[12]I know that Yehovah will maintain the cause of the afflicted, And justice for the needy.
[13]Surely the righteous shall give thanks to your name: The upright shall dwell in your presence.

Psalm 141

[1]A Psalm of David. Yehovah, I have called upon you; make haste to me: Give ear to my voice, when I call to you.
[2]Let my prayer be set forth as incense before you; The lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.
[3]Set a watch, O Yehovah, before my mouth; Keep the door of my lips.

4 Do not incline my heart to any evil thing, To practice
deeds of wickedness With men who work iniquity:
And do not let me eat of their delicacies.
5 Let the righteous strike me, it shall be a kindness;
And let him reprove me, it shall be as oil upon the
head; Do not let my head refuse it: For even in their
wickedness my prayer shall continue.
6 Their judges are thrown down by the sides of the
rock; And they shall hear my words; for they are
sweet.
7 As when one plows and breaks up the earth, Our
bones are scattered at the mouth of Sheol.
8 For my eyes are toward you, O Yehovah the Lord: In
you I take refuge; do not leave my soul destitute.
9 Keep me from the snare which they have laid for me,
And from the traps of the workers of iniquity.
10 Let the wicked fall into their own nets, While I at
the same time escape.

Psalm 142

1 Maschil of David, when he was in the cave; a Prayer.
I cry with my voice to Yehovah; With my voice to
Yehovah I make supplication.
2 I pour out my complaint before him; I declare before
him my trouble.
3 When my spirit was overwhelmed within me, You
knew my path. In the way in which I walk They
have hidden a snare for me.
4 Look on my right hand, and see; For there is no man
who knows me: Refuge has failed me; No man cares
for my soul.
5 I cried to you, O Yehovah; I said, You are my refuge,
My portion in the land of the living.
6 Attend to my cry; For I am brought very low: Deliver
me from my persecutors; For they are stronger
than I.
7 Bring my soul out of prison, That I may give thanks
to your name: The righteous shall surround me;
For you will deal bountifully with me.

Psalm 143

1 A Psalm of David. Hear my prayer, O Yehovah; give
ear to my supplications: In your faithfulness
answer me, and in your righteousness.
2 And do not enter into judgment with your servant;
For in your sight no man living is righteous.
3 For the enemy has persecuted my soul; He has struck
my life down to the ground: He has made me dwell
in dark places, as those who have been long dead.
4 Therefore my spirit is overwhelmed within me; My
heart within me is desolate.
5 I remember the days of old; I meditate on all your
doings; I muse on the work of your hands.
6 I spread forth my hands to you: My soul thirsts after
you, as a weary land. [Selah
7 Make haste to answer me, O Yehovah; my spirit fails:
Do not hide your face from me, Lest I become like
those who go down into the pit.
8 Cause me to hear your lovingkindness in the
morning; For in you I trust: Cause me to know the
way in which I should walk; For I lift up my soul to
you.
9 Deliver me, O Yehovah, from my enemies: I flee to
you to hide me.
10 Teach me to do your will; For you are my God: Your
Spirit is good; Lead me in the land of uprightness.
11 Revive me, O Yehovah, for your name's sake: In
your righteousness bring my soul out of trouble.
12 And in your lovingkindness cut off my enemies, And
destroy all those who afflict my soul; For I am your
servant.

Psalm 144

1 A Psalm of David. Blessed be Yehovah my rock, Who
teaches my hands to war, And my fingers to fight:
2 My lovingkindness, and my fortress, My high tower,
and my deliverer; My shield, and he in whom I take
refuge; Who subdues my people under me.
3 Yehovah, what is man, that you take knowledge of
him? Or the son of man, that you take account of
him?
4 Man is like vanity: His days are as a shadow that
passes away.
5 Bow your heavens, O Yehovah, and come down:
Touch the mountains, and they shall smoke.
6 Cast forth lightning, and scatter them; Send out
your arrows, and rout them.
7 Stretch forth your hand from above; Rescue me, and
deliver me out of great waters, Out of the hand of
aliens;
8 Whose mouth speaks deceit, And whose right hand
is a right hand of falsehood.
9 I will sing a new song to you, O God: Upon a psaltery
of ten strings I will sing praises to you.
10 You are he who gives salvation to kings; Who
rescues David his servant from the hurtful sword.
11 Rescue me, and deliver me out of the hand of aliens,
Whose mouth speaks deceit, And whose right hand

is a right hand of falsehood.
12 When our sons shall be as plants grown up in their youth, And our daughters as cornerstones hewn after the fashion of a palace;
13 When our barns are full, affording all manner of store, And our sheep bring forth thousands and ten thousands in our fields;
14 When our oxen are well laden; When there is no breaking in, and no going forth, And no outcry in our streets:
15 Happy is the people who are in such a case; Yes, happy is the people whose God is Yehovah.

Psalm 145

1 A Psalm of praise; of David. I will extol you, my God, O King; And I will bless your name forever and ever.
2 Every day I will bless you; And I will praise your name forever and ever.
3 Great is Yehovah, and greatly to be praised; And his greatness is unsearchable.
4 One generation shall laud your works to another, And shall declare your mighty acts.
5 Of the glorious majesty of your honor, And of your wondrous works, I will meditate.
6 And men shall speak of the might of your awesome acts; And I will declare your greatness.
7 They shall utter the memory of your great goodness, And shall sing of your righteousness.
8 Yehovah is gracious, and merciful; Slow to anger, and of great lovingkindness.
9 Yehovah is good to all; And his tender mercies are over all his works.
10 All your works shall give thanks to you, O Yehovah; And your saints shall bless you.
11 They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom, And talk of your power;
12 To make known to the sons of men his mighty acts, And the glory of the majesty of his kingdom.
13 Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, And your dominion endures throughout all generations.
14 Yehovah upholds all who fall, And raises up all those who are bowed down.
15 The eyes of all wait for you; And you give them their food in due season.
16 You open your hand, And satisfy the desire of every living thing.
17 Yehovah is righteous in all his ways, And gracious in all his works.
18 Yehovah is near to all those who call upon him, To all who call upon him in truth.
19 He will fulfill the desire of those who fear him; He also will hear their cry and will save them.
20 Yehovah preserves all those who love him; But all the wicked he will destroy.
21 My mouth shall speak the praise of Yehovah; And let all flesh bless his holy name forever and ever.

Psalm 146

1 Praise Yehovah. Praise Yehovah, O my soul.
2 While I live I will praise Yehovah: I will sing praises to my God while I have any being.
3 Do not put your trust in princes, Nor in the son of man, in whom there is no help.
4 His breath goes forth, he returns to his earth; In that very day his thoughts perish.
5 Happy is he who has the God of Jacob for his help, Whose hope is in Yehovah his God:
6 Who made heaven and earth, The sea, and all that is in them; Who keeps truth forever;
7 Who executes justice for the oppressed; Who gives food to the hungry. Yehovah looses the prisoners;
8 Yehovah opens the eyes of the blind; Yehovah raises up those who are bowed down; Yehovah loves the righteous;
9 Yehovah preserves the sojourners; He upholds the fatherless and widow; But the way of the wicked he turns upside down.
10 Yehovah will reign forever, Your God, O Zion, to all generations. Praise Yehovah.

Psalm 147

1 Praise Yehovah; For it is good to sing praises to our God; For it is pleasant, and praise is fitting.
2 Yehovah builds up Jerusalem; He gathers together the outcasts of Israel.
3 He heals the broken in heart, And binds up their wounds.
4 He counts the number of the stars; He calls them all by their names.
5 Great is our Lord, and mighty in power; His understanding is infinite.
6 Yehovah upholds the meek: He brings the wicked down to the ground.
7 Sing to Yehovah with thanksgiving; Sing praises upon the harp to our God,

8 Who covers the heavens with clouds, Who prepares
rain for the earth, Who makes grass grow upon the
mountains.
9 He gives to the beast his food, And to the young
ravens which cry.
10 He does not delight in the strength of the horse: He
takes no pleasure in the legs of a man.
11 Yehovah takes pleasure in those who fear him, In
those who hope in his lovingkindness.
12 Praise Yehovah, O Jerusalem; Praise your God, O
Zion.
13 For he has strengthened the bars of your gates; He
has blessed your children within you.
14 He makes peace in your borders; He fills you with
the finest of the wheat.
15 He sends out his commandment upon earth; His
word runs very swiftly.
16 He gives snow like wool; He scatters the hoarfrost
like ashes.
17 He casts forth his ice like morsels: Who can stand
before his cold?
18 He sends out his word, and melts them: He causes
his wind to blow, and the waters flow.
19 He shows his word to Jacob, His statutes and his
ordinances to Israel.
20 He has not dealt so with any nation; And as for his
ordinances, they have not known them. Praise
Yehovah.

Psalm 148

1 Praise Yehovah. Praise Yehovah from the heavens:
Praise him in the heights.
2 Praise him, all his angels: Praise him, all his host.
3 Praise him, sun and moon: Praise him, all you stars
of light.
4 Praise him, you heavens of heavens, And you waters
that are above the heavens.
5 Let them praise the name of Yehovah; For he
commanded, and they were created.
6 He has also established them forever and ever: He
has made a decree which shall not pass away.
7 Praise Yehovah from the earth, You sea monsters,
and all deeps;
8 Fire and hail, snow and vapor; Stormy wind,
fulfilling his word;
9 Mountains and all hills; Fruitful trees and all cedars;
10 Beasts and all cattle; Creeping things and flying
birds;
11 Kings of the earth and all peoples; Princes and all
judges of the earth;
12 Both young men and virgins; Old men and children:
13 Let them praise the name of Yehovah; For his name
alone is exalted; His glory is above the earth and
the heavens.
14 And he has lifted up the horn of his people, The
praise of all his saints; Even of the children of
Israel, a people near to him. Praise Yehovah.

Psalm 149

1 Praise Yehovah. Sing to Yehovah a new song, And
his praise in the assembly of the saints.
2 Let Israel rejoice in him who made him: Let the
children of Zion be joyful in their King.
3 Let them praise his name in the dance: Let them
sing praises to him with tambourine and harp.
4 For Yehovah takes pleasure in his people: He will
beautify the meek with salvation.
5 Let the saints exult in glory: Let them sing for joy
upon their beds.
6 Let the high praises of God be in their mouth, And a
two-edged sword in their hand;
7 To execute vengeance upon the nations, And
punishments upon the peoples;
8 To bind their kings with chains, And their nobles
with fetters of iron;
9 To execute upon them the judgment written: This
honor have all his saints. Praise Yehovah.

Psalm 150

1 Praise Yehovah. Praise God in his sanctuary: Praise
him in the firmament of his power.
2 Praise him for his mighty acts: Praise him according
to his excellent greatness.
3 Praise him with trumpet sound: Praise him with
psaltery and harp.
4 Praise him with tambourine and dance: Praise him
with stringed instruments and pipe.
5 Praise him with loud cymbals: Praise him with high-
sounding cymbals.
6 Let everything that has breath praise Yehovah.
Praise Yehovah.

Proverbs

Chapter 1

1 The proverbs of Solomon the son of David, king of Israel:
2 To know wisdom and instruction; To discern the words of understanding;
3 To receive instruction in wise dealing, In righteousness and justice and equity;
4 To give prudence to the simple, To the young man knowledge and discretion:
5 That the wise man may hear, and increase in learning; And that the man of understanding may attain to sound counsels:
6 To understand a proverb, and a figure, The words of the wise, and their dark sayings.
7 The fear of Yehovah is the beginning of knowledge; But the foolish despise wisdom and instruction.
8 My son, hear the instruction of your father, And do not forsake the law of your mother:
9 For they shall be a garland of grace to your head, And chains around your neck.
10 My son, if sinners entice you, Do not consent.
11 If they say, Come with us, Let us lie in wait for blood; Let us lurk secretly for the innocent without cause;
12 Let us swallow them up alive as Sheol, And whole, as those who go down into the pit;
13 We shall find all precious wealth; We shall fill our houses with spoil;
14 You shall cast your lot among us; We will all have one purse:
15 My son, do not walk in the way with them; Restrain your foot from their path:
16 For their feet run to evil, And they make haste to shed blood.
17 For in vain is the net spread In the sight of any bird:
18 And these lie in wait for their own blood; They lurk secretly for their own lives.
19 So are the ways of every one who is greedy for gain; It takes away the life of its owners.
20 Wisdom cries aloud in the street; She utters her voice in the broad places;
21 She cries at the head of the noisy streets; At the entrance of the gates, In the city, she utters her words:
22 How long, you simple ones, will you love simplicity? And scoffers delight themselves in scoffing, And fools hate knowledge?
23 Turn at my reproof: Behold, I will pour out my spirit upon you; I will make known my words to you.
24 Because I have called, and you have refused; I have stretched out my hand, and no man has paid attention;
25 But you have ignored all my counsel, And would have none of my reproof:
26 I also will laugh in the day of your calamity; I will mock when your fear comes;
27 When your fear comes as a storm, And your calamity comes on as a whirlwind; When distress and anguish come upon you.
28 Then they will call upon me, but I will not answer; They will seek me diligently, but they shall not find me:
29 Because they hated knowledge, And did not choose the fear of Yehovah,
30 They would have none of my counsel, They despised all my reproof.
31 Therefore they shall eat of the fruit of their own way, And be filled with their own devices.
32 For the backsliding of the simple shall slay them, And the careless ease of fools shall destroy them.
33 But whoever listens to me shall dwell securely, And shall be quiet without fear of evil.

Chapter 2

1 My son, if you will receive my words, And lay up my commandments with you;
2 So as to incline your ear to wisdom, And apply your heart to understanding;
3 Yes, if you cry out for discernment, And lift up your voice for understanding;
4 If you seek her as silver, And search for her as for hidden treasures:
5 Then you shall understand the fear of Yehovah, And find the knowledge of God.
6 For Yehovah gives wisdom; Out of his mouth comes knowledge and understanding:
7 He lays up sound wisdom for the upright; He is a shield to those who walk in integrity;

8 That he may guard the paths of justice, And preserve
the way of his saints.
9 Then you shall understand righteousness and
justice, And equity, yes, every good path.
10 For wisdom shall enter into your heart, And
knowledge shall be pleasant to your soul;
11 Discretion shall watch over you; Understanding
shall keep you:
12 To deliver you from the way of evil, From the men
who speak perverse things;
13 Who forsake the paths of uprightness, To walk in
the ways of darkness;
14 Who rejoice to do evil, And delight in the
perverseness of evil;
15 Who are crooked in their ways, And wayward in
their paths:
16 To deliver you from the strange woman, Even from
the foreigner who flatters with her words;
17 Who forsakes the companion of her youth, And
forgets the covenant of her God:
18 For her house inclines to death, And her paths to
the dead;
19 None who go to her return again, Nor do they attain
to the paths of life:
20 That you may walk in the way of good men, And
keep the paths of the righteous.
21 For the upright shall dwell in the land, And the
perfect shall remain in it.
22 But the wicked shall be cut off from the land, And
the treacherous shall be rooted out of it.

Chapter 3

1 My son, do not forget my law; But let your heart keep
my commandments:
2 For length of days, and years of life, And peace, they
will add to you.
3 Do not let kindness and truth forsake you: Bind
them around your neck; Write them on the tablet
of your heart:
4 So you shall find favor and good understanding In
the sight of God and man.
5 Trust in Yehovah with all your heart, And do not
lean on your own understanding:
6 In all your ways acknowledge him, And he will
direct your paths.
7 Do not be wise in your own eyes; Fear Yehovah, and
depart from evil:
8 It will be health to your navel, And marrow to your
bones.
9 Honor Yehovah with your wealth, And with the
first-fruits of all your increase:
10 So your barns shall be filled with plenty, And your
vats shall overflow with new wine.
11 My son, do not despise the chastening of Yehovah;
Nor be weary of his reproof:
12 For whom Yehovah loves he reproves, Even as a
father the son in whom he delights.
13 Happy is the man who finds wisdom, And the man
who gets understanding.
14 For the gaining of it is better than the gaining of
silver, And its profit than fine gold.
15 She is more precious than rubies: And none of the
things you can desire are to be compared to her.
16 Length of days is in her right hand; In her left hand
are riches and honor.
17 Her ways are ways of pleasantness, And all her paths
are peace.
18 She is a tree of life to those who lay hold of her: And
happy is every one who retains her.
19 Yehovah by wisdom founded the earth; By
understanding he established the heavens.
20 By his knowledge the depths were broken up, And
the skies drop down the dew.
21 My son, do not let them depart from your eyes; Keep
sound wisdom and discretion:
22 So they shall be life to your soul, And grace to your
neck.
23 Then you shall walk in your way securely, And your
foot shall not stumble.
24 When you lie down, you shall not be afraid: Yes,
you shall lie down, and your sleep shall be sweet.
25 Do not be afraid of sudden fear, Nor of the
desolation of the wicked, when it comes:
26 For Yehovah will be your confidence, And will keep
your foot from being taken.
27 Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due,
When it is in the power of your hand to do it.
28 Do not say to your neighbor, Go, and come again,
And tomorrow I will give; When you have it with
you.
29 Do not devise evil against your neighbor, Seeing he
dwells securely beside you.
30 Do not strive with a man without cause, If he has
done you no harm.

31 Do not envy the man of violence, And choose none of his ways.
32 For the perverse is an abomination to Yehovah; But his friendship is with the upright.
33 The curse of Yehovah is in the house of the wicked; But he blesses the habitation of the righteous.
34 Surely he scoffs at the scoffers; But he gives grace to the lowly.
35 The wise shall inherit glory; But shame shall be the promotion of fools.

Chapter 4

1 Hear, my sons, the instruction of a father, And attend to know understanding:
2 For I give you good doctrine; Do not forsake my law.
3 For I was a son to my father, Tender and only beloved in the sight of my mother.
4 And he taught me, and said to me: Let your heart retain my words; Keep my commandments, and live;
5 Get wisdom, get understanding; Do not forget, nor turn away from the words of my mouth;
6 Do not forsake her, and she will preserve you; Love her, and she will keep you.
7 Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom; Yes, with all your getting get understanding.
8 Exalt her, and she will promote you; She will bring you to honor, when you embrace her.
9 She will give to your head a garland of grace; A crown of beauty she will deliver to you.
10 Hear, O my son, and receive my sayings; And the years of your life shall be many.
11 I have taught you in the way of wisdom; I have led you in paths of uprightness.
12 When you walk, your steps shall not be hampered; And if you run, you shall not stumble.
13 Take firm hold of instruction; do not let her go: Keep her; for she is your life.
14 Do not enter the path of the wicked, And do not walk in the way of evil men.
15 Avoid it, do not pass by it; Turn from it, and pass on.
16 For they do not sleep, unless they do evil; And their sleep is taken away, unless they cause some to fall.
17 For they eat the bread of wickedness, And drink the wine of violence.
18 But the path of the righteous is as the dawning light, That shines more and more to the perfect day.
19 The way of the wicked is as darkness: They do not know at what they stumble.
20 My son, attend to my words; Incline your ear to my sayings.
21 Do not let them depart from your eyes; Keep them in the midst of your heart.
22 For they are life to those who find them, And health to all their flesh.
23 Keep your heart with all diligence; For out of it are the springs of life.
24 Put away from you a wayward mouth, And perverse lips put far from you.
25 Let your eyes look straight ahead, And let your eyelids look straight before you.
26 Make level the path of your feet, And let all your ways be established.
27 Do not turn to the right hand nor to the left: Remove your foot from evil.

Chapter 5

1 My son, attend to my wisdom; Incline your ear to my understanding:
2 That you may preserve discretion, And that your lips may keep knowledge.
3 For the lips of a strange woman drop honey, And her mouth is smoother than oil:
4 But in the end she is bitter as wormwood, Sharp as a two-edged sword.
5 Her feet go down to death; Her steps take hold on Sheol;
6 So that she does not find the level path of life: Her ways are unstable, and she does not know it.
7 Now therefore, my sons, listen to me, And do not depart from the words of my mouth.
8 Remove your way far from her, And do not come near the door of her house;
9 Lest you give your honor to others, And your years to the cruel;
10 Lest strangers be filled with your strength, And your labors be in the house of an alien,
11 And you mourn at your latter end, When your flesh and your body are consumed,
12 And say, How have I hated instruction, And my heart despised reproof;
13 Nor have I obeyed the voice of my teachers, Nor inclined my ear to those who instructed me!
14 I was almost in all evil In the midst of the assembly and congregation.

15 Drink waters out of your own cistern, And running
waters out of your own well.
16 Should your springs be dispersed abroad, And
streams of water in the streets?
17 Let them be for yourself alone, And not for
strangers with you.
18 Let your fountain be blessed; And rejoice in the wife
of your youth.
19 As a loving hind and a pleasant doe, Let her breasts
satisfy you at all times; And be always ravished
with her love.
20 For why should you, my son, be ravished with a
strange woman, And embrace the bosom of a
foreigner?
21 For the ways of man are before the eyes of Yehovah;
And he makes level all his paths.
22 His own iniquities shall take the wicked, And he
shall be held with the cords of his sin.
23 He shall die for lack of instruction; And in the
greatness of his folly he shall go astray.

Chapter 6

1 My son, if you have become surety for your
neighbor, If you have struck your hands in pledge
for a stranger;
2 You are snared with the words of your mouth, You
are taken with the words of your mouth.
3 Do this now, my son, and deliver yourself, Seeing
you have come into the hand of your neighbor: Go,
humble yourself, and plead with your neighbor;
4 Do not give sleep to your eyes, Nor slumber to your
eyelids;
5 Deliver yourself as a gazelle from the hand of the
hunter, And as a bird from the hand of the fowler.
6 Go to the ant, you sluggard; Consider her ways, and
be wise:
7 Which having no chief, Overseer, or ruler,
8 Provides her bread in the summer, And gathers her
food in the harvest.
9 How long will you sleep, O sluggard? When will you
arise out of your sleep?
10 Yet a little sleep, a little slumber, A little folding of
the hands to sleep:
11 So your poverty shall come as a robber, And your
want as an armed man.
12 A worthless person, a man of iniquity, Is he who
walks with a perverse mouth;
13 Who winks with his eyes, who speaks with his feet,
Who makes signs with his fingers;
14 In whose heart is perverseness, Who devises evil
continually, Who sows discord.
15 Therefore his calamity shall come suddenly; In an
instant he shall be broken, and that without
remedy.
16 There are six things which Yehovah hates; Yes,
seven which are an abomination to him:
17 Haughty eyes, a lying tongue, And hands that shed
innocent blood;
18 A heart that devises wicked purposes, Feet that are
swift in running to evil,
19 A false witness who utters lies, And he who sows
discord among brothers.
20 My son, keep the commandment of your father,
And do not forsake the law of your mother:
21 Bind them continually on your heart; Tie them
around your neck.
22 When you walk, it shall lead you; When you sleep, it
shall watch over you; And when you awake, it shall
talk with you.
23 For the commandment is a lamp; and the law is
light; And reproofs of instruction are the way of
life:
24 To keep you from the evil woman, From the flattery
of the foreigner's tongue.
25 Do not lust after her beauty in your heart; Nor let
her take you with her eyelids.
26 For on account of a prostitute a man is brought to a
piece of bread; And the adulteress hunts for the
precious life.
27 Can a man take fire in his bosom, And his clothes
not be burned?
28 Or can one walk on hot coals, And his feet not be
scorched?
29 So is he who goes in to his neighbor's wife; Whoever
touches her shall not be unpunished.
30 Men do not despise a thief, if he steals To satisfy
himself when he is hungry:
31 But if he is found, he shall restore sevenfold; He
shall give all the goods of his house.
32 He who commits adultery with a woman is void of
understanding: He who would destroy his own
soul does it.
33 Wounds and dishonor he shall get; And his
reproach shall not be wiped away.

34 For jealousy is the rage of a man; And he will not
spare in the day of vengeance.
35 He will not accept any ransom; Nor will he rest
content, though you give many gifts.

Chapter 7

1 My son, keep my words, And lay up my
commandments with you.
2 Keep my commandments and live; And my law as
the apple of your eye.
3 Bind them on your fingers; Write them on the tablet
of your heart.
4 Say to wisdom, You are my sister; And call
understanding your kinswoman:
5 That they may keep you from the strange woman,
From the foreigner who flatters with her words.
6 For at the window of my house I looked out through
my lattice;
7 And I beheld among the simple ones, I discerned
among the youths, A young man void of
understanding,
8 Passing through the street near her corner; And he
went the way to her house,
9 In the twilight, in the evening of the day, In the
middle of the night and in the darkness.
10 And, behold, a woman met him With the attire of a
prostitute, and wily of heart.
11 (She is loud and willful; Her feet do not stay in her
house:
12 Now she is in the streets, now in the broad places,
And lies in wait at every corner.)
13 So she caught him, and kissed him, And with an
impudent face she said to him:
14 Sacrifices of peace-offerings are with me; This day I
have paid my vows.
15 Therefore I came out to meet you, Diligently to seek
your face, and I have found you.
16 I have spread my couch with carpets of tapestry,
With striped cloths of the yarn of Egypt.
17 I have perfumed my bed With myrrh, aloes, and
cinnamon.
18 Come, let us take our fill of love until the morning;
Let us delight ourselves with loves.
19 For the man is not at home; He has gone on a long
journey:
20 He has taken a bag of money with him; He will
come home at the full moon.
21 With her much fair speech she causes him to yield;
With the flattering of her lips she forces him along.
22 He goes after her immediately, As an ox goes to the
slaughter, Or as one in fetters to the correction of
the fool;
23 Until an arrow strikes through his liver; As a bird
hastens to the snare, And does not know that it is
for his life.
24 Now therefore, my sons, listen to me, And attend to
the words of my mouth.
25 Do not let your heart turn aside to her ways; Do not
go astray in her paths.
26 For she has cast down many wounded: Yes, all her
slain are a mighty host.
27 Her house is the way to Sheol, Going down to the
chambers of death.

Chapter 8

1 Does not wisdom cry, And understanding put forth
her voice?
2 On the top of high places by the way, Where the
paths meet, she stands;
3 Beside the gates, at the entry of the city, At the
coming in at the doors, she cries aloud:
4 To you, O men, I call; And my voice is to the sons of
men.
5 O you simple, understand prudence; And, you fools,
be of an understanding heart.
6 Hear, for I will speak excellent things; And the
opening of my lips shall be right things.
7 For my mouth shall utter truth; And wickedness is
an abomination to my lips.
8 All the words of my mouth are in righteousness;
There is nothing crooked or perverse in them.
9 They are all plain to him who understands, And
right to those who find knowledge.
10 Receive my instruction, and not silver; And
knowledge rather than choice gold.
11 For wisdom is better than rubies; And all the things
that may be desired are not to be compared to it.
12 I wisdom have made prudence my dwelling, And
find out knowledge and discretion.
13 The fear of Yehovah is to hate evil: Pride, and
arrogance, and the evil way, And the perverse
mouth, I hate.
14 Counsel is mine, and sound knowledge: I am
understanding; I have might.
15 By me kings reign, And princes decree justice.

16 By me princes rule, And nobles, even all the judges
of the earth.
17 I love those who love me; And those who seek me
diligently shall find me.
18 Riches and honor are with me; Yes, enduring
wealth and righteousness.
19 My fruit is better than gold, yes, than fine gold; And
my yield than choice silver.
20 I walk in the way of righteousness, In the midst of
the paths of justice;
21 That I may cause those who love me to inherit
wealth, And that I may fill their treasuries.
22 Yehovah possessed me in the beginning of his way,
Before his works of old.
23 I was set up from everlasting, from the beginning,
Before the earth was.
24 When there were no depths, I was brought forth,
When there were no fountains abounding with
water.
25 Before the mountains were settled, Before the hills I
was brought forth;
26 While as yet he had not made the earth, nor the
fields, Nor the beginning of the dust of the world.
27 When he established the heavens, I was there:
When he set a circle on the face of the deep,
28 When he made firm the skies above, When the
fountains of the deep became strong,
29 When he gave to the sea its bound, That the waters
should not transgress his commandment, When he
marked out the foundations of the earth;
30 Then I was beside him, as a master workman; And I
was daily his delight, Rejoicing always before him,
31 Rejoicing in his habitable earth; And my delight was
with the sons of men.
32 Now therefore, my sons, listen to me; For blessed
are those who keep my ways.
33 Hear instruction, and be wise, And do not refuse it.
34 Blessed is the man who hears me, Watching daily at
my gates, Waiting at the posts of my doors.
35 For whoever finds me finds life, And shall obtain
favor from Yehovah.
36 But he who sins against me wrongs his own soul:
All those who hate me love death.

Chapter 9

1 Wisdom has built her house; She has hewn out her
seven pillars:
2 She has killed her beasts; she has mixed her wine;
She has also set her table:
3 She has sent out her maidens; She cries from the
highest places of the city:
4 Whoever is simple, let him turn in here: As for him
who is void of understanding, she says to him,
5 Come, eat of my bread, And drink of the wine which
I have mixed.
6 Leave off, you simple ones, and live; And walk in the
way of understanding.
7 He who corrects a scoffer gets reviling for himself;
And he who reproves a wicked man gets himself a
blot.
8 Do not reprove a scoffer, lest he hate you: Reprove a
wise man, and he will love you.
9 Give instruction to a wise man, and he will be yet
wiser: Teach a righteous man, and he will increase
in learning.
10 The fear of Yehovah is the beginning of wisdom;
And the knowledge of the Holy One is
understanding.
11 For by me your days shall be multiplied, And the
years of your life shall be increased.
12 If you are wise, you are wise for yourself; And if you
scoff, you alone shall bear it.
13 The foolish woman is loud; She is simple, and
knows nothing.
14 And she sits at the door of her house, On a seat in
the high places of the city,
15 To call to those who pass by, Who go straight on
their ways:
16 Whoever is simple, let him turn in here; And as for
him who is void of understanding, she says to him,
17 Stolen waters are sweet, And bread eaten in secret is
pleasant.
18 But he does not know that the dead are there; That
her guests are in the depths of Sheol.

Chapter 10

1 The proverbs of Solomon. A wise son makes a glad
father; But a foolish son is the heaviness of his
mother.
2 Treasures of wickedness profit nothing; But
righteousness delivers from death.
3 Yehovah will not allow the soul of the righteous to
go hungry; But he thrusts away the desire of the
wicked.
4 He who works with a slack hand becomes poor; But
the hand of the diligent makes rich.

5 He who gathers in summer is a wise son; But he who
sleeps in harvest is a son who causes shame.
6 Blessings are upon the head of the righteous; But
violence covers the mouth of the wicked.
7 The memory of the righteous is blessed; But the
name of the wicked shall rot.
8 The wise in heart will receive commandments; But a
babbling fool shall fall.
9 He who walks uprightly walks securely; But he who
perverts his ways shall be found out.
10 He who winks with the eye causes sorrow; But a
babbling fool shall fall.
11 The mouth of the righteous is a fountain of life; But
violence covers the mouth of the wicked.
12 Hatred stirs up strife; But love covers all
transgressions.
13 In the lips of him who has discernment wisdom is
found; But a rod is for the back of him who is void
of understanding.
14 Wise men lay up knowledge; But the mouth of the
foolish is a ruin at hand.
15 The rich man's wealth is his strong city: The
destruction of the poor is their poverty.
16 The labor of the righteous tends to life; The increase
of the wicked, to sin.
17 He who heeds correction is in the way of life; But he
who forsakes reproof goes astray.
18 He who hides hatred has lying lips; And he who
utters a slander is a fool.
19 In the multitude of words transgression is not
lacking; But he who restrains his lips does wisely.
20 The tongue of the righteous is as choice silver: The
heart of the wicked is little worth.
21 The lips of the righteous feed many; But the foolish
die for lack of understanding.
22 The blessing of Yehovah, it makes rich; And he adds
no sorrow with it.
23 It is as sport to a fool to do wickedness; And so is
wisdom to a man of understanding.
24 The fear of the wicked, it shall come upon him; And
the desire of the righteous shall be granted.
25 When the whirlwind passes, the wicked is no more;
But the righteous is an everlasting foundation.
26 As vinegar to the teeth, and as smoke to the eyes, So
is the sluggard to those who send him.
27 The fear of Yehovah prolongs days; But the years of
the wicked shall be shortened.
28 The hope of the righteous shall be gladness; But the
expectation of the wicked shall perish.
29 The way of Yehovah is a stronghold to the upright;
But it is a destruction to the workers of iniquity.
30 The righteous shall never be removed; But the
wicked shall not dwell in the land.
31 The mouth of the righteous brings forth wisdom;
But the perverse tongue shall be cut off.
32 The lips of the righteous know what is acceptable;
But the mouth of the wicked speaks perverseness.

Chapter 11

1 A false balance is an abomination to Yehovah; But a
just weight is his delight.
2 When pride comes, then comes shame; But with the
lowly is wisdom.
3 The integrity of the upright shall guide them; But
the perverseness of the treacherous shall destroy
them.
4 Riches do not profit in the day of wrath; But
righteousness delivers from death.
5 The righteousness of the perfect shall direct his way;
But the wicked shall fall by his own wickedness.
6 The righteousness of the upright shall deliver them;
But the treacherous shall be taken in their own
iniquity.
7 When a wicked man dies, his expectation shall
perish; And the hope of iniquity perishes.
8 The righteous is delivered out of trouble; And the
wicked comes in his place.
9 With his mouth the godless man destroys his
neighbor; But through knowledge the righteous
shall be delivered.
10 When it goes well with the righteous, the city
rejoices; And when the wicked perish, there is
shouting.
11 By the blessing of the upright the city is exalted; But
it is overthrown by the mouth of the wicked.
12 He who despises his neighbor is void of wisdom; But
a man of understanding holds his peace.
13 He who goes about as a talebearer reveals secrets;
But he who is of a faithful spirit conceals a matter.
14 Where there is no wise guidance, the people fall;
But in the multitude of counselors there is safety.
15 He who is surety for a stranger shall suffer for it; But
he who hates suretyship is secure.
16 A gracious woman obtains honor; And violent men
obtain riches.

17 The merciful man does good to his own soul; But he who is cruel troubles his own flesh.
18 The wicked earns deceitful wages; But he who sows righteousness has a sure reward.
19 He who is steadfast in righteousness shall attain to life; And he who pursues evil does it to his own death.
20 Those who are perverse in heart are an abomination to Yehovah; But such as are perfect in their way are his delight.
21 Though hand join in hand, the evil man shall not be unpunished; But the seed of the righteous shall be delivered.
22 As a ring of gold in a pig's snout, So is a beautiful woman who is without discretion.
23 The desire of the righteous is only good; But the expectation of the wicked is wrath.
24 There is one who scatters, and increases yet more; And there is one who withholds more than is right, but it tends only to want.
25 The generous soul shall be made fat; And he who waters shall be watered also himself.
26 He who withholds grain, the people shall curse him; But blessing shall be on the head of him who sells it.
27 He who diligently seeks good seeks favor; But he who searches after evil, it shall come to him.
28 He who trusts in his riches shall fall; But the righteous shall flourish as the green leaf.
29 He who troubles his own house shall inherit the wind; And the foolish shall be servant to the wise of heart.
30 The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life; And he who is wise wins souls.
31 Behold, the righteous shall be repaid in the earth; How much more the wicked and the sinner!

Chapter 12

1 Whoever loves correction loves knowledge; But he who hates reproof is brutish.
2 A good man shall obtain favor from Yehovah; But a man of wicked devices he will condemn.
3 A man shall not be established by wickedness; But the root of the righteous shall not be moved.
4 A worthy woman is the crown of her husband; But she who causes shame is as rottenness in his bones.
5 The thoughts of the righteous are just; But the counsels of the wicked are deceit.
6 The words of the wicked are a lying in wait for blood; But the mouth of the upright shall deliver them.
7 The wicked are overthrown, and are not; But the house of the righteous shall stand.
8 A man shall be commended according to his wisdom; But he who is of a perverse heart shall be despised.
9 Better is he who is lightly esteemed, and has a servant, Than he who honors himself, and lacks bread.
10 A righteous man regards the life of his beast; But the tender mercies of the wicked are cruel.
11 He who tills his land shall have plenty of bread; But he who follows after vain persons is void of understanding.
12 The wicked desires the net of evil men; But the root of the righteous yields fruit.
13 In the transgression of the lips is a snare to the evil man; But the righteous shall come out of trouble.
14 A man shall be satisfied with good by the fruit of his mouth; And the doings of a man's hands shall be rendered to him.
15 The way of a fool is right in his own eyes; But he who is wise listens to counsel.
16 A fool's vexation is known at once; But a prudent man conceals shame.
17 He who utters truth shows righteousness; But a false witness, deceit.
18 There is one who speaks rashly like the piercings of a sword; But the tongue of the wise is health.
19 The lip of truth shall be established forever; But a lying tongue is but for a moment.
20 Deceit is in the heart of those who devise evil; But to the counselors of peace is joy.
21 No harm shall happen to the righteous; But the wicked shall be filled with evil.
22 Lying lips are an abomination to Yehovah; But those who deal truly are his delight.
23 A prudent man conceals knowledge; But the heart of fools proclaims foolishness.
24 The hand of the diligent shall rule; But the slothful shall be put to forced labor.
25 Anxiety in the heart of a man makes it stoop; But a good word makes it glad.
26 The righteous is a guide to his neighbor; But the way of the wicked causes them to err.
27 The slothful man does not roast that which he took in hunting; But the precious wealth of men is to the

diligent.
28 In the way of righteousness is life; And in its
pathway there is no death.

Chapter 13

1 A wise son hears his father's instruction; But a
scoffer does not hear rebuke.
2 A man shall eat good by the fruit of his mouth; But
the soul of the treacherous shall eat violence.
3 He who guards his mouth keeps his life; But he who
opens wide his lips shall have destruction.
4 The soul of the sluggard desires, and has nothing;
But the soul of the diligent shall be made fat.
5 A righteous man hates lying; But a wicked man is
loathsome, and comes to shame.
6 Righteousness guards him who is upright in the
way; But wickedness overthrows the sinner.
7 There is one who makes himself rich, yet has
nothing: There is one who makes himself poor, yet
has great wealth.
8 The ransom of a man's life is his riches; But the poor
hears no threatening.
9 The light of the righteous rejoices; But the lamp of
the wicked shall be put out.
10 By pride comes only contention; But with the well-
advised is wisdom.
11 Wealth gained by vanity shall be diminished; But he
who gathers by labor shall have increase.
12 Hope deferred makes the heart sick; But when the
desire comes, it is a tree of life.
13 Whoever despises the word brings destruction on
himself; But he who fears the commandment shall
be rewarded.
14 The law of the wise is a fountain of life, That one
may depart from the snares of death.
15 Good understanding gives favor; But the way of the
transgressor is hard.
16 Every prudent man works with knowledge; But a
fool flaunts his folly.
17 A wicked messenger falls into evil; But a faithful
ambassador is health.
18 Poverty and shame shall be to him who refuses
correction; But he who heeds reproof shall be
honored.
19 The desire accomplished is sweet to the soul; But it
is an abomination to fools to depart from evil.
20 Walk with wise men, and you shall be wise; But the
companion of fools shall suffer harm.
21 Evil pursues sinners; But the righteous shall be
repaid with good.
22 A good man leaves an inheritance to his children's
children; And the wealth of the sinner is laid up for
the righteous.
23 Much food is in the tillage of the poor; But there is
that which is destroyed by reason of injustice.
24 He who spares his rod hates his son; But he who
loves him disciplines him diligently.
25 The righteous eats to the satisfying of his soul; But
the belly of the wicked shall lack.

Chapter 14

1 Every wise woman builds her house; But the foolish
tears it down with her own hands.
2 He who walks in his uprightness fears Yehovah; But
he who is perverse in his ways despises him.
3 In the mouth of the foolish is a rod for his pride; But
the lips of the wise shall preserve them.
4 Where there are no oxen, the manger is clean; But
much increase is by the strength of the ox.
5 A faithful witness will not lie; But a false witness
utters lies.
6 A scoffer seeks wisdom, and does not find it; But
knowledge is easy to him who has understanding.
7 Go into the presence of a foolish man, And you shall
not perceive in him the lips of knowledge.
8 The wisdom of the prudent is to understand his way;
But the folly of fools is deceit.
9 A trespass-offering mocks fools; But among the
upright there is good will.
10 The heart knows its own bitterness; And a stranger
does not share in its joy.
11 The house of the wicked shall be overthrown; But
the tent of the upright shall flourish.
12 There is a way which seems right to a man; But its
end is the ways of death.
13 Even in laughter the heart is sorrowful; And the end
of mirth is grief.
14 The backslider in heart shall be filled with his own
ways; And a good man shall be satisfied from
himself.
15 The simple believes every word; But the prudent
man looks well to his going.
16 A wise man fears, and departs from evil; But the
fool carries himself insolently, and is confident.
17 He who is soon angry will deal foolishly; And a man
of wicked devices is hated.

18 The simple inherit folly; But the prudent are
crowned with knowledge.
19 The evil bow down before the good; And the wicked,
at the gates of the righteous.
20 The poor is hated even by his own neighbor; But the
rich has many friends.
21 He who despises his neighbor sins; But he who has
pity on the poor, happy is he.
22 Do those who devise evil not go astray? But mercy
and truth shall be to those who devise good.
23 In all labor there is profit; But the talk of the lips
tends only to poverty.
24 The crown of the wise is their riches; But the folly of
fools is only folly.
25 A true witness delivers souls; But he who utters lies
causes deceit.
26 In the fear of Yehovah is strong confidence; And his
children shall have a place of refuge.
27 The fear of Yehovah is a fountain of life, That one
may depart from the snares of death.
28 In the multitude of people is the king's glory; But in
the want of people is the destruction of the prince.
29 He who is slow to anger is of great understanding;
But he who is hasty of spirit exalts folly.
30 A tranquil heart is the life of the flesh; But envy is
the rottenness of the bones.
31 He who oppresses the poor reproaches his Maker;
But he who has mercy on the needy honors him.
32 The wicked is thrust down in his evil-doing; But the
righteous has a refuge in his death.
33 Wisdom rests in the heart of him who has
understanding; But that which is in the inward
part of fools is made known.
34 Righteousness exalts a nation; But sin is a reproach
to any people.
35 The king's favor is toward a servant who deals
wisely; But his wrath will be against him who
causes shame.

Chapter 15

1 A soft answer turns away wrath; But a harsh word
stirs up anger.
2 The tongue of the wise utters knowledge rightly; But
the mouth of fools pours out folly.
3 The eyes of Yehovah are in every place, Keeping
watch on the evil and the good.
4 A gentle tongue is a tree of life; But perverseness in it
is a breaking of the spirit.
5 A fool despises his father's correction; But he who
heeds reproof gets prudence.
6 In the house of the righteous is much treasure; But
in the income of the wicked is trouble.
7 The lips of the wise disperse knowledge; But the
heart of the foolish does not do so.
8 The sacrifice of the wicked is an abomination to
Yehovah; But the prayer of the upright is his
delight.
9 The way of the wicked is an abomination to
Yehovah; But he loves him who follows after
righteousness.
10 There is severe correction for him who forsakes the
way; And he who hates reproof shall die.
11 Sheol and Abaddon are before Yehovah; How much
more then the hearts of the children of men!
12 A scoffer does not love to be reproved; He will not go
to the wise.
13 A glad heart makes a cheerful countenance; But by
sorrow of heart the spirit is broken.
14 The heart of him who has understanding seeks
knowledge; But the mouth of fools feeds on folly.
15 All the days of the afflicted are evil; But he who is of
a cheerful heart has a continual feast.
16 Better is little, with the fear of Yehovah, Than great
treasure and trouble with it.
17 Better is a dinner of herbs, where love is, Than a
fattened ox and hatred with it.
18 A wrathful man stirs up contention; But he who is
slow to anger appeases strife.
19 The way of the sluggard is as a hedge of thorns; But
the path of the upright is made a highway.
20 A wise son makes a glad father; But a foolish man
despises his mother.
21 Folly is joy to him who is void of wisdom; But a man
of understanding makes straight his going.
22 Where there is no counsel, purposes fail; But in the
multitude of counselors they are established.
23 A man has joy in the answer of his mouth; And a
word in due season, how good is it!
24 To the wise the way of life goes upward, That he
may depart from Sheol beneath.
25 Yehovah will root up the house of the proud; But he
will establish the border of the widow.
26 Evil devices are an abomination to Yehovah; But
pleasant words are pure.
27 He who is greedy for gain troubles his own house;
But he who hates bribes shall live.

28 The heart of the righteous studies to answer; But
the mouth of the wicked pours out evil things.
29 Yehovah is far from the wicked; But he hears the
prayer of the righteous.
30 The light of the eyes rejoices the heart; And good
tidings make the bones fat.
31 The ear that listens to the reproof of life Shall abide
among the wise.
32 He who refuses correction despises his own soul;
But he who listens to reproof gets understanding.
33 The fear of Yehovah is the instruction of wisdom;
And before honor goes humility.

Chapter 16

1 The plans of the heart belong to man; But the answer
of the tongue is from Yehovah.
2 All the ways of a man are clean in his own eyes; But
Yehovah weighs the spirits.
3 Commit your works to Yehovah, And your purposes
shall be established.
4 Yehovah has made everything for its own end; Yes,
even the wicked for the day of evil.
5 Every one who is proud in heart is an abomination
to Yehovah: Though hand join in hand, he shall not
be unpunished.
6 By mercy and truth iniquity is atoned for; And by
the fear of Yehovah men depart from evil.
7 When a man's ways please Yehovah, He makes even
his enemies be at peace with him.
8 Better is a little, with righteousness, Than great
income with injustice.
9 A man's heart devises his way; But Yehovah directs
his steps.
10 A divine sentence is in the lips of the king; His
mouth shall not transgress in judgment.
11 A just balance and scales are Yehovah's; All the
weights of the bag are his work.
12 It is an abomination to kings to commit wickedness;
For the throne is established by righteousness.
13 Righteous lips are the delight of kings; And they
love him who speaks right.
14 The wrath of a king is as messengers of death; But a
wise man will pacify it.
15 In the light of the king's countenance is life; And his
favor is as a cloud of the latter rain.
16 How much better is it to get wisdom than gold! Yes,
to get understanding is rather to be chosen than
silver.
17 The highway of the upright is to depart from evil:
He who keeps his way preserves his soul.
18 Pride goes before destruction, And a haughty spirit
before a fall.
19 Better it is to be of a lowly spirit with the poor, Than
to divide the spoil with the proud.
20 He who gives heed to the word shall find good; And
whoever trusts in Yehovah, happy is he.
21 The wise in heart shall be called prudent; And the
sweetness of the lips increases learning.
22 Understanding is a wellspring of life to him who
has it; But the correction of fools is their folly.
23 The heart of the wise instructs his mouth, And adds
learning to his lips.
24 Pleasant words are as a honeycomb, Sweet to the
soul, and health to the bones.
25 There is a way which seems right to a man, But its
end is the ways of death.
26 The appetite of the laboring man labors for him; For
his mouth urges him on.
27 A worthless man devises harm; And in his lips there
is as a scorching fire.
28 A perverse man spreads strife; And a whisperer
separates close friends.
29 A man of violence entices his neighbor, And leads
him in a way that is not good.
30 He who shuts his eyes, it is to devise perverse
things: He who compresses his lips brings evil to
pass.
31 The gray head is a crown of glory; It shall be found
in the way of righteousness.
32 He who is slow to anger is better than the mighty;
And he who rules his spirit, than he who takes a
city.
33 The lot is cast into the lap; But its every decision is
from Yehovah.

Chapter 17

1 Better is a dry morsel, and quietness with it, Than a
house full of feasting with strife.
2 A servant who deals wisely shall rule over a son who
causes shame, And shall have part in the
inheritance among the brothers.
3 The refining pot is for silver, and the furnace for
gold; But Yehovah tries the hearts.
4 An evildoer gives heed to wicked lips; And a liar
gives ear to a malicious tongue.

5 Whoever mocks the poor reproaches his Maker; And he who is glad at calamity shall not be unpunished.
6 Children's children are the crown of old men; And the glory of children are their fathers.
7 Excellent speech is not fitting for a fool; Much less are lying lips for a prince.
8 A bribe is as a precious stone in the eyes of him who has it; Wherever it turns, it prospers.
9 He who covers a transgression seeks love; But he who harps on a matter separates close friends.
10 A rebuke enters deeper into one who has understanding Than a hundred stripes into a fool.
11 An evil man seeks only rebellion; Therefore a cruel messenger shall be sent against him.
12 Let a bear robbed of her cubs meet a man, Rather than a fool in his folly.
13 Whoever rewards evil for good, Evil shall not depart from his house.
14 The beginning of strife is as when one lets out water: Therefore quit contention, before there is quarreling.
15 He who justifies the wicked, and he who condemns the righteous, Both of them alike are an abomination to Yehovah.
16 Why is there a price in the hand of a fool to buy wisdom, Seeing he has no understanding?
17 A friend loves at all times; And a brother is born for adversity.
18 A man void of understanding strikes hands, And becomes surety in the presence of his neighbor.
19 He who loves strife loves transgression: He who raises high his gate seeks destruction.
20 He who has a wayward heart finds no good; And he who has a perverse tongue falls into harm.
21 He who fathers a fool does it to his sorrow; And the father of a fool has no joy.
22 A cheerful heart is a good medicine; But a broken spirit dries up the bones.
23 A wicked man receives a bribe out of the bosom, To pervert the ways of justice.
24 Wisdom is before the face of him who has understanding; But the eyes of a fool are in the ends of the earth.
25 A foolish son is a grief to his father, And bitterness to her who bore him.
26 Also to punish the righteous is not good, Nor to strike the noble for their uprightness.
27 He who spares his words has knowledge; And he who is of a cool spirit is a man of understanding.
28 Even a fool, when he holds his peace, is counted wise; When he shuts his lips, he is esteemed as prudent.

Chapter 18

1 He who separates himself seeks his own desire, And rages against all sound wisdom.
2 A fool has no delight in understanding, But only that his heart may reveal itself.
3 When the wicked comes, contempt also comes, And with dishonor comes reproach.
4 The words of a man's mouth are as deep waters; The wellspring of wisdom is as a flowing brook.
5 To show partiality to the wicked is not good, Nor to turn aside the righteous in judgment.
6 A fool's lips enter into contention, And his mouth calls for stripes.
7 A fool's mouth is his destruction, And his lips are the snare of his soul.
8 The words of a whisperer are as dainty morsels, And they go down into the innermost parts.
9 He also who is slack in his work Is brother to him who is a destroyer.
10 The name of Yehovah is a strong tower; The righteous runs into it, and is safe.
11 The rich man's wealth is his strong city, And as a high wall in his own imagination.
12 Before destruction the heart of man is haughty; And before honor goes humility.
13 He who gives an answer before he hears, It is folly and shame to him.
14 The spirit of a man will sustain his infirmity; But a broken spirit who can bear?
15 The heart of the prudent gets knowledge; And the ear of the wise seeks knowledge.
16 A man's gift makes room for him, And brings him before great men.
17 He who pleads his cause first seems just; But his neighbor comes and searches him out.
18 The lot causes contentions to cease, And decides between the mighty.
19 A brother offended is harder to be won than a strong city; And such contentions are like the bars of a citadel.
20 A man's belly shall be filled with the fruit of his mouth; With the increase of his lips he shall be

satisfied.
21 Death and life are in the power of the tongue; And those who love it shall eat its fruit.
22 Whoever finds a wife finds a good thing, And obtains favor from Yehovah.
23 The poor uses entreaties; But the rich answers roughly.
24 He who makes many friends does it to his own destruction; But there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother.

Chapter 19

1 Better is the poor who walks in his integrity Than he who is perverse in his lips and is a fool.
2 Also, that the soul be without knowledge is not good; And he who hurries with his feet sins.
3 The foolishness of man subverts his way; And his heart frets against Yehovah.
4 Wealth adds many friends; But the poor is separated from his friend.
5 A false witness shall not be unpunished; And he who utters lies shall not escape.
6 Many will seek the favor of the generous man; And every man is a friend to him who gives gifts.
7 All the brothers of the poor hate him: How much more do his friends go far from him! He pursues them with words, but they are gone.
8 He who gets wisdom loves his own soul: He who keeps understanding shall find good.
9 A false witness shall not be unpunished; And he who utters lies shall perish.
10 Luxury is not fitting for a fool; Much less for a servant to rule over princes.
11 The discretion of a man makes him slow to anger; And it is his glory to pass over a transgression.
12 The king's wrath is as the roaring of a lion; But his favor is as dew on the grass.
13 A foolish son is the calamity of his father; And the contentions of a wife are a continual dripping.
14 House and riches are an inheritance from fathers; But a prudent wife is from Yehovah.
15 Slothfulness casts into a deep sleep; And the idle soul shall suffer hunger.
16 He who keeps the commandment keeps his soul; But he who is careless of his ways shall die.
17 He who has pity on the poor lends to Yehovah, And he will repay him for his good deed.
18 Discipline your son, seeing there is hope; And do not set your heart on his destruction.
19 A man of great wrath shall bear the penalty; For if you deliver him, you must do it yet again.
20 Hear counsel, and receive instruction, That you may be wise in your latter end.
21 There are many devices in a man's heart; But the counsel of Yehovah, that shall stand.
22 That which makes a man desirable is his kindness; And a poor man is better than a liar.
23 The fear of Yehovah tends to life; And he who has it shall abide satisfied; He shall not be visited with evil.
24 The sluggard buries his hand in the dish, And will not so much as bring it to his mouth again.
25 Strike a scoffer, and the simple will learn prudence; And reprove one who has understanding, and he will understand knowledge.
26 He who does violence to his father, and chases away his mother, Is a son who causes shame and brings reproach.
27 Cease, my son, to hear instruction Only to stray from the words of knowledge.
28 A worthless witness mocks at justice; And the mouth of the wicked swallows iniquity.
29 Judgments are prepared for scoffers, And stripes for the back of fools.

Chapter 20

1 Wine is a mocker, strong drink a brawler; And whoever is led astray by it is not wise.
2 The terror of a king is as the roaring of a lion: He who provokes him to anger sins against his own life.
3 It is an honor for a man to keep aloof from strife; But every fool will be quarreling.
4 The sluggard will not plow because of the winter; Therefore he shall beg in harvest, and have nothing.
5 Counsel in the heart of man is like deep water; But a man of understanding will draw it out.
6 Most men will proclaim every one his own kindness; But a faithful man who can find?
7 A righteous man who walks in his integrity, Blessed are his children after him.
8 A king who sits on the throne of judgment Scatters away all evil with his eyes.
9 Who can say, I have made my heart clean, I am pure from my sin?

10 Diverse weights, and diverse measures, Both of
them alike are an abomination to Yehovah.
11 Even a child makes himself known by his doings,
Whether his work is pure, and whether it is right.
12 The hearing ear, and the seeing eye, Yehovah has
made even both of them.
13 Do not love sleep, lest you come to poverty; Open
your eyes, and you shall be satisfied with bread.
14 It is bad, it is bad, says the buyer; But when he is
gone his way, then he boasts.
15 There is gold, and abundance of rubies; But the lips
of knowledge are a precious jewel.
16 Take the garment of him who is surety for a
stranger; And hold him in pledge who is surety for
foreigners.
17 Bread of falsehood is sweet to a man; But afterwards
his mouth shall be filled with gravel.
18 Every purpose is established by counsel; And by
wise guidance make war.
19 He who goes about as a talebearer reveals secrets;
Therefore do not associate with him who opens
wide his lips.
20 Whoever curses his father or his mother, His lamp
shall be put out in blackness of darkness.
21 An inheritance may be gained hastily at the
beginning; But its end shall not be blessed.
22 Do not say, I will repay evil: Wait for Yehovah, and
he will save you.
23 Diverse weights are an abomination to Yehovah;
And a false balance is not good.
24 A man's steps are from Yehovah; How then can man
understand his way?
25 It is a snare to a man rashly to say, It is holy, And
after vows to make inquiry.
26 A wise king winnows the wicked, And brings the
threshing-wheel over them.
27 The spirit of man is the lamp of Yehovah, Searching
all his innermost parts.
28 Kindness and truth preserve the king; And his
throne is upheld by kindness.
29 The glory of young men is their strength; And the
beauty of old men is the gray head.
30 Stripes that wound cleanse away evil; And strokes
reach the innermost parts.

Chapter 21

1 The king's heart is in the hand of Yehovah as the
watercourses: He turns it wherever he will.
2 Every way of a man is right in his own eyes; But
Yehovah weighs the hearts.
3 To do righteousness and justice Is more acceptable
to Yehovah than sacrifice.
4 A high look, and a proud heart, Even the lamp of the
wicked, is sin.
5 The thoughts of the diligent tend only to abundance;
But every one who is hasty hastens only to want.
6 The getting of treasures by a lying tongue Is a vapor
driven to and fro by those who seek death.
7 The violence of the wicked shall sweep them away,
Because they refuse to do justice.
8 The way of him who is laden with guilt is
exceedingly crooked; But as for the pure, his work
is right.
9 It is better to dwell in the corner of the housetop,
Than with a contentious woman in a wide house.
10 The soul of the wicked desires evil: His neighbor
finds no favor in his eyes.
11 When the scoffer is punished, the simple is made
wise; And when the wise is instructed, he receives
knowledge.
12 The righteous man considers the house of the
wicked, How the wicked are overthrown to their
ruin.
13 Whoever stops his ears at the cry of the poor, He
also shall cry, but shall not be heard.
14 A gift in secret pacifies anger; And a present in the
bosom, strong wrath.
15 It is joy to the righteous to do justice; But it is a
destruction to the workers of iniquity.
16 The man who wanders out of the way of
understanding Shall rest in the assembly of the
dead.
17 He who loves pleasure shall be a poor man: He who
loves wine and oil shall not be rich.
18 The wicked is a ransom for the righteous; And the
treacherous comes in the place of the upright.
19 It is better to dwell in a desert land, Than with a
contentious and fretful woman.
20 There is precious treasure and oil in the dwelling of
the wise; But a foolish man swallows it up.
21 He who follows after righteousness and kindness
Finds life, righteousness, and honor.
22 A wise man scales the city of the mighty, And brings
down the strength of its confidence.
23 Whoever keeps his mouth and his tongue Keeps his
soul from troubles.

24 The proud and haughty man, scoffer is his name; He works in the arrogance of pride.
25 The desire of the sluggard kills him; For his hands refuse to labor.
26 There is one who covets greedily all the day long; But the righteous gives and does not withhold.
27 The sacrifice of the wicked is an abomination; How much more, when he brings it with a wicked mind!
28 A false witness shall perish; But the man who hears shall speak so as to endure.
29 A wicked man hardens his face; But as for the upright, he establishes his ways.
30 There is no wisdom nor understanding Nor counsel against Yehovah.
31 The horse is prepared for the day of battle; But victory is from Yehovah.

Chapter 22

1 A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches, And loving favor rather than silver and gold.
2 The rich and the poor meet together: Yehovah is the maker of them all.
3 A prudent man sees the evil, and hides himself; But the simple pass on, and suffer for it.
4 The reward of humility and the fear of Yehovah Is riches, and honor, and life.
5 Thorns and snares are in the way of the perverse: He who keeps his soul shall be far from them.
6 Train up a child in the way he should go, And even when he is old he will not depart from it.
7 The rich rules over the poor; And the borrower is servant to the lender.
8 He who sows iniquity shall reap calamity; And the rod of his wrath shall fail.
9 He who has a bountiful eye shall be blessed; For he gives of his bread to the poor.
10 Cast out the scoffer, and contention will go out; Yes, strife and dishonor will cease.
11 He who loves pureness of heart, For the grace of his lips the king will be his friend.
12 The eyes of Yehovah preserve him who has knowledge; But he overthrows the words of the treacherous man.
13 The sluggard says, There is a lion outside; I shall be slain in the streets.
14 The mouth of strange women is a deep pit; He who is abhorred by Yehovah shall fall into it.
15 Foolishness is bound up in the heart of a child; But the rod of correction shall drive it far from him.
16 He who oppresses the poor to increase his gain, And he who gives to the rich, shall come only to want.
17 Incline your ear, and hear the words of the wise, And apply your heart to my knowledge.
18 For it is a pleasant thing if you keep them within you, If they are established together on your lips.
19 That your trust may be in Yehovah, I have made them known to you this day, even to you.
20 Have I not written to you excellent things Of counsels and knowledge,
21 To make you know the certainty of the words of truth, That you may carry back words of truth to those who send you?
22 Do not rob the poor, because he is poor; Nor oppress the afflicted in the gate:
23 For Yehovah will plead their cause, And despoil of life those that despoil them.
24 Make no friendship with a man who is given to anger; And with a wrathful man you shall not go:
25 Lest you learn his ways, And get a snare to your soul.
26 Do not be one of those who strike hands, Or of those who are sureties for debts.
27 If you do not have the means to pay, Why should he take away your bed from under you?
28 Do not remove the ancient landmark, Which your fathers have set.
29 Do you see a man diligent in his business? he shall stand before kings; He shall not stand before obscure men.

Chapter 23

1 When you sit to eat with a ruler, Consider diligently him who is before you;
2 And put a knife to your throat, If you are a man given to appetite.
3 Do not be desirous of his delicacies; Seeing they are deceitful food.
4 Do not weary yourself to be rich; Cease from your own wisdom.
5 Will you set your eyes on that which is not? For riches certainly make themselves wings, Like an eagle that flies toward heaven.
6 Do not eat the bread of him who has an evil eye, Nor desire his delicacies:

7 For as he thinks within himself, so is he: Eat and drink, says he to you; But his heart is not with you.
8 The morsel which you have eaten you shall vomit up, And lose your sweet words.
9 Do not speak in the hearing of a fool; For he will despise the wisdom of your words.
10 Do not remove the ancient landmark; And do not enter into the fields of the fatherless:
11 For their Redeemer is strong; He will plead their cause against you.
12 Apply your heart to instruction, And your ears to the words of knowledge.
13 Do not withhold correction from the child; For if you beat him with the rod, he will not die.
14 You shall beat him with the rod, And shall deliver his soul from Sheol.
15 My son, if your heart is wise, My heart will be glad, even mine:
16 Yes, my heart will rejoice, When your lips speak right things.
17 Do not let your heart envy sinners; But continue in the fear of Yehovah all the day long:
18 For surely there is a reward; And your hope shall not be cut off.
19 Hear, my son, and be wise, And guide your heart in the way.
20 Do not be among drunkards, Among gluttonous eaters of meat:
21 For the drunkard and the glutton shall come to poverty; And drowsiness will clothe a man with rags.
22 Listen to your father who fathered you, And do not despise your mother when she is old.
23 Buy the truth, and do not sell it; Yes, wisdom, and instruction, and understanding.
24 The father of the righteous will greatly rejoice; And he who fathers a wise child will have joy in him.
25 Let your father and your mother be glad, And let her who bore you rejoice.
26 My son, give me your heart; And let your eyes delight in my ways.
27 For a prostitute is a deep ditch; And a foreign woman is a narrow pit.
28 Yes, she lies in wait as a robber, And increases the treacherous among men.
29 Who has woe? who has sorrow? who has contentions? Who has complaining? who has wounds without cause? Who has redness of eyes?
30 Those who linger long at the wine; Those who go to seek out mixed wine.
31 Do not look at the wine when it is red, When it sparkles in the cup, When it goes down smoothly:
32 At the last it bites like a serpent, And stings like an adder.
33 Your eyes shall behold strange things, And your heart shall utter perverse things.
34 Yes, you shall be as he who lies down in the midst of the sea, Or as he who lies on the top of a mast.
35 They have struck me, you shall say, and I was not hurt; They have beaten me, and I did not feel it: When shall I awake? I will seek it yet again.

Chapter 24

1 Do not be envious of evil men; Nor desire to be with them:
2 For their heart studies oppression, And their lips talk of harm.
3 Through wisdom a house is built; And by understanding it is established;
4 And by knowledge the chambers are filled With all precious and pleasant riches.
5 A wise man is strong; Yes, a man of knowledge increases might.
6 For by wise guidance you shall make your war; And in the multitude of counselors there is safety.
7 Wisdom is too high for a fool: He does not open his mouth in the gate.
8 He who devises to do evil, Men shall call him a mischief-maker.
9 The thought of foolishness is sin; And the scoffer is an abomination to men.
10 If you faint in the day of adversity, Your strength is small.
11 Deliver those who are carried away to death, And those who are ready to be slain see that you hold back.
12 If you say, Behold, we did not know this; Does not he who weighs the hearts consider it? And he who keeps your soul, does he not know it? And shall he not render to every man according to his work?
13 My son, eat honey, for it is good; And the drippings of the honeycomb, which are sweet to your taste:
14 So you shall know wisdom to be to your soul; If you have found it, then there shall be a reward, And your hope shall not be cut off.
15 Do not lie in wait, O wicked man, against the habitation of the righteous; Do not destroy his

resting-place:
16 For a righteous man falls seven times, and rises up
again; But the wicked are overthrown by calamity.
17 Do not rejoice when your enemy falls, And do not let
your heart be glad when he is overthrown;
18 Lest Yehovah see it, and it displease him, And he
turn away his wrath from him.
19 Do not fret yourself because of evildoers; Nor be
envious of the wicked:
20 For there shall be no reward to the evil man; The
lamp of the wicked shall be put out.
21 My son, fear Yehovah and the king; And do not
associate with those who are given to change:
22 For their calamity shall rise suddenly; And the
destruction from them both, who knows it?
23 These also are sayings of the wise. To show
partiality in judgment is not good.
24 He who says to the wicked, You are righteous,
Peoples shall curse him, nations shall abhor him;
25 But to those who rebuke him shall be delight, And a
good blessing shall come upon them.
26 He kisses the lips Who gives a right answer.
27 Prepare your work outside, And make it ready for
you in the field; And afterward build your house.
28 Do not be a witness against your neighbor without
cause; And do not deceive with your lips.
29 Do not say, I will do so to him as he has done to me; I
will render to the man according to his work.
30 I went by the field of the sluggard, And by the
vineyard of the man void of understanding;
31 And, look, it was all grown over with thorns, Its
surface was covered with nettles, And its stone wall
was broken down.
32 Then I beheld, and considered well; I saw, and
received instruction:
33 Yet a little sleep, a little slumber, A little folding of
the hands to sleep;
34 So your poverty shall come as a robber, And your
want as an armed man.

Chapter 25

1 These also are proverbs of Solomon, which the men
of Hezekiah king of Judah copied out.
2 It is the glory of God to conceal a thing; But the glory
of kings is to search out a matter.
3 As the heavens for height, and the earth for depth,
So the heart of kings is unsearchable.
4 Take away the dross from the silver, And there
comes out a vessel for the refiner:
5 Take away the wicked from before the king, And his
throne shall be established in righteousness.
6 Do not put yourself forward in the presence of the
king, And do not stand in the place of great men:
7 For it is better that it be said to you, Come up here,
Than that you should be put lower in the presence
of the prince, Whom your eyes have seen.
8 Do not go out hastily to strive, Lest you not know
what to do in the end of it, When your neighbor has
put you to shame.
9 Debate your cause with your neighbor himself, And
do not disclose the secret of another;
10 Lest he who hears it revile you, And your infamy
not turn away.
11 A word fitly spoken Is like apples of gold in network
of silver.
12 As an earring of gold, and an ornament of fine gold,
So is a wise reprover on an obedient ear.
13 As the cold of snow in the time of harvest, So is a
faithful messenger to those who send him; For he
refreshes the soul of his masters.
14 As clouds and wind without rain, So is he who
boasts himself of his gifts falsely.
15 By long forbearing is a ruler persuaded, And a soft
tongue breaks the bone.
16 Have you found honey? eat as much as is sufficient
for you, Lest you be filled with it, and vomit it.
17 Let your foot be seldom in your neighbor's house,
Lest he be weary of you, and hate you.
18 A man who bears false witness against his neighbor
Is a club, and a sword, and a sharp arrow.
19 Confidence in an unfaithful man in time of trouble
Is like a broken tooth, and a foot out of joint.
20 As one who takes off a garment in cold weather, and
as vinegar on soda, So is he who sings songs to a
heavy heart.
21 If your enemy is hungry, give him bread to eat; And
if he is thirsty, give him water to drink:
22 For you will heap coals of fire on his head, And
Yehovah will reward you.
23 The north wind brings rain; So does a backbiting
tongue an angry countenance.
24 It is better to dwell in the corner of the housetop,
Than with a contentious woman in a wide house.
25 As cold waters to a thirsty soul, So is good news
from a far country.

26 As a muddied fountain, and a corrupted spring, So
is a righteous man who gives way before the
wicked.
27 It is not good to eat much honey; So for men to
search out their own glory is grievous.
28 He whose spirit is without restraint Is like a city
that is broken down and without walls.

Chapter 26

1 As snow in summer, and as rain in harvest, So honor
is not fitting for a fool.
2 As the sparrow in her wandering, as the swallow in
her flying, So the curse that is causeless does not
alight.
3 A whip for the horse, a bridle for the donkey, And a
rod for the back of fools.
4 Do not answer a fool according to his folly, Lest you
also be like him.
5 Answer a fool according to his folly, Lest he be wise
in his own conceit.
6 He who sends a message by the hand of a fool Cuts
off his own feet, and drinks in damage.
7 The legs of the lame hang loose; So is a parable in the
mouth of fools.
8 As one who binds a stone in a sling, So is he who
gives honor to a fool.
9 As a thorn that goes up into the hand of a drunkard,
So is a parable in the mouth of fools.
10 As an archer who wounds all, So is he who hires a
fool and he who hires those who pass by.
11 As a dog that returns to his vomit, So is a fool who
repeats his folly.
12 Do you see a man wise in his own conceit? There is
more hope for a fool than for him.
13 The sluggard says, There is a lion in the way; A lion
is in the streets.
14 As the door turns on its hinges, So does the sluggard
on his bed.
15 The sluggard buries his hand in the dish; It wearies
him to bring it back to his mouth.
16 The sluggard is wiser in his own conceit Than seven
men who can give a reason.
17 He who passes by, and meddles with strife not
belonging to him, Is like one who takes a dog by the
ears.
18 As a madman who casts firebrands, Arrows, and
death,
19 So is the man who deceives his neighbor, And says,
Am I not joking?
20 For lack of wood the fire goes out; And where there
is no whisperer, contention ceases.
21 As coals are to hot embers, and wood to fire, So is a
contentious man to inflame strife.
22 The words of a whisperer are as delicious morsels,
And they go down into the innermost parts.
23 Fervent lips and a wicked heart Are like an earthen
vessel overlaid with silver dross.
24 He who hates disguises it with his lips; But he lays
up deceit within him:
25 When he speaks graciously, do not believe him; For
there are seven abominations in his heart:
26 Though his hatred covers itself with guile, His
wickedness shall be openly shown before the
assembly.
27 Whoever digs a pit shall fall into it; And he who
rolls a stone, it shall come back on him.
28 A lying tongue hates those whom it has wounded;
And a flattering mouth works ruin.

Chapter 27

1 Do not boast about tomorrow; For you do not know
what a day may bring forth.
2 Let another man praise you, and not your own
mouth; A stranger, and not your own lips.
3 A stone is heavy, and the sand weighty; But a fool's
vexation is heavier than both of them.
4 Wrath is cruel, and anger is overwhelming; But who
is able to stand before jealousy?
5 Better is open rebuke Than love that is hidden.
6 Faithful are the wounds of a friend; But the kisses of
an enemy are profuse.
7 The full soul loathes a honeycomb; But to the hungry
soul every bitter thing is sweet.
8 As a bird that wanders from her nest, So is a man
who wanders from his place.
9 Oil and perfume rejoice the heart; So does the
sweetness of a man's friend that comes from
earnest counsel.
10 Do not forsake your own friend, and your father's
friend; And do not go to your brother's house in the
day of your calamity: Better is a neighbor who is
near than a brother far away.
11 My son, be wise, and make my heart glad, That I
may answer him who reproaches me.

12 A prudent man sees the evil, and hides himself; But
the simple pass on, and suffer for it.
13 Take the garment of him who is surety for a
stranger; And hold him in pledge who is surety for
a foreign woman.
14 He who blesses his friend with a loud voice, rising
early in the morning, It shall be counted a curse to
him.
15 A continual dripping on a very rainy day And a
contentious woman are alike:
16 He who would restrain her restrains the wind; And
his right hand grasps oil.
17 Iron sharpens iron; So a man sharpens the
countenance of his friend.
18 Whoever tends the fig-tree shall eat its fruit; And he
who regards his master shall be honored.
19 As in water face answers to face, So the heart of man
to man.
20 Sheol and Abaddon are never satisfied; And the eyes
of man are never satisfied.
21 The refining pot is for silver, and the furnace for
gold; And a man is tested by his praise.
22 Though you should crush a fool in a mortar with a
pestle along with crushed grain, Yet his foolishness
will not depart from him.
23 Be diligent to know the state of your flocks, And
look well to your herds:
24 For riches are not forever; And does the crown
endure to all generations?
25 The hay is removed, and the tender grass shows
itself, And the herbs of the mountains are gathered
in.
26 The lambs are for your clothing, And the goats are
the price of the field;
27 And there will be goats' milk enough for your food,
for the food of your household, And sustenance for
your maidens.

Chapter 28

1 The wicked flee when no man pursues; But the
righteous are bold as a lion.
2 For the transgression of a land its princes are many;
But by men of understanding and knowledge its
stability shall be prolonged.
3 A needy man who oppresses the poor Is like a
sweeping rain which leaves no food.
4 Those who forsake the law praise the wicked; But
such as keep the law contend with them.
5 Evil men do not understand justice; But those who
seek Yehovah understand all things.
6 Better is the poor who walks in his integrity, Than he
who is perverse in his ways, though he is rich.
7 Whoever keeps the law is a wise son; But he who is a
companion of gluttons shames his father.
8 He who increases his wealth by interest and profit,
Gathers it for him who has pity on the poor.
9 He who turns away his ear from hearing the law,
Even his prayer is an abomination.
10 Whoever causes the upright to go astray in an evil
way, He shall fall himself into his own pit; But the
perfect shall inherit good.
11 The rich man is wise in his own conceit; But the
poor who has understanding searches him out.
12 When the righteous triumph, there is great glory;
But when the wicked rise, men hide themselves.
13 He who covers his transgressions shall not prosper;
But whoever confesses and forsakes them shall
obtain mercy.
14 Happy is the man who fears always; But he who
hardens his heart shall fall into harm.
15 As a roaring lion, and a charging bear, So is a
wicked ruler over a poor people.
16 The prince who lacks understanding is also a great
oppressor; But he who hates covetousness shall
prolong his days.
17 A man who is laden with the blood of any person
Shall flee to the pit; let no man hold him back.
18 Whoever walks uprightly shall be delivered; But he
who is perverse in his ways shall fall at once.
19 He who tills his land shall have plenty of bread; But
he who follows after vain persons shall have
poverty enough.
20 A faithful man shall abound with blessings; But he
who makes haste to be rich shall not be
unpunished.
21 To show partiality is not good; Nor that a man
should transgress for a piece of bread.
22 He who has an evil eye hurries after riches, And
does not know that want shall come upon him.
23 He who rebukes a man shall afterward find more
favor Than he who flatters with the tongue.
24 Whoever robs his father or his mother, and says, It
is no transgression, The same is the companion of a
destroyer.
25 He who is of a greedy spirit stirs up strife; But he
who puts his trust in Yehovah shall be made fat.

26 He who trusts in his own heart is a fool; But whoever walks wisely, he shall be delivered.
27 He who gives to the poor shall not lack; But he who hides his eyes shall have many a curse.
28 When the wicked rise, men hide themselves; But when they perish, the righteous increase.

Chapter 29

1 He who being often reproved hardens his neck Shall suddenly be destroyed, and that without remedy.
2 When the righteous are increased, the people rejoice; But when a wicked man rules, the people sigh.
3 Whoever loves wisdom rejoices his father; But he who keeps company with prostitutes wastes his wealth.
4 The king by justice establishes the land; But he who exacts gifts overthrows it.
5 A man who flatters his neighbor Spreads a net for his steps.
6 In the transgression of an evil man there is a snare; But the righteous sings and rejoices.
7 The righteous takes knowledge of the cause of the poor; The wicked does not have understanding to know it.
8 Scoffers set a city aflame; But wise men turn away wrath.
9 If a wise man has a controversy with a foolish man, Whether he is angry or laughs, there will be no rest.
10 The bloodthirsty hate him who is perfect; And as for the upright, they seek his life.
11 A fool utters all his anger; But a wise man keeps it back and stills it.
12 If a ruler listens to falsehood, All his servants are wicked.
13 The poor man and the oppressor meet together; Yehovah gives light to the eyes of them both.
14 The king who faithfully judges the poor, His throne shall be established forever.
15 The rod and reproof give wisdom; But a child left to himself causes shame to his mother.
16 When the wicked are increased, transgression increases; But the righteous shall look on their fall.
17 Correct your son, and he will give you rest; Yes, he will give delight to your soul.
18 Where there is no vision, the people cast off restraint; But he who keeps the law, happy is he.
19 A servant will not be corrected by words; For though he understands, he will not give heed.
20 Do you see a man who is hasty in his words? There is more hope for a fool than for him.
21 He who pampers his servant from childhood Shall have him become a son at the last.
22 An angry man stirs up strife, And a wrathful man abounds in transgression.
23 A man's pride shall bring him low; But he who is of a lowly spirit shall obtain honor.
24 Whoever is partner with a thief hates his own soul; He hears the oath and utters nothing.
25 The fear of man brings a snare; But whoever puts his trust in Yehovah shall be safe.
26 Many seek the ruler's favor; But a man's judgment comes from Yehovah.
27 An unjust man is an abomination to the righteous; And he who is upright in the way is an abomination to the wicked.

Chapter 30

1 The words of Agur the son of Jakeh; the oracle. The man says to Ithiel, to Ithiel and Ucal:
2 Surely I am more brutish than any man, And have not the understanding of a man;
3 And I have not learned wisdom, Nor have I the knowledge of the Holy One.
4 Who has ascended up into heaven, and descended? Who has gathered the wind in his fists? Who has bound the waters in his garment? Who has established all the ends of the earth? What is his name, and what is his son's name, if you know?
5 Every word of God is tested: He is a shield to those who take refuge in him.
6 Do not add to his words, Lest he reprove you, and you be found a liar.
7 Two things I have asked of you; Do not deny them to me before I die:
8 Remove far from me falsehood and lies; Give me neither poverty nor riches; Feed me with the food that is needed for me:
9 Lest I be full, and deny you, and say, Who is Yehovah? Or lest I be poor, and steal, And use profanely the name of my God.
10 Do not slander a servant to his master, Lest he curse you, and you be held guilty.
11 There is a generation that curses their father, And does not bless their mother.

12 There is a generation that are pure in their own
eyes, And yet are not washed from their filthiness.
13 There is a generation, oh how lofty are their eyes!
And their eyelids are lifted up.
14 There is a generation whose teeth are as swords, and
their jaw teeth as knives, To devour the poor from
off the earth, and the needy from among men.
15 The leech has two daughters, crying, Give, give.
There are three things that are never satisfied, Yes,
four that do not say, Enough:
16 Sheol; and the barren womb; The earth that is not
satisfied with water; And the fire that does not say,
Enough.
17 The eye that mocks at his father, And despises to
obey his mother, The ravens of the valley shall pick
it out, And the young eagles shall eat it.
18 There are three things which are too wonderful for
me, Yes, four which I do not know:
19 The way of an eagle in the air; The way of a serpent
on a rock; The way of a ship in the midst of the sea;
And the way of a man with a maiden.
20 So is the way of an adulterous woman; She eats, and
wipes her mouth, And says, I have done no
wickedness.
21 For three things the earth trembles, And for four,
which it cannot bear:
22 For a servant when he is king; And a fool when he is
filled with food;
23 For an odious woman when she is married; And a
maidservant who is heir to her mistress.
24 There are four things which are little on the earth,
But they are exceedingly wise:
25 The ants are a people not strong, Yet they provide
their food in the summer;
26 The rock badgers are but a feeble folk, Yet they
make their houses in the rocks;
27 The locusts have no king, Yet all of them go out in
ranks;
28 The lizard takes hold with her hands, Yet she is in
kings' palaces.
29 There are three things which are stately in their
march, Yes, four which are stately in going:
30 The lion, which is mightiest among beasts, And
does not turn away for any;
31 The greyhound; the male goat also; And the king
against whom there is no rising up.
32 If you have done foolishly in lifting up yourself, Or
if you have thought evil, Lay your hand on your
mouth.
33 For the churning of milk brings forth butter, And
the wringing of the nose brings forth blood; So the
forcing of wrath brings forth strife.

Chapter 31

1 The words of king Lemuel; the oracle which his
mother taught him.
2 What, my son? and what, O son of my womb? And
what, O son of my vows?
3 Do not give your strength to women, Nor your ways
to that which destroys kings.
4 It is not for kings, O Lemuel, it is not for kings to
drink wine; Nor for princes to say, Where is strong
drink?
5 Lest they drink, and forget the law, And pervert the
justice due to any who is afflicted.
6 Give strong drink to him who is ready to perish, And
wine to the bitter in soul:
7 Let him drink, and forget his poverty, And
remember his misery no more.
8 Open your mouth for the mute, In the cause of all
such as are left desolate.
9 Open your mouth, judge righteously, And defend the
rights of the poor and needy.
10 A worthy woman who can find? For her price is far
above rubies.
11 The heart of her husband trusts in her, And he shall
have no lack of gain.
12 She does him good and not evil All the days of her
life.
13 She seeks wool and flax, And works willingly with
her hands.
14 She is like the merchant-ships; She brings her bread
from far away.
15 She rises also while it is yet night, And gives food to
her household, And their task to her maidens.
16 She considers a field, and buys it; With the fruit of
her hands she plants a vineyard.
17 She girds her loins with strength, And makes strong
her arms.
18 She perceives that her merchandise is profitable;
Her lamp does not go out by night.
19 She lays her hands to the distaff, And her hands
hold the spindle.
20 She stretches out her hand to the poor; Yes, she
reaches out her hands to the needy.

21 She is not afraid of the snow for her household; For
all her household are clothed with scarlet.
22 She makes for herself coverings of tapestry; Her
clothing is fine linen and purple.
23 Her husband is known in the gates, When he sits
among the elders of the land.
24 She makes linen garments and sells them, And
delivers sashes to the merchant.
25 Strength and dignity are her clothing; And she
laughs at the time to come.
26 She opens her mouth with wisdom; And the law of
kindness is on her tongue.
27 She looks well to the ways of her household, And
does not eat the bread of idleness.
28 Her children rise up, and call her blessed; Her
husband also, and he praises her, saying:
29 Many daughters have done worthily, But you excel
them all.
30 Grace is deceitful, and beauty is vain; But a woman
who fears Yehovah, she shall be praised.
31 Give her of the fruit of her hands; And let her works
praise her in the gates.

Ecclesiastes

Chapter 1

[1]The words of the Preacher, the son of David, king in Jerusalem.

[2]Vanity of vanities, says the Preacher; vanity of vanities, all is vanity.

[3]What profit has man from all his labor in which he labors under the sun?

[4]One generation goes, and another generation comes; but the earth abides forever.

[5]The sun also rises, and the sun goes down, and hastens to its place where it rises.

[6]The wind goes toward the south, and turns about to the north; it turns about continually in its course, and the wind returns again to its circuits.

[7]All the rivers run into the sea, yet the sea is not full; to the place where the rivers go, there they go again.

[8]All things are full of weariness; man cannot utter it: the eye is not satisfied with seeing, nor the ear filled with hearing.

[9]What has been is what shall be; and what has been done is what shall be done: and there is no new thing under the sun.

[10]Is there a thing of which it may be said, See, this is new? It has been long ago, in the ages which were before us.

[11]There is no remembrance of the former generations; nor shall there be any remembrance of the latter generations that are to come, among those who shall come after.

[12]I the Preacher was king over Israel in Jerusalem.

[13]And I applied my heart to seek and to search out by wisdom concerning all that is done under heaven: it is a grievous task that God has given to the sons of men to be exercised with.

[14]I have seen all the works that are done under the sun; and, behold, all is vanity and a striving after wind.

[15]What is crooked cannot be made straight; and what is lacking cannot be counted.

[16]I communed with my own heart, saying, Look, I have acquired great wisdom above all who were before me in Jerusalem; yes, my heart has had great experience of wisdom and knowledge.

[17]And I applied my heart to know wisdom, and to know madness and folly: I perceived that this also was a striving after wind.

[18]For in much wisdom is much grief; and he who increases knowledge increases sorrow.

Chapter 2

[1]I said in my heart, Come now, I will test you with mirth; therefore enjoy pleasure: and, behold, this also was vanity.

[2]I said of laughter, It is mad; and of mirth, What does it accomplish?

[3]I searched in my heart how to cheer my flesh with wine, my heart still guiding me with wisdom, and how to lay hold on folly, until I might see what was good for the sons of men that they should do under heaven all the days of their life.

[4]I made myself great works; I built myself houses; I planted myself vineyards;

[5]I made myself gardens and parks, and I planted trees in them of all kinds of fruit;

[6]I made myself pools of water, to water from them the forest where trees were reared;

[7]I bought male servants and female servants, and had servants born in my house; also I had great possessions of herds and flocks, above all who were before me in Jerusalem;

[8]I also gathered for myself silver and gold, and the treasure of kings and of the provinces; I got myself male singers and female singers, and the delights of the sons of men, musical instruments, and those of all sorts.

[9]So I was great, and increased more than all who were before me in Jerusalem: also my wisdom remained with me.

[10]And whatever my eyes desired I did not keep from them; I did not withhold my heart from any joy; for my heart rejoiced because of all my labor; and this was my portion from all my labor.

[11]Then I looked on all the works that my hands had done, and on the labor that I had labored to do; and, behold, all was vanity and a striving after wind, and there was no profit under the sun.

[12]And I turned myself to behold wisdom, and madness, and folly: for what can the man do who comes after the king? Even what has been done long ago.

13 Then I saw that wisdom excels folly, as far as light
excels darkness.
14 The wise man's eyes are in his head, and the fool
walks in darkness: and yet I perceived that one
event happens to them all.
15 Then I said in my heart, As it happens to the fool, so
will it happen even to me; and why then was I more
wise? Then I said in my heart, that this also is
vanity.
16 For of the wise man, even as of the fool, there is no
remembrance forever; seeing that in the days to
come all will have been long forgotten. And how
the wise man dies even as the fool!
17 So I hated life, because the work that is done under
the sun was grievous to me; for all is vanity and a
striving after wind.
18 And I hated all my labor in which I labored under
the sun, seeing that I must leave it to the man who
shall be after me.
19 And who knows whether he will be a wise man or a
fool? Yet he will have rule over all my labor in
which I have labored, and in which I have shown
myself wise under the sun. This also is vanity.
20 Therefore I turned about to cause my heart to
despair concerning all the labor in which I had
labored under the sun.
21 For there is a man whose labor is with wisdom, and
with knowledge, and with skill; yet to a man who
has not labored in it he shall leave it for his portion.
This also is vanity and a great evil.
22 For what has a man from all his labor, and from the
striving of his heart, in which he labors under the
sun?
23 For all his days are but sorrows, and his toil is grief;
yes, even in the night his heart takes no rest. This
also is vanity.
24 There is nothing better for a man than that he
should eat and drink, and make his soul enjoy good
in his labor. This also I saw, that it is from the hand
of God.
25 For who can eat, or who can have enjoyment, more
than I?
26 For to the man who pleases him God gives wisdom,
and knowledge, and joy; but to the sinner he gives
toil, to gather and to heap up, that he may give to
him who pleases God. This also is vanity and a
striving after wind.

Chapter 3

1 For everything there is a season, and a time for every
purpose under heaven:
2 a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant,
and a time to pluck up what is planted;
3 a time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break
down, and a time to build up;
4 a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn,
and a time to dance;
5 a time to cast away stones, and a time to gather
stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to
refrain from embracing;
6 a time to seek, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and
a time to cast away;
7 a time to tear, and a time to sew; a time to keep
silence, and a time to speak;
8 a time to love, and a time to hate; a time for war, and
a time for peace.
9 What profit has he who works in that in which he
labors?
10 I have seen the task which God has given to the sons
of men to be exercised with.
11 He has made everything beautiful in its time: also
he has set eternity in their heart, yet so that man
cannot find out the work that God has done from
the beginning even to the end.
12 I know that there is nothing better for them, than
to rejoice, and to do good so long as they live.
13 And also that every man should eat and drink, and
enjoy good in all his labor, is the gift of God.
14 I know that, whatever God does, it shall be forever:
nothing can be added to it, nor anything taken
from it; and God has done it, that men should fear
before him.
15 What is has been long ago; and what is to be has
long ago been: and God seeks again what has
passed away.
16 And moreover I saw under the sun, in the place of
justice, that wickedness was there; and in the place
of righteousness, that wickedness was there.
17 I said in my heart, God will judge the righteous and
the wicked; for there is a time there for every
purpose and for every work.
18 I said in my heart, It is because of the sons of men,
that God may test them, and that they may see that
they themselves are but as beasts.
19 For what befalls the sons of men befalls beasts; even
one thing befalls them: as the one dies, so dies the

other; yes, they all have one breath; and man has no preeminence above the beasts: for all is vanity.
20 All go to one place; all are of the dust, and all turn to dust again.
21 Who knows the spirit of man, whether it goes upward, and the spirit of the beast, whether it goes downward to the earth?
22 Therefore I saw that there is nothing better, than that a man should rejoice in his works; for that is his portion: for who shall bring him back to see what shall be after him?

Chapter 4

1 Then I returned and saw all the oppressions that are done under the sun: and, behold, the tears of such as were oppressed, and they had no comforter; and on the side of their oppressors there was power; but they had no comforter.
2 Therefore I praised the dead who have been long dead more than the living who are still alive;
3 yes, better than them both I esteemed him who has not yet been, who has not seen the evil work that is done under the sun.
4 Then I saw all labor and every skillful work, that for this a man is envied by his neighbor. This also is vanity and a striving after wind.
5 The fool folds his hands together, and eats his own flesh.
6 Better is a handful, with quietness, than two handfuls with labor and striving after wind.
7 Then I returned and saw vanity under the sun.
8 There is one who is alone, and he does not have a second; yes, he has neither son nor brother; yet there is no end of all his labor, nor are his eyes satisfied with riches. For whom then, he says, do I labor, and deprive my soul of good? This also is vanity, yes, it is a grievous task.
9 Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their labor.
10 For if they fall, the one will lift up his fellow; but woe to him who is alone when he falls, and does not have another to lift him up.
11 Again, if two lie together, then they have warmth; but how can one be warm alone?
12 And if a man prevails against him who is alone, two shall withstand him; and a threefold cord is not quickly broken.
13 Better is a poor and wise youth than an old and foolish king, who no longer knows how to receive admonition.
14 For out of prison he came forth to be king; yes, even in his kingdom he was born poor.
15 I saw all the living who walk under the sun, that they were with the youth, the second, who stood up in his place.
16 There was no end of all the people, even of all those over whom he was: yet those who come after shall not rejoice in him. Surely this also is vanity and a striving after wind.

Chapter 5

1 Guard your foot when you go to the house of God; for to draw near to hear is better than to give the sacrifice of fools: for they do not know that they do evil.
2 Do not be rash with your mouth, and do not let your heart be hasty to utter anything before God; for God is in heaven, and you upon earth: therefore let your words be few.
3 For a dream comes with a multitude of business, and a fool's voice with a multitude of words.
4 When you vow a vow to God, do not delay to pay it; for he has no pleasure in fools: pay what you vow.
5 It is better that you should not vow, than that you should vow and not pay.
6 Do not allow your mouth to cause your flesh to sin; nor say before the angel, that it was an error: why should God be angry at your voice, and destroy the work of your hands?
7 For in the multitude of dreams there are vanities, and in many words: but fear God.
8 If you see the oppression of the poor, and the violent taking away of justice and righteousness in a province, do not marvel at the matter: for one higher than the high watches; and there are higher than they.
9 Moreover the profit of the earth is for all: the king himself is served by the field.
10 He who loves silver shall not be satisfied with silver; nor he who loves abundance, with increase: this also is vanity.
11 When goods increase, those who eat them are increased; and what advantage is there to their owner, except the beholding of them with his eyes?
12 The sleep of a laboring man is sweet, whether he eats little or much; but the fullness of the rich will not allow him to sleep.

13 There is a grievous evil which I have seen under the
sun, namely, riches kept by their owner to his hurt:
14 and those riches perish by a bad venture; and if he
has fathered a son, there is nothing in his hand.
15 As he came forth from his mother's womb, naked he
shall go again as he came, and shall take nothing
for his labor, which he may carry away in his hand.
16 And this also is a grievous evil, that in all points as
he came, so he shall go: and what profit has he that
he labors for the wind?
17 All his days also he eats in darkness, and he is
greatly vexed, and has sickness and wrath.
18 Behold, what I have seen to be good and to be fitting
is for one to eat and to drink, and to enjoy good in
all his labor, in which he labors under the sun, all
the days of his life which God has given him: for
this is his portion.
19 Every man also to whom God has given riches and
wealth, and has given him power to eat of it, and to
take his portion, and to rejoice in his labor—this is
the gift of God.
20 For he shall not much remember the days of his life;
because God answers him in the joy of his heart.

Chapter 6

1 There is an evil which I have seen under the sun, and
it is heavy upon men:
2 a man to whom God gives riches, wealth, and honor,
so that he lacks nothing for his soul of all that he
desires, yet God does not give him power to eat of
it, but a foreigner eats it; this is vanity, and it is an
evil disease.
3 If a man fathers a hundred children, and lives many
years, so that the days of his years are many, but his
soul is not filled with good, and moreover he has no
burial; I say, that an untimely birth is better than
he:
4 for it comes in vanity, and departs in darkness, and
its name is covered with darkness;
5 moreover it has not seen the sun nor known it; this
has rest rather than the other:
6 yes, though he lives a thousand years twice over, and
yet enjoys no good, do not all go to one place?
7 All the labor of man is for his mouth, and yet the
appetite is not filled.
8 For what advantage has the wise more than the fool?
Or what has the poor man, who knows how to walk
before the living?
9 Better is the sight of the eyes than the wandering of
the desire: this also is vanity and a striving after
wind.
10 Whatever has been, its name was given long ago;
and it is known what man is; nor can he contend
with him who is mightier than he.
11 Seeing there are many things that increase vanity,
what is man the better?
12 For who knows what is good for man in his life, all
the days of his vain life which he spends as a
shadow? for who can tell a man what shall be after
him under the sun?

Chapter 7

1 A good name is better than precious oil; and the day
of death, than the day of one's birth.
2 It is better to go to the house of mourning than to go
to the house of feasting: for that is the end of all
men; and the living will lay it to his heart.
3 Sorrow is better than laughter; for by the sadness of
the countenance the heart is made glad.
4 The heart of the wise is in the house of mourning;
but the heart of fools is in the house of mirth.
5 It is better to hear the rebuke of the wise, than for a
man to hear the song of fools.
6 For as the crackling of thorns under a pot, so is the
laughter of the fool: this also is vanity.
7 Surely extortion makes the wise man foolish; and a
bribe destroys the understanding.
8 Better is the end of a thing than its beginning; and
the patient in spirit is better than the proud in
spirit.
9 Do not be hasty in your spirit to be angry; for anger
rests in the bosom of fools.
10 Do not say, What is the cause that the former days
were better than these? For you do not inquire
wisely concerning this.
11 Wisdom is as good as an inheritance; yes, it is more
excellent for those who see the sun.
12 For wisdom is a defense, even as money is a defense;
but the excellence of knowledge is, that wisdom
preserves the life of him who has it.
13 Consider the work of God: for who can make
straight what he has made crooked?
14 In the day of prosperity be joyful, and in the day of
adversity consider; yes, God has made the one side
by side with the other, to the end that man should
not find out anything that shall be after him.

15 All this I have seen in my days of vanity: there is a righteous man who perishes in his righteousness, and there is a wicked man who prolongs his life in his evildoing.
16 Do not be overly righteous; nor make yourself overly wise: why should you destroy yourself?
17 Do not be overly wicked, nor be foolish: why should you die before your time?
18 It is good that you should take hold of this; yes, also do not withdraw your hand from that: for he who fears God shall come forth from them all.
19 Wisdom is a strength to the wise man more than ten rulers who are in a city.
20 Surely there is not a righteous man upon earth, who does good, and does not sin.
21 Also do not take heed to all words that are spoken, lest you hear your servant curse you;
22 for often also your own heart knows that you yourself likewise have cursed others.
23 All this I have tested in wisdom: I said, I will be wise; but it was far from me.
24 What is, is far off and exceedingly deep; who can find it out?
25 I turned about, and my heart was set to know and to search out, and to seek wisdom and the reason of things, and to know that wickedness is folly, and that foolishness is madness.
26 And I find more bitter than death the woman whose heart is snares and nets, and whose hands are bonds: whoever pleases God shall escape from her; but the sinner shall be taken by her.
27 Behold, this I have found, says the Preacher, adding one thing to another, to find out the account;
28 which my soul still seeks, but I have not found: one man among a thousand I have found; but a woman among all those I have not found.
29 Behold, this only I have found: that God made man upright; but they have sought out many inventions.

Chapter 8

1 Who is like the wise man? And who knows the interpretation of a thing? A man's wisdom makes his face shine, and the hardness of his face is changed.
2 I counsel you, Keep the king's command, and that in regard to the oath of God.
3 Do not be hasty to go out of his presence; do not persist in an evil thing: for he does whatever pleases him.
4 For the king's word has power; and who may say to him, What are you doing?
5 Whoever keeps the commandment shall know no evil thing; and a wise man's heart discerns time and judgment:
6 for to every purpose there is a time and judgment; because the misery of man is great upon him:
7 for he does not know what shall be; for who can tell him how it shall be?
8 There is no man who has power over the spirit to retain the spirit; nor has he power over the day of death; and there is no discharge in war: nor shall wickedness deliver him who is given to it.
9 All this I have seen, and applied my heart to every work that is done under the sun: there is a time in which one man has power over another to his hurt.
10 So I saw the wicked buried, and they came to the grave; and those who had done right went away from the holy place, and were forgotten in the city: this also is vanity.
11 Because sentence against an evil work is not executed speedily, therefore the heart of the sons of men is fully set in them to do evil.
12 Though a sinner does evil a hundred times, and prolongs his days, yet surely I know that it shall be well with those who fear God, who fear before him:
13 but it shall not be well with the wicked, nor shall he prolong his days, which are like a shadow; because he does not fear before God.
14 There is a vanity which is done upon the earth, that there are righteous men to whom it happens according to the work of the wicked; again, there are wicked men to whom it happens according to the work of the righteous: I said that this also is vanity.
15 Then I commended mirth, because a man has no better thing under the sun, than to eat, and to drink, and to be joyful: for that shall abide with him in his labor all the days of his life which God has given him under the sun.
16 When I applied my heart to know wisdom, and to see the business that is done upon the earth (for also there is one who neither day nor night sees sleep with his eyes),
17 then I beheld all the work of God, that man cannot find out the work that is done under the sun: because however much a man labors to seek it out, yet he shall not find it; yes moreover, though a wise

man thinks he knows it, yet he shall not be able to find it.

Chapter 9

[1]For all this I laid to my heart, even to explore all this: that the righteous, and the wise, and their works, are in the hand of God; whether it is love or hatred, man does not know it; all is before them.

[2]All things come alike to all: there is one event to the righteous and to the wicked; to the good and to the clean and to the unclean; to him who sacrifices and to him who does not sacrifice; as is the good, so is the sinner; and he who swears, as he who fears an oath.

[3]This is an evil in all that is done under the sun, that there is one event to all: yes also, the heart of the sons of men is full of evil, and madness is in their heart while they live, and after that they go to the dead.

[4]For to him who is joined with all the living there is hope; for a living dog is better than a dead lion.

[5]For the living know that they shall die: but the dead do not know anything, nor do they have any more a reward; for the memory of them is forgotten.

[6]Their love as well as their hatred and their envy has perished long ago; nor do they have any more a portion forever in anything that is done under the sun.

[7]Go your way, eat your bread with joy, and drink your wine with a merry heart; for God has already accepted your works.

[8]Let your garments be always white; and do not let your head lack oil.

[9]Live joyfully with the wife whom you love all the days of your life of vanity, which he has given you under the sun, all your days of vanity: for that is your portion in life, and in your labor in which you labor under the sun.

[10]Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with your might; for there is no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom, in Sheol, where you are going.

[11]I returned, and saw under the sun, that the race is not to the swift, nor the battle to the strong, nor yet bread to the wise, nor yet riches to men of understanding, nor yet favor to men of skill; but time and chance happen to them all.

[12]For man also does not know his time: like the fish that are taken in an evil net, and like the birds that are caught in the snare, even so are the sons of men snared in an evil time, when it falls suddenly upon them.

[13]I have also seen wisdom under the sun in this way, and it seemed great to me:

[14]There was a little city, and few men within it; and a great king came against it, and besieged it, and built great siegeworks against it.

[15]Now there was found in it a poor wise man, and he by his wisdom delivered the city; yet no man remembered that same poor man.

[16]Then I said, Wisdom is better than strength: nevertheless the poor man's wisdom is despised, and his words are not heard.

[17]The words of the wise heard in quiet are better than the cry of him who rules among fools.

[18]Wisdom is better than weapons of war; but one sinner destroys much good.

Chapter 10

[1]Dead flies cause the oil of the perfumer to send forth an evil odor; so a little folly outweighs wisdom and honor.

[2]A wise man's heart is at his right hand; but a fool's heart at his left.

[3]Yes also, when the fool walks by the way, his understanding fails him, and he says to everyone that he is a fool.

[4]If the spirit of the ruler rises up against you, do not leave your place; for gentleness allays great offenses.

[5]There is an evil which I have seen under the sun, as it were an error which proceeds from the ruler:

[6]folly is set in great dignity, and the rich sit in a low place.

[7]I have seen servants upon horses, and princes walking like servants upon the earth.

[8]He who digs a pit shall fall into it; and whoever breaks through a wall, a serpent shall bite him.

[9]Whoever quarries stones shall be hurt by them; and he who splits wood is endangered by it.

[10]If the iron is blunt, and one does not whet the edge, then he must put forth more strength: but wisdom is profitable to direct.

[11]If the serpent bites before it is charmed, then there is no advantage in the charmer.

[12]The words of a wise man's mouth are gracious; but the lips of a fool will swallow up himself.

13 The beginning of the words of his mouth is
foolishness; and the end of his talk is mischievous
madness.
14 A fool also multiplies words: yet man does not know
what shall be; and what shall be after him, who can
tell him?
15 The labor of fools wearies every one of them; for he
does not know how to go to the city.
16 Woe to you, O land, when your king is a child, and
your princes eat in the morning!
17 Happy are you, O land, when your king is the son of
nobles, and your princes eat in due season, for
strength, and not for drunkenness!
18 By slothfulness the roof sinks in; and through
idleness of the hands the house leaks.
19 A feast is made for laughter, and wine makes glad
the life; and money answers all things.
20 Do not revile the king, no, not in your thought; and
do not revile the rich in your bedchamber: for a
bird of the heavens shall carry the voice, and what
has wings shall tell the matter.

Chapter 11

1 Cast your bread upon the waters; for you shall find it
after many days.
2 Give a portion to seven, yes, even to eight; for you do
not know what evil shall be upon the earth.
3 If the clouds are full of rain, they empty themselves
upon the earth; and if a tree falls toward the south,
or toward the north, in the place where the tree
falls, there it shall be.
4 He who observes the wind shall not sow; and he who
regards the clouds shall not reap.
5 As you do not know what is the way of the wind, nor
how the bones grow in the womb of her who is
with child; even so you do not know the work of
God who does all.
6 In the morning sow your seed, and in the evening do
not withhold your hand; for you do not know
which shall prosper, whether this or that, or
whether they both shall be alike good.
7 Truly the light is sweet, and a pleasant thing it is for
the eyes to behold the sun.
8 Yes, if a man lives many years, let him rejoice in
them all; but let him remember the days of
darkness, for they shall be many. All that comes is
vanity.
9 Rejoice, O young man, in your youth, and let your
heart cheer you in the days of your youth, and walk
in the ways of your heart, and in the sight of your
eyes; but know that for all these things God will
bring you into judgment.
10 Therefore remove sorrow from your heart, and put
away evil from your flesh; for youth and the dawn
of life are vanity.

Chapter 12

1 Remember also your Creator in the days of your
youth, before the evil days come, and the years
draw near, when you shall say, I have no pleasure
in them;
2 before the sun, and the light, and the moon, and the
stars, are darkened, and the clouds return after the
rain;
3 in the day when the keepers of the house shall
tremble, and the strong men shall bow themselves,
and the grinders cease because they are few, and
those who look out of the windows shall be
darkened,
4 and the doors shall be shut in the street; when the
sound of the grinding is low, and one shall rise up
at the voice of a bird, and all the daughters of music
shall be brought low;
5 yes, they shall be afraid of what is high, and terrors
shall be in the way; and the almond tree shall
blossom, and the grasshopper shall be a burden,
and desire shall fail; because man goes to his
everlasting home, and the mourners go about the
streets:
6 before the silver cord is loosed, or the golden bowl is
broken, or the pitcher is broken at the fountain, or
the wheel broken at the cistern,
7 and the dust returns to the earth as it was, and the
spirit returns to God who gave it.
8 Vanity of vanities, says the Preacher; all is vanity.
9 And further, because the Preacher was wise, he still
taught the people knowledge; yes, he pondered,
and sought out, and set in order many proverbs.
10 The Preacher sought to find out acceptable words,
and what was written uprightly, even words of
truth.
11 The words of the wise are like goads; and like nails
well fastened are the words of the masters of
assemblies, which are given by one shepherd.
12 And furthermore, my son, be admonished: of
making many books there is no end; and much
study is a weariness of the flesh.

13 This is the end of the matter; all has been heard:
Fear God, and keep his commandments; for this is
the whole duty of man.

14 For God will bring every work into judgment, with
every hidden thing, whether it is good, or whether
it is evil.

Song of Solomon

Chapter 1

1 The Song of songs, which is Solomon's.
2 Let him kiss me with the kisses of his mouth; For your love is better than wine.
3 Your oils have a goodly fragrance; Your name is like oil poured forth; Therefore the virgins love you.
4 Draw me; we will run after you: The king has brought me into his chambers; We will be glad and rejoice in you; We will make mention of your love more than of wine: Rightly they love you.
5 I am black, but lovely, O you daughters of Jerusalem, Like the tents of Kedar, Like the curtains of Solomon.
6 Do not look upon me, because I am dark, Because the sun has scorched me. My mother's sons were incensed against me; They made me keeper of the vineyards; But my own vineyard I have not kept.
7 Tell me, O you whom my soul loves, Where you feed your flock, Where you make it rest at noon: For why should I be as one who is veiled Beside the flocks of your companions?
8 If you do not know, O you fair among women, Go your way forth by the footsteps of the flock, And feed your young goats beside the shepherds' tents.
9 I have compared you, O my love, To a steed in Pharaoh's chariots.
10 Your cheeks are lovely with plaits of hair, Your neck with strings of jewels.
11 We will make you plaits of gold With studs of silver.
12 While the king sat at his table, My spikenard sent forth its fragrance.
13 My beloved is to me as a bundle of myrrh, That lies between my breasts.
14 My beloved is to me as a cluster of henna-flowers In the vineyards of En-gedi.
15 Behold, you are fair, my love; Behold, you are fair; Your eyes are like doves.
16 Behold, you are fair, my beloved, yes, pleasant: Also our couch is green.
17 The beams of our house are cedars, And our rafters are firs.

Chapter 2

1 I am a rose of Sharon, A lily of the valleys.
2 As a lily among thorns, So is my love among the daughters.
3 Like the apple tree among the trees of the wood, So is my beloved among the sons. I sat down under his shadow with great delight, And his fruit was sweet to my taste.
4 He brought me to the banqueting house, And his banner over me was love.
5 Sustain me with raisins, refresh me with apples; For I am sick from love.
6 His left hand is under my head, And his right hand embraces me.
7 I adjure you, O daughters of Jerusalem, By the gazelles, or by the does of the field, That you not stir up, nor awaken my love, Until he pleases.
8 The voice of my beloved! Behold, he comes, Leaping upon the mountains, Skipping upon the hills.
9 My beloved is like a gazelle or a young stag: Behold, he stands behind our wall; He looks in at the windows; He glances through the lattice.
10 My beloved spoke, and said to me, Rise up, my love, my fair one, and come away.
11 For, look, the winter is past; The rain is over and gone;
12 The flowers appear on the earth; The time of the singing of birds has come, And the voice of the turtledove is heard in our land;
13 The fig tree ripens her green figs, And the vines are in blossom; They give forth their fragrance. Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away.
14 O my dove, who are in the clefts of the rock, In the covert of the steep place, Let me see your countenance, Let me hear your voice; For sweet is your voice, and your countenance is lovely.
15 Catch for us the foxes, the little foxes, That spoil the vineyards; For our vineyards are in blossom.
16 My beloved is mine, and I am his: He feeds his flock among the lilies.
17 Until the day is cool, and the shadows flee away, Turn, my beloved, and be like a gazelle or a young stag Upon the mountains of Bether.

Chapter 3

1 By night on my bed I sought him whom my soul loves: I sought him, but I did not find him.
2 I said, I will rise now, and go about the city; In the streets and in the broad ways I will seek him whom my soul loves: I sought him, but I did not find him.

3 The watchmen who go about the city found me; To whom I said, Have you seen him whom my soul loves?
4 It was but a little that I passed from them, When I found him whom my soul loves: I held him, and would not let him go, Until I had brought him into my mother's house, And into the chamber of her that conceived me.
5 I adjure you, O daughters of Jerusalem, By the gazelles, or by the does of the field, That you not stir up, nor awaken my love, Until he pleases.
6 Who is this that comes up from the wilderness Like pillars of smoke, Perfumed with myrrh and frankincense, With all powders of the merchant?
7 Behold, it is the litter of Solomon; Sixty mighty men are around it, Of the mighty men of Israel.
8 They all handle the sword, and are expert in war: Every man has his sword upon his thigh, Because of fear in the night.
9 King Solomon made himself a palanquin Of the wood of Lebanon.
10 He made its pillars of silver, Its bottom of gold, its seat of purple, Its midst being paved with love, From the daughters of Jerusalem.
11 Go forth, O you daughters of Zion, and behold king Solomon, With the crown with which his mother has crowned him In the day of his wedding, And in the day of the gladness of his heart.

Chapter 4

1 Behold, you are fair, my love; behold, you are fair; Your eyes are like doves behind your veil. Your hair is like a flock of goats, That lie along the side of mount Gilead.
2 Your teeth are like a flock of ewes that are newly shorn, Which have come up from the washing, Of which every one has twins, And none is bereaved among them.
3 Your lips are like a thread of scarlet, And your mouth is lovely. Your temples are like a piece of a pomegranate Behind your veil.
4 Your neck is like the tower of David Built for an armory, On which there hang a thousand shields, All the shields of the mighty men.
5 Your two breasts are like two fawns That are twins of a gazelle, Which feed among the lilies.
6 Until the day is cool, and the shadows flee away, I will go to the mountain of myrrh, And to the hill of frankincense.
7 You are all fair, my love; And there is no spot in you.
8 Come with me from Lebanon, my bride, With me from Lebanon: Look from the top of Amana, From the top of Senir and Hermon, From the lions' dens, From the mountains of the leopards.
9 You have ravished my heart, my sister, my bride; You have ravished my heart with one of your eyes, With one chain of your neck.
10 How fair is your love, my sister, my bride! How much better is your love than wine! And the fragrance of your oils than all kinds of spices!
11 Your lips, O my bride, drip like the honeycomb: Honey and milk are under your tongue; And the smell of your garments is like the smell of Lebanon.
12 A garden shut up is my sister, my bride; A spring shut up, a fountain sealed.
13 Your shoots are an orchard of pomegranates, with precious fruits; Henna with spikenard plants,
14 Spikenard and saffron, Calamus and cinnamon, with all trees of frankincense; Myrrh and aloes, with all the chief spices.
15 You are a fountain of gardens, A well of living waters, And flowing streams from Lebanon.
16 Awake, O north wind; and come, you south; Blow upon my garden, that its spices may flow out. Let my beloved come into his garden, And eat his precious fruits.

Chapter 5

1 I have come into my garden, my sister, my bride: I have gathered my myrrh with my spice; I have eaten my honeycomb with my honey; I have drunk my wine with my milk. Eat, O friends; Drink, yes, drink abundantly, O beloved.
2 I was asleep, but my heart was awake: It is the voice of my beloved who knocks, saying, Open to me, my sister, my love, my dove, my undefiled; For my head is filled with dew, My locks with the drops of the night.
3 I have taken off my garment; how shall I put it on? I have washed my feet; how shall I defile them?
4 My beloved put in his hand by the hole of the door, And my heart was moved for him.
5 I rose up to open to my beloved; And my hands dripped with myrrh, And my fingers with liquid myrrh, Upon the handles of the bolt.
6 I opened to my beloved; But my beloved had withdrawn himself, and was gone. My soul had failed me when he spoke: I sought him, but I could

not find him; I called him, but he gave me no answer.
7 The watchmen who go about the city found me, They struck me, they wounded me; The keepers of the walls took away my mantle from me.
8 I adjure you, O daughters of Jerusalem, If you find my beloved, That you tell him, that I am sick from love.
9 What is your beloved more than another beloved, O you fair among women? What is your beloved more than another beloved, That you so adjure us?
10 My beloved is white and ruddy, The foremost among ten thousand.
11 His head is like the finest gold; His locks are bushy, and black as a raven.
12 His eyes are like doves beside the water brooks, Washed with milk, and fitly set.
13 His cheeks are like a bed of spices, Like banks of sweet herbs: His lips are like lilies, dripping liquid myrrh.
14 His hands are like rings of gold set with beryl: His body is like ivory work overlaid with sapphires.
15 His legs are like pillars of marble, set upon sockets of fine gold: His appearance is like Lebanon, excellent as the cedars.
16 His mouth is most sweet; Yes, he is altogether lovely. This is my beloved, and this is my friend, O daughters of Jerusalem.

Chapter 6

1 Where has your beloved gone, O you fair among women? Where has your beloved turned, That we may seek him with you?
2 My beloved has gone down to his garden, To the beds of spices, To feed in the gardens, and to gather lilies.
3 I am my beloved's, and my beloved is mine: He feeds his flock among the lilies.
4 You are fair, O my love, as Tirzah, Lovely as Jerusalem, Terrible as an army with banners.
5 Turn away your eyes from me, For they have overcome me. Your hair is like a flock of goats, That lie along the side of Gilead.
6 Your teeth are like a flock of ewes, Which have come up from the washing; Of which every one has twins, And none is bereaved among them.
7 Your temples are like a piece of a pomegranate Behind your veil.
8 There are sixty queens, and eighty concubines, And virgins without number.
9 My dove, my undefiled, is but one; She is the only one of her mother; She is the choice one of her who bore her. The daughters saw her, and called her blessed; Yes, the queens and the concubines, and they praised her.
10 Who is she who looks forth like the morning, Fair as the moon, Clear as the sun, Terrible as an army with banners?
11 I went down into the garden of nuts, To see the green plants of the valley, To see whether the vine budded, And the pomegranates were in flower.
12 Before I was aware, my soul set me Among the chariots of my princely people.
13 Return, return, O Shulammite; Return, return, that we may look upon you. Why will you look upon the Shulammite, As upon the dance of Mahanaim?

Chapter 7

1 How beautiful are your feet in sandals, O prince's daughter! Your rounded thighs are like jewels, The work of the hands of a skillful workman.
2 Your body is like a round goblet, In which no mixed wine is lacking: Your waist is like a heap of wheat Set about with lilies.
3 Your two breasts are like two fawns That are twins of a gazelle.
4 Your neck is like the tower of ivory; Your eyes as the pools in Heshbon, By the gate of Bath-rabbim; Your nose is like the tower of Lebanon Which looks toward Damascus.
5 Your head upon you is like Carmel, And the hair of your head like purple; The king is held captive in its tresses.
6 How fair and how pleasant you are, O love, for delights!
7 This your stature is like a palm tree, And your breasts like its clusters.
8 I said, I will climb up into the palm tree, I will take hold of its branches: Let your breasts be like clusters of the vine, And the smell of your breath like apples,
9 And your mouth like the best wine, That goes down smoothly for my beloved, Gliding through the lips of those that are asleep.
10 I am my beloved's; And his desire is toward me.
11 Come, my beloved, let us go forth into the field; Let us lodge in the villages.

12 Let us get up early to the vineyards; Let us see
whether the vine has budded, And its blossom is
open, And the pomegranates are in flower: There I
will give you my love.
13 The mandrakes give forth fragrance; And at our
doors are all kinds of precious fruits, new and old,
Which I have laid up for you, O my beloved.

Chapter 8

1 Oh that you were like my brother, Who nursed at the
breasts of my mother! When I should find you
outside, I would kiss you; Yes, and none would
despise me.
2 I would lead you, and bring you into my mother's
house, Who would instruct me; I would cause you
to drink of spiced wine, Of the juice of my
pomegranate.
3 His left hand should be under my head, And his right
hand should embrace me.
4 I adjure you, O daughters of Jerusalem, That you not
stir up, nor awaken my love, Until he pleases.
5 Who is this who comes up from the wilderness,
Leaning upon her beloved? Under the apple tree I
awakened you: There your mother was in labor
with you, There she who brought you forth was in
labor.
6 Set me as a seal upon your heart, As a seal upon your
arm: For love is strong as death; Jealousy is cruel as
Sheol; Its flashes are flashes of fire, A very flame of
Yehovah.
7 Many waters cannot quench love, Nor can floods
drown it: If a man would give all the wealth of his
house for love, He would be utterly despised.
8 We have a little sister, And she has no breasts: What
shall we do for our sister In the day when she shall
be spoken for?
9 If she is a wall, We will build upon her a turret of
silver: And if she is a door, We will enclose her with
boards of cedar.
10 I am a wall, and my breasts like its towers Then I
was in his eyes as one who found peace.
11 Solomon had a vineyard at Baal-hamon; He let out
the vineyard to keepers; Each one for its fruit was
to bring a thousand pieces of silver.
12 My vineyard, which is mine, is before me: You, O
Solomon, shall have the thousand, And those who
keep its fruit two hundred.
13 You who dwell in the gardens, The companions
listen for your voice: Let me hear it.
14 Make haste, my beloved, And be like a gazelle or a
young stag Upon the mountains of spices.

Isaiah

Chapter 1

1 The vision of Isaiah the son of Amoz, which he saw
concerning Judah and Jerusalem, in the days of
Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah.
2 Hear, O heavens, and give ear, O earth; for Yehovah
has spoken: I have nourished and brought up
children, and they have rebelled against me. 3 The ox
knows his owner, and the donkey his master's crib;
but Israel does not know, my people does not
consider. 4 Ah sinful nation, a people laden with
iniquity, a seed of evil-doers, children that deal
corruptly! they have forsaken Yehovah, they have
despised the Holy One of Israel, they are estranged
and gone backward. 5 Why will you still be stricken,
that you revolt more and more? the whole head is
sick, and the whole heart faint. 6 From the sole of the
foot even to the head there is no soundness in it; but
wounds, and bruises, and fresh stripes: they have not
been closed, nor bound up, nor softened with oil.
7 Your country is desolate; your cities are burned with
fire; your land, strangers devour it in your presence,
and it is desolate, as overthrown by strangers. 8 And
the daughter of Zion is left as a booth in a vineyard,
as a lodge in a garden of cucumbers, as a besieged
city. 9 If Yehovah of hosts had not left to us a very
small remnant, we would have been like Sodom, we
would have been like Gomorrah. 10 Hear the word of
Yehovah, you rulers of Sodom; give ear to the law of
our God, you people of Gomorrah. 11 What to me is the
multitude of your sacrifices? says Yehovah: I have
had enough of the burnt-offerings of rams, and the
fat of fed beasts; and I do not delight in the blood of
bullocks, or of lambs, or of he-goats. 12 When you
come to appear before me, who has required this at
your hand, to trample my courts? 13 Bring no more
vain offerings; incense is an abomination to me; new
moon and sabbath, the calling of assemblies,—I
cannot endure iniquity and the solemn meeting.
14 Your new moons and your appointed feasts my soul
hates; they are a trouble to me; I am weary of bearing
them. 15 And when you spread forth your hands, I will
hide my eyes from you; yes, when you make many
prayers, I will not hear: your hands are full of blood.
16 Wash yourselves, make yourselves clean; put away
the evil of your doings from before my eyes; cease to
do evil; 17 learn to do well; seek justice, relieve the
oppressed, judge the fatherless, plead for the widow.
18 Come now, and let us reason together, says
Yehovah: though your sins are as scarlet, they shall
be as white as snow; though they are red like
crimson, they shall be as wool. 19 If you are willing
and obedient, you shall eat the good of the land: 20 but
if you refuse and rebel, you shall be devoured with
the sword; for the mouth of Yehovah has spoken it.
21 How the faithful city has become a prostitute! she
who was full of justice! righteousness lodged in her,
but now murderers. 22 Your silver has become dross,
your wine mixed with water. 23 Your princes are
rebellious, and companions of thieves; everyone
loves bribes, and follows after rewards: they do not
judge the fatherless, nor does the cause of the widow
come to them. 24 Therefore says the Lord, Yehovah of
hosts, the Mighty One of Israel, Ah, I will ease myself
of my adversaries, and avenge myself on my enemies;
25 and I will turn my hand upon you, and thoroughly
purge away your dross, and will take away all your
tin; 26 and I will restore your judges as at the first, and
your counselors as at the beginning: afterward you
shall be called The city of righteousness, a faithful
town. 27 Zion shall be redeemed with justice, and her
converts with righteousness. 28 But the destruction of
transgressors and sinners shall be together, and
those who forsake Yehovah shall be consumed. 29 For
they shall be ashamed of the oaks which you have
desired, and you shall be confounded for the gardens
that you have chosen. 30 For you shall be as an oak
whose leaf fades, and as a garden that has no water.
31 And the strong shall be as tow, and his work as a
spark; and they shall both burn together, and none
shall quench them.

Chapter 2

1 The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw
concerning Judah and Jerusalem. 2 And it shall come
to pass in the latter days, that the mountain of
Yehovah's house shall be established on the top of the
mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and
all nations shall flow to it. 3 And many peoples shall
go and say, Come, and let us go up to the mountain of
Yehovah, to the house of the God of Jacob; and he
will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his
paths: for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the
word of Yehovah from Jerusalem. 4 And he will judge
between the nations, and will decide concerning
many peoples; and they shall beat their swords into

plowshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. 5O house of Jacob, come, and let us walk in the light of Yehovah. 6For you have forsaken your people the house of Jacob, because they are filled with customs from the east, and are soothsayers like the Philistines, and they strike hands with the children of foreigners. 7And their land is full of silver and gold, neither is there any end of their treasures; their land also is full of horses, neither is there any end of their chariots. 8Their land also is full of idols; they bow down to the work of their own hands, that which their own fingers have made. 9And the common man is bowed down, and the great man is brought low: therefore do not forgive them. 10Enter into the rock, and hide yourself in the dust, from before the terror of Yehovah, and from the glory of his majesty. 11The lofty looks of man shall be brought low, and the haughtiness of men shall be bowed down, and Yehovah alone shall be exalted in that day. 12For there shall be a day of Yehovah of hosts upon all that is proud and haughty, and upon all that is lifted up; and it shall be brought low; 13and upon all the cedars of Lebanon, that are high and lifted up, and upon all the oaks of Bashan, 14and upon all the high mountains, and upon all the hills that are lifted up, 15and upon every lofty tower, and upon every fortified wall, 16and upon all the ships of Tarshish, and upon all pleasant imagery. 17And the loftiness of man shall be bowed down, and the haughtiness of men shall be brought low; and Yehovah alone shall be exalted in that day. 18And the idols shall utterly pass away. 19And men shall go into the caves of the rocks, and into the holes of the earth, from before the terror of Yehovah, and from the glory of his majesty, when he arises to shake the earth mightily. 20In that day men shall cast away their idols of silver, and their idols of gold, which have been made for them to bow down to, to the moles and to the bats; 21to go into the caverns of the rocks, and into the clefts of the ragged rocks, from before the terror of Yehovah, and from the glory of his majesty, when he arises to shake the earth mightily. 22Cease from man, whose breath is in his nostrils; for of what account is he?

Chapter 3

1For, behold, the Lord, Yehovah of hosts, is taking away from Jerusalem and from Judah support and staff, the whole support of bread, and the whole support of water; 2the mighty man, and the man of war; the judge, and the prophet, and the diviner, and the elder; 3the captain of fifty, and the honorable man, and the counselor, and the expert craftsman, and the skillful enchanter. 4And I will give children to be their princes, and babes shall rule over them. 5And the people shall be oppressed, every one by another, and every one by his neighbor: the child shall behave himself proudly against the old man, and the base against the honorable. 6When a man takes hold of his brother in the house of his father, saying, You have clothing, be our ruler, and let this ruin be under your hand; 7in that day he shall lift up his voice, saying, I will not be a healer; for in my house is neither bread nor clothing: you shall not make me ruler of the people. 8For Jerusalem is ruined, and Judah is fallen; because their tongue and their doings are against Yehovah, to provoke the eyes of his glory. 9The look of their countenance bears witness against them; and they declare their sin as Sodom, they do not hide it. Woe to their soul! for they have done evil to themselves. 10Say of the righteous, that it shall be well with him; for they shall eat the fruit of their doings. 11Woe to the wicked! it shall be ill with him; for what his hands have done shall be done to him. 12As for my people, children are their oppressors, and women rule over them. O my people, those who lead you cause you to err, and destroy the way of your paths. 13Yehovah stands up to contend, and stands to judge the peoples. 14Yehovah will enter into judgment with the elders of his people, and its princes: It is you who have eaten up the vineyard; the spoil of the poor is in your houses: 15what do you mean by crushing my people, and grinding the face of the poor? says the Lord, Yehovah of hosts. 16Moreover Yehovah said, Because the daughters of Zion are haughty, and walk with outstretched necks and wanton eyes, walking and mincing as they go, and making a tinkling with their feet; 17therefore the Lord will strike with a scab the crown of the head of the daughters of Zion, and Yehovah will lay bare their secret parts. 18In that day the Lord will take away the beauty of their anklets, and the headbands, and the crescents; 19the pendants, and the bracelets, and the scarves; 20the headdresses, and the ankle chains, and the sashes, and the perfume-boxes, and the amulets; 21the rings, and the nose-jewels; 22the festival robes, and the mantles, and the shawls, and the satchels; 23the hand-mirrors, and the fine linen, and the turbans, and the veils. 24And it shall come to pass, that instead of

sweet spices there shall be rottenness; and instead of a belt, a rope; and instead of well set hair, baldness; and instead of a robe, a girding of sackcloth; branding instead of beauty. 25Your men shall fall by the sword, and your mighty in the war. 26And her gates shall lament and mourn; and she shall be desolate and sit upon the ground.

Chapter 4

1And seven women shall take hold of one man in that day, saying, We will eat our own bread, and wear our own apparel: only let us be called by your name; take away our reproach. 2In that day the branch of Yehovah shall be beautiful and glorious, and the fruit of the land shall be excellent and comely for those of Israel who have escaped. 3And it shall come to pass, that he who is left in Zion, and he who remains in Jerusalem, shall be called holy, even everyone who is written among the living in Jerusalem; 4when the Lord shall have washed away the filth of the daughters of Zion, and shall have purged the blood of Jerusalem from its midst, by the spirit of justice, and by the spirit of burning. 5And Yehovah will create over the whole habitation of mount Zion, and over her assemblies, a cloud and smoke by day, and the shining of a flaming fire by night; for over all the glory shall be spread a covering. 6And there shall be a pavilion for a shade in the daytime from the heat, and for a refuge and for a shelter from storm and from rain.

Chapter 5

1Let me sing for my well-beloved a song of my beloved concerning his vineyard. My well-beloved had a vineyard on a very fruitful hill: 2and he dug it, and gathered out its stones, and planted it with the choicest vine, and built a tower in the midst of it, and also hewed out a winepress in it: and he looked for it to bring forth grapes, and it brought forth wild grapes. 3And now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, judge, I pray you, between me and my vineyard. 4What more could have been done to my vineyard, that I have not done in it? why, when I looked for it to bring forth grapes, did it bring forth wild grapes? 5And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard: I will take away its hedge, and it shall be eaten up; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trodden down: 6and I will lay it waste; it shall not be pruned nor hoed; but there shall come up briers and thorns: I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. 7For the vineyard of Yehovah of hosts is the house of Israel, and the men of Judah his pleasant plant: and he looked for justice, but, behold, oppression; for righteousness, but, behold, a cry. 8Woe to those who join house to house, who lay field to field, till there is no room, and you are made to dwell alone in the midst of the land! 9In my ears says Yehovah of hosts, Truly many houses shall be desolate, even great and fair, without inhabitant. 10For ten acres of vineyard shall yield one bath, and a homer of seed shall yield only an ephah. 11Woe to those who rise up early in the morning, that they may follow strong drink; who tarry late into the night, till wine inflames them! 12And the harp and the lute, the tambourine and the pipe, and wine, are in their feasts; but they do not regard the work of Yehovah, nor have they considered the operation of his hands. 13Therefore my people have gone into captivity for lack of knowledge; and their honorable men are famished, and their multitude are parched with thirst. 14Therefore Sheol has enlarged its desire, and opened its mouth without measure; and their glory, and their multitude, and their pomp, and he who rejoices among them, descend into it. 15And the common man is bowed down, and the great man is humbled, and the eyes of the lofty are humbled: 16but Yehovah of hosts is exalted in justice, and God the Holy One is sanctified in righteousness. 17Then the lambs shall feed as in their pasture, and wanderers shall eat the waste places of the fat ones. 18Woe to those who draw iniquity with cords of falsehood, and sin as it were with a cart rope; 19who say, Let him make speed, let him hasten his work, that we may see it; and let the counsel of the Holy One of Israel draw near and come, that we may know it! 20Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil; who put darkness for light, and light for darkness; who put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter! 21Woe to those who are wise in their own eyes, and prudent in their own sight! 22Woe to those who are mighty to drink wine, and men of strength to mingle strong drink; 23who justify the wicked for a bribe, and take away the righteousness of the righteous from him! 24Therefore as the tongue of fire devours the stubble, and as the dry grass sinks down in the flame, so their root shall be as rottenness, and their blossom shall go up as dust; because they have rejected the law of Yehovah of hosts, and despised the word of the Holy One of Israel. 25Therefore the anger of Yehovah is kindled against his people, and he has stretched forth his hand against them, and has struck them; and the

mountains tremble, and their dead bodies are as refuse in the midst of the streets. For all this his anger is not turned away, but his hand is stretched out still. 26And he will lift up a banner to the nations from afar, and will whistle for them from the end of the earth; and, behold, they shall come with speed swiftly. 27None shall be weary nor stumble among them; none shall slumber nor sleep; nor shall the belt of their loins be loosed, nor the strap of their sandals be broken: 28whose arrows are sharp, and all their bows bent; their horses' hoofs shall be counted as flint, and their wheels as a whirlwind: 29their roaring shall be like a lioness, they shall roar like young lions; yes, they shall roar, and lay hold of the prey, and carry it away safe, and there shall be none to deliver. 30And they shall roar against them in that day like the roaring of the sea: and if one looks to the land, behold, darkness and distress; and the light is darkened in its clouds.

Chapter 6

1In the year that king Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and his train filled the temple. 2Above him stood the seraphim: each one had six wings; with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. 3And one cried to another, and said, Holy, holy, holy, is Yehovah of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory. 4And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who cried, and the house was filled with smoke. 5Then I said, Woe is me! for I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips: for my eyes have seen the King, Yehovah of hosts. 6Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with the tongs from off the altar: 7and he touched my mouth with it, and said, Look, this has touched your lips; and your iniquity is taken away, and your sin forgiven. 8And I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then I said, Here am I; send me. 9And he said, Go, and tell this people, Hear indeed, but do not understand; and see indeed, but do not perceive. 10Make the heart of this people fat, and make their ears heavy, and shut their eyes; lest they see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their heart, and turn again, and be healed. 11Then I said, Lord, how long? And he answered, Until cities are waste without inhabitant, and houses without man, and the land becomes utterly waste, 12and Yehovah has removed men far away, and the forsaken places are many in the midst of the land. 13And if there is yet a tenth in it, it also shall in turn be eaten up: as a terebinth, and as an oak, whose stump remains, when they are felled; so the holy seed is its stump.

Chapter 7

1And it happened in the days of Ahaz the son of Jotham, the son of Uzziah, king of Judah, that Rezin the king of Syria, and Pekah the son of Remaliah, king of Israel, went up to Jerusalem to war against it, but could not prevail against it. 2And it was told the house of David, saying, Syria is confederate with Ephraim. And his heart trembled, and the heart of his people, as the trees of the forest tremble with the wind. 3Then Yehovah said to Isaiah, Go forth now to meet Ahaz, you, and Shear-jashub your son, at the end of the conduit of the upper pool, on the highway of the fuller's field; 4and say to him, Take heed, and be quiet; do not fear, nor let your heart be faint, because of these two tails of smoking firebrands, for the fierce anger of Rezin and Syria, and of the son of Remaliah. 5Because Syria, Ephraim, and the son of Remaliah, have purposed evil against you, saying, 6Let us go up against Judah, and terrify it, and let us make a breach in it for ourselves, and set up a king in the midst of it, even the son of Tabeel; 7thus says the Lord Yehovah, It shall not stand, nor shall it come to pass. 8For the head of Syria is Damascus, and the head of Damascus is Rezin; and within sixty-five years Ephraim shall be broken in pieces, so that it shall not be a people: 9and the head of Ephraim is Samaria, and the head of Samaria is Remaliah's son. If you will not believe, surely you shall not be established. 10And Yehovah spoke again to Ahaz, saying, 11Ask a sign of Yehovah your God; ask it either in the depth, or in the height above. 12But Ahaz said, I will not ask, nor will I test Yehovah. 13And he said, Hear now, O house of David: Is it a small thing for you to weary men, that you will weary my God also? 14Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel. 15He shall eat butter and honey, when he knows to refuse the evil, and choose the good. 16For before the child knows to refuse the evil, and choose the good, the land whose two kings you abhor shall be forsaken. 17Yehovah will bring upon you, and upon your people, and upon your father's house, days that have not come, from the day that Ephraim departed from Judah— even the king of Assyria. 18And it shall come to pass in that

day, that Yehovah will whistle for the fly that is in the uttermost part of the rivers of Egypt, and for the bee that is in the land of Assyria. 19And they shall come, and all of them shall rest in the desolate valleys, and in the clefts of the rocks, and upon all thorn-hedges, and upon all pastures. 20In that day the Lord will shave with a razor that is hired in the parts beyond the River, even with the king of Assyria, the head and the hair of the feet; and it shall also consume the beard. 21And it shall come to pass in that day, that a man shall keep alive a young cow, and two sheep; 22and it shall come to pass, that because of the abundance of milk which they shall give he shall eat butter: for everyone who is left in the midst of the land shall eat butter and honey. 23And it shall come to pass in that day, that every place, where there were a thousand vines worth a thousand shekels of silver, shall be for briers and thorns. 24With arrows and with bow one shall come there, because all the land shall be briers and thorns. 25And all the hills that were dug with the hoe, you shall not come there for fear of briers and thorns; but it shall be for the sending forth of oxen, and for the treading of sheep.

Chapter 8

1And Yehovah said to me, Take a great tablet, and write upon it with the pen of a man, For Maher-shalal-hash-baz; 2and I will take to myself faithful witnesses to record, Uriah the priest, and Zechariah the son of Jeberechiah. 3And I went to the prophetess; and she conceived, and bore a son. Then Yehovah said to me, Call his name Maher-shalal-hash-baz. 4For before the child knows how to cry, My father, and, My mother, the riches of Damascus and the spoil of Samaria shall be carried away before the king of Assyria. 5And Yehovah spoke to me yet again, saying, 6Because this people have refused the waters of Shiloah that go softly, and rejoice in Rezin and Remaliah's son; 7now therefore, behold, the Lord brings up upon them the waters of the River, strong and many, even the king of Assyria and all his glory: and it shall come up over all its channels, and go over all its banks; 8and it shall sweep onward into Judah; it shall overflow and pass through; it shall reach even to the neck; and the stretching out of its wings shall fill the breadth of your land, O Immanuel. 9Make an uproar, O you peoples, and be broken in pieces; and give ear, all you of far countries: gird yourselves, and be broken in pieces; gird yourselves, and be broken in pieces. 10Take counsel together, and it shall be brought to nothing; speak the word, and it shall not stand: for God is with us. 11For Yehovah spoke thus to me with a strong hand, and instructed me not to walk in the way of this people, saying, 12Do not say, A conspiracy, concerning all that this people shall call, A conspiracy; nor fear their fear, nor be in dread of it. 13Yehovah of hosts, him shall you sanctify; and let him be your fear, and let him be your dread. 14And he shall be for a sanctuary; but for a stone of stumbling and for a rock of offense to both the houses of Israel, for a trap and for a snare to the inhabitants of Jerusalem. 15And many shall stumble on it, and fall, and be broken, and be snared, and be taken. 16Bind up the testimony, seal the law among my disciples. 17And I will wait for Yehovah, who hides his face from the house of Jacob, and I will look for him. 18Behold, I and the children whom Yehovah has given me are for signs and for wonders in Israel from Yehovah of hosts, who dwells in mount Zion. 19And when they say to you, Seek to those who have familiar spirits and to the wizards, who chirp and who mutter: should not a people seek to their God? on behalf of the living should they seek to the dead? 20To the law and to the testimony! if they do not speak according to this word, surely there is no morning for them. 21And they shall pass through it, greatly distressed and hungry; and it shall come to pass that, when they are hungry, they shall fret themselves, and curse by their king and by their God, and turn their faces upward: 22and they shall look to the earth, and, behold, distress and darkness, the gloom of anguish; and into thick darkness they shall be driven away.

Chapter 9

1But there shall be no gloom to her who was in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali; but in the latter time he has made it glorious, by the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. 2The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light: those who dwelt in the land of the shadow of death, upon them the light has shone. 3You have multiplied the nation, you have increased their joy: they rejoice before you according to the joy in harvest, as men rejoice when they divide the spoil. 4For the yoke of his burden, and the staff of his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, you have broken as in the day of Midian. 5For all the armor of the armed man in the tumult, and the garments rolled in blood, shall be for burning, for fuel of fire. 6For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name

shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. 7Of the increase of his government and of peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to establish it, and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth even forever. The zeal of Yehovah of hosts will perform this. 8The Lord sent a word into Jacob, and it has fallen upon Israel. 9And all the people shall know, even Ephraim and the inhabitant of Samaria, who say in pride and in arrogance of heart, 10The bricks have fallen, but we will build with hewn stone; the sycamores are cut down, but we will put cedars in their place. 11Therefore Yehovah will set up on high against him the adversaries of Rezin, and will stir up his enemies, 12the Syrians before, and the Philistines behind; and they shall devour Israel with open mouth. For all this his anger is not turned away, but his hand is stretched out still. 13Yet the people have not turned to him who struck them, nor have they sought Yehovah of hosts. 14Therefore Yehovah will cut off from Israel head and tail, palm-branch and rush, in one day. 15The elder and the honorable man, he is the head; and the prophet who teaches lies, he is the tail. 16For those who lead this people cause them to err; and those who are led by them are destroyed. 17Therefore the Lord will not rejoice over their young men, nor will he have compassion on their fatherless and widows; for everyone is profane and an evil-doer, and every mouth speaks folly. For all this his anger is not turned away, but his hand is stretched out still. 18For wickedness burns as the fire; it devours the briers and thorns; yes, it kindles in the thickets of the forest, and they roll upward in a column of smoke. 19Through the wrath of Yehovah of hosts the land is burned up; and the people are as the fuel of fire: no man spares his brother. 20And one shall snatch on the right hand, and be hungry; and he shall eat on the left hand, and they shall not be satisfied: each man shall eat the flesh of his own arm: 21Manasseh, Ephraim; and Ephraim, Manasseh; and they together shall be against Judah. For all this his anger is not turned away, but his hand is stretched out still.

Chapter 10

1Woe to those who decree unrighteous decrees, and to the writers who write perverseness; 2to turn aside the needy from justice, and to rob the poor of my people of their right, that widows may be their spoil, and that they may make the fatherless their prey! 3And what will you do in the day of visitation, and in the desolation which shall come from afar? to whom will you flee for help? and where will you leave your glory? 4They shall only bow down under the prisoners, and shall fall under the slain. For all this his anger is not turned away, but his hand is stretched out still. 5Ah, Assyrian, the rod of my anger, the staff in whose hand is my indignation! 6I will send him against a profane nation, and against the people of my wrath I will give him a charge, to take the spoil, and to take the prey, and to tread them down like the mire of the streets. 7But he does not mean so, nor does his heart think so; but it is in his heart to destroy, and to cut off nations not a few. 8For he says, Are not my princes all of them kings? 9Is not Calno as Carchemish? is not Hamath as Arpad? is not Samaria as Damascus? 10As my hand has found the kingdoms of the idols, whose graven images excelled those of Jerusalem and of Samaria; 11shall I not, as I have done to Samaria and her idols, so do to Jerusalem and her idols? 12Therefore it shall come to pass, that, when the Lord has performed his whole work upon mount Zion and on Jerusalem, I will punish the fruit of the arrogant heart of the king of Assyria, and the glory of his high looks. 13For he has said, By the strength of my hand I have done it, and by my wisdom; for I have understanding: and I have removed the boundaries of the peoples, and have robbed their treasures, and like a valiant man I have brought down those who sit on thrones: 14and my hand has found as a nest the riches of the peoples; and as one gathers eggs that are forsaken, I have gathered all the earth: and there was none who moved the wing, or who opened the mouth, or chirped. 15Shall the axe boast itself against him who hews with it? shall the saw magnify itself against him who wields it? as if a rod should wield those who lift it up, or as if a staff should lift up him who is not wood. 16Therefore the Lord, Yehovah of hosts, will send leanness among his fat ones; and under his glory there shall be kindled a burning like the burning of fire. 17And the light of Israel will be for a fire, and his Holy One for a flame; and it will burn and devour his thorns and his briers in one day. 18And he will consume the glory of his forest, and of his fruitful field, both soul and body: and it shall be as when a standard-bearer faints. 19And the remnant of the trees of his forest shall be few, so that a child may write them. 20And it shall come to pass in that day, that the remnant of Israel, and those who have escaped of the house of Jacob, shall no more again lean upon him who struck them, but shall lean upon

Yehovah, the Holy One of Israel, in truth. 21A remnant shall return, even the remnant of Jacob, to the mighty God. 22For though your people, Israel, are as the sand of the sea, only a remnant of them shall return: a destruction is determined, overflowing with righteousness. 23For a full end, and that determined, the Lord, Yehovah of hosts, will make in the midst of all the earth. 24Therefore thus says the Lord, Yehovah of hosts, O my people who dwell in Zion, do not be afraid of the Assyrian, though he strikes you with the rod, and lifts up his staff against you, after the manner of Egypt. 25For yet a very little while, and the indignation against you shall be accomplished, and my anger shall be directed to his destruction. 26And Yehovah of hosts will stir up against him a scourge, as in the slaughter of Midian at the rock of Oreb: and his rod will be over the sea, and he will lift it up after the manner of Egypt. 27And it shall come to pass in that day, that his burden shall depart from off your shoulder, and his yoke from off your neck, and the yoke shall be destroyed by reason of fatness. 28He has come to Aiath, he has passed through Migron; at Michmash he lays up his baggage; 29they have gone over the pass; they have taken up their lodging at Geba; Ramah trembles; Gibeah of Saul has fled. 30Cry aloud with your voice, O daughter of Gallim! listen, O Laishah! O you poor Anathoth! 31Madmenah is a fugitive; the inhabitants of Gebim flee for safety. 32This very day he shall halt at Nob: he shakes his hand at the mount of the daughter of Zion, the hill of Jerusalem. 33Behold, the Lord, Yehovah of hosts, will lop the boughs with terror: and the high of stature shall be hewn down, and the lofty shall be brought low. 34And he will cut down the thickets of the forest with iron, and Lebanon shall fall by a mighty one.

Chapter 11

1And there shall come forth a shoot out of the stump of Jesse, and a branch out of his roots shall bear fruit. 2And the Spirit of Yehovah shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of Yehovah. 3And his delight shall be in the fear of Yehovah; and he shall not judge according to the sight of his eyes, nor decide according to the hearing of his ears; 4but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; and he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth; and with the breath of his lips he shall slay the wicked. 5And righteousness shall be the belt of his waist, and faithfulness the belt of his loins. 6And the wolf shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them. 7And the cow and the bear shall feed; their young ones shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. 8And the nursing child shall play on the hole of the cobra, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adder's den. 9They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain; for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of Yehovah, as the waters cover the sea. 10And it shall come to pass in that day, that the root of Jesse, who stands as a banner for the peoples, to him the nations shall seek; and his resting-place shall be glorious. 11And it shall come to pass in that day, that the Lord will set his hand again the second time to recover the remnant of his people, who shall remain, from Assyria, and from Egypt, and from Pathros, and from Cush, and from Elam, and from Shinar, and from Hamath, and from the islands of the sea. 12And he will set up a banner for the nations, and will assemble the outcasts of Israel, and gather together the dispersed of Judah from the four corners of the earth. 13The envy also of Ephraim shall depart, and those who harass Judah shall be cut off: Ephraim shall not envy Judah, and Judah shall not harass Ephraim. 14And they shall swoop down upon the shoulder of the Philistines on the west; together they shall plunder the children of the east: they shall put forth their hand upon Edom and Moab; and the children of Ammon shall obey them. 15And Yehovah will utterly destroy the tongue of the Egyptian sea; and with his scorching wind he will wave his hand over the River, and will strike it into seven streams, and cause men to march over in sandals. 16And there shall be a highway for the remnant of his people, who shall remain, from Assyria; just as there was for Israel in the day that he came up out of the land of Egypt.

Chapter 12

1And in that day you shall say, I will give thanks to you, O Yehovah; for though you were angry with me, your anger is turned away and you comfort me. 2Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid: for Yehovah, even Yehovah, is my strength and song; and he has become my salvation. 3Therefore with joy you shall draw water out of the wells of salvation. 4And in that day you shall say, Give thanks to Yehovah, call upon his name, declare his

doings among the peoples, make mention that his name is exalted. 5Sing to Yehovah; for he has done excellent things: let this be known in all the earth. 6Cry aloud and shout, you inhabitant of Zion; for great in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.

Chapter 13

1The burden of Babylon, which Isaiah the son of Amoz saw. 2Set up a banner upon the bare mountain, lift up the voice to them, wave the hand, that they may go into the gates of the nobles. 3I have commanded my consecrated ones, yes, I have called my mighty men for my anger, even my proudly exulting ones. 4The noise of a multitude in the mountains, as of a great people! the noise of a tumult of the kingdoms of the nations gathered together! Yehovah of hosts is mustering the host for the battle. 5They come from a far country, from the uttermost part of heaven, even Yehovah, and the weapons of his indignation, to destroy the whole land. 6Wail; for the day of Yehovah is at hand; as destruction from the Almighty it shall come. 7Therefore all hands shall be feeble, and every heart of man shall melt: 8and they shall be dismayed; pangs and sorrows shall take hold of them; they shall be in pain as a woman in labor: they shall look in amazement one at another; their faces shall be faces of flame. 9Behold, the day of Yehovah comes, cruel, with wrath and fierce anger; to make the land a desolation, and to destroy its sinners out of it. 10For the stars of heaven and their constellations shall not give their light; the sun shall be darkened in its going forth, and the moon shall not cause its light to shine. 11And I will punish the world for their evil, and the wicked for their iniquity: and I will cause the arrogance of the proud to cease, and will lay low the haughtiness of the terrible. 12I will make a man more rare than fine gold, even a man than the pure gold of Ophir. 13Therefore I will make the heavens tremble, and the earth shall be shaken out of its place, in the wrath of Yehovah of hosts, and in the day of his fierce anger. 14And it shall come to pass, that as the hunted gazelle, and as sheep that no man gathers, they shall turn every man to his own people, and shall flee every man to his own land. 15Everyone who is found shall be thrust through; and everyone who is taken shall fall by the sword. 16Their infants also shall be dashed in pieces before their eyes; their houses shall be plundered, and their wives ravished. 17Behold, I will stir up the Medes against them, who shall not regard silver, and as for gold, they shall not delight in it. 18And their bows shall dash the young men in pieces; and they shall have no pity on the fruit of the womb; their eye shall not spare children. 19And Babylon, the glory of kingdoms, the beauty of the Chaldeans' pride, shall be as when God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah. 20It shall never be inhabited, nor shall it be dwelt in from generation to generation: nor shall the Arabian pitch tent there; nor shall shepherds make their flocks lie down there. 21But wild beasts of the desert shall lie there; and their houses shall be full of doleful creatures; and ostriches shall dwell there, and wild goats shall dance there. 22And wolves shall cry in their castles, and jackals in the pleasant palaces: and her time is near to come, and her days shall not be prolonged.

Chapter 14

1For Yehovah will have compassion on Jacob, and will yet choose Israel, and set them in their own land: and the sojourner shall join himself with them, and they shall cling to the house of Jacob. 2And the peoples shall take them, and bring them to their place; and the house of Israel shall possess them in the land of Yehovah for male servants and for female servants: and they shall take captive those whose captives they were; and they shall rule over their oppressors. 3And it shall come to pass in the day that Yehovah gives you rest from your sorrow, and from your trouble, and from the hard service in which you were made to serve, 4that you shall take up this parable against the king of Babylon, and say, How has the oppressor ceased! the golden city ceased! 5Yehovah has broken the staff of the wicked, the scepter of the rulers; 6that struck the peoples in wrath with a continual stroke, that ruled the nations in anger, with a persecution that none restrained. 7The whole earth is at rest, and is quiet: they break forth into singing. 8Yes, the fir-trees rejoice at you, and the cedars of Lebanon, saying, Since you were laid low, no hewer has come up against us. 9Sheol from beneath is moved for you to meet you at your coming; it stirs up the dead for you, even all the chief ones of the earth; it has raised up from their thrones all the kings of the nations. 10All of them shall answer and say to you, Have you also become weak as we? have you become like us? 11Your pomp is brought down to Sheol, and the sound of your harps: the worm is spread under you, and worms cover you. 12How you are fallen from heaven, O day-star, son of the morning! how you are cut down to the ground, you who laid low the nations! 13And you said in your

heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God; and I will sit upon the mount of congregation, in the uttermost parts of the north; 14I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will make myself like the Most High. 15Yet you shall be brought down to Sheol, to the uttermost parts of the pit. 16Those who see you shall gaze at you, they shall consider you, saying, Is this the man who made the earth tremble, who shook kingdoms; 17who made the world as a wilderness, and overthrew its cities; who did not let his prisoners loose to their home? 18All the kings of the nations, all of them, sleep in glory, each one in his own house. 19But you are cast forth away from your tomb like an abominable branch, clothed with the slain, who are thrust through with the sword, who go down to the stones of the pit; as a dead body trodden under foot. 20You shall not be joined with them in burial, because you have destroyed your land, you have slain your people; the seed of evil-doers shall never be named forever. 21Prepare slaughter for his children for the iniquity of their fathers, that they may not rise up, and possess the earth, and fill the face of the world with cities. 22And I will rise up against them, says Yehovah of hosts, and cut off from Babylon name and remnant, and son and son's son, says Yehovah. 23I will also make it a possession for the porcupine, and pools of water: and I will sweep it with the broom of destruction, says Yehovah of hosts. 24Yehovah of hosts has sworn, saying, Surely, as I have thought, so shall it come to pass; and as I have purposed, so shall it stand: 25that I will break the Assyrian in my land, and upon my mountains tread him under foot: then his yoke shall depart from off them, and his burden depart from off their shoulder. 26This is the purpose that is purposed upon the whole earth; and this is the hand that is stretched out upon all the nations. 27For Yehovah of hosts has purposed, and who shall annul it? and his hand is stretched out, and who shall turn it back? 28In the year that king Ahaz died this burden came. 29Do not rejoice, O Philistia, all of you, because the rod that struck you is broken; for out of the serpent's root shall come forth an adder, and his fruit shall be a fiery flying serpent. 30And the first-born of the poor shall feed, and the needy shall lie down in safety; and I will kill your root with famine, and your remnant shall be slain. 31Howl, O gate; cry, O city; you are melted away, O Philistia, all of you; for there comes a smoke out of the north, and there is no straggler in his ranks. 32What then shall one answer the messengers of the nation? That Yehovah has founded Zion, and in her the afflicted of his people shall take refuge.

Chapter 15

1The burden of Moab. For in a night Ar of Moab is laid waste, and brought to nothing; for in a night Kir of Moab is laid waste, and brought to nothing. 2They have gone up to Bayith, and to Dibon, to the high places, to weep: Moab wails over Nebo, and over Medeba; on all their heads is baldness, every beard is cut off. 3In their streets they gird themselves with sackcloth; on their housetops, and in their broad places, everyone wails, weeping abundantly. 4And Heshbon cries out, and Elealeh; their voice is heard even to Jahaz: therefore the armed men of Moab cry aloud; his soul trembles within him. 5My heart cries out for Moab; her nobles flee to Zoar, to Eglath-shelishi-yah: for by the ascent of Luhith with weeping they go up; for in the way of Horonaim they raise up a cry of destruction. 6For the waters of Nimrim shall be desolate; for the grass is withered away, the tender grass fails, there is no green thing. 7Therefore the abundance they have gotten, and that which they have laid up, they shall carry away over the brook of the willows. 8For the cry has gone round about the borders of Moab; its wailing to Eglaim, and its wailing to Beer-elim. 9For the waters of Dimon are full of blood; for I will bring yet more upon Dimon, a lion upon those of Moab who escape, and upon the remnant of the land.

Chapter 16

1Send the lambs for the ruler of the land from Selah to the wilderness, to the mount of the daughter of Zion. 2For it shall be that, as wandering birds, as a scattered nest, so the daughters of Moab shall be at the fords of the Arnon. 3Give counsel, execute justice; make your shade as the night in the midst of the noonday; hide the outcasts; do not betray the fugitive. 4Let my outcasts dwell with you; as for Moab, be a shelter to him from the face of the destroyer. For the extortioner is brought to nothing, destruction ceases, the oppressors are consumed out of the land. 5And a throne shall be established in lovingkindness; and one shall sit on it in truth, in the tent of David, judging, and seeking justice, and swift to do righteousness. 6We have heard of the pride of Moab, that he is very proud; even of his arrogance, and his pride, and his wrath; his boastings are nothing. 7Therefore Moab shall wail for Moab,

everyone shall wail: for the raisin-cakes of Kir-hareseth you shall mourn, utterly stricken. 8For the fields of Heshbon languish, and the vine of Sibmah; the lords of the nations have broken down its choice branches, which reached even to Jazer, which wandered into the wilderness; its shoots were spread abroad, they passed over the sea. 9Therefore I will weep with the weeping of Jazer for the vine of Sibmah; I will water you with my tears, O Heshbon, and Elealeh: for upon your summer fruits and upon your harvest the battle shout has fallen. 10And gladness is taken away, and joy out of the fruitful field; and in the vineyards there shall be no singing, nor joyful noise: no treader shall tread out wine in the presses; I have made the vintage shout cease. 11Therefore my heart sounds like a harp for Moab, and my inward parts for Kir-heres. 12And it shall come to pass, when Moab presents himself, when he wearies himself upon the high place, and comes to his sanctuary to pray, that he shall not prevail. 13This is the word that Yehovah spoke concerning Moab in time past. 14But now Yehovah has spoken, saying, Within three years, as the years of a hireling, the glory of Moab shall be brought into contempt, with all his great multitude; and the remnant shall be very small and of no account.

Chapter 17

1The burden of Damascus. Behold, Damascus is taken away from being a city, and it shall be a ruinous heap. 2The cities of Aroer are forsaken; they shall be for flocks, which shall lie down, and none shall make them afraid. 3And the fortress shall cease from Ephraim, and the kingdom from Damascus, and the remnant of Syria; they shall be as the glory of the children of Israel, says Yehovah of hosts. 4And it shall come to pass in that day, that the glory of Jacob shall be made thin, and the fatness of his flesh shall grow lean. 5And it shall be as when the harvestman gathers the standing grain, and his arm reaps the ears; yes, it shall be as when one gleans ears in the valley of Rephaim. 6Yet gleanings shall be left in it, as the shaking of an olive-tree, two or three berries in the top of the uppermost bough, four or five in the outmost branches of a fruitful tree, says Yehovah, the God of Israel. 7In that day men shall look to their Maker, and their eyes shall have respect to the Holy One of Israel. 8And they shall not look to the altars, the work of their hands; nor shall they have respect to that which their fingers have made, either the Asherim, or the sun-images. 9In that day their strong cities shall be as the forsaken places in the wood and on the mountain top, which were forsaken from before the children of Israel; and it shall be a desolation. 10For you have forgotten the God of your salvation, and have not been mindful of the rock of your strength; therefore you plant pleasant plants, and set it with strange slips. 11In the day of your planting you hedge it in, and in the morning you make your seed blossom; but the harvest flees away in the day of grief and of desperate sorrow. 12Ah, the uproar of many peoples, who roar like the roaring of the seas; and the rushing of nations, who rush like the rushing of mighty waters! 13The nations shall rush like the rushing of many waters: but he shall rebuke them, and they shall flee far off, and shall be chased as the chaff of the mountains before the wind, and like the whirling dust before the storm. 14At evening, behold, terror; and before the morning they are not. This is the portion of those who plunder us, and the lot of those who rob us.

Chapter 18

1Ah, the land of the rustling of wings, which is beyond the rivers of Ethiopia; 2that sends ambassadors by the sea, even in vessels of papyrus upon the waters, saying, Go, you swift messengers, to a nation tall and smooth, to a people terrible from their beginning onward, a nation that metes out and treads down, whose land the rivers divide! 3All you inhabitants of the world, and you dwellers on the earth, when a banner is lifted up on the mountains, look; and when the trumpet is blown, hear. 4For thus has Yehovah said to me, I will be still, and I will behold in my dwelling-place, like clear heat in sunshine, like a cloud of dew in the heat of harvest. 5For before the harvest, when the blossom is over, and the flower becomes a ripening grape, he will cut off the sprigs with pruning-hooks, and the spreading branches he will take away and cut down. 6They shall be left together to the ravenous birds of the mountains, and to the beasts of the earth; and the ravenous birds shall summer upon them, and all the beasts of the earth shall winter upon them. 7In that time a present shall be brought to Yehovah of hosts from a people tall and smooth, even from a people terrible from their beginning onward, a nation that metes out and treads down, whose land the rivers divide, to the place of the name of Yehovah of hosts, the mount Zion.

Chapter 19

[1]The burden of Egypt. Behold, Yehovah rides upon a swift cloud, and comes to Egypt: and the idols of Egypt shall tremble at his presence; and the heart of Egypt shall melt in the midst of it. [2]And I will stir up the Egyptians against the Egyptians: and they shall fight everyone against his brother, and everyone against his neighbor; city against city, and kingdom against kingdom. [3]And the spirit of Egypt shall fail in the midst of it; and I will destroy its counsel: and they shall seek to the idols, and to the charmers, and to those who have familiar spirits, and to the wizards. [4]And I will give over the Egyptians into the hand of a cruel lord; and a fierce king shall rule over them, says the Lord, Yehovah of hosts. [5]And the waters shall fail from the sea, and the river shall be wasted and become dry. [6]And the rivers shall become foul; the streams of Egypt shall be diminished and dried up; the reeds and flags shall wither away. [7]The meadows by the Nile, by the brink of the Nile, and all the sown fields of the Nile, shall become dry, be driven away, and be no more. [8]And the fishers shall lament, and all those who cast a hook into the Nile shall mourn, and those who spread nets upon the waters shall languish. [9]Moreover those who work in combed flax, and those who weave white cloth, shall be confounded. [10]And the pillars of Egypt shall be broken in pieces; all those who work for hire shall be grieved in soul. [11]The princes of Zoan are utterly foolish; the counsel of the wisest counselors of Pharaoh has become brutish: how can you say to Pharaoh, I am the son of the wise, the son of ancient kings? [12]Where then are your wise men? and let them tell you now; and let them know what Yehovah of hosts has purposed concerning Egypt. [13]The princes of Zoan have become fools, the princes of Memphis are deceived; those who are the corner-stone of her tribes have caused Egypt to go astray. [14]Yehovah has mingled a spirit of perverseness in the midst of her; and they have caused Egypt to go astray in all its works, as a drunken man staggers in his vomit. [15]Nor shall there be for Egypt any work, which head or tail, palm-branch or rush, may do. [16]In that day the Egyptians shall be like women; and they shall tremble and fear because of the shaking of the hand of Yehovah of hosts, which he shakes over them. [17]And the land of Judah shall become a terror to Egypt; everyone to whom it is mentioned shall be afraid, because of the purpose of Yehovah of hosts, which he purposes against it. [18]In that day there shall be five cities in the land of Egypt that speak the language of Canaan, and swear to Yehovah of hosts; one shall be called The city of destruction. [19]In that day there shall be an altar to Yehovah in the midst of the land of Egypt, and a pillar at its border to Yehovah. [20]And it shall be for a sign and for a witness to Yehovah of hosts in the land of Egypt; for they shall cry to Yehovah because of oppressors, and he will send them a savior, and a defender, and he will deliver them. [21]And Yehovah shall be known to Egypt, and the Egyptians shall know Yehovah in that day; yes, they shall worship with sacrifice and offering, and shall vow a vow to Yehovah, and shall perform it. [22]And Yehovah will strike Egypt, striking and healing; and they shall return to Yehovah, and he will be entreated by them, and will heal them. [23]In that day there shall be a highway out of Egypt to Assyria, and the Assyrian shall come into Egypt, and the Egyptian into Assyria; and the Egyptians shall worship with the Assyrians. [24]In that day Israel shall be the third with Egypt and with Assyria, a blessing in the midst of the earth; [25]for Yehovah of hosts has blessed them, saying, Blessed be Egypt my people, and Assyria the work of my hands, and Israel my inheritance.

Chapter 20

[1]In the year that Tartan came to Ashdod, when Sargon the king of Assyria sent him, and he fought against Ashdod and took it; [2]at that time Yehovah spoke by Isaiah the son of Amoz, saying, Go, and loose the sackcloth from off your loins, and take your sandal off your foot. And he did so, walking naked and barefoot. [3]And Yehovah said, Just as my servant Isaiah has walked naked and barefoot three years for a sign and a wonder concerning Egypt and concerning Ethiopia; [4]so the king of Assyria shall lead away the captives of Egypt, and the exiles of Ethiopia, young and old, naked and barefoot, and with buttocks uncovered, to the shame of Egypt. [5]And they shall be dismayed and confounded, because of Ethiopia their expectation, and of Egypt their glory. [6]And the inhabitant of this coast-land shall say in that day, Behold, such is our expectation, where we fled for help to be delivered from the king of Assyria: and we, how shall we escape?

Chapter 21

[1]The burden of the wilderness of the sea. As whirlwinds in the South sweep through, it comes from the wilderness, from a terrible land. [2]A grievous

vision is declared to me; the treacherous man deals treacherously, and the destroyer destroys. Go up, O Elam; besiege, O Media; all its sighing I have made to cease. 3Therefore my loins are filled with anguish; pangs have taken hold upon me, as the pangs of a woman in labor: I am pained so that I cannot hear; I am dismayed so that I cannot see. 4My heart flutters, horror has terrified me; the twilight that I desired has been turned into trembling to me. 5They prepare the table, they set the watch, they eat, they drink: rise up, you princes, anoint the shield. 6For thus has the Lord said to me, Go, set a watchman; let him declare what he sees: 7and when he sees a troop, horsemen in pairs, a troop of donkeys, a troop of camels, he shall listen diligently with much heed. 8And he cried as a lion: O Lord, I stand continually upon the watch-tower in the daytime, and am set at my post whole nights; 9and, behold, here comes a troop of men, horsemen in pairs. And he answered and said, Fallen, fallen is Babylon; and all the graven images of her gods are broken to the ground. 10O you my threshing, and the grain of my floor! that which I have heard from Yehovah of hosts, the God of Israel, I have declared to you. 11The burden of Dumah. One calls to me out of Seir, Watchman, what of the night? Watchman, what of the night? 12The watchman said, The morning comes, and also the night: if you will inquire, inquire: turn back, come. 13The burden upon Arabia. In the forest in Arabia you shall lodge, O you caravans of Dedanites. 14To him who was thirsty they brought water; the inhabitants of the land of Tema met the fugitives with their bread. 15For they fled away from the swords, from the drawn sword, and from the bent bow, and from the grievousness of war. 16For thus has the Lord said to me, Within a year, according to the years of a hireling, all the glory of Kedar shall fail; 17and the remainder of the number of the archers, the mighty men of the children of Kedar, shall be few; for Yehovah, the God of Israel, has spoken it.

Chapter 22

1The burden of the valley of vision. What ails you now, that you have all gone up to the housetops? 2O you who are full of shoutings, a tumultuous city, a joyous town; your slain are not slain with the sword, nor are they dead in battle. 3All your rulers fled away together, they were bound by the archers; all who were found of you were bound together; they fled far off. 4Therefore I said, Look away from me, I will weep bitterly; do not labor to comfort me for the destruction of the daughter of my people. 5For it is a day of confusion, and of treading down, and of perplexity, from the Lord, Yehovah of hosts, in the valley of vision; a breaking down of the walls, and a crying to the mountains. 6And Elam bore the quiver, with chariots of men and horsemen; and Kir uncovered the shield. 7And it happened, that your choicest valleys were full of chariots, and the horsemen set themselves in array at the gate. 8And he took away the covering of Judah; and you looked in that day to the armor in the house of the forest. 9And you saw the breaches of the city of David, that they were many; and you gathered together the waters of the lower pool; 10and you numbered the houses of Jerusalem, and you broke down the houses to fortify the wall; 11you made also a reservoir between the two walls for the water of the old pool. But you did not look to him who had done this, nor did you have respect to him who purposed it long ago. 12And in that day the Lord, Yehovah of hosts, called to weeping, and to mourning, and to baldness, and to girding with sackcloth: 13and, behold, joy and gladness, slaying oxen and killing sheep, eating flesh and drinking wine: Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we shall die. 14And Yehovah of hosts revealed himself in my ears, Surely this iniquity shall not be forgiven you till you die, says the Lord, Yehovah of hosts. 15Thus says the Lord, Yehovah of hosts, Go, go to this treasurer, even to Shebna, who is over the house, and say, 16What are you doing here? and whom do you have here, that you have hewn out a tomb for yourself here? hewing himself out a tomb on high, carving a habitation for himself in the rock! 17Behold, Yehovah, like a strong man, will hurl you away violently; yes, he will wrap you up closely. 18He will surely wind you round and round, and toss you like a ball into a large country; there you shall die, and there shall be the chariots of your glory, you shame of your lord's house. 19And I will thrust you from your office; and from your station you shall be pulled down. 20And it shall come to pass in that day, that I will call my servant Eliakim the son of Hilkiah: 21and I will clothe him with your robe, and strengthen him with your sash, and I will commit your government into his hand; and he shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and to the house of Judah. 22And the key of the house of David I will lay upon his shoulder; and he shall open, and none shall shut; and he shall shut, and none shall open. 23And I will fasten him as a nail in a sure place;

and he shall be for a throne of glory to his father's house. 24And they shall hang upon him all the glory of his father's house, the offspring and the issue, every small vessel, from the cups even to all the flagons. 25In that day, says Yehovah of hosts, the nail that was fastened in a sure place shall give way; and it shall be hewn down, and fall; and the burden that was upon it shall be cut off; for Yehovah has spoken it.

Chapter 23

1The burden of Tyre. Howl, you ships of Tarshish; for it is laid waste, so that there is no house, no entering in: from the land of Kittim it is revealed to them. 2Be still, you inhabitants of the coast, you whom the merchants of Sidon, who pass over the sea, have replenished. 3And on great waters the seed of the Shihor, the harvest of the Nile, was her revenue; and she was the mart of nations. 4Be ashamed, O Sidon; for the sea has spoken, the stronghold of the sea, saying, I have not been in labor, nor brought forth, nor have I nourished young men, nor brought up virgins. 5When the report comes to Egypt, they shall be greatly pained at the report of Tyre. 6Pass over to Tarshish; wail, you inhabitants of the coast. 7Is this your joyous city, whose antiquity is of ancient days, whose feet carried her far off to sojourn? 8Who has purposed this against Tyre, the bestower of crowns, whose merchants are princes, whose traffickers are the honorable of the earth? 9Yehovah of hosts has purposed it, to stain the pride of all glory, to bring into contempt all the honorable of the earth. 10Pass through your land as the Nile, O daughter of Tarshish; there is no restraint any more. 11He has stretched out his hand over the sea, he has shaken the kingdoms: Yehovah has given commandment concerning Canaan, to destroy its strongholds. 12And he said, You shall no more rejoice, O you oppressed virgin daughter of Sidon: arise, pass over to Kittim; even there you shall have no rest. 13Behold, the land of the Chaldeans: this people was not; the Assyrian founded it for those who dwell in the wilderness; they set up their towers; they overthrew its palaces; they made it a ruin. 14Howl, you ships of Tarshish; for your stronghold is laid waste. 15And it shall come to pass in that day, that Tyre shall be forgotten seventy years, according to the days of one king: after the end of seventy years it shall be to Tyre as in the song of the prostitute. 16Take a harp, go about the city, you prostitute who have been forgotten; make sweet melody, sing many songs, that you may be remembered. 17And it shall come to pass after the end of seventy years, that Yehovah will visit Tyre, and she shall return to her hire, and shall play the prostitute with all the kingdoms of the world upon the face of the earth. 18And her merchandise and her hire shall be holiness to Yehovah: it shall not be treasured nor laid up; for her merchandise shall be for those who dwell before Yehovah, to eat sufficiently, and for durable clothing.

Chapter 24

1Behold, Yehovah makes the earth empty, and makes it waste, and turns it upside down, and scatters abroad its inhabitants. 2And it shall be, as with the people, so with the priest; as with the servant, so with his master; as with the maidservant, so with her mistress; as with the buyer, so with the seller; as with the creditor, so with the debtor; as with the taker of interest, so with the giver of interest to him. 3The earth shall be utterly emptied, and utterly laid waste; for Yehovah has spoken this word. 4The earth mourns and fades away, the world languishes and fades away, the lofty people of the earth languish. 5The earth also is polluted under its inhabitants; because they have transgressed the laws, violated the statutes, broken the everlasting covenant. 6Therefore the curse has devoured the earth, and those who dwell in it are found guilty: therefore the inhabitants of the earth are burned, and few men left. 7The new wine mourns, the vine languishes, all the merry-hearted sigh. 8The mirth of tambourines ceases, the noise of those who rejoice ends, the joy of the harp ceases. 9They shall not drink wine with a song; strong drink shall be bitter to those who drink it. 10The waste city is broken down; every house is shut up, that no man may come in. 11There is a crying in the streets because of the wine; all joy is darkened, the mirth of the land is gone. 12In the city desolation is left, and the gate is struck with destruction. 13For thus it shall be in the midst of the earth among the peoples, as the shaking of an olive-tree, as the gleanings when the vintage is done. 14These shall lift up their voice, they shall shout; for the majesty of Yehovah they cry aloud from the sea. 15Therefore glorify Yehovah in the east, even the name of Yehovah, the God of Israel, in the coastlands of the sea. 16From the uttermost part of the earth we have heard songs: Glory to the righteous. But I said, I pine away, I pine away, woe is me! the treacherous have dealt treacherously; yes, the treacherous have dealt very treacherously. 17Fear, and the pit, and the snare,

are upon you, O inhabitant of the earth. 18And it shall come to pass, that he who flees from the noise of the fear shall fall into the pit; and he who comes up out of the midst of the pit shall be taken in the snare: for the windows on high are opened, and the foundations of the earth tremble. 19The earth is utterly broken, the earth is split apart, the earth is shaken violently. 20The earth shall stagger like a drunken man, and shall sway to and fro like a hammock; and its transgression shall be heavy upon it, and it shall fall, and not rise again. 21And it shall come to pass in that day, that Yehovah will punish the host of the high ones on high, and the kings of the earth upon the earth. 22And they shall be gathered together, as prisoners are gathered in the pit, and shall be shut up in the prison; and after many days they shall be visited. 23Then the moon shall be confounded, and the sun ashamed; for Yehovah of hosts will reign in mount Zion, and in Jerusalem; and before his elders shall be glory.

Chapter 25

1O Yehovah, you are my God; I will exalt you, I will praise your name; for you have done wonderful things, even counsels of old, in faithfulness and truth. 2For you have made of a city a heap, of a fortified city a ruin, a palace of strangers to be no city; it shall never be built. 3Therefore a strong people shall glorify you; a city of terrible nations shall fear you. 4For you have been a stronghold to the poor, a stronghold to the needy in his distress, a refuge from the storm, a shade from the heat, when the blast of the terrible ones is as a storm against the wall. 5As the heat in a dry place you will bring down the noise of strangers; as the heat by the shade of a cloud, the song of the terrible ones shall be brought low. 6And in this mountain Yehovah of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of fat things, a feast of wines on the lees, of fat things full of marrow, of wines on the lees well refined. 7And he will destroy in this mountain the face of the covering that covers all peoples, and the veil that is spread over all nations. 8He has swallowed up death forever; and the Lord Yehovah will wipe away tears from off all faces; and the reproach of his people he will take away from off all the earth: for Yehovah has spoken it. 9And it shall be said in that day, Look, this is our God; we have waited for him, and he will save us: this is Yehovah; we have waited for him, we will be glad and rejoice in his salvation. 10For in this mountain the hand of Yehovah will rest; and Moab shall be trodden down in his place, even as straw is trodden down in the water of the dunghill. 11And he shall spread forth his hands in its midst, as he who swims spreads forth his hands to swim; but Yehovah will lay low his pride together with the craft of his hands. 12And the high fortress of your walls he has brought down, laid low, and brought to the ground, even to the dust.

Chapter 26

1In that day this song shall be sung in the land of Judah: We have a strong city; he will appoint salvation for walls and bulwarks. 2Open the gates, that the righteous nation which keeps faith may enter in. 3You will keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on you; because he trusts in you. 4Trust in Yehovah forever; for in Yehovah, even Yehovah, is an everlasting rock. 5For he has brought down those who dwell on high, the lofty city: he lays it low, he lays it low even to the ground; he brings it even to the dust. 6The foot shall tread it down; even the feet of the poor, and the steps of the needy. 7The way of the just is uprightness: you who are upright direct the path of the just. 8Yes, in the way of your judgments, O Yehovah, we have waited for you; to your name, even to your memorial name, is the desire of our soul. 9With my soul I have desired you in the night; yes, with my spirit within me I will seek you earnestly: for when your judgments are in the earth, the inhabitants of the world learn righteousness. 10Let favor be shown to the wicked, yet he will not learn righteousness; in the land of uprightness he will deal wrongfully, and will not behold the majesty of Yehovah. 11Yehovah, your hand is lifted up, yet they do not see: but they shall see your zeal for the people, and be put to shame; yes, fire shall devour your adversaries. 12Yehovah, you will ordain peace for us; for you have also worked all our works for us. 13O Yehovah our God, other lords besides you have had dominion over us; but by you only we will make mention of your name. 14They are dead, they shall not live; they are deceased, they shall not rise: therefore you have visited and destroyed them, and made all remembrance of them perish. 15You have increased the nation, O Yehovah, you have increased the nation; you are glorified; you have enlarged all the borders of the land. 16Yehovah, in trouble they have visited you; they poured out a prayer when your chastening was upon them. 17As a woman with child, who draws near the time of her delivery, is in pain and cries out in her pangs; so we have been before you, O Yehovah. 18We have been

with child, we have been in pain, we have as it were brought forth wind; we have not worked any deliverance in the earth; nor have the inhabitants of the world fallen. 19Your dead shall live; my dead bodies shall arise. Awake and sing, you who dwell in the dust; for your dew is as the dew of herbs, and the earth shall cast forth the dead. 20Come, my people, enter into your chambers, and shut your doors about you: hide yourself for a little moment, until the indignation is past. 21For, behold, Yehovah comes forth out of his place to punish the inhabitants of the earth for their iniquity: the earth also shall disclose her blood, and shall no more cover her slain.

Chapter 27

1In that day Yehovah with his hard and great and strong sword will punish leviathan the swift serpent, and leviathan the crooked serpent; and he will slay the monster that is in the sea. 2In that day: A vineyard of wine, sing to it. 3I Yehovah am its keeper; I will water it every moment: lest any hurt it, I will keep it night and day. 4Wrath is not in me: would that the briers and thorns were against me in battle! I would march upon them, I would burn them together. 5Or else let him take hold of my strength, that he may make peace with me; yes, let him make peace with me. 6In days to come Jacob shall take root; Israel shall blossom and bud; and they shall fill the face of the world with fruit. 7Has he struck them as he struck those who struck them? or are they slain according to the slaughter of those who were slain by them? 8In measure, when you send them away, you contend with them; he has removed them with his rough blast in the day of the east wind. 9Therefore by this the iniquity of Jacob shall be forgiven, and this is all the fruit of taking away his sin: that he makes all the stones of the altar as chalkstones that are beaten to pieces, so that the Asherim and the sun-images shall rise no more. 10For the fortified city is solitary, a habitation deserted and forsaken, like the wilderness: there the calf shall feed, and there he shall lie down, and consume its branches. 11When its boughs are withered, they shall be broken off; the women shall come, and set them on fire; for it is a people of no understanding: therefore he who made them will not have compassion upon them, and he who formed them will show them no favor. 12And it shall come to pass in that day, that Yehovah will beat off his fruit from the flood of the River to the brook of Egypt; and you shall be gathered one by one, O you children of Israel. 13And it shall come to pass in that day, that a great trumpet shall be blown; and those who were ready to perish in the land of Assyria shall come, and those who were outcasts in the land of Egypt; and they shall worship Yehovah in the holy mountain at Jerusalem.

Chapter 28

1Woe to the crown of pride of the drunkards of Ephraim, and to the fading flower of his glorious beauty, which is on the head of the fat valley of those who are overcome with wine! 2Behold, the Lord has a mighty and strong one; as a tempest of hail, a destroying storm, as a tempest of mighty waters overflowing, he will cast down to the earth with the hand. 3The crown of pride of the drunkards of Ephraim shall be trodden under foot: 4and the fading flower of his glorious beauty, which is on the head of the fat valley, shall be as the first-ripe fig before the summer; which, when he who looks upon it sees it, he eats it up while it is yet in his hand. 5In that day Yehovah of hosts will become a crown of glory, and a diadem of beauty, to the remnant of his people; 6and a spirit of justice to him who sits in judgment, and strength to those who turn back the battle at the gate. 7And even these reel with wine, and stagger with strong drink; the priest and the prophet reel with strong drink, they are swallowed up by wine, they stagger with strong drink; they err in vision, they stumble in judgment. 8For all tables are full of vomit and filthiness, so that there is no place clean. 9Whom will he teach knowledge? and whom will he make to understand the message? those who are weaned from the milk, and drawn from the breasts? 10For it is precept upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, there a little. 11No, but by men of strange lips and with another tongue he will speak to this people; 12to whom he said, This is the rest, give rest to him who is weary; and this is the refreshing: yet they would not hear. 13Therefore the word of Yehovah shall be to them precept upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, there a little; that they may go, and fall backward, and be broken, and snared, and taken. 14Therefore hear the word of Yehovah, you scoffers, who rule this people that is in Jerusalem: 15Because you have said, We have made a covenant with death, and with Sheol we are in agreement; when the overflowing scourge passes through, it shall not come to us; for we have made lies our refuge, and under falsehood we have hidden ourselves: 16therefore thus says the Lord Yehovah,

Behold, I lay in Zion for a foundation a stone, a tried stone, a precious corner-stone of sure foundation: he who believes shall not be in haste. 17And I will make justice the line, and righteousness the plummet; and the hail shall sweep away the refuge of lies, and the waters shall overflow the hiding-place. 18And your covenant with death shall be annulled, and your agreement with Sheol shall not stand; when the overflowing scourge passes through, then you shall be trodden down by it. 19As often as it passes through, it shall take you; for morning by morning it shall pass through, by day and by night: and it shall be nothing but terror to understand the message. 20For the bed is shorter than that a man can stretch himself on it; and the covering narrower than that he can wrap himself in it. 21For Yehovah will rise up as in mount Perazim, he will be angry as in the valley of Gibeon; that he may do his work, his strange work, and bring to pass his act, his strange act. 22Now therefore do not be scoffers, lest your bonds be made strong; for a decree of destruction I have heard from the Lord, Yehovah of hosts, upon the whole earth. 23Give ear, and hear my voice; listen, and hear my speech. 24Does he who plows to sow plow continually? does he continually open and harrow his ground? 25When he has leveled its surface, does he not cast abroad the dill, and scatter the cummin, and put in the wheat in rows, and the barley in the appointed place, and the spelt at its border? 26For his God instructs him rightly, and teaches him. 27For the dill is not threshed with a sharp threshing instrument, nor is a cart wheel turned about upon the cummin; but the dill is beaten out with a staff, and the cummin with a rod. 28Bread grain is ground; for he will not be always threshing it: and though the wheel of his cart and his horses scatter it, he does not grind it. 29This also comes forth from Yehovah of hosts, who is wonderful in counsel, and excellent in wisdom.

Chapter 29

1Ah, Ariel, Ariel, the city where David encamped! add year to year; let the feasts come round: 2then I will distress Ariel, and there shall be mourning and lamentation; and she shall be to me as Ariel. 3And I will encamp against you round about, and will lay siege against you with posted troops, and I will raise siege works against you. 4And you shall be brought down, and shall speak out of the ground, and your speech shall be low out of the dust; and your voice shall be as of one who has a familiar spirit, out of the ground, and your speech shall whisper out of the dust. 5But the multitude of your foes shall be like small dust, and the multitude of the terrible ones as chaff that passes away: yes, it shall be in an instant suddenly. 6She shall be visited by Yehovah of hosts with thunder, and with earthquake, and great noise, with whirlwind and tempest, and the flame of a devouring fire. 7And the multitude of all the nations that fight against Ariel, even all who fight against her and her stronghold, and who distress her, shall be as a dream, a vision of the night. 8And it shall be as when a hungry man dreams, and, behold, he eats; but he awakes, and his soul is empty: or as when a thirsty man dreams, and, behold, he drinks; but he awakes, and, behold, he is faint, and his soul has appetite: so shall the multitude of all the nations be, who fight against mount Zion. 9Wait and wonder; take your pleasure and be blind: they are drunk, but not with wine; they stagger, but not with strong drink. 10For Yehovah has poured out upon you the spirit of deep sleep, and has closed your eyes, the prophets; and your heads, the seers, he has covered. 11And all vision has become to you as the words of a book that is sealed, which men deliver to one who is learned, saying, Read this, I pray you; and he says, I cannot, for it is sealed: 12and the book is delivered to him who is not learned, saying, Read this, I pray you; and he says, I am not learned. 13And the Lord said, Because this people draw near to me, and with their mouth and with their lips honor me, but have removed their heart far from me, and their fear of me is a commandment of men which has been taught them; 14therefore, behold, I will proceed to do a marvelous work among this people, even a marvelous work and a wonder; and the wisdom of their wise men shall perish, and the understanding of their prudent men shall be hidden. 15Woe to those who hide their counsel deep from Yehovah, and whose works are in the dark, and who say, Who sees us? and who knows us? 16You turn things upside down! Shall the potter be regarded as the clay; that the thing made should say of him who made it, He did not make me; or the thing formed say of him who formed it, He has no understanding? 17Is it not yet a very little while, and Lebanon shall be turned into a fruitful field, and the fruitful field shall be regarded as a forest? 18And in that day the deaf shall hear the words of the book, and the eyes of the blind shall see out of obscurity and out of darkness. 19The meek also shall increase their joy in Yehovah, and the poor among men shall

rejoice in the Holy One of Israel. 20For the terrible one is brought to nothing, and the scoffer ceases, and all those who watch for iniquity are cut off; 21who make a man an offender in his cause, and lay a snare for him who reproves in the gate, and turn aside the just with a thing of nothing. 22Therefore thus says Yehovah, who redeemed Abraham, concerning the house of Jacob: Jacob shall not now be ashamed, nor shall his face now grow pale. 23But when he sees his children, the work of my hands, in the midst of him, they shall sanctify my name; yes, they shall sanctify the Holy One of Jacob, and shall stand in awe of the God of Israel. 24Those also who err in spirit shall come to understanding, and those who murmur shall receive instruction.

Chapter 30

1Woe to the rebellious children, says Yehovah, who take counsel, but not of me; and who make a league, but not of my Spirit, that they may add sin to sin, 2who set out to go down into Egypt, and have not asked of my mouth; to strengthen themselves in the strength of Pharaoh, and to take refuge in the shadow of Egypt! 3Therefore the strength of Pharaoh shall be your shame, and the refuge in the shadow of Egypt your confusion. 4For their princes are at Zoan, and their ambassadors have come to Hanes. 5They shall all be ashamed because of a people that cannot profit them, who are not a help nor profit, but a shame, and also a reproach. 6The burden of the beasts of the South. Through the land of trouble and anguish, from where come the lioness and the lion, the viper and fiery flying serpent, they carry their riches upon the shoulders of young donkeys, and their treasures upon the humps of camels, to a people that shall not profit them. 7For Egypt helps in vain, and to no purpose: therefore I have called her Rahab who sits still. 8Now go, write it before them on a tablet, and inscribe it in a book, that it may be for the time to come forever and ever. 9For it is a rebellious people, lying children, children who will not hear the law of Yehovah; 10who say to the seers, Do not see; and to the prophets, Do not prophesy to us right things, speak to us smooth things, prophesy deceits, 11get out of the way, turn aside out of the path, cause the Holy One of Israel to cease from before us. 12Therefore thus says the Holy One of Israel, Because you despise this word, and trust in oppression and perverseness, and rely on it; 13therefore this iniquity shall be to you as a breach ready to fall, swelling out in a high wall, whose breaking comes suddenly in an instant. 14And he shall break it as a potter's vessel is broken, breaking it in pieces without sparing; so that there shall not be found among its pieces a shard with which to take fire from the hearth, or to dip up water out of the cistern. 15For thus said the Lord Yehovah, the Holy One of Israel, In returning and rest you shall be saved; in quietness and in confidence shall be your strength. And you would not: 16but you said, No, for we will flee upon horses; therefore you shall flee: and, We will ride upon the swift; therefore those who pursue you shall be swift. 17One thousand shall flee at the threat of one; at the threat of five you shall flee: till you are left as a beacon upon the top of a mountain, and as a banner on a hill. 18And therefore Yehovah will wait, that he may be gracious to you; and therefore he will be exalted, that he may have mercy upon you: for Yehovah is a God of justice; blessed are all those who wait for him. 19For the people shall dwell in Zion at Jerusalem; you shall weep no more; he will surely be gracious to you at the voice of your cry; when he hears, he will answer you. 20And though the Lord gives you the bread of adversity and the water of affliction, yet your teachers shall not be hidden anymore, but your eyes shall see your teachers; 21and your ears shall hear a word behind you, saying, This is the way, walk in it; when you turn to the right hand, and when you turn to the left. 22And you shall defile the overlaying of your graven images of silver, and the plating of your molten images of gold: you shall cast them away as an unclean thing; you shall say to it, Get away from here. 23And he will give the rain for your seed, with which you shall sow the ground; and bread of the increase of the ground, and it shall be fat and plentiful. In that day your cattle shall feed in large pastures; 24the oxen likewise and the young donkeys that till the ground shall eat savory fodder, which has been winnowed with the shovel and with the fork. 25And there shall be upon every lofty mountain, and upon every high hill, brooks and streams of waters, in the day of the great slaughter, when the towers fall. 26Moreover the light of the moon shall be as the light of the sun, and the light of the sun shall be sevenfold, as the light of seven days, in the day that Yehovah binds up the hurt of his people, and heals the stroke of their wound. 27Behold, the name of Yehovah comes from afar, burning with his anger, and in thick rising smoke: his lips are full of indignation, and his tongue is as a devouring fire; 28and his breath is as an overflowing stream, that

reaches even to the neck, to sift the nations with the sieve of destruction: and a bridle that causes to err shall be in the jaws of the peoples. 29You shall have a song as in the night when a holy feast is kept; and gladness of heart, as when one goes with a pipe to come to the mountain of Yehovah, to the Rock of Israel. 30And Yehovah will cause his glorious voice to be heard, and will show the lighting down of his arm, with the indignation of his anger, and the flame of a devouring fire, with a blast, and tempest, and hailstones. 31For through the voice of Yehovah the Assyrian shall be dismayed; with his rod he will strike him. 32And every stroke of the appointed staff, which Yehovah shall lay upon him, shall be with the sound of tambourines and harps; and in battles with the brandishing of his arm he will fight with them. 33For a Topheth is prepared of old; yes, for the king it is made ready; he has made it deep and large; its pile is fire and much wood; the breath of Yehovah, like a stream of brimstone, kindles it.

Chapter 31

1Woe to those who go down to Egypt for help, and rely on horses, and trust in chariots because they are many, and in horsemen because they are very strong, but they do not look to the Holy One of Israel, nor seek Yehovah! 2Yet he also is wise, and will bring evil, and will not call back his words, but will arise against the house of the evil-doers, and against the help of those who work iniquity. 3Now the Egyptians are men, and not God; and their horses flesh, and not spirit: and when Yehovah stretches out his hand, both he who helps shall stumble, and he who is helped shall fall, and they all shall be consumed together. 4For thus says Yehovah to me, As the lion and the young lion growling over his prey, if a multitude of shepherds is called forth against him, will not be dismayed at their voice, nor abase himself for their noise: so Yehovah of hosts will come down to fight upon mount Zion, and upon its hill. 5As birds hovering, so Yehovah of hosts will protect Jerusalem; he will protect and deliver it, he will pass over and preserve it. 6Turn to him from whom you have deeply revolted, O children of Israel. 7For in that day every man shall cast away his idols of silver, and his idols of gold, which your own hands have made for you for a sin. 8And the Assyrian shall fall by the sword, not of man; and the sword, not of men, shall devour him; and he shall flee from the sword, and his young men shall become subject to forced labor. 9And his rock shall pass away by reason of terror, and his princes shall be dismayed at the banner, says Yehovah, whose fire is in Zion, and his furnace in Jerusalem.

Chapter 32

1Behold, a king shall reign in righteousness, and princes shall rule in justice. 2And a man shall be as a hiding-place from the wind, and a shelter from the tempest, as streams of water in a dry place, as the shade of a great rock in a weary land. 3And the eyes of those who see shall not be dim, and the ears of those who hear shall listen. 4And the heart of the rash shall understand knowledge, and the tongue of the stammerers shall be ready to speak plainly. 5The fool shall no more be called noble, nor the scoundrel said to be bountiful. 6For the fool will speak folly, and his heart will work iniquity, to practice profaneness, and to utter error against Yehovah, to make empty the soul of the hungry, and to cause the drink of the thirsty to fail. 7And the instruments of the scoundrel are evil: he devises wicked devices to destroy the meek with lying words, even when the needy speaks right. 8But the noble devises noble things; and in noble things he shall continue. 9Rise up, you women who are at ease, and hear my voice; you careless daughters, give ear to my speech. 10For days beyond a year you shall be troubled, you careless women; for the vintage shall fail, the ingathering shall not come. 11Tremble, you women who are at ease; be troubled, you careless ones; strip yourselves, and make yourselves bare, and gird sackcloth upon your loins. 12They shall beat upon the breasts for the pleasant fields, for the fruitful vine. 13Upon the land of my people thorns and briers shall come up; yes, upon all the houses of joy in the joyous city. 14For the palace shall be forsaken; the populous city shall be deserted; the hill and the watch-tower shall be for dens forever, a joy of wild donkeys, a pasture of flocks; 15until the Spirit is poured upon us from on high, and the wilderness becomes a fruitful field, and the fruitful field is regarded as a forest. 16Then justice shall dwell in the wilderness; and righteousness shall abide in the fruitful field. 17And the work of righteousness shall be peace; and the effect of righteousness, quietness and confidence forever. 18And my people shall abide in a peaceable habitation, and in safe dwellings, and in quiet resting-places. 19But it shall hail in the downfall of the forest; and the city shall be utterly laid low. 20Blessed are you who sow beside all waters, who send forth the feet of the ox and the donkey.

Chapter 33

[1]Woe to you who destroy, and you were not destroyed; and who deal treacherously, and they did not deal treacherously with you! When you have ceased to destroy, you shall be destroyed; and when you have made an end of dealing treacherously, they shall deal treacherously with you. [2]O Yehovah, be gracious to us; we have waited for you: be our arm every morning, our salvation also in the time of trouble. [3]At the noise of the tumult the peoples have fled; at the lifting up of yourself the nations are scattered. [4]And your spoil shall be gathered as the caterpillar gathers: as locusts leap men shall leap upon it. [5]Yehovah is exalted; for he dwells on high: he has filled Zion with justice and righteousness. [6]And there shall be stability in your times, abundance of salvation, wisdom, and knowledge: the fear of Yehovah is your treasure. [7]Behold, their valiant ones cry outside; the ambassadors of peace weep bitterly. [8]The highways lie waste, the wayfaring man ceases: the enemy has broken the covenant, he has despised the cities, he does not regard man. [9]The land mourns and languishes; Lebanon is confounded and withers away; Sharon is like a desert; and Bashan and Carmel shake off their leaves. [10]Now I will arise, says Yehovah; now I will lift myself up; now I will be exalted. [11]You shall conceive chaff, you shall bring forth stubble: your breath is a fire that shall devour you. [12]And the peoples shall be as the burnings of lime, as thorns cut down, that are burned in the fire. [13]Hear, you who are far off, what I have done; and, you who are near, acknowledge my might. [14]The sinners in Zion are afraid; trembling has seized the godless ones: Who among us can dwell with the devouring fire? who among us can dwell with everlasting burnings? [15]He who walks righteously, and speaks uprightly; he who despises the gain of oppressions, who shakes his hands from taking a bribe, who stops his ears from hearing of blood, and shuts his eyes from looking upon evil: [16]He shall dwell on high; his place of defense shall be the fortresses of rocks; his bread shall be given him; his waters shall be sure. [17]Your eyes shall see the king in his beauty: they shall behold a land that reaches far. [18]Your heart shall muse on the terror: Where is he who counted, where is he who weighed the tribute? where is he who counted the towers? [19]You shall not see the fierce people, a people of a deep speech that you cannot comprehend, of a strange tongue that you cannot understand. [20]Look upon Zion, the city of our solemn feasts: your eyes shall see Jerusalem a quiet habitation, a tent that shall not be removed, whose stakes shall never be plucked up, nor shall any of its cords be broken. [21]But there Yehovah will be with us in majesty, a place of broad rivers and streams, where no galley with oars shall go, nor shall a stately ship pass by. [22]For Yehovah is our judge, Yehovah is our lawgiver, Yehovah is our king; he will save us. [23]Your rigging is loosed; they could not strengthen the foot of their mast, they could not spread the sail: then the prey of a great spoil was divided; the lame took the prey. [24]And the inhabitant shall not say, I am sick: the people who dwell in it shall be forgiven their iniquity.

Chapter 34

[1]Come near, you nations, to hear; and listen, you peoples: let the earth hear, and its fullness; the world, and all things that come forth from it. [2]For Yehovah has indignation against all the nations, and wrath against all their host: he has utterly destroyed them, he has delivered them to the slaughter. [3]Their slain also shall be cast out, and the stench of their dead bodies shall come up; and the mountains shall be melted with their blood. [4]And all the host of heaven shall be dissolved, and the heavens shall be rolled together as a scroll; and all their host shall fade away, as the leaf fades from off the vine, and as a fading leaf from the fig-tree. [5]For my sword has drunk its fill in heaven: behold, it shall come down upon Edom, and upon the people of my curse, to judgment. [6]The sword of Yehovah is filled with blood, it is made fat with fatness, with the blood of lambs and goats, with the fat of the kidneys of rams; for Yehovah has a sacrifice in Bozrah, and a great slaughter in the land of Edom. [7]And the wild-oxen shall come down with them, and the bullocks with the bulls: and their land shall be drunk with blood, and their dust made fat with fatness. [8]For Yehovah has a day of vengeance, a year of recompense for the cause of Zion. [9]And the streams of Edom shall be turned into pitch, and its dust into brimstone, and its land shall become burning pitch. [10]It shall not be quenched night nor day; its smoke shall go up forever; from generation to generation it shall lie waste; none shall pass through it forever and ever. [11]But the pelican and the porcupine shall possess it; and the owl and the raven shall dwell in it: and he will stretch over it the line of confusion, and the plummet of emptiness. [12]They shall call its nobles to the kingdom, but none shall be there; and all its princes shall be nothing. [13]And thorns shall come up

in its palaces, nettles and thistles in its fortresses; and it shall be a habitation of jackals, a court for ostriches. 14And the wild beasts of the desert shall meet with the wolves, and the wild goat shall cry to his fellow; yes, the night-monster shall settle there, and shall find for herself a place of rest. 15There the dart-snake shall make her nest, and lay, and hatch, and gather under her shade; yes, there the kites shall be gathered, each one with her mate. 16Seek out of the book of Yehovah, and read: no one of these shall be missing, none shall lack her mate; for my mouth, it has commanded, and his Spirit, it has gathered them. 17And he has cast the lot for them, and his hand has divided it to them by line: they shall possess it forever; from generation to generation they shall dwell in it.

Chapter 35

1The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad; and the desert shall rejoice, and blossom as the rose. 2It shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice even with joy and singing; the glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the excellency of Carmel and Sharon: they shall see the glory of Yehovah, the excellency of our God. 3Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. 4Say to those who are of a fearful heart, Be strong, do not fear: behold, your God will come with vengeance, with the recompense of God; he will come and save you. 5Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped. 6Then the lame man shall leap as a deer, and the tongue of the mute shall sing; for in the wilderness waters shall break out, and streams in the desert. 7And the glowing sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water: in the habitation of jackals, where they lay, shall be grass with reeds and rushes. 8And a highway shall be there, and a way, and it shall be called The way of holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it; but it shall be for the redeemed: the wayfaring men, even fools, shall not err in it. 9No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast go up on it; they shall not be found there; but the redeemed shall walk there: 10and the ransomed of Yehovah shall return, and come with singing to Zion; and everlasting joy shall be upon their heads: they shall obtain gladness and joy, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

Chapter 36

1Now it happened in the fourteenth year of king Hezekiah, that Sennacherib king of Assyria came up against all the fortified cities of Judah, and took them. 2And the king of Assyria sent Rabshakeh from Lachish to Jerusalem to king Hezekiah with a great army. And he stood by the conduit of the upper pool on the highway of the fuller's field. 3Then Eliakim the son of Hilkiah, who was over the household, and Shebna the scribe, and Joah, the son of Asaph, the recorder, came out to him. 4And Rabshakeh said to them, Say now to Hezekiah, Thus says the great king, the king of Assyria, What confidence is this in which you trust? 5I say, your counsel and strength for the war are only vain words: now on whom do you trust, that you have rebelled against me? 6Behold, you trust in the staff of this bruised reed, even in Egypt, on which if a man leans, it will go into his hand, and pierce it: so is Pharaoh king of Egypt to all who trust in him. 7But if you say to me, We trust in Yehovah our God: is not that he, whose high places and whose altars Hezekiah has taken away, and has said to Judah and to Jerusalem, You shall worship before this altar? 8Now therefore, I pray you, give pledges to my master the king of Assyria, and I will give you two thousand horses, if you are able on your part to set riders upon them. 9How then can you turn away the face of one captain of the least of my master's servants, and put your trust in Egypt for chariots and for horsemen? 10And have I now come up without Yehovah against this land to destroy it? Yehovah said to me, Go up against this land, and destroy it. 11Then Eliakim and Shebna and Joah said to Rabshakeh, Speak, I pray you, to your servants in the Syrian language; for we understand it: and do not speak to us in the Jews' language, in the ears of the people who are on the wall. 12But Rabshakeh said, Has my master sent me to your master, and to you, to speak these words? has he not sent me to the men who sit upon the wall, to eat their own dung, and to drink their own water with you? 13Then Rabshakeh stood, and cried with a loud voice in the Jews' language, and said, Hear the words of the great king, the king of Assyria. 14Thus says the king, Do not let Hezekiah deceive you; for he will not be able to deliver you: 15nor let Hezekiah make you trust in Yehovah, saying, Yehovah will surely deliver us; this city shall not be given into the hand of the king of Assyria. 16Do not listen to Hezekiah: for thus says the king of Assyria, Make your peace with me, and come out to me; and eat every one of his vine, and every one of his fig-tree, and drink every one the waters of his own cistern; 17until I come and take you away to a land like your

own land, a land of grain and new wine, a land of bread and vineyards. 18Beware lest Hezekiah persuade you, saying, Yehovah will deliver us. Has any of the gods of the nations delivered his land out of the hand of the king of Assyria? 19Where are the gods of Hamath and Arpad? where are the gods of Sepharvaim? and have they delivered Samaria out of my hand? 20Who are they among all the gods of these countries, who have delivered their country out of my hand, that Yehovah should deliver Jerusalem out of my hand? 21But they held their peace, and did not answer him a word; for the king's commandment was, saying, Do not answer him. 22Then Eliakim the son of Hilkiah, who was over the household, and Shebna the scribe, and Joah, the son of Asaph, the recorder, came to Hezekiah with their clothes torn, and told him the words of Rabshakeh.

Chapter 37

1And it happened, when king Hezekiah heard it, that he tore his clothes, and covered himself with sackcloth, and went into the house of Yehovah. 2And he sent Eliakim, who was over the household, and Shebna the scribe, and the elders of the priests, covered with sackcloth, to Isaiah the prophet the son of Amoz. 3And they said to him, Thus says Hezekiah, This day is a day of trouble, and of rebuke, and of disgrace; for the children have come to the birth, and there is not strength to bring forth. 4It may be Yehovah your God will hear the words of Rabshakeh, whom the king of Assyria his master has sent to defy the living God, and will rebuke the words which Yehovah your God has heard: therefore lift up your prayer for the remnant that is left. 5So the servants of king Hezekiah came to Isaiah. 6And Isaiah said to them, Thus you shall say to your master, Thus says Yehovah, Do not be afraid of the words that you have heard, with which the servants of the king of Assyria have blasphemed me. 7Behold, I will put a spirit in him, and he shall hear news, and shall return to his own land; and I will cause him to fall by the sword in his own land. 8So Rabshakeh returned, and found the king of Assyria warring against Libnah; for he had heard that he had departed from Lachish. 9And he heard it said concerning Tirhakah king of Ethiopia, He has come out to fight against you. And when he heard it, he sent messengers to Hezekiah, saying, 10Thus you shall speak to Hezekiah king of Judah, saying, Do not let your God in whom you trust deceive you, saying, Jerusalem shall not be given into the hand of the king of Assyria. 11Behold, you have heard what the kings of Assyria have done to all lands, by destroying them utterly: and shall you be delivered? 12Have the gods of the nations delivered them, whom my fathers have destroyed, Gozan, and Haran, and Rezeph, and the children of Eden who were in Telassar? 13Where is the king of Hamath, and the king of Arpad, and the king of the city of Sepharvaim, of Hena, and Ivvah? 14And Hezekiah received the letter from the hand of the messengers, and read it; and Hezekiah went up to the house of Yehovah, and spread it before Yehovah. 15And Hezekiah prayed to Yehovah, saying, 16O Yehovah of hosts, the God of Israel, who sit above the cherubim, you are the God, even you alone, of all the kingdoms of the earth; you have made heaven and earth. 17Incline your ear, O Yehovah, and hear; open your eyes, O Yehovah, and see; and hear all the words of Sennacherib, who has sent to defy the living God. 18Truly, Yehovah, the kings of Assyria have laid waste all the countries, and their land, 19and have cast their gods into the fire: for they were no gods, but the work of men's hands, wood and stone; therefore they have destroyed them. 20Now therefore, O Yehovah our God, save us from his hand, that all the kingdoms of the earth may know that you are Yehovah, even you only. 21Then Isaiah the son of Amoz sent to Hezekiah, saying, Thus says Yehovah, the God of Israel, Because you have prayed to me against Sennacherib king of Assyria, 22this is the word which Yehovah has spoken concerning him: The virgin daughter of Zion has despised you and laughed you to scorn; the daughter of Jerusalem has shaken her head at you. 23Whom have you defied and blasphemed? and against whom have you exalted your voice and lifted up your eyes on high? even against the Holy One of Israel. 24By your servants you have defied the Lord, and have said, With the multitude of my chariots I have come up to the height of the mountains, to the innermost parts of Lebanon; and I will cut down its tall cedars, and its choice fir-trees; and I will enter into its farthest height, the forest of its fruitful field; 25I have dug and drunk water, and with the sole of my feet I will dry up all the rivers of Egypt. 26Have you not heard how I have done it long ago, and formed it of ancient times? now I have brought it to pass, that it should be yours to lay waste fortified cities into ruinous heaps. 27Therefore their inhabitants were of small power, they were dismayed and confounded; they were as the grass of the field, and as the green herb, as the grass on the housetops, and as a field of

grain before it is grown up. 28But I know your sitting down, and your going out, and your coming in, and your raging against me. 29Because of your raging against me, and because your arrogance has come up into my ears, therefore I will put my hook in your nose, and my bridle in your lips, and I will turn you back by the way by which you came. 30And this shall be the sign to you: you shall eat this year that which grows of itself, and in the second year that which springs from the same; and in the third year sow, and reap, and plant vineyards, and eat their fruit. 31And the remnant that has escaped of the house of Judah shall again take root downward, and bear fruit upward. 32For out of Jerusalem shall go forth a remnant, and out of mount Zion those who shall escape. The zeal of Yehovah of hosts will perform this. 33Therefore thus says Yehovah concerning the king of Assyria, He shall not come to this city, nor shoot an arrow there, nor shall he come before it with shield, nor cast up a mound against it. 34By the way that he came, by the same he shall return, and he shall not come to this city, says Yehovah. 35For I will defend this city to save it, for my own sake, and for my servant David's sake. 36And the angel of Yehovah went forth, and struck in the camp of the Assyrians a hundred and eighty-five thousand; and when men arose early in the morning, behold, these were all dead bodies. 37So Sennacherib king of Assyria departed, and went and returned, and dwelt at Nineveh. 38And it happened, as he was bowing down in the house of Nisroch his god, that Adrammelech and Sharezer his sons struck him with the sword; and they escaped into the land of Ararat. And Esar-haddon his son reigned in his place.

Chapter 38

1In those days Hezekiah was sick to death. And Isaiah the prophet the son of Amoz came to him, and said to him, Thus says Yehovah, Set your house in order; for you shall die, and not live. 2Then Hezekiah turned his face to the wall, and prayed to Yehovah, 3and said, Remember now, O Yehovah, I beseech you, how I have walked before you in truth and with a perfect heart, and have done that which is good in your sight. And Hezekiah wept bitterly. 4Then the word of Yehovah came to Isaiah, saying, 5Go, and say to Hezekiah, Thus says Yehovah, the God of David your father, I have heard your prayer, I have seen your tears: behold, I will add to your days fifteen years. 6And I will deliver you and this city out of the hand of the king of Assyria; and I will defend this city. 7And this shall be the sign to you from Yehovah, that Yehovah will do this thing that he has spoken: 8behold, I will cause the shadow on the steps, which has gone down on the dial of Ahaz with the sun, to return backward ten steps. So the sun returned ten steps on the dial on which it had gone down. 9The writing of Hezekiah king of Judah, when he had been sick, and had recovered from his sickness. 10I said, In the noontide of my days I shall go into the gates of Sheol: I am deprived of the rest of my years. 11I said, I shall not see Yehovah, even Yehovah in the land of the living: I shall behold man no more with the inhabitants of the world. 12My dwelling is removed, and is carried away from me as a shepherd's tent: I have rolled up, like a weaver, my life; he will cut me off from the loom: From day even to night you will make an end of me. 13I quieted myself until morning; as a lion, so he breaks all my bones: From day even to night you will make an end of me. 14Like a swallow or a crane, so I chattered; I moaned as a dove; my eyes fail with looking upward: O Lord, I am oppressed, be my surety. 15What shall I say? he has both spoken to me, and himself has done it: I shall go softly all my years because of the bitterness of my soul. 16O Lord, by these things men live; And wholly in them is the life of my spirit: Therefore restore me, and make me live. 17Behold, it was for my peace that I had great bitterness: But you have in love to my soul delivered it from the pit of corruption; For you have cast all my sins behind your back. 18For Sheol cannot praise you, death cannot celebrate you: Those who go down into the pit cannot hope for your truth. 19The living, the living, he shall praise you, as I do this day: The father to the children shall make known your truth. 20Yehovah is ready to save me: Therefore we will sing my songs with stringed instruments All the days of our life in the house of Yehovah. 21Now Isaiah had said, Let them take a cake of figs, and lay it for a plaster upon the boil, and he shall recover. 22Hezekiah also had said, What is the sign that I shall go up to the house of Yehovah?

Chapter 39

1At that time Merodach-baladan the son of Baladan, king of Babylon, sent letters and a present to Hezekiah; for he heard that he had been sick, and had recovered. 2And Hezekiah was glad of them, and showed them the house of his precious things, the silver, and the gold, and the spices, and the precious oil, and all the house of his armor, and all that was found in his treasures: there was nothing in his

house, nor in all his dominion, that Hezekiah did not show them. 3Then Isaiah the prophet came to king Hezekiah, and said to him, What did these men say? and from where did they come to you? And Hezekiah said, They have come from a far country to me, even from Babylon. 4Then he said, What have they seen in your house? And Hezekiah answered, They have seen all that is in my house: there is nothing among my treasures that I have not shown them. 5Then Isaiah said to Hezekiah, Hear the word of Yehovah of hosts: 6Behold, the days are coming, when all that is in your house, and that which your fathers have laid up in store until this day, shall be carried to Babylon: nothing shall be left, says Yehovah. 7And of your sons who shall issue from you, whom you shall father, they shall take away; and they shall be eunuchs in the palace of the king of Babylon. 8Then Hezekiah said to Isaiah, Good is the word of Yehovah which you have spoken. He said moreover, For there shall be peace and truth in my days.

Chapter 40

1Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. 2Speak tenderly to Jerusalem; and cry to her, that her warfare is accomplished, that her iniquity is pardoned, that she has received from Yehovah's hand double for all her sins. 3The voice of one who cries, Prepare in the wilderness the way of Yehovah; make level in the desert a highway for our God. 4Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill shall be made low; and the uneven shall be made level, and the rough places a plain: 5and the glory of Yehovah shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together; for the mouth of Yehovah has spoken it. 6The voice of one saying, Cry. And one said, What shall I cry? All flesh is grass, and all its goodliness is as the flower of the field. 7The grass withers, the flower fades, because the breath of Yehovah blows upon it; surely the people is grass. 8The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God shall stand forever. 9O you who tell good news to Zion, go up on a high mountain; O you who tell good news to Jerusalem, lift up your voice with strength; lift it up, do not be afraid; say to the cities of Judah, Behold, your God! 10Behold, the Lord Yehovah will come as a mighty one, and his arm will rule for him: Behold, his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. 11He will feed his flock like a shepherd, he will gather the lambs in his arm, and carry them in his bosom, and will gently lead those who have their young. 12Who has measured the waters in the hollow of his hand, and marked off heaven with the span, and comprehended the dust of the earth in a measure, and weighed the mountains in scales, and the hills in a balance? 13Who has directed the Spirit of Yehovah, or as his counselor has taught him? 14With whom did he take counsel, and who instructed him, and taught him in the path of justice, and taught him knowledge, and showed him the way of understanding? 15Behold, the nations are as a drop from a bucket, and are counted as the small dust of the balance: behold, he takes up the coastlands as a very little thing. 16And Lebanon is not sufficient to burn, nor its beasts sufficient for a burnt-offering. 17All the nations are as nothing before him; they are counted by him as less than nothing, and vanity. 18To whom then will you liken God? or what likeness will you compare to him? 19The image, a workman has cast it, and the goldsmith overlays it with gold, and casts for it silver chains. 20He who is too impoverished for such an offering chooses a tree that will not rot; he seeks for himself a skillful workman to set up a graven image, that shall not be moved. 21Have you not known? have you not heard? has it not been told you from the beginning? have you not understood from the foundations of the earth? 22It is he who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are as grasshoppers; who stretches out the heavens as a curtain, and spreads them out as a tent to dwell in; 23who brings princes to nothing; who makes the judges of the earth as vanity. 24Yes, they have not been planted; yes, they have not been sown; yes, their stump has not taken root in the earth: moreover he blows upon them, and they wither, and the whirlwind takes them away as stubble. 25To whom then will you liken me, that I should be equal to him? says the Holy One. 26Lift up your eyes on high, and see who has created these, who brings out their host by number; he calls them all by name; by the greatness of his might, and because he is strong in power, not one is lacking. 27Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, My way is hidden from Yehovah, and the justice due to me has passed away from my God? 28Have you not known? have you not heard? The everlasting God, Yehovah, the Creator of the ends of the earth, does not faint, nor is he weary; there is no searching of his understanding. 29He gives power to the faint; and to him who has no might he increases strength. 30Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall: 31but those who wait for Yehovah shall renew their

strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; they shall walk, and not faint.

Chapter 41

[1]Keep silence before me, O coastlands; and let the peoples renew their strength: let them come near; then let them speak; let us come near together to judgment. [2]Who has raised up one from the east, whom he calls in righteousness to his foot? he gives nations before him, and makes him rule over kings; he gives them as the dust to his sword, as the driven stubble to his bow. [3]He pursues them, and passes on safely, even by a way that he had not gone with his feet. [4]Who has worked and done it, calling the generations from the beginning? I, Yehovah, the first, and with the last, I am he. [5]The coastlands have seen, and fear; the ends of the earth tremble; they draw near, and come. [6]They help everyone his neighbor; and everyone says to his brother, Be of good courage. [7]So the carpenter encourages the goldsmith, and he who smooths with the hammer him who strikes the anvil, saying of the soldering, It is good; and he fastens it with nails, that it should not be moved. [8]But you, Israel, my servant, Jacob whom I have chosen, the seed of Abraham my friend, [9]you whom I have taken hold of from the ends of the earth, and called from its corners, and said to you, You are my servant, I have chosen you and not cast you away; [10]do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you; yes, I will help you; yes, I will uphold you with the right hand of my righteousness. [11]Behold, all those who are incensed against you shall be put to shame and confounded: those who strive with you shall be as nothing, and shall perish. [12]You shall seek them, and shall not find them, even those who contend with you: those who war against you shall be as nothing, and as a thing of nothing. [13]For I, Yehovah your God, will hold your right hand, saying to you, Do not fear; I will help you. [14]Do not fear, you worm Jacob, and you men of Israel; I will help you, says Yehovah, and your Redeemer is the Holy One of Israel. [15]Behold, I have made you to be a new sharp threshing instrument having teeth; you shall thresh the mountains, and beat them small, and shall make the hills as chaff. [16]You shall winnow them, and the wind shall carry them away, and the whirlwind shall scatter them; and you shall rejoice in Yehovah, you shall glory in the Holy One of Israel. [17]The poor and needy seek water, and there is none, and their tongue fails for thirst; I, Yehovah, will answer them, I, the God of Israel, will not forsake them. [18]I will open rivers on the bare heights, and fountains in the midst of the valleys; I will make the wilderness a pool of water, and the dry land springs of water. [19]I will put in the wilderness the cedar, the acacia, and the myrtle, and the oil-tree; I will set in the desert the fir-tree, the pine, and the box-tree together: [20]that they may see, and know, and consider, and understand together, that the hand of Yehovah has done this, and the Holy One of Israel has created it. [21]Produce your cause, says Yehovah; bring forth your strong reasons, says the King of Jacob. [22]Let them bring forth, and declare to us what shall happen: declare the former things, what they are, that we may consider them, and know their latter end; or show us things to come. [23]Declare the things that are to come hereafter, that we may know that you are gods: yes, do good, or do evil, that we may be dismayed, and behold it together. [24]Behold, you are of nothing, and your work is of nothing; an abomination is he who chooses you. [25]I have raised up one from the north, and he has come; from the rising of the sun one who calls upon my name: and he shall come upon rulers as upon mortar, and as the potter treads clay. [26]Who has declared it from the beginning, that we may know? and beforehand, that we may say, He is right? yes, there is none who declares, yes, there is none who shows, yes, there is none who hears your words. [27]I am the first who says to Zion, Behold, behold them; and I will give to Jerusalem one who brings good news. [28]And when I look, there is no man: even among them there is no counselor, who, when I ask of them, can answer a word. [29]Behold, all of them, their works are vanity and nothing; their molten images are wind and confusion.

Chapter 42

[1]Behold, my servant, whom I uphold; my chosen, in whom my soul delights: I have put my Spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the Gentiles. [2]He will not cry, nor lift up his voice, nor cause it to be heard in the street. [3]A bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench: he will bring forth justice in truth. [4]He will not fail nor be discouraged, till he has set justice in the earth; and the coastlands shall wait for his law. [5]Thus says God Yehovah, he who created the heavens, and stretched them forth; he who spread abroad the earth and that which comes out of it; he who gives breath to the people upon it, and spirit to those who walk in it: [6]I,

Yehovah, have called you in righteousness, and will hold your hand, and will keep you, and give you for a covenant of the people, for a light of the Gentiles; 7to open the blind eyes, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, and those who sit in darkness out of the prison-house. 8I am Yehovah, that is my name; and my glory I will not give to another, nor my praise to graven images. 9Behold, the former things have come to pass, and new things I declare; before they spring forth I tell you of them. 10Sing to Yehovah a new song, and his praise from the end of the earth; you who go down to the sea, and all that is in it, the coastlands, and their inhabitants. 11Let the wilderness and its cities lift up their voice, the villages that Kedar inhabits; let the inhabitants of Sela sing, let them shout from the top of the mountains. 12Let them give glory to Yehovah, and declare his praise in the coastlands. 13Yehovah will go forth as a mighty man; he will stir up his zeal like a man of war: he will cry, yes, he will shout aloud; he will do mightily against his enemies. 14I have for a long time held my peace; I have been still, and restrained myself: now I will cry out like a woman in labor; I will gasp and pant together. 15I will lay waste mountains and hills, and dry up all their herbs; and I will make the rivers islands, and will dry up the pools. 16And I will bring the blind by a way that they do not know; in paths that they do not know I will lead them; I will make darkness light before them, and crooked places straight. These things I will do, and I will not forsake them. 17They shall be turned back, they shall be utterly put to shame, who trust in graven images, who say to molten images, You are our gods. 18Hear, you deaf; and look, you blind, that you may see. 19Who is blind, but my servant? or deaf, as my messenger whom I send? who is blind as he who is at peace with me, and blind as Yehovah's servant? 20You see many things, but you do not observe; his ears are open, but he does not hear. 21It pleased Yehovah, for his righteousness' sake, to magnify the law, and make it honorable. 22But this is a people robbed and plundered; they are all of them snared in holes, and they are hidden in prison-houses: they are for a prey, and none delivers; for a spoil, and none says, Restore. 23Who is there among you who will give ear to this? who will listen and hear for the time to come? 24Who gave Jacob for a spoil, and Israel to the robbers? did not Yehovah? he against whom we have sinned, and in whose ways they would not walk, nor were they obedient to his law. 25Therefore he poured upon him the fierceness of his anger, and the strength of battle; and it set him on fire round about, yet he did not know; and it burned him, yet he did not lay it to heart.

Chapter 43

1But now thus says Yehovah who created you, O Jacob, and he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by your name, you are mine. 2When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow you: when you walk through the fire, you shall not be burned, nor shall the flame kindle upon you. 3For I am Yehovah your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior; I have given Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in your place. 4Since you have been precious in my sight, and honorable, and I have loved you; therefore I will give men in your place, and peoples instead of your life. 5Do not fear; for I am with you: I will bring your seed from the east, and gather you from the west; 6I will say to the north, Give up; and to the south, Do not hold back; bring my sons from afar, and my daughters from the end of the earth; 7everyone who is called by my name, and whom I have created for my glory, whom I have formed, yes, whom I have made. 8Bring forth the blind people who have eyes, and the deaf who have ears. 9Let all the nations be gathered together, and let the peoples be assembled: who among them can declare this, and show us former things? let them bring their witnesses, that they may be justified; or let them hear, and say, It is truth. 10You are my witnesses, says Yehovah, and my servant whom I have chosen; that you may know and believe me, and understand that I am he: before me there was no God formed, nor shall there be after me. 11I, even I, am Yehovah; and besides me there is no savior. 12I have declared, and I have saved, and I have shown; and there was no strange god among you: therefore you are my witnesses, says Yehovah, and I am God. 13Yes, since the day was I am he; and there is none who can deliver out of my hand: I will work, and who can hinder it? 14Thus says Yehovah, your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel: For your sake I have sent to Babylon, and I will bring down all of them as fugitives, even the Chaldeans, in the ships of their rejoicing. 15I am Yehovah, your Holy One, the Creator of Israel, your King. 16Thus says Yehovah, who makes a way in the sea, and a path in the mighty waters; 17who brings forth the chariot and horse, the army and the mighty man (they lie down together,

they shall not rise; they are extinct, they are quenched as a wick): 18Do not remember the former things, nor consider the things of old. 19Behold, I will do a new thing; now it shall spring forth; shall you not know it? I will even make a way in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert. 20The beasts of the field shall honor me, the jackals and the ostriches; because I give waters in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert, to give drink to my people, my chosen, 21the people which I formed for myself, that they might set forth my praise. 22Yet you have not called upon me, O Jacob; but you have been weary of me, O Israel. 23You have not brought me of your sheep for burnt-offerings; nor have you honored me with your sacrifices. I have not burdened you with offerings, nor wearied you with frankincense. 24You have bought me no sweet cane with money, nor have you filled me with the fat of your sacrifices; but you have burdened me with your sins, you have wearied me with your iniquities. 25I, even I, am he who blots out your transgressions for my own sake; and I will not remember your sins. 26Put me in remembrance; let us plead together: set forth your cause, that you may be justified. 27Your first father sinned, and your teachers have transgressed against me. 28Therefore I will profane the princes of the sanctuary; and I will make Jacob a curse, and Israel a reviling.

Chapter 44

1Yet now hear, O Jacob my servant, and Israel, whom I have chosen: 2Thus says Yehovah who made you, and formed you from the womb, who will help you: Do not fear, O Jacob my servant; and you, Jeshurun, whom I have chosen. 3For I will pour water upon him who is thirsty, and streams upon the dry ground; I will pour my Spirit upon your seed, and my blessing upon your offspring: 4and they shall spring up among the grass, as willows by the watercourses. 5One shall say, I am Yehovah's; and another shall call himself by the name of Jacob; and another shall subscribe with his hand to Yehovah, and surname himself by the name of Israel. 6Thus says Yehovah, the King of Israel, and his Redeemer, Yehovah of hosts: I am the first, and I am the last; and besides me there is no God. 7And who, like me, shall call, and shall declare it, and set it in order for me, since I established the ancient people? and the things that are coming, and that shall come to pass, let them declare. 8Do not fear, nor be afraid: have I not declared to you of old, and shown it? and you are my witnesses. Is there a God besides me? indeed, there is no Rock; I do not know any. 9Those who fashion a graven image are all of them vanity; and the things that they delight in shall not profit; and their own witnesses neither see nor know: that they may be put to shame. 10Who has fashioned a god, or cast an image that is profitable for nothing? 11Behold, all his fellows shall be put to shame; and the workmen, they are of men: let them all be gathered together, let them stand up; they shall fear, they shall be put to shame together. 12The smith makes an axe, and works in the coals, and fashions it with hammers, and works it with his strong arm: yes, he is hungry, and his strength fails; he drinks no water, and is faint. 13The carpenter stretches out a line; he marks it out with a pencil; he shapes it with planes, and he marks it out with the compasses, and shapes it after the figure of a man, according to the beauty of a man, to dwell in a house. 14He cuts down cedars for himself, and takes the holm-tree and the oak, and strengthens for himself one among the trees of the forest: he plants a fir-tree, and the rain nourishes it. 15Then it shall be for a man to burn; and he takes some of it, and warms himself; yes, he kindles it, and bakes bread: yes, he makes a god, and bows down to it; he makes it a graven image, and falls down to it. 16He burns part of it in the fire; with part of it he eats flesh; he roasts roast, and is satisfied; yes, he warms himself, and says, Aha, I am warm, I have seen the fire. 17And the rest of it he makes a god, even his graven image; he falls down to it and bows down, and prays to it, and says, Deliver me; for you are my god. 18They do not know, nor do they consider: for he has shut their eyes, that they cannot see; and their hearts, that they cannot understand. 19And none calls to mind, nor is there knowledge nor understanding to say, I have burned part of it in the fire; yes, also I have baked bread upon its coals; I have roasted flesh and eaten it: and shall I make the rest of it an abomination? shall I fall down to a block of wood? 20He feeds on ashes; a deceived heart has turned him aside; and he cannot deliver his soul, nor say, Is there not a lie in my right hand? 21Remember these things, O Jacob, and Israel; for you are my servant: I have formed you; you are my servant: O Israel, you shall not be forgotten by me. 22I have blotted out, as a thick cloud, your transgressions, and, as a cloud, your sins: return to me; for I have redeemed you. 23Sing, O you heavens, for Yehovah has done it; shout, you lower parts of the earth; break forth into singing, you

mountains, O forest, and every tree in it: for Yehovah has redeemed Jacob, and will glorify himself in Israel. 24Thus says Yehovah, your Redeemer, and he who formed you from the womb: I am Yehovah, who makes all things; who stretches forth the heavens alone; who spreads abroad the earth (who is with me?); 25who frustrates the signs of the liars, and makes diviners mad; who turns wise men backward, and makes their knowledge foolish; 26who confirms the word of his servant, and performs the counsel of his messengers; who says of Jerusalem, She shall be inhabited; and of the cities of Judah, They shall be built, and I will raise up their waste places; 27who says to the deep, Be dry, and I will dry up your rivers; 28who says of Cyrus, He is my shepherd, and shall perform all my pleasure, even saying of Jerusalem, She shall be built; and of the temple, Your foundation shall be laid.

Chapter 45

1Thus says Yehovah to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have held, to subdue nations before him, and I will loose the loins of kings; to open the doors before him, and the gates shall not be shut: 2I will go before you, and make the rough places smooth; I will break in pieces the doors of bronze, and cut through the bars of iron; 3and I will give you the treasures of darkness, and hidden riches of secret places, that you may know that it is I, Yehovah, who call you by your name, even the God of Israel. 4For Jacob my servant's sake, and Israel my chosen, I have called you by your name: I have surnamed you, though you have not known me. 5I am Yehovah, and there is none else; besides me there is no God. I will gird you, though you have not known me; 6that they may know from the rising of the sun, and from the west, that there is none besides me: I am Yehovah, and there is none else. 7I form the light, and create darkness; I make peace, and create evil; I am Yehovah, who does all these things. 8Drip down, you heavens, from above, and let the skies pour down righteousness: let the earth open, that it may bring forth salvation, and let it cause righteousness to spring up together; I, Yehovah, have created it. 9Woe to him who strives with his Maker! a potsherd among the potsherds of the earth! Shall the clay say to him who fashions it, What are you making? or your work, He has no hands? 10Woe to him who says to a father, What are you begetting? or to a woman, With what are you in labor? 11Thus says Yehovah, the Holy One of Israel, and his Maker: Ask me of the things that are to come; concerning my sons, and concerning the work of my hands, command me. 12I have made the earth, and created man upon it: I, even my hands, have stretched out the heavens; and all their host I have commanded. 13I have raised him up in righteousness, and I will make straight all his ways: he shall build my city, and he shall let my exiles go free, not for price nor reward, says Yehovah of hosts. 14Thus says Yehovah, The labor of Egypt, and the merchandise of Ethiopia, and the Sabeans, men of stature, shall come over to you, and they shall be yours: they shall go after you, in chains they shall come over; and they shall fall down to you, they shall make supplication to you, saying, Surely God is in you; and there is none else, there is no God. 15Truly you are a God who hides himself, O God of Israel, the Savior. 16They shall be put to shame, yes, confounded, all of them; those who are makers of idols shall go into confusion together. 17But Israel shall be saved by Yehovah with an everlasting salvation: you shall not be put to shame nor confounded to all eternity. 18For thus says Yehovah who created the heavens, the God who formed the earth and made it, who established it and did not create it a waste, who formed it to be inhabited: I am Yehovah; and there is none else. 19I have not spoken in secret, in a place of the land of darkness; I did not say to the seed of Jacob, Seek me in vain: I, Yehovah, speak righteousness, I declare things that are right. 20Assemble yourselves and come; draw near together, you who have escaped from the nations: those who carry the wood of their graven image have no knowledge, and pray to a god that cannot save. 21Declare, and bring it forth; yes, let them take counsel together: who has shown this from ancient time? who has declared it of old? have not I, Yehovah? and there is no God else besides me, a just God and a Savior; there is none besides me. 22Look to me, and be saved, all the ends of the earth; for I am God, and there is none else. 23By myself I have sworn, the word has gone forth from my mouth in righteousness, and shall not return, that to me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear. 24Only in Yehovah, it is said of me, is righteousness and strength; even to him men shall come; and all those who were incensed against him shall be put to shame. 25In Yehovah all the seed of Israel shall be justified, and shall glory.

Chapter 46

1Bel bows down, Nebo stoops; their idols are upon the beasts, and upon the cattle: the things that you

carried about are made a load, a burden to the weary beast. 2They stoop, they bow down together; they could not deliver the burden, but they themselves have gone into captivity. 3Listen to me, O house of Jacob, and all the remnant of the house of Israel, who have been borne by me from their birth, who have been carried from the womb; 4and even to old age I am he, and even to gray hairs I will carry you; I have made, and I will bear; yes, I will carry, and will deliver. 5To whom will you liken me, and make me equal, and compare me, that we may be like? 6Such as lavish gold out of the bag, and weigh silver in the balance, they hire a goldsmith, and he makes it a god; they fall down, yes, they bow down. 7They bear it upon the shoulder, they carry it, and set it in its place, and it stands, from its place it shall not move: yes, one may cry to it, yet it cannot answer, nor save him out of his trouble. 8Remember this, and show yourselves men; bring it again to mind, O you transgressors. 9Remember the former things of old: for I am God, and there is none else; I am God, and there is none like me; 10declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times things that are not yet done; saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure; 11calling a ravenous bird from the east, the man of my counsel from a far country; yes, I have spoken, I will also bring it to pass; I have purposed, I will also do it. 12Listen to me, you stubborn of heart, who are far from righteousness: 13I bring near my righteousness, it shall not be far off, and my salvation shall not delay; and I will place salvation in Zion for Israel my glory.

Chapter 47

1Come down, and sit in the dust, O virgin daughter of Babylon; sit on the ground without a throne, O daughter of the Chaldeans: for you shall no more be called tender and delicate. 2Take the millstones, and grind meal; remove your veil, strip off the train, uncover the leg, pass through the rivers. 3Your nakedness shall be uncovered, yes, your shame shall be seen: I will take vengeance, and will spare no man. 4Our Redeemer, Yehovah of hosts is his name, the Holy One of Israel. 5Sit silent, and go into darkness, O daughter of the Chaldeans; for you shall no more be called The mistress of kingdoms. 6I was angry with my people, I profaned my inheritance, and gave them into your hand: you showed them no mercy; upon the aged you have very heavily laid your yoke. 7And you said, I shall be mistress forever; so that you did not lay these things to your heart, nor did you remember their latter end. 8Now therefore hear this, you who are given to pleasures, who sit securely, who say in your heart, I am, and there is none else besides me; I shall not sit as a widow, nor shall I know the loss of children: 9but these two things shall come to you in a moment in one day, the loss of children, and widowhood; in their full measure they shall come upon you, in the multitude of your sorceries, and the great abundance of your enchantments. 10For you have trusted in your wickedness; you have said, None sees me; your wisdom and your knowledge, it has perverted you, and you have said in your heart, I am, and there is none else besides me. 11Therefore evil shall come upon you; you shall not know its dawning: and disaster shall fall upon you; you shall not be able to put it away: and desolation shall come upon you suddenly, which you do not know. 12Stand now with your enchantments, and with the multitude of your sorceries, in which you have labored from your youth; perhaps you shall be able to profit, perhaps you may prevail. 13You are wearied in the multitude of your counsels: let now the astrologers, the star-gazers, the monthly forecasters, stand up, and save you from the things that shall come upon you. 14Behold, they shall be as stubble; the fire shall burn them; they shall not deliver themselves from the power of the flame: it shall not be a coal to warm at, nor a fire to sit before. 15Thus shall the things be to you in which you have labored: those who have trafficked with you from your youth shall wander each one to his quarter; there shall be none to save you.

Chapter 48

1Hear this, O house of Jacob, who are called by the name of Israel, and have come forth out of the waters of Judah; who swear by the name of Yehovah, and make mention of the God of Israel, but not in truth, nor in righteousness 2(for they call themselves of the holy city, and lean upon the God of Israel; Yehovah of hosts is his name): 3I have declared the former things from of old; yes, they went forth out of my mouth, and I showed them: suddenly I did them, and they came to pass. 4Because I knew that you are obstinate, and your neck is an iron sinew, and your brow bronze; 5therefore I have declared it to you from of old; before it came to pass I showed it to you; lest you should say, My idol has done them, and my graven image, and my molten image, has commanded them. 6You have heard it; behold all this; and you, will you not declare it? I have shown you new things from this

time, even hidden things, which you have not known. 7They are created now, and not from of old; and before this day you did not hear them; lest you should say, Behold, I knew them. 8Yes, you did not hear; yes, you did not know; yes, from of old your ear was not opened: for I knew that you dealt very treacherously, and were called a transgressor from the womb. 9For my name's sake I will defer my anger, and for my praise I will restrain it for you, that I may not cut you off. 10Behold, I have refined you, but not as silver; I have chosen you in the furnace of affliction. 11For my own sake, for my own sake, I will do it; for how should my name be profaned? and my glory I will not give to another. 12Listen to me, O Jacob, and Israel my called: I am he; I am the first, I also am the last. 13Yes, my hand has laid the foundation of the earth, and my right hand has spread out the heavens: when I call to them, they stand up together. 14Assemble yourselves, all of you, and hear; who among them has declared these things? He whom Yehovah loves shall perform his pleasure on Babylon, and his arm shall be on the Chaldeans. 15I, even I, have spoken; yes, I have called him; I have brought him, and he shall make his way prosperous. 16Come near to me, hear this; from the beginning I have not spoken in secret; from the time that it was, there I am: and now the Lord Yehovah has sent me, and his Spirit. 17Thus says Yehovah, your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel: I am Yehovah your God, who teaches you to profit, who leads you by the way that you should go. 18Oh that you had listened to my commandments! then your peace would have been as a river, and your righteousness as the waves of the sea: 19your seed also would have been as the sand, and the offspring of your body like its grains: his name would not be cut off nor destroyed from before me. 20Go forth from Babylon, flee from the Chaldeans; with a voice of singing declare, tell this, utter it even to the end of the earth: say, Yehovah has redeemed his servant Jacob. 21And they did not thirst when he led them through the deserts; he caused the waters to flow out of the rock for them; he split the rock also, and the waters gushed out. 22There is no peace, says Yehovah, to the wicked.

Chapter 49

1Listen, O coastlands, to me; and give heed, you peoples, from afar: Yehovah has called me from the womb; from the body of my mother he has made mention of my name: 2and he has made my mouth like a sharp sword; in the shadow of his hand he has hidden me: and he has made me a polished arrow; in his quiver he has kept me close: 3and he said to me, You are my servant; Israel, in whom I will be glorified. 4But I said, I have labored in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely the justice due to me is with Yehovah, and my recompense with my God. 5And now says Yehovah who formed me from the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob again to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him (for I am honorable in the eyes of Yehovah, and my God has become my strength); 6yes, he says, It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob, and to restore the preserved of Israel: I will also give you for a light to the Gentiles, that you may be my salvation to the end of the earth. 7Thus says Yehovah, the Redeemer of Israel, and his Holy One, to him whom man despises, to him whom the nation abhors, to a servant of rulers: Kings shall see and arise; princes, and they shall bow down; because of Yehovah who is faithful, even the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you. 8Thus says Yehovah, In an acceptable time I have answered you, and in a day of salvation I have helped you; and I will preserve you, and give you for a covenant of the people, to raise up the land, to make them inherit the desolate heritages; 9saying to those who are bound, Go forth; to those who are in darkness, Show yourselves. They shall feed in the ways, and on all bare heights shall be their pasture. 10They shall not hunger nor thirst; nor shall the heat nor sun strike them: for he who has mercy on them will lead them, even by springs of water he will guide them. 11And I will make all my mountains a way, and my highways shall be exalted. 12Look, these shall come from afar; and, look, these from the north and from the west; and these from the land of Sinim. 13Sing, O heavens; and be joyful, O earth; and break forth into singing, O mountains: for Yehovah has comforted his people, and will have compassion upon his afflicted. 14But Zion said, Yehovah has forsaken me, and the Lord has forgotten me. 15Can a woman forget her nursing child, that she should not have compassion on the son of her womb? yes, these may forget, yet I will not forget you. 16Behold, I have engraved you upon the palms of my hands; your walls are continually before me. 17Your children make haste; your destroyers and those who made you waste shall go forth from you. 18Lift up your eyes round about, and behold: all these gather themselves together, and come to you. As I live, says Yehovah,

you shall surely clothe yourself with them all as with an ornament, and gird yourself with them, like a bride. 19For, as for your waste and your desolate places, and your land that has been destroyed, surely now you shall be too narrow for the inhabitants, and those who swallowed you up shall be far away. 20The children of your bereavement shall yet say in your ears, The place is too narrow for me; give place to me that I may dwell. 21Then you shall say in your heart, Who has fathered these for me, seeing I have been bereaved of my children, and am solitary, an exile, and wandering to and fro? and who has brought up these? Behold, I was left alone; these, where were they? 22Thus says the Lord Yehovah, Behold, I will lift up my hand to the nations, and set up my banner to the peoples; and they shall bring your sons in their bosom, and your daughters shall be carried upon their shoulders. 23And kings shall be your foster fathers, and their queens your nursing mothers: they shall bow down to you with their faces to the earth, and lick the dust of your feet; and you shall know that I am Yehovah; and those who wait for me shall not be put to shame. 24Shall the prey be taken from the mighty, or the lawful captives be delivered? 25But thus says Yehovah, Even the captives of the mighty shall be taken away, and the prey of the terrible shall be delivered; for I will contend with him who contends with you, and I will save your children. 26And I will feed those who oppress you with their own flesh; and they shall be drunk with their own blood, as with sweet wine: and all flesh shall know that I, Yehovah, am your Savior, and your Redeemer, the Mighty One of Jacob.

Chapter 50

1Thus says Yehovah, Where is the certificate of your mother's divorce, with which I have put her away? or which of my creditors is it to whom I have sold you? Behold, for your iniquities you were sold, and for your transgressions your mother was put away. 2Why, when I came, was there no man? when I called, was there none to answer? Is my hand shortened at all, that it cannot redeem? or have I no power to deliver? Behold, at my rebuke I dry up the sea, I make the rivers a wilderness: their fish stink, because there is no water, and die for thirst. 3I clothe the heavens with blackness, and I make sackcloth their covering. 4The Lord Yehovah has given me the tongue of those who are taught, that I may know how to sustain with words him who is weary: he wakens morning by morning, he wakens my ear to hear as those who are taught. 5The Lord Yehovah has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, nor turned away backward. 6I gave my back to the strikers, and my cheeks to those who plucked off the hair; I did not hide my face from shame and spitting. 7For the Lord Yehovah will help me; therefore I have not been confounded: therefore I have set my face like a flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame. 8He who justifies me is near; who will contend with me? let us stand up together: who is my adversary? let him come near to me. 9Behold, the Lord Yehovah will help me; who is he who shall condemn me? behold, they all shall grow old as a garment; the moth shall eat them up. 10Who is among you who fears Yehovah, who obeys the voice of his servant? he who walks in darkness, and has no light, let him trust in the name of Yehovah, and rely upon his God. 11Behold, all you who kindle a fire, who gird yourselves about with firebrands; walk in the flame of your fire, and among the brands that you have kindled. This you shall have from my hand; you shall lie down in sorrow.

Chapter 51

1Listen to me, you who follow after righteousness, you who seek Yehovah: look to the rock from which you were hewn, and to the hole of the pit from which you were dug. 2Look to Abraham your father, and to Sarah who bore you; for when he was but one I called him, and I blessed him, and made him many. 3For Yehovah has comforted Zion; he has comforted all her waste places, and has made her wilderness like Eden, and her desert like the garden of Yehovah; joy and gladness shall be found in her, thanksgiving, and the voice of melody. 4Attend to me, O my people; and give ear to me, O my nation: for a law shall go forth from me, and I will establish my justice for a light of the peoples. 5My righteousness is near, my salvation has gone forth, and my arms shall judge the peoples; the coastlands shall wait for me, and on my arm they shall trust. 6Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look upon the earth beneath; for the heavens shall vanish away like smoke, and the earth shall grow old like a garment; and those who dwell in it shall die in like manner: but my salvation shall be forever, and my righteousness shall not be abolished. 7Listen to me, you who know righteousness, the people in whose heart is my law; do not fear the reproach of men, nor be dismayed at their revilings. 8For the moth shall eat them up like a garment, and the worm shall eat them like wool; but my righteousness shall be forever, and my salvation to all generations. 9Awake, awake, put

on strength, O arm of Yehovah; awake, as in the days of old, the generations of ancient times. Is it not you who cut Rahab in pieces, who pierced the monster? 10Is it not you who dried up the sea, the waters of the great deep; who made the depths of the sea a way for the redeemed to pass over? 11And the ransomed of Yehovah shall return, and come with singing to Zion; and everlasting joy shall be upon their heads: they shall obtain gladness and joy; and sorrow and sighing shall flee away. 12I, even I, am he who comforts you: who are you, that you are afraid of man who shall die, and of the son of man who shall be made as grass; 13and have forgotten Yehovah your Maker, who stretched forth the heavens, and laid the foundations of the earth; and fear continually all the day because of the fury of the oppressor, when he makes ready to destroy? and where is the fury of the oppressor? 14The captive exile shall speedily be loosed; and he shall not die and go down into the pit, nor shall his bread fail. 15For I am Yehovah your God, who stirs up the sea, so that its waves roar: Yehovah of hosts is his name. 16And I have put my words in your mouth, and have covered you in the shadow of my hand, that I may plant the heavens, and lay the foundations of the earth, and say to Zion, You are my people. 17Awake, awake, stand up, O Jerusalem, who have drunk at the hand of Yehovah the cup of his wrath; you have drunk the bowl of the cup of staggering, and drained it. 18There is none to guide her among all the sons whom she has brought forth; nor is there any who takes her by the hand among all the sons that she has brought up. 19These two things have befallen you, who shall bemoan you? desolation and destruction, and the famine and the sword; how shall I comfort you? 20Your sons have fainted, they lie at the head of all the streets, as an antelope in a net; they are full of the wrath of Yehovah, the rebuke of your God. 21Therefore hear now this, you afflicted, and drunk, but not with wine: 22Thus says your Lord Yehovah, and your God who pleads the cause of his people, Behold, I have taken out of your hand the cup of staggering, even the bowl of the cup of my wrath; you shall no more drink it again: 23and I will put it into the hand of those who afflict you, who have said to your soul, Bow down, that we may go over; and you have laid your back as the ground, and as the street, to those who go over.

Chapter 52

1Awake, awake, put on your strength, O Zion; put on your beautiful garments, O Jerusalem, the holy city: for from now on the uncircumcised and the unclean shall no more come into you. 2Shake yourself from the dust; arise, sit on your throne, O Jerusalem: loose yourself from the bonds of your neck, O captive daughter of Zion. 3For thus says Yehovah, You were sold for nothing; and you shall be redeemed without money. 4For thus says the Lord Yehovah, My people went down at the first into Egypt to sojourn there: and the Assyrian has oppressed them without cause. 5Now therefore, what am I doing here, says Yehovah, seeing that my people is taken away for nothing? those who rule over them howl, says Yehovah, and my name continually all the day is blasphemed. 6Therefore my people shall know my name: therefore they shall know in that day that I am he who speaks; behold, it is I. 7How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news, who publishes peace, who brings good news of good, who publishes salvation, who says to Zion, Your God reigns! 8The voice of your watchmen! they lift up the voice, together they sing; for they shall see eye to eye, when Yehovah returns to Zion. 9Break forth into joy, sing together, you waste places of Jerusalem; for Yehovah has comforted his people, he has redeemed Jerusalem. 10Yehovah has made bare his holy arm in the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. 11Depart, depart, go out from there, touch no unclean thing; go out of the midst of her; cleanse yourselves, you who bear the vessels of Yehovah. 12For you shall not go out in haste, nor shall you go by flight: for Yehovah will go before you; and the God of Israel will be your rear guard. 13Behold, my servant shall deal wisely, he shall be exalted and lifted up, and shall be very high. 14Just as many were astonished at you (his appearance was so marred more than any man, and his form more than the sons of men), 15so shall he sprinkle many nations; kings shall shut their mouths at him: for that which had not been told them they shall see; and that which they had not heard they shall understand.

Chapter 53

1Who has believed our message? and to whom has the arm of Yehovah been revealed? 2For he grew up before him as a tender plant, and as a root out of a dry ground: he has no form nor majesty; and when we see him, there is no beauty that we should desire him. 3He was despised, and rejected by men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and as one from whom men hide their face he was despised; and we did not esteem him. 4Surely he has borne our griefs,

and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. 5But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed. 6All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned everyone to his own way; and Yehovah has laid on him the iniquity of us all. 7He was oppressed, yet when he was afflicted he did not open his mouth; as a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and as a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth. 8By oppression and judgment he was taken away; and as for his generation, who among them considered that he was cut off out of the land of the living for the transgression of my people to whom the stroke was due? 9And they made his grave with the wicked, and with a rich man in his death; although he had done no violence, nor was any deceit in his mouth. 10Yet it pleased Yehovah to bruise him; he has put him to grief: when you make his soul an offering for sin, he shall see his seed, he shall prolong his days, and the pleasure of Yehovah shall prosper in his hand. 11He shall see of the travail of his soul, and shall be satisfied: by the knowledge of himself my righteous servant shall justify many; and he shall bear their iniquities. 12Therefore I will divide him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he poured out his soul to death, and was numbered with the transgressors: yet he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

Chapter 54

1Sing, O barren, you who did not bear; break forth into singing, and cry aloud, you who were not in labor with child: for more are the children of the desolate than the children of the married wife, says Yehovah. 2Enlarge the place of your tent, and let them stretch forth the curtains of your habitations; do not hold back: lengthen your cords, and strengthen your stakes. 3For you shall spread abroad on the right hand and on the left; and your seed shall possess the nations, and make the desolate cities inhabited. 4Do not fear; for you shall not be ashamed: nor be confounded; for you shall not be put to shame: for you shall forget the shame of your youth; and the reproach of your widowhood you shall remember no more. 5For your Maker is your husband; Yehovah of hosts is his name: and the Holy One of Israel is your Redeemer; he shall be called the God of the whole earth. 6For Yehovah has called you as a wife forsaken and grieved in spirit, even a wife of youth, when she is cast off, says your God. 7For a small moment I have forsaken you; but with great mercies I will gather you. 8In overflowing wrath I hid my face from you for a moment; but with everlasting lovingkindness I will have mercy on you, says Yehovah your Redeemer. 9For this is as the waters of Noah to me; for as I have sworn that the waters of Noah shall no more go over the earth, so I have sworn that I will not be angry with you, nor rebuke you. 10For the mountains may depart, and the hills be removed; but my lovingkindness shall not depart from you, nor shall my covenant of peace be removed, says Yehovah who has mercy on you. 11O you afflicted, tossed with tempest, and not comforted, behold, I will set your stones in fair colors, and lay your foundations with sapphires. 12And I will make your pinnacles of rubies, and your gates of carbuncles, and all your border of precious stones. 13And all your children shall be taught by Yehovah; and great shall be the peace of your children. 14In righteousness you shall be established: you shall be far from oppression, for you shall not fear; and from terror, for it shall not come near you. 15Behold, they may gather together, but not by me: whoever shall gather together against you shall fall because of you. 16Behold, I have created the smith who blows the fire of coals, and brings forth a weapon for his work; and I have created the destroyer to destroy. 17No weapon that is formed against you shall prosper; and every tongue that rises against you in judgment you shall condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of Yehovah, and their righteousness which is from me, says Yehovah.

Chapter 55

1Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters, and he who has no money; come, buy, and eat; yes, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. 2Why do you spend money for that which is not bread? and your labor for that which does not satisfy? listen diligently to me, and eat that which is good, and let your soul delight itself in fatness. 3Incline your ear, and come to me; hear, and your soul shall live: and I will make an everlasting covenant with you, even the sure mercies of David. 4Behold, I have given him for a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander to the peoples. 5Behold, you shall call a nation that you do not know; and a nation that did not know you shall run to you, because of Yehovah your God, and for the Holy One of Israel; for he has glorified you. 6Seek Yehovah

while he may be found; call upon him while he is near: 7let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; and let him return to Yehovah, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. 8For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says Yehovah. 9For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts. 10For as the rain comes down and the snow from heaven, and does not return there, but waters the earth, and makes it bring forth and bud, and gives seed to the sower and bread to the eater; 11so shall my word be that goes forth out of my mouth: it shall not return to me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it. 12For you shall go out with joy, and be led forth with peace: the mountains and the hills shall break forth before you into singing; and all the trees of the fields shall clap their hands. 13Instead of the thorn the fir-tree shall come up; and instead of the brier the myrtle-tree shall come up: and it shall be to Yehovah for a name, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

Chapter 56

1Thus says Yehovah, Keep justice, and do righteousness; for my salvation is near to come, and my righteousness to be revealed. 2Blessed is the man who does this, and the son of man who holds it fast; who keeps the sabbath from profaning it, and keeps his hand from doing any evil. 3Nor let the foreigner, who has joined himself to Yehovah, speak, saying, Yehovah will surely separate me from his people; nor let the eunuch say, Behold, I am a dry tree. 4For thus says Yehovah of the eunuchs who keep my sabbaths, and choose the things that please me, and hold fast my covenant: 5To them I will give in my house and within my walls a memorial and a name better than of sons and of daughters; I will give them an everlasting name, that shall not be cut off. 6Also the foreigners who join themselves to Yehovah, to minister to him, and to love the name of Yehovah, to be his servants, everyone who keeps the sabbath from profaning it, and holds fast my covenant; 7even them I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer: their burnt-offerings and their sacrifices shall be accepted upon my altar; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples. 8The Lord Yehovah, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, says, Yet I will gather others to him, besides his own who are gathered. 9All you beasts of the field, come to devour, yes, all you beasts in the forest. 10His watchmen are blind, they are all without knowledge; they are all mute dogs, they cannot bark; dreaming, lying down, loving to slumber. 11Yes, the dogs are greedy, they can never have enough; and these are shepherds who cannot understand: they have all turned to their own way, each one to his gain, from every quarter. 12Come, they say, I will fetch wine, and we will fill ourselves with strong drink; and tomorrow shall be as this day, a day great beyond measure.

Chapter 57

1The righteous perishes, and no man lays it to heart; and merciful men are taken away, none considering that the righteous is taken away from the evil to come. 2He enters into peace; they rest in their beds, each one who walks in his uprightness. 3But draw near here, you sons of the sorceress, the seed of the adulterer and the prostitute. 4Against whom do you sport yourselves? against whom do you open wide your mouth, and put out the tongue? are you not children of transgression, a seed of falsehood, 5you who inflame yourselves among the oaks, under every green tree; who slay the children in the valleys, under the clefts of the rocks? 6Among the smooth stones of the valley is your portion; they, they are your lot; even to them you have poured a drink-offering, you have offered an offering. Shall I be appeased for these things? 7Upon a high and lofty mountain you have set your bed; there also you went up to offer sacrifice. 8And behind the doors and the posts you have set up your memorial: for you have uncovered yourself to another than me, and have gone up; you have enlarged your bed, and made a covenant for yourself with them: you loved their bed where you saw it. 9And you went to the king with oil, and increased your perfumes, and sent your ambassadors far off, and debased yourself even to Sheol. 10You were wearied with the length of your way; yet you did not say, It is in vain: you found a reviving of your strength; therefore you were not faint. 11And of whom have you been afraid and in fear, that you lie, and have not remembered me, nor laid it to your heart? have I not held my peace even for a long time, and you do not fear me? 12I will declare your righteousness; and as for your works, they shall not profit you. 13When you cry, let those whom you have gathered deliver you; but the wind shall take them, a breath shall carry them all away:

but he who takes refuge in me shall possess the land, and shall inherit my holy mountain. 14And he will say, Build up, build up, prepare the way, take up the stumbling-block out of the way of my people. 15For thus says the high and lofty One who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy: I dwell in the high and holy place, with him also who is of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite. 16For I will not contend forever, nor will I be always angry; for the spirit would faint before me, and the souls that I have made. 17For the iniquity of his covetousness I was angry, and struck him; I hid my face and was angry; and he went on backsliding in the way of his heart. 18I have seen his ways, and will heal him: I will lead him also, and restore comforts to him and to his mourners. 19I create the fruit of the lips: Peace, peace, to him who is far off and to him who is near, says Yehovah; and I will heal him. 20But the wicked are like the troubled sea; for it cannot rest, and its waters cast up mire and dirt. 21There is no peace, says my God, to the wicked.

Chapter 58

1Cry aloud, do not spare, lift up your voice like a trumpet, and declare to my people their transgression, and to the house of Jacob their sins. 2Yet they seek me daily, and delight to know my ways: as a nation that did righteousness, and did not forsake the ordinance of their God, they ask of me righteous judgments; they delight to draw near to God. 3Why have we fasted, they say, and you do not see? why have we afflicted our soul, and you take no knowledge? Behold, in the day of your fast you find your own pleasure, and exact all your labors. 4Behold, you fast for strife and contention, and to strike with the fist of wickedness: you do not fast this day so as to make your voice heard on high. 5Is such the fast that I have chosen? the day for a man to afflict his soul? Is it to bow down his head as a rush, and to spread sackcloth and ashes under him? will you call this a fast, and an acceptable day to Yehovah? 6Is not this the fast that I have chosen: to loose the bonds of wickedness, to undo the bands of the yoke, and to let the oppressed go free, and that you break every yoke? 7Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and that you bring the poor who are cast out to your house? when you see the naked, that you cover him; and that you do not hide yourself from your own flesh? 8Then your light shall break forth as the morning, and your healing shall spring forth speedily; and your righteousness shall go before you; the glory of Yehovah shall be your rear guard. 9Then you shall call, and Yehovah will answer; you shall cry, and he will say, Here I am. If you take away from the midst of you the yoke, the putting forth of the finger, and speaking wickedly; 10and if you draw out your soul to the hungry, and satisfy the afflicted soul: then your light shall rise in darkness, and your obscurity be as the noonday; 11and Yehovah will guide you continually, and satisfy your soul in dry places, and make strong your bones; and you shall be like a watered garden, and like a spring of water, whose waters do not fail. 12And those who shall be of you shall build the old waste places; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; and you shall be called The repairer of the breach, The restorer of paths to dwell in. 13If you turn away your foot from the sabbath, from doing your pleasure on my holy day; and call the sabbath a delight, and the holy of Yehovah honorable; and honor it, not doing your own ways, nor finding your own pleasure, nor speaking your own words: 14then you shall delight yourself in Yehovah; and I will make you ride upon the high places of the earth; and I will feed you with the heritage of Jacob your father: for the mouth of Yehovah has spoken it.

Chapter 59

1Behold, Yehovah's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; nor his ear heavy, that it cannot hear: 2but your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hidden his face from you, so that he will not hear. 3For your hands are defiled with blood, and your fingers with iniquity; your lips have spoken lies, your tongue mutters wickedness. 4None sues in righteousness, and none pleads in truth: they trust in vanity, and speak lies; they conceive mischief, and bring forth iniquity. 5They hatch adders' eggs, and weave the spider's web: he who eats of their eggs dies; and that which is crushed breaks out into a viper. 6Their webs shall not become garments, nor shall they cover themselves with their works: their works are works of iniquity, and the act of violence is in their hands. 7Their feet run to evil, and they make haste to shed innocent blood: their thoughts are thoughts of iniquity; desolation and destruction are in their paths. 8The way of peace they do not know; and there is no justice in their goings: they have made for themselves crooked paths; whoever goes in them does not know peace. 9Therefore justice is far from us, nor does

righteousness overtake us: we look for light, but, behold, darkness; for brightness, but we walk in obscurity. 10We grope for the wall like the blind; yes, we grope as those who have no eyes: we stumble at noonday as in the twilight; among those who are vigorous we are as dead men. 11We all roar like bears, and moan mournfully like doves: we look for justice, but there is none; for salvation, but it is far off from us. 12For our transgressions are multiplied before you, and our sins testify against us; for our transgressions are with us, and as for our iniquities, we know them: 13transgressing and denying Yehovah, and turning away from following our God, speaking oppression and revolt, conceiving and uttering from the heart words of falsehood. 14And justice is turned away backward, and righteousness stands far off; for truth has fallen in the street, and uprightness cannot enter. 15Yes, truth is lacking; and he who departs from evil makes himself a prey. And Yehovah saw it, and it displeased him that there was no justice. 16And he saw that there was no man, and wondered that there was no intercessor: therefore his own arm brought salvation to him; and his righteousness, it upheld him. 17And he put on righteousness as a breastplate, and a helmet of salvation upon his head; and he put on garments of vengeance for clothing, and was clad with zeal as a mantle. 18According to their deeds, accordingly he will repay, wrath to his adversaries, recompense to his enemies; to the coastlands he will repay recompense. 19So they shall fear the name of Yehovah from the west, and his glory from the rising of the sun; for he will come as a rushing stream, which the breath of Yehovah drives. 20And a Redeemer will come to Zion, and to those who turn from transgression in Jacob, says Yehovah. 21And as for me, this is my covenant with them, says Yehovah: my Spirit that is upon you, and my words which I have put in your mouth, shall not depart out of your mouth, nor out of the mouth of your seed, nor out of the mouth of your seed's seed, says Yehovah, from this time forth and forever.

Chapter 60

1Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of Yehovah has risen upon you. 2For, behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the peoples; but Yehovah will arise upon you, and his glory shall be seen upon you. 3And nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising. 4Lift up your eyes round about, and see: they all gather themselves together, they come to you; your sons shall come from afar, and your daughters shall be carried in the arms. 5Then you shall see and be radiant, and your heart shall thrill and be enlarged; because the abundance of the sea shall be turned to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. 6The multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come; they shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praises of Yehovah. 7All the flocks of Kedar shall be gathered together to you, the rams of Nebaioth shall minister to you; they shall come up with acceptance on my altar; and I will glorify the house of my glory. 8Who are these that fly as a cloud, and as the doves to their windows? 9Surely the coastlands shall wait for me, and the ships of Tarshish first, to bring your sons from afar, their silver and their gold with them, for the name of Yehovah your God, and for the Holy One of Israel, because he has glorified you. 10And foreigners shall build up your walls, and their kings shall minister to you: for in my wrath I struck you, but in my favor I have had mercy on you. 11Your gates also shall be open continually; they shall not be shut day nor night; that men may bring to you the wealth of the nations, and their kings led captive. 12For that nation and kingdom that will not serve you shall perish; yes, those nations shall be utterly wasted. 13The glory of Lebanon shall come to you, the fir-tree, the pine, and the box-tree together, to beautify the place of my sanctuary; and I will make the place of my feet glorious. 14And the sons of those who afflicted you shall come bending to you; and all those who despised you shall bow themselves down at the soles of your feet; and they shall call you The city of Yehovah, The Zion of the Holy One of Israel. 15Whereas you have been forsaken and hated, so that no man passed through you, I will make you an eternal excellency, a joy of many generations. 16You shall also suck the milk of the nations, and shall suck the breast of kings; and you shall know that I, Yehovah, am your Savior, and your Redeemer, the Mighty One of Jacob. 17For bronze I will bring gold, and for iron I will bring silver, and for wood bronze, and for stones iron. I will also make your officers peace, and your taskmasters righteousness. 18Violence shall no more be heard in your land, desolation nor destruction within your borders; but you shall call your walls Salvation, and your gates Praise. 19The sun shall be no more your light by day;

nor for brightness shall the moon give light to you: but Yehovah will be to you an everlasting light, and your God your glory. 20Your sun shall no more go down, nor shall your moon withdraw itself; for Yehovah will be your everlasting light, and the days of your mourning shall be ended. 21Your people also shall be all righteous; they shall inherit the land forever, the branch of my planting, the work of my hands, that I may be glorified. 22The little one shall become a thousand, and the small one a strong nation; I, Yehovah, will hasten it in its time.

Chapter 61

1The Spirit of the Lord Yehovah is upon me; because Yehovah has anointed me to preach good news to the meek; he has sent me to bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound; 2to proclaim the year of Yehovah's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; 3to appoint to those who mourn in Zion, to give to them a garland for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they may be called trees of righteousness, the planting of Yehovah, that he may be glorified. 4And they shall build the old wastes, they shall raise up the former desolations, and they shall repair the waste cities, the desolations of many generations. 5And strangers shall stand and feed your flocks, and foreigners shall be your plowmen and your vine-dressers. 6But you shall be named the priests of Yehovah; men shall call you the ministers of our God: you shall eat the wealth of the nations, and in their glory you shall boast yourselves. 7Instead of your shame you shall have double; and instead of dishonor they shall rejoice in their portion: therefore in their land they shall possess double; everlasting joy shall be to them. 8For I, Yehovah, love justice, I hate robbery with iniquity; and I will give them their recompense in truth, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them. 9And their seed shall be known among the nations, and their offspring among the peoples; all who see them shall acknowledge them, that they are the seed which Yehovah has blessed. 10I will greatly rejoice in Yehovah, my soul shall be joyful in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. 11For as the earth brings forth its bud, and as the garden causes the things that are sown in it to spring forth; so the Lord Yehovah will cause righteousness and praise to spring forth before all the nations.

Chapter 62

1For Zion's sake I will not hold my peace, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her righteousness goes forth as brightness, and her salvation as a lamp that burns. 2And the nations shall see your righteousness, and all kings your glory, and you shall be called by a new name, which the mouth of Yehovah shall name. 3You shall also be a crown of beauty in the hand of Yehovah, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God. 4You shall no more be termed Forsaken; nor shall your land any more be termed Desolate: but you shall be called Hephzi-bah, and your land Beulah; for Yehovah delights in you, and your land shall be married. 5For as a young man marries a virgin, so shall your sons marry you; and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you. 6I have set watchmen upon your walls, O Jerusalem; they shall never hold their peace day nor night: you who are Yehovah's remembrancers, take no rest, 7and give him no rest, till he establishes, and till he makes Jerusalem a praise in the earth. 8Yehovah has sworn by his right hand, and by the arm of his strength, Surely I will no more give your grain to be food for your enemies; and foreigners shall not drink your new wine, for which you have labored: 9but those who have garnered it shall eat it, and praise Yehovah; and those who have gathered it shall drink it in the courts of my sanctuary. 10Go through, go through the gates; prepare the way of the people; build up, build up the highway; gather out the stones; lift up a banner for the peoples. 11Behold, Yehovah has proclaimed to the end of the earth, Say to the daughter of Zion, Behold, your salvation comes; behold, his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. 12And they shall call them The holy people, The redeemed of Yehovah: and you shall be called Sought out, A city not forsaken.

Chapter 63

1Who is this who comes from Edom, with dyed garments from Bozrah? this one who is glorious in his apparel, marching in the greatness of his strength? I who speak in righteousness, mighty to save. 2Why are you red in your apparel, and your garments like him who treads in the winevat? 3I have trodden the winepress alone; and of the peoples there was no man with me: yes, I trod them in my anger, and trampled them in my wrath; and their lifeblood

is sprinkled upon my garments, and I have stained all my clothing. 4For the day of vengeance was in my heart, and the year of my redeemed has come. 5And I looked, and there was none to help; and I wondered that there was none to uphold: therefore my own arm brought salvation to me; and my wrath, it upheld me. 6And I trod down the peoples in my anger, and made them drunk in my wrath, and I poured out their lifeblood on the earth. 7I will make mention of the lovingkindnesses of Yehovah, and the praises of Yehovah, according to all that Yehovah has bestowed on us, and the great goodness toward the house of Israel, which he has bestowed on them according to his mercies, and according to the multitude of his lovingkindnesses. 8For he said, Surely, they are my people, children who will not deal falsely: so he was their Savior. 9In all their affliction he was afflicted, and the angel of his presence saved them: in his love and in his pity he redeemed them; and he bore them, and carried them all the days of old. 10But they rebelled, and grieved his holy Spirit: therefore he was turned to be their enemy, and himself fought against them. 11Then he remembered the days of old, Moses and his people, saying, Where is he who brought them up out of the sea with the shepherds of his flock? where is he who put his holy Spirit in the midst of them? 12who caused his glorious arm to go at the right hand of Moses? who divided the waters before them, to make himself an everlasting name? 13who led them through the depths, as a horse in the wilderness, so that they did not stumble? 14As the cattle that go down into the valley, the Spirit of Yehovah caused them to rest: so you led your people, to make yourself a glorious name. 15Look down from heaven, and behold from the habitation of your holiness and of your glory: where are your zeal and your mighty acts? the yearning of your heart and your compassions are restrained toward me. 16For you are our Father, though Abraham does not know us, and Israel does not acknowledge us: you, O Yehovah, are our Father; our Redeemer from everlasting is your name. 17O Yehovah, why do you make us err from your ways, and harden our heart from your fear? Return for your servants' sake, the tribes of your inheritance. 18Your holy people possessed it only a little while: our adversaries have trodden down your sanctuary. 19We have become as those over whom you never bore rule, as those who were not called by your name.

Chapter 64

1Oh that you would tear open the heavens, that you would come down, that the mountains might quake at your presence, 2as when fire kindles the brushwood, and the fire causes the waters to boil; to make your name known to your adversaries, that the nations may tremble at your presence! 3When you did terrible things which we did not look for, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. 4For from of old men have not heard, nor perceived by the ear, nor has the eye seen a God besides you, who works for him who waits for him. 5You meet him who rejoices and works righteousness, those who remember you in your ways: behold, you were angry, and we sinned: in them we have been a long time; and shall we be saved? 6For we have all become as one who is unclean, and all our righteousnesses are as a polluted garment: and we all fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. 7And there is none who calls upon your name, who stirs himself up to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have consumed us by means of our iniquities. 8But now, O Yehovah, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you our potter; and we all are the work of your hand. 9Do not be very severely angry, O Yehovah, nor remember iniquity forever: behold, look, we beseech you, we are all your people. 10Your holy cities have become a wilderness, Zion has become a wilderness, Jerusalem a desolation. 11Our holy and our beautiful house, where our fathers praised you, is burned with fire; and all our pleasant places are laid waste. 12Will you restrain yourself for these things, O Yehovah? will you hold your peace, and afflict us very severely?

Chapter 65

1I am inquired of by those who did not ask for me; I am found by those who did not seek me: I said, Behold me, behold me, to a nation that was not called by my name. 2I have spread out my hands all the day to a rebellious people, who walk in a way that is not good, after their own thoughts; 3a people who provoke me to my face continually, sacrificing in gardens, and burning incense upon bricks; 4who sit among the graves, and lodge in the secret places; who eat swine's flesh, and broth of abominable things is in their vessels; 5who say, Stand by yourself, do not come near to me, for I am holier than you. These are a smoke in my nose, a fire that burns all the day. 6Behold, it is written before me: I will not keep silence, but will recompense, yes, I will recompense

into their bosom, 7your own iniquities, and the iniquities of your fathers together, says Yehovah, who have burned incense upon the mountains, and blasphemed me upon the hills: therefore I will first measure their work into their bosom. 8Thus says Yehovah, As the new wine is found in the cluster, and one says, Do not destroy it, for a blessing is in it: so I will do for my servants' sake, that I may not destroy them all. 9And I will bring forth a seed out of Jacob, and out of Judah an inheritor of my mountains; and my chosen shall inherit it, and my servants shall dwell there. 10And Sharon shall be a fold of flocks, and the valley of Achor a place for herds to lie down in, for my people who have sought me. 11But you who forsake Yehovah, who forget my holy mountain, who prepare a table for Fortune, and who fill up mingled wine to Destiny; 12I will destine you to the sword, and you shall all bow down to the slaughter; because when I called, you did not answer; when I spoke, you did not hear; but you did that which was evil in my eyes, and chose that in which I did not delight. 13Therefore thus says the Lord Yehovah, Behold, my servants shall eat, but you shall be hungry; behold, my servants shall drink, but you shall be thirsty; behold, my servants shall rejoice, but you shall be put to shame; 14behold, my servants shall sing for joy of heart, but you shall cry for sorrow of heart, and shall wail for vexation of spirit. 15And you shall leave your name for a curse to my chosen; and the Lord Yehovah will slay you; and he will call his servants by another name: 16so that he who blesses himself in the earth shall bless himself in the God of truth; and he who swears in the earth shall swear by the God of truth; because the former troubles are forgotten, and because they are hidden from my eyes. 17For, behold, I create new heavens and a new earth; and the former things shall not be remembered, nor come into mind. 18But be glad and rejoice forever in that which I create; for, behold, I create Jerusalem a rejoicing, and her people a joy. 19And I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and rejoice in my people; and there shall be heard in her no more the voice of weeping and the voice of crying. 20There shall no more be from there an infant of days, nor an old man who has not filled his days; for the child shall die a hundred years old, and the sinner being a hundred years old shall be accursed. 21And they shall build houses, and inhabit them; and they shall plant vineyards, and eat the fruit of them. 22They shall not build, and another inhabit; they shall not plant, and another eat: for as the days of a tree shall be the days of my people, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands. 23They shall not labor in vain, nor bring forth for calamity; for they are the seed of the blessed of Yehovah, and their offspring with them. 24And it shall come to pass that, before they call, I will answer; and while they are yet speaking, I will hear. 25The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, and the lion shall eat straw like the ox; and dust shall be the serpent's food. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain, says Yehovah.

Chapter 66

1Thus says Yehovah, Heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool: what manner of house will you build to me? and what place shall be my rest? 2For all these things my hand has made, and so all these things came to be, says Yehovah: but to this man I will look, even to him who is poor and of a contrite spirit, and who trembles at my word. 3He who kills an ox is as he who slays a man; he who sacrifices a lamb, as he who breaks a dog's neck; he who offers an offering, as he who offers swine's blood; he who burns frankincense, as he who blesses an idol. Yes, they have chosen their own ways, and their soul delights in their abominations: 4I also will choose their delusions, and will bring their fears upon them; because when I called, none answered; when I spoke, they did not hear: but they did that which was evil in my eyes, and chose that in which I did not delight. 5Hear the word of Yehovah, you who tremble at his word: Your brothers who hate you, who cast you out for my name's sake, have said, Let Yehovah be glorified, that we may see your joy; but it is they who shall be put to shame. 6A voice of tumult from the city, a voice from the temple, a voice of Yehovah who renders recompense to his enemies. 7Before she was in labor, she brought forth; before her pain came, she was delivered of a male child. 8Who has heard such a thing? who has seen such things? Shall a land be born in one day? shall a nation be brought forth at once? for as soon as Zion was in labor, she brought forth her children. 9Shall I bring to the birth, and not cause to bring forth? says Yehovah: shall I who cause to bring forth shut the womb? says your God. 10Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad for her, all you who love her: rejoice for joy with her, all you who mourn over her; 11that you may suck and be satisfied with the breasts of her consolations; that you may milk out, and be delighted with the abundance of her glory. 12For thus says Yehovah, Behold, I will extend

peace to her like a river, and the glory of the nations like an overflowing stream: and you shall suck of it; you shall be borne upon the side, and shall be dandled upon the knees. 13As one whom his mother comforts, so I will comfort you; and you shall be comforted in Jerusalem. 14And you shall see it, and your heart shall rejoice, and your bones shall flourish like the tender grass: and the hand of Yehovah shall be known toward his servants; and he will have indignation against his enemies. 15For, behold, Yehovah will come with fire, and his chariots shall be like the whirlwind; to render his anger with fierceness, and his rebuke with flames of fire. 16For by fire Yehovah will execute judgment, and by his sword, upon all flesh; and the slain of Yehovah shall be many. 17Those who sanctify themselves and purify themselves to go to the gardens, behind one in the midst, eating swine's flesh, and the abomination, and the mouse, shall come to an end together, says Yehovah. 18For I know their works and their thoughts: the time comes, that I will gather all nations and tongues; and they shall come, and shall see my glory. 19And I will set a sign among them, and I will send those of them who escape to the nations, to Tarshish, Pul, and Lud, who draw the bow, to Tubal and Javan, to the coastlands far off, that have not heard my fame, nor have seen my glory; and they shall declare my glory among the nations. 20And they shall bring all your brothers out of all the nations for an offering to Yehovah, upon horses, and in chariots, and in litters, and upon mules, and upon swift camels, to my holy mountain Jerusalem, says Yehovah, as the children of Israel bring their offering in a clean vessel into the house of Yehovah. 21And of them also I will take for priests and for Levites, says Yehovah. 22For as the new heavens and the new earth, which I will make, shall remain before me, says Yehovah, so shall your seed and your name remain. 23And it shall come to pass, that from one new moon to another, and from one sabbath to another, all flesh shall come to worship before me, says Yehovah. 24And they shall go forth, and look upon the dead bodies of the men who have transgressed against me: for their worm shall not die, nor shall their fire be quenched; and they shall be an abhorrence to all flesh.

Jeremiah

Chapter 1

[1]The words of Jeremiah the son of Hilkiah, of the priests who were in Anathoth in the land of Benjamin: [2]to whom the word of Yehovah came in the days of Josiah the son of Amon, king of Judah, in the thirteenth year of his reign. [3]It came also in the days of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah, to the end of the eleventh year of Zedekiah, the son of Josiah, king of Judah, to the carrying away of Jerusalem captive in the fifth month. [4]Now the word of Yehovah came to me, saying, [5]Before I formed you in the belly I knew you, and before you came forth out of the womb I sanctified you; I have appointed you a prophet to the nations. [6]Then I said, Ah, Lord Yehovah! behold, I do not know how to speak; for I am a child. [7]But Yehovah said to me, Do not say, I am a child; for to whomever I send you, you shall go, and whatever I command you, you shall speak. [8]Do not be afraid because of them; for I am with you to deliver you, says Yehovah. [9]Then Yehovah put forth his hand, and touched my mouth; and Yehovah said to me, Behold, I have put my words in your mouth: [10]see, I have this day set you over the nations and over the kingdoms, to pluck up and to break down and to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant. [11]Moreover the word of Yehovah came to me, saying, Jeremiah, what do you see? And I said, I see a rod of an almond tree. [12]Then Yehovah said to me, You have seen well: for I watch over my word to perform it. [13]And the word of Yehovah came to me the second time, saying, What do you see? And I said, I see a boiling caldron; and its face is from the north. [14]Then Yehovah said to me, Out of the north evil shall break forth upon all the inhabitants of the land. [15]For, behold, I will call all the families of the kingdoms of the north, says Yehovah; and they shall come, and they shall set every one his throne at the entrance of the gates of Jerusalem, and against all its walls all around, and against all the cities of Judah. [16]And I will utter my judgments against them concerning all their wickedness, in that they have forsaken me, and have burned incense to other gods, and bowed down to the works of their own hands. [17]You therefore gird up your loins, and arise, and speak to them all that I command you: do not be dismayed at them, lest I dismay you before them. [18]For, behold, I have made you this day a fortified city, and an iron pillar, and bronze walls, against the whole land, against the kings of Judah, against its princes, against its priests, and against the people of the land. [19]And they shall fight against you; but they shall not prevail against you: for I am with you, says Yehovah, to deliver you.

Chapter 2

[1]And the word of Yehovah came to me, saying, [2]Go, and cry in the ears of Jerusalem, saying, Thus says Yehovah, I remember for you the kindness of your youth, the love of your betrothal; how you went after me in the wilderness, in a land that was not sown. [3]Israel was holiness to Yehovah, the first-fruits of his increase: all that devour him shall be held guilty; evil shall come upon them, says Yehovah. [4]Hear the word of Yehovah, O house of Jacob, and all the families of the house of Israel: [5]Thus says Yehovah, What unrighteousness have your fathers found in me, that they have gone far from me, and have walked after vanity, and have become vain? [6]Neither did they say, Where is Yehovah who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, who led us through the wilderness, through a land of deserts and of pits, through a land of drought and of the shadow of death, through a land that no one passed through, and where no man dwelt? [7]And I brought you into a plentiful land, to eat its fruit and its goodness; but when you entered, you defiled my land, and made my heritage an abomination. [8]The priests did not say, Where is Yehovah? and those who handle the law did not know me: the rulers also transgressed against me, and the prophets prophesied by Baal, and walked after things that do not profit. [9]Therefore I will yet contend with you, says Yehovah, and with your children's children I will contend. [10]For pass over to the isles of Kittim, and see; and send to Kedar, and consider diligently; and see if there has been such a thing. [11]Has a nation changed its gods, which yet are no gods? but my people have changed their glory for that which does not profit. [12]Be astonished, O heavens, at this, and be horribly afraid, be very desolate, says Yehovah. [13]For my people have committed two evils: they have forsaken me, the fountain of living waters, and hewed out cisterns for themselves, broken cisterns, that can hold no water. [14]Is Israel a servant? is he a home-born slave? why has he become a prey? [15]The young lions have roared upon him, and yelled; and they have made his land

waste: his cities are burned up, without inhabitant. 16The children also of Memphis and Tahpanhes have broken the crown of your head. 17Have you not procured this to yourself, in that you have forsaken Yehovah your God, when he led you by the way? 18And now what have you to do in the way to Egypt, to drink the waters of the Shihor? or what have you to do in the way to Assyria, to drink the waters of the River? 19Your own wickedness shall correct you, and your backslidings shall reprove you: know therefore and see that it is an evil thing and a bitter, that you have forsaken Yehovah your God, and that my fear is not in you, says the Lord, Yehovah of hosts. 20For of old time I have broken your yoke, and burst your bonds; and you said, I will not serve; for upon every high hill and under every green tree you did bow yourself, playing the prostitute. 21Yet I had planted you a noble vine, wholly a right seed: how then have you turned into the degenerate branches of a foreign vine to me? 22For though you wash yourself with lye, and take much soap, yet your iniquity is marked before me, says the Lord Yehovah. 23How can you say, I am not defiled, I have not gone after the Baalim? see your way in the valley, know what you have done: you are a swift dromedary traversing her ways; 24a wild donkey used to the wilderness, that sniffs the wind in her desire; in her occasion who can turn her away? all those who seek her will not weary themselves; in her month they shall find her. 25Keep your foot from being unshod, and your throat from thirst. But you said, It is in vain; no, for I have loved strangers, and after them I will go. 26As the thief is ashamed when he is found, so is the house of Israel ashamed; they, their kings, their princes, and their priests, and their prophets; 27who say to a stock, You are my father; and to a stone, You have brought me forth: for they have turned their back to me, and not their face; but in the time of their trouble they will say, Arise, and save us. 28But where are your gods that you have made for yourself? let them arise, if they can save you in the time of your trouble: for according to the number of your cities are your gods, O Judah. 29Why will you contend with me? you all have transgressed against me, says Yehovah. 30In vain have I struck your children; they received no correction: your own sword has devoured your prophets, like a destroying lion. 31O generation, see the word of Yehovah. Have I been a wilderness to Israel? or a land of thick darkness? why do my people say, We are broken loose; we will come no more to you? 32Can a virgin forget her ornaments, or a bride her attire? yet my people have forgotten me days without number. 33How well you direct your way to seek love! therefore even the wicked women you have taught your ways. 34Also in your skirts is found the blood of the souls of the innocent poor: you did not find them breaking in; but it is because of all these things. 35Yet you said, I am innocent; surely his anger is turned away from me. Behold, I will enter into judgment with you, because you say, I have not sinned. 36Why do you gad about so much to change your way? you shall be ashamed of Egypt also, as you were ashamed of Assyria. 37From there also you shall go out, with your hands upon your head: for Yehovah has rejected those in whom you trust, and you shall not prosper with them.

Chapter 3

1They say, If a man puts away his wife, and she goes from him, and becomes another man's, will he return to her again? will not that land be greatly polluted? But you have played the prostitute with many lovers; yet return again to me, says Yehovah. 2Lift up your eyes to the bare heights, and see; where have you not been lain with? By the ways have you sat for them, as an Arabian in the wilderness; and you have polluted the land with your whoredoms and with your wickedness. 3Therefore the showers have been withheld, and there has been no latter rain; yet you had a prostitute's forehead, you refused to be ashamed. 4Will you not from this time cry to me, My Father, you are the guide of my youth? 5Will he retain his anger forever? will he keep it to the end? Behold, you have spoken and have done evil things, and have had your way. 6Moreover Yehovah said to me in the days of Josiah the king, Have you seen that which backsliding Israel has done? she has gone up upon every high mountain and under every green tree, and there has played the prostitute. 7And I said after she had done all these things, She will return to me; but she did not return: and her treacherous sister Judah saw it. 8And I saw, when, for this very cause that backsliding Israel had committed adultery, I had put her away and given her a certificate of divorce, yet treacherous Judah her sister did not fear; but she also went and played the prostitute. 9And it happened through the lightness of her whoredom, that the land was polluted, and she committed adultery with stones and with stocks. 10And yet for all this her treacherous sister Judah has not returned to me with her whole heart, but feignedly, says Yehovah. 11And

Yehovah said to me, Backsliding Israel has shown herself more righteous than treacherous Judah. 12Go, and proclaim these words toward the north, and say, Return, backsliding Israel, says Yehovah; I will not look in anger upon you; for I am merciful, says Yehovah, I will not keep anger forever. 13Only acknowledge your iniquity, that you have transgressed against Yehovah your God, and have scattered your ways to the strangers under every green tree, and you have not obeyed my voice, says Yehovah. 14Return, O backsliding children, says Yehovah; for I am a husband to you: and I will take you one of a city, and two of a family, and I will bring you to Zion. 15And I will give you shepherds according to my heart, who shall feed you with knowledge and understanding. 16And it shall come to pass, when you are multiplied and increased in the land, in those days, says Yehovah, they shall say no more, The ark of the covenant of Yehovah; neither shall it come to mind; neither shall they remember it; neither shall they miss it; neither shall it be made any more. 17At that time they shall call Jerusalem the throne of Yehovah; and all the nations shall be gathered to it, to the name of Yehovah, to Jerusalem: neither shall they walk any more after the stubbornness of their evil heart. 18In those days the house of Judah shall walk with the house of Israel, and they shall come together out of the land of the north to the land that I gave for an inheritance to your fathers. 19But I said, How I will put you among the children, and give you a pleasant land, a goodly heritage of the hosts of the nations! and I said, You shall call me My Father, and shall not turn away from following me. 20Surely as a wife treacherously departs from her husband, so have you dealt treacherously with me, O house of Israel, says Yehovah. 21A voice is heard upon the bare heights, the weeping and the supplications of the children of Israel; because they have perverted their way, they have forgotten Yehovah their God. 22Return, you backsliding children, I will heal your backslidings. Behold, we have come to you; for you are Yehovah our God. 23Truly in vain is the help that is looked for from the hills, the tumult on the mountains: truly in Yehovah our God is the salvation of Israel. 24But the shameful thing has devoured the labor of our fathers from our youth, their flocks and their herds, their sons and their daughters. 25Let us lie down in our shame, and let our confusion cover us; for we have sinned against Yehovah our God, we and our fathers, from our youth even to this day; and we have not obeyed the voice of Yehovah our God.

Chapter 4

1If you will return, O Israel, says Yehovah, if you will return to me, and if you will put away your abominations out of my sight; then you shall not be removed; 2and you shall swear, As Yehovah lives, in truth, in justice, and in righteousness; and the nations shall bless themselves in him, and in him shall they glory. 3For thus says Yehovah to the men of Judah and to Jerusalem, Break up your fallow ground, and do not sow among thorns. 4Circumcise yourselves to Yehovah, and take away the foreskins of your heart, you men of Judah and inhabitants of Jerusalem; lest my wrath go out like fire, and burn so that no one can quench it, because of the evil of your doings. 5Declare in Judah, and publish in Jerusalem; and say, Blow the trumpet in the land: cry aloud and say, Assemble yourselves, and let us go into the fortified cities. 6Set up a standard toward Zion: flee for safety, do not stay; for I will bring evil from the north, and a great destruction. 7A lion has gone up from his thicket, and a destroyer of nations; he is on his way, he has gone out from his place, to make your land desolate, that your cities be laid waste, without inhabitant. 8For this gird yourselves with sackcloth, lament and wail; for the fierce anger of Yehovah has not turned back from us. 9And it shall come to pass in that day, says Yehovah, that the heart of the king shall perish, and the heart of the princes; and the priests shall be astonished, and the prophets shall wonder. 10Then I said, Ah, Lord Yehovah! surely you have greatly deceived this people and Jerusalem, saying, You shall have peace; whereas the sword reaches to the life. 11At that time it shall be said to this people and to Jerusalem, A hot wind from the bare heights in the wilderness toward the daughter of my people, not to winnow, nor to cleanse; 12a full wind from these shall come for me: now I will also utter judgments against them. 13Behold, he shall come up as clouds, and his chariots shall be as the whirlwind: his horses are swifter than eagles. Woe to us! for we are ruined. 14O Jerusalem, wash your heart from wickedness, that you may be saved. How long shall your evil thoughts lodge within you? 15For a voice declares from Dan, and publishes evil from the hills of Ephraim. 16Make mention to the nations; behold, publish against Jerusalem, that watchers come from a far country, and give out their voice against the cities of Judah. 17As keepers of a field they are against

her all around, because she has been rebellious against me, says Yehovah. 18Your way and your doings have procured these things to you; this is your wickedness; for it is bitter, for it reaches to your heart. 19My anguish, my anguish! I am pained at my very heart; my heart is disquieted in me; I cannot hold my peace; because you have heard, O my soul, the sound of the trumpet, the alarm of war. 20Destruction upon destruction is cried; for the whole land is laid waste: suddenly are my tents destroyed, and my curtains in a moment. 21How long shall I see the standard, and hear the sound of the trumpet? 22For my people are foolish, they do not know me; they are stupid children, and they have no understanding; they are wise to do evil, but to do good they have no knowledge. 23I beheld the earth, and, behold, it was waste and void; and the heavens, and they had no light. 24I beheld the mountains, and, behold, they trembled, and all the hills moved to and fro. 25I beheld, and, behold, there was no man, and all the birds of the heavens had fled. 26I beheld, and, behold, the fruitful field was a wilderness, and all its cities were broken down at the presence of Yehovah, and before his fierce anger. 27For thus says Yehovah, The whole land shall be a desolation; yet I will not make a full end. 28For this shall the earth mourn, and the heavens above be black; because I have spoken it, I have purposed it, and I have not repented, neither will I turn back from it. 29Every city flees for the noise of the horsemen and bowmen; they go into the thickets, and climb up upon the rocks: every city is forsaken, and not a man dwells in it. 30And you, when you are made desolate, what will you do? Though you clothe yourself with scarlet, though you adorn yourself with ornaments of gold, though you enlarge your eyes with paint, in vain do you make yourself beautiful; your lovers despise you, they seek your life. 31For I have heard a voice as of a woman in labor, the anguish as of her who brings forth her first child, the voice of the daughter of Zion, who gasps for breath, who spreads her hands, saying, Woe is me now! for my soul faints before the murderers.

Chapter 5

1Run to and fro through the streets of Jerusalem, and see now, and know, and seek in its broad places, if you can find a man, if there is anyone who does justly, who seeks truth; and I will pardon her. 2And though they say, As Yehovah lives; surely they swear falsely. 3O Yehovah, do not your eyes look upon truth? you have struck them, but they were not grieved; you have consumed them, but they have refused to receive correction: they have made their faces harder than a rock; they have refused to return. 4Then I said, Surely these are poor; they are foolish; for they do not know the way of Yehovah, nor the law of their God: 5I will go to the great men, and will speak to them; for they know the way of Yehovah, and the law of their God. But these with one accord have broken the yoke, and burst the bonds. 6Therefore a lion out of the forest shall slay them, a wolf of the evenings shall destroy them, a leopard shall watch against their cities; everyone who goes out from there shall be torn in pieces; because their transgressions are many, and their backslidings have increased. 7How can I pardon you? your children have forsaken me, and sworn by those who are no gods. When I had fed them to the full, they committed adultery, and assembled themselves in troops at the prostitutes' houses; 8they were as fed horses roaming at large; every one neighed after his neighbor's wife. 9Shall I not visit for these things? says Yehovah; and shall not my soul be avenged on such a nation as this? 10Go up upon her walls, and destroy; but do not make a full end: take away her branches; for they are not Yehovah's. 11For the house of Israel and the house of Judah have dealt very treacherously against me, says Yehovah. 12They have denied Yehovah, and said, It is not he; neither shall evil come upon us; neither shall we see sword nor famine: 13and the prophets shall become wind, and the word is not in them: thus shall it be done to them. 14Therefore thus says Yehovah, the God of hosts, Because you speak this word, behold, I will make my words in your mouth fire, and this people wood, and it shall devour them. 15Behold, I will bring a nation upon you from far, O house of Israel, says Yehovah: it is a mighty nation, it is an ancient nation, a nation whose language you do not know, nor do you understand what they say. 16Their quiver is an open tomb, they are all mighty men. 17And they shall eat up your harvest, and your bread, which your sons and your daughters should eat; they shall eat up your flocks and your herds; they shall eat up your vines and your fig trees; they shall beat down your fortified cities, in which you trust, with the sword. 18But even in those days, says Yehovah, I will not make a full end with you. 19And it shall come to pass, when you say, Why has Yehovah our God done all these things to us? then you shall say to them, Just as you have forsaken me, and served foreign gods in your land, so you shall serve strangers in a land that

is not yours. 20Declare this in the house of Jacob, and publish it in Judah, saying, 21Hear now this, O foolish people, and without understanding; who have eyes, and do not see; who have ears, and do not hear: 22Do you not fear me? says Yehovah: will you not tremble at my presence, who have placed the sand for the boundary of the sea, by a perpetual decree, that it cannot pass it? and though its waves toss themselves, yet they cannot prevail; though they roar, yet they cannot pass over it. 23But this people has a revolting and a rebellious heart; they have revolted and gone. 24Neither do they say in their heart, Let us now fear Yehovah our God, who gives rain, both the former and the latter, in its season; who preserves to us the appointed weeks of the harvest. 25Your iniquities have turned away these things, and your sins have withheld good from you. 26For among my people are found wicked men: they watch, as fowlers lie in wait; they set a trap, they catch men. 27As a cage is full of birds, so are their houses full of deceit: therefore they have become great, and grown rich. 28They have grown fat, they shine: indeed, they overpass in deeds of wickedness; they do not plead the cause, the cause of the fatherless, that they may prosper; and the right of the needy they do not judge. 29Shall I not visit for these things? says Yehovah; shall not my soul be avenged on such a nation as this? 30An astonishing and horrible thing has come to pass in the land: 31the prophets prophesy falsely, and the priests bear rule by their means; and my people love to have it so: and what will you do in its end?

Chapter 6

1Flee for safety, you children of Benjamin, out of the midst of Jerusalem, and blow the trumpet in Tekoa, and raise up a signal on Beth-haccherem; for evil looks forth from the north, and a great destruction. 2The comely and delicate one, the daughter of Zion, I will cut off. 3Shepherds with their flocks shall come to her; they shall pitch their tents against her all around; they shall feed every one in his place. 4Prepare war against her; arise, and let us go up at noon. Woe to us! for the day declines, for the shadows of the evening are stretched out. 5Arise, and let us go up by night, and let us destroy her palaces. 6For thus has Yehovah of hosts said, Cut down trees, and cast up a mound against Jerusalem: this is the city to be visited; she is wholly oppression in the midst of her. 7As a well casts out its waters, so she casts out her wickedness: violence and destruction are heard in her; before me continually are sickness and wounds. 8Be instructed, O Jerusalem, lest my soul be alienated from you; lest I make you a desolation, a land not inhabited. 9Thus says Yehovah of hosts, They shall thoroughly glean the remnant of Israel as a vine: turn again your hand as a grape-gatherer into the baskets. 10To whom shall I speak and testify, that they may hear? behold, their ear is uncircumcised, and they cannot hearken: behold, the word of Yehovah has become to them a reproach; they have no delight in it. 11Therefore I am full of the wrath of Yehovah; I am weary with holding it in: pour it out upon the children in the street, and upon the assembly of young men together; for even the husband with the wife shall be taken, the aged with him who is full of days. 12And their houses shall be turned to others, their fields and their wives together; for I will stretch out my hand upon the inhabitants of the land, says Yehovah. 13For from the least of them even to the greatest of them every one is given to covetousness; and from the prophet even to the priest every one deals falsely. 14They have healed also the hurt of my people slightly, saying, Peace, peace; when there is no peace. 15Were they ashamed when they had committed abomination? no, they were not at all ashamed, neither could they blush: therefore they shall fall among those who fall; at the time that I visit them they shall be cast down, says Yehovah. 16Thus says Yehovah, Stand in the ways and see, and ask for the old paths, where the good way is; and walk in it, and you shall find rest for your souls: but they said, We will not walk in it. 17And I set watchmen over you, saying, Hearken to the sound of the trumpet; but they said, We will not hearken. 18Therefore hear, you nations, and know, O congregation, what is among them. 19Hear, O earth: behold, I will bring evil upon this people, even the fruit of their thoughts, because they have not hearkened to my words; and as for my law, they have rejected it. 20To what purpose does frankincense come to me from Sheba, and the sweet cane from a far country? your burnt offerings are not acceptable, nor your sacrifices pleasing to me. 21Therefore thus says Yehovah, Behold, I will lay stumbling blocks before this people; and the fathers and the sons together shall stumble against them; the neighbor and his friend shall perish. 22Thus says Yehovah, Behold, a people comes from the north country; and a great nation shall be stirred up from the uttermost parts of the earth. 23They lay hold on bow and spear; they are cruel, and have no mercy; their voice roars

like the sea, and they ride upon horses, every one set in array, as a man to the battle, against you, O daughter of Zion. 24We have heard its report; our hands grow feeble: anguish has taken hold of us, and pangs as of a woman in labor. 25Do not go out into the field, nor walk by the way; for the sword of the enemy, and terror, are on every side. 26O daughter of my people, gird yourself with sackcloth, and roll in ashes: make mourning, as for an only son, most bitter lamentation; for the destroyer shall suddenly come upon us. 27I have made you a tester and a fortress among my people; that you may know and test their way. 28They are all grievous revolters, going about with slanders; they are bronze and iron: they all of them deal corruptly. 29The bellows blow fiercely; the lead is consumed by the fire: in vain do they go on refining; for the wicked are not plucked away. 30Rejected silver men shall call them, because Yehovah has rejected them.

Chapter 7

1The word that came to Jeremiah from Yehovah, saying, 2Stand in the gate of Yehovah's house, and proclaim there this word, and say, Hear the word of Yehovah, all you of Judah, who enter in at these gates to worship Yehovah. 3Thus says Yehovah of hosts, the God of Israel, Amend your ways and your doings, and I will cause you to dwell in this place. 4Do not trust in lying words, saying, The temple of Yehovah, the temple of Yehovah, the temple of Yehovah, are these. 5For if you thoroughly amend your ways and your doings; if you thoroughly execute justice between a man and his neighbor; 6if you do not oppress the sojourner, the fatherless, and the widow, and do not shed innocent blood in this place, nor walk after other gods to your own hurt: 7then I will cause you to dwell in this place, in the land that I gave to your fathers, from of old even forevermore. 8Behold, you trust in lying words, that cannot profit. 9Will you steal, murder, and commit adultery, and swear falsely, and burn incense to Baal, and walk after other gods that you have not known, 10and come and stand before me in this house, which is called by my name, and say, We are delivered; that you may do all these abominations? 11Has this house, which is called by my name, become a den of robbers in your eyes? Behold, I, even I, have seen it, says Yehovah. 12But go now to my place which was in Shiloh, where I caused my name to dwell at the first, and see what I did to it for the wickedness of my people Israel. 13And now, because you have done all these works, says Yehovah, and I spoke to you, rising up early and speaking, but you did not hear; and I called you, but you did not answer: 14therefore I will do to the house which is called by my name, in which you trust, and to the place which I gave to you and to your fathers, as I did to Shiloh. 15And I will cast you out of my sight, as I have cast out all your brothers, even the whole seed of Ephraim. 16Therefore do not pray for this people, neither lift up cry nor prayer for them, neither make intercession to me; for I will not hear you. 17Do you not see what they do in the cities of Judah and in the streets of Jerusalem? 18The children gather wood, and the fathers kindle the fire, and the women knead the dough, to make cakes to the queen of heaven, and to pour out drink offerings to other gods, that they may provoke me to anger. 19Do they provoke me to anger? says Yehovah; do they not provoke themselves, to the confusion of their own faces? 20Therefore thus says the Lord Yehovah: Behold, my anger and my wrath shall be poured out upon this place, upon man, and upon beast, and upon the trees of the field, and upon the fruit of the ground; and it shall burn, and shall not be quenched. 21Thus says Yehovah of hosts, the God of Israel: Add your burnt offerings to your sacrifices, and eat flesh. 22For I did not speak to your fathers, nor command them in the day that I brought them out of the land of Egypt, concerning burnt offerings or sacrifices: 23but this thing I commanded them, saying, Hearken to my voice, and I will be your God, and you shall be my people; and walk in all the way that I command you, that it may be well with you. 24But they did not hearken, nor incline their ear, but walked in their own counsels and in the stubbornness of their evil heart, and went backward, and not forward. 25Since the day that your fathers came out of the land of Egypt to this day, I have sent to you all my servants the prophets, daily rising up early and sending them: 26yet they did not hearken to me, nor incline their ear, but made their neck stiff: they did worse than their fathers. 27And you shall speak all these words to them; but they will not hearken to you: you shall also call to them; but they will not answer you. 28And you shall say to them, This is the nation that has not hearkened to the voice of Yehovah their God, nor received instruction: truth has perished, and is cut off from their mouth. 29Cut off your hair, O Jerusalem, and cast it away, and take up a lamentation on the bare heights; for Yehovah has rejected and forsaken the generation of his wrath. 30For the children of Judah have done that

which is evil in my sight, says Yehovah: they have set their abominations in the house which is called by my name, to defile it. 31And they have built the high places of Topheth, which is in the valley of the son of Hinnom, to burn their sons and their daughters in the fire; which I did not command, nor did it come into my mind. 32Therefore, behold, the days are coming, says Yehovah, when it shall no more be called Topheth, nor The valley of the son of Hinnom, but The valley of Slaughter: for they shall bury in Topheth, until there is no place to bury. 33And the dead bodies of this people shall be food for the birds of the heavens, and for the beasts of the earth; and no one shall frighten them away. 34Then I will cause to cease from the cities of Judah, and from the streets of Jerusalem, the voice of mirth and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom and the voice of the bride; for the land shall become a waste.

Chapter 8

1At that time, says Yehovah, they shall bring out the bones of the kings of Judah, and the bones of his princes, and the bones of the priests, and the bones of the prophets, and the bones of the inhabitants of Jerusalem, out of their graves; 2and they shall spread them before the sun, and the moon, and all the host of heaven, which they have loved, and which they have served, and after which they have walked, and which they have sought, and to which they have bowed down: they shall not be gathered, nor be buried, they shall be for dung upon the face of the earth. 3And death shall be chosen rather than life by all the residue that remain of this evil family, who remain in all the places where I have driven them, says Yehovah of hosts. 4Moreover you shall say to them, Thus says Yehovah: Shall men fall, and not rise up again? Shall one turn away, and not return? 5Why then has this people of Jerusalem slid back by a perpetual backsliding? they hold fast deceit, they refuse to return. 6I hearkened and heard, but they did not speak aright: no man repents of his wickedness, saying, What have I done? everyone turns to his course, as a horse that rushes headlong into the battle. 7Indeed, the stork in the heavens knows her appointed times; and the turtledove and the swallow and the crane observe the time of their coming; but my people do not know the law of Yehovah. 8How do you say, We are wise, and the law of Yehovah is with us? But, behold, the false pen of the scribes has worked falsely. 9The wise men are put to shame, they are dismayed and taken: behold, they have rejected the word of Yehovah; and what kind of wisdom is in them? 10Therefore I will give their wives to others, and their fields to those who shall possess them: for everyone from the least even to the greatest is given to covetousness; from the prophet even to the priest everyone deals falsely. 11And they have healed the hurt of the daughter of my people slightly, saying, Peace, peace; when there is no peace. 12Were they ashamed when they had committed abomination? no, they were not at all ashamed, neither could they blush: therefore they shall fall among those who fall; in the time of their visitation they shall be cast down, says Yehovah. 13I will utterly consume them, says Yehovah: there shall be no grapes on the vine, nor figs on the fig tree, and the leaf shall fade; and the things that I have given them shall pass away from them. 14Why do we sit still? assemble yourselves, and let us enter into the fortified cities, and let us be silent there; for Yehovah our God has put us to silence, and given us water of gall to drink, because we have sinned against Yehovah. 15We looked for peace, but no good came; and for a time of healing, and, behold, dismay! 16The snorting of his horses is heard from Dan: at the sound of the neighing of his strong ones the whole land trembles; for they have come, and have devoured the land and all that is in it; the city and those who dwell in it. 17For, behold, I will send serpents, adders, among you, which will not be charmed; and they shall bite you, says Yehovah. 18Oh that I could comfort myself against sorrow! my heart is faint within me. 19Behold, the voice of the cry of the daughter of my people from a land that is very far off: is not Yehovah in Zion? is not her King in her? Why have they provoked me to anger with their graven images, and with foreign vanities? 20The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved. 21For the hurt of the daughter of my people I am hurt: I mourn; dismay has taken hold of me. 22Is there no balm in Gilead? is there no physician there? why then has the health of the daughter of my people not been restored?

Chapter 9

1Oh that my head were waters, and my eyes a fountain of tears, that I might weep day and night for the slain of the daughter of my people! 2Oh that I had in the wilderness a lodging-place of wayfaring men; that I might leave my people, and go from them! for they are all adulterers, an assembly of treacherous men. 3And they bend their tongue, as it were their bow, for falsehood; and they have grown strong in

the land, but not for truth: for they proceed from evil to evil, and they do not know me, says Yehovah. 4Take heed every one of his neighbor, and do not trust in any brother; for every brother will utterly supplant, and every neighbor will go about with slanders. 5And they will deceive every one his neighbor, and will not speak the truth: they have taught their tongue to speak lies; they weary themselves to commit iniquity. 6Your habitation is in the midst of deceit; through deceit they refuse to know me, says Yehovah. 7Therefore thus says Yehovah of hosts, Behold, I will melt them, and try them; for how else should I do, because of the daughter of my people? 8Their tongue is a deadly arrow; it speaks deceit: one speaks peaceably to his neighbor with his mouth, but in his heart he lies in wait for him. 9Shall I not visit them for these things? says Yehovah; shall not my soul be avenged on such a nation as this? 10For the mountains I will take up a weeping and wailing, and for the pastures of the wilderness a lamentation, because they are burned up, so that no one passes through; neither can men hear the voice of the cattle; both the birds of the heavens and the beasts have fled, they are gone. 11And I will make Jerusalem heaps, a dwelling-place of jackals; and I will make the cities of Judah a desolation, without inhabitant. 12Who is the wise man, who may understand this? and who is he to whom the mouth of Yehovah has spoken, that he may declare it? why has the land perished and burned up like a wilderness, so that no one passes through? 13And Yehovah says, Because they have forsaken my law which I set before them, and have not obeyed my voice, nor walked in it, 14but have walked after the stubbornness of their own heart, and after the Baalim, which their fathers taught them; 15therefore thus says Yehovah of hosts, the God of Israel, Behold, I will feed them, even this people, with wormwood, and give them water of gall to drink. 16I will scatter them also among the nations, whom neither they nor their fathers have known; and I will send the sword after them, until I have consumed them. 17Thus says Yehovah of hosts, Consider, and call for the mourning women, that they may come; and send for the skillful women, that they may come: 18and let them make haste, and take up a wailing for us, that our eyes may run down with tears, and our eyelids gush out with waters. 19For a voice of wailing is heard out of Zion, How are we ruined! we are greatly confounded, because we have forsaken the land, because they have cast down our dwellings. 20Yet hear the word of Yehovah, O you women, and let your ear receive the word of his mouth; and teach your daughters wailing, and every one her neighbor lamentation. 21For death has come up into our windows, it has entered into our palaces; to cut off the children from outside, and the young men from the streets. 22Speak, Thus says Yehovah, The dead bodies of men shall fall as dung upon the open field, and as the handful after the harvester; and no one shall gather them. 23Thus says Yehovah, Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom, neither let the mighty man glory in his might, let not the rich man glory in his riches; 24but let him who glories glory in this, that he has understanding, and knows me, that I am Yehovah who exercises lovingkindness, justice, and righteousness, in the earth: for in these things I delight, says Yehovah. 25Behold, the days are coming, says Yehovah, when I will punish all those who are circumcised in their uncircumcision: 26Egypt, and Judah, and Edom, and the children of Ammon, and Moab, and all who have the corners of their hair cut off, who dwell in the wilderness; for all the nations are uncircumcised, and all the house of Israel are uncircumcised in heart.

Chapter 10

1Hear the word which Yehovah speaks to you, O house of Israel: 2thus says Yehovah, Do not learn the way of the nations, and do not be dismayed at the signs of heaven; for the nations are dismayed at them. 3For the customs of the peoples are vanity; for one cuts a tree out of the forest, the work of the hands of the workman with the axe. 4They adorn it with silver and with gold; they fasten it with nails and with hammers, so that it does not move. 5They are like a palm tree, of turned work, and do not speak: they must be carried, because they cannot walk. Do not be afraid of them; for they cannot do evil, neither is it in them to do good. 6There is none like you, O Yehovah; you are great, and your name is great in might. 7Who should not fear you, O King of the nations? for to you it belongs; since among all the wise men of the nations, and in all their royal estate, there is none like you. 8But they are together brutish and foolish: the instruction of idols! it is but a stock. 9There is silver beaten into plates, which is brought from Tarshish, and gold from Uphaz, the work of the craftsman and of the hands of the goldsmith; blue and purple for their clothing; they are all the work of skillful men. 10But Yehovah is the true God; he is the

living God, and an everlasting King: at his wrath the earth trembles, and the nations are not able to abide his indignation. 11Thus shall you say to them, The gods that have not made the heavens and the earth, these shall perish from the earth, and from under the heavens. 12He has made the earth by his power, he has established the world by his wisdom, and by his understanding he has stretched out the heavens. 13When he utters his voice, there is a tumult of waters in the heavens, and he causes the vapors to ascend from the ends of the earth; he makes lightnings for the rain, and brings forth the wind out of his treasuries. 14Every man has become brutish and is without knowledge; every goldsmith is put to shame by his graven image; for his molten image is falsehood, and there is no breath in them. 15They are vanity, a work of delusion: in the time of their visitation they shall perish. 16The portion of Jacob is not like these; for he is the former of all things; and Israel is the tribe of his inheritance: Yehovah of hosts is his name. 17Gather up your wares out of the land, O you who abide in the siege. 18For thus says Yehovah, Behold, I will sling out the inhabitants of the land at this time, and will distress them, that they may feel it. 19Woe is me because of my hurt! my wound is grievous: but I said, Truly this is my grief, and I must bear it. 20My tent is destroyed, and all my cords are broken: my children have gone out from me, and they are not: there is no one to spread my tent any more, and to set up my curtains. 21For the shepherds have become brutish, and have not inquired of Yehovah: therefore they have not prospered, and all their flocks are scattered. 22The voice of tidings, behold, it comes, and a great commotion out of the north country, to make the cities of Judah a desolation, a dwelling-place of jackals. 23O Yehovah, I know that the way of man is not in himself; it is not in man who walks to direct his steps. 24O Yehovah, correct me, but in measure; not in your anger, lest you bring me to nothing. 25Pour out your wrath upon the nations that do not know you, and upon the families that do not call on your name; for they have devoured Jacob, indeed, they have devoured him and consumed him, and have laid waste his habitation.

Chapter 11

1The word that came to Jeremiah from Yehovah, saying, 2Hear the words of this covenant, and speak to the men of Judah, and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem; 3and say to them, Thus says Yehovah, the God of Israel: Cursed be the man who does not hear the words of this covenant, 4which I commanded your fathers in the day that I brought them out of the land of Egypt, out of the iron furnace, saying, Obey my voice, and do them, according to all which I command you: so you shall be my people, and I will be your God; 5that I may establish the oath which I swore to your fathers, to give them a land flowing with milk and honey, as at this day. Then I answered, and said, Amen, O Yehovah. 6And Yehovah said to me, Proclaim all these words in the cities of Judah, and in the streets of Jerusalem, saying, Hear the words of this covenant, and do them. 7For I earnestly protested to your fathers in the day that I brought them up out of the land of Egypt, even to this day, rising early and protesting, saying, Obey my voice. 8Yet they did not obey, nor incline their ear, but walked every one in the stubbornness of their evil heart: therefore I brought upon them all the words of this covenant, which I commanded them to do, but they did not do them. 9And Yehovah said to me, A conspiracy is found among the men of Judah, and among the inhabitants of Jerusalem. 10They have turned back to the iniquities of their forefathers, who refused to hear my words; and they have gone after other gods to serve them: the house of Israel and the house of Judah have broken my covenant which I made with their fathers. 11Therefore thus says Yehovah, Behold, I will bring evil upon them, which they shall not be able to escape; and they shall cry to me, but I will not hearken to them. 12Then the cities of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem shall go and cry to the gods to which they offer incense: but they will not save them at all in the time of their trouble. 13For according to the number of your cities are your gods, O Judah; and according to the number of the streets of Jerusalem have you set up altars to the shameful thing, even altars to burn incense to Baal. 14Therefore do not pray for this people, neither lift up cry nor prayer for them; for I will not hear them in the time that they cry to me because of their trouble. 15What has my beloved to do in my house, seeing she has worked lewdness with many, and the holy flesh has passed from you? when you do evil, then you rejoice. 16Yehovah called your name, A green olive tree, beautiful with goodly fruit: with the noise of a great tumult he has kindled fire upon it, and its branches are broken. 17For Yehovah of hosts, who planted you, has pronounced evil against you, because of the evil of the house of Israel and of the house of Judah, which they have worked for

themselves in provoking me to anger by offering incense to Baal. 18And Yehovah gave me knowledge of it, and I knew it: then you showed me their doings. 19But I was like a gentle lamb that is led to the slaughter; and I did not know that they had devised devices against me, saying, Let us destroy the tree with its fruit, and let us cut him off from the land of the living, that his name may be remembered no more. 20But, O Yehovah of hosts, who judges righteously, who tests the heart and the mind, I shall see your vengeance on them; for to you I have revealed my cause. 21Therefore thus says Yehovah concerning the men of Anathoth, who seek your life, saying, You shall not prophesy in the name of Yehovah, so that you do not die by our hand; 22therefore thus says Yehovah of hosts, Behold, I will punish them: the young men shall die by the sword; their sons and their daughters shall die by famine; 23and there shall be no remnant to them: for I will bring evil upon the men of Anathoth, even the year of their visitation.

Chapter 12

1Righteous are you, O Yehovah, when I contend with you; yet I would reason the cause with you: why does the way of the wicked prosper? why are all those at ease who deal very treacherously? 2You have planted them, indeed, they have taken root; they grow, indeed, they bring forth fruit: you are near in their mouth, and far from their heart. 3But you, O Yehovah, know me; you see me, and test my heart toward you: pull them out like sheep for the slaughter, and prepare them for the day of slaughter. 4How long shall the land mourn, and the herbs of the whole country wither? for the wickedness of those who dwell in it, the beasts are consumed, and the birds; because they said, He shall not see our latter end. 5If you have run with the footmen, and they have wearied you, then how can you contend with horses? and though in a land of peace you are secure, yet how will you do in the thicket of the Jordan? 6For even your brothers, and the house of your father, even they have dealt treacherously with you; even they have cried aloud after you: do not believe them, though they speak fair words to you. 7I have forsaken my house, I have cast off my heritage; I have given the dearly beloved of my soul into the hand of her enemies. 8My heritage has become to me as a lion in the forest: she has uttered her voice against me; therefore I have hated her. 9Is my heritage to me as a speckled bird of prey? are the birds of prey against her all around? go, assemble all the beasts of the field, bring them to devour. 10Many shepherds have destroyed my vineyard, they have trampled my portion underfoot, they have made my pleasant portion a desolate wilderness. 11They have made it a desolation; it mourns to me, being desolate; the whole land is made desolate, because no man lays it to heart. 12Destroyers have come upon all the bare heights in the wilderness; for the sword of Yehovah devours from one end of the land even to the other end of the land: no flesh has peace. 13They have sown wheat, and have reaped thorns; they have put themselves to pain, and profit nothing: and you shall be ashamed of your fruits, because of the fierce anger of Yehovah. 14Thus says Yehovah against all my evil neighbors, who touch the inheritance which I have caused my people Israel to inherit: Behold, I will pluck them up from their land, and will pluck up the house of Judah from among them. 15And it shall come to pass, after I have plucked them up, I will return and have compassion on them; and I will bring them again, every man to his heritage, and every man to his land. 16And it shall come to pass, if they will diligently learn the ways of my people, to swear by my name, As Yehovah lives; even as they taught my people to swear by Baal; then they shall be built up in the midst of my people. 17But if they will not hear, then I will pluck up that nation, plucking up and destroying it, says Yehovah.

Chapter 13

1Thus says Yehovah to me, Go, and buy yourself a linen waistband, and put it upon your loins, and do not put it in water. 2So I bought a waistband according to the word of Yehovah, and put it upon my loins. 3And the word of Yehovah came to me the second time, saying, 4Take the waistband that you have bought, which is upon your loins, and arise, go to the Euphrates, and hide it there in a cleft of the rock. 5So I went, and hid it by the Euphrates, as Yehovah commanded me. 6And it happened after many days, that Yehovah said to me, Arise, go to the Euphrates, and take from there the waistband, which I commanded you to hide there. 7Then I went to the Euphrates, and dug, and took the waistband from the place where I had hidden it; and, behold, the waistband was ruined, it was profitable for nothing. 8Then the word of Yehovah came to me, saying, 9Thus says Yehovah, In this manner I will ruin the pride of Judah, and the great pride of Jerusalem. 10This evil people, who refuse to hear my words, who walk in

the stubbornness of their heart, and have gone after other gods to serve them, and to bow down to them, shall even be as this waistband, which is profitable for nothing. 11For as the waistband clings to the loins of a man, so I have caused to cling to me the whole house of Israel and the whole house of Judah, says Yehovah; that they may be to me for a people, and for a name, and for a praise, and for a glory: but they would not hear. 12Therefore you shall speak to them this word: Thus says Yehovah, the God of Israel, Every jar shall be filled with wine: and they shall say to you, Do we not certainly know that every jar shall be filled with wine? 13Then you shall say to them, Thus says Yehovah, Behold, I will fill all the inhabitants of this land, even the kings who sit upon David's throne, and the priests, and the prophets, and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, with drunkenness. 14And I will dash them one against another, even the fathers and the sons together, says Yehovah: I will not pity, nor spare, nor have compassion, that I should not destroy them. 15Hear, and give ear; do not be proud; for Yehovah has spoken. 16Give glory to Yehovah your God, before he causes darkness, and before your feet stumble upon the dark mountains, and, while you look for light, he turns it into the shadow of death, and makes it thick darkness. 17But if you will not hear it, my soul shall weep in secret for your pride; and my eye shall weep bitterly, and run down with tears, because Yehovah's flock is taken captive. 18Say to the king and to the queen mother, Humble yourselves, sit down; for your headdresses have come down, even the crown of your glory. 19The cities of the South are shut up, and there is no one to open them: Judah is carried away captive, all of it; it is wholly carried away captive. 20Lift up your eyes, and behold those who come from the north: where is the flock that was given you, your beautiful flock? 21What will you say, when he sets over you as head those whom you have yourself taught to be friends to you? shall not sorrows take hold of you, as of a woman in labor? 22And if you say in your heart, Why have these things come upon me? for the greatness of your iniquity your skirts are uncovered, and your heels suffer violence. 23Can the Ethiopian change his skin, or the leopard his spots? then you also may do good, who are accustomed to do evil. 24Therefore I will scatter them, as the stubble that passes away, by the wind of the wilderness. 25This is your lot, the portion measured to you from me, says Yehovah; because you have forgotten me, and trusted in falsehood. 26Therefore I will also uncover your skirts upon your face, and your shame shall appear. 27I have seen your abominations, even your adulteries, and your neighings, the lewdness of your whoredom, on the hills in the field. Woe to you, O Jerusalem! you will not be made clean; how long shall it yet be?

Chapter 14

1The word of Yehovah that came to Jeremiah concerning the drought. 2Judah mourns, and its gates languish, they sit in black upon the ground; and the cry of Jerusalem has gone up. 3And their nobles send their little ones to the waters: they come to the cisterns, and find no water; they return with their vessels empty; they are put to shame and confounded, and cover their heads. 4Because of the ground which is cracked, since no rain has been in the land, the plowmen are put to shame, they cover their heads. 5Indeed, the doe also in the field calves, and forsakes her young, because there is no grass. 6And the wild donkeys stand on the bare heights, they pant for air like jackals; their eyes fail, because there is no herbage. 7Though our iniquities testify against us, act for your name's sake, O Yehovah; for our backslidings are many; we have sinned against you. 8O hope of Israel, its Savior in the time of trouble, why should you be as a sojourner in the land, and as a wayfaring man who turns aside to stay for a night? 9Why should you be as a man dismayed, as a mighty man who cannot save? Yet you, O Yehovah, are in the midst of us, and we are called by your name; do not leave us. 10Thus says Yehovah to this people, Even so have they loved to wander; they have not restrained their feet: therefore Yehovah does not accept them; now he will remember their iniquity, and visit their sins. 11And Yehovah said to me, Do not pray for this people for their good. 12When they fast, I will not hear their cry; and when they offer burnt offering and meal offering, I will not accept them; but I will consume them by the sword, and by the famine, and by the pestilence. 13Then I said, Ah, Lord Yehovah! behold, the prophets say to them, You shall not see the sword, neither shall you have famine; but I will give you assured peace in this place. 14Then Yehovah said to me, The prophets prophesy lies in my name; I did not send them, neither have I commanded them, nor did I speak to them: they prophesy to you a lying vision, and divination, and a thing of nothing, and the deceit of their own heart. 15Therefore thus says Yehovah concerning the prophets who prophesy in my name, and I did not

send them, yet they say, Sword and famine shall not be in this land: By sword and famine those prophets shall be consumed. 16And the people to whom they prophesy shall be cast out in the streets of Jerusalem because of the famine and the sword; and they shall have no one to bury them—them, their wives, nor their sons, nor their daughters: for I will pour their wickedness upon them. 17And you shall say this word to them, Let my eyes run down with tears night and day, and do not let them cease; for the virgin daughter of my people is broken with a great breach, with a very grievous wound. 18If I go out into the field, then, behold, the slain with the sword! and if I enter into the city, then, behold, those who are sick with famine! for both the prophet and the priest go about in the land, and have no knowledge. 19Have you utterly rejected Judah? has your soul loathed Zion? why have you struck us, and there is no healing for us? We looked for peace, but no good came; and for a time of healing, and, behold, dismay! 20We acknowledge, O Yehovah, our wickedness, and the iniquity of our fathers; for we have sinned against you. 21Do not abhor us, for your name's sake; do not disgrace the throne of your glory: remember, do not break your covenant with us. 22Are there any among the vanities of the nations that can cause rain? or can the heavens give showers? are you not he, O Yehovah our God? therefore we will wait for you; for you have made all these things.

Chapter 15

1Then Yehovah said to me, Though Moses and Samuel stood before me, yet my mind would not be toward this people: cast them out of my sight, and let them go out. 2And it shall come to pass, when they say to you, Where shall we go? then you shall tell them, Thus says Yehovah: Those who are for death, to death; and those who are for the sword, to the sword; and those who are for the famine, to the famine; and those who are for captivity, to captivity. 3And I will appoint over them four kinds, says Yehovah: the sword to slay, and the dogs to tear, and the birds of the heavens, and the beasts of the earth, to devour and to destroy. 4And I will cause them to be tossed to and fro among all the kingdoms of the earth, because of Manasseh, the son of Hezekiah, king of Judah, for that which he did in Jerusalem. 5For who will have pity upon you, O Jerusalem? or who will bemoan you? or who will turn aside to ask about your welfare? 6You have rejected me, says Yehovah, you have gone backward: therefore I have stretched out my hand against you, and destroyed you; I am weary with relenting. 7And I have winnowed them with a winnowing fork in the gates of the land; I have bereaved them of children, I have destroyed my people; they did not return from their ways. 8Their widows have increased to me above the sand of the seas; I have brought upon them against the mother of the young men a destroyer at noonday: I have caused anguish and terrors to fall upon her suddenly. 9She who has borne seven languishes; she has breathed her last; her sun has gone down while it was yet day; she has been put to shame and confounded: and the residue of them I will deliver to the sword before their enemies, says Yehovah. 10Woe is me, my mother, that you have borne me a man of strife and a man of contention to the whole earth! I have not lent, neither have men lent to me; yet every one of them curses me. 11Yehovah said, Truly I will strengthen you for good; truly I will cause the enemy to make supplication to you in the time of evil and in the time of affliction. 12Can one break iron, even iron from the north, and bronze? 13Your substance and your treasures I will give for a spoil without price, and that for all your sins, even in all your borders. 14And I will make them pass with your enemies into a land which you do not know; for a fire is kindled in my anger, which shall burn upon you. 15O Yehovah, you know; remember me, and visit me, and avenge me of my persecutors; do not take me away in your longsuffering: know that for your sake I have suffered reproach. 16Your words were found, and I ate them; and your words were to me a joy and the rejoicing of my heart: for I am called by your name, O Yehovah, God of hosts. 17I did not sit in the assembly of those who make merry, nor rejoice; I sat alone because of your hand; for you have filled me with indignation. 18Why is my pain perpetual, and my wound incurable, which refuses to be healed? will you indeed be to me as a deceitful brook, as waters that fail? 19Therefore thus says Yehovah, If you return, then I will bring you again, that you may stand before me; and if you bring out the precious from the vile, you shall be as my mouth: they shall return to you, but you shall not return to them. 20And I will make you to this people a fortified bronze wall; and they shall fight against you, but they shall not prevail against you; for I am with you to save you and to deliver you, says Yehovah. 21And I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked, and I will redeem you out of the hand of the terrible.

Chapter 16

1The word of Yehovah came also to me, saying, 2You shall not take a wife for yourself, neither shall you have sons or daughters, in this place. 3For thus says Yehovah concerning the sons and concerning the daughters who are born in this place, and concerning their mothers who bore them, and concerning their fathers who fathered them in this land: 4They shall die grievous deaths: they shall not be lamented, neither shall they be buried; they shall be as dung upon the face of the ground; and they shall be consumed by the sword, and by famine; and their dead bodies shall be food for the birds of the heavens, and for the beasts of the earth. 5For thus says Yehovah, Do not enter into the house of mourning, neither go to lament, nor bemoan them; for I have taken away my peace from this people, says Yehovah, even lovingkindness and tender mercies. 6Both great and small shall die in this land; they shall not be buried, neither shall men lament for them, nor cut themselves, nor make themselves bald for them; 7neither shall men break bread for them in mourning, to comfort them for the dead; neither shall men give them the cup of consolation to drink for their father or for their mother. 8And you shall not go into the house of feasting to sit with them, to eat and to drink. 9For thus says Yehovah of hosts, the God of Israel: Behold, I will cause to cease out of this place, before your eyes and in your days, the voice of mirth and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom and the voice of the bride. 10And it shall come to pass, when you show this people all these words, and they say to you, Why has Yehovah pronounced all this great evil against us? or what is our iniquity? or what is our sin that we have committed against Yehovah our God? 11then you shall say to them, Because your fathers have forsaken me, says Yehovah, and have walked after other gods, and have served them, and have bowed down to them, and have forsaken me, and have not kept my law; 12and you have done evil more than your fathers; for, behold, you walk every one after the stubbornness of his evil heart, so that you do not hearken to me: 13therefore I will cast you out of this land into the land that you have not known, neither you nor your fathers; and there you shall serve other gods day and night; for I will show you no favor. 14Therefore, behold, the days are coming, says Yehovah, when it shall no more be said, As Yehovah lives, who brought up the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt; 15but, As Yehovah lives, who brought up the children of Israel from the land of the north, and from all the countries where he had driven them. And I will bring them again into their land that I gave to their fathers. 16Behold, I will send for many fishers, says Yehovah, and they shall fish them up; and afterward I will send for many hunters, and they shall hunt them from every mountain, and from every hill, and out of the clefts of the rocks. 17For my eyes are upon all their ways; they are not hidden from my face, neither is their iniquity concealed from my eyes. 18And first I will recompense their iniquity and their sin double, because they have polluted my land with the carcasses of their detestable things, and have filled my inheritance with their abominations. 19O Yehovah, my strength, and my stronghold, and my refuge in the day of affliction, to you the nations shall come from the ends of the earth, and shall say, Our fathers have inherited nothing but lies, even vanity and things in which there is no profit. 20Shall a man make gods for himself, which yet are no gods? 21Therefore, behold, I will cause them to know, this once I will cause them to know my hand and my might; and they shall know that my name is Yehovah.

Chapter 17

1The sin of Judah is written with a pen of iron, and with the point of a diamond: it is engraved upon the tablet of their heart, and upon the horns of your altars; 2while their children remember their altars and their Asherim by the green trees upon the high hills. 3O my mountain in the field, I will give your substance and all your treasures for a spoil, and your high places, because of sin, throughout all your borders. 4And you, even of yourself, shall let go of your heritage that I gave you; and I will cause you to serve your enemies in the land which you do not know: for you have kindled a fire in my anger which shall burn forever. 5Thus says Yehovah: Cursed is the man who trusts in man, and makes flesh his arm, and whose heart departs from Yehovah. 6For he shall be like the shrub in the desert, and shall not see when good comes, but shall inhabit the parched places in the wilderness, a salt land and not inhabited. 7Blessed is the man who trusts in Yehovah, and whose trust Yehovah is. 8For he shall be as a tree planted by the waters, that spreads out its roots by the river, and shall not fear when heat comes, but its leaf shall be green; and shall not be anxious in the year of drought, nor shall it cease from yielding fruit.

9 The heart is deceitful above all things, and it is
exceedingly corrupt: who can know it? 10 I, Yehovah,
search the mind, I test the heart, even to give every
man according to his ways, according to the fruit of
his doings. 11 As the partridge that sits on eggs which
she has not laid, so is he who gets riches, and not by
right; in the midst of his days they shall leave him,
and at his end he shall be a fool. 12 A glorious throne,
set on high from the beginning, is the place of our
sanctuary. 13 O Yehovah, the hope of Israel, all who
forsake you shall be put to shame. Those who depart
from me shall be written in the earth, because they
have forsaken Yehovah, the fountain of living waters.
14 Heal me, O Yehovah, and I shall be healed; save me,
and I shall be saved: for you are my praise. 15 Behold,
they say to me, Where is the word of Yehovah? let it
come now. 16 As for me, I have not hastened from
being a shepherd after you; neither have I desired the
woeful day; you know: that which came out of my
lips was before your face. 17 Do not be a terror to me:
you are my refuge in the day of evil. 18 Let those who
persecute me be put to shame, but do not let me be
put to shame; let them be dismayed, but do not let me
be dismayed; bring upon them the day of evil, and
destroy them with double destruction. 19 Thus said
Yehovah to me: Go, and stand in the gate of the
children of the people, by which the kings of Judah
come in, and by which they go out, and in all the
gates of Jerusalem; 20 and say to them, Hear the word
of Yehovah, you kings of Judah, and all Judah, and
all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, who enter in by
these gates: 21 Thus says Yehovah, Take heed to
yourselves, and bear no burden on the sabbath day,
nor bring it in by the gates of Jerusalem; 22 nor carry
out a burden from your houses on the sabbath day,
nor do any work: but hallow the sabbath day, as I
commanded your fathers. 23 But they did not hearken,
nor incline their ear, but made their neck stiff, that
they might not hear, and might not receive
instruction. 24 And it shall come to pass, if you
diligently hearken to me, says Yehovah, to bring in
no burden through the gates of this city on the
sabbath day, but to hallow the sabbath day, to do no
work on it; 25 then there shall enter in by the gates of
this city kings and princes sitting upon the throne of
David, riding in chariots and on horses, they, and
their princes, the men of Judah, and the inhabitants
of Jerusalem; and this city shall remain forever.
26 And they shall come from the cities of Judah, and
from the places all around Jerusalem, and from the
land of Benjamin, and from the lowland, and from
the hill country, and from the South, bringing burnt
offerings, and sacrifices, and meal offerings, and
frankincense, and bringing sacrifices of
thanksgiving, to the house of Yehovah. 27 But if you
will not hearken to me to hallow the sabbath day, and
not to bear a burden and enter in at the gates of
Jerusalem on the sabbath day; then I will kindle a fire
in its gates, and it shall devour the palaces of
Jerusalem, and it shall not be quenched.

Chapter 18

1 The word which came to Jeremiah from Yehovah,
saying, 2 Arise, and go down to the potter's house, and
there I will cause you to hear my words. 3 Then I went
down to the potter's house, and, behold, he was
making a work on the wheel. 4 And when the vessel
that he made of the clay was spoiled in the hand of
the potter, he made it again another vessel, as seemed
good to the potter to make it. 5 Then the word of
Yehovah came to me, saying, 6 O house of Israel, can I
not do with you as this potter? says Yehovah. Behold,
as the clay in the potter's hand, so are you in my
hand, O house of Israel. 7 At what instant I speak
concerning a nation, and concerning a kingdom, to
pluck up and to break down and to destroy it; 8 if that
nation, concerning which I have spoken, turns from
their evil, I will relent of the evil that I thought to do
to them. 9 And at what instant I speak concerning a
nation, and concerning a kingdom, to build and to
plant it; 10 if they do that which is evil in my sight, so
that they do not obey my voice, then I will relent of
the good, with which I said I would benefit them.
11 Now therefore, speak to the men of Judah, and to
the inhabitants of Jerusalem, saying, Thus says
Yehovah: Behold, I frame evil against you, and devise
a device against you: return now every one from his
evil way, and amend your ways and your doings. 12 But
they say, It is in vain; for we will walk after our own
devices, and we will do every one after the
stubbornness of his evil heart. 13 Therefore thus says
Yehovah: Ask now among the nations, who has heard
such things; the virgin of Israel has done a very
horrible thing. 14 Shall the snow of Lebanon fail from
the rock of the field? or shall the cold waters that flow
down from afar be dried up? 15 For my people have
forgotten me, they have burned incense to false gods;
and they have been made to stumble in their ways, in
the ancient paths, to walk in bypaths, in a way not
cast up; 16 to make their land an astonishment, and a
perpetual hissing; everyone who passes by it shall be

astonished, and shake his head. 17I will scatter them as with an east wind before the enemy; I will show them the back, and not the face, in the day of their calamity. 18Then they said, Come, and let us devise devices against Jeremiah; for the law shall not perish from the priest, nor counsel from the wise, nor the word from the prophet. Come, and let us strike him with the tongue, and let us not give heed to any of his words. 19Give heed to me, O Yehovah, and hearken to the voice of those who contend with me. 20Shall evil be repaid for good? for they have dug a pit for my soul. Remember how I stood before you to speak good for them, to turn away your wrath from them. 21Therefore deliver up their children to the famine, and give them over to the power of the sword; and let their wives become childless, and widows; and let their men be slain by death, and their young men struck by the sword in battle. 22Let a cry be heard from their houses, when you bring a troop suddenly upon them; for they have dug a pit to take me, and hidden snares for my feet. 23Yet, Yehovah, you know all their counsel against me to slay me; do not forgive their iniquity, neither blot out their sin from your sight; but let them be overthrown before you; deal with them in the time of your anger.

Chapter 19

1Thus said Yehovah, Go, and buy a potter's earthen flask, and take some of the elders of the people, and of the elders of the priests; 2and go out to the valley of the son of Hinnom, which is by the entry of the gate Harsith, and proclaim there the words that I shall tell you; 3and say, Hear the word of Yehovah, O kings of Judah, and inhabitants of Jerusalem: Thus says Yehovah of hosts, the God of Israel, Behold, I will bring evil upon this place, which whoever hears, his ears shall tingle. 4Because they have forsaken me, and have estranged this place, and have burned incense in it to other gods, whom they did not know, they and their fathers and the kings of Judah, and have filled this place with the blood of innocents, 5and have built the high places of Baal, to burn their sons in the fire for burnt offerings to Baal; which I did not command, nor speak, nor did it come into my mind: 6therefore, behold, the days are coming, says Yehovah, when this place shall no more be called Topheth, nor The valley of the son of Hinnom, but The valley of Slaughter. 7And I will make void the counsel of Judah and Jerusalem in this place; and I will cause them to fall by the sword before their enemies, and by the hand of those who seek their life: and their dead bodies I will give to be food for the birds of the heavens, and for the beasts of the earth. 8And I will make this city an astonishment, and a hissing; everyone who passes by it shall be astonished and hiss because of all its plagues. 9And I will cause them to eat the flesh of their sons and the flesh of their daughters; and they shall eat every one the flesh of his friend, in the siege and in the distress, with which their enemies, and those who seek their life, shall distress them. 10Then you shall break the flask in the sight of the men who go with you, 11and shall say to them, Thus says Yehovah of hosts: Even so I will break this people and this city, as one breaks a potter's vessel, that cannot be made whole again; and they shall bury in Topheth, until there is no place to bury. 12Thus I will do to this place, says Yehovah, and to its inhabitants, even making this city as Topheth: 13and the houses of Jerusalem, and the houses of the kings of Judah, which are defiled, shall be as the place of Topheth, even all the houses upon whose roofs they have burned incense to all the host of heaven, and have poured out drink offerings to other gods. 14Then Jeremiah came from Topheth, where Yehovah had sent him to prophesy; and he stood in the court of Yehovah's house, and said to all the people: 15Thus says Yehovah of hosts, the God of Israel, Behold, I will bring upon this city and upon all its towns all the evil that I have pronounced against it; because they have made their neck stiff, that they may not hear my words.

Chapter 20

1Now Pashhur, the son of Immer the priest, who was chief officer in the house of Yehovah, heard Jeremiah prophesying these things. 2Then Pashhur struck Jeremiah the prophet, and put him in the stocks that were in the upper gate of Benjamin, which was in the house of Yehovah. 3And it happened the next day, that Pashhur brought Jeremiah out of the stocks. Then Jeremiah said to him, Yehovah has not called your name Pashhur, but Magor-missabib. 4For thus says Yehovah, Behold, I will make you a terror to yourself, and to all your friends; and they shall fall by the sword of their enemies, and your eyes shall behold it; and I will give all Judah into the hand of the king of Babylon, and he shall carry them captive to Babylon, and shall slay them with the sword. 5Moreover I will give all the riches of this city, and all its gains, and all its precious things, indeed, all the treasures of the kings of Judah I will give into the hand of their enemies; and they shall make them a

prey, and take them, and carry them to Babylon. 6And you, Pashhur, and all who dwell in your house shall go into captivity; and you shall come to Babylon, and there you shall die, and there you shall be buried, you, and all your friends, to whom you have prophesied falsely. 7O Yehovah, you have persuaded me, and I was persuaded; you are stronger than I, and have prevailed: I have become a laughingstock all the day, everyone mocks me. 8For as often as I speak, I cry out; I cry, Violence and destruction! because the word of Yehovah has been made a reproach to me, and a derision, all the day. 9And if I say, I will not make mention of him, nor speak any more in his name, then there is in my heart as it were a burning fire shut up in my bones, and I am weary with holding it in, and I cannot contain it. 10For I have heard the defaming of many, terror on every side. Denounce, and we will denounce him, say all my familiar friends, those who watch for my fall; perhaps he will be persuaded, and we shall prevail against him, and we shall take our revenge on him. 11But Yehovah is with me as a mighty and terrible one: therefore my persecutors shall stumble, and they shall not prevail; they shall be utterly put to shame, because they have not dealt wisely, even with an everlasting dishonor which shall never be forgotten. 12But, O Yehovah of hosts, who tests the righteous, who sees the heart and the mind, let me see your vengeance on them; for to you I have revealed my cause. 13Sing to Yehovah, praise Yehovah; for he has delivered the soul of the needy from the hand of evildoers. 14Cursed be the day on which I was born: let not the day on which my mother bore me be blessed. 15Cursed be the man who brought news to my father, saying, A male child is born to you; making him very glad. 16And let that man be as the cities which Yehovah overthrew, and did not relent: and let him hear a cry in the morning, and shouting at noontime; 17because he did not slay me from the womb; and so my mother would have been my grave, and her womb always great. 18Why did I come out of the womb to see labor and sorrow, that my days should be consumed with shame?

Chapter 21

1The word which came to Jeremiah from Yehovah, when king Zedekiah sent to him Pashhur the son of Malchijah, and Zephaniah the son of Maaseiah, the priest, saying, 2Inquire, please, of Yehovah for us; for Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon makes war against us: perhaps Yehovah will deal with us according to all his wondrous works, that he may go up from us. 3Then Jeremiah said to them, Thus you shall say to Zedekiah: 4Thus says Yehovah, the God of Israel, Behold, I will turn back the weapons of war that are in your hands, with which you fight against the king of Babylon, and against the Chaldeans who besiege you, outside the walls; and I will gather them into the midst of this city. 5And I myself will fight against you with an outstretched hand and with a strong arm, even in anger, and in wrath, and in great indignation. 6And I will strike the inhabitants of this city, both man and beast: they shall die of a great pestilence. 7And afterward, says Yehovah, I will deliver Zedekiah king of Judah, and his servants, and the people, even those who are left in this city from the pestilence, from the sword, and from the famine, into the hand of Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon, and into the hand of their enemies, and into the hand of those who seek their life: and he shall strike them with the edge of the sword; he shall not spare them, neither have pity, nor have mercy. 8And to this people you shall say, Thus says Yehovah: Behold, I set before you the way of life and the way of death. 9He who abides in this city shall die by the sword, and by the famine, and by the pestilence; but he who goes out, and passes over to the Chaldeans who besiege you, he shall live, and his life shall be to him for a prey. 10For I have set my face upon this city for evil, and not for good, says Yehovah: it shall be given into the hand of the king of Babylon, and he shall burn it with fire. 11And concerning the house of the king of Judah, hear the word of Yehovah: 12O house of David, thus says Yehovah, Execute justice in the morning, and deliver him who is robbed out of the hand of the oppressor, lest my wrath go out like fire, and burn so that no one can quench it, because of the evil of your doings. 13Behold, I am against you, O inhabitant of the valley, and of the rock of the plain, says Yehovah; you who say, Who shall come down against us? or who shall enter into our habitations? 14And I will punish you according to the fruit of your doings, says Yehovah; and I will kindle a fire in her forest, and it shall devour all that is all around her.

Chapter 22

1Thus said Yehovah: Go down to the house of the king of Judah, and speak there this word, 2and say, Hear the word of Yehovah, O king of Judah, who sits upon the throne of David, you, and your servants, and your people who enter in by these gates. 3Thus says Yehovah: Execute justice and righteousness, and

deliver him who is robbed out of the hand of the oppressor: and do no wrong, do no violence, to the sojourner, the fatherless, nor the widow; neither shed innocent blood in this place. 4For if you do this thing indeed, then there shall enter in by the gates of this house kings sitting upon the throne of David, riding in chariots and on horses, he, and his servants, and his people. 5But if you will not hear these words, I swear by myself, says Yehovah, that this house shall become a desolation. 6For thus says Yehovah concerning the house of the king of Judah: You are Gilead to me, and the head of Lebanon; yet surely I will make you a wilderness, and cities which are not inhabited. 7And I will prepare destroyers against you, every one with his weapons; and they shall cut down your choice cedars, and cast them into the fire. 8And many nations shall pass by this city, and they shall say every man to his neighbor, Why has Yehovah done this to this great city? 9Then they shall answer, Because they forsook the covenant of Yehovah their God, and bowed down to other gods, and served them. 10Do not weep for the dead, nor bemoan him; but weep bitterly for him who goes away; for he shall return no more, nor see his native country. 11For thus says Yehovah concerning Shallum the son of Josiah, king of Judah, who reigned instead of Josiah his father, and who went out of this place: He shall not return there any more; 12but in the place where they have led him captive, there he shall die, and he shall see this land no more. 13Woe to him who builds his house by unrighteousness, and his chambers by injustice; who uses his neighbor's service without wages, and does not give him his hire; 14who says, I will build myself a wide house and spacious chambers, and cuts out windows for it; and it is paneled with cedar, and painted with vermilion. 15Shall you reign, because you strive to excel in cedar? Did not your father eat and drink, and do justice and righteousness? then it was well with him. 16He judged the cause of the poor and needy; then it was well. Was not this to know me? says Yehovah. 17But your eyes and your heart are for nothing but your covetousness, and for shedding innocent blood, and for oppression, and for violence, to do it. 18Therefore thus says Yehovah concerning Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah: they shall not lament for him, saying, Ah my brother! or, Ah sister! They shall not lament for him, saying Ah lord! or, Ah his glory! 19He shall be buried with the burial of a donkey, dragged and cast out beyond the gates of Jerusalem. 20Go up to Lebanon, and cry; and lift up your voice in Bashan, and cry from Abarim; for all your lovers are destroyed. 21I spoke to you in your prosperity; but you said, I will not hear. This has been your manner from your youth, that you did not obey my voice. 22The wind shall feed all your shepherds, and your lovers shall go into captivity: surely then you shall be ashamed and confounded for all your wickedness. 23O inhabitant of Lebanon, who makes your nest in the cedars, how greatly to be pitied you shall be when pangs come upon you, the pain as of a woman in labor! 24As I live, says Yehovah, though Coniah the son of Jehoiakim king of Judah were the signet upon my right hand, yet I would pluck you from there; 25and I will give you into the hand of those who seek your life, and into the hand of those of whom you are afraid, even into the hand of Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon, and into the hand of the Chaldeans. 26And I will cast you out, and your mother who bore you, into another country, where you were not born; and there you shall die. 27But to the land to which their soul longs to return, there they shall not return. 28Is this man Coniah a despised broken vessel? is he a vessel in which no one delights? why are they cast out, he and his seed, and cast into the land which they do not know? 29O earth, earth, earth, hear the word of Yehovah. 30Thus says Yehovah, Write this man childless, a man who shall not prosper in his days; for no more shall a man of his seed prosper, sitting upon the throne of David, and ruling in Judah.

Chapter 23

1Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says Yehovah. 2Therefore thus says Yehovah, the God of Israel, against the shepherds who feed my people: You have scattered my flock, and driven them away, and have not visited them; behold, I will visit upon you the evil of your doings, says Yehovah. 3And I will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the countries where I have driven them, and will bring them again to their folds; and they shall be fruitful and multiply. 4And I will set up shepherds over them, who shall feed them; and they shall fear no more, nor be dismayed, neither shall any be missing, says Yehovah. 5Behold, the days are coming, says Yehovah, when I will raise to David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. 6In his days Judah shall be saved, and Israel shall dwell safely; and this is his

name by which he shall be called: Yehovah our righteousness. 7Therefore, behold, the days are coming, says Yehovah, when they shall no more say, As Yehovah lives, who brought up the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt; 8but, As Yehovah lives, who brought up and who led the seed of the house of Israel out of the north country, and from all the countries where I had driven them. And they shall dwell in their own land. 9Concerning the prophets. My heart within me is broken, all my bones shake; I am like a drunken man, and like a man whom wine has overcome, because of Yehovah, and because of his holy words. 10For the land is full of adulterers; for because of swearing the land mourns; the pastures of the wilderness are dried up. And their course is evil, and their might is not right; 11for both prophet and priest are profane; indeed, in my house I have found their wickedness, says Yehovah. 12Therefore their way shall be to them as slippery places in the darkness: they shall be driven on, and fall in it; for I will bring evil upon them, even the year of their visitation, says Yehovah. 13And I have seen folly in the prophets of Samaria; they prophesied by Baal, and caused my people Israel to err. 14In the prophets of Jerusalem also I have seen a horrible thing: they commit adultery, and walk in lies; and they strengthen the hands of evildoers, so that no one returns from his wickedness: they have all of them become to me as Sodom, and its inhabitants as Gomorrah. 15Therefore thus says Yehovah of hosts concerning the prophets: Behold, I will feed them with wormwood, and make them drink the water of gall; for from the prophets of Jerusalem ungodliness has gone out into all the land. 16Thus says Yehovah of hosts, Do not hearken to the words of the prophets who prophesy to you: they teach you vanity; they speak a vision of their own heart, and not out of the mouth of Yehovah. 17They say continually to those who despise me, Yehovah has said, You shall have peace; and to everyone who walks in the stubbornness of his own heart they say, No evil shall come upon you. 18For who has stood in the council of Yehovah, that he should perceive and hear his word? who has marked my word, and heard it? 19Behold, the tempest of Yehovah, even his wrath, has gone out, indeed, a whirling tempest: it shall burst upon the head of the wicked. 20The anger of Yehovah shall not return, until he has executed, and until he has performed the intents of his heart: in the latter days you shall understand it perfectly. 21I did not send these prophets, yet they ran: I did not speak to them, yet they prophesied. 22But if they had stood in my council, then they would have caused my people to hear my words, and would have turned them from their evil way, and from the evil of their doings. 23Am I a God at hand, says Yehovah, and not a God afar off? 24Can anyone hide himself in secret places so that I shall not see him? says Yehovah. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says Yehovah. 25I have heard what the prophets have said, who prophesy lies in my name, saying, I have dreamed, I have dreamed. 26How long shall this be in the heart of the prophets who prophesy lies, even the prophets of the deceit of their own heart? 27who think to cause my people to forget my name by their dreams which they tell every man to his neighbor, as their fathers forgot my name for Baal. 28The prophet who has a dream, let him tell a dream; and he who has my word, let him speak my word faithfully. What is the straw to the wheat? says Yehovah. 29Is not my word like fire? says Yehovah; and like a hammer that breaks the rock in pieces? 30Therefore, behold, I am against the prophets, says Yehovah, who steal my words every one from his neighbor. 31Behold, I am against the prophets, says Yehovah, who use their tongues, and say, He says. 32Behold, I am against those who prophesy lying dreams, says Yehovah, and tell them, and cause my people to err by their lies, and by their vain boasting: yet I did not send them, nor command them; neither do they profit this people at all, says Yehovah. 33And when this people, or the prophet, or a priest, asks you, saying, What is the burden of Yehovah? then you shall say to them, What burden! I will cast you off, says Yehovah. 34And as for the prophet, and the priest, and the people, who shall say, The burden of Yehovah, I will even punish that man and his house. 35Thus you shall say every one to his neighbor, and every one to his brother, What has Yehovah answered? and, What has Yehovah spoken? 36And the burden of Yehovah you shall mention no more: for every man's own word shall be his burden; for you have perverted the words of the living God, of Yehovah of hosts our God. 37Thus you shall say to the prophet, What has Yehovah answered you? and, What has Yehovah spoken? 38But if you say, The burden of Yehovah; therefore thus says Yehovah: Because you say this word, The burden of Yehovah, and I have sent to you, saying, You shall not say, The burden of Yehovah; 39therefore, behold, I will utterly forget you, and I will cast you off, and the city that I

gave to you and to your fathers, away from my presence: 40and I will bring an everlasting reproach upon you, and a perpetual shame, which shall not be forgotten.

Chapter 24

1Yehovah showed me, and, behold, two baskets of figs set before the temple of Yehovah, after Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon had carried away captive Jeconiah the son of Jehoiakim, king of Judah, and the princes of Judah, with the craftsmen and smiths, from Jerusalem, and had brought them to Babylon. 2One basket had very good figs, like the figs that are first ripe; and the other basket had very bad figs, which could not be eaten, they were so bad. 3Then Yehovah said to me, What do you see, Jeremiah? And I said, Figs; the good figs, very good; and the bad, very bad, that cannot be eaten, they are so bad. 4And the word of Yehovah came to me, saying, 5Thus says Yehovah, the God of Israel: Like these good figs, so I will regard the captives of Judah, whom I have sent out of this place into the land of the Chaldeans, for good. 6For I will set my eyes upon them for good, and I will bring them again to this land: and I will build them, and not pull them down; and I will plant them, and not pluck them up. 7And I will give them a heart to know me, that I am Yehovah: and they shall be my people, and I will be their God; for they shall return to me with their whole heart. 8And as the bad figs, which cannot be eaten, they are so bad, surely thus says Yehovah, So I will give up Zedekiah the king of Judah, and his princes, and the residue of Jerusalem, who remain in this land, and those who dwell in the land of Egypt, 9I will even give them up to be tossed to and fro among all the kingdoms of the earth for evil; to be a reproach and a proverb, a taunt and a curse, in all places where I shall drive them. 10And I will send the sword, the famine, and the pestilence, among them, until they are consumed from the land that I gave to them and to their fathers.

Chapter 25

1The word that came to Jeremiah concerning all the people of Judah, in the fourth year of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah (that was the first year of Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon), 2which Jeremiah the prophet spoke to all the people of Judah, and to all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, saying: 3From the thirteenth year of Josiah the son of Amon, king of Judah, even to this day, these twenty-three years, the word of Yehovah has come to me, and I have spoken to you, rising up early and speaking; but you have not hearkened. 4And Yehovah has sent to you all his servants the prophets, rising up early and sending them, (but you have not hearkened, nor inclined your ear to hear), 5saying, Return now every one from his evil way, and from the evil of your doings, and dwell in the land that Yehovah has given to you and to your fathers, from of old and even forevermore; 6and do not go after other gods to serve them, and to bow down to them, and do not provoke me to anger with the work of your hands; and I will do you no harm. 7Yet you have not hearkened to me, says Yehovah; that you may provoke me to anger with the work of your hands to your own hurt. 8Therefore thus says Yehovah of hosts: Because you have not heard my words, 9behold, I will send and take all the families of the north, says Yehovah, and I will send to Nebuchadrezzar the king of Babylon, my servant, and will bring them against this land, and against its inhabitants, and against all these nations all around; and I will utterly destroy them, and make them an astonishment, and a hissing, and perpetual desolations. 10Moreover I will take from them the voice of mirth and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom and the voice of the bride, the sound of the millstones, and the light of the lamp. 11And this whole land shall be a desolation, and an astonishment; and these nations shall serve the king of Babylon seventy years. 12And it shall come to pass, when seventy years are accomplished, that I will punish the king of Babylon, and that nation, says Yehovah, for their iniquity, and the land of the Chaldeans; and I will make it desolate forever. 13And I will bring upon that land all my words which I have pronounced against it, even all that is written in this book, which Jeremiah has prophesied against all the nations. 14For many nations and great kings shall make slaves of them, even of them; and I will repay them according to their deeds, and according to the work of their hands. 15For thus says Yehovah, the God of Israel, to me: Take this cup of the wine of wrath at my hand, and cause all the nations, to whom I send you, to drink it. 16And they shall drink, and reel to and fro, and be mad, because of the sword that I will send among them. 17Then I took the cup from Yehovah's hand, and made all the nations drink, to whom Yehovah had sent me: 18that is, Jerusalem, and the cities of Judah, and its kings, and its princes, to make them a desolation, an astonishment, a hissing,

and a curse, as it is this day; [19]Pharaoh king of Egypt, and his servants, and his princes, and all his people; [20]and all the mingled people, and all the kings of the land of Uz, and all the kings of the Philistines, and Ashkelon, and Gaza, and Ekron, and the remnant of Ashdod; [21]Edom, and Moab, and the children of Ammon; [22]and all the kings of Tyre, and all the kings of Sidon, and the kings of the isle which is beyond the sea; [23]Dedan, and Tema, and Buz, and all who have the corners of their hair cut off; [24]and all the kings of Arabia, and all the kings of the mingled people who dwell in the wilderness; [25]and all the kings of Zimri, and all the kings of Elam, and all the kings of the Medes; [26]and all the kings of the north, far and near, one with another; and all the kingdoms of the world, which are upon the face of the earth: and the king of Sheshach shall drink after them. [27]And you shall say to them, Thus says Yehovah of hosts, the God of Israel: Drink, and be drunk, and vomit, and fall, and rise no more, because of the sword which I will send among you. [28]And it shall be, if they refuse to take the cup from your hand to drink, then you shall say to them, Thus says Yehovah of hosts: You shall surely drink. [29]For, behold, I begin to work evil at the city which is called by my name; and should you be utterly unpunished? You shall not be unpunished; for I will call for a sword upon all the inhabitants of the earth, says Yehovah of hosts. [30]Therefore prophesy against them all these words, and say to them, Yehovah will roar from on high, and utter his voice from his holy habitation; he will mightily roar against his fold; he will give a shout, as those who tread the grapes, against all the inhabitants of the earth. [31]A noise shall come even to the end of the earth; for Yehovah has a controversy with the nations; he will enter into judgment with all flesh: as for the wicked, he will give them to the sword, says Yehovah. [32]Thus says Yehovah of hosts, Behold, evil shall go out from nation to nation, and a great tempest shall be raised up from the uttermost parts of the earth. [33]And the slain of Yehovah shall be in that day from one end of the earth even to the other end of the earth: they shall not be lamented, nor gathered, nor buried; they shall be dung upon the face of the ground. [34]Wail, you shepherds, and cry; and roll in ashes, you masters of the flock; for the days of your slaughter and of your dispersions have fully come, and you shall fall like a choice vessel. [35]And the shepherds shall have no way to flee, nor the masters of the flock to escape. [36]A voice of the cry of the shepherds, and the wailing of the masters of the flock! for Yehovah lays waste their pasture. [37]And the peaceable folds are brought to silence because of the fierce anger of Yehovah. [38]He has left his lair, as the lion; for their land has become an astonishment because of the fierceness of the oppressing sword, and because of his fierce anger.

Chapter 26

[1]In the beginning of the reign of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah, this word came from Yehovah, saying, [2]Thus says Yehovah: Stand in the court of Yehovah's house, and speak to all the cities of Judah, which come to worship in Yehovah's house, all the words that I command you to speak to them; do not diminish a word. [3]It may be they will hearken, and turn every man from his evil way; that I may relent of the evil which I purpose to do to them because of the evil of their doings. [4]And you shall say to them, Thus says Yehovah: If you will not hearken to me, to walk in my law, which I have set before you, [5]to hearken to the words of my servants the prophets, whom I send to you, even rising up early and sending them, but you have not hearkened; [6]then I will make this house like Shiloh, and will make this city a curse to all the nations of the earth. [7]And the priests and the prophets and all the people heard Jeremiah speaking these words in the house of Yehovah. [8]And it happened, when Jeremiah had made an end of speaking all that Yehovah had commanded him to speak to all the people, that the priests and the prophets and all the people laid hold of him, saying, You shall surely die. [9]Why have you prophesied in the name of Yehovah, saying, This house shall be like Shiloh, and this city shall be desolate, without inhabitant? And all the people were gathered to Jeremiah in the house of Yehovah. [10]And when the princes of Judah heard these things, they came up from the king's house to the house of Yehovah; and they sat in the entry of the new gate of Yehovah's house. [11]Then the priests and the prophets spoke to the princes and to all the people, saying, This man is worthy of death; for he has prophesied against this city, as you have heard with your ears. [12]Then Jeremiah spoke to all the princes and to all the people, saying, Yehovah sent me to prophesy against this house and against this city all the words that you have heard. [13]Now therefore amend your ways and your doings, and obey the voice of Yehovah your God; and Yehovah will relent of the evil that he has pronounced against you. [14]But as for me, behold, I am

in your hand: do with me as is good and right in your eyes. 15Only know for certain that, if you put me to death, you will bring innocent blood upon yourselves, and upon this city, and upon its inhabitants; for in truth Yehovah has sent me to you to speak all these words in your ears. 16Then the princes and all the people said to the priests and to the prophets: This man is not worthy of death; for he has spoken to us in the name of Yehovah our God. 17Then certain of the elders of the land rose up, and spoke to all the assembly of the people, saying, 18Micah the Morashtite prophesied in the days of Hezekiah king of Judah; and he spoke to all the people of Judah, saying, Thus says Yehovah of hosts: Zion shall be plowed as a field, and Jerusalem shall become heaps, and the mountain of the house as the high places of a forest. 19Did Hezekiah king of Judah and all Judah put him to death? did he not fear Yehovah, and entreat the favor of Yehovah, and Yehovah relented of the evil which he had pronounced against them? Thus should we commit great evil against our own souls. 20And there was also a man who prophesied in the name of Yehovah, Uriah the son of Shemaiah of Kiriath-jearim; and he prophesied against this city and against this land according to all the words of Jeremiah. 21And when Jehoiakim the king, with all his mighty men, and all the princes, heard his words, the king sought to put him to death; but when Uriah heard it, he was afraid, and fled, and went into Egypt. 22And Jehoiakim the king sent men into Egypt, namely, Elnathan the son of Achbor, and certain men with him, into Egypt; 23and they brought Uriah out of Egypt, and brought him to Jehoiakim the king, who slew him with the sword, and cast his dead body into the graves of the common people. 24But the hand of Ahikam the son of Shaphan was with Jeremiah, that they should not give him into the hand of the people to put him to death.

Chapter 27

1In the beginning of the reign of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah, this word came to Jeremiah from Yehovah, saying, 2Thus says Yehovah to me: Make bonds and bars for yourself, and put them upon your neck; 3and send them to the king of Edom, and to the king of Moab, and to the king of the children of Ammon, and to the king of Tyre, and to the king of Sidon, by the hand of the messengers who come to Jerusalem to Zedekiah king of Judah: 4and give them a charge to their masters, saying, Thus says Yehovah of hosts, the God of Israel, Thus you shall say to your masters: 5I have made the earth, the men and the beasts that are upon the face of the earth, by my great power and by my outstretched arm; and I give it to whom it seems right to me. 6And now I have given all these lands into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon, my servant; and the beasts of the field also I have given him to serve him. 7And all the nations shall serve him, and his son, and his son's son, until the time of his own land comes: and then many nations and great kings shall make him their slave. 8And it shall come to pass, that the nation and the kingdom which will not serve this same Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, and that will not put their neck under the yoke of the king of Babylon, that nation I will punish, says Yehovah, with the sword, and with the famine, and with the pestilence, until I have consumed them by his hand. 9But as for you, do not hearken to your prophets, nor to your diviners, nor to your dreams, nor to your soothsayers, nor to your sorcerers, who speak to you, saying, You shall not serve the king of Babylon: 10for they prophesy a lie to you, to remove you far from your land, and that I should drive you out, and you should perish. 11But the nation that shall bring their neck under the yoke of the king of Babylon, and serve him, that nation I will let remain in their own land, says Yehovah; and they shall till it, and dwell in it. 12And I spoke to Zedekiah king of Judah according to all these words, saying, Bring your necks under the yoke of the king of Babylon, and serve him and his people, and live. 13Why will you die, you and your people, by the sword, by the famine, and by the pestilence, as Yehovah has spoken concerning the nation that will not serve the king of Babylon? 14And do not hearken to the words of the prophets who speak to you, saying, You shall not serve the king of Babylon; for they prophesy a lie to you. 15For I have not sent them, says Yehovah, but they prophesy falsely in my name; that I may drive you out, and that you may perish, you, and the prophets who prophesy to you. 16Also I spoke to the priests and to all this people, saying, Thus says Yehovah: Do not hearken to the words of your prophets who prophesy to you, saying, Behold, the vessels of Yehovah's house shall now shortly be brought again from Babylon; for they prophesy a lie to you. 17Do not hearken to them; serve the king of Babylon, and live: why should this city become a desolation? 18But if they are prophets, and if the word

of Yehovah is with them, let them now make intercession to Yehovah of hosts, that the vessels which are left in the house of Yehovah, and in the house of the king of Judah, and at Jerusalem, do not go to Babylon. 19For thus says Yehovah of hosts concerning the pillars, and concerning the sea, and concerning the bases, and concerning the residue of the vessels that are left in this city, 20which Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon did not take, when he carried away captive Jeconiah the son of Jehoiakim, king of Judah, from Jerusalem to Babylon, and all the nobles of Judah and Jerusalem; 21indeed, thus says Yehovah of hosts, the God of Israel, concerning the vessels that are left in the house of Yehovah, and in the house of the king of Judah, and at Jerusalem: 22They shall be carried to Babylon, and there they shall be, until the day that I visit them, says Yehovah; then I will bring them up, and restore them to this place.

Chapter 28

1And it happened the same year, in the beginning of the reign of Zedekiah king of Judah, in the fourth year, in the fifth month, that Hananiah the son of Azzur, the prophet, who was of Gibeon, spoke to me in the house of Yehovah, in the presence of the priests and of all the people, saying, 2Thus speaks Yehovah of hosts, the God of Israel, saying, I have broken the yoke of the king of Babylon. 3Within two full years I will bring again into this place all the vessels of Yehovah's house, that Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon took away from this place, and carried to Babylon: 4and I will bring again to this place Jeconiah the son of Jehoiakim, king of Judah, with all the captives of Judah, who went to Babylon, says Yehovah; for I will break the yoke of the king of Babylon. 5Then the prophet Jeremiah said to the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests, and in the presence of all the people who stood in the house of Yehovah, 6even the prophet Jeremiah said, Amen: may Yehovah do so; may Yehovah perform your words which you have prophesied, to bring again the vessels of Yehovah's house, and all those of the captivity, from Babylon to this place. 7Nevertheless hear now this word that I speak in your ears, and in the ears of all the people: 8The prophets who have been before me and before you of old prophesied against many countries, and against great kingdoms, of war, and of evil, and of pestilence. 9The prophet who prophesies of peace, when the word of the prophet comes to pass, then the prophet shall be known, that Yehovah has truly sent him. 10Then Hananiah the prophet took the bar from the prophet Jeremiah's neck, and broke it. 11And Hananiah spoke in the presence of all the people, saying, Thus says Yehovah: Even so I will break the yoke of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon within two full years from the neck of all the nations. And the prophet Jeremiah went his way. 12Then the word of Yehovah came to Jeremiah, after Hananiah the prophet had broken the bar from the neck of the prophet Jeremiah, saying, 13Go, and tell Hananiah, saying, Thus says Yehovah: You have broken the bars of wood; but you have made in their place bars of iron. 14For thus says Yehovah of hosts, the God of Israel: I have put a yoke of iron upon the neck of all these nations, that they may serve Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon; and they shall serve him: and I have given him the beasts of the field also. 15Then the prophet Jeremiah said to Hananiah the prophet, Hear now, Hananiah: Yehovah has not sent you; but you make this people trust in a lie. 16Therefore thus says Yehovah, Behold, I will send you away from the face of the earth: this year you shall die, because you have spoken rebellion against Yehovah. 17So Hananiah the prophet died the same year in the seventh month.

Chapter 29

1Now these are the words of the letter that Jeremiah the prophet sent from Jerusalem to the residue of the elders of the captivity, and to the priests, and to the prophets, and to all the people, whom Nebuchadnezzar had carried away captive from Jerusalem to Babylon, 2(after Jeconiah the king, and the queen mother, and the eunuchs, and the princes of Judah and Jerusalem, and the craftsmen, and the smiths, had departed from Jerusalem), 3by the hand of Elasah the son of Shaphan, and Gemariah the son of Hilkiah, (whom Zedekiah king of Judah sent to Babylon to Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon), saying, 4Thus says Yehovah of hosts, the God of Israel, to all the captivity, whom I have caused to be carried away captive from Jerusalem to Babylon: 5Build houses, and dwell in them; and plant gardens, and eat their fruit. 6Take wives, and father sons and daughters; and take wives for your sons, and give your daughters to husbands, that they may bear sons and daughters: and multiply there, and do not be diminished. 7And seek the peace of the city where I have caused you to be carried away captive, and pray to Yehovah for it; for in its peace you shall have peace. 8For thus says

Yehovah of hosts, the God of Israel: Do not let your prophets who are in the midst of you, and your diviners, deceive you; nor hearken to your dreams which you cause to be dreamed. 9For they prophesy falsely to you in my name: I have not sent them, says Yehovah. 10For thus says Yehovah, After seventy years are accomplished for Babylon, I will visit you, and perform my good word toward you, in causing you to return to this place. 11For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says Yehovah, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you hope in your latter end. 12And you shall call upon me, and you shall go and pray to me, and I will hearken to you. 13And you shall seek me, and find me, when you search for me with all your heart. 14And I will be found by you, says Yehovah, and I will turn again your captivity, and I will gather you from all the nations, and from all the places where I have driven you, says Yehovah; and I will bring you again to the place from which I caused you to be carried away captive. 15Because you have said, Yehovah has raised up prophets for us in Babylon; 16thus says Yehovah concerning the king who sits upon the throne of David, and concerning all the people who dwell in this city, your brothers who have not gone out with you into captivity; 17thus says Yehovah of hosts: Behold, I will send upon them the sword, the famine, and the pestilence, and will make them like vile figs, that cannot be eaten, they are so bad. 18And I will pursue them with the sword, with the famine, and with the pestilence, and will deliver them to be tossed to and fro among all the kingdoms of the earth, to be an execration, and an astonishment, and a hissing, and a reproach, among all the nations where I have driven them; 19because they have not hearkened to my words, says Yehovah, with which I sent to them my servants the prophets, rising up early and sending them; but you would not hear, says Yehovah. 20Hear therefore the word of Yehovah, all you of the captivity, whom I have sent away from Jerusalem to Babylon. 21Thus says Yehovah of hosts, the God of Israel, concerning Ahab the son of Kolaiah, and concerning Zedekiah the son of Maaseiah, who prophesy a lie to you in my name: Behold, I will deliver them into the hand of Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon; and he shall slay them before your eyes; 22and of them a curse shall be taken up by all the captives of Judah who are in Babylon, saying, May Yehovah make you like Zedekiah and like Ahab, whom the king of Babylon roasted in the fire; 23because they have worked folly in Israel, and have committed adultery with their neighbors' wives, and have spoken words in my name falsely, which I did not command them; and I am he who knows, and am witness, says Yehovah. 24And concerning Shemaiah the Nehelamite you shall speak, saying, 25Thus speaks Yehovah of hosts, the God of Israel, saying, Because you have sent letters in your own name to all the people who are at Jerusalem, and to Zephaniah the son of Maaseiah, the priest, and to all the priests, saying, 26Yehovah has made you priest in place of Jehoiada the priest, that there may be officers in the house of Yehovah, for every man who is mad, and makes himself a prophet, that you should put him in the stocks and in shackles. 27Now therefore, why have you not rebuked Jeremiah of Anathoth, who makes himself a prophet to you, 28since he has sent to us in Babylon, saying, The captivity is long: build houses, and dwell in them; and plant gardens, and eat their fruit? 29And Zephaniah the priest read this letter in the ears of Jeremiah the prophet. 30Then the word of Yehovah came to Jeremiah, saying, 31Send to all those of the captivity, saying, Thus says Yehovah concerning Shemaiah the Nehelamite: Because Shemaiah has prophesied to you, and I did not send him, and he has caused you to trust in a lie; 32therefore thus says Yehovah, Behold, I will punish Shemaiah the Nehelamite, and his seed; he shall not have a man to dwell among this people, neither shall he behold the good that I will do to my people, says Yehovah, because he has spoken rebellion against Yehovah.

Chapter 30

1The word that came to Jeremiah from Yehovah, saying, 2Thus speaks Yehovah, the God of Israel, saying, Write all the words that I have spoken to you in a book. 3For, behold, the days are coming, says Yehovah, when I will turn again the captivity of my people Israel and Judah, says Yehovah; and I will cause them to return to the land that I gave to their fathers, and they shall possess it. 4And these are the words that Yehovah spoke concerning Israel and concerning Judah. 5For thus says Yehovah: We have heard a voice of trembling, of fear, and not of peace. 6Ask now, and see whether a man travails with child: why do I see every man with his hands on his loins, as a woman in labor, and all faces turned pale? 7Alas! for that day is great, so that none is like it: it is even the time of Jacob's trouble; but he shall be saved out of it. 8And it shall come to pass in that day, says Yehovah of hosts, that I will break his yoke from your neck, and

will burst your bonds; and strangers shall no more make him their slave; [9]but they shall serve Yehovah their God, and David their king, whom I will raise up to them. [10]Therefore do not fear, O Jacob my servant, says Yehovah; neither be dismayed, O Israel: for, behold, I will save you from afar, and your seed from the land of their captivity; and Jacob shall return, and shall be quiet and at ease, and no one shall make him afraid. [11]For I am with you, says Yehovah, to save you: for I will make a full end of all the nations where I have scattered you, but I will not make a full end of you; but I will correct you in measure, and will by no means leave you unpunished. [12]For thus says Yehovah, Your hurt is incurable, and your wound grievous. [13]There is no one to plead your cause, that you may be bound up: you have no healing medicines. [14]All your lovers have forgotten you; they do not seek you: for I have wounded you with the wound of an enemy, with the chastisement of a cruel one, for the greatness of your iniquity, because your sins have increased. [15]Why do you cry for your hurt? your pain is incurable: for the greatness of your iniquity, because your sins have increased, I have done these things to you. [16]Therefore all those who devour you shall be devoured; and all your adversaries, every one of them, shall go into captivity; and those who plunder you shall be a spoil, and all who prey upon you I will give for a prey. [17]For I will restore health to you, and I will heal you of your wounds, says Yehovah; because they have called you an outcast, saying, It is Zion, whom no man seeks after. [18]Thus says Yehovah: Behold, I will turn again the captivity of Jacob's tents, and have compassion on his dwelling places; and the city shall be built upon its own mound, and the palace shall be inhabited after its own manner. [19]And out of them shall proceed thanksgiving and the voice of those who make merry: and I will multiply them, and they shall not be few; I will also glorify them, and they shall not be small. [20]Their children also shall be as formerly, and their congregation shall be established before me; and I will punish all who oppress them. [21]And their prince shall be of themselves, and their ruler shall proceed from the midst of them; and I will cause him to draw near, and he shall approach me: for who is he who has had boldness to approach me? says Yehovah. [22]And you shall be my people, and I will be your God. [23]Behold, the tempest of Yehovah, even his wrath, has gone out, a sweeping tempest: it shall burst upon the head of the wicked. [24]The fierce anger of Yehovah shall not return, until he has executed, and until he has performed the intents of his heart: in the latter days you shall understand it.

Chapter 31

[1]At that time, says Yehovah, I will be the God of all the families of Israel, and they shall be my people. [2]Thus says Yehovah, The people who were left of the sword found favor in the wilderness; even Israel, when I went to cause him to rest. [3]Yehovah appeared of old to me, saying, Indeed, I have loved you with an everlasting love: therefore with lovingkindness I have drawn you. [4]Again I will build you, and you shall be built, O virgin of Israel: again you shall be adorned with your tambourines, and shall go out in the dances of those who make merry. [5]Again you shall plant vineyards upon the mountains of Samaria; the planters shall plant, and shall enjoy its fruit. [6]For there shall be a day, when the watchmen upon the hills of Ephraim shall cry, Arise, and let us go up to Zion to Yehovah our God. [7]For thus says Yehovah, Sing with gladness for Jacob, and shout for the chief of the nations: publish, praise, and say, O Yehovah, save your people, the remnant of Israel. [8]Behold, I will bring them from the north country, and gather them from the uttermost parts of the earth, and with them the blind and the lame, the woman with child and her who travails with child together: a great company they shall return here. [9]They shall come with weeping; and with supplications I will lead them: I will cause them to walk by rivers of waters, in a straight way in which they shall not stumble; for I am a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn. [10]Hear the word of Yehovah, O nations, and declare it in the isles afar off; and say, He who scattered Israel will gather him, and keep him, as a shepherd does his flock. [11]For Yehovah has ransomed Jacob, and redeemed him from the hand of him who was stronger than he. [12]And they shall come and sing in the height of Zion, and shall flow to the goodness of Yehovah, to the grain, and to the new wine, and to the oil, and to the young of the flock and of the herd: and their soul shall be as a watered garden; and they shall not sorrow any more at all. [13]Then the virgin shall rejoice in the dance, and the young men and the old together; for I will turn their mourning into joy, and will comfort them, and make them rejoice from their sorrow. [14]And I will satiate the soul of the priests with fatness, and my people shall be satisfied with my goodness, says Yehovah. [15]Thus says Yehovah: A voice is heard in Ramah,

lamentation, and bitter weeping, Rachel weeping for her children; she refuses to be comforted for her children, because they are not. 16Thus says Yehovah: Keep your voice from weeping, and your eyes from tears; for your work shall be rewarded, says Yehovah; and they shall come again from the land of the enemy. 17And there is hope for your latter end, says Yehovah; and your children shall come again to their own border. 18I have surely heard Ephraim bemoaning himself thus, You have chastised me, and I was chastised, as a calf unaccustomed to the yoke: turn me, and I shall be turned; for you are Yehovah my God. 19Surely after I was turned, I repented; and after I was instructed, I struck my thigh: I was ashamed, indeed, even confounded, because I bore the reproach of my youth. 20Is Ephraim my dear son? is he a darling child? for as often as I speak against him, I do earnestly remember him still: therefore my heart yearns for him; I will surely have mercy upon him, says Yehovah. 21Set up road markers for yourself, make guideposts for yourself; set your heart toward the highway, even the way by which you went: turn again, O virgin of Israel, turn again to these your cities. 22How long will you go here and there, O backsliding daughter? for Yehovah has created a new thing in the earth: A woman shall encompass a man. 23Thus says Yehovah of hosts, the God of Israel, Yet again they shall use this speech in the land of Judah and in its cities, when I bring again their captivity: May Yehovah bless you, O habitation of righteousness, O mountain of holiness. 24And Judah and all its cities shall dwell in it together, the farmers, and those who go about with flocks. 25For I have satiated the weary soul, and every sorrowful soul I have replenished. 26Upon this I awoke, and beheld; and my sleep was sweet to me. 27Behold, the days are coming, says Yehovah, when I will sow the house of Israel and the house of Judah with the seed of man, and with the seed of beast. 28And it shall come to pass that, just as I have watched over them to pluck up and to break down and to overthrow and to destroy and to afflict, so I will watch over them to build and to plant, says Yehovah. 29In those days they shall say no more, The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge. 30But everyone shall die for his own iniquity: every man who eats the sour grapes, his teeth shall be set on edge. 31Behold, the days are coming, says Yehovah, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah: 32not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt; which my covenant they broke, although I was a husband to them, says Yehovah. 33But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says Yehovah: I will put my law in their inward parts, and in their heart I will write it; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. 34And they shall teach no more every man his neighbor, and every man his brother, saying, Know Yehovah; for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest of them, says Yehovah: for I will forgive their iniquity, and their sin I will remember no more. 35Thus says Yehovah, who gives the sun for a light by day, and the ordinances of the moon and of the stars for a light by night, who stirs up the sea, so that its waves roar; Yehovah of hosts is his name: 36If these ordinances depart from before me, says Yehovah, then the seed of Israel also shall cease from being a nation before me forever. 37Thus says Yehovah: If heaven above can be measured, and the foundations of the earth searched out beneath, then I will also cast off all the seed of Israel for all that they have done, says Yehovah. 38Behold, the days are coming, says Yehovah, when the city shall be built to Yehovah from the tower of Hananel to the gate of the corner. 39And the measuring line shall go out further straight onward to the hill Gareb, and shall turn about to Goah. 40And the whole valley of the dead bodies and of the ashes, and all the fields to the brook Kidron, to the corner of the horse gate toward the east, shall be holy to Yehovah; it shall not be plucked up, nor thrown down any more forever.

Chapter 32

1The word that came to Jeremiah from Yehovah in the tenth year of Zedekiah king of Judah, which was the eighteenth year of Nebuchadrezzar. 2Now at that time the king of Babylon's army was besieging Jerusalem; and Jeremiah the prophet was shut up in the court of the guard, which was in the king of Judah's house. 3For Zedekiah king of Judah had shut him up, saying, Why do you prophesy, and say, Thus says Yehovah, Behold, I will give this city into the hand of the king of Babylon, and he shall take it; 4and Zedekiah king of Judah shall not escape out of the hand of the Chaldeans, but shall surely be delivered into the hand of the king of Babylon, and shall speak with him mouth to mouth, and his eyes shall behold his eyes; 5and he shall bring Zedekiah to Babylon, and there he shall be until I visit him, says Yehovah:

though you fight with the Chaldeans, you shall not prosper? 6And Jeremiah said, The word of Yehovah came to me, saying, 7Behold, Hanamel the son of Shallum your uncle shall come to you, saying, Buy my field that is in Anathoth; for the right of redemption is yours to buy it. 8So Hanamel my uncle's son came to me in the court of the guard according to the word of Yehovah, and said to me, Buy my field, please, that is in Anathoth, which is in the land of Benjamin; for the right of inheritance is yours, and the redemption is yours; buy it for yourself. Then I knew that this was the word of Yehovah. 9And I bought the field that was in Anathoth from Hanamel my uncle's son, and weighed out the money to him, even seventeen shekels of silver. 10And I signed the deed, and sealed it, and called witnesses, and weighed the money to him in the balances. 11So I took the deed of the purchase, both that which was sealed, according to the law and custom, and that which was open: 12and I delivered the deed of the purchase to Baruch the son of Neriah, the son of Mahseiah, in the presence of Hanamel my uncle's son, and in the presence of the witnesses who signed the deed of the purchase, before all the Jews who sat in the court of the guard. 13And I charged Baruch before them, saying, 14Thus says Yehovah of hosts, the God of Israel: Take these deeds, this deed of the purchase which is sealed, and this deed which is open, and put them in an earthen vessel; that they may continue many days. 15For thus says Yehovah of hosts, the God of Israel: Houses and fields and vineyards shall yet again be bought in this land. 16Now after I had delivered the deed of the purchase to Baruch the son of Neriah, I prayed to Yehovah, saying, 17Ah Lord Yehovah! behold, you have made the heavens and the earth by your great power and by your outstretched arm; there is nothing too hard for you, 18who shows lovingkindness to thousands, and repays the iniquity of the fathers into the bosom of their children after them; the great, the mighty God, Yehovah of hosts is his name; 19great in counsel, and mighty in work; whose eyes are open upon all the ways of the sons of men, to give every one according to his ways, and according to the fruit of his doings; 20who set signs and wonders in the land of Egypt, even to this day, both in Israel and among other men; and made yourself a name, as at this day; 21and brought your people Israel out of the land of Egypt with signs, and with wonders, and with a strong hand, and with an outstretched arm, and with great terror; 22and gave them this land, which you swore to their fathers to give them, a land flowing with milk and honey; 23and they came in, and possessed it; but they did not obey your voice, nor walk in your law; they have done nothing of all that you commanded them to do: therefore you have caused all this evil to come upon them. 24Behold, the mounds have come to the city to take it; and the city is given into the hand of the Chaldeans who fight against it, because of the sword, and of the famine, and of the pestilence; and what you have spoken has come to pass; and, behold, you see it. 25And you have said to me, O Lord Yehovah, Buy the field for money, and call witnesses; whereas the city is given into the hand of the Chaldeans. 26Then the word of Yehovah came to Jeremiah, saying, 27Behold, I am Yehovah, the God of all flesh: is there anything too hard for me? 28Therefore thus says Yehovah: Behold, I will give this city into the hand of the Chaldeans, and into the hand of Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon, and he shall take it: 29and the Chaldeans, who fight against this city, shall come and set this city on fire, and burn it, with the houses, upon whose roofs they have offered incense to Baal, and poured out drink offerings to other gods, to provoke me to anger. 30For the children of Israel and the children of Judah have done only that which was evil in my sight from their youth; for the children of Israel have only provoked me to anger with the work of their hands, says Yehovah. 31For this city has been to me a provocation of my anger and of my wrath from the day that they built it even to this day; that I should remove it from before my face, 32because of all the evil of the children of Israel and of the children of Judah, which they have done to provoke me to anger, they, their kings, their princes, their priests, and their prophets, and the men of Judah, and the inhabitants of Jerusalem. 33And they have turned to me the back, and not the face: and though I taught them, rising up early and teaching them, yet they have not hearkened to receive instruction. 34But they set their abominations in the house which is called by my name, to defile it. 35And they built the high places of Baal, which are in the valley of the son of Hinnom, to cause their sons and their daughters to pass through the fire to Molech; which I did not command them, nor did it come into my mind, that they should do this abomination, to cause Judah to sin. 36And now therefore thus says Yehovah, the God of Israel, concerning this city, of which you say, It is

given into the hand of the king of Babylon by the sword, and by the famine, and by the pestilence: 37Behold, I will gather them out of all the countries, where I have driven them in my anger, and in my wrath, and in great indignation; and I will bring them again to this place, and I will cause them to dwell safely. 38And they shall be my people, and I will be their God: 39and I will give them one heart and one way, that they may fear me forever, for the good of them, and of their children after them: 40and I will make an everlasting covenant with them, that I will not turn away from following them, to do them good; and I will put my fear in their hearts, that they may not depart from me. 41Indeed, I will rejoice over them to do them good, and I will plant them in this land assuredly with my whole heart and with my whole soul. 42For thus says Yehovah: Just as I have brought all this great evil upon this people, so I will bring upon them all the good that I have promised them. 43And fields shall be bought in this land, of which you say, It is desolate, without man or beast; it is given into the hand of the Chaldeans. 44Men shall buy fields for money, and sign the deeds, and seal them, and call witnesses, in the land of Benjamin, and in the places around Jerusalem, and in the cities of Judah, and in the cities of the hill country, and in the cities of the lowland, and in the cities of the South: for I will cause their captivity to return, says Yehovah.

Chapter 33

1Moreover the word of Yehovah came to Jeremiah the second time, while he was yet shut up in the court of the guard, saying, 2Thus says Yehovah who does it, Yehovah who forms it to establish it; Yehovah is his name: 3Call to me, and I will answer you, and will show you great things, and difficult, which you do not know. 4For thus says Yehovah, the God of Israel, concerning the houses of this city, and concerning the houses of the kings of Judah, which are broken down to make a defense against the mounds and against the sword; 5while men come to fight with the Chaldeans, and to fill them with the dead bodies of men, whom I have slain in my anger and in my wrath, and for all whose wickedness I have hidden my face from this city: 6Behold, I will bring it health and cure, and I will cure them; and I will reveal to them abundance of peace and truth. 7And I will cause the captivity of Judah and the captivity of Israel to return, and will build them, as at the first. 8And I will cleanse them from all their iniquity, by which they have sinned against me; and I will pardon all their iniquities, by which they have sinned against me, and by which they have transgressed against me. 9And this city shall be to me for a name of joy, for a praise and for a glory, before all the nations of the earth, which shall hear all the good that I do to them, and shall fear and tremble for all the good and for all the peace that I procure to it. 10Thus says Yehovah: Yet again there shall be heard in this place, of which you say, It is waste, without man and without beast, even in the cities of Judah, and in the streets of Jerusalem, that are desolate, without man and without inhabitant and without beast, 11the voice of joy and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom and the voice of the bride, the voice of those who say, Give thanks to Yehovah of hosts, for Yehovah is good, for his lovingkindness endures forever; and of those who bring sacrifices of thanksgiving into the house of Yehovah. For I will cause the captivity of the land to return as at the first, says Yehovah. 12Thus says Yehovah of hosts: Yet again there shall be in this place, which is waste, without man and without beast, and in all its cities, a habitation of shepherds causing their flocks to lie down. 13In the cities of the hill country, in the cities of the lowland, and in the cities of the South, and in the land of Benjamin, and in the places around Jerusalem, and in the cities of Judah, the flocks shall again pass under the hands of him who numbers them, says Yehovah. 14Behold, the days are coming, says Yehovah, when I will perform that good word which I have spoken concerning the house of Israel and concerning the house of Judah. 15In those days, and at that time, I will cause a Branch of righteousness to grow up to David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. 16In those days Judah shall be saved, and Jerusalem shall dwell safely; and this is the name by which she shall be called: Yehovah our righteousness. 17For thus says Yehovah: David shall never lack a man to sit upon the throne of the house of Israel; 18neither shall the priests the Levites lack a man before me to offer burnt offerings, and to burn meal offerings, and to do sacrifice continually. 19And the word of Yehovah came to Jeremiah, saying, 20Thus says Yehovah: If you can break my covenant of the day, and my covenant of the night, so that there shall not be day and night in their season; 21then my covenant may also be broken with David my servant, so that he shall not have a son to reign upon his throne; and with the Levites the priests, my ministers. 22As the host of heaven cannot be numbered, nor the sand of

the sea measured; so I will multiply the seed of David my servant, and the Levites who minister to me. 23And the word of Yehovah came to Jeremiah, saying, 24Do you not consider what this people have spoken, saying, The two families which Yehovah chose, he has cast them off? thus they despise my people, that they should be no more a nation before them. 25Thus says Yehovah: If my covenant of day and night does not stand, if I have not appointed the ordinances of heaven and earth; 26then I will also cast away the seed of Jacob, and of David my servant, so that I will not take of his seed to be rulers over the seed of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob: for I will cause their captivity to return, and will have mercy on them.

Chapter 34

1The word which came to Jeremiah from Yehovah, when Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, and all his army, and all the kingdoms of the earth that were under his dominion, and all the peoples, were fighting against Jerusalem, and against all its cities, saying: 2Thus says Yehovah, the God of Israel, Go, and speak to Zedekiah king of Judah, and tell him, Thus says Yehovah, Behold, I will give this city into the hand of the king of Babylon, and he shall burn it with fire: 3and you shall not escape out of his hand, but shall surely be taken, and delivered into his hand; and your eyes shall behold the eyes of the king of Babylon, and he shall speak with you mouth to mouth, and you shall go to Babylon. 4Yet hear the word of Yehovah, O Zedekiah king of Judah: thus says Yehovah concerning you, You shall not die by the sword; 5you shall die in peace; and as with the burnings of your fathers, the former kings who were before you, so they shall make a burning for you; and they shall lament you, saying, Ah Lord! for I have spoken the word, says Yehovah. 6Then Jeremiah the prophet spoke all these words to Zedekiah king of Judah in Jerusalem, 7when the king of Babylon's army was fighting against Jerusalem, and against all the cities of Judah that were left, against Lachish and against Azekah; for these alone remained of the cities of Judah as fortified cities. 8The word that came to Jeremiah from Yehovah, after King Zedekiah had made a covenant with all the people who were at Jerusalem, to proclaim liberty to them; 9that every man should let his male servant, and every man his female servant, who is a Hebrew man or a Hebrew woman, go free; that no one should make slaves of them, that is, of a Jew his brother. 10And all the princes and all the people who had entered into the covenant obeyed, that every one should let his male servant, and every one his female servant, go free, that no one should make slaves of them any more; they obeyed, and let them go: 11but afterward they turned, and caused the male servants and the female servants, whom they had let go free, to return, and brought them into subjection as male servants and as female servants. 12Therefore the word of Yehovah came to Jeremiah from Yehovah, saying, 13Thus says Yehovah, the God of Israel: I made a covenant with your fathers in the day that I brought them out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage, saying, 14At the end of seven years you shall let go every man his brother who is a Hebrew, who has been sold to you, and has served you six years, you shall let him go free from you: but your fathers did not hearken to me, nor incline their ear. 15And you had now turned, and had done that which is right in my eyes, in proclaiming liberty every man to his neighbor; and you had made a covenant before me in the house which is called by my name: 16but you turned and profaned my name, and caused every man his male servant, and every man his female servant, whom you had let go free at their pleasure, to return; and you brought them into subjection, to be your male servants and female servants. 17Therefore thus says Yehovah: You have not hearkened to me, to proclaim liberty, every man to his brother, and every man to his neighbor: behold, I proclaim to you a liberty, says Yehovah, to the sword, to the pestilence, and to the famine; and I will make you to be tossed to and fro among all the kingdoms of the earth. 18And I will give the men who have transgressed my covenant, who have not performed the words of the covenant which they made before me, when they cut the calf in two and passed between its parts; 19the princes of Judah, and the princes of Jerusalem, the eunuchs, and the priests, and all the people of the land, who passed between the parts of the calf; 20I will even give them into the hand of their enemies, and into the hand of those who seek their life; and their dead bodies shall be food for the birds of the heavens, and for the beasts of the earth. 21And Zedekiah king of Judah and his princes I will give into the hand of their enemies, and into the hand of those who seek their life, and into the hand of the king of Babylon's army, which has gone away from you. 22Behold, I will command, says Yehovah, and cause them to return to this city; and they shall fight against it, and take it, and burn it

with fire: and I will make the cities of Judah a desolation, without inhabitant.

Chapter 35

[1]The word which came to Jeremiah from Yehovah in the days of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah, saying, [2]Go to the house of the Rechabites, and speak to them, and bring them into the house of Yehovah, into one of the chambers, and give them wine to drink. [3]Then I took Jaazaniah the son of Jeremiah, the son of Habazziniah, and his brothers, and all his sons, and the whole house of the Rechabites; [4]and I brought them into the house of Yehovah, into the chamber of the sons of Hanan the son of Igdaliah, the man of God, which was by the chamber of the princes, which was above the chamber of Maaseiah the son of Shallum, the keeper of the threshold. [5]And I set before the sons of the house of the Rechabites bowls full of wine, and cups; and I said to them, Drink wine. [6]But they said, We will drink no wine; for Jonadab the son of Rechab, our father, commanded us, saying, You shall drink no wine, neither you, nor your sons, forever: [7]neither shall you build a house, nor sow seed, nor plant a vineyard, nor have any; but all your days you shall dwell in tents; that you may live many days in the land in which you sojourn. [8]And we have obeyed the voice of Jonadab the son of Rechab, our father, in all that he charged us, to drink no wine all our days, we, our wives, our sons, or our daughters; [9]nor to build houses for us to dwell in; neither have we vineyard, nor field, nor seed: [10]but we have dwelt in tents, and have obeyed, and done according to all that Jonadab our father commanded us. [11]But it happened, when Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon came up into the land, that we said, Come, and let us go to Jerusalem for fear of the army of the Chaldeans, and for fear of the army of the Syrians; so we dwell at Jerusalem. [12]Then the word of Yehovah came to Jeremiah, saying, [13]Thus says Yehovah of hosts, the God of Israel: Go, and say to the men of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, Will you not receive instruction to hearken to my words? says Yehovah. [14]The words of Jonadab the son of Rechab, which he commanded his sons, not to drink wine, are performed; and to this day they drink none, for they obey their father's commandment. But I have spoken to you, rising up early and speaking; and you have not hearkened to me. [15]I have sent also to you all my servants the prophets, rising up early and sending them, saying, Return now every man from his evil way, and amend your doings, and do not go after other gods to serve them, and you shall dwell in the land which I have given to you and to your fathers: but you have not inclined your ear, nor hearkened to me. [16]Since the sons of Jonadab the son of Rechab have performed the commandment of their father which he commanded them, but this people has not hearkened to me; [17]therefore thus says Yehovah, the God of hosts, the God of Israel: Behold, I will bring upon Judah and upon all the inhabitants of Jerusalem all the evil that I have pronounced against them; because I have spoken to them, but they have not heard; and I have called to them, but they have not answered. [18]And Jeremiah said to the house of the Rechabites, Thus says Yehovah of hosts, the God of Israel: Because you have obeyed the commandment of Jonadab your father, and kept all his precepts, and done according to all that he commanded you; [19]therefore thus says Yehovah of hosts, the God of Israel: Jonadab the son of Rechab shall never lack a man to stand before me.

Chapter 36

[1]And it happened in the fourth year of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah, that this word came to Jeremiah from Yehovah, saying, [2]Take a scroll of a book, and write in it all the words that I have spoken to you against Israel, and against Judah, and against all the nations, from the day I spoke to you, from the days of Josiah, even to this day. [3]It may be that the house of Judah will hear all the evil which I purpose to do to them; that they may return every man from his evil way; that I may forgive their iniquity and their sin. [4]Then Jeremiah called Baruch the son of Neriah; and Baruch wrote from the mouth of Jeremiah all the words of Yehovah, which he had spoken to him, upon a scroll of a book. [5]And Jeremiah commanded Baruch, saying, I am shut up; I cannot go into the house of Yehovah: [6]therefore go, and read in the scroll, which you have written from my mouth, the words of Yehovah in the ears of the people in Yehovah's house upon the fast day; and also you shall read them in the ears of all Judah who come out of their cities. [7]It may be they will present their supplication before Yehovah, and will return every one from his evil way; for great is the anger and the wrath that Yehovah has pronounced against this people. [8]And Baruch the son of Neriah did according to all that Jeremiah the prophet commanded him, reading in the book the words of Yehovah in Yehovah's house. [9]Now it happened in the fifth year

of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah, in the ninth month, that all the people in Jerusalem, and all the people who came from the cities of Judah to Jerusalem, proclaimed a fast before Yehovah. 10Then Baruch read in the book the words of Jeremiah in the house of Yehovah, in the chamber of Gemariah the son of Shaphan the scribe, in the upper court, at the entry of the new gate of Yehovah's house, in the ears of all the people. 11And when Micaiah the son of Gemariah, the son of Shaphan, had heard out of the book all the words of Yehovah, 12he went down into the king's house, into the scribe's chamber: and, behold, all the princes were sitting there, that is, Elishama the scribe, and Delaiah the son of Shemaiah, and Elnathan the son of Achbor, and Gemariah the son of Shaphan, and Zedekiah the son of Hananiah, and all the princes. 13Then Micaiah declared to them all the words that he had heard, when Baruch read the book in the ears of the people. 14Therefore all the princes sent Jehudi the son of Nethaniah, the son of Shelemiah, the son of Cushi, to Baruch, saying, Take in your hand the scroll from which you have read in the ears of the people, and come. So Baruch the son of Neriah took the scroll in his hand, and came to them. 15And they said to him, Sit down now, and read it in our ears. So Baruch read it in their ears. 16Now it happened, when they had heard all the words, they turned in fear one toward another, and said to Baruch, We will surely tell the king of all these words. 17And they asked Baruch, saying, Tell us now, How did you write all these words from his mouth? 18Then Baruch answered them, He pronounced all these words to me with his mouth, and I wrote them with ink in the book. 19Then the princes said to Baruch, Go, hide yourself, you and Jeremiah; and let no man know where you are. 20And they went in to the king into the court; but they had put the scroll away in the chamber of Elishama the scribe; and they told all the words in the ears of the king. 21So the king sent Jehudi to fetch the scroll; and he took it out of the chamber of Elishama the scribe. And Jehudi read it in the ears of the king, and in the ears of all the princes who stood beside the king. 22Now the king was sitting in the winter house in the ninth month: and there was a fire in the brazier burning before him. 23And it happened, when Jehudi had read three or four columns, that the king cut it with the penknife, and cast it into the fire that was in the brazier, until all the scroll was consumed in the fire that was in the brazier. 24And they were not afraid, nor did they tear their garments, neither the king, nor any of his servants who heard all these words. 25Moreover Elnathan and Delaiah and Gemariah had made intercession to the king that he would not burn the scroll; but he would not hear them. 26And the king commanded Jerahmeel the king's son, and Seraiah the son of Azriel, and Shelemiah the son of Abdeel, to take Baruch the scribe and Jeremiah the prophet; but Yehovah hid them. 27Then the word of Yehovah came to Jeremiah, after the king had burned the scroll, and the words which Baruch wrote from the mouth of Jeremiah, saying, 28Take again another scroll, and write in it all the former words that were in the first scroll, which Jehoiakim the king of Judah has burned. 29And concerning Jehoiakim king of Judah you shall say, Thus says Yehovah: You have burned this scroll, saying, Why have you written in it, saying, The king of Babylon shall certainly come and destroy this land, and shall cause man and beast to cease from there? 30Therefore thus says Yehovah concerning Jehoiakim king of Judah: He shall have no one to sit upon the throne of David; and his dead body shall be cast out in the day to the heat, and in the night to the frost. 31And I will punish him and his seed and his servants for their iniquity; and I will bring upon them, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and upon the men of Judah, all the evil that I have pronounced against them, but they did not hearken. 32Then Jeremiah took another scroll, and gave it to Baruch the scribe, the son of Neriah, who wrote in it from the mouth of Jeremiah all the words of the book which Jehoiakim king of Judah had burned in the fire; and there were added besides to them many similar words.

Chapter 37

1And Zedekiah the son of Josiah reigned as king, instead of Coniah the son of Jehoiakim, whom Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon made king in the land of Judah. 2But neither he, nor his servants, nor the people of the land, hearkened to the words of Yehovah, which he spoke by the prophet Jeremiah. 3And Zedekiah the king sent Jehucal the son of Shelemiah, and Zephaniah the son of Maaseiah, the priest, to the prophet Jeremiah, saying, Pray now to Yehovah our God for us. 4Now Jeremiah came in and went out among the people; for they had not put him into prison. 5And Pharaoh's army had come out of Egypt; and when the Chaldeans who were besieging Jerusalem heard news of them, they withdrew from

Jerusalem. 6Then the word of Yehovah came to the prophet Jeremiah, saying, 7Thus says Yehovah, the God of Israel, Thus you shall say to the king of Judah, who sent you to me to inquire of me: Behold, Pharaoh's army, which has come out to help you, shall return to Egypt into their own land. 8And the Chaldeans shall come again, and fight against this city; and they shall take it, and burn it with fire. 9Thus says Yehovah, Do not deceive yourselves, saying, The Chaldeans shall surely depart from us; for they shall not depart. 10For though you had struck the whole army of the Chaldeans who fight against you, and there remained only wounded men among them, yet they would rise up every man in his tent, and burn this city with fire. 11And it happened that, when the army of the Chaldeans had withdrawn from Jerusalem for fear of Pharaoh's army, 12then Jeremiah went out of Jerusalem to go into the land of Benjamin, to receive his portion there, in the midst of the people. 13And when he was in the gate of Benjamin, a captain of the guard was there, whose name was Irijah, the son of Shelemiah, the son of Hananiah; and he laid hold of Jeremiah the prophet, saying, You are deserting to the Chaldeans. 14Then Jeremiah said, It is false; I am not deserting to the Chaldeans. But he did not hearken to him; so Irijah laid hold of Jeremiah, and brought him to the princes. 15And the princes were angry with Jeremiah, and struck him, and put him in prison in the house of Jonathan the scribe; for they had made that the prison. 16When Jeremiah had come into the dungeon house, and into the cells, and Jeremiah had remained there many days; 17then Zedekiah the king sent, and fetched him: and the king asked him secretly in his house, and said, Is there any word from Yehovah? And Jeremiah said, There is. He said also, You shall be delivered into the hand of the king of Babylon. 18Moreover Jeremiah said to King Zedekiah, In what have I sinned against you, or against your servants, or against this people, that you have put me in prison? 19Where now are your prophets who prophesied to you, saying, The king of Babylon shall not come against you, nor against this land? 20And now hear, please, O my lord the king: let my supplication, please, be presented before you, that you do not cause me to return to the house of Jonathan the scribe, lest I die there. 21Then Zedekiah the king commanded, and they committed Jeremiah into the court of the guard; and they gave him daily a loaf of bread out of the bakers' street, until all the bread in the city was spent. Thus Jeremiah remained in the court of the guard.

Chapter 38

1And Shephatiah the son of Mattan, and Gedaliah the son of Pashhur, and Jucal the son of Shelemiah, and Pashhur the son of Malchijah, heard the words that Jeremiah spoke to all the people, saying, 2Thus says Yehovah, He who abides in this city shall die by the sword, by the famine, and by the pestilence; but he who goes out to the Chaldeans shall live, and his life shall be to him for a prey, and he shall live. 3Thus says Yehovah, This city shall surely be given into the hand of the army of the king of Babylon, and he shall take it. 4Then the princes said to the king, Let this man, we beg you, be put to death; since he weakens the hands of the men of war who remain in this city, and the hands of all the people, in speaking such words to them: for this man does not seek the welfare of this people, but their harm. 5And Zedekiah the king said, Behold, he is in your hand; for the king is not one who can do anything against you. 6Then they took Jeremiah, and cast him into the dungeon of Malchijah the king's son, which was in the court of the guard: and they let down Jeremiah with cords. And in the dungeon there was no water, but mire; and Jeremiah sank in the mire. 7Now when Ebed-melech the Ethiopian, a eunuch, who was in the king's house, heard that they had put Jeremiah in the dungeon (the king then sitting in the gate of Benjamin), 8Ebed-melech went out of the king's house, and spoke to the king, saying, 9My lord the king, these men have done evil in all that they have done to Jeremiah the prophet, whom they have cast into the dungeon; and he is likely to die in the place where he is, because of the famine; for there is no more bread in the city. 10Then the king commanded Ebed-melech the Ethiopian, saying, Take from here thirty men with you, and take up Jeremiah the prophet out of the dungeon, before he dies. 11So Ebed-melech took the men with him, and went into the house of the king under the treasury, and took from there rags and worn-out garments, and let them down by cords into the dungeon to Jeremiah. 12And Ebed-melech the Ethiopian said to Jeremiah, Put now these rags and worn-out garments under your armpits under the cords. And Jeremiah did so. 13So they drew up Jeremiah with the cords, and took him up out of the dungeon: and Jeremiah remained in the court of the guard. 14Then Zedekiah the king sent, and took Jeremiah the prophet to him into the third

entry that is in the house of Yehovah: and the king said to Jeremiah, I will ask you a thing; hide nothing from me. 15Then Jeremiah said to Zedekiah, If I declare it to you, will you not surely put me to death? and if I give you counsel, you will not hearken to me. 16So Zedekiah the king swore secretly to Jeremiah, saying, As Yehovah lives, who made this soul for us, I will not put you to death, nor will I give you into the hand of these men who seek your life. 17Then Jeremiah said to Zedekiah, Thus says Yehovah, the God of hosts, the God of Israel: If you will go out to the king of Babylon's princes, then your soul shall live, and this city shall not be burned with fire; and you shall live, and your house. 18But if you will not go out to the king of Babylon's princes, then this city shall be given into the hand of the Chaldeans, and they shall burn it with fire, and you shall not escape out of their hand. 19And Zedekiah the king said to Jeremiah, I am afraid of the Jews who have deserted to the Chaldeans, lest they deliver me into their hand, and they mock me. 20But Jeremiah said, They shall not deliver you. Obey, I beg you, the voice of Yehovah, in that which I speak to you: so it shall be well with you, and your soul shall live. 21But if you refuse to go out, this is the word that Yehovah has shown me: 22Behold, all the women who are left in the king of Judah's house shall be brought out to the king of Babylon's princes, and those women shall say, Your familiar friends have incited you, and have prevailed over you: now that your feet are sunk in the mire, they have turned away back. 23And they shall bring out all your wives and your children to the Chaldeans; and you shall not escape out of their hand, but shall be taken by the hand of the king of Babylon: and you shall cause this city to be burned with fire. 24Then Zedekiah said to Jeremiah, Let no man know of these words, and you shall not die. 25But if the princes hear that I have talked with you, and they come to you, and say to you, Declare to us now what you have said to the king; do not hide it from us, and we will not put you to death; also what the king said to you: 26then you shall say to them, I presented my supplication before the king, that he would not cause me to return to Jonathan's house, to die there. 27Then all the princes came to Jeremiah, and asked him; and he told them according to all these words that the king had commanded. So they stopped speaking with him; for the matter was not perceived. 28So Jeremiah remained in the court of the guard until the day that Jerusalem was taken. And it happened when Jerusalem was taken

Chapter 39

1(in the ninth year of Zedekiah king of Judah, in the tenth month, Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon and all his army came against Jerusalem, and besieged it; 2in the eleventh year of Zedekiah, in the fourth month, the ninth day of the month, a breach was made in the city), 3that all the princes of the king of Babylon came in, and sat in the middle gate, that is, Nergal-sharezer, Samgar-nebo, Sarsechim, Rab-saris, Nergal-sharezer, Rab-mag, with all the rest of the princes of the king of Babylon. 4And it happened that, when Zedekiah the king of Judah and all the men of war saw them, then they fled, and went out of the city by night, by the way of the king's garden, through the gate between the two walls; and he went out toward the Arabah. 5But the army of the Chaldeans pursued them, and overtook Zedekiah in the plains of Jericho: and when they had taken him, they brought him up to Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon to Riblah in the land of Hamath; and he passed judgment upon him. 6Then the king of Babylon slew the sons of Zedekiah in Riblah before his eyes: also the king of Babylon slew all the nobles of Judah. 7Moreover he put out Zedekiah's eyes, and bound him in fetters, to carry him to Babylon. 8And the Chaldeans burned the king's house, and the houses of the people, with fire, and broke down the walls of Jerusalem. 9Then Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard carried away captive into Babylon the residue of the people who remained in the city, the deserters also who went over to him, and the residue of the people who remained. 10But Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard left some of the poor of the people, who had nothing, in the land of Judah, and gave them vineyards and fields at the same time. 11Now Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon gave charge concerning Jeremiah to Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard, saying, 12Take him, and look after him well, and do him no harm; but do to him even as he shall say to you. 13So Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard sent, and Nebushazban, Rab-saris, and Nergal-sharezer, Rab-mag, and all the chief officers of the king of Babylon; 14they sent, and took Jeremiah out of the court of the guard, and committed him to Gedaliah the son of Ahikam, the son of Shaphan, that he should carry him home. So he dwelt among the people. 15Now the word of Yehovah came to Jeremiah, while he was shut up in the court of the

guard, saying, 16Go, and speak to Ebed-melech the Ethiopian, saying, Thus says Yehovah of hosts, the God of Israel: Behold, I will bring my words upon this city for evil, and not for good; and they shall be accomplished before you in that day. 17But I will deliver you in that day, says Yehovah; and you shall not be given into the hand of the men of whom you are afraid. 18For I will surely save you, and you shall not fall by the sword, but your life shall be for a prey to you; because you have put your trust in me, says Yehovah.

Chapter 40

1The word which came to Jeremiah from Yehovah, after Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard had let him go from Ramah, when he had taken him bound in chains among all the captives of Jerusalem and Judah, who were carried away captive to Babylon. 2And the captain of the guard took Jeremiah, and said to him, Yehovah your God pronounced this evil upon this place; 3and Yehovah has brought it, and done just as he spoke: because you have sinned against Yehovah, and have not obeyed his voice, therefore this thing has come upon you. 4And now, behold, I release you this day from the chains which are upon your hand. If it seems good to you to come with me into Babylon, come, and I will look after you well; but if it seems ill to you to come with me into Babylon, refrain: behold, all the land is before you; wherever it seems good and right to you to go, go there. 5Now while he had not yet gone back, Go back then, he said, to Gedaliah the son of Ahikam, the son of Shaphan, whom the king of Babylon has made governor over the cities of Judah, and dwell with him among the people; or go wherever it seems right to you to go. So the captain of the guard gave him provisions and a present, and let him go. 6Then Jeremiah went to Gedaliah the son of Ahikam to Mizpah, and dwelt with him among the people who were left in the land. 7Now when all the captains of the forces who were in the fields, even they and their men, heard that the king of Babylon had made Gedaliah the son of Ahikam governor in the land, and had committed to him men, and women, and children, and some of the poorest of the land, of those who were not carried away captive to Babylon; 8then they came to Gedaliah to Mizpah, that is, Ishmael the son of Nethaniah, and Johanan and Jonathan the sons of Kareah, and Seraiah the son of Tanhumeth, and the sons of Ephai the Netophathite, and Jezaniah the son of the Maacathite, they and their men. 9And Gedaliah the son of Ahikam the son of Shaphan swore to them and to their men, saying, Do not fear to serve the Chaldeans: dwell in the land, and serve the king of Babylon, and it shall be well with you. 10As for me, behold, I will dwell at Mizpah, to stand before the Chaldeans who shall come to us: but you, gather wine and summer fruits and oil, and put them in your vessels, and dwell in your cities that you have taken. 11Likewise when all the Jews who were in Moab, and among the children of Ammon, and in Edom, and who were in all the countries, heard that the king of Babylon had left a remnant of Judah, and that he had set over them Gedaliah the son of Ahikam, the son of Shaphan; 12then all the Jews returned out of all places where they had been driven, and came to the land of Judah, to Gedaliah, to Mizpah, and gathered wine and summer fruits in great abundance. 13Moreover Johanan the son of Kareah, and all the captains of the forces who were in the fields, came to Gedaliah to Mizpah, 14and said to him, Do you know that Baalis the king of the children of Ammon has sent Ishmael the son of Nethaniah to take your life? But Gedaliah the son of Ahikam did not believe them. 15Then Johanan the son of Kareah spoke to Gedaliah in Mizpah secretly, saying, Let me go, please, and I will slay Ishmael the son of Nethaniah, and no man shall know it: why should he take your life, so that all the Jews who are gathered to you should be scattered, and the remnant of Judah perish? 16But Gedaliah the son of Ahikam said to Johanan the son of Kareah, You shall not do this thing; for you speak falsely of Ishmael.

Chapter 41

1Now it happened in the seventh month, that Ishmael the son of Nethaniah, the son of Elishama, of the royal seed and one of the chief officers of the king, and ten men with him, came to Gedaliah the son of Ahikam to Mizpah; and there they ate bread together in Mizpah. 2Then Ishmael the son of Nethaniah arose, and the ten men who were with him, and struck Gedaliah the son of Ahikam the son of Shaphan with the sword, and slew him, whom the king of Babylon had made governor over the land. 3Ishmael also slew all the Jews who were with him, that is, with Gedaliah, at Mizpah, and the Chaldeans who were found there, the men of war. 4And it happened the second day after he had slain Gedaliah, and no man knew it, 5that there came men from Shechem, from Shiloh, and from Samaria, even eighty men, having their beards shaved and their

clothes torn, and having cut themselves, with meal offerings and frankincense in their hand, to bring them to the house of Yehovah. 6And Ishmael the son of Nethaniah went out from Mizpah to meet them, weeping all along as he went: and it happened, as he met them, he said to them, Come to Gedaliah the son of Ahikam. 7And it was so, when they came into the midst of the city, that Ishmael the son of Nethaniah slew them, and cast them into the midst of the pit, he, and the men who were with him. 8But ten men were found among them who said to Ishmael, Do not slay us; for we have stores hidden in the field, of wheat, and of barley, and of oil, and of honey. So he refrained, and did not slay them among their brothers. 9Now the pit into which Ishmael cast all the dead bodies of the men whom he had slain, by the side of Gedaliah (it was the one which Asa the king had made for fear of Baasha king of Israel), Ishmael the son of Nethaniah filled it with those who were slain. 10Then Ishmael carried away captive all the residue of the people who were in Mizpah, even the king's daughters, and all the people who remained in Mizpah, whom Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard had committed to Gedaliah the son of Ahikam; Ishmael the son of Nethaniah carried them away captive, and departed to go over to the children of Ammon. 11But when Johanan the son of Kareah, and all the captains of the forces who were with him, heard of all the evil that Ishmael the son of Nethaniah had done, 12then they took all the men, and went to fight with Ishmael the son of Nethaniah, and found him by the great waters that are in Gibeon. 13Now it happened that, when all the people who were with Ishmael saw Johanan the son of Kareah, and all the captains of the forces who were with him, then they were glad. 14So all the people whom Ishmael had carried away captive from Mizpah turned around and came back, and went to Johanan the son of Kareah. 15But Ishmael the son of Nethaniah escaped from Johanan with eight men, and went to the children of Ammon. 16Then Johanan the son of Kareah, and all the captains of the forces who were with him, took all the remnant of the people whom he had recovered from Ishmael the son of Nethaniah, from Mizpah, after he had slain Gedaliah the son of Ahikam, that is, the men of war, and the women, and the children, and the eunuchs, whom he had brought back from Gibeon. 17And they departed, and dwelt in Geruth Chimham, which is by Beth-lehem, to go to enter into Egypt, 18because of the Chaldeans; for they were afraid of them, because Ishmael the son of Nethaniah had slain Gedaliah the son of Ahikam, whom the king of Babylon made governor over the land.

Chapter 42

1Then all the captains of the forces, and Johanan the son of Kareah, and Jezaniah the son of Hoshaiah, and all the people from the least even to the greatest, came near, 2and said to Jeremiah the prophet, Let, we beg you, our supplication be presented before you, and pray for us to Yehovah your God, even for all this remnant (for we are left but a few of many, as your eyes behold us), 3that Yehovah your God may show us the way in which we should walk, and the thing that we should do. 4Then Jeremiah the prophet said to them, I have heard you; behold, I will pray to Yehovah your God according to your words; and it shall come to pass that whatever thing Yehovah shall answer you, I will declare it to you; I will keep nothing back from you. 5Then they said to Jeremiah, May Yehovah be a true and faithful witness among us, if we do not do according to all the word with which Yehovah your God shall send you to us. 6Whether it is good, or whether it is evil, we will obey the voice of Yehovah our God, to whom we send you; that it may be well with us, when we obey the voice of Yehovah our God. 7And it happened after ten days, that the word of Yehovah came to Jeremiah. 8Then he called Johanan the son of Kareah, and all the captains of the forces who were with him, and all the people from the least even to the greatest, 9and said to them, Thus says Yehovah, the God of Israel, to whom you sent me to present your supplication before him: 10If you will still abide in this land, then I will build you, and not pull you down, and I will plant you, and not pluck you up; for I relent of the evil that I have done to you. 11Do not be afraid of the king of Babylon, of whom you are afraid; do not be afraid of him, says Yehovah: for I am with you to save you, and to deliver you from his hand. 12And I will grant you mercy, that he may have mercy upon you, and cause you to return to your own land. 13But if you say, We will not dwell in this land; so that you do not obey the voice of Yehovah your God, 14saying, No; but we will go into the land of Egypt, where we shall see no war, nor hear the sound of the trumpet, nor hunger for bread; and there we will dwell: 15now therefore hear the word of Yehovah, O remnant of Judah: Thus says Yehovah of hosts, the God of Israel, If you indeed set your faces to enter into Egypt, and

go to sojourn there; 16then it shall come to pass, that the sword, which you fear, shall overtake you there in the land of Egypt; and the famine, of which you are afraid, shall follow close after you there in Egypt; and there you shall die. 17So it shall be with all the men who set their faces to go into Egypt to sojourn there: they shall die by the sword, by the famine, and by the pestilence; and none of them shall remain or escape from the evil that I will bring upon them. 18For thus says Yehovah of hosts, the God of Israel: As my anger and my wrath have been poured out upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so my wrath shall be poured out upon you, when you enter into Egypt; and you shall be an execration, and an astonishment, and a curse, and a reproach; and you shall see this place no more. 19Yehovah has spoken concerning you, O remnant of Judah, Do not go into Egypt: know certainly that I have testified to you this day. 20For you have dealt deceitfully against your own souls; for you sent me to Yehovah your God, saying, Pray for us to Yehovah our God; and according to all that Yehovah our God shall say, so declare to us, and we will do it. 21And I have this day declared it to you; but you have not obeyed the voice of Yehovah your God in anything for which he has sent me to you. 22Now therefore know certainly that you shall die by the sword, by the famine, and by the pestilence, in the place where you desire to go to sojourn.

Chapter 43

1And it happened that, when Jeremiah had made an end of speaking to all the people all the words of Yehovah their God, with which Yehovah their God had sent him to them, even all these words, 2then Azariah the son of Hoshaiah, and Johanan the son of Kareah, and all the proud men spoke, saying to Jeremiah, You speak falsely: Yehovah our God has not sent you to say, You shall not go into Egypt to sojourn there; 3but Baruch the son of Neriah incites you against us, to deliver us into the hand of the Chaldeans, that they may put us to death, and carry us away captive to Babylon. 4So Johanan the son of Kareah, and all the captains of the forces, and all the people, did not obey the voice of Yehovah, to dwell in the land of Judah. 5But Johanan the son of Kareah, and all the captains of the forces, took all the remnant of Judah, who had returned from all the nations where they had been driven, to sojourn in the land of Judah; 6the men, and the women, and the children, and the king's daughters, and every person that Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard had left with Gedaliah the son of Ahikam, the son of Shaphan; and Jeremiah the prophet, and Baruch the son of Neriah. 7And they came into the land of Egypt; for they did not obey the voice of Yehovah: and they came to Tahpanhes. 8Then the word of Yehovah came to Jeremiah in Tahpanhes, saying, 9Take great stones in your hand, and hide them in mortar in the brickwork, which is at the entry of Pharaoh's house in Tahpanhes, in the sight of the men of Judah; 10and say to them, Thus says Yehovah of hosts, the God of Israel: Behold, I will send and take Nebuchadrezzar the king of Babylon, my servant, and will set his throne upon these stones that I have hidden; and he shall spread his royal pavilion over them. 11And he shall come, and shall strike the land of Egypt; those who are for death shall be given to death, and those who are for captivity to captivity, and those who are for the sword to the sword. 12And I will kindle a fire in the houses of the gods of Egypt; and he shall burn them, and carry them away captive: and he shall array himself with the land of Egypt, as a shepherd puts on his garment; and he shall go out from there in peace. 13He shall also break the pillars of Beth-shemesh, which is in the land of Egypt; and the houses of the gods of Egypt he shall burn with fire.

Chapter 44

1The word that came to Jeremiah concerning all the Jews who dwelt in the land of Egypt, who dwelt at Migdol, and at Tahpanhes, and at Memphis, and in the country of Pathros, saying, 2Thus says Yehovah of hosts, the God of Israel: You have seen all the evil that I have brought upon Jerusalem, and upon all the cities of Judah; and, behold, this day they are a desolation, and no man dwells in them, 3because of their wickedness which they have committed to provoke me to anger, in that they went to burn incense, and to serve other gods, whom they did not know, neither they, nor you, nor your fathers. 4However I sent to you all my servants the prophets, rising up early and sending them, saying, Oh, do not do this abominable thing that I hate. 5But they did not hearken, nor incline their ear to turn from their wickedness, to burn no incense to other gods. 6Therefore my wrath and my anger were poured out, and were kindled in the cities of Judah and in the streets of Jerusalem; and they are wasted and desolate, as it is this day. 7Therefore now thus says Yehovah, the God of hosts, the God of Israel: Why do you commit this great evil against your own souls, to cut off from you man and woman, infant and nursing

child, out of the midst of Judah, to leave you none remaining; 8in that you provoke me to anger with the works of your hands, burning incense to other gods in the land of Egypt, where you have gone to sojourn; that you may be cut off, and that you may be a curse and a reproach among all the nations of the earth? 9Have you forgotten the wickedness of your fathers, and the wickedness of the kings of Judah, and the wickedness of their wives, and your own wickedness, and the wickedness of your wives, which they committed in the land of Judah, and in the streets of Jerusalem? 10They are not humbled even to this day, neither have they feared, nor walked in my law, nor in my statutes, that I set before you and before your fathers. 11Therefore thus says Yehovah of hosts, the God of Israel: Behold, I will set my face against you for evil, even to cut off all Judah. 12And I will take the remnant of Judah, who have set their faces to go into the land of Egypt to sojourn there, and they shall all be consumed; in the land of Egypt they shall fall; they shall be consumed by the sword and by the famine; they shall die, from the least even to the greatest, by the sword and by the famine; and they shall be an execration, and an astonishment, and a curse, and a reproach. 13For I will punish those who dwell in the land of Egypt, as I have punished Jerusalem, by the sword, by the famine, and by the pestilence; 14so that none of the remnant of Judah, who have gone into the land of Egypt to sojourn there, shall escape or be left, to return into the land of Judah, to which they have a desire to return to dwell there: for none shall return except those who escape. 15Then all the men who knew that their wives burned incense to other gods, and all the women who stood by, a great assembly, even all the people who dwelt in the land of Egypt, in Pathros, answered Jeremiah, saying, 16As for the word that you have spoken to us in the name of Yehovah, we will not hearken to you. 17But we will certainly perform every word that has gone out of our mouth, to burn incense to the queen of heaven, and to pour out drink offerings to her, as we have done, we and our fathers, our kings and our princes, in the cities of Judah, and in the streets of Jerusalem; for then we had plenty of food, and were well, and saw no evil. 18But since we stopped burning incense to the queen of heaven, and pouring out drink offerings to her, we have lacked all things, and have been consumed by the sword and by the famine. 19And when we burned incense to the queen of heaven, and poured out drink offerings to her, did we make her cakes to worship her, and pour out drink offerings to her, without our husbands? 20Then Jeremiah said to all the people, to the men, and to the women, even to all the people who had given him that answer, saying, 21The incense that you burned in the cities of Judah, and in the streets of Jerusalem, you and your fathers, your kings and your princes, and the people of the land, did not Yehovah remember them, and did it not come into his mind? 22so that Yehovah could no longer bear it, because of the evil of your doings, and because of the abominations which you have committed; therefore your land has become a desolation, and an astonishment, and a curse, without inhabitant, as it is this day. 23Because you have burned incense, and because you have sinned against Yehovah, and have not obeyed the voice of Yehovah, nor walked in his law, nor in his statutes, nor in his testimonies; therefore this evil has happened to you, as it is this day. 24Moreover Jeremiah said to all the people, and to all the women, Hear the word of Yehovah, all Judah who are in the land of Egypt: 25Thus says Yehovah of hosts, the God of Israel, saying, You and your wives have both spoken with your mouths, and with your hands have fulfilled it, saying, We will surely perform our vows that we have vowed, to burn incense to the queen of heaven, and to pour out drink offerings to her: establish then your vows, and perform your vows. 26Therefore hear the word of Yehovah, all Judah who dwell in the land of Egypt: Behold, I have sworn by my great name, says Yehovah, that my name shall no more be named in the mouth of any man of Judah in all the land of Egypt, saying, As the Lord Yehovah lives. 27Behold, I watch over them for evil, and not for good; and all the men of Judah who are in the land of Egypt shall be consumed by the sword and by the famine, until there is an end of them. 28And those who escape the sword shall return out of the land of Egypt into the land of Judah, few in number; and all the remnant of Judah, who have gone into the land of Egypt to sojourn there, shall know whose word shall stand, mine, or theirs. 29And this shall be the sign to you, says Yehovah, that I will punish you in this place, that you may know that my words shall surely stand against you for evil: 30Thus says Yehovah, Behold, I will give Pharaoh Hophra king of Egypt into the hand of his enemies, and into the hand of those who seek his life; as I gave Zedekiah king of Judah into the

hand of Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon, who was his enemy, and sought his life.

Chapter 45

[1]The word that Jeremiah the prophet spoke to Baruch the son of Neriah, when he wrote these words in a book from the mouth of Jeremiah, in the fourth year of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah, saying, [2]Thus says Yehovah, the God of Israel, to you, O Baruch: [3]You said, Woe is me now! for Yehovah has added sorrow to my pain; I am weary with my groaning, and I find no rest. [4]Thus you shall say to him, Thus says Yehovah: Behold, that which I have built I will break down, and that which I have planted I will pluck up; and this in the whole land. [5]And do you seek great things for yourself? do not seek them; for, behold, I will bring evil upon all flesh, says Yehovah; but your life I will give to you for a prey in all places where you go.

Chapter 46

[1]The word of Yehovah which came to Jeremiah the prophet concerning the nations. [2]Of Egypt: concerning the army of Pharaoh-neco king of Egypt, which was by the river Euphrates in Carchemish, which Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon struck in the fourth year of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah. [3]Prepare the buckler and shield, and draw near to battle. [4]Harness the horses, and mount, you horsemen, and stand forth with your helmets; polish the spears, put on the coats of mail. [5]Why have I seen it? they are dismayed and have turned backward; and their mighty ones are beaten down, and have fled in haste, and do not look back: terror is on every side, says Yehovah. [6]Do not let the swift flee away, nor the mighty man escape; in the north by the river Euphrates they have stumbled and fallen. [7]Who is this that rises up like the Nile, whose waters toss themselves like the rivers? [8]Egypt rises up like the Nile, and his waters toss themselves like the rivers: and he says, I will rise up, I will cover the earth; I will destroy cities and their inhabitants. [9]Go up, you horses; and rage, you chariots; and let the mighty men go out: Cush and Put, who handle the shield; and the Ludim, who handle and bend the bow. [10]For that day is a day of the Lord, Yehovah of hosts, a day of vengeance, that he may avenge himself on his adversaries: and the sword shall devour and be satiated, and shall drink its fill of their blood; for the Lord, Yehovah of hosts, has a sacrifice in the north country by the river Euphrates. [11]Go up into Gilead, and take balm, O virgin daughter of Egypt: in vain do you use many medicines; there is no healing for you. [12]The nations have heard of your shame, and the earth is full of your cry; for the mighty man has stumbled against the mighty, they have fallen both of them together. [13]The word that Yehovah spoke to Jeremiah the prophet, how Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon should come and strike the land of Egypt. [14]Declare in Egypt, and publish in Migdol, and publish in Memphis and in Tahpanhes: say, Stand forth, and prepare yourself; for the sword has devoured all around you. [15]Why are your strong ones swept away? they did not stand, because Yehovah drove them. [16]He made many stumble, indeed, they fell one upon another: and they said, Arise, and let us go again to our own people, and to the land of our birth, from the oppressing sword. [17]They cried there, Pharaoh king of Egypt is but a noise; he has let the appointed time pass by. [18]As I live, says the King, whose name is Yehovah of hosts, surely like Tabor among the mountains, and like Carmel by the sea, so shall he come. [19]O daughter who dwells in Egypt, prepare yourself to go into captivity; for Memphis shall become a desolation, and shall be burned up, without inhabitant. [20]Egypt is a very beautiful heifer; but destruction out of the north has come, it has come. [21]Also her hired men in the midst of her are like calves of the stall; for they also have turned back, they have fled away together, they did not stand: for the day of their calamity has come upon them, the time of their visitation. [22]Its sound shall go like the serpent; for they shall march with an army, and come against her with axes, as cutters of wood. [23]They shall cut down her forest, says Yehovah, though it cannot be searched; because they are more than the locusts, and are innumerable. [24]The daughter of Egypt shall be put to shame; she shall be delivered into the hand of the people of the north. [25]Yehovah of hosts, the God of Israel, says: Behold, I will punish Amon of No, and Pharaoh, and Egypt, with her gods, and her kings; even Pharaoh, and those who trust in him: [26]and I will deliver them into the hand of those who seek their lives, and into the hand of Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon, and into the hand of his servants; and afterward it shall be inhabited, as in the days of old, says Yehovah. [27]But do not fear, O Jacob my servant, nor be dismayed, O Israel: for, behold, I will save you from afar, and your seed from the land of their captivity; and Jacob shall return, and shall be quiet and at ease, and no one shall make him afraid.

28 Do not fear, O Jacob my servant, says Yehovah; for I
am with you: for I will make a full end of all the
nations where I have driven you; but I will not make
a full end of you, but I will correct you in measure,
and will by no means leave you unpunished.

Chapter 47

1 The word of Yehovah that came to Jeremiah the
prophet concerning the Philistines, before Pharaoh
struck Gaza. 2 Thus says Yehovah: Behold, waters rise
up out of the north, and shall become an overflowing
stream, and shall overflow the land and all that is in
it, the city and those who dwell in it; and the men
shall cry, and all the inhabitants of the land shall
wail. 3 At the noise of the stamping of the hoofs of his
strong ones, at the rushing of his chariots, at the
rumbling of his wheels, the fathers do not look back
to their children for feebleness of hands; 4 because of
the day that comes to destroy all the Philistines, to
cut off from Tyre and Sidon every helper that
remains: for Yehovah will destroy the Philistines, the
remnant of the isle of Caphtor. 5 Baldness has come
upon Gaza; Ashkelon is brought to nothing, the
remnant of their valley: how long will you cut
yourself? 6 O sword of Yehovah, how long will it be
before you are quiet? put yourself into your scabbard;
rest, and be still. 7 How can you be quiet, seeing
Yehovah has given you a charge? Against Ashkelon,
and against the seashore, there he has appointed it.

Chapter 48

1 Of Moab. Thus says Yehovah of hosts, the God of
Israel: Woe to Nebo! for it is laid waste; Kiriathaim is
put to shame, it is taken; Misgab is put to shame and
broken down. 2 The praise of Moab is no more; in
Heshbon they have devised evil against her: Come,
and let us cut her off from being a nation. You also, O
Madmen, shall be brought to silence; the sword shall
pursue you. 3 The sound of a cry from Horonaim,
desolation and great destruction! 4 Moab is destroyed;
her little ones have caused a cry to be heard. 5 For by
the ascent of Luhith with continual weeping they
shall go up; for at the descent of Horonaim they have
heard the distress of the cry of destruction. 6 Flee,
save your lives, and be like the shrub in the
wilderness. 7 For, because you have trusted in your
works and in your treasures, you also shall be taken:
and Chemosh shall go out into captivity, his priests
and his princes together. 8 And the destroyer shall
come upon every city, and no city shall escape; the
valley also shall perish, and the plain shall be
destroyed; as Yehovah has spoken. 9 Give wings to
Moab, that she may fly and get away: and her cities
shall become a desolation, without anyone to dwell in
them. 10 Cursed is he who does the work of Yehovah
negligently; and cursed is he who keeps back his
sword from blood. 11 Moab has been at ease from his
youth, and he has settled on his lees, and has not
been emptied from vessel to vessel, neither has he
gone into captivity: therefore his taste remains in
him, and his scent is not changed. 12 Therefore,
behold, the days are coming, says Yehovah, when I
will send to him those who pour off, and they shall
pour him off; and they shall empty his vessels, and
break their jars in pieces. 13 And Moab shall be
ashamed of Chemosh, as the house of Israel was
ashamed of Beth-el their confidence. 14 How do you
say, We are mighty men, and valiant men for the
war? 15 Moab is laid waste, and they have gone up into
his cities, and his chosen young men have gone down
to the slaughter, says the King, whose name is
Yehovah of hosts. 16 The calamity of Moab is near at
hand, and his affliction hurries fast. 17 All you who are
around him, bemoan him, and all you who know his
name; say, How the strong staff is broken, the
beautiful rod! 18 O daughter who dwells in Dibon,
come down from your glory, and sit in thirst; for the
destroyer of Moab has come up against you, he has
destroyed your strongholds. 19 O inhabitant of Aroer,
stand by the way, and watch: ask him who flees, and
her who escapes; say, What has been done? 20 Moab is
put to shame; for it is broken down: wail and cry; tell
it by the Arnon, that Moab is laid waste. 21 And
judgment has come upon the plain country, upon
Holon, and upon Jahzah, and upon Mephaath, 22 and
upon Dibon, and upon Nebo, and upon Beth-
diblathaim, 23 and upon Kiriathaim, and upon Beth-
gamul, and upon Beth-meon, 24 and upon Kerioth,
and upon Bozrah, and upon all the cities of the land
of Moab, far or near. 25 The horn of Moab is cut off,
and his arm is broken, says Yehovah. 26 Make him
drunk; for he magnified himself against Yehovah:
and Moab shall wallow in his vomit, and he also shall
be in derision. 27 For was not Israel a derision to you?
was he found among thieves? for as often as you
speak of him, you wag the head. 28 O inhabitants of
Moab, leave the cities, and dwell in the rock; and be
like the dove that makes her nest over the mouth of
the abyss. 29 We have heard of the pride of Moab, that
he is very proud; his loftiness, and his pride, and his
arrogance, and the haughtiness of his heart. 30 I know

his wrath, says Yehovah, that it is nothing; his boastings have accomplished nothing. 31Therefore I will wail for Moab; indeed, I will cry out for all Moab: for the men of Kir-heres they shall mourn. 32With more than the weeping of Jazer I will weep for you, O vine of Sibmah: your branches passed over the sea, they reached even to the sea of Jazer: upon your summer fruits and upon your vintage the destroyer has fallen. 33And gladness and joy are taken away from the fruitful field and from the land of Moab; and I have caused wine to cease from the winepresses: no one shall tread with shouting; the shouting shall be no shouting. 34From the cry of Heshbon even to Elealeh, even to Jahaz they have uttered their voice, from Zoar even to Horonaim, to Eglath-shelishiyah: for the waters of Nimrim also shall become desolate. 35Moreover I will cause to cease in Moab, says Yehovah, him who offers in the high place, and him who burns incense to his gods. 36Therefore my heart sounds for Moab like pipes, and my heart sounds like pipes for the men of Kir-heres: therefore the abundance that he has gotten has perished. 37For every head is bald, and every beard clipped: upon all the hands are cuttings, and upon the loins sackcloth. 38On all the housetops of Moab and in its streets there is lamentation everywhere; for I have broken Moab like a vessel in which no one delights, says Yehovah. 39How it is broken down! how they wail! how Moab has turned the back with shame! so Moab shall become a derision and a terror to all who are around him. 40For thus says Yehovah: Behold, he shall fly as an eagle, and shall spread out his wings against Moab. 41Kerioth is taken, and the strongholds are seized, and the heart of the mighty men of Moab in that day shall be as the heart of a woman in her pangs. 42And Moab shall be destroyed from being a people, because he has magnified himself against Yehovah. 43Fear, and the pit, and the snare, are upon you, O inhabitant of Moab, says Yehovah. 44He who flees from the fear shall fall into the pit; and he who gets up out of the pit shall be taken in the snare: for I will bring upon him, even upon Moab, the year of their visitation, says Yehovah. 45Those who fled stand without strength under the shadow of Heshbon; for a fire has gone out of Heshbon, and a flame from the midst of Sihon, and has devoured the corner of Moab, and the crown of the head of the tumultuous ones. 46Woe to you, O Moab! the people of Chemosh is undone; for your sons are taken away captive, and your daughters into captivity. 47Yet I will bring back the captivity of Moab in the latter days, says Yehovah. Thus far is the judgment of Moab.

Chapter 49

1Of the children of Ammon. Thus says Yehovah: Has Israel no sons? has he no heir? why then does Malcam possess Gad, and his people dwell in its cities? 2Therefore, behold, the days are coming, says Yehovah, when I will cause an alarm of war to be heard against Rabbah of the children of Ammon; and it shall become a desolate heap, and her daughters shall be burned with fire: then Israel shall possess those who possessed him, says Yehovah. 3Wail, O Heshbon, for Ai is laid waste; cry, you daughters of Rabbah, gird yourselves with sackcloth: lament, and run to and fro among the fences; for Malcam shall go into captivity, his priests and his princes together. 4Why do you glory in the valleys, your flowing valley, O backsliding daughter? who trusted in her treasures, saying, Who shall come to me? 5Behold, I will bring a fear upon you, says the Lord, Yehovah of hosts, from all who are around you; and you shall be driven out every man straight ahead, and there shall be no one to gather together the fugitives. 6But afterward I will bring back the captivity of the children of Ammon, says Yehovah. 7Of Edom. Thus says Yehovah of hosts: Is wisdom no more in Teman? is counsel perished from the prudent? is their wisdom vanished? 8Flee, turn back, dwell in the depths, O inhabitants of Dedan; for I will bring the calamity of Esau upon him, the time that I visit him. 9If grape gatherers came to you, would they not leave some gleaning grapes? if thieves by night, would they not destroy until they had enough? 10But I have made Esau bare, I have uncovered his secret places, and he shall not be able to hide himself: his seed is destroyed, and his brothers, and his neighbors; and he is not. 11Leave your fatherless children, I will preserve them alive; and let your widows trust in me. 12For thus says Yehovah: Behold, those to whom it did not belong to drink of the cup shall assuredly drink; and are you he who shall altogether go unpunished? you shall not go unpunished, but you shall surely drink. 13For I have sworn by myself, says Yehovah, that Bozrah shall become an astonishment, a reproach, a waste, and a curse; and all its cities shall be perpetual wastes. 14I have heard news from Yehovah, and an ambassador is sent among the nations, saying, Gather yourselves together, and come against her, and rise up to the battle. 15For, behold, I have made you small among the nations,

and despised among men. 16As for your terribleness, the pride of your heart has deceived you, O you who dwell in the clefts of the rock, who hold the height of the hill: though you should make your nest as high as the eagle, I will bring you down from there, says Yehovah. 17And Edom shall become an astonishment: everyone who passes by it shall be astonished, and shall hiss at all its plagues. 18As in the overthrow of Sodom and Gomorrah and their neighboring cities, says Yehovah, no man shall dwell there, nor shall any son of man sojourn in it. 19Behold, he shall come up like a lion from the thicket of the Jordan against the strong habitation: for I will suddenly make them run away from it; and whoever is chosen, him I will appoint over it: for who is like me? and who will appoint me a time? and who is the shepherd who will stand before me? 20Therefore hear the counsel of Yehovah, which he has taken against Edom; and his purposes, which he has purposed against the inhabitants of Teman: Surely they shall drag them away, even the little ones of the flock; surely he shall make their habitation desolate over them. 21The earth trembles at the noise of their fall; there is a cry, the noise of which is heard in the Red Sea. 22Behold, he shall come up and fly as the eagle, and spread out his wings against Bozrah: and the heart of the mighty men of Edom in that day shall be as the heart of a woman in her pangs. 23Of Damascus. Hamath is confounded, and Arpad; for they have heard evil news, they have melted away: there is sorrow on the sea; it cannot be quiet. 24Damascus has grown feeble, she turns herself to flee, and trembling has seized her: anguish and sorrows have taken hold of her, as of a woman in labor. 25How is the city of praise not forsaken, the city of my joy? 26Therefore her young men shall fall in her streets, and all the men of war shall be brought to silence in that day, says Yehovah of hosts. 27And I will kindle a fire in the wall of Damascus, and it shall devour the palaces of Ben-hadad. 28Of Kedar, and of the kingdoms of Hazor, which Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon struck. Thus says Yehovah: Arise, go up to Kedar, and destroy the children of the east. 29Their tents and their flocks they shall take; they shall carry away for themselves their curtains, and all their vessels, and their camels; and they shall cry to them, Terror on every side! 30Flee, wander far off, dwell in the depths, O inhabitants of Hazor, says Yehovah; for Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon has taken counsel against you, and has conceived a purpose against you. 31Arise, go up to a nation that is at ease, that dwells without care, says Yehovah; that have neither gates nor bars, that dwell alone. 32And their camels shall be a booty, and the multitude of their cattle a spoil: and I will scatter to all winds those who have the corners of their hair cut off; and I will bring their calamity from every side of them, says Yehovah. 33And Hazor shall be a dwelling place of jackals, a desolation forever: no man shall dwell there, nor shall any son of man sojourn in it. 34The word of Yehovah that came to Jeremiah the prophet concerning Elam, in the beginning of the reign of Zedekiah king of Judah, saying, 35Thus says Yehovah of hosts: Behold, I will break the bow of Elam, the chief of their might. 36And upon Elam I will bring the four winds from the four quarters of heaven, and will scatter them toward all those winds; and there shall be no nation where the outcasts of Elam shall not come. 37And I will cause Elam to be dismayed before their enemies, and before those who seek their life; and I will bring evil upon them, even my fierce anger, says Yehovah; and I will send the sword after them, until I have consumed them: 38and I will set my throne in Elam, and will destroy from there king and princes, says Yehovah. 39But it shall come to pass in the latter days, that I will bring back the captivity of Elam, says Yehovah.

Chapter 50

1The word that Yehovah spoke concerning Babylon, concerning the land of the Chaldeans, by Jeremiah the prophet. 2Declare among the nations and publish, and set up a standard; publish, and do not conceal: say, Babylon is taken, Bel is put to shame, Merodach is dismayed; her images are put to shame, her idols are dismayed. 3For out of the north there comes up a nation against her, which shall make her land desolate, and no one shall dwell in it: they have fled, they are gone, both man and beast. 4In those days, and in that time, says Yehovah, the children of Israel shall come, they and the children of Judah together; they shall go on their way weeping, and shall seek Yehovah their God. 5They shall inquire concerning Zion with their faces toward it, saying, Come, and join yourselves to Yehovah in an everlasting covenant that shall not be forgotten. 6My people have been lost sheep: their shepherds have caused them to go astray; they have turned them away on the mountains; they have gone from mountain to hill; they have forgotten their resting place. 7All who found them have devoured them; and

their adversaries said, We are not guilty, because they have sinned against Yehovah, the habitation of righteousness, even Yehovah, the hope of their fathers. 8Flee out of the midst of Babylon, and go out of the land of the Chaldeans, and be as the male goats before the flocks. 9For, behold, I will stir up and cause to come up against Babylon a company of great nations from the north country; and they shall set themselves in array against her; from there she shall be taken: their arrows shall be as of an expert mighty man; none shall return in vain. 10And Chaldea shall be a prey: all who prey upon her shall be satisfied, says Yehovah. 11Because you are glad, because you rejoice, O you who plunder my heritage, because you are wanton as a heifer that treads out the grain, and neigh as strong horses; 12your mother shall be utterly put to shame; she who bore you shall be confounded: behold, she shall be the last of the nations, a wilderness, a dry land, and a desert. 13Because of the wrath of Yehovah she shall not be inhabited, but she shall be wholly desolate: everyone who goes by Babylon shall be astonished, and hiss at all her plagues. 14Set yourselves in array against Babylon all around, all you who bend the bow; shoot at her, spare no arrows: for she has sinned against Yehovah. 15Shout against her all around: she has submitted herself; her bulwarks have fallen, her walls are thrown down; for it is the vengeance of Yehovah: take vengeance upon her; as she has done, do to her. 16Cut off the sower from Babylon, and him who handles the sickle in the time of harvest: for fear of the oppressing sword they shall turn every one to his people, and they shall flee every one to his own land. 17Israel is a hunted sheep; the lions have driven him away: first, the king of Assyria devoured him; and now at last Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon has broken his bones. 18Therefore thus says Yehovah of hosts, the God of Israel: Behold, I will punish the king of Babylon and his land, as I have punished the king of Assyria. 19And I will bring Israel again to his pasture, and he shall feed on Carmel and Bashan, and his soul shall be satisfied upon the hills of Ephraim and in Gilead. 20In those days, and in that time, says Yehovah, the iniquity of Israel shall be sought for, and there shall be none; and the sins of Judah, and they shall not be found: for I will pardon those whom I leave as a remnant. 21Go up against the land of Merathaim, even against it, and against the inhabitants of Pekod: slay and utterly destroy after them, says Yehovah, and do according to all that I have commanded you. 22A sound of battle is in the land, and of great destruction. 23How the hammer of the whole earth is cut apart and broken! how Babylon has become a desolation among the nations! 24I have laid a snare for you, and you are also taken, O Babylon, and you were not aware: you are found, and also caught, because you have striven against Yehovah. 25Yehovah has opened his armory, and has brought out the weapons of his indignation; for the Lord, Yehovah of hosts, has a work to do in the land of the Chaldeans. 26Come against her from the utmost border; open her storehouses; cast her up as heaps, and destroy her utterly; let nothing of her be left. 27Slay all her bulls; let them go down to the slaughter: woe to them! for their day has come, the time of their visitation. 28The voice of those who flee and escape out of the land of Babylon, to declare in Zion the vengeance of Yehovah our God, the vengeance of his temple. 29Call together the archers against Babylon, all those who bend the bow; encamp against her all around; let none of them escape: repay her according to her work; according to all that she has done, do to her; for she has been proud against Yehovah, against the Holy One of Israel. 30Therefore her young men shall fall in her streets, and all her men of war shall be brought to silence in that day, says Yehovah. 31Behold, I am against you, O proud one, says the Lord, Yehovah of hosts; for your day has come, the time that I will visit you. 32And the proud one shall stumble and fall, and no one shall raise him up; and I will kindle a fire in his cities, and it shall devour all who are around him. 33Thus says Yehovah of hosts: The children of Israel and the children of Judah are oppressed together; and all who took them captive hold them fast; they refuse to let them go. 34Their Redeemer is strong; Yehovah of hosts is his name: he will thoroughly plead their cause, that he may give rest to the earth, and disquiet the inhabitants of Babylon. 35A sword is upon the Chaldeans, says Yehovah, and upon the inhabitants of Babylon, and upon her princes, and upon her wise men. 36A sword is upon the boasters, and they shall become fools; a sword is upon her mighty men, and they shall be dismayed. 37A sword is upon their horses, and upon their chariots, and upon all the mingled people who are in the midst of her; and they shall become as women: a sword is upon her treasures, and they shall be robbed. 38A drought is upon her waters, and they shall be dried up; for it is a land of graven images, and they are mad over idols.

39 Therefore the wild beasts of the desert with the wolves shall dwell there, and the ostriches shall dwell in it: and it shall be no more inhabited forever; nor shall it be dwelt in from generation to generation. 40 As when God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah and their neighboring cities, says Yehovah, so no man shall dwell there, nor shall any son of man sojourn in it. 41 Behold, a people comes from the north; and a great nation and many kings shall be stirred up from the uttermost parts of the earth. 42 They lay hold of bow and spear; they are cruel, and have no mercy; their voice roars like the sea; and they ride upon horses, every one set in array, as a man to the battle, against you, O daughter of Babylon. 43 The king of Babylon has heard the report of them, and his hands grow feeble: anguish has taken hold of him, and pangs as of a woman in labor. 44 Behold, the enemy shall come up like a lion from the thicket of the Jordan against the strong habitation: for I will suddenly make them run away from it; and whoever is chosen, him I will appoint over it: for who is like me? and who will appoint me a time? and who is the shepherd who can stand before me? 45 Therefore hear the counsel of Yehovah, which he has taken against Babylon; and his purposes, which he has purposed against the land of the Chaldeans: Surely they shall drag them away, even the little ones of the flock; surely he shall make their habitation desolate over them. 46 At the noise of the taking of Babylon the earth trembles, and the cry is heard among the nations.

Chapter 51

1 Thus says Yehovah: Behold, I will raise up against Babylon, and against those who dwell in Leb-kamai, a destroying wind. 2 And I will send to Babylon strangers, who shall winnow her; and they shall empty her land: for in the day of trouble they shall be against her all around. 3 Against him who bends let the archer bend his bow, and against him who lifts himself up in his coat of mail: and do not spare her young men; utterly destroy all her host. 4 And they shall fall down slain in the land of the Chaldeans, and thrust through in her streets. 5 For Israel is not forsaken, nor Judah, of his God, of Yehovah of hosts; though their land is full of guilt against the Holy One of Israel. 6 Flee out of the midst of Babylon, and save every man his life; do not be cut off in her iniquity: for it is the time of Yehovah's vengeance; he will render to her a recompense. 7 Babylon has been a golden cup in Yehovah's hand, that made all the earth drunk: the nations have drunk of her wine; therefore the nations are mad. 8 Babylon has suddenly fallen and been destroyed: wail for her; take balm for her pain, perhaps she may be healed. 9 We would have healed Babylon, but she is not healed: forsake her, and let us go every one into his own country; for her judgment reaches to heaven, and is lifted up even to the skies. 10 Yehovah has brought out our righteousness: come, and let us declare in Zion the work of Yehovah our God. 11 Make sharp the arrows; hold firm the shields: Yehovah has stirred up the spirit of the kings of the Medes; because his purpose is against Babylon, to destroy it: for it is the vengeance of Yehovah, the vengeance of his temple. 12 Set up a standard against the walls of Babylon, make the watch strong, set the watchmen, prepare the ambushes; for Yehovah has both purposed and done that which he spoke concerning the inhabitants of Babylon. 13 O you who dwell upon many waters, abundant in treasures, your end has come, the measure of your covetousness. 14 Yehovah of hosts has sworn by himself, saying, Surely I will fill you with men, as with the creeping locust; and they shall lift up a shout against you. 15 He has made the earth by his power, he has established the world by his wisdom, and by his understanding he has stretched out the heavens. 16 When he utters his voice, there is a tumult of waters in the heavens, and he causes the vapors to ascend from the ends of the earth; he makes lightnings for the rain, and brings forth the wind out of his treasuries. 17 Every man has become brutish and is without knowledge; every goldsmith is put to shame by his image; for his molten image is falsehood, and there is no breath in them. 18 They are vanity, a work of delusion: in the time of their visitation they shall perish. 19 The portion of Jacob is not like these; for he is the former of all things; and Israel is the tribe of his inheritance: Yehovah of hosts is his name. 20 You are my battle axe and weapons of war: and with you I will break in pieces the nations; and with you I will destroy kingdoms; 21 and with you I will break in pieces the horse and his rider; 22 and with you I will break in pieces the chariot and him who rides in it; and with you I will break in pieces man and woman; and with you I will break in pieces the old man and the youth; and with you I will break in pieces the young man and the virgin; 23 and with you I will break in pieces the shepherd and his flock; and with you I will break in pieces the farmer and his yoke of oxen; and with you I will break in pieces

governors and deputies. 24And I will render to Babylon and to all the inhabitants of Chaldea all their evil that they have done in Zion in your sight, says Yehovah. 25Behold, I am against you, O destroying mountain, says Yehovah, which destroys all the earth; and I will stretch out my hand upon you, and roll you down from the rocks, and will make you a burnt mountain. 26And they shall not take from you a stone for a corner, nor a stone for foundations; but you shall be desolate forever, says Yehovah. 27Set up a standard in the land, blow the trumpet among the nations, prepare the nations against her, call together against her the kingdoms of Ararat, Minni, and Ashkenaz: appoint a marshal against her; cause the horses to come up as the bristling locust. 28Prepare against her the nations, the kings of the Medes, their governors, and all their deputies, and all the land of their dominion. 29And the land trembles and is in pain; for the purposes of Yehovah against Babylon stand, to make the land of Babylon a desolation, without inhabitant. 30The mighty men of Babylon have ceased to fight, they remain in their strongholds; their might has failed; they have become as women: her dwelling places are set on fire; her bars are broken. 31One runner shall run to meet another, and one messenger to meet another, to tell the king of Babylon that his city is taken on every side: 32and the passages are seized, and the reeds they have burned with fire, and the men of war are terrified. 33For thus says Yehovah of hosts, the God of Israel: The daughter of Babylon is like a threshing floor at the time when it is trodden; yet a little while, and the time of harvest shall come for her. 34Nebuchadrezzar the king of Babylon has devoured me, he has crushed me, he has made me an empty vessel, he has, like a monster, swallowed me up, he has filled his belly with my delicacies; he has cast me out. 35May the violence done to me and to my flesh be upon Babylon, the inhabitant of Zion shall say; and, May my blood be upon the inhabitants of Chaldea, Jerusalem shall say. 36Therefore thus says Yehovah: Behold, I will plead your cause, and take vengeance for you; and I will dry up her sea, and make her fountain dry. 37And Babylon shall become heaps, a dwelling place for jackals, an astonishment, and a hissing, without inhabitant. 38They shall roar together like young lions; they shall growl as lions' whelps. 39When they are heated, I will make their feast, and I will make them drunk, that they may rejoice, and sleep a perpetual sleep, and not wake, says Yehovah. 40I will bring them down like lambs to the slaughter, like rams with male goats. 41How Sheshach is taken! and the praise of the whole earth seized! how Babylon has become a desolation among the nations! 42The sea has come up upon Babylon; she is covered with the multitude of its waves. 43Her cities have become a desolation, a dry land, and a desert, a land in which no man dwells, nor does any son of man pass by it. 44And I will execute judgment upon Bel in Babylon, and I will bring out of his mouth that which he has swallowed up; and the nations shall not flow any more to him: indeed, the wall of Babylon shall fall. 45My people, go out of the midst of her, and save yourselves every man from the fierce anger of Yehovah. 46And do not let your heart faint, nor fear for the news that shall be heard in the land; for news shall come one year, and after that in another year shall come news, and violence in the land, ruler against ruler. 47Therefore, behold, the days are coming, when I will execute judgment upon the graven images of Babylon; and her whole land shall be confounded; and all her slain shall fall in the midst of her. 48Then the heavens and the earth, and all that is in them, shall sing for joy over Babylon; for the destroyers shall come to her from the north, says Yehovah. 49As Babylon has caused the slain of Israel to fall, so at Babylon the slain of all the land shall fall. 50You who have escaped the sword, go, do not stand still; remember Yehovah from afar, and let Jerusalem come into your mind. 51We are confounded, because we have heard reproach; confusion has covered our faces: for strangers have come into the sanctuaries of Yehovah's house. 52Therefore, behold, the days are coming, says Yehovah, when I will execute judgment upon her graven images; and through all her land the wounded shall groan. 53Though Babylon should mount up to heaven, and though she should fortify the height of her strength, yet from me destroyers shall come to her, says Yehovah. 54The sound of a cry from Babylon, and of great destruction from the land of the Chaldeans! 55For Yehovah lays Babylon waste, and destroys out of her the great voice; and their waves roar like many waters; the noise of their voice is uttered: 56for the destroyer has come upon her, even upon Babylon, and her mighty men are taken, their bows are broken in pieces; for Yehovah is a God of recompense, he will surely repay. 57And I will make drunk her princes and her wise men, her governors and her deputies, and her mighty men; and they shall sleep a perpetual sleep, and not wake, says the King,

whose name is Yehovah of hosts. 58Thus says Yehovah of hosts: The broad walls of Babylon shall be utterly overthrown, and her high gates shall be burned with fire; and the peoples shall labor for vanity, and the nations for the fire; and they shall be weary. 59The word which Jeremiah the prophet commanded Seraiah the son of Neriah, the son of Mahseiah, when he went with Zedekiah the king of Judah to Babylon in the fourth year of his reign. Now Seraiah was chief chamberlain. 60And Jeremiah wrote in a book all the evil that should come upon Babylon, even all these words that are written concerning Babylon. 61And Jeremiah said to Seraiah, When you come to Babylon, then see that you read all these words, 62and say, O Yehovah, you have spoken concerning this place, to cut it off, so that no one shall dwell in it, neither man nor beast, but that it shall be desolate forever. 63And it shall be, when you have made an end of reading this book, that you shall bind a stone to it, and cast it into the midst of the Euphrates: 64and you shall say, Thus Babylon shall sink, and shall not rise again because of the evil that I will bring upon her; and they shall be weary. Thus far are the words of Jeremiah.

Chapter 52

1Zedekiah was twenty-one years old when he began to reign; and he reigned eleven years in Jerusalem: and his mother's name was Hamutal the daughter of Jeremiah of Libnah. 2And he did that which was evil in the sight of Yehovah, according to all that Jehoiakim had done. 3For through the anger of Yehovah it came to pass in Jerusalem and Judah, until he had cast them out from his presence. And Zedekiah rebelled against the king of Babylon. 4And it happened in the ninth year of his reign, in the tenth month, on the tenth day of the month, that Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon came, he and all his army, against Jerusalem, and encamped against it; and they built forts against it all around. 5So the city was besieged until the eleventh year of King Zedekiah. 6In the fourth month, on the ninth day of the month, the famine was severe in the city, so that there was no bread for the people of the land. 7Then a breach was made in the city, and all the men of war fled, and went out of the city by night by the way of the gate between the two walls, which was by the king's garden (now the Chaldeans were against the city all around); and they went toward the Arabah. 8But the army of the Chaldeans pursued the king, and overtook Zedekiah in the plains of Jericho; and all his army was scattered from him. 9Then they took the king, and carried him up to the king of Babylon to Riblah in the land of Hamath; and he passed judgment upon him. 10And the king of Babylon slew the sons of Zedekiah before his eyes: he slew also all the princes of Judah in Riblah. 11And he put out the eyes of Zedekiah; and the king of Babylon bound him in fetters, and carried him to Babylon, and put him in prison until the day of his death. 12Now in the fifth month, on the tenth day of the month, which was the nineteenth year of King Nebuchadrezzar, king of Babylon, Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard, who stood before the king of Babylon, came into Jerusalem. 13And he burned the house of Yehovah, and the king's house; and all the houses of Jerusalem, even every great house, he burned with fire. 14And all the army of the Chaldeans, who were with the captain of the guard, broke down all the walls of Jerusalem all around. 15Then Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard carried away captive some of the poorest of the people, and the residue of the people who were left in the city, and the deserters who had gone over to the king of Babylon, and the residue of the multitude. 16But Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard left some of the poorest of the land to be vinedressers and farmers. 17And the pillars of bronze that were in the house of Yehovah, and the bases and the bronze sea that were in the house of Yehovah, the Chaldeans broke in pieces, and carried all their bronze to Babylon. 18The pots also, and the shovels, and the snuffers, and the basins, and the spoons, and all the vessels of bronze with which they ministered, they took away. 19And the cups, and the firepans, and the basins, and the pots, and the lampstands, and the spoons, and the bowls—that which was of gold, in gold, and that which was of silver, in silver,—the captain of the guard took away. 20The two pillars, the one sea, and the twelve bronze bulls that were under the bases, which King Solomon had made for the house of Yehovah—the bronze of all these vessels was beyond weight. 21And as for the pillars, the height of the one pillar was eighteen cubits; and a line of twelve cubits measured its circumference; and its thickness was four fingers: it was hollow. 22And a capital of bronze was upon it; and the height of the one capital was five cubits, with network and pomegranates upon the capital all around, all of bronze: and the second pillar also had the same as these, and pomegranates. 23And there were ninety-six pomegranates on the sides; all the

pomegranates were a hundred upon the network all around. [24]And the captain of the guard took Seraiah the chief priest, and Zephaniah the second priest, and the three keepers of the threshold: [25]and out of the city he took an officer who was set over the men of war; and seven men of those who saw the king's face, who were found in the city; and the scribe of the captain of the host, who mustered the people of the land; and sixty men of the people of the land, who were found in the midst of the city. [26]And Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard took them, and brought them to the king of Babylon to Riblah. [27]And the king of Babylon struck them, and put them to death at Riblah in the land of Hamath. So Judah was carried away captive out of his land. [28]This is the people whom Nebuchadrezzar carried away captive: in the seventh year three thousand twenty-three Jews; [29]in the eighteenth year of Nebuchadrezzar he carried away captive from Jerusalem eight hundred thirty-two persons; [30]in the twenty-third year of Nebuchadrezzar Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard carried away captive of the Jews seven hundred forty-five persons: all the persons were four thousand six hundred. [31]And it happened in the thirty-seventh year of the captivity of Jehoiachin king of Judah, in the twelfth month, on the twenty-fifth day of the month, that Evil-merodach king of Babylon, in the first year of his reign, lifted up the head of Jehoiachin king of Judah, and brought him out of prison; [32]and he spoke kindly to him, and set his throne above the throne of the kings who were with him in Babylon, [33]and changed his prison garments. And Jehoiachin ate bread before him continually all the days of his life: [34]and for his allowance, there was a continual allowance given him by the king of Babylon, every day a portion until the day of his death, all the days of his life.

Lamentations

Chapter 1

[1]How the city sits solitary, that was full of people! She has become as a widow, that was great among the nations! She who was a princess among the provinces has become tributary!

[2]She weeps bitterly in the night, and her tears are on her cheeks; Among all her lovers she has none to comfort her: All her friends have dealt treacherously with her; they have become her enemies.

[3]Judah has gone into captivity because of affliction, and because of great servitude; She dwells among the nations, she finds no rest: All her persecutors overtook her within the straits.

[4]The ways of Zion mourn, because none come to the solemn assembly; All her gates are desolate, her priests sigh: Her virgins are afflicted, and she herself is in bitterness.

[5]Her adversaries have become the head, her enemies prosper; For Yehovah has afflicted her for the multitude of her transgressions: Her young children have gone into captivity before the adversary.

[6]And from the daughter of Zion all her majesty has departed: Her princes have become like harts that find no pasture, And they have gone without strength before the pursuer.

[7]Jerusalem remembers in the days of her affliction and of her miseries all her pleasant things that were from the days of old: When her people fell into the hand of the adversary, and none helped her, The adversaries saw her, they mocked at her desolations.

[8]Jerusalem has grievously sinned; therefore she has become as an unclean thing; All that honored her despise her, because they have seen her nakedness: Indeed, she sighs, and turns backward.

[9]Her filthiness was in her skirts; she did not remember her latter end; Therefore she has come down wonderfully; she has no comforter: Behold, O Yehovah, my affliction; for the enemy has magnified himself.

[10]The adversary has spread out his hand on all her pleasant things: For she has seen that the nations have entered into her sanctuary, Concerning whom you commanded that they should not enter into your assembly.

[11]All her people sigh, they seek bread; They have given their pleasant things for food to refresh the soul: See, O Yehovah, and behold; for I have become abject.

[12]Is it nothing to you, all you who pass by? Behold, and see if there is any sorrow like my sorrow, which is brought on me, With which Yehovah has afflicted me in the day of his fierce anger.

[13]From on high he has sent fire into my bones, and it prevails against them; He has spread a net for my feet, he has turned me back: He has made me desolate and faint all the day.

[14]The yoke of my transgressions is bound by his hand; They are knit together, they have come up on my neck; he has made my strength to fail: The Lord has delivered me into their hands, against whom I am not able to stand.

[15]The Lord has rejected all my mighty men in the midst of me; He has called a solemn assembly against me to crush my young men: The Lord has trodden as in a winepress the virgin daughter of Judah.

[16]For these things I weep; my eye, my eye runs down with water; Because the comforter that should refresh my soul is far from me: My children are desolate, because the enemy has prevailed.

[17]Zion spreads out her hands; there is none to comfort her; Yehovah has commanded concerning Jacob, that those who are around him should be his adversaries: Jerusalem is among them as an unclean thing.

[18]Yehovah is righteous; for I have rebelled against his commandment: Please hear, all you peoples, and behold my sorrow: My virgins and my young men have gone into captivity.

[19]I called for my lovers, but they deceived me: My priests and my elders breathed their last in the city, While they sought food for themselves to refresh their souls.

[20]Behold, O Yehovah; for I am in distress; my heart is troubled; My heart is turned within me; for I have grievously rebelled: Abroad the sword bereaves, at home there is as death.

21 They have heard that I sigh; there is none to comfort
me; All my enemies have heard of my trouble; they
are glad that you have done it: You will bring the
day that you have proclaimed, and they shall be
like me.
22 Let all their wickedness come before you; And do to
them, as you have done to me for all my
transgressions: For my sighs are many, and my
heart is faint.

Chapter 2

1 How the Lord has covered the daughter of Zion with
a cloud in his anger! He has cast down from heaven
to the earth the beauty of Israel, And has not
remembered his footstool in the day of his anger.
2 The Lord has swallowed up all the habitations of
Jacob, and has not pitied: He has thrown down in
his wrath the strongholds of the daughter of
Judah; He has brought them down to the ground;
he has profaned the kingdom and its princes.
3 He has cut off in fierce anger all the horn of Israel;
He has drawn back his right hand from before the
enemy: And he has burned up Jacob like a flaming
fire, which devours all around.
4 He has bent his bow like an enemy, he has stood with
his right hand as an adversary, And has slain all
who were pleasant to the eye: In the tent of the
daughter of Zion he has poured out his wrath like
fire.
5 The Lord has become as an enemy, he has swallowed
up Israel; He has swallowed up all her palaces, he
has destroyed his strongholds; And he has
multiplied in the daughter of Judah mourning and
lamentation.
6 And he has violently taken away his tabernacle, as if
it were of a garden; he has destroyed his place of
assembly: Yehovah has caused solemn assembly
and sabbath to be forgotten in Zion, And has
despised in the indignation of his anger the king
and the priest.
7 The Lord has cast off his altar, he has abhorred his
sanctuary; He has given up into the hand of the
enemy the walls of her palaces: They have made a
noise in the house of Yehovah, as in the day of a
solemn assembly.
8 Yehovah has purposed to destroy the wall of the
daughter of Zion; He has stretched out the line, he
has not withdrawn his hand from destroying; And
he has made the rampart and wall to lament; they
languish together.
9 Her gates are sunk into the ground; he has destroyed
and broken her bars: Her king and her princes are
among the nations where the law is not; Indeed,
her prophets find no vision from Yehovah.
10 The elders of the daughter of Zion sit on the ground,
they keep silence; They have cast up dust on their
heads; they have girded themselves with sackcloth:
The virgins of Jerusalem hang down their heads to
the ground.
11 My eyes fail with tears, my heart is troubled; My
liver is poured on the earth, because of the
destruction of the daughter of my people, Because
the young children and the sucklings swoon in the
streets of the city.
12 They say to their mothers, Where is grain and wine?
When they swoon as the wounded in the streets of
the city, When their soul is poured out into their
mothers' bosom.
13 What shall I testify to you? what shall I liken to you,
O daughter of Jerusalem? What shall I compare to
you, that I may comfort you, O virgin daughter of
Zion? For your breach is great like the sea: who can
heal you?
14 Your prophets have seen for you false and foolish
visions; And they have not uncovered your
iniquity, to bring back your captivity, But have seen
for you false oracles and causes of banishment.
15 All that pass by clap their hands at you; They hiss
and wag their head at the daughter of Jerusalem,
saying, Is this the city that men called The
perfection of beauty, The joy of the whole earth?
16 All your enemies have opened their mouth wide
against you; They hiss and gnash the teeth; they
say, We have swallowed her up; Certainly this is the
day that we looked for; we have found, we have
seen it.
17 Yehovah has done that which he purposed; he has
fulfilled his word that he commanded in the days of
old; He has thrown down, and has not pitied: And
he has caused the enemy to rejoice over you; he has
exalted the horn of your adversaries.
18 Their heart cried to the Lord: O wall of the daughter
of Zion, let tears run down like a river day and
night; Give yourself no respite; do not let the apple
of your eye cease.
19 Arise, cry out in the night, at the beginning of the
watches; Pour out your heart like water before the
face of the Lord: Lift up your hands toward him for

the life of your young children, who faint for hunger at the head of every street.
20 See, O Yehovah, and behold to whom you have done thus! Shall the women eat their fruit, the children who are dandled in the hands? Shall the priest and the prophet be slain in the sanctuary of the Lord?
21 The youth and the old man lie on the ground in the streets; My virgins and my young men have fallen by the sword: You have slain them in the day of your anger; you have slaughtered, and not pitied.
22 You have called, as in the day of a solemn assembly, my terrors on every side; And there was none that escaped or remained in the day of Yehovah's anger: Those whom I have dandled and brought up my enemy has consumed.

Chapter 3

1 I am the man who has seen affliction by the rod of his wrath.
2 He has led me and caused me to walk in darkness, and not in light.
3 Surely against me he turns his hand again and again all the day.
4 My flesh and my skin he has made old; he has broken my bones.
5 He has built against me, and surrounded me with gall and travail.
6 He has made me dwell in dark places, as those who have been long dead.
7 He has walled me in, that I cannot go out; he has made my chain heavy.
8 Indeed, when I cry, and call for help, he shuts out my prayer.
9 He has walled up my ways with hewn stone; he has made my paths crooked.
10 He is to me as a bear lying in wait, as a lion in secret places.
11 He has turned aside my ways, and pulled me in pieces; he has made me desolate.
12 He has bent his bow, and set me as a mark for the arrow.
13 He has caused the shafts of his quiver to enter into my kidneys.
14 I have become a derision to all my people, and their song all the day.
15 He has filled me with bitterness, he has sated me with wormwood.
16 He has also broken my teeth with gravel stones; he has covered me with ashes.
17 And you have removed my soul far off from peace; I forgot prosperity.
18 And I said, My strength has perished, and my expectation from Yehovah.
19 Remember my affliction and my misery, the wormwood and the gall.
20 My soul has them still in remembrance, and is bowed down within me.
21 This I recall to my mind; therefore I have hope.
22 It is of Yehovah's lovingkindnesses that we are not consumed, because his compassions do not fail.
23 They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.
24 Yehovah is my portion, says my soul; therefore I will hope in him.
25 Yehovah is good to those who wait for him, to the soul that seeks him.
26 It is good that a man should hope and quietly wait for the salvation of Yehovah.
27 It is good for a man that he bear the yoke in his youth.
28 Let him sit alone and keep silence, because he has laid it on him.
29 Let him put his mouth in the dust, if perhaps there may be hope.
30 Let him give his cheek to him who strikes him; let him be filled full with reproach.
31 For the Lord will not cast off for ever.
32 For though he causes grief, yet he will have compassion according to the multitude of his lovingkindnesses.
33 For he does not afflict willingly, nor grieve the children of men.
34 To crush under foot all the prisoners of the earth,
35 To turn aside the right of a man before the face of the Most High,
36 To subvert a man in his cause, the Lord does not approve.
37 Who is he who says, and it comes to pass, when the Lord does not command it?
38 Out of the mouth of the Most High do not evil and good come?
39 Why does a living man complain, a man for the punishment of his sins?
40 Let us search and try our ways, and turn again to Yehovah.

41 Let us lift up our heart with our hands to God in the heavens.
42 We have transgressed and have rebelled; you have not pardoned.
43 You have covered with anger and pursued us; you have slain, you have not pitied.
44 You have covered yourself with a cloud, so that no prayer can pass through.
45 You have made us an offscouring and refuse in the midst of the peoples.
46 All our enemies have opened their mouth wide against us.
47 Fear and the pit have come on us, devastation and destruction.
48 My eye runs down with streams of water, for the destruction of the daughter of my people.
49 My eye pours down, and does not cease, without any intermission,
50 Until Yehovah looks down, and beholds from heaven.
51 My eye affects my soul, because of all the daughters of my city.
52 They have chased me hard like a bird, those who are my enemies without cause.
53 They have cut off my life in the dungeon, and have cast a stone on me.
54 Waters flowed over my head; I said, I am cut off.
55 I called on your name, O Yehovah, out of the lowest dungeon.
56 You heard my voice; do not hide your ear at my breathing, at my cry.
57 You drew near in the day that I called on you; you said, Do not fear.
58 O Lord, you have pleaded the causes of my soul; you have redeemed my life.
59 O Yehovah, you have seen my wrong; judge my cause.
60 You have seen all their vengeance and all their devices against me.
61 You have heard their reproach, O Yehovah, and all their devices against me,
62 The lips of those who rose up against me, and their device against me all the day.
63 Behold their sitting down, and their rising up; I am their song.
64 You will render to them a recompense, O Yehovah, according to the work of their hands.
65 You will give them hardness of heart, your curse to them.
66 You will pursue them in anger, and destroy them from under the heavens of Yehovah.

Chapter 4

1 How the gold has become dim! how the most pure gold has changed! The stones of the sanctuary are poured out at the head of every street.
2 The precious sons of Zion, comparable to fine gold, How they are esteemed as earthen pitchers, the work of the hands of the potter!
3 Even the jackals draw out the breast, they nurse their young ones: The daughter of my people has become cruel, like the ostriches in the wilderness.
4 The tongue of the nursing child cleaves to the roof of his mouth for thirst: The young children ask bread, and no man breaks it to them.
5 Those who fed delicately are desolate in the streets: Those who were brought up in scarlet embrace dunghills.
6 For the iniquity of the daughter of my people is greater than the sin of Sodom, Which was overthrown as in a moment, and no hands were laid on her.
7 Her nobles were purer than snow, they were whiter than milk; They were more ruddy in body than rubies, their polishing was as of sapphire.
8 Their visage is blacker than a coal; they are not known in the streets: Their skin cleaves to their bones; it is withered, it has become like a stick.
9 Those who are slain with the sword are better than those who are slain with hunger; For these pine away, stricken through, for want of the fruits of the field.
10 The hands of the compassionate women have boiled their own children; They were their food in the destruction of the daughter of my people.
11 Yehovah has accomplished his wrath, he has poured out his fierce anger; And he has kindled a fire in Zion, which has devoured its foundations.
12 The kings of the earth did not believe, nor all the inhabitants of the world, That the adversary and the enemy would enter into the gates of Jerusalem.
13 It is because of the sins of her prophets, and the iniquities of her priests, Who have shed the blood of the just in the midst of her.
14 They wander as blind men in the streets, they are polluted with blood, So that men cannot touch

their garments.
15 Depart, they cried to them, Unclean! depart, depart,
do not touch! When they fled away and wandered,
men said among the nations, They shall no more
sojourn here.
16 The anger of Yehovah has scattered them; he will no
more regard them: They did not respect the
persons of the priests, they did not favor the elders.
17 Our eyes still fail in looking for our vain help: In our
watching we have watched for a nation that could
not save.
18 They hunt our steps, so that we cannot go in our
streets: Our end is near, our days are fulfilled; for
our end has come.
19 Our pursuers were swifter than the eagles of the
heavens: They chased us on the mountains, they
lay in wait for us in the wilderness.
20 The breath of our nostrils, the anointed of Yehovah,
was taken in their pits; Of whom we said, Under his
shadow we shall live among the nations.
21 Rejoice and be glad, O daughter of Edom, who dwell
in the land of Uz: The cup shall pass through to you
also; you shall be drunk, and shall make yourself
naked.
22 The punishment of your iniquity is accomplished, O
daughter of Zion; he will no more carry you away
into captivity: He will visit your iniquity, O
daughter of Edom; he will uncover your sins.

Chapter 5

1 Remember, O Yehovah, what has come on us:
Behold, and see our reproach.
2 Our inheritance has been turned to strangers, Our
houses to aliens.
3 We are orphans and fatherless; Our mothers are as
widows.
4 We have drunk our water for money; Our wood is
sold to us.
5 Our pursuers are on our necks: We are weary, and
have no rest.
6 We have given the hand to the Egyptians, And to the
Assyrians, to be satisfied with bread.
7 Our fathers sinned, and are not; And we have borne
their iniquities.
8 Servants rule over us: There is none to deliver us out
of their hand.
9 We get our bread at the peril of our lives, Because of
the sword of the wilderness.
10 Our skin is black like an oven, Because of the
burning heat of famine.
11 They ravished the women in Zion, The virgins in the
cities of Judah.
12 Princes were hanged up by their hand: The faces of
elders were not honored.
13 The young men bore the mill; And the children
stumbled under the wood.
14 The elders have ceased from the gate, The young
men from their music.
15 The joy of our heart has ceased; Our dance is turned
into mourning.
16 The crown has fallen from our head: Woe to us! for
we have sinned.
17 For this our heart is faint; For these things our eyes
are dim;
18 For the mountain of Zion, which is desolate: The
foxes walk on it.
19 You, O Yehovah, abide for ever; Your throne is from
generation to generation.
20 Why do you forget us for ever, And forsake us so
long a time?
21 Turn us to yourself, O Yehovah, and we shall be
turned; Renew our days as of old.
22 But you have utterly rejected us; You are very angry
against us.

Ezekiel

Chapter 1

[1]Now it happened in the thirtieth year, in the fourth month, on the fifth day of the month, as I was among the captives by the river Chebar, that the heavens were opened, and I saw visions of God. [2]On the fifth day of the month, which was the fifth year of king Jehoiachin's captivity, [3]the word of Yehovah came expressly to Ezekiel the priest, the son of Buzi, in the land of the Chaldeans by the river Chebar; and the hand of Yehovah was there on him. [4]And I looked, and, behold, a stormy wind came out of the north, a great cloud, with a fire enfolding itself, and a brightness all around it, and out of the midst of it as it were glowing metal, out of the midst of the fire. [5]And out of its midst came the likeness of four living creatures. And this was their appearance: they had the likeness of a man; [6]and each one had four faces, and each one of them had four wings. [7]And their feet were straight feet; and the sole of their feet was like the sole of a calf's foot; and they sparkled like burnished bronze. [8]And they had the hands of a man under their wings on their four sides; and the four of them had their faces and their wings thus: [9]their wings were joined one to another; they did not turn when they went; they each went straight forward. [10]As for the likeness of their faces, they had the face of a man; and the four of them had the face of a lion on the right side; and the four of them had the face of an ox on the left side; the four of them also had the face of an eagle. [11]And their faces and their wings were separate above; two wings of each one were joined one to another, and two covered their bodies. [12]And they each went straight forward: where the spirit was to go, they went; they did not turn when they went. [13]As for the likeness of the living creatures, their appearance was like burning coals of fire, like the appearance of torches: the fire went up and down among the living creatures; and the fire was bright, and out of the fire went forth lightning. [14]And the living creatures ran and returned like the appearance of a flash of lightning. [15]Now as I looked at the living creatures, behold, one wheel on the earth beside the living creatures, for each of their four faces. [16]The appearance of the wheels and their work was like a beryl: and the four of them had one likeness; and their appearance and their work was as it were a wheel within a wheel. [17]When they went, they went in their four directions: they did not turn when they went. [18]As for their rims, they were high and dreadful; and the four of them had their rims full of eyes all around. [19]And when the living creatures went, the wheels went beside them; and when the living creatures were lifted up from the earth, the wheels were lifted up. [20]Wherever the spirit was to go, they went; there the spirit was to go: and the wheels were lifted up beside them; for the spirit of the living creature was in the wheels. [21]When those went, these went; and when those stood, these stood; and when those were lifted up from the earth, the wheels were lifted up beside them: for the spirit of the living creature was in the wheels. [22]And over the head of the living creature there was the likeness of a firmament, like the awesome crystal to look on, stretched out over their heads above. [23]And under the firmament their wings were straight, the one toward the other: each one had two which covered on this side, and each one had two which covered on that side, their bodies. [24]And when they went, I heard the noise of their wings like the noise of great waters, like the voice of the Almighty, a noise of tumult like the noise of a host: when they stood, they let down their wings. [25]And there was a voice above the firmament that was over their heads: when they stood, they let down their wings. [26]And above the firmament that was over their heads was the likeness of a throne, like the appearance of a sapphire stone; and on the likeness of the throne was a likeness like the appearance of a man on it above. [27]And I saw as it were glowing metal, like the appearance of fire within it all around, from the appearance of his loins and upward; and from the appearance of his loins and downward I saw as it were the appearance of fire, and there was brightness all around him. [28]Like the appearance of the bow that is in the cloud on the day of rain, so was the appearance of the brightness all around. This was the appearance of the likeness of the glory of Yehovah. And when I saw it, I fell on my face, and I heard a voice of one who spoke.

Chapter 2

[1]And he said to me, Son of man, stand on your feet, and I will speak with you. [2]And the Spirit entered into me when he spoke to me, and set me on my feet; and I heard him who spoke to me. [3]And he said to me, Son of man, I send you to the children of Israel, to

nations that are rebellious, who have rebelled against me: they and their fathers have transgressed against me even to this very day. 4And the children are impudent and stiff-hearted: I send you to them; and you shall say to them, Thus says the Lord Yehovah. 5And they, whether they will hear, or whether they will forbear (for they are a rebellious house), yet they shall know that there has been a prophet among them. 6And you, son of man, do not be afraid of them, nor be afraid of their words, though briers and thorns are with you, and you dwell among scorpions: do not be afraid of their words, nor be dismayed at their looks, though they are a rebellious house. 7And you shall speak my words to them, whether they will hear, or whether they will forbear; for they are most rebellious. 8But you, son of man, hear what I say to you; do not be rebellious like that rebellious house: open your mouth, and eat what I give you. 9And when I looked, behold, a hand was stretched out to me; and, look, a scroll of a book was in it; 10and he spread it before me: and it was written within and without; and there were written in it lamentations, and mourning, and woe.

Chapter 3

1And he said to me, Son of man, eat what you find; eat this scroll, and go, speak to the house of Israel. 2So I opened my mouth, and he caused me to eat the scroll. 3And he said to me, Son of man, cause your belly to eat, and fill your bowels with this scroll that I give you. Then I ate it; and it was in my mouth like honey for sweetness. 4And he said to me, Son of man, go, get yourself to the house of Israel, and speak with my words to them. 5For you are not sent to a people of a strange speech and of a hard language, but to the house of Israel; 6not to many peoples of a strange speech and of a hard language, whose words you cannot understand. Surely, if I sent you to them, they would listen to you. 7But the house of Israel will not listen to you; for they will not listen to me: for all the house of Israel are of a hard forehead and of a stiff heart. 8Behold, I have made your face hard against their faces, and your forehead hard against their foreheads. 9Like adamant harder than flint I have made your forehead: do not fear them, nor be dismayed at their looks, though they are a rebellious house. 10Moreover he said to me, Son of man, all my words that I shall speak to you receive in your heart, and hear with your ears. 11And go, get yourself to those of the captivity, to the children of your people, and speak to them, and tell them, Thus says the Lord Yehovah; whether they will hear, or whether they will forbear. 12Then the Spirit lifted me up, and I heard behind me the voice of a great rushing, saying, Blessed be the glory of Yehovah from his place. 13And I heard the noise of the wings of the living creatures as they touched one another, and the noise of the wheels beside them, even the noise of a great rushing. 14So the Spirit lifted me up, and took me away; and I went in bitterness, in the heat of my spirit; and the hand of Yehovah was strong on me. 15Then I came to those of the captivity at Tel-abib, who dwelt by the river Chebar, and to where they dwelt; and I sat there overwhelmed among them seven days. 16And it happened at the end of seven days, that the word of Yehovah came to me, saying, 17Son of man, I have made you a watchman to the house of Israel: therefore hear the word at my mouth, and give them warning from me. 18When I say to the wicked, You shall surely die; and you do not give him warning, nor speak to warn the wicked from his wicked way, to save his life; the same wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood I will require at your hand. 19Yet if you warn the wicked, and he does not turn from his wickedness, nor from his wicked way, he shall die in his iniquity; but you have delivered your soul. 20Again, when a righteous man turns from his righteousness, and commits iniquity, and I lay a stumbling block before him, he shall die: because you have not given him warning, he shall die in his sin, and his righteous deeds which he has done shall not be remembered; but his blood I will require at your hand. 21Nevertheless if you warn the righteous man, that the righteous should not sin, and he does not sin, he shall surely live, because he took warning; and you have delivered your soul. 22And the hand of Yehovah was there on me; and he said to me, Arise, go out into the plain, and I will talk with you there. 23Then I arose, and went out into the plain: and, behold, the glory of Yehovah stood there, like the glory which I saw by the river Chebar; and I fell on my face. 24Then the Spirit entered into me, and set me on my feet; and he spoke with me, and said to me, Go, shut yourself within your house. 25But you, son of man, behold, they shall put bands on you, and shall bind you with them, and you shall not go out among them: 26and I will make your tongue cling to the roof of your mouth, so that you shall be mute, and shall not be a reprover to them; for they are a rebellious house. 27But when I speak with you, I will open your mouth, and you shall say to them, Thus

says the Lord Yehovah: He who hears, let him hear; and he who forbears, let him forbear: for they are a rebellious house.

Chapter 4

[1]You also, son of man, take a tile, and lay it before you, and portray on it a city, even Jerusalem: [2]and lay siege against it, and build forts against it, and cast up a mound against it; set camps also against it, and plant battering rams against it all around. [3]And take for yourself an iron pan, and set it for a wall of iron between you and the city: and set your face toward it, and it shall be besieged, and you shall lay siege against it. This shall be a sign to the house of Israel. [4]Moreover lie on your left side, and lay the iniquity of the house of Israel on it; according to the number of the days that you shall lie on it, you shall bear their iniquity. [5]For I have appointed the years of their iniquity to be to you a number of days, even three hundred and ninety days: so shall you bear the iniquity of the house of Israel. [6]And again, when you have completed these, you shall lie on your right side, and shall bear the iniquity of the house of Judah: forty days, each day for a year, I have appointed it to you. [7]And you shall set your face toward the siege of Jerusalem, with your arm uncovered; and you shall prophesy against it. [8]And, behold, I lay bands on you, and you shall not turn from one side to the other, until you have completed the days of your siege. [9]Also take for yourself wheat, and barley, and beans, and lentils, and millet, and spelt, and put them in one vessel, and make bread from them for yourself; according to the number of the days that you shall lie on your side, even three hundred and ninety days, you shall eat of it. [10]And your food which you shall eat shall be by weight, twenty shekels a day: from time to time you shall eat it. [11]And you shall drink water by measure, the sixth part of a hin: from time to time you shall drink. [12]And you shall eat it as barley cakes, and you shall bake it in their sight with dung that comes out of man. [13]And Yehovah said, Even so shall the children of Israel eat their bread unclean, among the nations where I will drive them. [14]Then I said, Ah Lord Yehovah! behold, my soul has not been polluted; for from my youth up even till now I have not eaten what dies of itself, or is torn by beasts; nor has abominable flesh come into my mouth. [15]Then he said to me, See, I have given you cow's dung for man's dung, and you shall prepare your bread on it. [16]Moreover he said to me, Son of man, behold, I will break the staff of bread in Jerusalem: and they shall eat bread by weight, and with fearfulness; and they shall drink water by measure, and in dismay: [17]that they may lack bread and water, and be dismayed one with another, and waste away in their iniquity.

Chapter 5

[1]And you, son of man, take a sharp sword; like a barber's razor you shall take it for yourself, and shall cause it to pass over your head and over your beard: then take balances to weigh, and divide the hair. [2]A third part you shall burn in the fire in the midst of the city, when the days of the siege are fulfilled; and you shall take a third part, and strike with the sword all around it; and a third part you shall scatter to the wind, and I will draw out a sword after them. [3]And you shall take from it a few in number, and bind them in your skirts. [4]And of these again you shall take, and cast them into the midst of the fire, and burn them in the fire; from it a fire shall come forth into all the house of Israel. [5]Thus says the Lord Yehovah: This is Jerusalem; I have set her in the midst of the nations, and countries are all around her. [6]And she has rebelled against my ordinances in doing wickedness more than the nations, and against my statutes more than the countries that are around her; for they have rejected my ordinances, and as for my statutes, they have not walked in them. [7]Therefore thus says the Lord Yehovah: Because you are more turbulent than the nations that are around you, and have not walked in my statutes, nor have kept my ordinances, nor have done according to the ordinances of the nations that are around you; [8]therefore thus says the Lord Yehovah: Behold, I, even I, am against you; and I will execute judgments in the midst of you in the sight of the nations. [9]And I will do in you what I have not done, and the like of which I will not do any more, because of all your abominations. [10]Therefore the fathers shall eat the sons in the midst of you, and the sons shall eat their fathers; and I will execute judgments on you; and the whole remnant of you I will scatter to all the winds. [11]Therefore, as I live, says the Lord Yehovah, surely, because you have defiled my sanctuary with all your detestable things, and with all your abominations, therefore I will also diminish you; my eye shall not spare, and I also will have no pity. [12]A third part of you shall die with the pestilence, and with famine they shall be consumed in the midst of you; and a third part shall fall by the sword all around you; and a third part I will scatter to all the winds, and will draw out a sword after them. [13]Thus shall my anger be

accomplished, and I will cause my wrath toward them to rest, and I shall be comforted: and they shall know that I, Yehovah, have spoken in my zeal, when I have accomplished my wrath on them. 14Moreover I will make you a desolation and a reproach among the nations that are around you, in the sight of all who pass by. 15So it shall be a reproach and a taunt, an instruction and an astonishment, to the nations that are around you, when I execute judgments on you in anger and in wrath, and in wrathful rebukes (I, Yehovah, have spoken it); 16when I send against them the evil arrows of famine, that are for destruction, which I will send to destroy you. And I will increase the famine on you, and will break your staff of bread; 17and I will send on you famine and evil beasts, and they shall bereave you; and pestilence and blood shall pass through you; and I will bring the sword on you: I, Yehovah, have spoken it.

Chapter 6

1And the word of Yehovah came to me, saying, 2Son of man, set your face toward the mountains of Israel, and prophesy to them, 3and say, You mountains of Israel, hear the word of the Lord Yehovah: Thus says the Lord Yehovah to the mountains and to the hills, to the watercourses and to the valleys: Behold, I, even I, will bring a sword on you, and I will destroy your high places. 4And your altars shall become desolate, and your sun-images shall be broken; and I will cast down your slain men before your idols. 5And I will lay the dead bodies of the children of Israel before their idols; and I will scatter your bones all around your altars. 6In all your dwelling places the cities shall be laid waste, and the high places shall be desolate; that your altars may be laid waste and made desolate, and your idols may be broken and cease, and your sun-images may be cut down, and your works may be abolished. 7And the slain shall fall in the midst of you, and you shall know that I am Yehovah. 8Yet I will leave a remnant, in that you shall have some who escape the sword among the nations, when you are scattered through the countries. 9And those of you who escape shall remember me among the nations where they shall be carried captive, how I have been broken by their lewd heart, which has departed from me, and by their eyes, which play the prostitute after their idols: and they shall loathe themselves in their own sight for the evils which they have committed in all their abominations. 10And they shall know that I am Yehovah: I have not said in vain that I would do this evil to them. 11Thus says the Lord Yehovah: Strike with your hand, and stamp with your foot, and say, Alas! because of all the evil abominations of the house of Israel; for they shall fall by the sword, by the famine, and by the pestilence. 12He who is far off shall die of the pestilence; and he who is near shall fall by the sword; and he who remains and is besieged shall die by the famine: thus I will accomplish my wrath on them. 13And you shall know that I am Yehovah, when their slain men are among their idols all around their altars, on every high hill, on all the tops of the mountains, and under every green tree, and under every thick oak, the places where they offered sweet savor to all their idols. 14And I will stretch out my hand against them, and make the land desolate and waste, from the wilderness toward Diblah, throughout all their habitations: and they shall know that I am Yehovah.

Chapter 7

1Moreover the word of Yehovah came to me, saying, 2And you, son of man, thus says the Lord Yehovah to the land of Israel, An end: the end has come on the four corners of the land. 3Now the end is on you, and I will send my anger on you, and will judge you according to your ways; and I will bring on you all your abominations. 4And my eye shall not spare you, nor will I have pity; but I will bring your ways on you, and your abominations shall be in the midst of you: and you shall know that I am Yehovah. 5Thus says the Lord Yehovah: An evil, an only evil; behold, it comes. 6An end has come, the end has come; it awakes against you; behold, it comes. 7Your doom has come to you, O inhabitant of the land: the time has come, the day is near, a day of tumult, and not of joyful shouting, on the mountains. 8Now I will shortly pour out my wrath on you, and accomplish my anger against you, and will judge you according to your ways; and I will bring on you all your abominations. 9And my eye shall not spare, nor will I have pity: I will bring on you according to your ways; and your abominations shall be in the midst of you; and you shall know that I, Yehovah, strike. 10Behold, the day, behold, it comes: your doom has gone forth; the rod has blossomed, pride has budded. 11Violence has risen up into a rod of wickedness; none of them shall remain, nor of their multitude, nor of their wealth: nor shall there be eminence among them. 12The time has come, the day draws near: let not the buyer rejoice, nor the seller mourn; for wrath is on all its multitude. 13For the seller shall not return to what is sold, although they are still alive: for the vision

concerns its whole multitude, none shall return; nor shall any strengthen himself in the iniquity of his life. 14 They have blown the trumpet, and have made all ready; but none goes to the battle; for my wrath is on all its multitude. 15 The sword is outside, and the pestilence and the famine within: he who is in the field shall die by the sword; and he who is in the city, famine and pestilence shall devour him. 16 But those of them who escape shall escape, and shall be on the mountains like doves of the valleys, all of them moaning, each one in his iniquity. 17 All hands shall be feeble, and all knees shall be weak as water. 18 They shall also gird themselves with sackcloth, and horror shall cover them; and shame shall be on all faces, and baldness on all their heads. 19 They shall cast their silver in the streets, and their gold shall be like an unclean thing; their silver and their gold shall not be able to deliver them in the day of the wrath of Yehovah: they shall not satisfy their souls, nor fill their bowels; because it has been the stumbling block of their iniquity. 20 As for the beauty of his ornament, he set it in majesty; but they made the images of their abominations and their detestable things in it: therefore I have made it to them like an unclean thing. 21 And I will give it into the hands of the strangers for a prey, and to the wicked of the earth for a spoil; and they shall profane it. 22 My face I will also turn from them, and they shall profane my secret place; and robbers shall enter into it, and profane it. 23 Make the chain; for the land is full of bloody crimes, and the city is full of violence. 24 Therefore I will bring the worst of the nations, and they shall possess their houses: I will also make the pride of the strong to cease; and their holy places shall be profaned. 25 Destruction comes; and they shall seek peace, and there shall be none. 26 Disaster shall come upon disaster, and rumor shall be upon rumor; and they shall seek a vision from the prophet; but the law shall perish from the priest, and counsel from the elders. 27 The king shall mourn, and the prince shall be clothed with desolation, and the hands of the people of the land shall be troubled: I will do to them according to their way, and according to their deserts I will judge them; and they shall know that I am Yehovah.

Chapter 8

1 And it happened in the sixth year, in the sixth month, on the fifth day of the month, as I sat in my house, and the elders of Judah sat before me, that the hand of the Lord Yehovah fell there on me. 2 Then I looked, and, look, a likeness like the appearance of fire; from the appearance of his loins and downward, fire; and from his loins and upward, like the appearance of brightness, as it were glowing metal. 3 And he stretched out the form of a hand, and took me by a lock of my head; and the Spirit lifted me up between earth and heaven, and brought me in the visions of God to Jerusalem, to the door of the gate of the inner court that faces toward the north; where the seat of the image of jealousy was, which provokes to jealousy. 4 And, behold, the glory of the God of Israel was there, according to the appearance that I saw in the plain. 5 Then he said to me, Son of man, lift up your eyes now toward the north. So I lifted up my eyes toward the north, and behold, north of the gate of the altar, this image of jealousy in the entrance. 6 And he said to me, Son of man, do you see what they are doing? even the great abominations that the house of Israel commits here, that I should go far off from my sanctuary? But you shall again see yet other great abominations. 7 And he brought me to the door of the court; and when I looked, behold, a hole in the wall. 8 Then he said to me, Son of man, dig now in the wall: and when I had dug in the wall, behold, a door. 9 And he said to me, Go in, and see the wicked abominations that they do here. 10 So I went in and saw; and behold, every form of creeping things, and abominable beasts, and all the idols of the house of Israel, portrayed on the wall all around. 11 And there stood before them seventy men of the elders of the house of Israel; and in the midst of them stood Jaazaniah the son of Shaphan, every man with his censer in his hand; and the odor of the cloud of incense went up. 12 Then he said to me, Son of man, have you seen what the elders of the house of Israel do in the dark, every man in his chambers of imagery? for they say, Yehovah does not see us; Yehovah has forsaken the land. 13 He said also to me, You shall again see yet other great abominations which they do. 14 Then he brought me to the door of the gate of Yehovah's house which was toward the north; and behold, there sat the women weeping for Tammuz. 15 Then he said to me, Have you seen this, O son of man? you shall again see yet greater abominations than these. 16 And he brought me into the inner court of Yehovah's house; and behold, at the door of the temple of Yehovah, between the porch and the altar, were about twenty-five men, with their backs toward the temple of Yehovah, and their faces toward the east; and they were bowing

down to the sun toward the east. 17Then he said to me, Have you seen this, O son of man? Is it a light thing to the house of Judah that they commit the abominations which they commit here? for they have filled the land with violence, and have turned again to provoke me to anger: and, look, they put the branch to their nose. 18Therefore I will also deal in wrath; my eye shall not spare, nor will I have pity; and though they cry in my ears with a loud voice, yet I will not hear them.

Chapter 9

1Then he cried in my ears with a loud voice, saying, Cause those who have charge over the city to draw near, every man with his destroying weapon in his hand. 2And behold, six men came from the way of the upper gate, which lies toward the north, every man with his slaughter weapon in his hand; and one man in the midst of them clothed in linen, with a writer's inkhorn by his side. And they went in, and stood beside the bronze altar. 3And the glory of the God of Israel had gone up from the cherub, on which it was, to the threshold of the house: and he called to the man clothed in linen, who had the writer's inkhorn by his side. 4And Yehovah said to him, Go through the midst of the city, through the midst of Jerusalem, and put a mark on the foreheads of the men who sigh and who cry over all the abominations that are done in its midst. 5And to the others he said in my hearing, Go through the city after him, and strike: let not your eye spare, nor have pity; 6slay utterly the old man, the young man and the virgin, and little children and women; but do not come near any man on whom is the mark: and begin at my sanctuary. Then they began with the old men who were before the house. 7And he said to them, Defile the house, and fill the courts with the slain: go forth. And they went forth, and struck in the city. 8And it happened, while they were striking, and I was left, that I fell on my face, and cried, and said, Ah Lord Yehovah! will you destroy all the remnant of Israel in your pouring out of your wrath on Jerusalem? 9Then he said to me, The iniquity of the house of Israel and Judah is exceedingly great, and the land is full of blood, and the city full of perversion of justice: for they say, Yehovah has forsaken the land, and Yehovah does not see. 10And as for me also, my eye shall not spare, nor will I have pity, but I will bring their way on their head. 11And, behold, the man clothed in linen, who had the inkhorn by his side, reported the matter, saying, I have done as you have commanded me.

Chapter 10

1Then I looked, and, behold, in the firmament that was over the head of the cherubim there appeared above them as it were a sapphire stone, like the appearance of the likeness of a throne. 2And he spoke to the man clothed in linen, and said, Go in between the whirling wheels, even under the cherub, and fill both your hands with coals of fire from between the cherubim, and scatter them over the city. And he went in in my sight. 3Now the cherubim stood on the right side of the house, when the man went in; and the cloud filled the inner court. 4And the glory of Yehovah mounted up from the cherub, and stood over the threshold of the house; and the house was filled with the cloud, and the court was full of the brightness of Yehovah's glory. 5And the sound of the wings of the cherubim was heard even to the outer court, like the voice of God Almighty when he speaks. 6And it happened, when he commanded the man clothed in linen, saying, Take fire from between the whirling wheels, from between the cherubim, that he went in, and stood beside a wheel. 7And the cherub stretched out his hand from between the cherubim to the fire that was between the cherubim, and took some of it, and put it into the hands of him who was clothed in linen, who took it and went out. 8And there appeared in the cherubim the form of a man's hand under their wings. 9And I looked, and behold, four wheels beside the cherubim, one wheel beside one cherub, and another wheel beside another cherub; and the appearance of the wheels was like a beryl stone. 10And as for their appearance, the four of them had one likeness, as if a wheel had been within a wheel. 11When they went, they went in their four directions: they did not turn as they went, but to the place where the head looked they followed it; they did not turn as they went. 12And their whole body, and their backs, and their hands, and their wings, and the wheels, were full of eyes all around, even the wheels that the four of them had. 13As for the wheels, they were called in my hearing the whirling wheels. 14And each one had four faces: the first face was the face of the cherub, and the second face was the face of a man, and the third the face of a lion, and the fourth the face of an eagle. 15And the cherubim mounted up: this is the living creature that I saw by the river Chebar. 16And when the cherubim went, the wheels went beside them; and when the cherubim lifted up their wings to mount up from the earth, the wheels also did not turn from beside them. 17When they

stood, these stood; and when they mounted up, these mounted up with them: for the spirit of the living creature was in them. 18And the glory of Yehovah went forth from over the threshold of the house, and stood over the cherubim. 19And the cherubim lifted up their wings, and mounted up from the earth in my sight when they went forth, and the wheels beside them: and they stood at the door of the east gate of Yehovah's house; and the glory of the God of Israel was over them above. 20This is the living creature that I saw under the God of Israel by the river Chebar; and I knew that they were cherubim. 21Each one had four faces, and each one four wings; and the likeness of the hands of a man was under their wings. 22And as for the likeness of their faces, they were the faces which I saw by the river Chebar, their appearances and themselves; they each went straight forward.

Chapter 11

1Moreover the Spirit lifted me up, and brought me to the east gate of Yehovah's house, which faces eastward: and behold, at the door of the gate twenty-five men; and I saw in the midst of them Jaazaniah the son of Azzur, and Pelatiah the son of Benaiah, princes of the people. 2And he said to me, Son of man, these are the men who devise iniquity, and who give wicked counsel in this city; 3who say, The time is not near to build houses: this city is the caldron, and we are the flesh. 4Therefore prophesy against them, prophesy, O son of man. 5And the Spirit of Yehovah fell on me, and he said to me, Speak, Thus says Yehovah: Thus you have said, O house of Israel; for I know the things that come into your mind. 6You have multiplied your slain in this city, and you have filled its streets with the slain. 7Therefore thus says the Lord Yehovah: Your slain whom you have laid in the midst of it, they are the flesh, and this city is the caldron; but you shall be brought forth out of the midst of it. 8You have feared the sword; and I will bring the sword on you, says the Lord Yehovah. 9And I will bring you forth out of its midst, and deliver you into the hands of strangers, and will execute judgments among you. 10You shall fall by the sword; I will judge you in the border of Israel; and you shall know that I am Yehovah. 11This city shall not be your caldron, nor shall you be the flesh in its midst; I will judge you in the border of Israel; 12and you shall know that I am Yehovah: for you have not walked in my statutes, nor have you executed my ordinances, but have done according to the ordinances of the nations that are around you. 13And it happened, when I prophesied, that Pelatiah the son of Benaiah died. Then I fell down on my face, and cried with a loud voice, and said, Ah Lord Yehovah! will you make a full end of the remnant of Israel? 14And the word of Yehovah came to me, saying, 15Son of man, your brothers, even your brothers, the men of your kindred, and all the house of Israel, all of them, are those to whom the inhabitants of Jerusalem have said, Go far from Yehovah; to us this land is given for a possession. 16Therefore say, Thus says the Lord Yehovah: Though I have removed them far off among the nations, and though I have scattered them among the countries, yet I will be a sanctuary to them for a little while in the countries where they have come. 17Therefore say, Thus says the Lord Yehovah: I will gather you from the peoples, and assemble you out of the countries where you have been scattered, and I will give you the land of Israel. 18And they shall come there, and they shall take away all its detestable things and all its abominations from there. 19And I will give them one heart, and I will put a new spirit within you; and I will take the stony heart out of their flesh, and will give them a heart of flesh; 20that they may walk in my statutes, and keep my ordinances, and do them: and they shall be my people, and I will be their God. 21But as for those whose heart walks after the heart of their detestable things and their abominations, I will bring their way on their own heads, says the Lord Yehovah. 22Then the cherubim lifted up their wings, and the wheels were beside them; and the glory of the God of Israel was over them above. 23And the glory of Yehovah went up from the midst of the city, and stood on the mountain which is on the east side of the city. 24And the Spirit lifted me up, and brought me in the vision by the Spirit of God into Chaldea, to those of the captivity. So the vision that I had seen went up from me. 25Then I spoke to those of the captivity all the things that Yehovah had shown me.

Chapter 12

1The word of Yehovah also came to me, saying, 2Son of man, you dwell in the midst of the rebellious house, who have eyes to see, and do not see, who have ears to hear, and do not hear; for they are a rebellious house. 3Therefore, son of man, prepare for yourself baggage for exile, and go into exile by day in their sight; and you shall go into exile from your place to another place in their sight: it may be they will consider, though they are a rebellious house. 4And you shall bring out your baggage by day in their

sight, as baggage for exile; and you shall go forth yourself at evening in their sight, as when men go forth into exile. 5Dig through the wall in their sight, and carry it out through it. 6In their sight you shall bear it on your shoulder, and carry it out in the dark; you shall cover your face, that you may not see the land: for I have set you as a sign to the house of Israel. 7And I did so as I was commanded: I brought out my baggage by day, as baggage for exile, and in the evening I dug through the wall with my hand; I brought it out in the dark, and carried it on my shoulder in their sight. 8And in the morning the word of Yehovah came to me, saying, 9Son of man, has not the house of Israel, the rebellious house, said to you, What are you doing? 10Say to them, Thus says the Lord Yehovah: This burden concerns the prince in Jerusalem, and all the house of Israel among whom they are. 11Say, I am your sign: as I have done, so shall it be done to them; they shall go into exile, into captivity. 12And the prince who is among them shall bear it on his shoulder in the dark, and shall go forth: they shall dig through the wall to carry it out through it: he shall cover his face, because he shall not see the land with his eyes. 13My net also I will spread over him, and he shall be taken in my snare; and I will bring him to Babylon to the land of the Chaldeans; yet he shall not see it, though he shall die there. 14And I will scatter toward every wind all who are around him to help him, and all his troops; and I will draw out the sword after them. 15And they shall know that I am Yehovah, when I disperse them among the nations, and scatter them through the countries. 16But I will leave a few men of them from the sword, from the famine, and from the pestilence; that they may declare all their abominations among the nations where they come; and they shall know that I am Yehovah. 17Moreover the word of Yehovah came to me, saying, 18Son of man, eat your bread with quaking, and drink your water with trembling and with fearfulness; 19and say to the people of the land, Thus says the Lord Yehovah concerning the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and the land of Israel: They shall eat their bread with fearfulness, and drink their water in dismay, that her land may be desolate, and stripped of all that is in it, because of the violence of all those who dwell in it. 20And the cities that are inhabited shall be laid waste, and the land shall be a desolation; and you shall know that I am Yehovah. 21And the word of Yehovah came to me, saying, 22Son of man, what is this proverb that you have in the land of Israel, saying, The days are prolonged, and every vision fails? 23Tell them therefore, Thus says the Lord Yehovah: I will make this proverb cease, and they shall no more use it as a proverb in Israel; but say to them, The days are at hand, and the fulfillment of every vision. 24For there shall no longer be any false vision or flattering divination within the house of Israel. 25For I am Yehovah; I will speak, and the word that I speak shall be performed; it shall no longer be deferred: for in your days, O rebellious house, I will speak the word, and will perform it, says the Lord Yehovah. 26Again the word of Yehovah came to me, saying, 27Son of man, behold, those of the house of Israel say, The vision that he sees is for many days to come, and he prophesies of times that are far off. 28Therefore say to them, Thus says the Lord Yehovah: None of my words shall be deferred any more, but the word which I speak shall be performed, says the Lord Yehovah.

Chapter 13

1And the word of Yehovah came to me, saying, 2Son of man, prophesy against the prophets of Israel who prophesy, and say to those who prophesy out of their own heart, Hear the word of Yehovah: 3Thus says the Lord Yehovah, Woe to the foolish prophets, who follow their own spirit, and have seen nothing! 4O Israel, your prophets have been like foxes in the waste places. 5You have not gone up into the breaches, nor built up the wall for the house of Israel, to stand in the battle on the day of Yehovah. 6They have seen falsehood and lying divination, who say, Yehovah says; but Yehovah has not sent them: and they have made men hope that the word would be confirmed. 7Have you not seen a false vision, and have you not spoken a lying divination, in that you say, Yehovah says; although I have not spoken? 8Therefore thus says the Lord Yehovah: Because you have spoken falsehood, and seen lies, therefore, behold, I am against you, says the Lord Yehovah. 9And my hand shall be against the prophets who see false visions, and who divine lies: they shall not be in the council of my people, nor shall they be written in the register of the house of Israel, nor shall they enter into the land of Israel; and you shall know that I am the Lord Yehovah. 10Because, even because they have misled my people, saying, Peace; and there is no peace; and when one builds up a wall, behold, they daub it with whitewash: 11say to those who daub it with whitewash, that it shall fall: there shall be an overflowing shower; and you, O great hailstones,

shall fall; and a stormy wind shall tear it. 12Look, when the wall has fallen, shall it not be said to you, Where is the daubing with which you have daubed it? 13Therefore thus says the Lord Yehovah: I will even tear it with a stormy wind in my wrath; and there shall be an overflowing shower in my anger, and great hailstones in wrath to consume it. 14So I will break down the wall that you have daubed with whitewash, and bring it down to the ground, so that its foundation shall be uncovered; and it shall fall, and you shall be consumed in its midst: and you shall know that I am Yehovah. 15Thus I will accomplish my wrath on the wall, and on those who have daubed it with whitewash; and I will say to you, The wall is no more, nor those who daubed it; 16that is, the prophets of Israel who prophesy concerning Jerusalem, and who see visions of peace for her, and there is no peace, says the Lord Yehovah. 17And you, son of man, set your face against the daughters of your people, who prophesy out of their own heart; and prophesy against them, 18and say, Thus says the Lord Yehovah: Woe to the women who sew bands on all wrists, and make veils for the head of persons of every stature to hunt souls! Will you hunt the souls of my people, and keep souls alive for yourselves? 19And you have profaned me among my people for handfuls of barley and for pieces of bread, to slay the souls that should not die, and to keep alive the souls that should not live, by your lying to my people who listen to lies. 20Therefore thus says the Lord Yehovah: Behold, I am against your bands, with which you hunt the souls there to make them fly, and I will tear them from your arms; and I will let the souls go, even the souls that you hunt to make them fly. 21Your veils also I will tear, and deliver my people out of your hand, and they shall no longer be in your hand to be hunted; and you shall know that I am Yehovah. 22Because with lies you have grieved the heart of the righteous, whom I have not made sad, and strengthened the hands of the wicked, that he should not return from his wicked way, and be kept alive; 23Therefore you shall no more see false visions, nor divine divinations: and I will deliver my people out of your hand; and you shall know that I am Yehovah.

Chapter 14

1Then certain of the elders of Israel came to me, and sat before me. 2And the word of Yehovah came to me, saying, 3Son of man, these men have taken their idols into their heart, and put the stumbling block of their iniquity before their face: should I be inquired of at all by them? 4Therefore speak to them, and say to them, Thus says the Lord Yehovah: Every man of the house of Israel who takes his idols into his heart, and puts the stumbling block of his iniquity before his face, and comes to the prophet; I Yehovah will answer him in it according to the multitude of his idols; 5that I may take the house of Israel in their own heart, because they are all estranged from me through their idols. 6Therefore say to the house of Israel, Thus says the Lord Yehovah: Return, and turn yourselves from your idols; and turn away your faces from all your abominations. 7For anyone of the house of Israel, or of the strangers who sojourn in Israel, who separates himself from me, and takes his idols into his heart, and puts the stumbling block of his iniquity before his face, and comes to the prophet to inquire of me for himself; I Yehovah will answer him by myself: 8and I will set my face against that man, and will make him an astonishment, for a sign and a proverb, and I will cut him off from the midst of my people; and you shall know that I am Yehovah. 9And if the prophet is deceived and speaks a word, I, Yehovah, have deceived that prophet, and I will stretch out my hand against him, and will destroy him from the midst of my people Israel. 10And they shall bear their iniquity: the iniquity of the prophet shall be even as the iniquity of him who seeks to him; 11that the house of Israel may no longer go astray from me, nor defile themselves any more with all their transgressions; but that they may be my people, and I may be their God, says the Lord Yehovah. 12And the word of Yehovah came to me, saying, 13Son of man, when a land sins against me by committing a trespass, and I stretch out my hand against it, and break its staff of bread, and send famine on it, and cut off from it man and beast; 14though these three men, Noah, Daniel, and Job, were in it, they would deliver only their own souls by their righteousness, says the Lord Yehovah. 15If I cause evil beasts to pass through the land, and they ravage it, and it is made desolate, so that no man may pass through because of the beasts; 16though these three men were in it, as I live, says the Lord Yehovah, they would deliver neither sons nor daughters; they alone would be delivered, but the land would be desolate. 17Or if I bring a sword on that land, and say, Sword, go through the land; so that I cut off from it man and beast; 18though these three men were in it, as I live, says the Lord Yehovah, they would deliver neither sons nor daughters, but they alone would be delivered themselves. 19Or if I

send a pestilence into that land, and pour out my wrath on it in blood, to cut off from it man and beast; 20though Noah, Daniel, and Job, were in it, as I live, says the Lord Yehovah, they would deliver neither son nor daughter; they would deliver only their own souls by their righteousness. 21For thus says the Lord Yehovah: How much more when I send my four severe judgments on Jerusalem, the sword, and the famine, and the evil beasts, and the pestilence, to cut off from it man and beast! 22Yet, behold, in it shall be left a remnant that shall be brought out, both sons and daughters: behold, they shall come out to you, and you shall see their way and their deeds; and you shall be comforted concerning the evil that I have brought on Jerusalem, even concerning all that I have brought on it. 23And they shall comfort you, when you see their way and their deeds; and you shall know that I have not done without cause all that I have done in it, says the Lord Yehovah.

Chapter 15

1And the word of Yehovah came to me, saying, 2Son of man, what is the vine more than any tree, the vine branch which is among the trees of the forest? 3Shall wood be taken from it to make any work? or will men take a peg of it to hang any vessel on? 4Behold, it is cast into the fire for fuel; the fire has devoured both the ends of it, and the midst of it is burned: is it profitable for any work? 5Behold, when it was whole, it was fit for no work: how much less, when the fire has devoured it, and it is burned, shall it yet be fit for any work! 6Therefore thus says the Lord Yehovah: Like the vine among the trees of the forest, which I have given to the fire for fuel, so I will give up the inhabitants of Jerusalem. 7And I will set my face against them; they shall go forth from the fire, but the fire shall devour them; and you shall know that I am Yehovah, when I set my face against them. 8And I will make the land desolate, because they have committed a trespass, says the Lord Yehovah.

Chapter 16

1Again the word of Yehovah came to me, saying, 2Son of man, cause Jerusalem to know her abominations; 3and say, Thus says the Lord Yehovah to Jerusalem: Your birth and your nativity is of the land of the Canaanite; the Amorite was your father, and your mother was a Hittite. 4And as for your nativity, on the day you were born your navel was not cut, nor were you washed in water to cleanse you; you were not salted at all, nor swaddled at all. 5No eye pitied you, to do any of these things to you, to have compassion on you; but you were cast out in the open field, because your person was abhorred, on the day that you were born. 6And when I passed by you, and saw you weltering in your blood, I said to you, Though you are in your blood, live; yes, I said to you, Though you are in your blood, live. 7I caused you to multiply like what grows in the field, and you increased and grew great, and you attained to excellent ornament; your breasts were formed, and your hair had grown; yet you were naked and bare. 8Now when I passed by you, and looked on you, behold, your time was the time of love; and I spread my skirt over you, and covered your nakedness: yes, I swore to you, and entered into a covenant with you, says the Lord Yehovah, and you became mine. 9Then I washed you with water; yes, I thoroughly washed away your blood from you, and I anointed you with oil. 10I clothed you also with embroidered work, and shod you with sealskin, and I wrapped you with fine linen, and covered you with silk. 11And I adorned you with ornaments, and I put bracelets on your hands, and a chain on your neck. 12And I put a ring on your nose, and earrings in your ears, and a beautiful crown on your head. 13Thus you were adorned with gold and silver; and your clothing was of fine linen, and silk, and embroidered work; you ate fine flour, and honey, and oil; and you were exceedingly beautiful, and you prospered to royal estate. 14And your renown went forth among the nations for your beauty; for it was perfect, through my majesty which I had put on you, says the Lord Yehovah. 15But you trusted in your beauty, and played the prostitute because of your renown, and poured out your whoredoms on everyone who passed by; it was his. 16And you took some of your garments, and made for yourself high places adorned with various colors, and played the prostitute on them: the like things shall not come, nor shall it be so. 17You also took your beautiful jewels of my gold and of my silver, which I had given you, and made for yourself images of men, and played the prostitute with them; 18and you took your embroidered garments, and covered them, and set my oil and my incense before them. 19My bread also which I gave you, fine flour, and oil, and honey, with which I fed you, you even set it before them for a sweet savor; and thus it was, says the Lord Yehovah. 20Moreover you have taken your sons and your daughters, whom you have borne to me, and these you have sacrificed to them to be devoured. Were

your whoredoms a small matter, 21that you have slain my children, and delivered them up, in causing them to pass through the fire to them? 22And in all your abominations and your whoredoms you have not remembered the days of your youth, when you were naked and bare, and were weltering in your blood. 23And it has happened after all your wickedness (woe, woe to you! says the Lord Yehovah), 24that you have built for yourself a vaulted place, and have made yourself a lofty place in every street. 25You have built your lofty place at the head of every way, and have made your beauty an abomination, and have opened your feet to everyone who passed by, and multiplied your whoredom. 26You have also committed fornication with the Egyptians, your neighbors, great of flesh; and have multiplied your whoredom, to provoke me to anger. 27Behold therefore, I have stretched out my hand over you, and have diminished your allotted food, and delivered you to the will of those who hate you, the daughters of the Philistines, who are ashamed of your lewd way. 28You have played the prostitute also with the Assyrians, because you were insatiable; yes, you have played the prostitute with them, and yet you were not satisfied. 29You have moreover multiplied your whoredom to the land of merchants, to Chaldea; and yet you were not satisfied with this. 30How weak is your heart, says the Lord Yehovah, seeing you do all these things, the work of an impudent prostitute; 31in that you build your vaulted place at the head of every way, and make your lofty place in every street, and have not been like a prostitute, in that you scorn payment. 32A wife who commits adultery! who takes strangers instead of her husband! 33They give gifts to all prostitutes; but you give your gifts to all your lovers, and bribe them, that they may come to you on every side for your whoredoms. 34And you are different from other women in your whoredoms, in that none follows you to play the prostitute; and since you give payment, and no payment is given to you, therefore you are different. 35Therefore, O prostitute, hear the word of Yehovah: 36Thus says the Lord Yehovah, Because your filthiness was poured out, and your nakedness uncovered through your whoredoms with your lovers; and because of all the idols of your abominations, and for the blood of your children, that you gave to them; 37therefore behold, I will gather all your lovers, with whom you have taken pleasure, and all those whom you have loved, with all those whom you have hated; I will even gather them against you on every side, and will uncover your nakedness to them, that they may see all your nakedness. 38And I will judge you, as women who break wedlock and shed blood are judged; and I will bring on you the blood of wrath and jealousy. 39I will also give you into their hand, and they shall throw down your vaulted place, and break down your lofty places; and they shall strip you of your clothes, and take your beautiful jewels; and they shall leave you naked and bare. 40They shall also bring up a company against you, and they shall stone you with stones, and thrust you through with their swords. 41And they shall burn your houses with fire, and execute judgments on you in the sight of many women; and I will cause you to cease from playing the prostitute, and you shall also give no payment any more. 42So I will cause my wrath toward you to rest, and my jealousy shall depart from you, and I will be quiet, and will no longer be angry. 43Because you have not remembered the days of your youth, but have raged against me in all these things; therefore, behold, I also will bring your way on your head, says the Lord Yehovah: and you shall not commit this lewdness with all your abominations. 44Behold, everyone who uses proverbs shall use this proverb against you, saying, As is the mother, so is her daughter. 45You are the daughter of your mother, who loathes her husband and her children; and you are the sister of your sisters, who loathed their husbands and their children: your mother was a Hittite, and your father an Amorite. 46And your elder sister is Samaria, who dwells at your left hand, she and her daughters; and your younger sister, who dwells at your right hand, is Sodom and her daughters. 47Yet you have not walked in their ways, nor done according to their abominations; but, as if that were a very little thing, you were more corrupt than they in all your ways. 48As I live, says the Lord Yehovah, Sodom your sister has not done, she nor her daughters, as you have done, you and your daughters. 49Behold, this was the iniquity of your sister Sodom: pride, fullness of bread, and prosperous ease was in her and in her daughters; nor did she strengthen the hand of the poor and needy. 50And they were haughty, and committed abomination before me: therefore I took them away as I saw good. 51Nor has Samaria committed half of your sins; but you have multiplied your abominations more than they, and have justified your sisters by all your abominations which you have done. 52You also, bear your own shame, in

that you have given judgment for your sisters; through your sins that you have committed more abominable than they, they are more righteous than you: yes, be confounded also, and bear your shame, in that you have justified your sisters. 53And I will turn again their captivity, the captivity of Sodom and her daughters, and the captivity of Samaria and her daughters, and the captivity of your captives in the midst of them; 54that you may bear your own shame, and may be ashamed because of all that you have done, in that you are a comfort to them. 55And your sisters, Sodom and her daughters, shall return to their former estate; and Samaria and her daughters shall return to their former estate; and you and your daughters shall return to your former estate. 56For your sister Sodom was not mentioned by your mouth in the day of your pride, 57before your wickedness was uncovered, as at the time of the reproach of the daughters of Syria, and of all who are around her, the daughters of the Philistines, who despise you all around. 58You have borne your lewdness and your abominations, says Yehovah. 59For thus says the Lord Yehovah: I will also deal with you as you have done, who have despised the oath in breaking the covenant. 60Nevertheless I will remember my covenant with you in the days of your youth, and I will establish with you an everlasting covenant. 61Then you shall remember your ways, and be ashamed, when you receive your sisters, your elder sisters and your younger; and I will give them to you for daughters, but not by your covenant. 62And I will establish my covenant with you; and you shall know that I am Yehovah; 63that you may remember, and be confounded, and never open your mouth any more, because of your shame, when I have forgiven you all that you have done, says the Lord Yehovah.

Chapter 17

1And the word of Yehovah came to me, saying, 2Son of man, put forth a riddle, and speak a parable to the house of Israel; 3and say, Thus says the Lord Yehovah: A great eagle with great wings and long pinions, full of feathers, which had various colors, came to Lebanon, and took the top of the cedar: 4he broke off the topmost of its young twigs, and carried it to a land of merchants; he set it in a city of merchants. 5He also took some of the seed of the land, and planted it in fruitful soil; he placed it beside many waters; he set it like a willow tree. 6And it grew, and became a spreading vine of low stature, whose branches turned toward him, and its roots were under him: so it became a vine, and brought forth branches, and shot forth sprigs. 7There was also another great eagle with great wings and many feathers: and, behold, this vine bent its roots toward him, and shot forth its branches toward him, from the beds where it was planted, that he might water it. 8It was planted in good soil by many waters, that it might bring forth branches, and that it might bear fruit, that it might be a goodly vine. 9Say, Thus says the Lord Yehovah: Shall it prosper? shall he not pull up its roots, and cut off its fruit, that it may wither; that all its fresh springing leaves may wither? and not by a strong arm or many people can it be raised from its roots. 10Yes, behold, being planted, shall it prosper? shall it not utterly wither, when the east wind touches it? it shall wither in the beds where it grew. 11Moreover the word of Yehovah came to me, saying, 12Say now to the rebellious house, Do you not know what these things mean? tell them, Behold, the king of Babylon came to Jerusalem, and took its king, and its princes, and brought them to himself to Babylon. 13And he took one of the royal seed, and made a covenant with him; he also brought him under an oath, and took away the mighty of the land; 14that the kingdom might be lowly, that it might not lift itself up, but that by keeping his covenant it might stand. 15But he rebelled against him in sending his ambassadors into Egypt, that they might give him horses and many people. Shall he prosper? shall he escape who does such things? shall he break the covenant, and yet escape? 16As I live, says the Lord Yehovah, surely in the place where the king dwells who made him king, whose oath he despised, and whose covenant he broke, even with him in the midst of Babylon he shall die. 17Nor shall Pharaoh with his mighty army and great company help him in the war, when they cast up mounds and build forts, to cut off many persons. 18For he has despised the oath by breaking the covenant; and behold, he had given his hand, and yet has done all these things; he shall not escape. 19Therefore thus says the Lord Yehovah: As I live, surely my oath that he has despised, and my covenant that he has broken, I will even bring it on his own head. 20And I will spread my net over him, and he shall be taken in my snare, and I will bring him to Babylon, and will enter into judgment with him there for his trespass that he has trespassed against me. 21And all his fugitives in all his troops shall fall by the sword, and those who remain shall be scattered toward every wind: and you shall know

that I, Yehovah, have spoken it. 22Thus says the Lord Yehovah: I will also take some of the lofty top of the cedar, and will set it; I will break off from the topmost of its young twigs a tender one, and I will plant it on a high and lofty mountain: 23on the mountain of the height of Israel I will plant it; and it shall bring forth boughs, and bear fruit, and be a goodly cedar: and under it shall dwell all birds of every wing; in the shade of its branches they shall dwell. 24And all the trees of the field shall know that I, Yehovah, have brought down the high tree, have exalted the low tree, have dried up the green tree, and have made the dry tree flourish: I, Yehovah, have spoken and have done it.

Chapter 18

1The word of Yehovah came to me again, saying, 2What do you mean, that you use this proverb concerning the land of Israel, saying, The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge? 3As I live, says the Lord Yehovah, you shall not have occasion any more to use this proverb in Israel. 4Behold, all souls are mine; as the soul of the father, so also the soul of the son is mine: the soul that sins, it shall die. 5But if a man is just, and does what is lawful and right, 6and has not eaten on the mountains, nor has lifted up his eyes to the idols of the house of Israel, nor has defiled his neighbor's wife, nor has come near to a woman in her impurity, 7and has not wronged anyone, but has restored to the debtor his pledge, has taken nothing by robbery, has given his bread to the hungry, and has covered the naked with a garment; 8he who has not lent at interest, nor has taken any increase, who has withdrawn his hand from iniquity, has executed true justice between man and man, 9has walked in my statutes, and has kept my ordinances, to deal truly; he is just, he shall surely live, says the Lord Yehovah. 10If he fathers a son who is a robber, a shedder of blood, and who does any one of these things, 11and who does not do any of those duties, but even has eaten on the mountains, and defiled his neighbor's wife, 12has wronged the poor and needy, has taken by robbery, has not restored the pledge, and has lifted up his eyes to the idols, has committed abomination, 13has lent at interest, and has taken increase; shall he then live? he shall not live: he has done all these abominations; he shall surely die; his blood shall be on him. 14Now, look, if he fathers a son, who sees all his father's sins, which he has done, and fears, and does not do likewise; 15who has not eaten on the mountains, nor has lifted up his eyes to the idols of the house of Israel, has not defiled his neighbor's wife, 16nor has wronged anyone, has not taken anything in pledge, nor has taken by robbery, but has given his bread to the hungry, and has covered the naked with a garment; 17who has withdrawn his hand from the poor, who has not received interest nor increase, has executed my ordinances, has walked in my statutes; he shall not die for the iniquity of his father, he shall surely live. 18As for his father, because he cruelly oppressed, robbed his brother, and did what is not good among his people, behold, he shall die in his iniquity. 19Yet you say, Why does the son not bear the iniquity of the father? When the son has done what is lawful and right, and has kept all my statutes, and has done them, he shall surely live. 20The soul that sins, it shall die: the son shall not bear the iniquity of the father, nor shall the father bear the iniquity of the son; the righteousness of the righteous shall be on him, and the wickedness of the wicked shall be on him. 21But if the wicked turns from all his sins that he has committed, and keeps all my statutes, and does what is lawful and right, he shall surely live, he shall not die. 22None of his transgressions that he has committed shall be remembered against him: in his righteousness that he has done he shall live. 23Have I any pleasure in the death of the wicked? says the Lord Yehovah; and not rather that he should return from his way, and live? 24But when the righteous turns away from his righteousness, and commits iniquity, and does according to all the abominations that the wicked man does, shall he live? None of his righteous deeds that he has done shall be remembered: in his trespass that he has trespassed, and in his sin that he has sinned, in them he shall die. 25Yet you say, The way of the Lord is not just. Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way not just? are not your ways unjust? 26When the righteous man turns away from his righteousness, and commits iniquity, and dies in it; in his iniquity that he has done he shall die. 27Again, when the wicked man turns away from his wickedness that he has committed, and does what is lawful and right, he shall save his soul alive. 28Because he considers, and turns away from all his transgressions that he has committed, he shall surely live, he shall not die. 29Yet the house of Israel says, The way of the Lord is not just. O house of Israel, are my ways not just? are not your ways unjust? 30Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, each

one according to his ways, says the Lord Yehovah. Return, and turn yourselves from all your transgressions; so iniquity shall not be your ruin. 31Cast away from you all your transgressions, by which you have transgressed; and make yourselves a new heart and a new spirit: for why will you die, O house of Israel? 32For I have no pleasure in the death of him who dies, says the Lord Yehovah: therefore turn yourselves, and live.

Chapter 19

1Moreover, take up a lamentation for the princes of Israel, 2and say, What was your mother? A lioness: she lay down among lions, in the midst of the young lions she nourished her cubs. 3And she brought up one of her cubs: he became a young lion, and he learned to catch the prey; he devoured men. 4The nations also heard of him; he was taken in their pit; and they brought him with hooks to the land of Egypt. 5Now when she saw that she had waited, and her hope was lost, then she took another of her cubs, and made him a young lion. 6And he went up and down among the lions; he became a young lion, and he learned to catch the prey; he devoured men. 7And he knew their palaces, and laid waste their cities; and the land was desolate, and all that filled it, because of the noise of his roaring. 8Then the nations set against him on every side from the provinces; and they spread their net over him; he was taken in their pit. 9And they put him in a cage with hooks, and brought him to the king of Babylon; they brought him into strongholds, that his voice should no longer be heard on the mountains of Israel. 10Your mother was like a vine, in your blood, planted by the waters: it was fruitful and full of branches because of many waters. 11And it had strong rods for the scepters of those who bore rule, and their stature was exalted among the thick boughs, and they were seen in their height with the multitude of their branches. 12But it was plucked up in fury, it was cast down to the ground, and the east wind dried up its fruit: its strong rods were broken off and withered; the fire consumed them. 13And now it is planted in the wilderness, in a dry and thirsty land. 14And fire has gone out of the rods of its branches, it has devoured its fruit, so that there is in it no strong rod to be a scepter to rule. This is a lamentation, and shall be for a lamentation.

Chapter 20

1And it happened in the seventh year, in the fifth month, on the tenth day of the month, that certain of the elders of Israel came to inquire of Yehovah, and sat before me. 2And the word of Yehovah came to me, saying, 3Son of man, speak to the elders of Israel, and say to them, Thus says the Lord Yehovah: Is it to inquire of me that you have come? As I live, says the Lord Yehovah, I will not be inquired of by you. 4Will you judge them, son of man, will you judge them? Cause them to know the abominations of their fathers; 5and say to them, Thus says the Lord Yehovah: On the day when I chose Israel, and swore to the seed of the house of Jacob, and made myself known to them in the land of Egypt, when I swore to them, saying, I am Yehovah your God; 6on that day I swore to them, to bring them out of the land of Egypt into a land that I had searched out for them, flowing with milk and honey, which is the glory of all lands. 7And I said to them, Cast away, every man, the abominations of his eyes, and do not defile yourselves with the idols of Egypt; I am Yehovah your God. 8But they rebelled against me, and would not listen to me; they did not every man cast away the abominations of their eyes, nor did they forsake the idols of Egypt. Then I said I would pour out my wrath on them, to accomplish my anger against them in the midst of the land of Egypt. 9But I acted for my name's sake, that it should not be profaned in the sight of the nations, among whom they were, in whose sight I made myself known to them, in bringing them out of the land of Egypt. 10So I caused them to go forth out of the land of Egypt, and brought them into the wilderness. 11And I gave them my statutes, and showed them my ordinances, which if a man does, he shall live in them. 12Moreover I also gave them my sabbaths, to be a sign between me and them, that they might know that I am Yehovah who sanctifies them. 13But the house of Israel rebelled against me in the wilderness: they did not walk in my statutes, and they rejected my ordinances, which if a man keeps, he shall live in them; and my sabbaths they greatly profaned. Then I said I would pour out my wrath on them in the wilderness, to consume them. 14But I acted for my name's sake, that it should not be profaned in the sight of the nations, in whose sight I brought them out. 15Moreover I also swore to them in the wilderness, that I would not bring them into the land which I had given them, flowing with milk and honey, which is the glory of all lands; 16because they rejected my ordinances, and did not walk in my statutes, and profaned my sabbaths: for their heart went after their idols. 17Nevertheless my eye spared

them, and I did not destroy them, nor did I make a full end of them in the wilderness. 18And I said to their children in the wilderness, Do not walk in the statutes of your fathers, nor observe their ordinances, nor defile yourselves with their idols. 19I am Yehovah your God: walk in my statutes, and keep my ordinances, and do them; 20and hallow my sabbaths; and they shall be a sign between me and you, that you may know that I am Yehovah your God. 21But the children rebelled against me; they did not walk in my statutes, nor kept my ordinances to do them, which if a man does, he shall live in them; they profaned my sabbaths. Then I said I would pour out my wrath on them, to accomplish my anger against them in the wilderness. 22Nevertheless I withdrew my hand, and acted for my name's sake, that it should not be profaned in the sight of the nations, in whose sight I brought them out. 23Moreover I swore to them in the wilderness, that I would scatter them among the nations, and disperse them through the countries; 24because they had not executed my ordinances, but had rejected my statutes, and had profaned my sabbaths, and their eyes were after their fathers' idols. 25Moreover I also gave them statutes that were not good, and ordinances by which they could not live; 26and I polluted them in their own gifts, in that they caused to pass through the fire all that opens the womb, that I might make them desolate, to the end that they might know that I am Yehovah. 27Therefore, son of man, speak to the house of Israel, and say to them, Thus says the Lord Yehovah: In this moreover your fathers have blasphemed me, in that they have committed a trespass against me. 28For when I had brought them into the land, which I swore to give to them, then they saw every high hill, and every thick tree, and they offered their sacrifices there, and there they presented the provocation of their offering; there also they made their sweet savor, and they poured out their drink offerings there. 29Then I said to them, What is the high place to which you go? So its name is called Bamah to this day. 30Therefore say to the house of Israel, Thus says the Lord Yehovah: Do you pollute yourselves after the manner of your fathers? and do you play the prostitute after their abominations? 31and when you offer your gifts, when you make your sons pass through the fire, do you pollute yourselves with all your idols to this day? and shall I be inquired of by you, O house of Israel? As I live, says the Lord Yehovah, I will not be inquired of by you; 32and what comes into your mind shall never happen, in that you say, We will be like the nations, like the families of the countries, to serve wood and stone. 33As I live, says the Lord Yehovah, surely with a mighty hand, and with an outstretched arm, and with wrath poured out, I will be king over you. 34And I will bring you out from the peoples, and will gather you out of the countries in which you are scattered, with a mighty hand, and with an outstretched arm, and with wrath poured out; 35and I will bring you into the wilderness of the peoples, and there I will enter into judgment with you face to face. 36As I entered into judgment with your fathers in the wilderness of the land of Egypt, so I will enter into judgment with you, says the Lord Yehovah. 37And I will cause you to pass under the rod, and I will bring you into the bond of the covenant; 38and I will purge out from among you the rebels, and those who transgress against me; I will bring them out of the land where they sojourn, but they shall not enter into the land of Israel: and you shall know that I am Yehovah. 39As for you, O house of Israel, thus says the Lord Yehovah: Go, serve each one his idols, and hereafter also, if you will not listen to me; but my holy name you shall no more profane with your gifts, and with your idols. 40For on my holy mountain, on the mountain of the height of Israel, says the Lord Yehovah, there all the house of Israel, all of them, shall serve me in the land: there I will accept them, and there I will require your offerings, and the firstfruits of your oblations, with all your holy things. 41As a sweet savor I will accept you, when I bring you out from the peoples, and gather you out of the countries in which you have been scattered; and I will be sanctified in you in the sight of the nations. 42And you shall know that I am Yehovah, when I bring you into the land of Israel, into the country which I swore to give to your fathers. 43And there you shall remember your ways, and all your deeds, by which you have polluted yourselves; and you shall loathe yourselves in your own sight for all your evils that you have committed. 44And you shall know that I am Yehovah, when I have dealt with you for my name's sake, not according to your evil ways, nor according to your corrupt deeds, O house of Israel, says the Lord Yehovah. 45And the word of Yehovah came to me, saying, 46Son of man, set your face toward the south, and preach toward the south, and prophesy against the forest of the field in the South; 47and say to the forest of the South, Hear the word of Yehovah: Thus says the Lord

Yehovah, Behold, I will kindle a fire in you, and it shall devour every green tree in you, and every dry tree: the blazing flame shall not be quenched, and all faces from the south to the north shall be scorched by it. 48And all flesh shall see that I, Yehovah, have kindled it; it shall not be quenched. 49Then I said, Ah Lord Yehovah! they say of me, Is he not a speaker of parables?

Chapter 21

1And the word of Yehovah came to me, saying, 2Son of man, set your face toward Jerusalem, and preach toward the sanctuaries, and prophesy against the land of Israel; 3and say to the land of Israel, Thus says Yehovah: Behold, I am against you, and will draw my sword out of its sheath, and will cut off from you the righteous and the wicked. 4Seeing then that I will cut off from you the righteous and the wicked, therefore my sword shall go forth out of its sheath against all flesh from the south to the north: 5and all flesh shall know that I, Yehovah, have drawn my sword out of its sheath; it shall not return any more. 6Sigh therefore, son of man; with the breaking of your loins and with bitterness you shall sigh before their eyes. 7And it shall be, when they say to you, Why do you sigh? that you shall say, Because of the news, for it comes; and every heart shall melt, and all hands shall be feeble, and every spirit shall faint, and all knees shall be weak as water: behold, it comes, and it shall be done, says the Lord Yehovah. 8And the word of Yehovah came to me, saying, 9Son of man, prophesy, and say, Thus says Yehovah: Say, A sword, a sword, it is sharpened, and also polished; 10it is sharpened that it may make a slaughter; it is polished that it may be like lightning: shall we then make mirth? the rod of my son, it despises every tree. 11And it is given to be polished, that it may be handled: the sword, it is sharpened, yes, it is polished, to give it into the hand of the slayer. 12Cry and wail, son of man; for it is against my people, it is against all the princes of Israel: they are delivered over to the sword with my people; strike therefore on your thigh. 13For there is a trial; and what if even the rod that despises shall be no more? says the Lord Yehovah. 14You therefore, son of man, prophesy, and strike your hands together; and let the sword be doubled the third time, the sword of the deadly wounded: it is the sword of the great one who is deadly wounded, which enters into their chambers. 15I have set the threatening sword against all their gates, that their heart may melt, and their stumblings be multiplied: ah! it is made like lightning, it is pointed for slaughter. 16Gather yourself together, go to the right, set yourself in array, go to the left, wherever your face is set. 17I will also strike my hands together, and I will cause my wrath to rest: I, Yehovah, have spoken it. 18The word of Yehovah came to me again, saying, 19Also, son of man, appoint two ways, that the sword of the king of Babylon may come; the two of them shall come forth out of one land: and mark out a place, mark it out at the head of the way to the city. 20You shall appoint a way for the sword to come to Rabbah of the children of Ammon, and to Judah in Jerusalem the fortified. 21For the king of Babylon stood at the parting of the way, at the head of the two ways, to use divination: he shook the arrows to and fro, he consulted the teraphim, he looked in the liver. 22In his right hand was the divination for Jerusalem, to set battering rams, to open the mouth in the slaughter, to lift up the voice with shouting, to set battering rams against the gates, to cast up mounds, to build forts. 23And it shall be to them like a false divination in their sight, who have sworn oaths to them; but he brings iniquity to remembrance, that they may be taken. 24Therefore thus says the Lord Yehovah: Because you have made your iniquity to be remembered, in that your transgressions are uncovered, so that in all your deeds your sins appear; because you have come to remembrance, you shall be taken with the hand. 25And you, O deadly wounded wicked one, the prince of Israel, whose day has come, in the time of the iniquity of the end, 26thus says the Lord Yehovah: Remove the turban, and take off the crown; this shall no longer be the same; exalt what is low, and abase what is high. 27I will overturn, overturn, overturn it: this also shall be no more, until he comes whose right it is; and I will give it to him. 28And you, son of man, prophesy, and say, Thus says the Lord Yehovah concerning the children of Ammon, and concerning their reproach; and say, A sword, a sword is drawn, for the slaughter it is polished, to cause it to devour, that it may be like lightning; 29while they see false visions for you, while they divine lies to you, to lay you on the necks of the wicked who are deadly wounded, whose day has come in the time of the iniquity of the end. 30Cause it to return into its sheath. In the place where you were created, in the land of your birth, I will judge you. 31And I will pour out my indignation on you; I will blow on you with the fire of my wrath; and I will deliver you into the hand of brutish men, skillful to

destroy. 32You shall be fuel for the fire; your blood shall be in the midst of the land; you shall no longer be remembered: for I, Yehovah, have spoken it.

Chapter 22

1Moreover the word of Yehovah came to me, saying, 2And you, son of man, will you judge, will you judge the bloody city? then cause her to know all her abominations. 3And you shall say, Thus says the Lord Yehovah: A city that sheds blood in the midst of her, that her time may come, and that makes idols against herself to defile her! 4You have become guilty by your blood that you have shed, and are defiled by your idols which you have made; and you have caused your days to draw near, and have come even to your years: therefore I have made you a reproach to the nations, and a mocking to all the countries. 5Those who are near, and those who are far from you, shall mock you, you infamous one and full of tumult. 6Behold, the princes of Israel, each one according to his power, have been in you to shed blood. 7In you they have treated father and mother with contempt; in the midst of you they have dealt with the sojourner by oppression; in you they have wronged the fatherless and the widow. 8You have despised my holy things, and have profaned my sabbaths. 9Slanderous men have been in you to shed blood; and in you they have eaten on the mountains: in the midst of you they have committed lewdness. 10In you they have uncovered their fathers' nakedness; in you they have humbled her who was unclean in her impurity. 11And one has committed abomination with his neighbor's wife; and another has lewdly defiled his daughter-in-law; and another in you has humbled his sister, his father's daughter. 12In you they have taken bribes to shed blood; you have taken interest and increase, and you have greedily gained from your neighbors by oppression, and have forgotten me, says the Lord Yehovah. 13Behold, therefore, I have struck my hand at your dishonest gain which you have made, and at your blood which has been in the midst of you. 14Can your heart endure, or can your hands be strong, in the days that I shall deal with you? I, Yehovah, have spoken it, and will do it. 15And I will scatter you among the nations, and disperse you through the countries; and I will consume your filthiness out of you. 16And you shall be profaned in yourself, in the sight of the nations; and you shall know that I am Yehovah. 17And the word of Yehovah came to me, saying, 18Son of man, the house of Israel has become dross to me: all of them are bronze and tin and iron and lead, in the midst of the furnace; they are the dross of silver. 19Therefore thus says the Lord Yehovah: Because you have all become dross, therefore, behold, I will gather you into the midst of Jerusalem. 20As they gather silver and bronze and iron and lead and tin into the midst of the furnace, to blow the fire on it, to melt it; so I will gather you in my anger and in my wrath, and I will lay you there, and melt you. 21Yes, I will gather you, and blow on you with the fire of my wrath, and you shall be melted in its midst. 22As silver is melted in the midst of the furnace, so shall you be melted in its midst; and you shall know that I, Yehovah, have poured out my wrath on you. 23And the word of Yehovah came to me, saying, 24Son of man, say to her, You are a land that is not cleansed, nor rained on in the day of indignation. 25There is a conspiracy of her prophets in its midst, like a roaring lion tearing the prey: they have devoured souls; they take treasure and precious things; they have made her widows many in its midst. 26Her priests have done violence to my law, and have profaned my holy things: they have made no distinction between the holy and the common, nor have they caused men to discern between the unclean and the clean, and have hidden their eyes from my sabbaths, and I am profaned among them. 27Her princes in its midst are like wolves tearing the prey, to shed blood, and to destroy souls, that they may get dishonest gain. 28And her prophets have daubed for them with whitewash, seeing false visions, and divining lies to them, saying, Thus says the Lord Yehovah, when Yehovah has not spoken. 29The people of the land have practiced oppression, and committed robbery; yes, they have oppressed the poor and needy, and have oppressed the sojourner wrongfully. 30And I sought for a man among them, who would build up the wall, and stand in the breach before me for the land, that I should not destroy it; but I found none. 31Therefore I have poured out my indignation on them; I have consumed them with the fire of my wrath: their own way I have brought on their heads, says the Lord Yehovah.

Chapter 23

1The word of Yehovah came again to me, saying, 2Son of man, there were two women, the daughters of one mother: 3and they played the prostitute in Egypt; they played the prostitute in their youth; there their breasts were pressed, and there the bosom of their virginity was handled. 4And their names were Oholah the elder, and Oholibah her sister: and they

became mine, and they bore sons and daughters. And as for their names, Samaria is Oholah, and Jerusalem Oholibah. 5And Oholah played the prostitute when she was mine; and she doted on her lovers, on the Assyrians her neighbors, 6who were clothed with blue, governors and rulers, all of them desirable young men, horsemen riding on horses. 7And she bestowed her whoredoms on them, the choicest men of Assyria all of them; and with all the idols of whomever she doted on she defiled herself. 8Nor has she left her whoredoms since the days of Egypt; for in her youth they lay with her, and they handled the bosom of her virginity; and they poured out their whoredom on her. 9Therefore I delivered her into the hand of her lovers, into the hand of the Assyrians, on whom she doted. 10These uncovered her nakedness; they took her sons and her daughters; and her they slew with the sword: and she became a byword among women; for they executed judgments on her. 11And her sister Oholibah saw this, yet she was more corrupt in her doting than she, and in her whoredoms which were more than the whoredoms of her sister. 12She doted on the Assyrians, governors and rulers, her neighbors, clothed most gorgeously, horsemen riding on horses, all of them desirable young men. 13And I saw that she was defiled; they both took one way. 14And she increased her whoredoms; for she saw men portrayed on the wall, the images of the Chaldeans portrayed with vermilion, 15wearing belts on their loins, with flowing turbans on their heads, all of them princes to look at, after the likeness of the Babylonians in Chaldea, the land of their nativity. 16And as soon as she saw them she doted on them, and sent messengers to them into Chaldea. 17And the Babylonians came to her into the bed of love, and they defiled her with their whoredom, and she was polluted with them, and her soul was alienated from them. 18So she uncovered her whoredoms, and uncovered her nakedness: then my soul was alienated from her, as my soul was alienated from her sister. 19Yet she multiplied her whoredoms, remembering the days of her youth, in which she had played the prostitute in the land of Egypt. 20And she doted on their paramours, whose flesh is like the flesh of donkeys, and whose issue is like the issue of horses. 21Thus you called to remembrance the lewdness of your youth, in the handling of your bosom by the Egyptians for the breasts of your youth. 22Therefore, O Oholibah, thus says the Lord Yehovah: Behold, I will raise up your lovers against you, from whom your soul is alienated, and I will bring them against you on every side: 23the Babylonians and all the Chaldeans, Pekod and Shoa and Koa, and all the Assyrians with them; desirable young men, governors and rulers all of them, princes and men of renown, all of them riding on horses. 24And they shall come against you with weapons, chariots, and wagons, and with a company of peoples; they shall set themselves against you with buckler and shield and helmet all around: and I will commit the judgment to them, and they shall judge you according to their judgments. 25And I will set my jealousy against you, and they shall deal with you in fury; they shall take away your nose and your ears; and your remnant shall fall by the sword: they shall take your sons and your daughters; and your remnant shall be devoured by the fire. 26They shall also strip you of your clothes, and take away your beautiful jewels. 27Thus I will make your lewdness cease from you, and your whoredom brought from the land of Egypt; so that you shall not lift up your eyes to them, nor remember Egypt any more. 28For thus says the Lord Yehovah: Behold, I will deliver you into the hand of those whom you hate, into the hand of those from whom your soul is alienated; 29and they shall deal with you in hatred, and shall take away all your labor, and shall leave you naked and bare; and the nakedness of your whoredoms shall be uncovered, both your lewdness and your whoredoms. 30These things shall be done to you, because you have played the prostitute after the nations, and because you are polluted with their idols. 31You have walked in the way of your sister; therefore I will give her cup into your hand. 32Thus says the Lord Yehovah: You shall drink of your sister's cup, which is deep and large; you shall be laughed to scorn and had in derision; it contains much. 33You shall be filled with drunkenness and sorrow, with the cup of astonishment and desolation, with the cup of your sister Samaria. 34You shall even drink it and drain it out, and you shall gnaw its shards, and shall tear your breasts; for I have spoken it, says the Lord Yehovah. 35Therefore thus says the Lord Yehovah: Because you have forgotten me, and cast me behind your back, therefore bear also your lewdness and your whoredoms. 36Yehovah said moreover to me: Son of man, will you judge Oholah and Oholibah? then declare to them their abominations. 37For they have committed adultery,

and blood is on their hands; and with their idols they have committed adultery; and they have also caused their sons, whom they bore to me, to pass through the fire to them to be devoured. 38 Moreover this they have done to me: they have defiled my sanctuary on the same day, and have profaned my sabbaths. 39 For when they had slain their children to their idols, then they came the same day into my sanctuary to profane it; and, look, thus they have done in the midst of my house. 40 And furthermore you have sent for men who come from far, to whom a messenger was sent, and, look, they came; for whom you washed yourself, painted your eyes, and adorned yourself with ornaments, 41 and sat on a stately bed, with a table prepared before it, on which you set my incense and my oil. 42 And the voice of a multitude being at ease was with her: and with men of the common sort drunkards were brought from the wilderness; and they put bracelets on the hands of the two of them, and beautiful crowns on their heads. 43 Then I said of her who was worn out in adulteries, Now they will play the prostitute with her, and she with them. 44 And they went in to her, as they go in to a prostitute: so they went in to Oholah and to Oholibah, the lewd women. 45 And righteous men, they shall judge them with the judgment of adulteresses, and with the judgment of women who shed blood; because they are adulteresses, and blood is on their hands. 46 For thus says the Lord Yehovah: I will bring up a company against them, and will give them to be tossed to and fro and robbed. 47 And the company shall stone them with stones, and dispatch them with their swords; they shall slay their sons and their daughters, and burn up their houses with fire. 48 Thus I will cause lewdness to cease out of the land, that all women may be taught not to do according to your lewdness. 49 And they shall repay your lewdness on you, and you shall bear the sins of your idols; and you shall know that I am the Lord Yehovah.

Chapter 24

1 Again, in the ninth year, in the tenth month, on the tenth day of the month, the word of Yehovah came to me, saying, 2 Son of man, write down the name of the day, of this very day: the king of Babylon drew close to Jerusalem this very day. 3 And utter a parable to the rebellious house, and say to them, Thus says the Lord Yehovah, Set on the caldron, set it on, and also pour water into it: 4 gather its pieces into it, every good piece, the thigh, and the shoulder; fill it with the choice bones. 5 Take the choice of the flock, and also a pile of wood for the bones under the caldron; make it boil well; yes, let its bones be boiled in the midst of it. 6 Therefore thus says the Lord Yehovah: Woe to the bloody city, to the caldron whose rust is in it, and whose rust has not gone out of it! take out of it piece after piece; No lot has fallen on it. 7 For her blood is in the midst of her; she set it on the bare rock; she did not pour it on the ground, to cover it with dust. 8 That it may cause wrath to come up to take vengeance, I have set her blood on the bare rock, that it should not be covered. 9 Therefore thus says the Lord Yehovah: Woe to the bloody city! I also will make the pile great. 10 Heap on the wood, make the fire hot, boil well the flesh, and make thick the broth, and let the bones be burned. 11 Then set it empty on its coals, that it may be hot, and its bronze may burn, and that its filthiness may be melted in it, that its rust may be consumed. 12 She has wearied herself with toil; yet her great rust does not go forth out of her; her rust does not go forth by fire. 13 In your filthiness is lewdness: because I have cleansed you and you were not cleansed, you shall not be cleansed from your filthiness any more, until I have caused my wrath toward you to rest. 14 I, Yehovah, have spoken it: it shall happen, and I will do it: I will not go back, nor will I spare, nor will I relent; according to your ways, and according to your deeds, they shall judge you, says the Lord Yehovah. 15 Also the word of Yehovah came to me, saying, 16 Son of man, behold, I take away from you the desire of your eyes with a stroke: yet you shall neither mourn nor weep, nor shall your tears run down. 17 Sigh, but not aloud, make no mourning for the dead; bind your turban on you, and put your shoes on your feet, and do not cover your lips, and do not eat the bread of men. 18 So I spoke to the people in the morning; and at evening my wife died; and I did in the morning as I was commanded. 19 And the people said to me, Will you not tell us what these things are to us, that you do so? 20 Then I said to them, The word of Yehovah came to me, saying, 21 Speak to the house of Israel, Thus says the Lord Yehovah: Behold, I will profane my sanctuary, the pride of your power, the desire of your eyes, and what your soul pities; and your sons and your daughters whom you have left behind shall fall by the sword. 22 And you shall do as I have done: you shall not cover your lips, nor eat the bread of men. 23 And your turbans shall be on your heads, and your shoes on your feet: you shall not mourn nor weep; but you shall waste away in your iniquities, and groan one to another. 24 Thus Ezekiel shall be a sign to

you; according to all that he has done you shall do: when this comes, then you shall know that I am the Lord Yehovah. 25And you, son of man, shall it not be on the day when I take from them their strength, the joy of their glory, the desire of their eyes, and that on which they set their heart, their sons and their daughters, 26that on that day he who escapes shall come to you, to cause you to hear it with your ears? 27On that day your mouth shall be opened to him who has escaped, and you shall speak, and be no longer mute: so you shall be a sign to them; and they shall know that I am Yehovah.

Chapter 25

1And the word of Yehovah came to me, saying, 2Son of man, set your face toward the children of Ammon, and prophesy against them: 3and say to the children of Ammon, Hear the word of the Lord Yehovah: Thus says the Lord Yehovah, Because you said, Aha, against my sanctuary, when it was profaned; and against the land of Israel, when it was made desolate; and against the house of Judah, when they went into captivity: 4therefore, behold, I will deliver you to the children of the east for a possession, and they shall set their encampments in you, and make their dwellings in you; they shall eat your fruit, and they shall drink your milk. 5And I will make Rabbah a pasture for camels, and the children of Ammon a resting place for flocks: and you shall know that I am Yehovah. 6For thus says the Lord Yehovah: Because you have clapped your hands, and stamped with the feet, and rejoiced with all the malice of your soul against the land of Israel; 7therefore, behold, I have stretched out my hand against you, and will deliver you as spoil to the nations; and I will cut you off from the peoples, and I will cause you to perish out of the countries: I will destroy you; and you shall know that I am Yehovah. 8Thus says the Lord Yehovah: Because Moab and Seir say, Behold, the house of Judah is like all the nations; 9therefore, behold, I will open the side of Moab from the cities, from his cities which are on his frontiers, the glory of the country, Beth-jeshimoth, Baal-meon, and Kiriathaim, 10to the children of the east, to go against the children of Ammon; and I will give them for a possession, that the children of Ammon may not be remembered among the nations: 11and I will execute judgments on Moab; and they shall know that I am Yehovah. 12Thus says the Lord Yehovah: Because Edom has dealt against the house of Judah by taking vengeance, and has greatly offended, and avenged himself on them; 13therefore thus says the Lord Yehovah, I will stretch out my hand against Edom, and will cut off man and beast from it; and I will make it desolate from Teman; even to Dedan they shall fall by the sword. 14And I will lay my vengeance on Edom by the hand of my people Israel; and they shall do in Edom according to my anger and according to my wrath; and they shall know my vengeance, says the Lord Yehovah. 15Thus says the Lord Yehovah: Because the Philistines have acted in revenge, and have taken vengeance with malice of soul to destroy with perpetual enmity; 16therefore thus says the Lord Yehovah, Behold, I will stretch out my hand against the Philistines, and I will cut off the Cherethites, and destroy the remnant of the sea coast. 17And I will execute great vengeance on them with wrathful rebukes; and they shall know that I am Yehovah, when I lay my vengeance on them.

Chapter 26

1And it happened in the eleventh year, on the first day of the month, that the word of Yehovah came to me, saying, 2Son of man, because Tyre has said against Jerusalem, Aha, she who was the gate of the peoples is broken; she has turned to me; I shall be replenished, now that she is laid waste: 3therefore thus says the Lord Yehovah, Behold, I am against you, O Tyre, and will cause many nations to come up against you, as the sea causes its waves to come up. 4And they shall destroy the walls of Tyre, and break down her towers: I will also scrape her dust from her, and make her a bare rock. 5She shall be a place for the spreading of nets in the midst of the sea; for I have spoken it, says the Lord Yehovah; and she shall become a spoil to the nations. 6And her daughters who are in the field shall be slain with the sword: and they shall know that I am Yehovah. 7For thus says the Lord Yehovah: Behold, I will bring against Tyre Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon, king of kings, from the north, with horses, and with chariots, and with horsemen, and a company, and many people. 8He shall slay with the sword your daughters in the field; and he shall make forts against you, and cast up a mound against you, and raise up the buckler against you. 9And he shall set his battering engines against your walls, and with his axes he shall break down your towers. 10Because of the abundance of his horses their dust shall cover you: your walls shall shake at the noise of the horsemen, and of the wagons, and of the chariots, when he enters into your gates, as men enter into a city in which a breach is made. 11With the

hoofs of his horses he shall tread down all your streets; he shall slay your people with the sword; and the pillars of your strength shall go down to the ground. 12And they shall make a spoil of your riches, and make a prey of your merchandise; and they shall break down your walls, and destroy your pleasant houses; and they shall lay your stones and your timber and your dust in the midst of the waters. 13And I will cause the noise of your songs to cease; and the sound of your harps shall be heard no more. 14And I will make you a bare rock; you shall be a place for the spreading of nets; you shall be built no more: for I Yehovah have spoken it, says the Lord Yehovah. 15Thus says the Lord Yehovah to Tyre: shall not the isles shake at the sound of your fall, when the wounded groan, when the slaughter is made in the midst of you? 16Then all the princes of the sea shall come down from their thrones, and lay aside their robes, and strip off their embroidered garments: they shall clothe themselves with trembling; they shall sit on the ground, and shall tremble every moment, and be astonished at you. 17And they shall take up a lamentation over you, and say to you, How you are destroyed, who were inhabited by seafaring men, the renowned city, that was strong in the sea, she and her inhabitants, who caused their terror to be on all who dwelt there! 18Now the isles shall tremble on the day of your fall; yes, the isles that are in the sea shall be dismayed at your departure. 19For thus says the Lord Yehovah: When I make you a desolate city, like the cities that are not inhabited; when I bring up the deep over you, and the great waters cover you; 20then I will bring you down with those who descend into the pit, to the people of old time, and will make you dwell in the lower parts of the earth, in the places that are desolate of old, with those who go down to the pit, that you may not be inhabited; and I will set glory in the land of the living. 21I will make you a terror, and you shall no longer have any being; though you are sought for, yet you shall never be found again, says the Lord Yehovah.

Chapter 27

1The word of Yehovah came again to me, saying, 2And you, son of man, take up a lamentation over Tyre; 3and say to Tyre, O you who dwell at the entrance of the sea, who are the merchant of the peoples to many isles, thus says the Lord Yehovah: You, O Tyre, have said, I am perfect in beauty. 4Your borders are in the heart of the seas; your builders have perfected your beauty. 5They have made all your planks of fir trees from Senir; they have taken a cedar from Lebanon to make a mast for you. 6Of the oaks of Bashan they have made your oars; they have made your benches of ivory inlaid in boxwood, from the isles of Kittim. 7Of fine linen with embroidered work from Egypt was your sail, that it might be an ensign for you; blue and purple from the isles of Elishah was your awning. 8The inhabitants of Sidon and Arvad were your rowers: your wise men, O Tyre, were in you, they were your pilots. 9The old men of Gebal and its wise men were in you as your caulkers: all the ships of the sea with their mariners were in you to deal in your merchandise. 10Persia and Lud and Put were in your army, your men of war: they hung the shield and helmet in you; they set forth your splendor. 11The men of Arvad with your army were on your walls all around, and valorous men were in your towers; they hung their shields on your walls all around; they have perfected your beauty. 12Tarshish was your merchant because of the multitude of all kinds of riches; with silver, iron, tin, and lead, they traded for your wares. 13Javan, Tubal, and Meshech, they were your traders; they traded the persons of men and vessels of bronze for your merchandise. 14Those of the house of Togarmah traded for your wares with horses and war horses and mules. 15The men of Dedan were your traders; many isles were the market of your hand: they brought you in exchange tusks of ivory and ebony. 16Syria was your merchant because of the multitude of your handiworks: they traded for your wares with emeralds, purple, and embroidered work, and fine linen, and coral, and rubies. 17Judah, and the land of Israel, they were your traders: they traded for your merchandise wheat of Minnith, and pannag, and honey, and oil, and balm. 18Damascus was your merchant for the multitude of your handiworks, because of the multitude of all kinds of riches, with the wine of Helbon, and white wool. 19Vedan and Javan traded with yarn for your wares: bright iron, cassia, and calamus, were among your merchandise. 20Dedan was your trader in saddlecloths for riding. 21Arabia, and all the princes of Kedar, they were the merchants of your hand; in lambs, and rams, and goats, in these they were your merchants. 22The traders of Sheba and Raamah, they were your traders; they traded for your wares with the chief of all spices, and with all precious stones, and gold. 23Haran and Canneh and Eden, the traders of Sheba, Asshur and Chilmad, were your traders. 24These were your traders in choice wares, in

wrappings of blue and embroidered work, and in chests of rich clothing, bound with cords and made of cedar, among your merchandise. 25The ships of Tarshish were your caravans for your merchandise: and you were replenished, and made very glorious in the heart of the seas. 26Your rowers have brought you into great waters: the east wind has broken you in the heart of the seas. 27Your riches, and your wares, your merchandise, your mariners, and your pilots, your caulkers, and the dealers in your merchandise, and all your men of war, who are in you, with all your company which is in the midst of you, shall fall into the heart of the seas on the day of your ruin. 28At the sound of the cry of your pilots the countryside shall shake. 29And all who handle the oar, the mariners, and all the pilots of the sea, shall come down from their ships; they shall stand on the land, 30and shall cause their voice to be heard over you, and shall cry bitterly, and shall cast up dust on their heads; they shall wallow in the ashes: 31and they shall make themselves bald for you, and gird themselves with sackcloth, and they shall weep for you in bitterness of soul with bitter mourning. 32And in their wailing they shall take up a lamentation for you, and lament over you, saying, Who is there like Tyre, like her who is brought to silence in the midst of the sea? 33When your wares went forth out of the seas, you filled many peoples; you enriched the kings of the earth with the multitude of your riches and of your merchandise. 34At the time that you were broken by the seas in the depths of the waters, your merchandise and all your company fell in the midst of you. 35All the inhabitants of the isles are astonished at you, and their kings are horribly afraid; they are troubled in their countenance. 36The merchants among the peoples hiss at you; you have become a terror, and you shall nevermore have any being.

Chapter 28

1The word of Yehovah came again to me, saying, 2Son of man, say to the prince of Tyre, Thus says the Lord Yehovah: Because your heart is lifted up, and you have said, I am a god, I sit in the seat of God, in the midst of the seas; yet you are man, and not God, though you set your heart as the heart of God;— 3behold, you are wiser than Daniel; there is no secret that is hidden from you; 4by your wisdom and by your understanding you have gotten riches for yourself, and have gotten gold and silver into your treasuries; 5by your great wisdom and by your trade you have increased your riches, and your heart is lifted up because of your riches;— 6therefore thus says the Lord Yehovah: Because you have set your heart as the heart of God, 7therefore, behold, I will bring strangers on you, the most ruthless of the nations; and they shall draw their swords against the beauty of your wisdom, and they shall defile your brightness. 8They shall bring you down to the pit; and you shall die the death of those who are slain, in the heart of the seas. 9Will you still say before him who slays you, I am God? but you are man, and not God, in the hand of him who wounds you. 10You shall die the death of the uncircumcised by the hand of strangers: for I have spoken it, says the Lord Yehovah. 11Moreover the word of Yehovah came to me, saying, 12Son of man, take up a lamentation over the king of Tyre, and say to him, Thus says the Lord Yehovah: You seal up the sum, full of wisdom, and perfect in beauty. 13You were in Eden, the garden of God; every precious stone was your covering, the sardius, the topaz, and the diamond, the beryl, the onyx, and the jasper, the sapphire, the emerald, and the carbuncle, and gold: the workmanship of your tambourines and of your pipes was in you; on the day that you were created they were prepared. 14You were the anointed cherub that covers: and I set you, so that you were on the holy mountain of God; you have walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire. 15You were perfect in your ways from the day that you were created, until unrighteousness was found in you. 16By the abundance of your trade they filled the midst of you with violence, and you have sinned: therefore I have cast you as profane out of the mountain of God; and I have destroyed you, O covering cherub, from the midst of the stones of fire. 17Your heart was lifted up because of your beauty; you have corrupted your wisdom because of your brightness: I have cast you to the ground; I have laid you before kings, that they may look at you. 18By the multitude of your iniquities, in the unrighteousness of your trade, you have profaned your sanctuaries; therefore I have brought forth a fire from the midst of you; it has devoured you, and I have turned you to ashes on the earth in the sight of all who look at you. 19All those who know you among the peoples shall be astonished at you: you have become a terror, and you shall nevermore have any being. 20And the word of Yehovah came to me, saying, 21Son of man, set your face toward Sidon, and prophesy against it, 22and say, Thus says the Lord Yehovah: Behold, I am against you, O Sidon; and I will be glorified in the midst of you; and they shall

know that I am Yehovah, when I have executed judgments in her, and am sanctified in her. 23For I will send pestilence into her, and blood into her streets; and the wounded shall fall in the midst of her, with the sword on her on every side; and they shall know that I am Yehovah. 24And there shall no longer be a pricking brier to the house of Israel, nor a hurting thorn from any who are around them, who despised them; and they shall know that I am the Lord Yehovah. 25Thus says the Lord Yehovah: When I have gathered the house of Israel from the peoples among whom they are scattered, and am sanctified in them in the sight of the nations, then they shall dwell in their own land which I gave to my servant Jacob. 26And they shall dwell securely in it; yes, they shall build houses, and plant vineyards, and shall dwell securely, when I have executed judgments on all those around them who despise them; and they shall know that I am Yehovah their God.

Chapter 29

1In the tenth year, in the tenth month, on the twelfth day of the month, the word of Yehovah came to me, saying, 2Son of man, set your face against Pharaoh king of Egypt, and prophesy against him, and against all Egypt; 3speak, and say, Thus says the Lord Yehovah: Behold, I am against you, Pharaoh king of Egypt, the great monster that lies in the midst of his rivers, who has said, My river is my own, and I have made it for myself. 4And I will put hooks in your jaws, and I will cause the fish of your rivers to stick to your scales; and I will bring you up out of the midst of your rivers, with all the fish of your rivers which stick to your scales. 5And I will cast you out into the wilderness, you and all the fish of your rivers: you shall fall on the open field; you shall not be brought together, nor gathered; I have given you as food to the beasts of the earth and to the birds of the heavens. 6And all the inhabitants of Egypt shall know that I am Yehovah, because they have been a staff of reed to the house of Israel. 7When they took hold of you by your hand, you broke, and tore all their shoulders; and when they leaned on you, you broke, and made all their loins shake. 8Therefore thus says the Lord Yehovah: Behold, I will bring a sword on you, and will cut off from you man and beast. 9And the land of Egypt shall be a desolation and a waste; and they shall know that I am Yehovah. Because he has said, The river is mine, and I have made it; 10therefore, behold, I am against you, and against your rivers, and I will make the land of Egypt an utter waste and desolation, from the tower of Seveneh even to the border of Ethiopia. 11No foot of man shall pass through it, nor foot of beast shall pass through it, nor shall it be inhabited forty years. 12And I will make the land of Egypt a desolation in the midst of the countries that are desolate; and her cities among the cities that are laid waste shall be a desolation forty years; and I will scatter the Egyptians among the nations, and will disperse them through the countries. 13For thus says the Lord Yehovah: At the end of forty years I will gather the Egyptians from the peoples where they were scattered; 14and I will bring back the captivity of Egypt, and will cause them to return into the land of Pathros, into the land of their birth; and there they shall be a lowly kingdom. 15It shall be the lowliest of the kingdoms; nor shall it any more lift itself up above the nations: and I will diminish them, that they shall no longer rule over the nations. 16And it shall no longer be the confidence of the house of Israel, bringing iniquity to remembrance, when they turn to look after them: and they shall know that I am the Lord Yehovah. 17And it happened in the twenty-seventh year, in the first month, on the first day of the month, the word of Yehovah came to me, saying, 18Son of man, Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon caused his army to serve a great service against Tyre: every head was made bald, and every shoulder was rubbed bare; yet he had no wages, nor his army, from Tyre, for the service that he had served against it. 19Therefore thus says the Lord Yehovah: Behold, I will give the land of Egypt to Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon; and he shall carry off her multitude, and take her spoil, and take her prey; and it shall be the wages for his army. 20I have given him the land of Egypt as his recompense for which he served, because they worked for me, says the Lord Yehovah. 21On that day I will cause a horn to sprout for the house of Israel, and I will give you the opening of the mouth in the midst of them; and they shall know that I am Yehovah.

Chapter 30

1The word of Yehovah came again to me, saying, 2Son of man, prophesy, and say, Thus says the Lord Yehovah: Wail, Alas for the day! 3For the day is near, even the day of Yehovah is near; it shall be a day of clouds, a time of the nations. 4And a sword shall come on Egypt, and anguish shall be in Ethiopia, when the slain fall in Egypt; and they shall take away her multitude, and her foundations shall be broken

down. [5]Ethiopia, and Put, and Lud, and all the mingled people, and Cub, and the children of the land that is in league, shall fall with them by the sword. [6]Thus says Yehovah: Those also who uphold Egypt shall fall; and the pride of her power shall come down: from the tower of Seveneh they shall fall in it by the sword, says the Lord Yehovah. [7]And they shall be desolate in the midst of the countries that are desolate; and her cities shall be in the midst of the cities that are wasted. [8]And they shall know that I am Yehovah, when I have set a fire in Egypt, and all her helpers are destroyed. [9]On that day messengers shall go forth from before me in ships to make the careless Ethiopians afraid; and there shall be anguish on them, as in the day of Egypt; for, look, it comes. [10]Thus says the Lord Yehovah: I will also make the multitude of Egypt cease, by the hand of Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon. [11]He and his people with him, the most ruthless of the nations, shall be brought in to destroy the land; and they shall draw their swords against Egypt, and fill the land with the slain. [12]And I will make the rivers dry, and will sell the land into the hand of evil men; and I will make the land desolate, and all that is in it, by the hand of strangers: I, Yehovah, have spoken it. [13]Thus says the Lord Yehovah: I will also destroy the idols, and I will cause the images to cease from Memphis; and there shall no longer be a prince from the land of Egypt: and I will put a fear in the land of Egypt. [14]And I will make Pathros desolate, and will set a fire in Zoan, and will execute judgments on No. [15]And I will pour my wrath on Sin, the stronghold of Egypt; and I will cut off the multitude of No. [16]And I will set a fire in Egypt: Sin shall be in great anguish, and No shall be broken up; and Memphis shall have adversaries in the daytime. [17]The young men of Aven and of Pi-beseth shall fall by the sword; and these cities shall go into captivity. [18]At Tehaphnehes also the day shall withdraw itself, when I break there the yokes of Egypt, and the pride of her power shall cease in her: as for her, a cloud shall cover her, and her daughters shall go into captivity. [19]Thus I will execute judgments on Egypt; and they shall know that I am Yehovah. [20]And it happened in the eleventh year, in the first month, on the seventh day of the month, that the word of Yehovah came to me, saying, [21]Son of man, I have broken the arm of Pharaoh king of Egypt; and, look, it has not been bound up, to apply healing medicines, to put a bandage to bind it, that it may be strong to hold the sword. [22]Therefore thus says the Lord Yehovah: Behold, I am against Pharaoh king of Egypt, and will break his arms, the strong arm, and the one that was broken; and I will cause the sword to fall out of his hand. [23]And I will scatter the Egyptians among the nations, and will disperse them through the countries. [24]And I will strengthen the arms of the king of Babylon, and put my sword in his hand: but I will break the arms of Pharaoh, and he shall groan before him with the groanings of a deadly wounded man. [25]And I will hold up the arms of the king of Babylon; and the arms of Pharaoh shall fall down; and they shall know that I am Yehovah, when I put my sword into the hand of the king of Babylon, and he stretches it out against the land of Egypt. [26]And I will scatter the Egyptians among the nations, and disperse them through the countries; and they shall know that I am Yehovah.

Chapter 31

[1]And it happened in the eleventh year, in the third month, on the first day of the month, that the word of Yehovah came to me, saying, [2]Son of man, say to Pharaoh king of Egypt, and to his multitude: Whom are you like in your greatness? [3]Behold, the Assyrian was a cedar in Lebanon with beautiful branches, and with a forest-like shade, and of high stature; and its top was among the thick boughs. [4]The waters nourished it, the deep made it grow: its rivers ran all around its planting; and it sent out its channels to all the trees of the field. [5]Therefore its stature was exalted above all the trees of the field; and its boughs were multiplied, and its branches became long because of many waters, when it shot them forth. [6]All the birds of the heavens made their nests in its boughs; and under its branches all the beasts of the field brought forth their young; and under its shadow dwelt all great nations. [7]Thus it was beautiful in its greatness, in the length of its branches; for its root was by many waters. [8]The cedars in the garden of God could not hide it; the fir trees were not like its boughs, and the plane trees were not like its branches; nor was any tree in the garden of God like it in its beauty. [9]I made it beautiful by the multitude of its branches, so that all the trees of Eden, that were in the garden of God, envied it. [10]Therefore thus said the Lord Yehovah: Because you are exalted in stature, and he has set his top among the thick boughs, and his heart is lifted up in his height; [11]I will even deliver him into the hand of the mighty one of the nations; he shall surely deal with him; I have driven him out for his wickedness. [12]And strangers, the most

ruthless of the nations, have cut him off, and have left him: on the mountains and in all the valleys his branches have fallen, and his boughs are broken by all the watercourses of the land; and all the peoples of the earth have gone down from his shadow, and have left him. 13On his ruin all the birds of the heavens shall dwell, and all the beasts of the field shall be on his branches; 14so that none of all the trees by the waters may exalt themselves in their stature, nor set their top among the thick boughs, nor that their mighty ones may stand up in their height, even all that drink water: for they are all delivered to death, to the lower parts of the earth, in the midst of the children of men, with those who go down to the pit. 15Thus says the Lord Yehovah: On the day when he went down to Sheol I caused a mourning: I covered the deep for him, and I restrained its rivers; and the great waters were held back; and I caused Lebanon to mourn for him, and all the trees of the field fainted for him. 16I made the nations shake at the sound of his fall, when I cast him down to Sheol with those who descend into the pit; and all the trees of Eden, the choice and best of Lebanon, all that drink water, were comforted in the lower parts of the earth. 17They also went down into Sheol with him to those who are slain by the sword; yes, those who were his arm, who dwelt under his shadow in the midst of the nations. 18To whom are you thus like in glory and in greatness among the trees of Eden? yet you shall be brought down with the trees of Eden to the lower parts of the earth: you shall lie in the midst of the uncircumcised, with those who are slain by the sword. This is Pharaoh and all his multitude, says the Lord Yehovah.

Chapter 32

1And it happened in the twelfth year, in the twelfth month, on the first day of the month, that the word of Yehovah came to me, saying, 2Son of man, take up a lamentation over Pharaoh king of Egypt, and say to him, You were likened to a young lion of the nations: yet you are like a monster in the seas; and you burst forth in your rivers, and troubled the waters with your feet, and fouled their rivers. 3Thus says the Lord Yehovah: I will spread out my net over you with a company of many peoples; and they shall bring you up in my net. 4And I will leave you on the land, I will cast you out on the open field, and will cause all the birds of the heavens to settle on you, and I will satisfy the beasts of the whole earth with you. 5And I will lay your flesh on the mountains, and fill the valleys with your height. 6I will also water with your blood the land in which you swim, even to the mountains; and the watercourses shall be full of you. 7And when I extinguish you, I will cover the heavens, and make their stars dark; I will cover the sun with a cloud, and the moon shall not give its light. 8All the bright lights of heaven I will make dark over you, and set darkness on your land, says the Lord Yehovah. 9I will also trouble the hearts of many peoples, when I bring your destruction among the nations, into the countries which you have not known. 10Yes, I will make many peoples amazed at you, and their kings shall be horribly afraid for you, when I brandish my sword before them; and they shall tremble at every moment, every man for his own life, on the day of your fall. 11For thus says the Lord Yehovah: The sword of the king of Babylon shall come on you. 12By the swords of the mighty I will cause your multitude to fall; they are all the most ruthless of the nations: and they shall bring to nothing the pride of Egypt, and all its multitude shall be destroyed. 13I will also destroy all its beasts from beside many waters; nor shall the foot of man trouble them any more, nor the hoofs of beasts trouble them. 14Then I will make their waters clear, and cause their rivers to run like oil, says the Lord Yehovah. 15When I make the land of Egypt desolate and waste, a land destitute of that with which it was full, when I strike all those who dwell in it, then they shall know that I am Yehovah. 16This is the lamentation with which they shall lament; the daughters of the nations shall lament with it; over Egypt, and over all her multitude, they shall lament with it, says the Lord Yehovah. 17It happened also in the twelfth year, on the fifteenth day of the month, that the word of Yehovah came to me, saying, 18Son of man, wail for the multitude of Egypt, and cast them down, even her, and the daughters of the famous nations, to the lower parts of the earth, with those who go down into the pit. 19Whom do you surpass in beauty? go down, and be laid with the uncircumcised. 20They shall fall in the midst of those who are slain by the sword: she is delivered to the sword; draw her away and all her multitudes. 21The strong among the mighty shall speak to him out of the midst of Sheol with those who help him: they have gone down, they lie still, even the uncircumcised, slain by the sword. 22Asshur is there and all her company; her graves are all around her; all of them slain, fallen by the sword; 23whose graves are set in the uttermost parts of the pit, and her

company is all around her grave; all of them slain, fallen by the sword, who caused terror in the land of the living. 24There is Elam and all her multitude all around her grave; all of them slain, fallen by the sword, who have gone down uncircumcised into the lower parts of the earth, who caused their terror in the land of the living, and have borne their shame with those who go down to the pit. 25They have set her a bed in the midst of the slain with all her multitude; her graves are all around her; all of them uncircumcised, slain by the sword; for their terror was caused in the land of the living, and they have borne their shame with those who go down to the pit: he is put in the midst of those who are slain. 26There is Meshech, Tubal, and all their multitude; their graves are all around them; all of them uncircumcised, slain by the sword; for they caused their terror in the land of the living. 27And they shall not lie with the mighty who have fallen of the uncircumcised, who have gone down to Sheol with their weapons of war, and have laid their swords under their heads, and their iniquities are on their bones; for they were the terror of the mighty in the land of the living. 28But you shall be broken in the midst of the uncircumcised, and shall lie with those who are slain by the sword. 29There is Edom, her kings and all her princes, who in their might are laid with those who are slain by the sword: they shall lie with the uncircumcised, and with those who go down to the pit. 30There are the princes of the north, all of them, and all the Sidonians, who have gone down with the slain; in the terror which they caused by their might they are put to shame; and they lie uncircumcised with those who are slain by the sword, and bear their shame with those who go down to the pit. 31Pharaoh shall see them, and shall be comforted over all his multitude, even Pharaoh and all his army, slain by the sword, says the Lord Yehovah. 32For I have put his terror in the land of the living; and he shall be laid in the midst of the uncircumcised, with those who are slain by the sword, even Pharaoh and all his multitude, says the Lord Yehovah.

Chapter 33

1And the word of Yehovah came to me, saying, 2Son of man, speak to the children of your people, and say to them, When I bring the sword on a land, and the people of the land take a man from among them, and set him as their watchman; 3if, when he sees the sword coming on the land, he blows the trumpet, and warns the people; 4then whoever hears the sound of the trumpet, and does not take warning, if the sword comes, and takes him away, his blood shall be on his own head. 5He heard the sound of the trumpet, and did not take warning; his blood shall be on him; whereas if he had taken warning, he would have delivered his soul. 6But if the watchman sees the sword coming, and does not blow the trumpet, and the people are not warned, and the sword comes, and takes any person from among them; he is taken away in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at the watchman's hand. 7So you, son of man, I have set you as a watchman to the house of Israel; therefore hear the word at my mouth, and give them warning from me. 8When I say to the wicked, O wicked man, you shall surely die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked from his way; that wicked man shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand. 9Nevertheless, if you warn the wicked of his way to turn from it, and he does not turn from his way; he shall die in his iniquity, but you have delivered your soul. 10And you, son of man, say to the house of Israel: Thus you speak, saying, Our transgressions and our sins are on us, and we waste away in them; how then can we live? 11Say to them, As I live, says the Lord Yehovah, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked; but that the wicked turn from his way and live: turn, turn from your evil ways; for why will you die, O house of Israel? 12And you, son of man, say to the children of your people, The righteousness of the righteous shall not deliver him on the day of his transgression; and as for the wickedness of the wicked, he shall not fall by it on the day that he turns from his wickedness; nor shall he who is righteous be able to live by it on the day that he sins. 13When I say to the righteous, that he shall surely live; if he trusts in his righteousness, and commits iniquity, none of his righteous deeds shall be remembered; but in his iniquity that he has committed, in it he shall die. 14Again, when I say to the wicked, You shall surely die; if he turns from his sin, and does what is lawful and right; 15if the wicked restores the pledge, gives back what he had taken by robbery, walks in the statutes of life, committing no iniquity; he shall surely live, he shall not die. 16None of his sins that he has committed shall be remembered against him: he has done what is lawful and right; he shall surely live. 17Yet the children of your people say, The way of the Lord is not just: but as for them, their way is not just. 18When the righteous turns from his righteousness,

and commits iniquity, he shall even die in it. 19And when the wicked turns from his wickedness, and does what is lawful and right, he shall live by it. 20Yet you say, The way of the Lord is not just. O house of Israel, I will judge each one of you according to his ways. 21And it happened in the twelfth year of our captivity, in the tenth month, on the fifth day of the month, that one who had escaped out of Jerusalem came to me, saying, The city has been struck down. 22Now the hand of Yehovah had been on me in the evening, before he who had escaped came; and he had opened my mouth, until he came to me in the morning; and my mouth was opened, and I was no longer mute. 23And the word of Yehovah came to me, saying, 24Son of man, those who inhabit those waste places in the land of Israel speak, saying, Abraham was one, and he inherited the land: but we are many; the land is given to us for an inheritance. 25Therefore say to them, Thus says the Lord Yehovah: You eat with the blood, and lift up your eyes to your idols, and shed blood: and shall you possess the land? 26You stand on your sword, you commit abomination, and you defile each one his neighbor's wife: and shall you possess the land? 27Thus you shall say to them, Thus says the Lord Yehovah: As I live, surely those who are in the waste places shall fall by the sword; and him who is in the open field I will give to the beasts to be devoured; and those who are in the strongholds and in the caves shall die of the pestilence. 28And I will make the land a desolation and an astonishment; and the pride of her power shall cease; and the mountains of Israel shall be desolate, so that none shall pass through. 29Then they shall know that I am Yehovah, when I have made the land a desolation and an astonishment, because of all their abominations which they have committed. 30And as for you, son of man, the children of your people talk of you by the walls and in the doors of the houses, and speak one to another, each one to his brother, saying, Come, please, and hear what the word is that comes forth from Yehovah. 31And they come to you as the people come, and they sit before you as my people, and they hear your words, but do not do them; for with their mouth they show much love, but their heart goes after their gain. 32And, look, you are to them like a very lovely song of one who has a pleasant voice, and can play well on an instrument; for they hear your words, but they do not do them. 33And when this happens (behold, it comes), then they shall know that a prophet has been among them.

Chapter 34

1And the word of Yehovah came to me, saying, 2Son of man, prophesy against the shepherds of Israel, prophesy, and say to them, even to the shepherds, Thus says the Lord Yehovah: Woe to the shepherds of Israel who feed themselves! should not the shepherds feed the sheep? 3You eat the fat, and you clothe yourselves with the wool, you kill the fatlings; but you do not feed the sheep. 4The diseased you have not strengthened, nor have you healed what was sick, nor have you bound up what was broken, nor have you brought back what was driven away, nor have you sought what was lost; but with force and with harshness you have ruled over them. 5And they were scattered, because there was no shepherd; and they became food for all the beasts of the field, and were scattered. 6My sheep wandered through all the mountains, and on every high hill: yes, my sheep were scattered over all the face of the earth; and there was no one who searched or sought after them. 7Therefore, you shepherds, hear the word of Yehovah: 8As I live, says the Lord Yehovah, surely because my sheep became a prey, and my sheep became food for all the beasts of the field, because there was no shepherd, nor did my shepherds search for my sheep, but the shepherds fed themselves, and did not feed my sheep; 9therefore, you shepherds, hear the word of Yehovah: 10Thus says the Lord Yehovah, Behold, I am against the shepherds; and I will require my sheep at their hand, and cause them to cease from feeding the sheep; nor shall the shepherds feed themselves any more; and I will deliver my sheep from their mouth, that they may not be food for them. 11For thus says the Lord Yehovah: Behold, I myself, even I, will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. 12As a shepherd seeks out his flock on the day that he is among his sheep that are scattered abroad, so I will seek out my sheep; and I will deliver them out of all places where they have been scattered on the cloudy and dark day. 13And I will bring them out from the peoples, and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited places of the country. 14I will feed them with good pasture; and on the mountains of the height of Israel their fold shall be: there they shall lie down in a good fold; and on fat pasture they shall feed on the mountains of Israel. 15I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will cause them to lie

down, says the Lord Yehovah. 16I will seek what was lost, and will bring back what was driven away, and will bind up what was broken, and will strengthen what was sick: but the fat and the strong I will destroy; I will feed them in justice. 17And as for you, O my flock, thus says the Lord Yehovah: Behold, I judge between sheep and sheep, the rams and the male goats. 18Does it seem a small thing to you to have fed on the good pasture, but you must tread down with your feet the rest of your pasture? and to have drunk of the clear waters, but you must foul the rest with your feet? 19And as for my sheep, they eat what you have trodden with your feet, and they drink what you have fouled with your feet. 20Therefore thus says the Lord Yehovah to them: Behold, I, even I, will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. 21Because you thrust with side and with shoulder, and push all the diseased with your horns, until you have scattered them abroad; 22therefore I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be a prey; and I will judge between sheep and sheep. 23And I will set up one shepherd over them, and he shall feed them, even my servant David; he shall feed them, and he shall be their shepherd. 24And I, Yehovah, will be their God, and my servant David prince among them; I, Yehovah, have spoken it. 25And I will make with them a covenant of peace, and will cause evil beasts to cease out of the land; and they shall dwell securely in the wilderness, and sleep in the woods. 26And I will make them and the places around my hill a blessing; and I will cause the shower to come down in its season; there shall be showers of blessing. 27And the tree of the field shall yield its fruit, and the earth shall yield its increase, and they shall be secure in their land; and they shall know that I am Yehovah, when I have broken the bars of their yoke, and have delivered them out of the hand of those who made slaves of them. 28And they shall no longer be a prey to the nations, nor shall the beasts of the earth devour them; but they shall dwell securely, and none shall make them afraid. 29And I will raise up for them a planting of renown, and they shall no longer be consumed with famine in the land, nor bear the shame of the nations any more. 30And they shall know that I, Yehovah, their God am with them, and that they, the house of Israel, are my people, says the Lord Yehovah. 31And you my sheep, the sheep of my pasture, are men, and I am your God, says the Lord Yehovah.

Chapter 35

1Moreover the word of Yehovah came to me, saying, 2Son of man, set your face against mount Seir, and prophesy against it, 3and say to it, Thus says the Lord Yehovah: Behold, I am against you, O mount Seir, and I will stretch out my hand against you, and I will make you a desolation and an astonishment. 4I will lay your cities waste, and you shall be desolate; and you shall know that I am Yehovah. 5Because you have had a perpetual enmity, and have given over the children of Israel to the power of the sword in the time of their calamity, in the time of the iniquity of the end; 6therefore, as I live, says the Lord Yehovah, I will prepare you for blood, and blood shall pursue you: since you have not hated blood, therefore blood shall pursue you. 7Thus I will make mount Seir an astonishment and a desolation; and I will cut off from it him who passes through and him who returns. 8And I will fill its mountains with its slain: in your hills and in your valleys and in all your watercourses those who are slain with the sword shall fall. 9I will make you a perpetual desolation, and your cities shall not be inhabited; and you shall know that I am Yehovah. 10Because you have said, These two nations and these two countries shall be mine, and we will possess it; whereas Yehovah was there: 11therefore, as I live, says the Lord Yehovah, I will do according to your anger, and according to your envy which you have shown out of your hatred against them; and I will make myself known among them, when I judge you. 12And you shall know that I, Yehovah, have heard all your revilings which you have spoken against the mountains of Israel, saying, They are laid desolate, they are given to us to devour. 13And you have magnified yourselves against me with your mouth, and have multiplied your words against me: I have heard it. 14Thus says the Lord Yehovah: When the whole earth rejoices, I will make you desolate. 15As you rejoiced over the inheritance of the house of Israel, because it was desolate, so I will do to you: you shall be desolate, O mount Seir, and all Edom, even all of it; and they shall know that I am Yehovah.

Chapter 36

1And you, son of man, prophesy to the mountains of Israel, and say, You mountains of Israel, hear the word of Yehovah. 2Thus says the Lord Yehovah: Because the enemy has said against you, Aha! and, The ancient high places are ours in possession; 3therefore prophesy, and say, Thus says the Lord Yehovah: Because, even because they have made you

desolate, and swallowed you up on every side, that you might be a possession of the rest of the nations, and you are taken up on the lips of talkers, and the evil report of the people; 4therefore, you mountains of Israel, hear the word of the Lord Yehovah: Thus says the Lord Yehovah to the mountains and to the hills, to the watercourses and to the valleys, to the desolate wastes and to the cities that are forsaken, which have become a prey and derision to the rest of the nations that are all around; 5therefore thus says the Lord Yehovah: Surely in the fire of my jealousy I have spoken against the rest of the nations, and against all Edom, who have appointed my land to themselves for a possession with the joy of all their heart, with malice of soul, to cast it out for a prey. 6Therefore prophesy concerning the land of Israel, and say to the mountains and to the hills, to the watercourses and to the valleys, Thus says the Lord Yehovah: Behold, I have spoken in my jealousy and in my wrath, because you have borne the shame of the nations: 7therefore thus says the Lord Yehovah: I have sworn, saying, Surely the nations that are around you, they shall bear their shame. 8But you, O mountains of Israel, you shall shoot forth your branches, and yield your fruit to my people Israel; for they are at hand to come. 9For, behold, I am for you, and I will turn to you, and you shall be tilled and sown; 10and I will multiply men on you, all the house of Israel, even all of it; and the cities shall be inhabited, and the waste places shall be built; 11and I will multiply on you man and beast; and they shall increase and be fruitful; and I will cause you to be inhabited as in your former estate, and will do better for you than at your beginnings: and you shall know that I am Yehovah. 12Yes, I will cause men to walk on you, even my people Israel; and they shall possess you, and you shall be their inheritance, and you shall no longer bereave them of children. 13Thus says the Lord Yehovah: Because they say to you, You land are a devourer of men, and have been a bereaver of your nation; 14therefore you shall devour men no more, nor bereave your nation any more, says the Lord Yehovah; 15nor will I let you hear any more the shame of the nations, nor shall you bear the reproach of the peoples any more, nor shall you cause your nation to stumble any more, says the Lord Yehovah. 16Moreover the word of Yehovah came to me, saying, 17Son of man, when the house of Israel dwelt in their own land, they defiled it by their way and by their deeds: their way before me was like the uncleanness of a woman in her impurity. 18Therefore I poured out my wrath on them for the blood which they had poured out on the land, and because they had defiled it with their idols; 19and I scattered them among the nations, and they were dispersed through the countries: according to their way and according to their deeds I judged them. 20And when they came to the nations, where they went, they profaned my holy name; in that men said of them, These are the people of Yehovah, and have gone forth out of his land. 21But I had regard for my holy name, which the house of Israel had profaned among the nations, where they went. 22Therefore say to the house of Israel, Thus says the Lord Yehovah: I do not do this for your sake, O house of Israel, but for my holy name, which you have profaned among the nations, where you went. 23And I will sanctify my great name, which has been profaned among the nations, which you have profaned in the midst of them; and the nations shall know that I am Yehovah, says the Lord Yehovah, when I am sanctified in you before their eyes. 24For I will take you from among the nations, and gather you out of all the countries, and will bring you into your own land. 25And I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean: from all your filthiness, and from all your idols, I will cleanse you. 26A new heart also I will give you, and a new spirit I will put within you; and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you a heart of flesh. 27And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and you shall keep my ordinances, and do them. 28And you shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers; and you shall be my people, and I will be your God. 29And I will save you from all your uncleannesses: and I will call for the grain, and will multiply it, and lay no famine on you. 30And I will multiply the fruit of the tree, and the increase of the field, that you may no longer receive the reproach of famine among the nations. 31Then you shall remember your evil ways, and your deeds that were not good; and you shall loathe yourselves in your own sight for your iniquities and for your abominations. 32It is not for your sake that I do this, says the Lord Yehovah, let it be known to you: be ashamed and confounded for your ways, O house of Israel. 33Thus says the Lord Yehovah: On the day that I cleanse you from all your iniquities, I will cause the cities to be inhabited, and the waste places shall be built. 34And the land that was desolate shall be tilled, whereas it was a desolation in the sight of all who

passed by. 35And they shall say, This land that was desolate has become like the garden of Eden; and the waste and desolate and ruined cities are fortified and inhabited. 36Then the nations that are left around you shall know that I, Yehovah, have built the ruined places, and planted what was desolate: I, Yehovah, have spoken it, and I will do it. 37Thus says the Lord Yehovah: For this, moreover, I will be inquired of by the house of Israel, to do it for them: I will increase them with men like a flock. 38As the flock for sacrifice, as the flock of Jerusalem in her appointed feasts, so shall the waste cities be filled with flocks of men; and they shall know that I am Yehovah.

Chapter 37

1The hand of Yehovah was on me, and he brought me out in the Spirit of Yehovah, and set me down in the midst of the valley; and it was full of bones. 2And he caused me to pass by them all around: and, behold, there were very many in the open valley; and, look, they were very dry. 3And he said to me, Son of man, can these bones live? And I answered, O Lord Yehovah, you know. 4Again he said to me, Prophesy over these bones, and say to them, O you dry bones, hear the word of Yehovah. 5Thus says the Lord Yehovah to these bones: Behold, I will cause breath to enter into you, and you shall live. 6And I will lay sinews on you, and will bring up flesh on you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am Yehovah. 7So I prophesied as I was commanded: and as I prophesied, there was a noise, and, behold, an earthquake; and the bones came together, bone to its bone. 8And I looked, and, look, there were sinews on them, and flesh came up, and skin covered them above; but there was no breath in them. 9Then he said to me, Prophesy to the wind, prophesy, son of man, and say to the wind, Thus says the Lord Yehovah: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live. 10So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood up on their feet, an exceedingly great army. 11Then he said to me, Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel: behold, they say, Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are completely cut off. 12Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord Yehovah: Behold, I will open your graves, and cause you to come up out of your graves, O my people; and I will bring you into the land of Israel. 13And you shall know that I am Yehovah, when I have opened your graves, and caused you to come up out of your graves, O my people. 14And I will put my Spirit in you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land: and you shall know that I, Yehovah, have spoken it and performed it, says Yehovah. 15The word of Yehovah came again to me, saying, 16And you, son of man, take one stick, and write on it, For Judah, and for the children of Israel his companions: then take another stick, and write on it, For Joseph, the stick of Ephraim, and for all the house of Israel his companions: 17and join them for yourself one to another into one stick, that they may become one in your hand. 18And when the children of your people speak to you, saying, Will you not show us what you mean by these? 19say to them, Thus says the Lord Yehovah: Behold, I will take the stick of Joseph, which is in the hand of Ephraim, and the tribes of Israel his companions; and I will put them with it, even with the stick of Judah, and make them one stick, and they shall be one in my hand. 20And the sticks on which you write shall be in your hand before their eyes. 21And say to them, Thus says the Lord Yehovah: Behold, I will take the children of Israel from among the nations, where they have gone, and will gather them on every side, and bring them into their own land: 22and I will make them one nation in the land, on the mountains of Israel; and one king shall be king to them all; and they shall no longer be two nations, nor shall they be divided into two kingdoms any more at all; 23nor shall they defile themselves any more with their idols, nor with their detestable things, nor with any of their transgressions; but I will save them out of all their dwelling places, in which they have sinned, and will cleanse them: so they shall be my people, and I will be their God. 24And my servant David shall be king over them; and they all shall have one shepherd: they shall also walk in my ordinances, and observe my statutes, and do them. 25And they shall dwell in the land that I have given to Jacob my servant, in which your fathers dwelt; and they shall dwell in it, they, and their children, and their children's children, forever: and David my servant shall be their prince forever. 26Moreover I will make a covenant of peace with them; it shall be an everlasting covenant with them; and I will place them, and multiply them, and will set my sanctuary in the midst of them for evermore. 27My tabernacle also shall be with them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. 28And the nations shall know that I am Yehovah who

sanctifies Israel, when my sanctuary is in the midst of them for evermore.

Chapter 38

[1]And the word of Yehovah came to me, saying, [2]Son of man, set your face toward Gog, of the land of Magog, the prince of Rosh, Meshech, and Tubal, and prophesy against him, [3]and say, Thus says the Lord Yehovah: Behold, I am against you, O Gog, prince of Rosh, Meshech, and Tubal: [4]and I will turn you around, and put hooks into your jaws, and I will bring you out, and all your army, horses and horsemen, all of them clothed in full armor, a great company with buckler and shield, all of them handling swords: [5]Persia, Cush, and Put with them, all of them with shield and helmet; [6]Gomer, and all his hordes; the house of Togarmah in the uttermost parts of the north, and all his hordes; even many peoples with you. [7]Be prepared, yes, prepare yourself, you, and all your companies that are assembled to you, and be a guard for them. [8]After many days you shall be summoned: in the latter years you shall come into the land that is brought back from the sword, that is gathered out of many peoples, on the mountains of Israel, which have been a continual waste; but it is brought out from the peoples, and they shall dwell securely, all of them. [9]And you shall ascend, you shall come like a storm, you shall be like a cloud to cover the land, you, and all your hordes, and many peoples with you. [10]Thus says the Lord Yehovah: It shall happen on that day, that things shall come into your mind, and you shall devise an evil scheme: [11]and you shall say, I will go up to the land of unwalled villages; I will go to those who are at rest, who dwell securely, all of them dwelling without walls, and having neither bars nor gates; [12]to take the spoil and to take the prey; to turn your hand against the waste places that are now inhabited, and against the people who are gathered out of the nations, who have gotten cattle and goods, who dwell at the center of the earth. [13]Sheba, and Dedan, and the merchants of Tarshish, with all its young lions, shall say to you, Have you come to take the spoil? have you assembled your company to take the prey? to carry away silver and gold, to take away cattle and goods, to take great spoil? [14]Therefore, son of man, prophesy, and say to Gog, Thus says the Lord Yehovah: On that day when my people Israel dwells securely, shall you not know it? [15]And you shall come from your place out of the uttermost parts of the north, you, and many peoples with you, all of them riding on horses, a great company and a mighty army; [16]and you shall come up against my people Israel, like a cloud to cover the land: it shall happen in the latter days, that I will bring you against my land, that the nations may know me, when I am sanctified in you, O Gog, before their eyes. [17]Thus says the Lord Yehovah: Are you he of whom I spoke in former days by my servants the prophets of Israel, who prophesied in those days for many years that I would bring you against them? [18]And it shall happen on that day, when Gog comes against the land of Israel, says the Lord Yehovah, that my wrath shall come up into my nostrils. [19]For in my jealousy and in the fire of my wrath I have spoken, Surely on that day there shall be a great shaking in the land of Israel; [20]so that the fish of the sea, and the birds of the heavens, and the beasts of the field, and all creeping things that creep on the earth, and all the men who are on the face of the earth, shall shake at my presence, and the mountains shall be thrown down, and the steep places shall fall, and every wall shall fall to the ground. [21]And I will call for a sword against him to all my mountains, says the Lord Yehovah: every man's sword shall be against his brother. [22]And with pestilence and with blood I will enter into judgment with him; and I will rain on him, and on his hordes, and on the many peoples who are with him, an overflowing shower, and great hailstones, fire, and brimstone. [23]And I will magnify myself, and sanctify myself, and I will make myself known in the eyes of many nations; and they shall know that I am Yehovah.

Chapter 39

[1]And you, son of man, prophesy against Gog, and say, Thus says the Lord Yehovah: Behold, I am against you, O Gog, prince of Rosh, Meshech, and Tubal: [2]and I will turn you around, and will lead you on, and will cause you to come up from the uttermost parts of the north; and I will bring you against the mountains of Israel; [3]and I will strike your bow out of your left hand, and will cause your arrows to fall out of your right hand. [4]You shall fall on the mountains of Israel, you, and all your hordes, and the peoples who are with you: I will give you to the ravenous birds of every sort, and to the beasts of the field to be devoured. [5]You shall fall on the open field; for I have spoken it, says the Lord Yehovah. [6]And I will send a fire on Magog, and on those who dwell securely in the isles; and they shall know that I am Yehovah. [7]And my holy name I will make known in the midst of my

people Israel; nor will I allow my holy name to be profaned any more: and the nations shall know that I am Yehovah, the Holy One in Israel. 8Behold, it comes, and it shall be done, says the Lord Yehovah; this is the day of which I have spoken. 9And those who dwell in the cities of Israel shall go forth, and shall make fires of the weapons and burn them, both the shields and the bucklers, the bows and the arrows, and the war clubs, and the spears, and they shall make fires of them seven years; 10so that they shall take no wood out of the field, nor cut down any out of the forests; for they shall make fires of the weapons; and they shall plunder those who plundered them, and rob those who robbed them, says the Lord Yehovah. 11And it shall happen on that day, that I will give to Gog a place for burial in Israel, the valley of those who pass through on the east of the sea; and it shall stop those who pass through: and there they shall bury Gog and all his multitude; and they shall call it The valley of Hamon-gog. 12And for seven months the house of Israel shall be burying them, that they may cleanse the land. 13Yes, all the people of the land shall bury them; and it shall be a renown for them on the day that I am glorified, says the Lord Yehovah. 14And they shall set apart men of continual employment, who shall pass through the land, and, with those who pass through, those who bury those who remain on the face of the land, to cleanse it: after the end of seven months they shall search. 15And those who pass through the land shall pass through; and when anyone sees a man's bone, then he shall set up a sign by it, until the buriers have buried it in the valley of Hamon-gog. 16And Hamonah shall also be the name of a city. Thus they shall cleanse the land. 17And you, son of man, thus says the Lord Yehovah: Speak to the birds of every sort, and to every beast of the field, Assemble yourselves, and come; gather yourselves on every side to my sacrifice that I am sacrificing for you, even a great sacrifice on the mountains of Israel, that you may eat flesh and drink blood. 18You shall eat the flesh of the mighty, and drink the blood of the princes of the earth, of rams, of lambs, and of goats, of bulls, all of them fatlings of Bashan. 19And you shall eat fat until you are full, and drink blood until you are drunk, of my sacrifice which I have sacrificed for you. 20And you shall be filled at my table with horses and chariots, with mighty men, and with all men of war, says the Lord Yehovah. 21And I will set my glory among the nations; and all the nations shall see my judgment that I have executed, and my hand that I have laid on them. 22So the house of Israel shall know that I am Yehovah their God, from that day forward. 23And the nations shall know that the house of Israel went into captivity for their iniquity; because they trespassed against me, and I hid my face from them: so I gave them into the hand of their adversaries, and they all fell by the sword. 24According to their uncleanness and according to their transgressions I dealt with them; and I hid my face from them. 25Therefore thus says the Lord Yehovah: Now I will bring back the captivity of Jacob, and have mercy on the whole house of Israel; and I will be jealous for my holy name. 26And they shall bear their shame, and all their trespasses by which they have trespassed against me, when they dwell securely in their land, and none shall make them afraid; 27when I have brought them back from the peoples, and gathered them out of their enemies' lands, and am sanctified in them in the sight of many nations. 28And they shall know that I am Yehovah their God, in that I caused them to go into captivity among the nations, and have gathered them to their own land; and I will leave none of them any more there; 29nor will I hide my face any more from them; for I have poured out my Spirit on the house of Israel, says the Lord Yehovah.

Chapter 40

1In the twenty-fifth year of our captivity, at the beginning of the year, on the tenth day of the month, in the fourteenth year after the city was struck down, on that very day, the hand of Yehovah was on me, and he brought me there. 2In the visions of God he brought me into the land of Israel, and set me down on a very high mountain, on which was as it were the frame of a city on the south. 3And he brought me there; and, behold, there was a man, whose appearance was like the appearance of bronze, with a line of flax in his hand, and a measuring reed; and he stood in the gate. 4And the man said to me, Son of man, look with your eyes, and hear with your ears, and set your heart on all that I shall show you; for you were brought here in order that I might show them to you: declare all that you see to the house of Israel. 5And, behold, a wall on the outside of the house all around, and in the man's hand a measuring reed six cubits long, of a cubit and a handbreadth each: so he measured the thickness of the building, one reed; and the height, one reed. 6Then he came to the gate which faces toward the east, and went up its steps: and he measured the threshold of the gate, one

reed broad; and the other threshold, one reed broad.
7 And each guardroom was one reed long, and one
reed broad; and the space between the guardrooms
was five cubits; and the threshold of the gate by the
porch of the gate toward the house was one reed.
8 He
measured also the porch of the gate toward the
house, one reed.
9 Then he measured the porch of the
gate, eight cubits; and its posts, two cubits; and the
porch of the gate was toward the house.
10 And the
guardrooms of the gate eastward were three on this
side, and three on that side; the three of them were of
one measure: and the posts had one measure on this
side and on that side.
11 And he measured the breadth
of the opening of the gate, ten cubits; and the length
of the gate, thirteen cubits;
12 and a border before the
guardrooms, one cubit on this side, and a border, one
cubit on that side; and the guardrooms, six cubits on
this side, and six cubits on that side.
13 And he
measured the gate from the roof of the one
guardroom to the roof of the other, a breadth of
twenty-five cubits; door opposite door.
14 He also made
posts, sixty cubits; and the court reached to the posts,
all around the gate.
15 And from the forefront of the
gate at the entrance to the forefront of the inner
porch of the gate were fifty cubits.
16 And there were
closed windows to the guardrooms, and to their posts
within the gate all around, and likewise to the
arches; and windows were all around inward; and on
each post were palm trees.
17 Then he brought me into
the outer court; and, look, there were chambers and a
pavement, made for the court all around: thirty
chambers were on the pavement.
18 And the pavement
was by the side of the gates, corresponding to the
length of the gates, even the lower pavement.
19 Then
he measured the breadth from the forefront of the
lower gate to the forefront of the inner court outside,
a hundred cubits, both on the east and on the north.
20 And the gate of the outer court that faces toward
the north, he measured its length and its breadth.
21 And its guardrooms were three on this side and
three on that side; and its posts and its arches were
according to the measure of the first gate: its length
was fifty cubits, and the breadth twenty-five cubits.
22 And its windows, and its arches, and its palm trees,
were according to the measure of the gate that faces
toward the east; and they went up to it by seven steps;
and its arches were before them.
23 And there was a
gate to the inner court opposite the other gate, both
on the north and on the east; and he measured from
gate to gate a hundred cubits.
24 And he led me toward
the south; and, behold, a gate toward the south: and
he measured its posts and its arches according to
these measures.
25 And there were windows in it and
in its arches all around, like those windows: the
length was fifty cubits, and the breadth twenty-five
cubits.
26 And there were seven steps to go up to it, and
its arches were before them; and it had palm trees,
one on this side, and another on that side, on its
posts.
27 And there was a gate to the inner court
toward the south: and he measured from gate to gate
toward the south a hundred cubits.
28 Then he
brought me to the inner court by the south gate: and
he measured the south gate according to these
measures;
29 and its guardrooms, and its posts, and its
arches, according to these measures: and there were
windows in it and in its arches all around; it was fifty
cubits long, and twenty-five cubits broad.
30 And there
were arches all around, twenty-five cubits long, and
five cubits broad.
31 And its arches were toward the
outer court; and palm trees were on its posts: and the
ascent to it had eight steps.
32 And he brought me into
the inner court toward the east: and he measured the
gate according to these measures;
33 and its
guardrooms, and its posts, and its arches, according
to these measures: and there were windows in it and
in its arches all around; it was fifty cubits long, and
twenty-five cubits broad.
34 And its arches were
toward the outer court; and palm trees were on its
posts, on this side, and on that side: and the ascent to
it had eight steps.
35 And he brought me to the north
gate: and he measured it according to these
measures;
36 its guardrooms, its posts, and its arches:
and there were windows in it all around; the length
was fifty cubits, and the breadth twenty-five cubits.
37 And its posts were toward the outer court; and palm
trees were on its posts, on this side, and on that side:
and the ascent to it had eight steps.
38 And a chamber
with its door was by the posts at the gates; there they
washed the burnt offering.
39 And in the porch of the
gate were two tables on this side, and two tables on
that side, on which to slay the burnt offering and the
sin offering and the trespass offering.
40 And on the
one side outside, as one goes up to the entrance of the
gate toward the north, were two tables; and on the
other side, which belonged to the porch of the gate,
were two tables.
41 Four tables were on this side, and
four tables on that side, by the side of the gate; eight
tables, on which they slew the sacrifices.
42 And there
were four tables for the burnt offering, of hewn
stone, a cubit and a half long, and a cubit and a half

broad, and one cubit high; on which they laid the instruments with which they slew the burnt offering and the sacrifice. 43And the hooks, a handbreadth long, were fastened within all around: and on the tables was the flesh of the oblation. 44And outside the inner gate were chambers for the singers in the inner court, which was at the side of the north gate; and they faced toward the south; one at the side of the east gate facing toward the north. 45And he said to me, This chamber, which faces toward the south, is for the priests, the keepers of the charge of the house; 46and the chamber which faces toward the north is for the priests, the keepers of the charge of the altar: these are the sons of Zadok, who from among the sons of Levi come near to Yehovah to minister to him. 47And he measured the court, a hundred cubits long, and a hundred cubits broad, square; and the altar was before the house. 48Then he brought me to the porch of the house, and measured each post of the porch, five cubits on this side, and five cubits on that side: and the breadth of the gate was three cubits on this side, and three cubits on that side. 49The length of the porch was twenty cubits, and the breadth eleven cubits; even by the steps by which they went up to it: and there were pillars by the posts, one on this side, and another on that side.

Chapter 41

1And he brought me to the temple, and measured the posts, six cubits broad on the one side, and six cubits broad on the other side, which was the breadth of the tabernacle. 2And the breadth of the entrance was ten cubits; and the sides of the entrance were five cubits on the one side, and five cubits on the other side: and he measured its length, forty cubits, and the breadth, twenty cubits. 3Then he went inward, and measured each post of the entrance, two cubits; and the entrance, six cubits; and the breadth of the entrance, seven cubits. 4And he measured its length, twenty cubits, and the breadth, twenty cubits, before the temple: and he said to me, This is the most holy place. 5Then he measured the wall of the house, six cubits; and the breadth of every side chamber, four cubits, all around the house on every side. 6And the side chambers were in three stories, one over another, and thirty in order; and they entered into the wall which belonged to the house for the side chambers all around, that they might have hold in it, and not have hold in the wall of the house. 7And the side chambers were broader as they encompassed the house higher and higher; for the encompassing of the house went higher and higher all around the house: therefore the breadth of the house continued upward; and so one went up from the lowest chamber to the highest by the middle chamber. 8I saw also that the house had a raised platform all around: the foundations of the side chambers were a full reed of six great cubits. 9The thickness of the wall, which was for the side chambers, on the outside, was five cubits: and what was left was the place of the side chambers that belonged to the house. 10And between the chambers was a breadth of twenty cubits all around the house on every side. 11And the doors of the side chambers were toward the place that was left, one door toward the north, and another door toward the south: and the breadth of the place that was left was five cubits all around. 12And the building that was before the separate place at the side toward the west was seventy cubits broad; and the wall of the building was five cubits thick all around, and its length ninety cubits. 13So he measured the house, a hundred cubits long; and the separate place, and the building, with its walls, a hundred cubits long; 14also the breadth of the face of the house, and of the separate place toward the east, a hundred cubits. 15And he measured the length of the building before the separate place which was at its back, and its galleries on the one side and on the other side, a hundred cubits; and the inner temple, and the porches of the court; 16the thresholds, and the closed windows, and the galleries all around on their three stories, opposite the threshold, paneled with wood all around, and from the ground up to the windows (now the windows were covered), 17to the space above the door, even to the inner house, and outside, and by all the wall all around inside and outside, by measure. 18And it was made with cherubim and palm trees; and a palm tree was between cherub and cherub, and every cherub had two faces; 19so that there was the face of a man toward the palm tree on the one side, and the face of a young lion toward the palm tree on the other side. Thus it was made through all the house all around: 20from the ground to above the door cherubim and palm trees were made; thus was the wall of the temple. 21As for the temple, the doorposts were squared; and as for the face of the sanctuary, its appearance was like the appearance of the temple. 22The altar was of wood, three cubits high, and its length two cubits; and its corners, and its length, and its walls, were of wood: and he said to me, This is the

table that is before Yehovah. 23And the temple and the sanctuary had two doors. 24And the doors had two leaves apiece, two turning leaves: two leaves for the one door, and two leaves for the other. 25And there were made on them, on the doors of the temple, cherubim and palm trees, as were made on the walls; and there was a threshold of wood on the face of the porch outside. 26And there were closed windows and palm trees on the one side and on the other side, on the sides of the porch: thus were the side chambers of the house, and the thresholds.

Chapter 42

1Then he brought me out into the outer court, the way toward the north: and he brought me into the chamber that was opposite the separate place, and which was opposite the building toward the north. 2Before the length of a hundred cubits was the north door, and the breadth was fifty cubits. 3Opposite the twenty cubits which belonged to the inner court, and opposite the pavement which belonged to the outer court, was gallery against gallery in the third story. 4And before the chambers was a walk of ten cubits' breadth inward, a way of one cubit; and their doors were toward the north. 5Now the upper chambers were shorter; for the galleries took away from these, more than from the lower and the middle ones, in the building. 6For they were in three stories, and they did not have pillars like the pillars of the courts: therefore the uppermost was narrowed more than the lowest and the middle ones from the ground. 7And the wall that was outside by the side of the chambers, toward the outer court before the chambers, its length was fifty cubits. 8For the length of the chambers that were in the outer court was fifty cubits: and, look, before the temple were a hundred cubits. 9And from under these chambers was the entrance on the east side, as one goes into them from the outer court. 10In the thickness of the wall of the court toward the east, before the separate place, and before the building, there were chambers. 11And the way before them was like the appearance of the way of the chambers which were toward the north; according to their length so was their breadth: and all their exits were both according to their arrangements, and according to their doors. 12And according to the doors of the chambers that were toward the south was a door at the head of the way, even the way directly before the wall toward the east, as one enters into them. 13Then he said to me, The north chambers and the south chambers, which are before the separate place, they are the holy chambers, where the priests who are near to Yehovah shall eat the most holy things: there they shall lay the most holy things, and the meal offering, and the sin offering, and the trespass offering; for the place is holy. 14When the priests enter in, then they shall not go out of the holy place into the outer court, but there they shall lay their garments in which they minister; for they are holy: and they shall put on other garments, and shall approach what pertains to the people. 15Now when he had finished measuring the inner house, he brought me out by the way of the gate that faces toward the east, and measured it all around. 16He measured on the east side with the measuring reed five hundred reeds, with the measuring reed all around. 17He measured on the north side five hundred reeds with the measuring reed all around. 18He measured on the south side five hundred reeds with the measuring reed. 19He turned around to the west side, and measured five hundred reeds with the measuring reed. 20He measured it on the four sides: it had a wall all around, the length five hundred, and the breadth five hundred, to make a separation between what was holy and what was common.

Chapter 43

1Afterward he brought me to the gate, the gate that faces toward the east. 2And, behold, the glory of the God of Israel came from the way of the east: and his voice was like the sound of many waters; and the earth shone with his glory. 3And it was according to the appearance of the vision which I saw, even according to the vision that I saw when I came to destroy the city; and the visions were like the vision that I saw by the river Chebar; and I fell on my face. 4And the glory of Yehovah came into the house by the way of the gate that faces toward the east. 5And the Spirit took me up, and brought me into the inner court; and, behold, the glory of Yehovah filled the house. 6And I heard one speaking to me out of the house; and a man stood by me. 7And he said to me, Son of man, this is the place of my throne, and the place of the soles of my feet, where I will dwell in the midst of the children of Israel forever. And the house of Israel shall no longer defile my holy name, neither they, nor their kings, by their whoredom, and by the dead bodies of their kings in their high places; 8in their setting of their threshold by my threshold, and their doorpost beside my doorpost, and there was only the wall between me and them; and they have

defiled my holy name by their abominations which they have committed: therefore I have consumed them in my anger. 9Now let them put away their whoredom, and the dead bodies of their kings, far from me; and I will dwell in the midst of them forever. 10You, son of man, show the house to the house of Israel, that they may be ashamed of their iniquities; and let them measure the pattern. 11And if they are ashamed of all that they have done, make known to them the form of the house, and its arrangement, and its exits, and its entrances, and all its forms, and all its ordinances, and all its forms, and all its laws; and write it in their sight; that they may keep its whole form, and all its ordinances, and do them. 12This is the law of the house: on the top of the mountain its whole territory all around shall be most holy. Behold, this is the law of the house. 13And these are the measures of the altar by cubits (the cubit is a cubit and a handbreadth): the bottom shall be a cubit, and the breadth a cubit, and its border by its edge all around a span; and this shall be the base of the altar. 14And from the bottom on the ground to the lower ledge shall be two cubits, and the breadth one cubit; and from the lesser ledge to the greater ledge shall be four cubits, and the breadth a cubit. 15And the upper altar shall be four cubits; and from the altar hearth and upward there shall be four horns. 16And the altar hearth shall be twelve cubits long by twelve broad, square on its four sides. 17And the ledge shall be fourteen cubits long by fourteen broad on its four sides; and the border around it shall be half a cubit; and its bottom shall be a cubit all around; and its steps shall face toward the east. 18And he said to me, Son of man, thus says the Lord Yehovah: These are the ordinances of the altar on the day when they make it, to offer burnt offerings on it, and to sprinkle blood on it. 19You shall give to the priests the Levites who are of the seed of Zadok, who are near to me, to minister to me, says the Lord Yehovah, a young bull for a sin offering. 20And you shall take some of its blood, and put it on its four horns, and on the four corners of the ledge, and on the border all around: thus you shall cleanse it and make atonement for it. 21You shall also take the bull of the sin offering, and it shall be burned in the appointed place of the house, outside the sanctuary. 22And on the second day you shall offer a male goat without blemish for a sin offering; and they shall cleanse the altar, as they cleansed it with the bull. 23When you have finished cleansing it, you shall offer a young bull without blemish, and a ram out of the flock without blemish. 24And you shall bring them near before Yehovah, and the priests shall cast salt on them, and they shall offer them up for a burnt offering to Yehovah. 25Seven days you shall prepare every day a goat for a sin offering: they shall also prepare a young bull, and a ram out of the flock, without blemish. 26Seven days they shall make atonement for the altar and purify it; so they shall consecrate it. 27And when they have completed the days, it shall be that on the eighth day, and onward, the priests shall make your burnt offerings on the altar, and your peace offerings; and I will accept you, says the Lord Yehovah.

Chapter 44

1Then he brought me back by the way of the outer gate of the sanctuary, which faces toward the east; and it was shut. 2And Yehovah said to me, This gate shall be shut; it shall not be opened, nor shall any man enter in by it; for Yehovah, the God of Israel, has entered in by it; therefore it shall be shut. 3As for the prince, he shall sit in it as prince to eat bread before Yehovah; he shall enter by the way of the porch of the gate, and shall go out by the same way. 4Then he brought me by the way of the north gate before the house; and I looked, and, behold, the glory of Yehovah filled the house of Yehovah: and I fell on my face. 5And Yehovah said to me, Son of man, mark well, and look with your eyes, and hear with your ears all that I say to you concerning all the ordinances of the house of Yehovah, and all its laws; and mark well the entrance of the house, with every exit of the sanctuary. 6And you shall say to the rebellious, even to the house of Israel, Thus says the Lord Yehovah: O house of Israel, let all your abominations be enough for you, 7in that you have brought in foreigners, uncircumcised in heart and uncircumcised in flesh, to be in my sanctuary, to profane it, even my house, when you offer my bread, the fat and the blood, and they have broken my covenant, to add to all your abominations. 8And you have not kept the charge of my holy things; but you have set keepers of my charge in my sanctuary for yourselves. 9Thus says the Lord Yehovah, No foreigner, uncircumcised in heart and uncircumcised in flesh, shall enter into my sanctuary, of any foreigners who are among the children of Israel. 10But the Levites who went far from me, when Israel went astray, who went astray from me after their idols, they shall bear their iniquity. 11Yet they shall be ministers in my

sanctuary, having oversight at the gates of the house, and ministering in the house: they shall slay the burnt offering and the sacrifice for the people, and they shall stand before them to minister to them. 12 Because they ministered to them before their idols, and became a stumbling block of iniquity to the house of Israel; therefore I have lifted up my hand against them, says the Lord Yehovah, and they shall bear their iniquity. 13 And they shall not come near to me, to execute the office of priest to me, nor to come near to any of my holy things, to the things that are most holy; but they shall bear their shame, and their abominations which they have committed. 14 Yet I will make them keepers of the charge of the house, for all its service, and for all that shall be done in it. 15 But the priests the Levites, the sons of Zadok, who kept the charge of my sanctuary when the children of Israel went astray from me, they shall come near to me to minister to me; and they shall stand before me to offer to me the fat and the blood, says the Lord Yehovah: 16 they shall enter into my sanctuary, and they shall come near to my table, to minister to me, and they shall keep my charge. 17 And it shall be that, when they enter in at the gates of the inner court, they shall be clothed with linen garments; and no wool shall come on them, while they minister in the gates of the inner court, and within. 18 They shall have linen turbans on their heads, and shall have linen undergarments on their loins; they shall not gird themselves with anything that causes sweat. 19 And when they go out into the outer court, even into the outer court to the people, they shall put off their garments in which they minister, and lay them in the holy chambers; and they shall put on other garments, that they may not sanctify the people with their garments. 20 Nor shall they shave their heads, nor let their locks grow long; they shall only trim the hair of their heads. 21 Nor shall any of the priests drink wine, when they enter into the inner court. 22 Nor shall they take for their wives a widow, nor her who is divorced; but they shall take virgins of the seed of the house of Israel, or a widow who is the widow of a priest. 23 And they shall teach my people the difference between the holy and the common, and cause them to discern between the unclean and the clean. 24 And in a dispute they shall stand to judge; according to my ordinances they shall judge it: and they shall keep my laws and my statutes in all my appointed feasts; and they shall hallow my sabbaths. 25 And they shall go in to no dead person to defile themselves; but for father, or for mother, or for son, or for daughter, for brother, or for sister who has had no husband, they may defile themselves. 26 And after he is cleansed, they shall count for him seven days. 27 And on the day that he goes into the sanctuary, into the inner court, to minister in the sanctuary, he shall offer his sin offering, says the Lord Yehovah. 28 And they shall have an inheritance: I am their inheritance; and you shall give them no possession in Israel; I am their possession. 29 They shall eat the meal offering, and the sin offering, and the trespass offering; and every devoted thing in Israel shall be theirs. 30 And the first of all the firstfruits of everything, and every oblation of everything, of all your oblations, shall be for the priest: you shall also give to the priests the first of your dough, to cause a blessing to rest on your house. 31 The priests shall not eat of anything that dies of itself, or is torn, whether it is bird or beast.

Chapter 45

1 Moreover, when you divide by lot the land for inheritance, you shall offer an oblation to Yehovah, a holy portion of the land; the length shall be the length of twenty-five thousand reeds, and the breadth shall be ten thousand: it shall be holy in all its territory all around. 2 Of this there shall be for the holy place five hundred in length by five hundred in breadth, square all around; and fifty cubits for its open space all around. 3 And from this measure you shall measure a length of twenty-five thousand, and a breadth of ten thousand: and in it shall be the sanctuary, which is most holy. 4 It is a holy portion of the land; it shall be for the priests, the ministers of the sanctuary, who come near to minister to Yehovah; and it shall be a place for their houses, and a holy place for the sanctuary. 5 And twenty-five thousand in length, and ten thousand in breadth, shall be for the Levites, the ministers of the house, as a possession for themselves, for twenty chambers. 6 And you shall appoint the possession of the city five thousand broad, and twenty-five thousand long, side by side with the oblation of the holy portion: it shall be for the whole house of Israel. 7 And whatever is for the prince shall be on the one side and on the other side of the holy oblation and of the possession of the city, in front of the holy oblation and in front of the possession of the city, on the west side westward, and on the east side eastward; and in length corresponding to one of the portions, from the west border to the east border. 8 In the land it shall be his possession in Israel: and my princes shall no longer

oppress my people; but they shall give the land to the house of Israel according to their tribes. 9Thus says the Lord Yehovah: Enough, O princes of Israel: remove violence and spoil, and execute justice and righteousness; take away your exactions from my people, says the Lord Yehovah. 10You shall have just balances, and a just ephah, and a just bath. 11The ephah and the bath shall be of one measure, that the bath may contain the tenth part of a homer, and the ephah the tenth part of a homer: its measure shall be according to the homer. 12And the shekel shall be twenty gerahs; twenty shekels, twenty-five shekels, fifteen shekels, shall be your maneh. 13This is the oblation that you shall offer: the sixth part of an ephah from a homer of wheat; and you shall give the sixth part of an ephah from a homer of barley; 14and the set portion of oil, of the bath of oil, the tenth part of a bath out of the cor, which is ten baths, even a homer (for ten baths are a homer); 15and one lamb of the flock, out of two hundred, from the well-watered pastures of Israel;—for a meal offering, and for a burnt offering, and for peace offerings, to make atonement for them, says the Lord Yehovah. 16All the people of the land shall give to this oblation for the prince in Israel. 17And it shall be the prince's part to give the burnt offerings, and the meal offerings, and the drink offerings, in the feasts, and on the new moons, and on the sabbaths, in all the appointed feasts of the house of Israel: he shall prepare the sin offering, and the meal offering, and the burnt offering, and the peace offerings, to make atonement for the house of Israel. 18Thus says the Lord Yehovah: In the first month, on the first day of the month, you shall take a young bull without blemish; and you shall cleanse the sanctuary. 19And the priest shall take some of the blood of the sin offering, and put it on the doorposts of the house, and on the four corners of the ledge of the altar, and on the posts of the gate of the inner court. 20And so you shall do on the seventh day of the month for everyone who errs, and for him who is simple: so you shall make atonement for the house. 21In the first month, on the fourteenth day of the month, you shall have the passover, a feast of seven days; unleavened bread shall be eaten. 22And on that day the prince shall prepare for himself and for all the people of the land a bull for a sin offering. 23And the seven days of the feast he shall prepare a burnt offering to Yehovah, seven bulls and seven rams without blemish daily the seven days; and a male goat daily for a sin offering. 24And he shall prepare a meal offering, an ephah for a bull, and an ephah for a ram, and a hin of oil for an ephah. 25In the seventh month, on the fifteenth day of the month, in the feast, he shall do the same for the seven days; according to the sin offering, according to the burnt offering, and according to the meal offering, and according to the oil.

Chapter 46

1Thus says the Lord Yehovah: The gate of the inner court that faces toward the east shall be shut the six working days; but on the sabbath day it shall be opened, and on the day of the new moon it shall be opened. 2And the prince shall enter by the way of the porch of the gate from outside, and shall stand by the post of the gate; and the priests shall prepare his burnt offering and his peace offerings, and he shall worship at the threshold of the gate: then he shall go out; but the gate shall not be shut until the evening. 3And the people of the land shall worship at the door of that gate before Yehovah on the sabbaths and on the new moons. 4And the burnt offering that the prince shall offer to Yehovah shall be on the sabbath day six lambs without blemish and a ram without blemish; 5and the meal offering shall be an ephah for the ram, and the meal offering for the lambs as he is able to give, and a hin of oil for an ephah. 6And on the day of the new moon it shall be a young bull without blemish, and six lambs, and a ram; they shall be without blemish: 7and he shall prepare a meal offering, an ephah for the bull, and an ephah for the ram, and for the lambs according as he is able, and a hin of oil for an ephah. 8And when the prince enters, he shall go in by the way of the porch of the gate, and he shall go out by the same way. 9But when the people of the land come before Yehovah in the appointed feasts, he who enters by the way of the north gate to worship shall go out by the way of the south gate; and he who enters by the way of the south gate shall go out by the way of the north gate: he shall not return by the way of the gate by which he came in, but shall go out straight ahead. 10And the prince, when they go in, shall go in in the midst of them; and when they go forth, they shall go forth together. 11And in the feasts and in the solemn assemblies the meal offering shall be an ephah for a bull, and an ephah for a ram, and for the lambs as he is able to give, and a hin of oil for an ephah. 12And when the prince prepares a freewill offering, a burnt offering or peace offerings as a freewill offering to Yehovah, one shall open for him the gate that faces toward the east; and he shall

prepare his burnt offering and his peace offerings, as he does on the sabbath day: then he shall go out; and after his going out one shall shut the gate. 13 And you shall prepare a lamb a year old without blemish for a burnt offering to Yehovah daily: morning by morning you shall prepare it. 14 And you shall prepare a meal offering with it morning by morning, the sixth part of an ephah, and the third part of a hin of oil, to moisten the fine flour; a meal offering to Yehovah continually by a perpetual ordinance. 15 Thus they shall prepare the lamb, and the meal offering, and the oil, morning by morning, for a continual burnt offering. 16 Thus says the Lord Yehovah: If the prince gives a gift to any of his sons, it is his inheritance, it shall belong to his sons; it is their possession by inheritance. 17 But if he gives a gift of his inheritance to one of his servants, it shall be his until the year of liberty; then it shall return to the prince; but as for his inheritance, it shall be for his sons. 18 Moreover the prince shall not take from the people's inheritance, to thrust them out of their possession; he shall give inheritance to his sons out of his own possession, that my people may not be scattered, each man from his possession. 19 Then he brought me through the entrance, which was at the side of the gate, into the holy chambers for the priests, which faced toward the north: and, behold, there was a place at the rear westward. 20 And he said to me, This is the place where the priests shall boil the trespass offering and the sin offering, and where they shall bake the meal offering; that they may not bring them out into the outer court, to sanctify the people. 21 Then he brought me out into the outer court, and caused me to pass by the four corners of the court; and, behold, in every corner of the court there was a court. 22 In the four corners of the court there were enclosed courts, forty cubits long and thirty broad: these four in the corners were of one measure. 23 And there was a wall all around in them, all around the four, and boiling places were made under the walls all around. 24 Then he said to me, These are the kitchens, where the ministers of the house shall boil the sacrifice of the people.

Chapter 47

1 And he brought me back to the door of the house; and, behold, waters issued out from under the threshold of the house eastward (for the forefront of the house was toward the east); and the waters came down from under, from the right side of the house, on the south of the altar. 2 Then he brought me out by the way of the gate northward, and led me around by the way outside to the outer gate, by the way of the gate that faces toward the east; and, behold, waters ran out on the right side. 3 When the man went out eastward with the line in his hand, he measured a thousand cubits, and he caused me to pass through the waters, waters that were to the ankles. 4 Again he measured a thousand, and caused me to pass through the waters, waters that were to the knees. Again he measured a thousand, and caused me to pass through the waters, waters that were to the loins. 5 Afterward he measured a thousand; and it was a river that I could not pass through; for the waters had risen, waters to swim in, a river that could not be passed through. 6 And he said to me, Son of man, have you seen this? Then he brought me, and caused me to return to the bank of the river. 7 Now when I had returned, behold, on the bank of the river were very many trees on the one side and on the other. 8 Then he said to me, These waters issue forth toward the eastern region, and shall go down into the Arabah; and they shall go toward the sea; into the sea the waters shall go which were made to issue forth; and the waters shall be healed. 9 And it shall happen, that every living creature which swarms, in every place where the rivers come, shall live; and there shall be a very great multitude of fish; for these waters have come there, and the waters of the sea shall be healed, and everything shall live wherever the river comes. 10 And it shall happen, that fishermen shall stand by it: from En-gedi even to En-eglaim shall be a place for the spreading of nets; their fish shall be according to their kinds, like the fish of the great sea, exceedingly many. 11 But its swamps, and its marshes, shall not be healed; they shall be given up to salt. 12 And by the river on its bank, on this side and on that side, shall grow every tree for food, whose leaf shall not wither, nor shall its fruit fail: it shall bring forth new fruit every month, because its waters issue out of the sanctuary; and its fruit shall be for food, and its leaf for healing. 13 Thus says the Lord Yehovah: This shall be the border, by which you shall divide the land for inheritance according to the twelve tribes of Israel: Joseph shall have two portions. 14 And you shall inherit it, one as well as another; for I swore to give it to your fathers: and this land shall fall to you for inheritance. 15 And this shall be the border of the land: On the north side, from the great sea, by the way of Hethlon, to the entrance of Zedad; 16 Hamath, Berothah, Sibraim, which is between the border of

Damascus and the border of Hamath; Hazer-hatticon, which is by the border of Hauran. 17And the border from the sea, shall be Hazar-enon at the border of Damascus; and on the north northward is the border of Hamath. This is the north side. 18And the east side, between Hauran and Damascus and Gilead, and the land of Israel, shall be the Jordan; from the north border, to the east sea you shall measure. This is the east side. 19And the south side southward shall be from Tamar as far as the waters of Meriboth-kadesh, to the brook of Egypt, to the great sea. This is the south side southward. 20And the west side shall be the great sea, from the south border as far as opposite the entrance of Hamath. This is the west side. 21So you shall divide this land among you according to the tribes of Israel. 22And it shall happen, that you shall divide it by lot for an inheritance for yourselves and for the strangers who sojourn among you, who shall father children among you; and they shall be to you as the native-born among the children of Israel; they shall have inheritance with you among the tribes of Israel. 23And it shall happen, that in whatever tribe the stranger sojourns, there you shall give him his inheritance, says the Lord Yehovah.

Chapter 48

1Now these are the names of the tribes: From the north end, beside the way of Hethlon to the entrance of Hamath, Hazar-enan at the border of Damascus, northward beside Hamath (and they shall have their sides east and west), Dan, one portion. 2And by the border of Dan, from the east side to the west side, Asher, one portion. 3And by the border of Asher, from the east side even to the west side, Naphtali, one portion. 4And by the border of Naphtali, from the east side to the west side, Manasseh, one portion. 5And by the border of Manasseh, from the east side to the west side, Ephraim, one portion. 6And by the border of Ephraim, from the east side even to the west side, Reuben, one portion. 7And by the border of Reuben, from the east side to the west side, Judah, one portion. 8And by the border of Judah, from the east side to the west side, shall be the oblation which you shall offer, twenty-five thousand reeds in breadth, and in length as one of the portions, from the east side to the west side: and the sanctuary shall be in the midst of it. 9The oblation that you shall offer to Yehovah shall be twenty-five thousand reeds in length, and ten thousand in breadth. 10And for these, even for the priests, shall be the holy oblation; toward the north twenty-five thousand in length, and toward the west ten thousand in breadth, and toward the east ten thousand in breadth, and toward the south twenty-five thousand in length: and the sanctuary of Yehovah shall be in its midst. 11It shall be for the priests who are sanctified of the sons of Zadok, who have kept my charge, who did not go astray when the children of Israel went astray, as the Levites went astray. 12And it shall be for them an oblation from the oblation of the land, a thing most holy, by the border of the Levites. 13And corresponding to the border of the priests, the Levites shall have twenty-five thousand in length, and ten thousand in breadth: all the length shall be twenty-five thousand, and the breadth ten thousand. 14And they shall sell none of it, nor exchange it, nor shall the firstfruits of the land be alienated; for it is holy to Yehovah. 15And the five thousand that are left in the breadth, in front of the twenty-five thousand, shall be for common use, for the city, for dwelling and for open land; and the city shall be in its midst. 16And these shall be its measures: the north side four thousand and five hundred, and the south side four thousand and five hundred, and on the east side four thousand and five hundred, and the west side four thousand and five hundred. 17And the city shall have open land: toward the north two hundred and fifty, and toward the south two hundred and fifty, and toward the east two hundred and fifty, and toward the west two hundred and fifty. 18And the remainder in the length, corresponding to the holy oblation, shall be ten thousand eastward, and ten thousand westward; and it shall correspond to the holy oblation; and its increase shall be for food for those who labor in the city. 19And those who labor in the city, out of all the tribes of Israel, shall till it. 20All the oblation shall be twenty-five thousand by twenty-five thousand: you shall offer the holy oblation square, with the possession of the city. 21And the remainder shall be for the prince, on the one side and on the other of the holy oblation and of the possession of the city; in front of the twenty-five thousand of the oblation toward the east border, and westward in front of the twenty-five thousand toward the west border, corresponding to the portions, it shall be for the prince: and the holy oblation and the sanctuary of the house shall be in its midst. 22Moreover from the possession of the Levites, and from the possession of the city, being in the midst of what is the prince's, between the border of Judah and the

border of Benjamin, it shall be for the prince. 23And as for the rest of the tribes: from the east side to the west side, Benjamin, one portion. 24And by the border of Benjamin, from the east side to the west side, Simeon, one portion. 25And by the border of Simeon, from the east side to the west side, Issachar, one portion. 26And by the border of Issachar, from the east side to the west side, Zebulun, one portion. 27And by the border of Zebulun, from the east side to the west side, Gad, one portion. 28And by the border of Gad, at the south side southward, the border shall be even from Tamar to the waters of Meribath-kadesh, to the brook of Egypt, to the great sea. 29This is the land which you shall divide by lot to the tribes of Israel for inheritance, and these are their various portions, says the Lord Yehovah. 30And these are the exits of the city: On the north side four thousand and five hundred reeds by measure; 31and the gates of the city shall be named after the tribes of Israel, three gates northward: the gate of Reuben, one; the gate of Judah, one; the gate of Levi, one. 32And at the east side four thousand and five hundred reeds, and three gates: even the gate of Joseph, one; the gate of Benjamin, one; the gate of Dan, one. 33And at the south side four thousand and five hundred reeds by measure, and three gates: the gate of Simeon, one; the gate of Issachar, one; the gate of Zebulun, one. 34At the west side four thousand and five hundred reeds, with their three gates: the gate of Gad, one; the gate of Asher, one; the gate of Naphtali, one. 35It shall be eighteen thousand reeds all around: and the name of the city from that day shall be, Yehovah is there.

Daniel

Chapter 1

[1]In the third year of the reign of Jehoiakim king of Judah Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came to Jerusalem, and besieged it. [2]And the Lord gave Jehoiakim king of Judah into his hand, with part of the vessels of the house of God; and he carried them into the land of Shinar to the house of his god: and he brought the vessels into the treasure-house of his god. [3]And the king spoke to Ashpenaz the master of his eunuchs, that he should bring in certain of the children of Israel, even of the royal seed and of the nobles; [4]youths in whom was no blemish, but good-looking, and skillful in all wisdom, and endowed with knowledge, and understanding science, and such as had ability to stand in the king's palace; and that he should teach them the learning and the tongue of the Chaldeans. [5]And the king appointed for them a daily portion of the king's dainties, and of the wine which he drank, and that they should be nourished three years; that at the end of that time they should stand before the king. [6]Now among these were, of the children of Judah, Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah. [7]And the prince of the eunuchs gave names to them: to Daniel he gave the name of Belteshazzar; and to Hananiah, of Shadrach; and to Mishael, of Meshach; and to Azariah, of Abed-nego. [8]But Daniel resolved in his heart that he would not defile himself with the king's dainties, nor with the wine which he drank: therefore he requested of the prince of the eunuchs that he might not defile himself. [9]Now God made Daniel find kindness and compassion in the sight of the prince of the eunuchs. [10]And the prince of the eunuchs said to Daniel, I fear my lord the king, who has appointed your food and your drink: for why should he see your faces worse looking than the youths who are of your own age? so would you endanger my head with the king. [11]Then Daniel said to the steward whom the prince of the eunuchs had appointed over Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah: [12]Test your servants, I beg you, ten days; and let them give us vegetables to eat, and water to drink. [13]Then let our countenances be looked upon before you, and the countenance of the youths who eat of the king's dainties; and as you see, deal with your servants. [14]So he listened to them in this matter, and tested them ten days. [15]And at the end of ten days their countenances appeared fairer, and they were fatter in flesh, than all the youths who ate of the king's dainties. [16]So the steward took away their dainties, and the wine that they should drink, and gave them vegetables. [17]Now as for these four youths, God gave them knowledge and skill in all learning and wisdom: and Daniel had understanding in all visions and dreams. [18]And at the end of the days which the king had appointed for bringing them in, the prince of the eunuchs brought them in before Nebuchadnezzar. [19]And the king talked with them; and among them all was found none like Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah: therefore they stood before the king. [20]And in every matter of wisdom and understanding, concerning which the king inquired of them, he found them ten times better than all the magicians and enchanters who were in all his realm. [21]And Daniel continued even to the first year of king Cyrus.

Chapter 2

[1]And in the second year of the reign of Nebuchadnezzar, Nebuchadnezzar dreamed dreams; and his spirit was troubled, and his sleep went from him. [2]Then the king commanded to call the magicians, and the enchanters, and the sorcerers, and the Chaldeans, to tell the king his dreams. So they came in and stood before the king. [3]And the king said to them, I have dreamed a dream, and my spirit is troubled to know the dream. [4]Then the Chaldeans spoke to the king in the Syrian language, O king, live for ever: tell your servants the dream, and we will show the interpretation. [5]The king answered and said to the Chaldeans, The thing is gone from me: if you do not make known to me the dream and its interpretation, you shall be cut in pieces, and your houses shall be made a dunghill. [6]But if you show the dream and its interpretation, you shall receive from me gifts and rewards and great honor: therefore show me the dream and its interpretation. [7]They answered the second time and said, Let the king tell his servants the dream, and we will show the interpretation. [8]The king answered and said, I know for certain that you would gain time, because you see the thing is gone from me. [9]But if you do not make known to me the dream, there is but one law for you; for you have prepared lying and corrupt words to speak before me, until the time is changed: therefore tell me the dream, and I shall know that

you can show me its interpretation. 10The Chaldeans answered before the king, and said, There is not a man upon the earth who can show the king's matter, since no king, lord, or ruler, has asked such a thing of any magician, or enchanter, or Chaldean. 11And it is a rare thing that the king requires, and there is no other who can show it before the king, except the gods, whose dwelling is not with flesh. 12For this cause the king was angry and very furious, and commanded to destroy all the wise men of Babylon. 13So the decree went out, and the wise men were to be killed; and they sought Daniel and his companions to kill them. 14Then Daniel returned answer with counsel and prudence to Arioch the captain of the king's guard, who had gone out to kill the wise men of Babylon; 15he answered and said to Arioch the king's captain, Why is the decree so urgent from the king? Then Arioch made the thing known to Daniel. 16And Daniel went in, and requested of the king that he would appoint him a time, and he would show the king the interpretation. 17Then Daniel went to his house, and made the thing known to Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah, his companions: 18that they would seek mercies from the God of heaven concerning this secret; that Daniel and his companions should not perish with the rest of the wise men of Babylon. 19Then the secret was revealed to Daniel in a vision of the night. Then Daniel blessed the God of heaven. 20Daniel answered and said, Blessed be the name of God for ever and ever; for wisdom and might are his. 21And he changes the times and the seasons; he removes kings, and sets up kings; he gives wisdom to the wise, and knowledge to those who have understanding; 22he reveals the deep and secret things; he knows what is in the darkness, and the light dwells with him. 23I thank you, and praise you, O you God of my fathers, who have given me wisdom and might, and have now made known to me what we desired of you; for you have made known to us the king's matter. 24Therefore Daniel went in to Arioch, whom the king had appointed to destroy the wise men of Babylon; he went and said thus to him: Do not destroy the wise men of Babylon; bring me in before the king, and I will show to the king the interpretation. 25Then Arioch brought in Daniel before the king in haste, and said thus to him, I have found a man of the children of the captivity of Judah, who will make known to the king the interpretation. 26The king answered and said to Daniel, whose name was Belteshazzar, Are you able to make known to me the dream which I have seen, and its interpretation? 27Daniel answered before the king, and said, The secret which the king has demanded neither wise men, enchanters, magicians, nor soothsayers can show to the king; 28but there is a God in heaven who reveals secrets, and he has made known to the king Nebuchadnezzar what shall be in the latter days. Your dream, and the visions of your head upon your bed, are these: 29as for you, O king, your thoughts came into your mind upon your bed, what should come to pass hereafter; and he who reveals secrets has made known to you what shall come to pass. 30But as for me, this secret is not revealed to me for any wisdom that I have more than any living, but to the intent that the interpretation may be made known to the king, and that you may know the thoughts of your heart. 31You, O king, saw, and, behold, a great image. This image, which was mighty, and whose brightness was excellent, stood before you; and its aspect was terrible. 32As for this image, its head was of fine gold, its breast and its arms of silver, its belly and its thighs of bronze, 33its legs of iron, its feet part of iron, and part of clay. 34You saw until a stone was cut out without hands, which struck the image upon its feet that were of iron and clay, and broke them in pieces. 35Then the iron, the clay, the bronze, the silver, and the gold were broken in pieces together, and became like the chaff of the summer threshing-floors; and the wind carried them away, so that no place was found for them: and the stone that struck the image became a great mountain, and filled the whole earth. 36This is the dream; and we will tell its interpretation before the king. 37You, O king, are king of kings, to whom the God of heaven has given the kingdom, the power, and the strength, and the glory; 38and wherever the children of men dwell, the beasts of the field and the birds of the heavens he has given into your hand, and has made you rule over them all: you are the head of gold. 39And after you shall arise another kingdom inferior to you; and another third kingdom of bronze, which shall bear rule over all the earth. 40And the fourth kingdom shall be strong as iron, since iron breaks in pieces and subdues all things; and as iron that crushes all these, it shall break in pieces and crush. 41And whereas you saw the feet and toes, part of potters' clay, and part of iron, it shall be a divided kingdom; but there shall be in it of the strength of the iron, since you saw the iron mixed with miry clay. 42And as the toes of the feet were part of iron, and part of clay, so the kingdom

shall be partly strong, and partly broken. 43And whereas you saw the iron mixed with miry clay, they shall mingle themselves with the seed of men; but they shall not hold together with one another, even as iron does not mingle with clay. 44And in the days of those kings the God of heaven shall set up a kingdom which shall never be destroyed, nor shall its sovereignty be left to another people; but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever. 45Since you saw that a stone was cut out of the mountain without hands, and that it broke in pieces the iron, the bronze, the clay, the silver, and the gold; the great God has made known to the king what shall come to pass hereafter: and the dream is certain, and its interpretation sure. 46Then the king Nebuchadnezzar fell upon his face, and worshiped Daniel, and commanded that they should offer an oblation and sweet odors to him. 47The king answered to Daniel, and said, Truly your God is the God of gods, and the Lord of kings, and a revealer of secrets, seeing you have been able to reveal this secret. 48Then the king made Daniel great, and gave him many great gifts, and made him rule over the whole province of Babylon, and to be chief governor over all the wise men of Babylon. 49And Daniel requested of the king, and he appointed Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego, over the affairs of the province of Babylon: but Daniel was in the gate of the king.

Chapter 3

1Nebuchadnezzar the king made an image of gold, whose height was sixty cubits, and its breadth six cubits: he set it up in the plain of Dura, in the province of Babylon. 2Then Nebuchadnezzar the king sent to gather together the satraps, the deputies, and the governors, the judges, the treasurers, the counselors, the sheriffs, and all the rulers of the provinces, to come to the dedication of the image which Nebuchadnezzar the king had set up. 3Then the satraps, the deputies, and the governors, the judges, the treasurers, the counselors, the sheriffs, and all the rulers of the provinces, were gathered together to the dedication of the image that Nebuchadnezzar the king had set up; and they stood before the image that Nebuchadnezzar had set up. 4Then the herald cried aloud, To you it is commanded, O peoples, nations, and languages, 5that when you hear the sound of the cornet, flute, harp, sackbut, psaltery, dulcimer, and all kinds of music, you fall down and worship the golden image that Nebuchadnezzar the king has set up; 6and whoever does not fall down and worship shall the same hour be cast into the midst of a burning fiery furnace. 7Therefore at that time, when all the peoples heard the sound of the cornet, flute, harp, sackbut, psaltery, and all kinds of music, all the peoples, the nations, and the languages, fell down and worshiped the golden image that Nebuchadnezzar the king had set up. 8Therefore at that time certain Chaldeans came near, and brought accusation against the Jews. 9They answered and said to Nebuchadnezzar the king, O king, live for ever. 10You, O king, have made a decree, that every man who shall hear the sound of the cornet, flute, harp, sackbut, psaltery, and dulcimer, and all kinds of music, shall fall down and worship the golden image; 11and whoever does not fall down and worship, shall be cast into the midst of a burning fiery furnace. 12There are certain Jews whom you have appointed over the affairs of the province of Babylon: Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego; these men, O king, have not regarded you: they do not serve your gods, nor worship the golden image which you have set up. 13Then Nebuchadnezzar in his rage and fury commanded to bring Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego. Then they brought these men before the king. 14Nebuchadnezzar answered and said to them, Is it on purpose, O Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego, that you do not serve my god, nor worship the golden image which I have set up? 15Now if you are ready that when you hear the sound of the cornet, flute, harp, sackbut, psaltery, and dulcimer, and all kinds of music, you fall down and worship the image which I have made, well: but if you do not worship, you shall be cast the same hour into the midst of a burning fiery furnace; and who is that god who shall deliver you out of my hands? 16Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego answered and said to the king, O Nebuchadnezzar, we have no need to answer you in this matter. 17If it is so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace; and he will deliver us out of your hand, O king. 18But if not, be it known to you, O king, that we will not serve your gods, nor worship the golden image which you have set up. 19Then Nebuchadnezzar was full of fury, and the form of his visage was changed against Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego: therefore he spoke, and commanded that they should heat the furnace seven times more than it was usually heated. 20And he commanded certain mighty men who were in his army to bind Shadrach, Meshach,

and Abed-nego, and to cast them into the burning fiery furnace. 21Then these men were bound in their trousers, their tunics, and their mantles, and their other garments, and were cast into the midst of the burning fiery furnace. 22Therefore because the king's commandment was urgent, and the furnace exceedingly hot, the flame of the fire killed those men who took up Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego. 23And these three men, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego, fell down bound into the midst of the burning fiery furnace. 24Then Nebuchadnezzar the king was astonished, and rose up in haste: he spoke and said to his counselors, Did we not cast three men bound into the midst of the fire? They answered and said to the king, True, O king. 25He answered and said, Look, I see four men loose, walking in the midst of the fire, and they have no hurt; and the aspect of the fourth is like a son of the gods. 26Then Nebuchadnezzar came near to the mouth of the burning fiery furnace: he spoke and said, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego, you servants of the Most High God, come out, and come here. Then Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego came out out of the midst of the fire. 27And the satraps, the deputies, and the governors, and the king's counselors, being gathered together, saw these men, that the fire had no power upon their bodies, nor was the hair of their head singed, nor were their trousers changed, nor had the smell of fire passed on them. 28Nebuchadnezzar spoke and said, Blessed be the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego, who has sent his angel, and delivered his servants who trusted in him, and have changed the king's word, and have yielded their bodies, that they might not serve nor worship any god, except their own God. 29Therefore I make a decree, that every people, nation, and language, which speak anything wrong against the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego, shall be cut in pieces, and their houses shall be made a dunghill; because there is no other god that is able to deliver in this way. 30Then the king promoted Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego in the province of Babylon.

Chapter 4

1Nebuchadnezzar the king, to all the peoples, nations, and languages, who dwell in all the earth: Peace be multiplied to you. 2It has seemed good to me to show the signs and wonders that the Most High God has worked toward me. 3How great are his signs! and how mighty are his wonders! his kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and his dominion is from generation to generation. 4I, Nebuchadnezzar, was at rest in my house, and flourishing in my palace. 5I saw a dream which made me afraid; and the thoughts upon my bed and the visions of my head troubled me. 6Therefore I made a decree to bring in all the wise men of Babylon before me, that they might make known to me the interpretation of the dream. 7Then the magicians came in, the enchanters, the Chaldeans, and the soothsayers; and I told the dream before them; but they did not make known to me its interpretation. 8But at the last Daniel came in before me, whose name was Belteshazzar, according to the name of my god, and in whom is the spirit of the holy gods: and I told the dream before him, saying, 9O Belteshazzar, master of the magicians, because I know that the spirit of the holy gods is in you, and no secret troubles you, tell me the visions of my dream that I have seen, and its interpretation. 10Thus were the visions of my head upon my bed: I saw, and, behold, a tree in the midst of the earth; and its height was great. 11The tree grew, and was strong, and its height reached to heaven, and its sight to the end of all the earth. 12Its leaves were fair, and its fruit abundant, and in it was food for all: the beasts of the field had shadow under it, and the birds of the heavens dwelt in its branches, and all flesh was fed from it. 13I saw in the visions of my head upon my bed, and, behold, a watcher and a holy one came down from heaven. 14He cried aloud, and said thus, Hew down the tree, and cut off its branches, shake off its leaves, and scatter its fruit: let the beasts get away from under it, and the fowls from its branches. 15Nevertheless leave the stump of its roots in the earth, even with a band of iron and bronze, in the tender grass of the field; and let it be wet with the dew of heaven: and let his portion be with the beasts in the grass of the earth: 16let his heart be changed from man's, and let a beast's heart be given to him; and let seven times pass over him. 17The sentence is by the decree of the watchers, and the demand by the word of the holy ones; to the intent that the living may know that the Most High rules in the kingdom of men, and gives it to whomever he will, and sets up over it the lowest of men. 18This dream I, king Nebuchadnezzar, have seen; and you, O Belteshazzar, declare the interpretation, since all the wise men of my kingdom are not able to make known to me the interpretation; but you are able; for the spirit of the holy gods is in you. 19Then Daniel, whose name was Belteshazzar, was stricken dumb for a while, and his

thoughts troubled him. The king answered and said, Belteshazzar, do not let the dream, or the interpretation, trouble you. Belteshazzar answered and said, My lord, the dream be to those who hate you, and its interpretation to your adversaries. 20The tree that you saw, which grew, and was strong, whose height reached to heaven, and its sight to all the earth; 21whose leaves were fair, and its fruit abundant, and in it was food for all; under which the beasts of the field dwelt, and upon whose branches the birds of the heavens had their habitation: 22it is you, O king, who have grown and become strong; for your greatness has grown, and reaches to heaven, and your dominion to the end of the earth. 23And whereas the king saw a watcher and a holy one coming down from heaven, and saying, Hew down the tree, and destroy it; nevertheless leave the stump of its roots in the earth, even with a band of iron and bronze, in the tender grass of the field, and let it be wet with the dew of heaven: and let his portion be with the beasts of the field, until seven times pass over him; 24this is the interpretation, O king, and it is the decree of the Most High, which has come upon my lord the king: 25that you shall be driven from men, and your dwelling shall be with the beasts of the field, and you shall be made to eat grass as oxen, and shall be wet with the dew of heaven, and seven times shall pass over you; until you know that the Most High rules in the kingdom of men, and gives it to whomever he will. 26And whereas they commanded to leave the stump of the roots of the tree; your kingdom shall be sure to you, after you shall have known that the heavens rule. 27Therefore, O king, let my counsel be acceptable to you, and break off your sins by righteousness, and your iniquities by showing mercy to the poor; if there may be a lengthening of your tranquility. 28All this came upon the king Nebuchadnezzar. 29At the end of twelve months he was walking in the royal palace of Babylon. 30The king spoke and said, Is not this great Babylon, which I have built for the royal dwelling-place, by the might of my power and for the glory of my majesty? 31While the word was in the king's mouth, there fell a voice from heaven, saying, O king Nebuchadnezzar, to you it is spoken: The kingdom has departed from you: 32and you shall be driven from men; and your dwelling shall be with the beasts of the field; you shall be made to eat grass as oxen; and seven times shall pass over you; until you know that the Most High rules in the kingdom of men, and gives it to whomever he will. 33The same hour the thing was fulfilled upon Nebuchadnezzar: and he was driven from men, and ate grass as oxen, and his body was wet with the dew of heaven, until his hair had grown like eagles' feathers, and his nails like birds' claws. 34And at the end of the days I, Nebuchadnezzar, lifted up my eyes to heaven, and my understanding returned to me, and I blessed the Most High, and I praised and honored him who lives for ever; for his dominion is an everlasting dominion, and his kingdom from generation to generation; 35and all the inhabitants of the earth are reputed as nothing; and he does according to his will in the army of heaven, and among the inhabitants of the earth; and none can stay his hand, or say to him, What are you doing? 36At the same time my understanding returned to me; and for the glory of my kingdom, my majesty and brightness returned to me; and my counselors and my lords sought me; and I was established in my kingdom, and excellent greatness was added to me. 37Now I, Nebuchadnezzar, praise and extol and honor the King of heaven; for all his works are truth, and his ways justice; and those who walk in pride he is able to abase.

Chapter 5

1Belshazzar the king made a great feast to a thousand of his lords, and drank wine before the thousand. 2Belshazzar, while he tasted the wine, commanded to bring the golden and silver vessels which Nebuchadnezzar his father had taken out of the temple which was in Jerusalem; that the king and his lords, his wives and his concubines, might drink from them. 3Then they brought the golden vessels that were taken out of the temple of the house of God which was at Jerusalem; and the king and his lords, his wives and his concubines, drank from them. 4They drank wine, and praised the gods of gold, and of silver, of bronze, of iron, of wood, and of stone. 5In the same hour the fingers of a man's hand came out, and wrote opposite the candlestick upon the plaster of the wall of the king's palace: and the king saw the part of the hand that wrote. 6Then the king's countenance was changed in him, and his thoughts troubled him; and the joints of his loins were loosed, and his knees struck one against another. 7The king cried aloud to bring in the enchanters, the Chaldeans, and the soothsayers. The king spoke and said to the wise men of Babylon, Whoever shall read this writing, and show me its interpretation, shall be clothed with purple, and have a chain of gold about

his neck, and shall be the third ruler in the kingdom. 8Then all the king's wise men came in; but they could not read the writing, nor make known to the king the interpretation. 9Then king Belshazzar was greatly troubled, and his countenance was changed in him, and his lords were perplexed. 10Now the queen by reason of the words of the king and his lords came into the banquet house: the queen spoke and said, O king, live for ever; do not let your thoughts trouble you, nor let your countenance be changed. 11There is a man in your kingdom, in whom is the spirit of the holy gods; and in the days of your father light and understanding and wisdom, like the wisdom of the gods, were found in him; and the king Nebuchadnezzar your father, the king, I say, your father, made him master of the magicians, enchanters, Chaldeans, and soothsayers; 12since an excellent spirit, and knowledge, and understanding, interpreting of dreams, and explaining of riddles, and dissolving of doubts, were found in the same Daniel, whom the king named Belteshazzar. Now let Daniel be called, and he will show the interpretation. 13Then Daniel was brought in before the king. The king spoke and said to Daniel, Are you that Daniel, who are of the children of the captivity of Judah, whom the king my father brought out of Judah? 14I have heard of you, that the spirit of the gods is in you, and that light and understanding and excellent wisdom are found in you. 15And now the wise men, the enchanters, have been brought in before me, that they should read this writing, and make known to me its interpretation; but they could not show the interpretation of the thing. 16But I have heard of you, that you can give interpretations, and dissolve doubts: now if you can read the writing, and make known to me its interpretation, you shall be clothed with purple, and have a chain of gold about your neck, and shall be the third ruler in the kingdom. 17Then Daniel answered and said before the king, Let your gifts be to yourself, and give your rewards to another; nevertheless I will read the writing to the king, and make known to him the interpretation. 18O you king, the Most High God gave Nebuchadnezzar your father the kingdom, and greatness, and glory, and majesty: 19and because of the greatness that he gave him, all the peoples, nations, and languages trembled and feared before him: whom he wanted he killed, and whom he wanted he kept alive; and whom he wanted he raised up, and whom he wanted he put down. 20But when his heart was lifted up, and his spirit was hardened so that he dealt proudly, he was deposed from his kingly throne, and they took his glory from him: 21and he was driven from the sons of men, and his heart was made like the beasts', and his dwelling was with the wild donkeys; he was fed with grass like oxen, and his body was wet with the dew of heaven; until he knew that the Most High God rules in the kingdom of men, and that he sets up over it whomever he will. 22And you his son, O Belshazzar, have not humbled your heart, though you knew all this, 23but have lifted up yourself against the Lord of heaven; and they have brought the vessels of his house before you, and you and your lords, your wives and your concubines, have drunk wine from them; and you have praised the gods of silver and gold, of bronze, iron, wood, and stone, which do not see, nor hear, nor know; and the God in whose hand your breath is, and whose are all your ways, you have not glorified. 24Then the part of the hand was sent from before him, and this writing was inscribed. 25And this is the writing that was inscribed: MENE, MENE, TEKEL, UPHARSIN. 26This is the interpretation of the thing: MENE; God has numbered your kingdom, and brought it to an end. 27TEKEL; you have been weighed in the balances, and are found wanting. 28PERES; your kingdom has been divided, and given to the Medes and Persians. 29Then Belshazzar commanded, and they clothed Daniel with purple, and put a chain of gold about his neck, and made proclamation concerning him, that he should be the third ruler in the kingdom. 30In that night Belshazzar the Chaldean king was killed. 31And Darius the Mede received the kingdom, being about sixty-two years old.

Chapter 6

1It pleased Darius to set over the kingdom a hundred and twenty satraps, who should be throughout the whole kingdom; 2and over them three presidents, of whom Daniel was one; that these satraps might give account to them, and that the king should have no damage. 3Then this Daniel was distinguished above the presidents and the satraps, because an excellent spirit was in him; and the king thought to set him over the whole realm. 4Then the presidents and the satraps sought to find occasion against Daniel concerning the kingdom; but they could find no occasion nor fault, since he was faithful, neither was there any error or fault found in him. 5Then these men said, We shall not find any occasion against this Daniel, unless we find it against him concerning the

law of his God. 6Then these presidents and satraps assembled together to the king, and said thus to him, King Darius, live for ever. 7All the presidents of the kingdom, the deputies and the satraps, the counselors and the governors, have consulted together to establish a royal statute, and to make a strong interdict, that whoever shall ask a petition of any god or man for thirty days, except of you, O king, he shall be cast into the den of lions. 8Now, O king, establish the interdict, and sign the writing, that it may not be changed, according to the law of the Medes and Persians, which does not alter. 9Therefore king Darius signed the writing and the interdict. 10And when Daniel knew that the writing was signed, he went into his house (now his windows were open in his chamber toward Jerusalem); and he kneeled upon his knees three times a day, and prayed, and gave thanks before his God, as he did formerly. 11Then these men assembled together, and found Daniel making petition and supplication before his God. 12Then they came near, and spoke before the king concerning the king's interdict: Have you not signed an interdict, that every man who shall make petition to any god or man within thirty days, except to you, O king, shall be cast into the den of lions? The king answered and said, The thing is true, according to the law of the Medes and Persians, which does not alter. 13Then they answered and said before the king, That Daniel, who is of the children of the captivity of Judah, does not regard you, O king, nor the interdict that you have signed, but makes his petition three times a day. 14Then the king, when he heard these words, was greatly displeased, and set his heart on Daniel to deliver him; and he labored until the going down of the sun to rescue him. 15Then these men assembled together to the king, and said to the king, Know, O king, that it is a law of the Medes and Persians, that no interdict nor statute which the king establishes may be changed. 16Then the king commanded, and they brought Daniel, and cast him into the den of lions. Now the king spoke and said to Daniel, Your God whom you serve continually, he will deliver you. 17And a stone was brought, and laid upon the mouth of the den; and the king sealed it with his own signet, and with the signet of his lords; that nothing might be changed concerning Daniel. 18Then the king went to his palace, and passed the night fasting; neither were instruments of music brought before him: and his sleep fled from him. 19Then the king arose very early in the morning, and went in haste to the den of lions. 20And when he came near to the den to Daniel, he cried with a lamentable voice; the king spoke and said to Daniel, O Daniel, servant of the living God, is your God, whom you serve continually, able to deliver you from the lions? 21Then Daniel said to the king, O king, live for ever. 22My God has sent his angel, and has shut the lions' mouths, and they have not hurt me; since before him innocence was found in me; and also before you, O king, I have done no hurt. 23Then the king was exceedingly glad, and commanded that they should take Daniel up out of the den. So Daniel was taken up out of the den, and no manner of hurt was found upon him, because he had trusted in his God. 24And the king commanded, and they brought those men who had accused Daniel, and they cast them into the den of lions, them, their children, and their wives; and the lions had the mastery of them, and broke all their bones in pieces, before they came to the bottom of the den. 25Then king Darius wrote to all the peoples, nations, and languages, who dwell in all the earth: Peace be multiplied to you. 26I make a decree, that in all the dominion of my kingdom men tremble and fear before the God of Daniel; for he is the living God, and steadfast for ever, And his kingdom that which shall not be destroyed; and his dominion shall be even to the end. 27He delivers and rescues, and he works signs and wonders in heaven and in earth, who has delivered Daniel from the power of the lions. 28So this Daniel prospered in the reign of Darius, and in the reign of Cyrus the Persian.

Chapter 7

1In the first year of Belshazzar king of Babylon Daniel had a dream and visions of his head upon his bed: then he wrote the dream and told the sum of the matters. 2Daniel spoke and said, I saw in my vision by night, and, behold, the four winds of heaven broke forth upon the great sea. 3And four great beasts came up from the sea, different from one another. 4The first was like a lion, and had eagle's wings: I watched until its wings were plucked, and it was lifted up from the earth, and made to stand upon two feet as a man; and a man's heart was given to it. 5And, behold, another beast, a second, like a bear; and it was raised up on one side, and three ribs were in its mouth between its teeth: and they said thus to it, Arise, devour much flesh. 6After this I looked, and, look, another, like a leopard, which had upon its back four wings of a bird; the beast had also four heads; and dominion was given to it. 7After this I saw in the

night-visions, and, behold, a fourth beast, terrible and powerful, and exceedingly strong; and it had great iron teeth; it devoured and broke in pieces, and stamped the residue with its feet: and it was different from all the beasts that were before it; and it had ten horns. 8I considered the horns, and, behold, there came up among them another horn, a little one, before which three of the first horns were plucked up by the roots: and, behold, in this horn were eyes like the eyes of a man, and a mouth speaking great things. 9I watched until thrones were placed, and one who was ancient of days sat: his clothing was white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool; his throne was fiery flames, and its wheels burning fire. 10A fiery stream issued and came out from before him: thousands of thousands ministered to him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him: the judgment was set, and the books were opened. 11I looked at that time because of the voice of the great words which the horn spoke; I watched even until the beast was killed, and its body destroyed, and it was given to be burned with fire. 12And as for the rest of the beasts, their dominion was taken away: yet their lives were prolonged for a season and a time. 13I saw in the night-visions, and, behold, there came with the clouds of heaven one like a son of man, and he came even to the ancient of days, and they brought him near before him. 14And there was given to him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all the peoples, nations, and languages should serve him: his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom that which shall not be destroyed. 15As for me, Daniel, my spirit was grieved in the midst of my body, and the visions of my head troubled me. 16I came near to one of those who stood by, and asked him the truth concerning all this. So he told me, and made me know the interpretation of the things. 17These great beasts, which are four, are four kings, who shall arise out of the earth. 18But the saints of the Most High shall receive the kingdom, and possess the kingdom for ever, even for ever and ever. 19Then I desired to know the truth concerning the fourth beast, which was different from all of them, exceedingly terrible, whose teeth were of iron, and its nails of bronze; which devoured, broke in pieces, and stamped the residue with its feet; 20and concerning the ten horns that were on its head, and the other horn which came up, and before which three fell, even that horn that had eyes, and a mouth that spoke great things, whose appearance was greater than its companions. 21I looked, and the same horn made war with the saints, and prevailed against them; 22until the ancient of days came, and judgment was given to the saints of the Most High, and the time came that the saints possessed the kingdom. 23Thus he said, The fourth beast shall be a fourth kingdom upon earth, which shall be different from all the kingdoms, and shall devour the whole earth, and shall tread it down, and break it in pieces. 24And as for the ten horns, out of this kingdom ten kings shall arise: and another shall arise after them; and he shall be different from the former, and he shall put down three kings. 25And he shall speak words against the Most High, and shall wear out the saints of the Most High; and he shall think to change the times and the law; and they shall be given into his hand until a time and times and half a time. 26But the judgment shall be set, and they shall take away his dominion, to consume and to destroy it to the end. 27And the kingdom and the dominion, and the greatness of the kingdoms under the whole heaven, shall be given to the people of the saints of the Most High: his kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey him. 28Here is the end of the matter. As for me, Daniel, my thoughts much troubled me, and my countenance was changed in me: but I kept the matter in my heart.

Chapter 8

1In the third year of the reign of king Belshazzar a vision appeared to me, even to me, Daniel, after that which appeared to me at the first. 2And I saw in the vision; now it was so, that when I saw, I was in Shushan the palace, which is in the province of Elam; and I saw in the vision, and I was by the river Ulai. 3Then I lifted up my eyes, and saw, and, behold, there stood before the river a ram which had two horns: and the two horns were high; but one was higher than the other, and the higher came up last. 4I saw the ram pushing westward, and northward, and southward; and no beasts could stand before him, nor was there any who could deliver out of his hand; but he did according to his will, and magnified himself. 5And as I was considering, behold, a he-goat came from the west over the face of the whole earth, and did not touch the ground: and the goat had a notable horn between his eyes. 6And he came to the ram that had the two horns, which I saw standing before the river, and ran upon him in the fury of his power. 7And I saw him come close to the ram, and he

was moved with anger against him, and struck the ram, and broke his two horns; and there was no power in the ram to stand before him; but he cast him down to the ground, and trampled upon him; and there was none who could deliver the ram out of his hand. 8And the he-goat magnified himself exceedingly: and when he was strong, the great horn was broken; and instead of it there came up four notable horns toward the four winds of heaven. 9And out of one of them came out a little horn, which grew exceedingly great, toward the south, and toward the east, and toward the glorious land. 10And it grew great, even to the host of heaven; and some of the host and of the stars it cast down to the ground, and trampled upon them. 11Indeed, it magnified itself, even to the prince of the host; and it took away from him the continual burnt-offering, and the place of his sanctuary was cast down. 12And the host was given over to it together with the continual burnt-offering through transgression; and it cast down truth to the ground, and it did its pleasure and prospered. 13Then I heard a holy one speaking; and another holy one said to that certain one who spoke, How long shall the vision be concerning the continual burnt-offering, and the transgression that makes desolate, to give both the sanctuary and the host to be trodden under foot? 14And he said to me, To two thousand three hundred evenings and mornings; then the sanctuary shall be cleansed. 15And it happened, when I, even I Daniel, had seen the vision, that I sought to understand it; and, behold, there stood before me as the appearance of a man. 16And I heard a man's voice between the banks of the Ulai, which called, and said, Gabriel, make this man understand the vision. 17So he came near where I stood; and when he came, I was terrified, and fell upon my face: but he said to me, Understand, O son of man; for the vision belongs to the time of the end. 18Now as he was speaking with me, I fell into a deep sleep with my face toward the ground; but he touched me, and set me upright. 19And he said, Behold, I will make you know what shall be in the latter time of the indignation; for it belongs to the appointed time of the end. 20The ram which you saw, that had the two horns, they are the kings of Media and Persia. 21And the rough he-goat is the king of Greece: and the great horn that is between his eyes is the first king. 22And as for that which was broken, in the place of which four stood up, four kingdoms shall stand up out of the nation, but not with his power. 23And in the latter time of their kingdom, when the transgressors have reached their full, a king of fierce countenance, and understanding riddles, shall stand up. 24And his power shall be mighty, but not by his own power; and he shall destroy wonderfully, and shall prosper and do his pleasure; and he shall destroy the mighty ones and the holy people. 25And through his cunning he shall cause deceit to prosper in his hand; and he shall magnify himself in his heart, and in their security he shall destroy many: he shall also stand up against the prince of princes; but he shall be broken without hand. 26And the vision of the evenings and mornings which has been told is true: but shut up the vision; for it belongs to many days to come. 27And I, Daniel, fainted, and was sick certain days; then I rose up, and did the king's business: and I wondered at the vision, but none understood it.

Chapter 9

1In the first year of Darius the son of Ahasuerus, of the seed of the Medes, who was made king over the realm of the Chaldeans, 2in the first year of his reign I, Daniel, understood by the books the number of the years of which the word of Yehovah came to Jeremiah the prophet, for the accomplishing of the desolations of Jerusalem, even seventy years. 3And I set my face to the Lord God, to seek by prayer and supplications, with fasting and sackcloth and ashes. 4And I prayed to Yehovah my God, and made confession, and said, Oh, Lord, the great and dreadful God, who keeps covenant and lovingkindness with those who love him and keep his commandments, 5we have sinned, and have dealt perversely, and have done wickedly, and have rebelled, even turning aside from your precepts and from your ordinances; 6neither have we listened to your servants the prophets, who spoke in your name to our kings, our princes, and our fathers, and to all the people of the land. 7O Lord, righteousness belongs to you, but to us confusion of face, as at this day; to the men of Judah, and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and to all Israel, who are near, and who are far off, through all the countries where you have driven them, because of their trespass that they have trespassed against you. 8O Lord, to us belongs confusion of face, to our kings, to our princes, and to our fathers, because we have sinned against you. 9To the Lord our God belong mercies and forgiveness; for we have rebelled against him; 10neither have we obeyed the voice of Yehovah our God, to walk in his laws, which he set before us by his servants the

prophets. [11]Indeed, all Israel have transgressed your law, even turning aside, that they should not obey your voice: therefore the curse has been poured out upon us, and the oath that is written in the law of Moses the servant of God; for we have sinned against him. [12]And he has confirmed his words, which he spoke against us, and against our judges who judged us, by bringing upon us a great evil; for under the whole heaven there has not been done as has been done upon Jerusalem. [13]As it is written in the law of Moses, all this evil has come upon us: yet we have not entreated the favor of Yehovah our God, that we should turn from our iniquities, and have discernment in your truth. [14]Therefore Yehovah has watched over the evil, and brought it upon us; for Yehovah our God is righteous in all his works which he does, and we have not obeyed his voice. [15]And now, O Lord our God, who have brought your people out of the land of Egypt with a mighty hand, and have made yourself renown, as at this day; we have sinned, we have done wickedly. [16]O Lord, according to all your righteousness, please let your anger and your wrath be turned away from your city Jerusalem, your holy mountain; because for our sins, and for the iniquities of our fathers, Jerusalem and your people have become a reproach to all who are around us. [17]Now therefore, O our God, listen to the prayer of your servant, and to his supplications, and cause your face to shine upon your sanctuary that is desolate, for the Lord's sake. [18]O my God, incline your ear, and hear; open your eyes, and behold our desolations, and the city which is called by your name: for we do not present our supplications before you for our righteousnesses, but for your great mercies' sake. [19]O Lord, hear; O Lord, forgive; O Lord, listen and do; do not delay, for your own sake, O my God, because your city and your people are called by your name. [20]And while I was speaking, and praying, and confessing my sin and the sin of my people Israel, and presenting my supplication before Yehovah my God for the holy mountain of my God; [21]indeed, while I was speaking in prayer, the man Gabriel, whom I had seen in the vision at the beginning, being caused to fly swiftly, touched me about the time of the evening oblation. [22]And he instructed me, and talked with me, and said, O Daniel, I have now come out to give you wisdom and understanding. [23]At the beginning of your supplications the commandment went out, and I have come to tell you; for you are greatly beloved: therefore consider the matter, and understand the vision. [24]Seventy weeks are decreed upon your people and upon your holy city, to finish transgression, and to make an end of sins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to seal up vision and prophecy, and to anoint the most holy. [25]Know therefore and discern, that from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem to the anointed one, the prince, shall be seven weeks, and sixty-two weeks: it shall be built again, with street and moat, even in troublous times. [26]And after the sixty-two weeks the anointed one shall be cut off, and shall have nothing: and the people of the prince who shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary; and its end shall be with a flood, and even to the end shall be war; desolations are determined. [27]And he shall make a firm covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease; and upon the wing of abominations shall come one who makes desolate; and even to the full end, and that determined, wrath shall be poured out upon the desolate.

Chapter 10

[1]In the third year of Cyrus king of Persia a thing was revealed to Daniel, whose name was called Belteshazzar; and the thing was true, even a great warfare: and he understood the thing, and had understanding of the vision. [2]In those days I, Daniel, was mourning three whole weeks. [3]I ate no pleasant bread, nor did meat or wine come into my mouth, nor did I anoint myself at all, until three whole weeks were fulfilled. [4]And on the twenty-fourth day of the first month, as I was by the side of the great river, which is Hiddekel, [5]I lifted up my eyes, and looked, and, behold, a man clothed in linen, whose loins were girded with pure gold of Uphaz: [6]his body also was like the beryl, and his face as the appearance of lightning, and his eyes as flaming torches, and his arms and his feet like burnished bronze, and the voice of his words like the voice of a multitude. [7]And I, Daniel, alone saw the vision; for the men who were with me did not see the vision; but a great quaking fell upon them, and they fled to hide themselves. [8]So I was left alone, and saw this great vision, and there remained no strength in me; for my vigor was turned in me into ruin, and I retained no strength. [9]Yet I heard the voice of his words; and when I heard the voice of his words, then I fell into a deep sleep on my face, with my face toward the ground. [10]And, behold,

a hand touched me, which set me upon my knees and upon the palms of my hands. 11And he said to me, O Daniel, you man greatly beloved, understand the words that I speak to you, and stand upright; for to you I am now sent. And when he had spoken this word to me, I stood trembling. 12Then he said to me, Do not fear, Daniel; for from the first day that you set your heart to understand, and to humble yourself before your God, your words were heard: and I have come for your words' sake. 13But the prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me twenty-one days; but, look, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me: and I remained there with the kings of Persia. 14Now I have come to make you understand what shall befall your people in the latter days; for the vision is yet for many days. 15And when he had spoken to me according to these words, I set my face toward the ground, and was mute. 16And, behold, one in the likeness of the sons of men touched my lips: then I opened my mouth, and spoke and said to him who stood before me, O my lord, by reason of the vision my sorrows are turned upon me, and I retain no strength. 17For how can the servant of this my lord talk with this my lord? for as for me, immediately there remained no strength in me, nor was there breath left in me. 18Then one like the appearance of a man touched me again, and he strengthened me. 19And he said, O man greatly beloved, do not fear: peace be to you, be strong, indeed, be strong. And when he spoke to me, I was strengthened, and said, Let my lord speak; for you have strengthened me. 20Then he said, Do you know why I have come to you? and now I will return to fight with the prince of Persia: and when I go out, look, the prince of Greece shall come. 21But I will tell you that which is inscribed in the writing of truth: and there is none who holds with me against these, but Michael your prince.

Chapter 11

1And as for me, in the first year of Darius the Mede, I stood up to confirm and strengthen him. 2And now I will show you the truth. Behold, there shall stand up yet three kings in Persia; and the fourth shall be far richer than they all: and when he has grown strong through his riches, he shall stir up all against the realm of Greece. 3And a mighty king shall stand up, who shall rule with great dominion, and do according to his will. 4And when he shall stand up, his kingdom shall be broken, and shall be divided toward the four winds of heaven, but not to his posterity, nor according to his dominion with which he ruled; for his kingdom shall be plucked up, even for others besides these. 5And the king of the south shall be strong, and one of his princes; and he shall be strong above him, and have dominion; his dominion shall be a great dominion. 6And at the end of years they shall join themselves together; and the daughter of the king of the south shall come to the king of the north to make an agreement: but she shall not retain the strength of her arm; neither shall he stand, nor his arm; but she shall be given up, and those who brought her, and he who fathered her, and he who strengthened her in those times. 7But out of a shoot from her roots one shall stand up in his place, who shall come to the army, and shall enter into the fortress of the king of the north, and shall deal against them, and shall prevail. 8And also their gods, with their molten images, and with their goodly vessels of silver and of gold, he shall carry captive into Egypt; and he shall refrain some years from the king of the north. 9And he shall come into the realm of the king of the south, but he shall return into his own land. 10And his sons shall war, and shall assemble a multitude of great forces, which shall come on, and overflow, and pass through; and they shall return and war, even to his fortress. 11And the king of the south shall be moved with anger, and shall come out and fight with him, even with the king of the north; and he shall set forth a great multitude, and the multitude shall be given into his hand. 12And the multitude shall be lifted up, and his heart shall be exalted; and he shall cast down tens of thousands, but he shall not prevail. 13And the king of the north shall return, and shall set forth a multitude greater than the former; and he shall come on at the end of the times, even of years, with a great army and with much substance. 14And in those times many shall stand up against the king of the south: also the children of the violent among your people shall lift themselves up to establish the vision; but they shall fall. 15So the king of the north shall come, and cast up a mound, and take a well-fortified city: and the forces of the south shall not stand, nor his chosen people, nor shall there be any strength to stand. 16But he who comes against him shall do according to his own will, and none shall stand before him; and he shall stand in the glorious land, and in his hand shall be destruction. 17And he shall set his face to come with the strength of his whole kingdom, and with him equitable conditions; and he shall perform them: and

he shall give him the daughter of women, to corrupt her; but she shall not stand, nor be for him. 18After this he shall turn his face to the coastlands, and shall take many: but a prince shall cause the reproach offered by him to cease; indeed, moreover, he shall cause his reproach to turn upon him. 19Then he shall turn his face toward the fortresses of his own land; but he shall stumble and fall, and shall not be found. 20Then one shall stand up in his place who shall cause a tax collector to pass through the glory of the kingdom; but within few days he shall be destroyed, neither in anger, nor in battle. 21And in his place a contemptible person shall stand up, to whom they had not given the honor of the kingdom: but he shall come in time of security, and shall obtain the kingdom by flatteries. 22And the overwhelming forces shall be overwhelmed from before him, and shall be broken; indeed, also the prince of the covenant. 23And after the league made with him he shall work deceitfully; for he shall come up, and shall become strong, with a small people. 24In time of security he shall come even upon the richest places of the province; and he shall do that which his fathers have not done, nor his fathers' fathers; he shall scatter among them prey, and spoil, and substance: indeed, he shall devise his devices against the strongholds, even for a time. 25And he shall stir up his power and his courage against the king of the south with a great army; and the king of the south shall war in battle with an exceedingly great and mighty army; but he shall not stand; for they shall devise devices against him. 26Indeed, those who eat of his dainties shall destroy him, and his army shall overflow; and many shall fall down slain. 27And as for both these kings, their hearts shall be to do mischief, and they shall speak lies at one table: but it shall not prosper; for yet the end shall be at the time appointed. 28Then he shall return into his land with great substance; and his heart shall be against the holy covenant; and he shall do his pleasure, and return to his own land. 29At the time appointed he shall return, and come into the south; but it shall not be in the latter time as it was in the former. 30For ships of Kittim shall come against him; therefore he shall be grieved, and shall return, and have indignation against the holy covenant, and shall do his pleasure: he shall even return, and have regard to those who forsake the holy covenant. 31And forces shall stand on his part, and they shall profane the sanctuary, even the fortress, and shall take away the continual burnt-offering, and they shall set up the abomination that makes desolate. 32And such as do wickedly against the covenant he shall pervert by flatteries; but the people who know their God shall be strong, and do exploits. 33And those who are wise among the people shall instruct many; yet they shall fall by the sword and by flame, by captivity and by spoil, many days. 34Now when they shall fall, they shall be helped with a little help; but many shall join themselves to them with flatteries. 35And some of those who are wise shall fall, to refine them, and to purify, and to make them white, even to the time of the end; because it is yet for the time appointed. 36And the king shall do according to his will; and he shall exalt himself, and magnify himself above every god, and shall speak marvelous things against the God of gods; and he shall prosper until the indignation is accomplished; for that which is determined shall be done. 37Neither shall he regard the gods of his fathers, nor the desire of women, nor regard any god; for he shall magnify himself above all. 38But in his place he shall honor the god of fortresses; and a god whom his fathers did not know he shall honor with gold, and silver, and with precious stones and pleasant things. 39And he shall deal with the strongest fortresses by the help of a foreign god: whoever acknowledges him he will increase with glory; and he shall cause them to rule over many, and shall divide the land for a price. 40And at the time of the end the king of the south shall contend with him; and the king of the north shall come against him like a whirlwind, with chariots, and with horsemen, and with many ships; and he shall enter into the countries, and shall overflow and pass through. 41He shall enter also into the glorious land, and many countries shall be overthrown; but these shall be delivered out of his hand: Edom, and Moab, and the chief of the children of Ammon. 42He shall stretch out his hand also upon the countries; and the land of Egypt shall not escape. 43But he shall have power over the treasures of gold and of silver, and over all the precious things of Egypt; and the Libyans and the Ethiopians shall be at his steps. 44But news out of the east and out of the north shall trouble him; and he shall go out with great fury to destroy and to utterly sweep away many. 45And he shall plant the tents of his palace between the sea and the glorious holy mountain; yet he shall come to his end, and none shall help him.

Chapter 12

[1]And at that time Michael shall stand up, the great prince who stands for the children of your people; and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time: and at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone who shall be found written in the book. [2]And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. [3]And those who are wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and those who turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever. [4]But you, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased. [5]Then I, Daniel, looked, and, behold, there stood two others, the one on the brink of the river on this side, and the other on the brink of the river on that side. [6]And one said to the man clothed in linen, who was above the waters of the river, How long shall it be to the end of these wonders? [7]And I heard the man clothed in linen, who was above the waters of the river, when he held up his right hand and his left hand to heaven, and swore by him who lives for ever that it shall be for a time, times, and a half; and when they have made an end of breaking in pieces the power of the holy people, all these things shall be finished. [8]And I heard, but I did not understand: then I said, O my lord, what shall be the issue of these things? [9]And he said, Go your way, Daniel; for the words are shut up and sealed until the time of the end. [10]Many shall purify themselves, and make themselves white, and be refined; but the wicked shall do wickedly; and none of the wicked shall understand; but those who are wise shall understand. [11]And from the time that the continual burnt-offering shall be taken away, and the abomination that makes desolate set up, there shall be a thousand two hundred and ninety days. [12]Blessed is he who waits, and comes to the thousand three hundred and thirty-five days. [13]But go your way until the end comes; for you shall rest, and shall stand in your lot, at the end of the days.

Hosea

Chapter 1

1 The word of Yehovah that came to Hosea the son of Beeri, in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah, and in the days of Jeroboam the son of Joash, king of Israel. 2 When Yehovah spoke at the first by Hosea, Yehovah said to Hosea, Go, take for yourself a wife of whoredom and children of whoredom; for the land commits great whoredom, departing from Yehovah. 3 So he went and took Gomer the daughter of Diblaim; and she conceived, and bore him a son. 4 And Yehovah said to him, Call his name Jezreel; for yet a little while, and I will avenge the blood of Jezreel upon the house of Jehu, and will cause the kingdom of the house of Israel to cease. 5 And it shall come to pass at that day, that I will break the bow of Israel in the valley of Jezreel. 6 And she conceived again, and bore a daughter. And Yehovah said to him, Call her name Lo-ruhamah; for I will no more have mercy upon the house of Israel, that I should in any way pardon them. 7 But I will have mercy upon the house of Judah, and will save them by Yehovah their God, and will not save them by bow, nor by sword, nor by battle, by horses, nor by horsemen. 8 Now when she had weaned Lo-ruhamah, she conceived, and bore a son. 9 And Yehovah said, Call his name Lo-ammi; for you are not my people, and I will not be your God. 10 Yet the number of the children of Israel shall be as the sand of the sea, which cannot be measured nor numbered; and it shall come to pass that, in the place where it was said to them, You are not my people, it shall be said to them, You are the sons of the living God. 11 And the children of Judah and the children of Israel shall be gathered together, and they shall appoint themselves one head, and shall go up from the land; for great shall be the day of Jezreel.

Chapter 2

1 Say to your brothers, Ammi; and to your sisters, Ruhamah. 2 Contend with your mother, contend; for she is not my wife, nor am I her husband; and let her put away her whoredoms from her face, and her adulteries from between her breasts; 3 lest I strip her naked, and set her as in the day that she was born, and make her as a wilderness, and set her like a dry land, and slay her with thirst. 4 Yes, upon her children I will have no mercy; for they are children of whoredom; 5 for their mother has played the prostitute; she who conceived them has done shamefully; for she said, I will go after my lovers, who give me my bread and my water, my wool and my flax, my oil and my drink. 6 Therefore, behold, I will hedge up your way with thorns, and I will build a wall against her, that she shall not find her paths. 7 And she shall follow after her lovers, but she shall not overtake them; and she shall seek them, but shall not find them: then she shall say, I will go and return to my first husband; for then it was better with me than now. 8 For she did not know that I gave her the grain, and the new wine, and the oil, and multiplied to her silver and gold, which they used for Baal. 9 Therefore I will take back my grain in its time, and my new wine in its season, and will pluck away my wool and my flax which should have covered her nakedness. 10 And now I will uncover her lewdness in the sight of her lovers, and none shall deliver her out of my hand. 11 I will also cause all her mirth to cease, her feasts, her new moons, and her sabbaths, and all her solemn assemblies. 12 And I will lay waste her vines and her fig-trees, of which she has said, These are my wages that my lovers have given me; and I will make them a forest, and the beasts of the field shall eat them. 13 And I will visit upon her the days of the Baalim, to which she burned incense, when she decked herself with her earrings and her jewels, and went after her lovers, and forgot me, says Yehovah. 14 Therefore, behold, I will allure her, and bring her into the wilderness, and speak tenderly to her. 15 And I will give her her vineyards from there, and the valley of Achor for a door of hope; and she shall answer there, as in the days of her youth, and as in the day when she came up out of the land of Egypt. 16 And it shall be at that day, says Yehovah, that you shall call me Ishi, and shall call me no more Baali. 17 For I will take away the names of the Baalim out of her mouth, and they shall no more be mentioned by their name. 18 And in that day I will make a covenant for them with the beasts of the field, and with the birds of the heavens, and with the creeping things of the ground: and I will break the bow and the sword and the battle out of the land, and will make them lie down safely. 19 And I will betroth you to me forever; yes, I will betroth you to me in righteousness, and in justice, and in lovingkindness, and in mercies. 20 I will even betroth you to me in faithfulness; and you shall know Yehovah. 21 And it shall come to pass in that day, I will

answer, says Yehovah, I will answer the heavens, and they shall answer the earth; 22and the earth shall answer the grain, and the new wine, and the oil; and they shall answer Jezreel. 23And I will sow her to me in the earth; and I will have mercy upon her who had not obtained mercy; and I will say to those who were not my people, You are my people; and they shall say, You are my God.

Chapter 3

1And Yehovah said to me, Go again, love a woman beloved by her friend, and an adulteress, even as Yehovah loves the children of Israel, though they turn to other gods, and love cakes of raisins. 2So I bought her for myself for fifteen pieces of silver, and a homer of barley, and a half-homer of barley; 3and I said to her, You shall abide for me many days; you shall not play the prostitute, and you shall not be any man's wife: so I will also be toward you. 4For the children of Israel shall abide many days without king, and without prince, and without sacrifice, and without pillar, and without ephod or teraphim: 5afterward the children of Israel shall return, and seek Yehovah their God, and David their king, and shall come with fear to Yehovah and to his goodness in the latter days.

Chapter 4

1Hear the word of Yehovah, you children of Israel; for Yehovah has a controversy with the inhabitants of the land, because there is no truth, nor goodness, nor knowledge of God in the land. 2There is nothing but swearing and breaking faith, and killing, and stealing, and committing adultery; they break out, and blood touches blood. 3Therefore the land shall mourn, and everyone who dwells in it shall languish, with the beasts of the field and the birds of the heavens; yes, the fish of the sea also shall be taken away. 4Yet let no one strive, nor let anyone reprove; for your people are as those who strive with the priest. 5And you shall stumble in the day, and the prophet also shall stumble with you in the night; and I will destroy your mother. 6My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because you have rejected knowledge, I will also reject you, that you shall be no priest to me: seeing you have forgotten the law of your God, I also will forget your children. 7As they were multiplied, so they sinned against me: I will change their glory into shame. 8They feed on the sin of my people, and set their heart on their iniquity. 9And it shall be, like people, like priest; and I will punish them for their ways, and will repay them for their doings. 10And they shall eat, and not have enough; they shall play the prostitute, and shall not increase; because they have left off taking heed to Yehovah. 11Whoredom and wine and new wine take away the understanding. 12My people ask counsel of their piece of wood, and their staff declares to them; for the spirit of whoredom has caused them to err, and they have played the prostitute, departing from under their God. 13They sacrifice upon the tops of the mountains, and burn incense upon the hills, under oaks and poplars and terebinths, because their shade is good: therefore your daughters play the prostitute, and your brides commit adultery. 14I will not punish your daughters when they play the prostitute, nor your brides when they commit adultery; for the men themselves go apart with prostitutes, and they sacrifice with the prostitutes; and the people who do not understand shall be overthrown. 15Though you, Israel, play the prostitute, yet let not Judah offend; and do not come to Gilgal, nor go up to Beth-aven, nor swear, As Yehovah lives. 16For Israel has behaved himself stubbornly, like a stubborn heifer: now Yehovah will feed them as a lamb in a large place. 17Ephraim is joined to idols; let him alone. 18Their drink has become sour; they play the prostitute continually; her rulers dearly love shame. 19The wind has wrapped her up in its wings; and they shall be put to shame because of their sacrifices.

Chapter 5

1Hear this, O you priests, and listen, O house of Israel, and give ear, O house of the king; for to you pertains the judgment; for you have been a snare at Mizpah, and a net spread upon Tabor. 2And the revolters have gone deep in making slaughter; but I am a rebuker of them all. 3I know Ephraim, and Israel is not hidden from me; for now, O Ephraim, you have played the prostitute, Israel is defiled. 4Their doings will not allow them to turn to their God; for the spirit of whoredom is within them, and they do not know Yehovah. 5And the pride of Israel testifies to his face: therefore Israel and Ephraim shall stumble in their iniquity; Judah also shall stumble with them. 6They shall go with their flocks and with their herds to seek Yehovah; but they shall not find him: he has withdrawn himself from them. 7They have dealt treacherously against Yehovah; for they have borne strange children: now the new moon shall devour them with their fields. 8Blow the horn in Gibeah, and the trumpet in Ramah: sound an alarm

at Beth-aven; behind you, O Benjamin. 9Ephraim shall become a desolation in the day of rebuke: among the tribes of Israel I have made known that which shall surely be. 10The princes of Judah are like those who remove the landmark: I will pour out my wrath upon them like water. 11Ephraim is oppressed, he is crushed in judgment; because he was content to walk after man's command. 12Therefore I am to Ephraim as a moth, and to the house of Judah as rottenness. 13When Ephraim saw his sickness, and Judah saw his wound, then Ephraim went to Assyria, and sent to king Jareb: but he is not able to heal you, nor will he cure you of your wound. 14For I will be to Ephraim as a lion, and as a young lion to the house of Judah: I, even I, will tear and go away; I will carry off, and there shall be none to deliver. 15I will go and return to my place, until they acknowledge their offense, and seek my face: in their affliction they will seek me earnestly.

Chapter 6

1Come, and let us return to Yehovah; for he has torn, and he will heal us; he has struck down, and he will bind us up. 2After two days he will revive us: on the third day he will raise us up, and we shall live before him. 3And let us know, let us follow on to know Yehovah: his going forth is sure as the morning; and he will come to us as the rain, as the latter rain that waters the earth. 4O Ephraim, what shall I do to you? O Judah, what shall I do to you? for your goodness is as a morning cloud, and as the dew that goes early away. 5Therefore I have hewn them by the prophets; I have slain them by the words of my mouth: and your judgments are as the light that goes forth. 6For I desire goodness, and not sacrifice; and the knowledge of God more than burnt-offerings. 7But they like Adam have transgressed the covenant: there they have dealt treacherously against me. 8Gilead is a city of those who work iniquity; it is stained with blood. 9And as troops of robbers wait for a man, so the company of priests murder in the way toward Shechem; yes, they have committed lewdness. 10In the house of Israel I have seen a horrible thing: there whoredom is found in Ephraim, Israel is defiled. 11Also, O Judah, there is a harvest appointed for you, when I bring back the captivity of my people.

Chapter 7

1When I would heal Israel, then the iniquity of Ephraim is uncovered, and the wickedness of Samaria; for they commit falsehood, and the thief enters in, and the troop of robbers ravages outside. 2And they do not consider in their hearts that I remember all their wickedness: now their own doings have beset them around; they are before my face. 3They make the king glad with their wickedness, and the princes with their lies. 4They are all adulterers; they are as an oven heated by the baker; he ceases to stir the fire, from the kneading of the dough, until it is leavened. 5On the day of our king the princes made themselves sick with the heat of wine; he stretched out his hand with scoffers. 6For they have made ready their heart like an oven, while they lie in wait: their baker sleeps all the night; in the morning it burns as a flaming fire. 7They are all hot as an oven, and devour their judges; all their kings have fallen: there is none among them who calls to me. 8Ephraim, he mixes himself among the peoples; Ephraim is a cake not turned. 9Strangers have devoured his strength, and he does not know it: yes, gray hairs are here and there upon him, and he does not know it. 10And the pride of Israel testifies to his face: yet they have not returned to Yehovah their God, nor sought him, for all this. 11And Ephraim is like a silly dove, without understanding: they call to Egypt, they go to Assyria. 12When they shall go, I will spread my net upon them; I will bring them down as the birds of the heavens; I will chastise them, as their congregation has heard. 13Woe to them! for they have wandered from me; destruction to them! for they have trespassed against me: though I would redeem them, yet they have spoken lies against me. 14And they have not cried to me with their heart, but they howl upon their beds: they assemble themselves for grain and new wine; they rebel against me. 15Though I have taught and strengthened their arms, yet they devise evil against me. 16They return, but not to him who is on high; they are like a deceitful bow; their princes shall fall by the sword for the rage of their tongue: this shall be their derision in the land of Egypt.

Chapter 8

1Set the trumpet to your mouth. As an eagle he comes against the house of Yehovah, because they have transgressed my covenant, and trespassed against my law. 2They shall cry to me, My God, we Israel know you. 3Israel has cast off that which is good: the enemy shall pursue him. 4They have set up kings, but not by me; they have made princes, and I did not know it: of their silver and their gold they have made idols for themselves, that they may be cut off. 5He has cast off

your calf, O Samaria; my anger is kindled against them: how long will it be before they attain to innocence? 6For from Israel is even this; the workman made it, and it is no God; yes, the calf of Samaria shall be broken in pieces. 7For they sow the wind, and they shall reap the whirlwind: he has no standing grain; the blade shall yield no meal; if it should yield, strangers shall swallow it up. 8Israel is swallowed up: now they are among the nations as a vessel in which no one delights. 9For they have gone up to Assyria, like a wild donkey alone by himself: Ephraim has hired lovers. 10Yes, though they hire among the nations, now I will gather them; and they begin to be diminished by reason of the burden of the king of princes. 11Because Ephraim has multiplied altars for sinning, altars have been to him for sinning. 12I wrote for him the ten thousand things of my law; but they are counted as a strange thing. 13As for the sacrifices of my offerings, they sacrifice flesh and eat it; but Yehovah does not accept them: now he will remember their iniquity, and visit their sins; they shall return to Egypt. 14For Israel has forgotten his Maker, and built palaces; and Judah has multiplied fortified cities: but I will send a fire upon his cities, and it shall devour its castles.

Chapter 9

1Do not rejoice, O Israel, for joy, like the peoples; for you have played the prostitute, departing from your God; you have loved wages upon every grain-floor. 2The threshing-floor and the winepress shall not feed them, and the new wine shall fail her. 3They shall not dwell in Yehovah's land; but Ephraim shall return to Egypt, and they shall eat unclean food in Assyria. 4They shall not pour out wine-offerings to Yehovah, nor shall they be pleasing to him: their sacrifices shall be to them as the bread of mourners; all who eat of it shall be polluted; for their bread shall be for their appetite; it shall not come into the house of Yehovah. 5What will you do in the day of solemn assembly, and in the day of the feast of Yehovah? 6For, look, they have gone away from destruction; yet Egypt shall gather them up, Memphis shall bury them; their pleasant things of silver, nettles shall possess them; thorns shall be in their tents. 7The days of visitation have come, the days of recompense have come; Israel shall know it: the prophet is a fool, the man who has the spirit is mad, for the abundance of your iniquity, and because the enmity is great. 8Ephraim was a watchman with my God: as for the prophet, a fowler's snare is in all his ways, and enmity in the house of his God. 9They have deeply corrupted themselves, as in the days of Gibeah: he will remember their iniquity, he will visit their sins. 10I found Israel like grapes in the wilderness; I saw your fathers as the first-ripe in the fig-tree at its first season: but they came to Baal-peor, and consecrated themselves to the shameful thing, and became abominable like that which they loved. 11As for Ephraim, their glory shall fly away like a bird: there shall be no birth, and none with child, and no conception. 12Though they bring up their children, yet I will bereave them, so that not a man shall be left: yes, woe also to them when I depart from them! 13Ephraim, as I have seen Tyre, is planted in a pleasant place: but Ephraim shall bring out his children to the slayer. 14Give them, O Yehovah—what will you give? give them a miscarrying womb and dry breasts. 15All their wickedness is in Gilgal; for there I hated them: because of the wickedness of their doings I will drive them out of my house; I will love them no more; all their princes are revolters. 16Ephraim is struck down, their root is dried up, they shall bear no fruit: yes, though they bring forth, yet I will slay the beloved fruit of their womb. 17My God will cast them away, because they did not listen to him; and they shall be wanderers among the nations.

Chapter 10

1Israel is a luxuriant vine, that puts forth his fruit: according to the abundance of his fruit he has multiplied his altars; according to the goodness of their land they have made beautiful pillars. 2Their heart is divided; now they shall be found guilty: he will strike their altars, he will destroy their pillars. 3Surely now they shall say, We have no king; for we do not fear Yehovah; and the king, what can he do for us? 4They speak vain words, swearing falsely in making covenants: therefore judgment springs up as hemlock in the furrows of the field. 5The inhabitants of Samaria shall be in terror for the calves of Beth-aven; for its people shall mourn over it, and its priests who rejoiced over it, for its glory, because it has departed from it. 6It also shall be carried to Assyria for a present to king Jareb: Ephraim shall receive shame, and Israel shall be ashamed of his own counsel. 7As for Samaria, her king is cut off, as foam upon the water. 8The high places also of Aven, the sin of Israel, shall be destroyed: the thorn and the thistle shall come up on their altars; and they shall say to the mountains, Cover us; and to the hills, Fall on us. 9O Israel, you have sinned from the days of Gibeah:

there they stood; the battle against the children of iniquity does not overtake them in Gibeah. 10When it is my desire, I will chastise them; and the peoples shall be gathered against them, when they are bound to their two transgressions. 11And Ephraim is a heifer that is taught, that loves to tread out the grain; but I have passed over upon her beautiful neck: I will set a rider on Ephraim; Judah shall plow, Jacob shall break his clods. 12Sow to yourselves in righteousness, reap according to kindness; break up your fallow ground; for it is time to seek Yehovah, until he comes and rains righteousness upon you. 13You have plowed wickedness, you have reaped iniquity; you have eaten the fruit of lies; for you trusted in your way, in the multitude of your mighty men. 14Therefore a tumult shall arise among your people, and all your fortresses shall be destroyed, as Shalman destroyed Beth-arbel in the day of battle: the mother was dashed in pieces with her children. 15So shall Beth-el do to you because of your great wickedness: at daybreak the king of Israel shall be utterly cut off.

Chapter 11

1When Israel was a child, then I loved him, and called my son out of Egypt. 2The more the prophets called them, the more they went from them: they sacrificed to the Baalim, and burned incense to graven images. 3Yet I taught Ephraim to walk; I took them on my arms; but they did not know that I healed them. 4I drew them with cords of a man, with bands of love; and I was to them as those who lift up the yoke on their jaws; and I laid food before them. 5They shall not return into the land of Egypt; but the Assyrian shall be their king, because they refused to return to me. 6And the sword shall fall upon their cities, and shall consume their bars, and devour them, because of their own counsels. 7And my people are bent on backsliding from me: though they call them to him who is on high, none at all will exalt him. 8How shall I give you up, Ephraim? how shall I cast you off, Israel? how shall I make you as Admah? how shall I set you as Zeboiim? my heart is turned within me, my compassions are kindled together. 9I will not execute the fierceness of my anger, I will not return to destroy Ephraim: for I am God, and not man; the Holy One in the midst of you; and I will not come in wrath. 10They shall walk after Yehovah, who will roar like a lion; for he will roar, and the children shall come trembling from the west. 11They shall come trembling as a bird out of Egypt, and as a dove out of the land of Assyria; and I will make them dwell in their houses, says Yehovah. 12Ephraim surrounds me with falsehood, and the house of Israel with deceit; but Judah still rules with God, and is faithful with the Holy One.

Chapter 12

1Ephraim feeds on wind, and follows after the east wind: he continually multiplies lies and desolation; and they make a covenant with Assyria, and oil is carried into Egypt. 2Yehovah has also a controversy with Judah, and will punish Jacob according to his ways; according to his doings he will recompense him. 3In the womb he took his brother by the heel; and in his manhood he had power with God: 4yes, he had power over the angel, and prevailed; he wept, and made supplication to him: he found him at Beth-el, and there he spoke with us, 5even Yehovah, the God of hosts; Yehovah is his memorial name. 6Therefore turn to your God: keep kindness and justice, and wait for your God continually. 7He is a trafficker, the balances of deceit are in his hand: he loves to oppress. 8And Ephraim said, Surely I have become rich, I have found wealth for myself: in all my labors they shall find in me no iniquity that would be sin. 9But I am Yehovah your God from the land of Egypt; I will yet again make you dwell in tents, as in the days of the solemn feast. 10I have also spoken to the prophets, and I have multiplied visions; and by the ministry of the prophets I have used similitudes. 11Is Gilead iniquity? they are altogether false; in Gilgal they sacrifice bullocks; yes, their altars are as heaps in the furrows of the field. 12And Jacob fled into the field of Aram, and Israel served for a wife, and for a wife he kept sheep. 13And by a prophet Yehovah brought Israel up out of Egypt, and by a prophet he was preserved. 14Ephraim has provoked to anger most bitterly: therefore his blood shall be left upon him, and his Lord shall return his reproach to him.

Chapter 13

1When Ephraim spoke, there was trembling; he exalted himself in Israel; but when he offended in Baal, he died. 2And now they sin more and more, and have made for themselves molten images of their silver, even idols according to their own understanding, all of them the work of the craftsmen: they say of them, Let the men who sacrifice kiss the calves. 3Therefore they shall be as the morning cloud, and as the dew that passes early away, as the chaff that is driven with the whirlwind

out of the threshing-floor, and as the smoke out of the chimney. 4Yet I am Yehovah your God from the land of Egypt; and you shall know no god but me, and besides me there is no savior. 5I knew you in the wilderness, in the land of great drought. 6According to their pasture, so were they filled; they were filled, and their heart was exalted: therefore they have forgotten me. 7Therefore I am to them as a lion; as a leopard I will watch by the way; 8I will meet them as a bear that is bereaved of her cubs, and will tear open the covering of their heart; and there I will devour them like a lioness; the wild beast shall tear them. 9It is your destruction, O Israel, that you are against me, against your help. 10Where now is your king, that he may save you in all your cities? and your judges, of whom you said, Give me a king and princes? 11I have given you a king in my anger, and have taken him away in my wrath. 12The iniquity of Ephraim is bound up; his sin is laid up in store. 13The sorrows of a travailing woman shall come upon him: he is an unwise son; for it is time he should not delay in the place of the breaking forth of children. 14I will ransom them from the power of Sheol; I will redeem them from death: O death, where are your plagues? O Sheol, where is your destruction? repentance shall be hidden from my eyes. 15Though he is fruitful among his brothers, an east wind shall come, the breath of Yehovah coming up from the wilderness; and his spring shall become dry, and his fountain shall be dried up: he shall make spoil of the treasure of all precious vessels. 16Samaria shall bear her guilt; for she has rebelled against her God: they shall fall by the sword; their infants shall be dashed in pieces, and their women with child shall be ripped up.

Chapter 14

1O Israel, return to Yehovah your God; for you have fallen by your iniquity. 2Take with you words, and return to Yehovah: say to him, Take away all iniquity, and accept that which is good: so we will render as bullocks the offering of our lips. 3Assyria shall not save us; we will not ride upon horses; nor will we say any more to the work of our hands, You are our gods; for in you the fatherless finds mercy. 4I will heal their backsliding, I will love them freely; for my anger is turned away from him. 5I will be as the dew to Israel; he shall blossom as the lily, and cast forth his roots as Lebanon. 6His branches shall spread, and his beauty shall be as the olive-tree, and his smell as Lebanon. 7Those who dwell under his shadow shall return; they shall revive as the grain, and blossom as the vine: its scent shall be as the wine of Lebanon. 8Ephraim shall say, What have I to do any more with idols? I have answered, and will regard him: I am like a green fir-tree; from me is your fruit found. 9Who is wise, that he may understand these things? prudent, that he may know them? for the ways of Yehovah are right, and the just shall walk in them; but transgressors shall fall in them.

Joel

Chapter 1

1 The word of Yehovah that came to Joel the son of
Pethuel. 2 Hear this, you old men, and give ear, all you
inhabitants of the land. Has this been in your days, or
in the days of your fathers? 3 Tell your children of it,
and let your children tell their children, and their
children another generation. 4 That which the cutting
locust has left the swarming locust has eaten; and
that which the swarming locust has left the hopping
locust has eaten; and that which the hopping locust
has left the destroying locust has eaten. 5 Awake, you
drunkards, and weep; and wail, all you drinkers of
wine, because of the sweet wine; for it is cut off from
your mouth. 6 For a nation has come up upon my
land, strong, and without number; his teeth are the
teeth of a lion, and he has the jaw-teeth of a lioness.
7 He has laid my vine waste, and stripped the bark of
my fig-tree: he has made it clean bare, and cast it
away; its branches are made white. 8 Lament like a
virgin girded with sackcloth for the husband of her
youth. 9 The meal-offering and the drink-offering are
cut off from the house of Yehovah; the priests,
Yehovah's ministers, mourn. 10 The field is laid waste,
the land mourns; for the grain is destroyed, the new
wine is dried up, the oil languishes. 11 Be confounded,
O you farmers, wail, O you vinedressers, for the
wheat and for the barley; for the harvest of the field
has perished. 12 The vine is withered, and the fig-tree
languishes; the pomegranate-tree, the palm-tree
also, and the apple-tree, even all the trees of the field
are withered: for joy is withered away from the sons
of men. 13 Gird yourselves with sackcloth, and lament,
you priests; wail, you ministers of the altar; come, lie
all night in sackcloth, you ministers of my God: for
the meal-offering and the drink-offering are
withheld from the house of your God. 14 Sanctify a
fast, call a solemn assembly, gather the old men and
all the inhabitants of the land to the house of
Yehovah your God, and cry to Yehovah. 15 Alas for the
day! for the day of Yehovah is at hand, and as
destruction from the Almighty it shall come. 16 Is not
the food cut off before our eyes, yes, joy and gladness
from the house of our God? 17 The seeds rot under
their clods; the storehouses are laid desolate, the
barns are broken down; for the grain is withered.
18 How the beasts groan! the herds of cattle are
perplexed, because they have no pasture; yes, the
flocks of sheep are made desolate. 19 O Yehovah, to you
I cry; for the fire has devoured the pastures of the
wilderness, and the flame has burned all the trees of
the field. 20 Yes, the beasts of the field pant to you; for
the water brooks are dried up, and the fire has
devoured the pastures of the wilderness.

Chapter 2

1 Blow the trumpet in Zion, and sound an alarm in my
holy mountain; let all the inhabitants of the land
tremble: for the day of Yehovah comes, for it is near
at hand; 2 a day of darkness and gloominess, a day of
clouds and thick darkness, as the dawn spread upon
the mountains; a great people and a strong; there has
never been the like, nor shall there be any more after
them, even to the years of many generations. 3 A fire
devours before them; and behind them a flame
burns: the land is as the garden of Eden before them,
and behind them a desolate wilderness; yes, and none
has escaped them. 4 Their appearance is as the
appearance of horses; and as horsemen, so they run.
5 Like the noise of chariots on the tops of the
mountains they leap, like the noise of a flame of fire
that devours the stubble, as a strong people set in
battle array. 6 At their presence the peoples are in
anguish; all faces have grown pale. 7 They run like
mighty men; they climb the wall like men of war; and
they march each one on his ways, and they do not
break their ranks. 8 Nor does one thrust another; they
march each one in his path; and they burst through
the weapons, and do not break off their course. 9 They
leap upon the city; they run upon the wall; they
climb up into the houses; they enter in at the
windows like a thief. 10 The earth quakes before them;
the heavens tremble; the sun and the moon are
darkened, and the stars withdraw their shining.
11 And Yehovah utters his voice before his army; for
his camp is very great; for he who executes his word
is strong; for the day of Yehovah is great and very
terrible; and who can endure it? 12 Yet even now, says
Yehovah, turn to me with all your heart, and with
fasting, and with weeping, and with mourning: 13 and
tear your heart, and not your garments, and turn to
Yehovah your God; for he is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger, and abundant in lovingkindness, and
relents of the evil. 14 Who knows whether he will not
turn and repent, and leave a blessing behind him,
even a meal-offering and a drink-offering to Yehovah

your God? 15Blow the trumpet in Zion, sanctify a fast, call a solemn assembly; 16gather the people, sanctify the assembly, assemble the old men, gather the children, and those who nurse at the breasts; let the bridegroom go forth from his chamber, and the bride out of her room. 17Let the priests, the ministers of Yehovah, weep between the porch and the altar, and let them say, Spare your people, O Yehovah, and do not give your heritage to reproach, that the nations should rule over them: why should they say among the peoples, Where is their God? 18Then Yehovah was jealous for his land, and had pity on his people. 19And Yehovah answered and said to his people, Behold, I will send you grain, and new wine, and oil, and you shall be satisfied with them; and I will no more make you a reproach among the nations; 20but I will remove far off from you the northern army, and will drive it into a land barren and desolate, its front into the eastern sea, and its rear into the western sea; and its stench shall come up, and its foul smell shall come up, because it has done great things. 21Do not fear, O land, be glad and rejoice; for Yehovah has done great things. 22Do not be afraid, you beasts of the field; for the pastures of the wilderness spring up, for the tree bears its fruit, the fig-tree and the vine yield their strength. 23Be glad then, you children of Zion, and rejoice in Yehovah your God; for he gives you the former rain in just measure, and he causes to come down for you the rain, the former rain and the latter rain, in the first month. 24And the threshing floors shall be full of wheat, and the vats shall overflow with new wine and oil. 25And I will restore to you the years that the swarming locust has eaten, the hopping locust, and the destroying locust, and the cutting locust, my great army which I sent among you. 26And you shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, and shall praise the name of Yehovah your God, who has dealt wondrously with you; and my people shall never be put to shame. 27And you shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I am Yehovah your God, and there is none else; and my people shall never be put to shame. 28And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions: 29and also upon the male servants and upon the female servants in those days I will pour out my Spirit. 30And I will show wonders in the heavens and in the earth: blood, and fire, and pillars of smoke. 31The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the great and terrible day of Yehovah comes. 32And it shall come to pass, that whoever calls on the name of Yehovah shall be delivered; for in mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be those who escape, as Yehovah has said, and among the remnant those whom Yehovah calls.

Chapter 3

1For, behold, in those days, and in that time, when I bring back the captivity of Judah and Jerusalem, 2I will gather all nations, and will bring them down into the valley of Jehoshaphat; and I will execute judgment upon them there for my people and for my heritage Israel, whom they have scattered among the nations: and they have divided my land, 3and have cast lots for my people, and have given a boy for a prostitute, and sold a girl for wine, that they may drink. 4Yes, and what are you to me, O Tyre, and Sidon, and all the regions of Philistia? will you render me a recompense? and if you recompense me, swiftly and speedily I will return your recompense upon your own head. 5Because you have taken my silver and my gold, and have carried into your temples my goodly precious things, 6and have sold the children of Judah and the children of Jerusalem to the sons of the Greeks, that you may remove them far from their border; 7behold, I will stir them up out of the place where you have sold them, and will return your recompense upon your own head; 8and I will sell your sons and your daughters into the hand of the children of Judah, and they shall sell them to the men of Sheba, to a nation far off: for Yehovah has spoken it. 9Proclaim this among the nations; prepare war; stir up the mighty men; let all the men of war draw near, let them come up. 10Beat your plowshares into swords, and your pruning-hooks into spears: let the weak say, I am strong. 11Hasten, and come, all you nations round about, and gather yourselves together: there cause your mighty ones to come down, O Yehovah. 12Let the nations rouse themselves, and come up to the valley of Jehoshaphat; for there I will sit to judge all the nations round about. 13Put in the sickle; for the harvest is ripe: come, tread; for the winepress is full, the vats overflow; for their wickedness is great. 14Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision! for the day of Yehovah is near in the valley of decision. 15The sun and the moon are darkened, and the stars withdraw their shining. 16And Yehovah will roar from Zion, and utter his voice from Jerusalem; and the heavens and the earth

shall shake: but Yehovah will be a refuge to his people, and a stronghold to the children of Israel. 17So you shall know that I am Yehovah your God, dwelling in Zion my holy mountain: then Jerusalem shall be holy, and no strangers shall pass through her any more. 18And it shall come to pass in that day, that the mountains shall drop down sweet wine, and the hills shall flow with milk, and all the brooks of Judah shall flow with waters; and a fountain shall come forth from the house of Yehovah, and shall water the valley of Shittim. 19Egypt shall be a desolation, and Edom shall be a desolate wilderness, for the violence done to the children of Judah, because they have shed innocent blood in their land. 20But Judah shall abide forever, and Jerusalem from generation to generation. 21And I will cleanse their blood, that I have not cleansed: for Yehovah dwells in Zion.

Amos

Chapter 1

[1]The words of Amos, who was among the herdsmen of Tekoa, which he saw concerning Israel in the days of Uzziah king of Judah, and in the days of Jeroboam the son of Joash king of Israel, two years before the earthquake. [2]And he said, Yehovah will roar from Zion, and utter his voice from Jerusalem; and the pastures of the shepherds shall mourn, and the top of Carmel shall wither. [3]Thus says Yehovah: For three transgressions of Damascus, indeed, for four, I will not turn away its punishment; because they have threshed Gilead with threshing instruments of iron. [4]But I will send a fire into the house of Hazael, and it shall devour the palaces of Ben-hadad. [5]And I will break the bar of Damascus, and cut off the inhabitant from the valley of Aven, and him who holds the scepter from the house of Eden; and the people of Syria shall go into captivity to Kir, says Yehovah. [6]Thus says Yehovah: For three transgressions of Gaza, indeed, for four, I will not turn away its punishment; because they carried away captive the whole people, to deliver them up to Edom. [7]But I will send a fire on the wall of Gaza, and it shall devour its palaces. [8]And I will cut off the inhabitant from Ashdod, and him who holds the scepter from Ashkelon; and I will turn my hand against Ekron; and the remnant of the Philistines shall perish, says the Lord Yehovah. [9]Thus says Yehovah: For three transgressions of Tyre, indeed, for four, I will not turn away its punishment; because they delivered up the whole people to Edom, and did not remember the brotherly covenant. [10]But I will send a fire on the wall of Tyre, and it shall devour its palaces. [11]Thus says Yehovah: For three transgressions of Edom, indeed, for four, I will not turn away its punishment; because he pursued his brother with the sword, and cast off all pity, and his anger tore perpetually, and he kept his wrath forever. [12]But I will send a fire upon Teman, and it shall devour the palaces of Bozrah. [13]Thus says Yehovah: For three transgressions of the children of Ammon, indeed, for four, I will not turn away its punishment; because they have ripped up the women with child of Gilead, that they may enlarge their border. [14]But I will kindle a fire in the wall of Rabbah, and it shall devour its palaces, with shouting in the day of battle, with a tempest in the day of the whirlwind; [15]and their king shall go into captivity, he and his princes together, says Yehovah.

Chapter 2

[1]Thus says Yehovah: For three transgressions of Moab, indeed, for four, I will not turn away its punishment; because he burned the bones of the king of Edom into lime. [2]But I will send a fire upon Moab, and it shall devour the palaces of Kerioth; and Moab shall die with tumult, with shouting, and with the sound of the trumpet; [3]and I will cut off the judge from its midst, and will slay all its princes with him, says Yehovah. [4]Thus says Yehovah: For three transgressions of Judah, indeed, for four, I will not turn away its punishment; because they have rejected the law of Yehovah, and have not kept his statutes, and their lies have caused them to err, after which their fathers walked. [5]But I will send a fire upon Judah, and it shall devour the palaces of Jerusalem. [6]Thus says Yehovah: For three transgressions of Israel, indeed, for four, I will not turn away its punishment; because they have sold the righteous for silver, and the needy for a pair of shoes— [7]those who pant after the dust of the earth on the head of the poor, and turn aside the way of the meek: and a man and his father go to the same maiden, to profane my holy name: [8]and they lay themselves down beside every altar upon clothes taken in pledge; and in the house of their God they drink the wine of those who have been fined. [9]Yet I destroyed the Amorite before them, whose height was like the height of the cedars, and he was strong as the oaks; yet I destroyed his fruit from above, and his roots from beneath. [10]Also I brought you up out of the land of Egypt, and led you forty years in the wilderness, to possess the land of the Amorite. [11]And I raised up of your sons for prophets, and of your young men for Nazirites. Is it not even thus, O you children of Israel? says Yehovah. [12]But you gave the Nazirites wine to drink, and commanded the prophets, saying, Do not prophesy. [13]Behold, I will press you in your place, as a cart presses that is full of sheaves. [14]And flight shall perish from the swift; and the strong shall not strengthen his force; neither shall the mighty deliver himself; [15]neither shall he who handles the bow stand; and he who is swift of foot shall not deliver himself; neither shall he who rides the horse deliver himself; [16]and he

who is courageous among the mighty shall flee away naked in that day, says Yehovah.

Chapter 3

[1]Hear this word that Yehovah has spoken against you, O children of Israel, against the whole family which I brought up out of the land of Egypt, saying, [2]You only I have known of all the families of the earth: therefore I will visit upon you all your iniquities. [3]Shall two walk together, unless they have agreed? [4]Will a lion roar in the forest, when he has no prey? will a young lion cry out of his den, if he has taken nothing? [5]Can a bird fall in a snare upon the earth, where no trap is set for him? shall a snare spring up from the ground, and have taken nothing at all? [6]Shall the trumpet be blown in a city, and the people not be afraid? shall evil befall a city, and Yehovah has not done it? [7]Surely the Lord Yehovah will do nothing, unless he reveals his secret to his servants the prophets. [8]The lion has roared; who will not fear? The Lord Yehovah has spoken; who can but prophesy? [9]Proclaim in the palaces at Ashdod, and in the palaces in the land of Egypt, and say, Assemble yourselves upon the mountains of Samaria, and behold what great tumults are in it, and what oppressions in its midst. [10]For they do not know how to do right, says Yehovah, who store up violence and robbery in their palaces. [11]Therefore thus says the Lord Yehovah: An adversary there shall be, even all around the land; and he shall bring down your strength from you, and your palaces shall be plundered. [12]Thus says Yehovah: As the shepherd rescues out of the mouth of the lion two legs, or a piece of an ear, so shall the children of Israel who sit in Samaria be rescued in the corner of a couch, and on the silken cushions of a bed. [13]Hear, and testify against the house of Jacob, says the Lord Yehovah, the God of hosts. [14]For in the day that I shall visit the transgressions of Israel upon him, I will also visit the altars of Beth-el; and the horns of the altar shall be cut off, and fall to the ground. [15]And I will strike the winter-house with the summer-house; and the houses of ivory shall perish, and the great houses shall have an end, says Yehovah.

Chapter 4

[1]Hear this word, you cows of Bashan, who are in the mountain of Samaria, who oppress the poor, who crush the needy, who say to their lords, Bring, and let us drink. [2]The Lord Yehovah has sworn by his holiness, that, behold, the days shall come upon you, that they shall take you away with hooks, and your residue with fish-hooks. [3]And you shall go out at the breaches, each one straight before her; and you shall cast yourselves into Harmon, says Yehovah. [4]Come to Beth-el, and transgress; to Gilgal, and multiply transgression; and bring your sacrifices every morning, and your tithes every three days; [5]and offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving of that which is leavened, and proclaim freewill-offerings and publish them: for this pleases you, O you children of Israel, says the Lord Yehovah. [6]And I also have given you cleanness of teeth in all your cities, and lack of bread in all your places; yet you have not returned to me, says Yehovah. [7]And I also have withheld the rain from you, when there were still three months to the harvest; and I caused it to rain upon one city, and did not cause it to rain upon another city: one piece was rained upon, and the piece on which it did not rain withered. [8]So two or three cities wandered to one city to drink water, and were not satisfied: yet you have not returned to me, says Yehovah. [9]I have struck you with blight and mildew: the multitude of your gardens and your vineyards and your fig-trees and your olive-trees the palmer-worm has devoured: yet you have not returned to me, says Yehovah. [10]I have sent among you the pestilence after the manner of Egypt: your young men I have slain with the sword, and have carried away your horses; and I have made the stench of your camp come up even into your nostrils: yet you have not returned to me, says Yehovah. [11]I have overthrown cities among you, as when God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah, and you were as a brand plucked out of the burning: yet you have not returned to me, says Yehovah. [12]Therefore thus I will do to you, O Israel; and because I will do this to you, prepare to meet your God, O Israel. [13]For, behold, he who forms the mountains, and creates the wind, and declares to man what is his thought; who makes the morning darkness, and treads upon the high places of the earth—Yehovah, the God of hosts, is his name.

Chapter 5

[1]Hear this word which I take up for a lamentation over you, O house of Israel. [2]The virgin of Israel has fallen; she shall no more rise: she is cast down upon her land; there is none to raise her up. [3]For thus says the Lord Yehovah: The city that went forth a thousand shall have a hundred left, and that which went forth a hundred shall have ten left, to the house of Israel. [4]For thus says Yehovah to the house of

Israel, Seek me, and you shall live; [5]but do not seek Beth-el, nor enter into Gilgal, and do not pass over to Beer-sheba: for Gilgal shall surely go into captivity, and Beth-el shall come to nothing. [6]Seek Yehovah, and you shall live; lest he break out like fire in the house of Joseph, and it devour, and there be none to quench it in Beth-el. [7]You who turn justice to wormwood, and cast down righteousness to the earth, [8]seek him who makes the Pleiades and Orion, and turns the shadow of death into the morning, and makes the day dark with night; who calls for the waters of the sea, and pours them out upon the face of the earth (Yehovah is his name); [9]who brings sudden destruction upon the strong, so that destruction comes upon the fortress. [10]They hate him who reproves in the gate, and they abhor him who speaks uprightly. [11]Therefore since you trample upon the poor, and take exactions from him of wheat: you have built houses of hewn stone, but you shall not dwell in them; you have planted pleasant vineyards, but you shall not drink their wine. [12]For I know how manifold are your transgressions, and how mighty are your sins—you who afflict the just, who take a bribe, and who turn aside the needy in the gate from their right. [13]Therefore he who is prudent shall keep silence in such a time; for it is an evil time. [14]Seek good, and not evil, that you may live; and so Yehovah, the God of hosts, will be with you, as you say. [15]Hate the evil, and love the good, and establish justice in the gate: it may be that Yehovah, the God of hosts, will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph. [16]Therefore thus says Yehovah, the God of hosts, the Lord: Wailing shall be in all the broad ways; and they shall say in all the streets, Alas! alas! and they shall call the farmer to mourning, and those who are skillful in lamentation to wailing. [17]And in all vineyards there shall be wailing; for I will pass through the midst of you, says Yehovah. [18]Woe to you who desire the day of Yehovah! Why would you have the day of Yehovah? It is darkness, and not light. [19]As if a man fled from a lion, and a bear met him; or went into the house and leaned his hand on the wall, and a serpent bit him. [20]Shall not the day of Yehovah be darkness, and not light? even very dark, and no brightness in it? [21]I hate, I despise your feasts, and I will take no delight in your solemn assemblies. [22]Even though you offer me your burnt-offerings and meal-offerings, I will not accept them; neither will I regard the peace-offerings of your fat beasts. [23]Take away from me the noise of your songs; for I will not hear the melody of your viols. [24]But let justice roll down as waters, and righteousness as a mighty stream. [25]Did you bring to me sacrifices and offerings in the wilderness forty years, O house of Israel? [26]Indeed, you have borne the tabernacle of your king and the shrine of your images, the star of your god, which you made for yourselves. [27]Therefore I will cause you to go into captivity beyond Damascus, says Yehovah, whose name is the God of hosts.

Chapter 6

[1]Woe to those who are at ease in Zion, and to those who are secure in the mountain of Samaria, the notable men of the chief of the nations, to whom the house of Israel come! [2]Pass over to Calneh, and see; and from there go to Hamath the great; then go down to Gath of the Philistines: are they better than these kingdoms? or is their border greater than your border? [3]—you who put far away the evil day, and cause the seat of violence to come near; [4]who lie upon beds of ivory, and stretch themselves upon their couches, and eat the lambs out of the flock, and the calves out of the midst of the stall; [5]who sing idle songs to the sound of the viol; who invent for themselves instruments of music, like David; [6]who drink wine in bowls, and anoint themselves with the chief oils; but they are not grieved for the affliction of Joseph. [7]Therefore they shall now go captive with the first that go captive; and the revelry of those who stretched themselves shall pass away. [8]The Lord Yehovah has sworn by himself, says Yehovah, the God of hosts: I abhor the excellency of Jacob, and hate his palaces; therefore I will deliver up the city with all that is in it. [9]And it shall happen, if ten men remain in one house, that they shall die. [10]And when a man's uncle takes him up, even he who burns him, to bring out the bones out of the house, and says to him who is in the innermost parts of the house, Is there still anyone with you? and he says, No; then he shall say, Be quiet; for we may not make mention of the name of Yehovah. [11]For, behold, Yehovah commands, and the great house shall be struck with breaches, and the little house with clefts. [12]Shall horses run upon the rock? will one plow there with oxen? that you have turned justice into gall, and the fruit of righteousness into wormwood; [13]you who rejoice in a thing of nothing, who say, Have we not taken for ourselves horns by our own strength? [14]For, behold, I will raise up against you a nation, O house of Israel, says Yehovah, the God of hosts; and they

shall afflict you from the entrance of Hamath to the brook of the Arabah.

Chapter 7

[1]Thus the Lord Yehovah showed me: and, behold, he formed locusts in the beginning of the shooting up of the latter growth; and, behold, it was the latter growth after the king's mowings. [2]And it happened that, when they had finished eating the grass of the land, then I said, O Lord Yehovah, please forgive: how shall Jacob stand? for he is small. [3]Yehovah relented concerning this: It shall not be, says Yehovah. [4]Thus the Lord Yehovah showed me: and, behold, the Lord Yehovah called to contend by fire; and it devoured the great deep, and would have eaten up the land. [5]Then I said, O Lord Yehovah, please cease: how shall Jacob stand? for he is small. [6]Yehovah relented concerning this: This also shall not be, says the Lord Yehovah. [7]Thus he showed me: and, behold, the Lord stood beside a wall made by a plumb-line, with a plumb-line in his hand. [8]And Yehovah said to me, Amos, what do you see? And I said, A plumb-line. Then the Lord said, Behold, I will set a plumb-line in the midst of my people Israel; I will not again pass by them any more; [9]and the high places of Isaac shall be desolate, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste; and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword. [10]Then Amaziah the priest of Beth-el sent to Jeroboam king of Israel, saying, Amos has conspired against you in the midst of the house of Israel: the land is not able to bear all his words. [11]For thus Amos says, Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel shall surely be led away captive out of his land. [12]Also Amaziah said to Amos, O you seer, go, flee away into the land of Judah, and there eat bread, and prophesy there: [13]but do not prophesy again any more at Beth-el; for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a royal house. [14]Then Amos answered, and said to Amaziah, I was no prophet, neither was I a prophet's son; but I was a herdsman, and a tender of sycamore-trees: [15]and Yehovah took me from following the flock, and Yehovah said to me, Go, prophesy to my people Israel. [16]Now therefore hear the word of Yehovah: You say, Do not prophesy against Israel, and do not drop your word against the house of Isaac; [17]therefore thus says Yehovah: Your wife shall be a prostitute in the city, and your sons and your daughters shall fall by the sword, and your land shall be divided by line; and you yourself shall die in a land that is unclean, and Israel shall surely be led away captive out of his land.

Chapter 8

[1]Thus the Lord Yehovah showed me: and, behold, a basket of summer fruit. [2]And he said, Amos, what do you see? And I said, A basket of summer fruit. Then Yehovah said to me, The end has come upon my people Israel; I will not again pass by them any more. [3]And the songs of the temple shall be wailings in that day, says the Lord Yehovah: the dead bodies shall be many; in every place they shall cast them forth with silence. [4]Hear this, O you who would swallow up the needy, and cause the poor of the land to fail, [5]saying, When will the new moon be gone, that we may sell grain? and the sabbath, that we may set forth wheat, making the ephah small, and the shekel great, and dealing falsely with balances of deceit; [6]that we may buy the poor for silver, and the needy for a pair of shoes, and sell the refuse of the wheat? [7]Yehovah has sworn by the excellency of Jacob, Surely I will never forget any of their works. [8]Shall not the land tremble for this, and every one who dwells in it mourn? indeed, it shall rise up wholly like the River; and it shall be troubled and sink again, like the River of Egypt. [9]And it shall happen in that day, says the Lord Yehovah, that I will cause the sun to go down at noon, and I will darken the earth in the clear day. [10]And I will turn your feasts into mourning, and all your songs into lamentation; and I will bring sackcloth upon all loins, and baldness upon every head; and I will make it as the mourning for an only son, and its end as a bitter day. [11]Behold, the days come, says the Lord Yehovah, that I will send a famine in the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of Yehovah. [12]And they shall wander from sea to sea, and from the north even to the east; they shall run to and fro to seek the word of Yehovah, and shall not find it. [13]In that day the beautiful virgins and the young men shall faint for thirst. [14]Those who swear by the sin of Samaria, and say, As your god, O Dan, lives; and, As the way of Beer-sheba lives; they shall fall, and never rise up again.

Chapter 9

[1]I saw the Lord standing beside the altar: and he said, Strike the capitals, that the thresholds may shake; and break them in pieces on the head of all of them; and I will slay the last of them with the sword: there shall not one of them flee away, and there shall not one of them escape. [2]Though they dig into Sheol, from there my hand shall take them; and though they climb up to heaven, from there I will bring them

down. 3And though they hide themselves in the top of Carmel, I will search and take them out from there; and though they are hidden from my sight in the bottom of the sea, from there I will command the serpent, and it shall bite them. 4And though they go into captivity before their enemies, from there I will command the sword, and it shall slay them: and I will set my eyes upon them for evil, and not for good. 5For the Lord, Yehovah of hosts, is he who touches the land and it melts, and all who dwell in it shall mourn; and it shall rise up wholly like the River, and shall sink again, like the River of Egypt; 6it is he who builds his chambers in the heavens, and has founded his vault upon the earth; he who calls for the waters of the sea, and pours them out upon the face of the earth; Yehovah is his name. 7Are you not as the children of the Ethiopians to me, O children of Israel? says Yehovah. Have I not brought up Israel out of the land of Egypt, and the Philistines from Caphtor, and the Syrians from Kir? 8Behold, the eyes of the Lord Yehovah are upon the sinful kingdom, and I will destroy it from off the face of the earth; except that I will not utterly destroy the house of Jacob, says Yehovah. 9For, behold, I will command, and I will sift the house of Israel among all the nations, as grain is sifted in a sieve, yet not the least kernel shall fall upon the earth. 10All the sinners of my people shall die by the sword, who say, The evil shall not overtake nor meet us. 11In that day I will raise up the tabernacle of David that has fallen, and close up its breaches; and I will raise up its ruins, and I will build it as in the days of old; 12that they may possess the remnant of Edom, and all the nations that are called by my name, says Yehovah who does this. 13Behold, the days come, says Yehovah, that the plowman shall overtake the reaper, and the treader of grapes him who sows seed; and the mountains shall drop sweet wine, and all the hills shall melt. 14And I will bring back the captivity of my people Israel, and they shall build the waste cities, and inhabit them; and they shall plant vineyards, and drink their wine; they shall also make gardens, and eat the fruit of them. 15And I will plant them upon their land, and they shall no more be plucked up out of their land which I have given them, says Yehovah your God.

Obadiah

Chapter 1

[1]The vision of Obadiah. Thus says the Lord Yehovah concerning Edom: We have heard tidings from Yehovah, and an ambassador has been sent among the nations, saying, Arise, and let us rise up against her in battle. [2]Behold, I have made you small among the nations: you are greatly despised. [3]The pride of your heart has deceived you, O you who dwell in the clefts of the rock, whose dwelling is high; who says in his heart, Who shall bring me down to the ground? [4]Though you mount on high as the eagle, and though your nest is set among the stars, I will bring you down from there, says Yehovah. [5]If thieves came to you, if robbers by night (how are you cut off!), would they not steal only until they had enough? if grape-gatherers came to you, would they not leave some gleaning grapes? [6]How are the things of Esau searched! how are his hidden treasures sought out! [7]All the men of your confederacy have brought you on your way, even to the border: the men who were at peace with you have deceived you, and prevailed against you; those who eat your bread lay a snare under you: there is no understanding in him. [8]Shall I not in that day, says Yehovah, destroy the wise men out of Edom, and understanding out of the mount of Esau? [9]And your mighty men, O Teman, shall be dismayed, to the end that every one may be cut off from the mount of Esau by slaughter. [10]For the violence done to your brother Jacob, shame shall cover you, and you shall be cut off forever. [11]In the day that you stood on the other side, in the day that strangers carried away his substance, and foreigners entered into his gates, and cast lots upon Jerusalem, even you were as one of them. [12]But do not look on the day of your brother in the day of his disaster, and do not rejoice over the children of Judah in the day of their destruction; nor speak proudly in the day of distress. [13]Do not enter into the gate of my people in the day of their calamity; indeed, do not look on their affliction in the day of their calamity, nor lay hands on their substance in the day of their calamity. [14]And do not stand in the crossway, to cut off those of his who escape; and do not deliver up those of his who remain in the day of distress. [15]For the day of Yehovah is near upon all the nations: as you have done, it shall be done to you; your dealing shall return upon your own head. [16]For as you have drunk upon my holy mountain, so all the nations shall drink continually; yes, they shall drink, and swallow down, and shall be as though they had not been. [17]But in mount Zion there shall be those who escape, and it shall be holy; and the house of Jacob shall possess their possessions. [18]And the house of Jacob shall be a fire, and the house of Joseph a flame, and the house of Esau for stubble, and they shall burn among them, and devour them; and there shall not be any remaining to the house of Esau; for Yehovah has spoken it. [19]And those of the South shall possess the mount of Esau, and those of the lowland the Philistines; and they shall possess the field of Ephraim, and the field of Samaria; and Benjamin shall possess Gilead. [20]And the captives of this host of the children of Israel, who are among the Canaanites, shall possess even to Zarephath; and the captives of Jerusalem, who are in Sepharad, shall possess the cities of the South. [21]And saviors shall come up on mount Zion to judge the mount of Esau; and the kingdom shall be Yehovah's.

Jonah

Chapter 1

[1]Now the word of Yehovah came to Jonah the son of Amittai, saying, [2]Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and cry against it; for their wickedness has come up before me. [3]But Jonah rose up to flee to Tarshish from the presence of Yehovah; and he went down to Joppa, and found a ship going to Tarshish: so he paid its fare, and went down into it, to go with them to Tarshish from the presence of Yehovah. [4]But Yehovah sent out a great wind upon the sea, and there was a mighty tempest on the sea, so that the ship was about to be broken. [5]Then the mariners were afraid, and cried each man to his god; and they cast out the wares that were in the ship into the sea, to lighten it for them. But Jonah had gone down into the innermost parts of the ship; and he lay, and was fast asleep. [6]So the shipmaster came to him, and said to him, What do you mean, O sleeper? arise, call upon your God, perhaps God will think upon us, that we may not perish. [7]And they said each one to his fellow, Come, and let us cast lots, that we may know for whose cause this evil is upon us. So they cast lots, and the lot fell upon Jonah. [8]Then they said to him, Tell us, please, for whose cause this evil is upon us; what is your occupation? and where do you come from? what is your country? and of what people are you? [9]And he said to them, I am a Hebrew; and I fear Yehovah, the God of heaven, who has made the sea and the dry land. [10]Then the men were exceedingly afraid, and said to him, What is this that you have done? For the men knew that he was fleeing from the presence of Yehovah, because he had told them. [11]Then they said to him, What shall we do to you, that the sea may be calm to us? for the sea grew more and more tempestuous. [12]And he said to them, Take me up, and cast me out into the sea; so the sea shall be calm to you: for I know that for my sake this great tempest is upon you. [13]Nevertheless the men rowed hard to get back to the land; but they could not: for the sea grew more and more tempestuous against them. [14]Therefore they cried to Yehovah, and said, We beg you, O Yehovah, we beg you, let us not perish for this man's life, and do not lay upon us innocent blood; for you, O Yehovah, have done as it pleased you. [15]So they took up Jonah, and cast him out into the sea; and the sea ceased from its raging. [16]Then the men feared Yehovah exceedingly; and they offered a sacrifice to Yehovah, and made vows. [17]And Yehovah prepared a great fish to swallow up Jonah; and Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights.

Chapter 2

[1]Then Jonah prayed to Yehovah his God out of the fish's belly. [2]And he said, I called by reason of my affliction to Yehovah, And he answered me; Out of the belly of Sheol I cried, And you heard my voice. [3]For you cast me into the depth, in the heart of the seas, And the flood was around me; All your waves and your billows passed over me. [4]And I said, I am cast out from before your eyes; Yet I will look again toward your holy temple. [5]The waters surrounded me, even to the soul; The deep was around me; The weeds were wrapped about my head. [6]I went down to the bottoms of the mountains; The earth with its bars closed upon me forever: Yet you have brought up my life from the pit, O Yehovah my God. [7]When my soul fainted within me, I remembered Yehovah; And my prayer came in to you, into your holy temple. [8]Those who regard lying vanities Forsake their own mercy. [9]But I will sacrifice to you with the voice of thanksgiving; I will pay that which I have vowed. Salvation is of Yehovah. [10]And Yehovah spoke to the fish, and it vomited out Jonah upon the dry land.

Chapter 3

[1]And the word of Yehovah came to Jonah the second time, saying, [2]Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and preach to it the preaching that I tell you. [3]So Jonah arose, and went to Nineveh, according to the word of Yehovah. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly great city, of three days' journey. [4]And Jonah began to enter into the city a day's journey, and he cried, and said, Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown. [5]And the people of Nineveh believed God; and they proclaimed a fast, and put on sackcloth, from the greatest of them even to the least of them. [6]And the tidings reached the king of Nineveh, and he arose from his throne, and removed his robe from him, and covered himself with sackcloth, and sat in ashes. [7]And he made proclamation and published through Nineveh by the decree of the king and his nobles, saying, Let neither man nor beast, herd nor flock, taste anything; let them not feed, nor drink water; [8]but let them be covered with sackcloth, both man and beast, and let

them cry mightily to God: yes, let them turn each one from his evil way, and from the violence that is in his hands. 9Who knows whether God will not turn and repent, and turn away from his fierce anger, that we may not perish? 10And God saw their works, that they turned from their evil way; and God repented of the evil which he said he would do to them; and he did not do it.

Chapter 4

1But it displeased Jonah exceedingly, and he was angry. 2And he prayed to Yehovah, and said, Please, O Yehovah, was not this my saying, when I was still in my country? Therefore I hurried to flee to Tarshish; for I knew that you are a gracious God, and merciful, slow to anger, and abundant in lovingkindness, and you repent of the evil. 3Therefore now, O Yehovah, take, I beg you, my life from me; for it is better for me to die than to live. 4And Yehovah said, Do you do well to be angry? 5Then Jonah went out of the city, and sat on the east side of the city, and there made himself a booth, and sat under it in the shade, until he might see what would become of the city. 6And Yehovah God prepared a gourd, and made it come up over Jonah, that it might be a shade over his head, to deliver him from his distress. So Jonah was exceedingly glad because of the gourd. 7But God prepared a worm when the morning rose the next day, and it struck the gourd, so that it withered. 8And it happened, when the sun arose, that God prepared a sultry east wind; and the sun beat upon the head of Jonah, so that he fainted, and requested for himself that he might die, and said, It is better for me to die than to live. 9And God said to Jonah, Do you do well to be angry for the gourd? And he said, I do well to be angry, even to death. 10And Yehovah said, You have had regard for the gourd, for which you have not labored, nor made it grow; which came up in a night, and perished in a night: 11and should I not have regard for Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who cannot discern between their right hand and their left hand; and also many cattle?

Micah

Chapter 1

[1]The word of Yehovah that came to Micah the Morashtite in the days of Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah, which he saw concerning Samaria and Jerusalem. [2]Hear, you peoples, all of you; hearken, O earth, and all that is in it: and let the Lord Yehovah be witness against you, the Lord from his holy temple. [3]For, behold, Yehovah comes out of his place, and will come down, and tread upon the high places of the earth. [4]And the mountains shall be melted under him, and the valleys shall be split, as wax before the fire, as waters that are poured down a steep place. [5]For the transgression of Jacob is all this, and for the sins of the house of Israel. What is the transgression of Jacob? is it not Samaria? and what are the high places of Judah? are they not Jerusalem? [6]Therefore I will make Samaria as a heap of the field, and as places for planting vineyards; and I will pour down its stones into the valley, and I will uncover its foundations. [7]And all her graven images shall be beaten to pieces, and all her wages shall be burned with fire, and all her idols I will lay desolate; for from the wages of a prostitute she has gathered them, and to the wages of a prostitute they shall return. [8]For this I will lament and wail; I will go stripped and naked; I will make a wailing like the jackals, and a lamentation like the ostriches. [9]For her wounds are incurable; for it has come even to Judah; it reaches to the gate of my people, even to Jerusalem. [10]Do not tell it in Gath, do not weep at all: at Beth-le-aphrah I have rolled myself in the dust. [11]Pass away, O inhabitant of Shaphir, in nakedness and shame: the inhabitant of Zaanan has not come out; the wailing of Beth-ezel shall take from you its support. [12]For the inhabitant of Maroth waits anxiously for good, because evil has come down from Yehovah to the gate of Jerusalem. [13]Bind the chariot to the swift steed, O inhabitant of Lachish: she was the beginning of sin to the daughter of Zion; for the transgressions of Israel were found in you. [14]Therefore you shall give a parting gift to Moresheth-gath: the houses of Achzib shall be a deceitful thing to the kings of Israel. [15]I will yet bring to you, O inhabitant of Mareshah, him who shall possess you: the glory of Israel shall come even to Adullam. [16]Make yourself bald, and cut off your hair for the children of your delight: enlarge your baldness as the eagle; for they have gone into captivity from you.

Chapter 2

[1]Woe to those who devise iniquity and work evil upon their beds! when the morning is light, they practice it, because it is in the power of their hand. [2]And they covet fields, and seize them; and houses, and take them away: and they oppress a man and his house, even a man and his heritage. [3]Therefore thus says Yehovah: Behold, against this family I devise an evil, from which you shall not remove your necks, nor shall you walk haughtily; for it is an evil time. [4]In that day they shall take up a parable against you, and lament with a doleful lamentation, and say, We are utterly ruined: he changes the portion of my people: how he removes it from me! to the rebellious he divides our fields. [5]Therefore you shall have no one who shall cast the line by lot in the assembly of Yehovah. [6]Do not prophesy, thus they prophesy. They shall not prophesy to these: reproaches shall not depart. [7]Shall it be said, O house of Jacob, Is the Spirit of Yehovah restricted? are these his doings? Do not my words do good to him who walks uprightly? [8]But of late my people has risen up as an enemy: you strip the robe from the garment from those who pass by securely as men averse to war. [9]The women of my people you cast out from their pleasant houses; from their young children you take away my glory forever. [10]Arise, and depart; for this is not your resting place; because of uncleanness that destroys, even with a grievous destruction. [11]If a man walking in a spirit of falsehood lies, saying, I will prophesy to you of wine and of strong drink; he shall even be the prophet of this people. [12]I will surely assemble, O Jacob, all of you; I will surely gather the remnant of Israel; I will put them together as the sheep of Bozrah, as a flock in the midst of their pasture; they shall make great noise by reason of the multitude of men. [13]The breaker has gone up before them: they have broken out and passed on to the gate, and have gone out through it; and their king has passed on before them, and Yehovah at the head of them.

Chapter 3

[1]And I said, Hear, please, you heads of Jacob, and rulers of the house of Israel: is it not for you to know justice? [2]you who hate the good, and love the evil; who pluck off their skin from them, and their flesh

from their bones; [3]who also eat the flesh of my people, and flay their skin from them, and break their bones, and chop them in pieces, as for the pot, and as flesh within the caldron. [4]Then they shall cry to Yehovah, but he will not answer them; indeed, he will hide his face from them at that time, just as they have worked evil in their doings. [5]Thus says Yehovah concerning the prophets who make my people err; who bite with their teeth, and cry, Peace; and whoever does not put something into their mouths, they even prepare war against him: [6]Therefore it shall be night to you, that you shall have no vision; and it shall be dark to you, that you shall not divine; and the sun shall go down upon the prophets, and the day shall be black over them. [7]And the seers shall be put to shame, and the diviners confounded; indeed, they shall all cover their lips; for there is no answer of God. [8]But as for me, I am full of power by the Spirit of Yehovah, and of judgment, and of might, to declare to Jacob his transgression, and to Israel his sin. [9]Hear this, please, you heads of the house of Jacob, and rulers of the house of Israel, who abhor justice, and pervert all equity. [10]They build up Zion with blood, and Jerusalem with iniquity. [11]Its heads judge for reward, and its priests teach for hire, and its prophets divine for money: yet they lean upon Yehovah, and say, Is not Yehovah in the midst of us? no evil shall come upon us.