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**FIRST BOOK OF KINGS**      **1 KINGS 1**

*Abishag found to keep David warm in his old age; the plot of Adonijah to take the throne*

**CHAPTER 1**

1 And King David *was* old, going on in days, and they covered him with covers, and to him *was* no heat.

2 And his servants said to him, Let them search out for my lord, the king, a young virgin, and let her stand before the face of the king, and let her be a familiar helper to him, and let her lie down enclosing you, and my lord, the king, shall be warm.

3 And they searched for a beautiful young girl throughout all the borders of Israel, and found Abishag, a Shunammite, and brought her to the king.

4 And the young girl *was* very beautiful, and was a familiar helper to the king, and attended him; and the king did not know her.

5 And Adonijah, the son of Haggith, lifted himself up, saying, I will be king, and he made chariots and horses *for* himself, and fifty men to run before his face.

6 And his father had not displeased him any day, saying, Why have you done so? And he also was extremely good in appearance; and he was born after Absalom.

7 And there was to him a word with Joab, the son of Zeruiah, and with Abiathar, the priest, and they following Adonijah surrounded him with help.

8 And Zadok, the priest, and Benaiah, the son of Jehoiada, and Nathan, the prophet, and

Shimei, and Rei, and the mighty men who *were* for David, were not with Adonijah.

9 And Adonijah slaughtered flock animals, and oxen, and stall fed cattle by the stone of Zoheleth, which is by Enrogel, and called all his brothers, the king's sons, and all the men of Judah, the king's servants;

10 And he did not call Nathan, the prophet, and Benaiah, and the mighty men, and Solomon, his brother.

11 And Nathan said to Bathsheba, the mother of Solomon, saying, Have you not attentively heard that Adonijah, the son of Haggith, ascended the throne, and David, our lord, does not know by seeing it?

12 And now walk; please let me advise you with counsel, that you may escape with your own soul, and the soul of your son, Solomon.

13 Walk, and walk in to King David, and say to him, My lord, Oh king, did you not swear to your maidservant, saying, Assuredly Solomon, your son, shall reign after me, and he shall sit upon my throne? And why has Adonijah ascended the throne?

14 Behold, while you are still speaking there with the king, I will come in after you, and confirm your words.

15 And Bathsheba walked in to the king into the apartment, and the king was very old; and Abishag, the Shunammite, attended the king.

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16 And Bathsheba bowed and prostrated herself to the king. And the king said, What *do you desire?*

17 And she said to him, My lord, you swore by Jehovah, your God, to your maidservant, saying, Assuredly Solomon, your son, shall reign after me, and he shall sit upon my throne.

18 And now, behold, Adonijah has ascended the throne, and now, my lord, the king, you do not know by seeing it;

19 And he has slaughtered oxen, and stall fed cattle, and flock animals in abundance, and has called all the sons of the king, and Abiathar, the priest, and Joab, the chief ruler of the host; and he has not called Solomon, your servant.

20 And you, my lord, Oh king, the eyes of all Israel are upon you, that you should cause it to stand out boldly to them who shall sit on the throne of my lord, the king, after him.

21 And it shall be, my lord, the king, shall lie down with his fathers, and I, and my son, Solomon, shall be criminals.

22 And behold, she was yet speaking with the king, and Nathan, the prophet, came in.

23 And they caused it to stand out boldly to the king, saying, Behold, Nathan, the prophet. And he came in before the face of the king, and he prostrated himself to the king with his nostrils to the earth.

24 And Nathan said, My lord, Oh king, have you said, Adonijah shall reign after me, and he shall sit upon my throne?

25 Because he has gone down this day, and has slaughtered oxen, and stall fed cattle, and flock animals in abundance, and has called all the king's sons, and the chief rulers of the host, and Abiathar, the priest; and behold, they eat and drink before his face, and say, Live, king Adonijah!

26 And me, me, your servant, and Zadok, the priest, and Benaiah, the son of Jehoiada, and he has not called your servant, Solomon.

27 Does this word exist by my lord, the king, and you have not caused your servant to know by seeing who should sit on the throne of my lord, the king, after him?

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

29 And the king swore, and said, Jehovah lives who redeemed my soul out of all distress,

30 Because that I swore to you by Jehovah God of Israel, saying, Assuredly Solomon, your son, shall reign after me, and he shall sit upon my throne in my place, even so I will do this day.

31 And Bathsheba bowed with her nostrils to the earth, and prostrated herself to the king, and said, Let my lord, King David, live forever.

32 And King David said, Call Zadok, the priest, for me, and Nathan, the prophet, and Benaiah, the son of Jehoiada. And they came before the face of 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;

34 And let Zadok, the priest, and Nathan, the prophet, anoint him there king over Israel, and blow the trumpet, and say, King Solomon lives!

35 And you shall ascend after him that he may come and sit upon my throne, and he shall be king in my place; and I have commanded him to be commander over Israel and over Judah.

36 And Benaiah, the son of Jehoiada, answered the king, and said, Amen; so says Jehovah God of my lord, the king!

37 As Jehovah has been with my lord, the king, even so he shall be with Solomon, and make his throne greater than the throne of my lord, King David.

38 And Zadok, the priest, and Nathan, the prophet, and Benaiah, the son of Jehoiada, and the bodyguards, and the official couriers, descended, and caused Solomon to ride upon King David's mule, and brought him to Gihon.

39 And Zadok, the priest, took a horn of oil out of the tent, and anointed Solomon. And they blew the trumpet; and all the people said, King Solomon lives!

40 And all the people came up after him, and the people played on flutes, and rejoiced with great joy, so that the earth tore with the sound of them.

41 And Adonijah and all those called who *were* with him as they finished eating heard it attentively. And Joab attentively heard the sound of the trumpet, and he said, Why is this sound in the city such a great sound?

42 And while he yet spoke, behold, Jonathan, the son of Abiathar, the priest, came, and Adonijah said, Come in, because you are a man of resources, and announce good tidings.

43 And Jonathan answered, and said to Adonijah, Truly our lord, King David, has made Solomon king.

44 And the king has sent with him Zadok, the priest, and Nathan, the prophet, and Benaiah, the son of Jehoiada, and the bodyguards, and the official couriers, and they have caused him to ride on the king's mule;

45 And 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 with it. This is the sound that you have attentively heard.

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

47 And also the king's servants came to bless our lord, King David, saying, God make the name of Solomon better than your name, and make his throne

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greater than your throne. And the king prostrated himself upon the bed.

48 And also thus said the king, Blessed *is* Jehovah God of Israel, who has given one to sit on my throne this day, my eyes seeing *it*.

49 And all those called who *were* with Adonijah trembled, and rose up, and every man walked his way.

50 And Adonijah feared before the face of Solomon, and rose, and walked, and seized the horns of the altar.

51 And it was caused to stand out boldly to Solomon, saying, Behold, Adonijah fears King Solomon, and behold, he has seized the horns of the altar, saying, Let King Solomon swear to me today that he will not cause his servant to die with the sword.

52 And Solomon said, If he is a son of resources, there shall not a hair of him fall to the earth, and if wickedness is found in him, he shall die.

53 And King Solomon sent, and they brought him down from the altar. And he came and prostrated himself to King Solomon; and Solomon said to him, Walk to your house.

**CHAPTER 2**

1 And the days of David drew near for him to die, and he commanded Solomon, his son, saying,

2 I walk the way of all the earth, and you, be strong, and be a man;

3 And hedge about the guard duty of Jehovah, your God, to walk in his ways, to hedge about his enactments, and his commandments, and his judgments, and his testimonies, as it is written in the law of Moses, in order that you may be intelligently successful in all that you do and wherever you turn yourself;

4 So that Jehovah may cause his word to rise which he spoke concerning me, saying, If your children hedge about their way, to walk before my face in truth with all their heart and with all their soul, he said there shall not a man be cut off from you *failing to be* upon the throne of Israel.

5 And also you know by seeing what Joab, the son of Zeruiah, did to me, and what he did to the two chief rulers of the hosts of Israel, to Abner, the son of Ner, and to Amasa, the son of Jether, whom he struck fatally, and put the blood of war in peace, and gave the blood of war upon his girdle that *was* about his loins, and in his shoes that *were* on his feet.

6 And do according to your wisdom, and do not let his old age descend to the world of the dead<sup>6</sup> in peace.

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<sup>6</sup> **2:6 world of the dead.** *Sheol* is the Hebrew word that some have brought over into English. The KJV regularly translated *sheol* as grave, but it is not grave. Human spirits and souls do not walk to the grave. The body goes to the grave. From the creation until the resurrection of Jesus, the Messiah, all the human spirits and souls making up the inner person, walked to sheol. Sheol had two divisions. The lowest sheol is a place of torment of fire

7 And to the sons of Barzillai, the Gileadite, do mercy, and let them be of those that eat at your table, because rightly they drew near to me when I fled before the face of Absalom, your brother.

8 And behold, Shimei, the son of Gera, a Benjamite of Bahurim, *is* with you, and he made light of me with a pressing vilification in the day when I walked to Mahanaim, and he came down to meet me at Jordan, and I swore to him by Jehovah, saying, I will not put you to death with the sword.

9 And now do not consider him clean, because you are a wise man, and know by seeing what to do to him; and bring down his old age to the world of the dead with blood.

10 And David lay down with his fathers, and was buried in the city of David.

11 And the days that David reigned over Israel *were* forty years; he reigned in Hebron seven years, and he reigned in Jerusalem thirty-three years.

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where all unbelievers walked, Deut 32:22; Psa 86:13; and sheol, called Abraham's bosom in Luke 16:22, also described in the phrase, gathered to his people, Gen 25:8. We want to make it very clear that God's Word does not teach that the spirits and souls of humans sleep in the graves. By translating *sheol* as grave it gives the impression that the human person descends to the grave. Nothing could be further from the truth. The human person who died walked to *sheol*, God's specially prepared place to receive the dead: the lowest *sheol* was for the unbelievers, and the *sheol* of Abraham's bosom was for the believers. And please understand, that then as now, there is a great gulf fixed between the two so that no one can pass from the one to the other after he arrives there in death, Luke 16:22. See Note Gen 37:35.

12 And Solomon sat upon the throne of David, his father, and his kingdom was set up exceedingly.

13 And Adonijah, the son of Haggith, came to Bathsheba, the mother of Solomon. And she said, Do you come peaceably? And he said, Peaceably.

14 And he said, *May I have* a word with you? And she said, Speak.

15 And he said, You know by seeing that the kingdom was mine, and that all Israel put their faces on me, that I should reign; and the kingdom is turned about, and has become my brother's, because it was his from Jehovah.

16 And now I ask one petition of you; do not turn from my face. And she said to him, Speak.

17 And he said, Speak, please, to Solomon, the king (because he will not turn away from your face) that he give me Abishag, the Shunammite, as wife.

18 And Bathsheba said, Well, I will speak for you to the king.

19 And Bathsheba walked to King Solomon to speak to him for Adonijah. And the king rose up to meet her, and prostrated himself to her, and sat down on his throne, and caused a seat to be put for the king's mother; and she sat on his right hand.

20 And she said, I ask one small petition of you; do not turn your face from me. And the king said to her, Ask, my mother, because I will not turn my face from you.

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*Adonijah executed; Abiathar ordered to Anathoth; Joab executed*

21 And she said, Let Abishag, the Shunammite, be given to Adonijah, your brother, as wife.

22 And King Solomon answered, and said to his mother, And why do you ask Abishag, the Shunammite, for Adonijah? Ask also for him the kingdom, because he is my older brother - even for him, and for Abiathar, the priest, and for Joab, the son of Zeruiah!

23 And King Solomon swore by Jehovah, saying, God do so to me, and more also, if Adonijah has not spoken this word against his own soul.

24 And now, Jehovah lives who has set me up, and caused me to sit on the throne of David, my father, and who has made me a house, what he spoke, because this day Adonijah shall be put to death.

25 And King Solomon sent by the hand of Benaiah, the son of Jehoiada, and he impinged upon him, and he died.

26 And the king said to Abiathar, the priest, You walk to Anathoth, to your own fields, because you are a man of death, but I will not this day put you to death, because you bore the ark of the Lord Jehovah before the face of David, my father, and because you have undergone all the harsh conditions which my father has undergone.

27 And Solomon drove Abiathar out from being priest to Jehovah, that he might fulfill the word of Jehovah, which he spoke concerning the house of Eli in Shiloh. 1 Sam 2:29-33

28 And tidings came to Joab, because Joab had stretched out after Adonijah, though he did not stretch out after Absalom. And Joab fled to the tent of Jehovah, and seized the horns of the altar.

29 And it was caused to stand out boldly to King Solomon that Joab fled to the tent of Jehovah, and lo, *was* by the altar. Then Solomon sent Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, saying, Walk, impinge upon him!

30 And Benaiah came to the tent of Jehovah, and said to him, Thus says the king, Come out! And he said, No; and I will die here. And Benaiah returned word to the king, saying, Thus spoke Joab, and thus he answered me.

31 And the king said to him, Do what he has spoken, and impinge upon him, and bury him; and you turn away the innocent blood which Joab spilled, from me, and from the house of my father.

32 And Jehovah shall return his blood upon his own head, who impinged upon two men more righteous and better than he, and struck them fatally with the sword, my father David not knowing, Abner, the son of Ner, chief ruler of the host of Israel, and Amasa, the son of Jether, chief ruler of the host of Judah.

33 And their blood shall return upon the head of Joab, and upon the head of his seed forever, and upon David, and upon his seed, and upon his house, and upon his throne, there shall be peace forever from Jehovah. 2 Sam 3:29

34 And Benaiah, the son of Jehoiada, ascended, and impinged upon him, and put him to death; and he was buried in his own house in the desert.

35 And the king gave Benaiah, the son of Jehoiada, in his place over the host, and the king gave Zadok, the priest, in the place of Abiathar.

36 And the king sent, and called for Shimei, and said to him, Build for yourself a house in Jerusalem, and sit down there, and do not go out from there anywhere.

37 And it shall be, on the day you go out, and cross over the stream Kidron, knowing, you shall know by seeing that dying, you shall die; your blood shall be upon your own head.

38 And Shimei said to the king, The word *is* good; what my lord, the king, has said, so will your servant do. And Shimei dwelt in Jerusalem many days.

39 And it was at the end of three years, that two of the servants of Shimei fled to Achish, son of Maachah, king of Gath. And they caused it to stand out boldly to Shimei, saying, Behold, your servants *are* in Gath.

40 And Shimei rose, and bound his donkey, and walked to Gath to Achish to seek his ser-

vants, and Shimei walked, and brought his servants from Gath.

41 And it was caused to stand out boldly to Solomon that Shimei had walked from Jerusalem to Gath, and had returned.

42 And the king sent, and called for Shimei, and said to him, Did I not make you swear by Jehovah, and protested to you, saying, Knowing, you shall know by seeing, on the day you go out, and walk anywhere, that dying, you shall die? And you said to me, The word I have attentively heard *is* good.

43 Why then have you not hedged about the oath of Jehovah, and the commandment that I have commanded upon you?

44 And the king said to Shimei, You know by seeing all the wickedness which your heart knows, what you did to David, my father, and Jehovah shall return your wickedness upon your head;

45 And King Solomon *shall be* blessed, and the throne of David shall be set up before the face of Jehovah forever.

46 And the king commanded Benaiah, the son of Jehoiada, and he walked out, and impinged upon him, and he died. And the kingdom was set up in the hand of Solomon.

### CHAPTER 3

1 And Solomon gave a daughter in marriage to 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 Jehovah, and the wall of Jerusalem all around.

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

3 And Solomon loved Jehovah, walking in the enactments of David, his father; only he sacrificed and burned incense in high places.

4 And the king walked to Gibeon to sacrifice there, because that was the great high place; Solomon caused to ascend upon that altar a thousand burnt offerings.

5 In Gibeon Jehovah appeared to Solomon in a dream by night, and God said, Ask what I shall give you.

6 And Solomon said, You have done to your servant, David, my father, great mercy, according as he walked before your face in truth, and in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart with you; and you have hedged about for him this great mercy, and you have given him a son to sit on his throne as *it is* this day.

7 And now, Oh Jehovah my God, you have made your servant king instead of David, my father, and I *am* a little child; I do not

know *how* to go out or come in.

8 And your servant is in the midst of your people which you have chosen, a great people, that cannot be weighed out, and cannot be tallied up for abundance.

9 Give therefore your servant a heart to attentively hear to judge your people, that I may discern between good and evil, because who is able to judge this your great people?

10 And the word was good in the eyes of the Lord, because Solomon had asked this word.

11 And God said to him, Because you have asked this word, and have not asked for yourself many days, and have not asked wealth for yourself, and have not asked the souls of those hating you, and have asked for yourself understanding to attentively hear judgment,

12 Behold, I have done according to your words; lo, I have given you a wise and a discerning heart, that there was none like you before, and after you there shall not rise any like you.

13 And also that which you have not asked, I have given you, both wealth and heavy glory, so that there shall not be any man among the kings like you all your days.

14 And if you will walk in my ways, to hedge about my enactments and my commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your days.



15 And Solomon awoke, and behold, it *was* a dream. And he came to Jerusalem, and stood before the face of the ark of the covenant of Jehovah, and offered up burnt offerings, and made peace offerings, and made a feast to all his servants.

16 At that time two women, harlots, came to the king, and stood before his face.

17 And the one woman said, Oh my lord, I and this woman dwell in one house, and I gave birth with her in the house.

18 And it was the third day after that I gave birth, and this woman gave birth also; and we *were* together; *there was* no stranger with us in the house, except we two in the house.

19 And the son of this woman died in the night, because she laid on it.

20 And she rose at midnight, and took my son from my side, and your maidservant was sleeping, and laid him in her bosom, and laid her dead son in my bosom.

21 And I rose in the dawn to give suck to my son, and behold, he was dead; and I discerned him in the dawn, and behold, it was not my son which I bore.

22 And the other woman said, No; and the living *is* my son, and the dead *is* your son. And this said, No; and the dead *is* your son, and the living *is* my son. Thus they spoke before the face of the king.

23 And the king said, The one says, This *is* my son who lives, and your son *is* the dead; and the other says, No; and your son *is* the dead, and my son *is* the living.

24 And the king said, Bring me a sword. And they brought a sword before the face of the king.

25 And the king said, Cut the living child in two, and give half to the one, and half to the other.

26 And the woman to whom *was* the living child spoke to the king, because her compassion was moved deeply over her son, and she said, Oh my lord, give her the living child, and killing, do not kill him. And the other said, Let him be neither mine nor yours; cut him *in two*.

27 And the king answered and said, Give her the living child, and killing, do not kill him; she *is* the mother.

28 And all Israel attentively heard the judgment which the king had judged, and they feared the king, because they saw that the wisdom of God was in him to do judgment.

#### **CHAPTER 4**

1 And King Solomon was king over all Israel.

2 And these *were* the chief rulers who *were* to him: Azariah, the son of Zadok, the priest,

3 Elihoreph and Ahiah, the sons of Shisha, scribes; Jehoshaphat, the son of Ahilud, the scribe.

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*Those who furnish food fo Solomon*

4 And Benaiah, the son of Jehoiada *was* over the host, and Zadok and Abiathar *were* the priests;

5 And Azariah, the son of Nathan, *was* over those standing *over others*, and Zabud, the son of Nathan was the priest and friend of the king;

6 And Ahishar *was* over the house, and Adoniram, the son of Abda, *was* over the forced labor.

7 And Solomon had twelve of those stationed over all Israel, and they provided the king and his house with food; for each new moon of the year *there was* one who provided food.

8 And these *are* their names: The son of Hur, in mount Ephraim:

9 The son of Dekar, in Makaz, and in Shaalbim, and Beth She'mesh, and Elon Bethhanan;

10 The son of Hesed, in Aruboth; to him *was* Sochoh, and all the land of Hopher:

11 The son of Abinadab, in all the height of Dor; Taphath, the daughter of Solomon; she *was* wife to him;

12 Baana, the son of Ahilud; *to him was* Taanach, and Megiddo, and all Beth Shean, which *is* by Zartanah beneath Jezreel, from Beth Shean to Abelmeholah, to *the place* beyond Jokneam;

13 The son of Geber, in Ramoth Gilead; to him *were* the towns of Jair, the son of Manasseh, which *are* in Gilead;

to him *was* the region of Argob, which *is* in Bashan, sixty great cities with walls and brazen bars;

14 To Ahinadab, the son of Iddo, *was* Mahanaim;

15 Ahimaaz *was* in Naphtali; he also took Basmath, the daughter of Solomon, as wife;

16 Baanah, the son of Hushai, *was* in Asher and in Aloth;

17 Jehoshaphat, the son of Paruah, in Issachar;

18 Shimei, the son of Elah, in Benjamin;

19 Geber, the son of Uri, *was* in the land of Gilead, in the land of Sihon, king of the Amorites, and of Og, king of Bashan; and *he was* the only one who *was* stationed in the land.

20 Judah and Israel *were* many, as the sand which *is* by the sea for abundance, eating, and drinking, and rejoicing.

21 And Solomon *was* ruling over all kingdoms from the *Euphrates* River to the land of the Palestinians, and to the border of Egypt; they drew near with presents, and served Solomon all the days of his life.

22 And Solomon's food for one day *was*: thirty measures of fine flour, and sixty measures of meal,

23 Ten fatted oxen, and twenty oxen out of the pastures, and a hundred flock animals, separate from male deer, and gazelles, and other deer, and fatted fowl.

24 Because he treaded down all the region to the *Euphrates* River, from Tiphseh even to Azzah, over all the kings on this side of the river; and to him was peace in all regions all round.

25 And Judah and Israel dwelt in safety, every man under his vine and under his fig tree, from Dan even to Beer Sheba all the days of Solomon.

26 And to Solomon were forty thousand stalls of horses for his chariots, and twelve thousand horsemen.

27 And those stationed over providing food for King Solomon and for all who drew near to King Solomon's table, every man in his new moon; they did not lack a word.

28 They brought barley also, and straw for the horses, and courier horses to the place where they were *stationed*, every man according to his judged responsibility.

29 And God gave Solomon an exceeding increase in wisdom, and understanding, and largeness of heart, even as the sand that *is* on the lip of the sea.

30 And Solomon's wisdom increased above the wisdom of all the children of the east, and all the wisdom of Egypt.

31 And he was wiser than all men; than Ethan, the Ezrahite, and Heman, and Chalcol, and Darda, the sons of Mahol; and his name was in all peoples all around.

32 And he spoke three thousand proverbs, and his songs were a thousand and five.

33 And he spoke of trees, from the cedar tree that *is* in Lebanon even to the hyssop that goes out of the wall; he spoke of animals, and of birds, and of creepers, and of fish.

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

### **CHAPTER 5**

1 And Hiram, king of Tyre, sent his servants to Solomon, because he had attentively heard that they had anointed him king in the place of his father, because Hiram was a lover of David all *his* days.

2 And Solomon sent to Hiram, saying,

3 You know by seeing that David, my father, was not able to build a house to the name of Jehovah, his God, in the face of the wars which *were* all around him, until Jehovah had given them under the soles of his feet.

4 And now Jehovah my God has caused me to rest on every side; there is no adversary nor evil occurrence.

5 And behold, I said to build a house to the name of Jehovah, my God, what Jehovah spoke to David, my father, saying, Your son, whom I will give upon your throne in your place shall build a house to my name.

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6 And now command, and they will cut for me cedar trees out of Lebanon, and my servants shall be with your servants; and I will give to you payment under contract for your servants according to all that you say, because you know by seeing that there is not among us men who know by seeing to cut timber like the Sidonians.

7 And it was, when Hiram attentively heard the words of Solomon, that he rejoiced greatly, and said, Blessed *is* Jehovah today, who has given to David a wise son over this great people.

8 And Hiram sent to Solomon, saying, I have attentively heard that for which you sent to me, and I will do all your desire concerning timber of cedar and concerning timber of fir.

9 My servants shall bring them down from Lebanon to the sea, and I will put them by barges on the sea to the place that you shall send me, and will cause them to be discharged there, and you shall lift *them*; and you shall do my desire in giving food for my house.

10 And it was, Hiram gave Solomon cedar trees and fir trees, all his desire.

11 And Solomon gave Hiram twenty thousand measures of wheat for nourishment to his house, and twenty measures of pure oil; thus Solomon gave to Hiram year by year.

12 And Jehovah gave Solomon wisdom which he spoke to him, and there was peace be-

tween Hiram and Solomon; and the two of them cut a covenant.

13 And King Solomon raised up forced labor out of all Israel, and the forced labor was thirty thousand men.<sup>Note 2 Chr 8:8</sup>

14 And he sent them to Lebanon, ten thousand each new moon, by alternating; a new moon they were in Lebanon, and two new moons at home, and Adoniram was over the forced labor.

15 And to Solomon *there were* seventy thousand who bore burdens, and eighty thousand cutters in the mountains,

16 Separate from the chief rulers of Solomon over those stationed over the work, three thousand and three hundred, who treaded over the people who did the work.

17 And the king commanded, and they pulled up great stones, precious stones, and cut stones, to set the foundation of the house.

18 And Solomon's builders and Hiram's builders carved them, and the Gebalites thus set up timber and stones to build the house.

**CHAPTER 6**

1 And it was in the four hundred and eightieth year after the children of Israel came out of the land of Egypt, in the fourth year, in the new moon of Zif, which *is* the second new moon, in the reigning of Solomon over Israel, and he built the house of Jehovah.

2 And the house which King Solomon built for Jehovah *was* sixty cubits in length, and twenty cubits in width, and thirty cubits in height.

3 And the vestibule upon the face of the temple of the house: its length *was* twenty cubits, according to the width of the house; its width on the face of the house *was* ten cubits.

4 And for the house he made windows with frames to close.

5 And upon the wall of the house he built rooms all round, against the walls of the house all around the temple and the oracular sanctuary,<sup>5</sup> and he made side panels all around.

6 The lowest room was five cubits wide, and the middle was six cubits wide, and the third was seven cubits wide, because he gave ledges in the wall of the house all around outside, so as not to be fastened in the walls of the house.

7 And the house during its building *was* built of stone completed at the quarry, and a hammer and ax - any tool of iron - was not heard in the house while it was being built.

8 The door for the middle section was in the right side of the house, and they went up by winding stairs into the middle

<sup>5</sup> **6:5 oracular sanctuary**, *debyr*, from *dabar*, to speak. It always refers to the holy of holies where God dwelt, and from where He spoke - thus oracular sanctuary. See 1 Kngs 6:16 and 8:6 where both oracular sanctuary, and holy of holies are stated to be the same place. It is found in 1 Kng 6 [verses 5, 16, 19, 20, 21, 22, 31] , 7:49, and 8:6,8; and 2 Chr 3:16; 4:20; 5:7,9; and Psa 28:2.

section, and out of the middle into the third.

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

10 And he built rooms against all the house five cubits high, and they joined the house with timber of cedar.

11 And the word of Jehovah came to Solomon, saying,

12 *As to* this house which you are building - if you will walk in my enactments, and do my judgments, and hedge about all my commandments to walk in them, then I will raise up my word with you, what I spoke to David, your father;

13 And I will permanently reside in the midst of the children of Israel, and will not leave my people, Israel.

14 And Solomon built the house, and finished it.

15 And he built the walls of the house inside with boards of cedar, both the floor of the house and the walls of the ceiling; and he sheeted over the inside with wood, and sheeted over the floor of the house with planks of fir.

16 And he built twenty cubits on the flanks of the house, both the floor and the walls with boards of cedar, and he built it within for the oracular sanctuary, for the holy of holies.

17 And the house that *is* the temple from its face was forty cubits.

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18 And the cedar of the interior facing of the house was sculptured with ornaments of opening fruit and glistening buds; all was cedar; no stone was seen.

19 And he set up the oracular sanctuary inside of the house, to give there the ark of the covenant of Jehovah.

20 And before the face of the oracular sanctuary *was* twenty cubits in length, and twenty cubits in width, and twenty cubits in its height, and he sheeted it over with pure gold; and sheeted over the cedar altar.

21 And Solomon sheeted over the inner face of the house with pure gold, and he crossed over the chains of gold before the face of the oracular sanctuary; and he sheeted it over with gold.

22 And the whole house he sheeted over with gold, until he had completed all the house, and he sheeted over all the altar that *was* by the oracular sanctuary with gold.

23 And within the oracular sanctuary he made two cherubs of olive wood, each ten cubits high.

24 And five cubits *was* the one wing of the cherub, and five cubits the second wing of the cherub; from the end of the *one* wing to the end of the *second* wing *were* ten cubits.

25 And the second cherub *was* ten cubits; both the cherubs *were* one measure and one shape.

26 The height of the one cherub *was* ten cubits, and so *was* the second *cherub*.

27 And he gave the cherubs within the inner house, and they spread out the wings of the cherubs, so that the wing of the one touched the one wall, and the wing of the second cherub touched the second wall; and their wings touched wing to wing in the midst of the house.

28 And he sheeted over the cherubs with gold.

29 And he carved all the walls of the house all around with sculptured sculptures of cherubs, and palm trees, and glistening buds, on the facing on the interior and the exterior.

30 And he sheeted over the floor of the house with gold, the interior facing and the exterior.

31 And for the entrance of the oracular sanctuary he made doors of olive wood; the lintel *and* door posts *were* a fifth *of the wall*.

32 And two doors *were* of olive wood, and he carved upon them sculptured cherubs, and palm pilasters, and glistening buds, and sheeted them over with gold, and treaded gold upon the cherubs, and upon the palm pilasters.

33 And so he made for the door opening of the temple posts of olive wood, a fourth *of the wall*.

34 And the two doors *were* of fir; the two panels of the one door were folding, and the two screens of the second door *were* folding.

35 And he carved cherubs, and palm pilasters, and glistening buds, and sheeted them over with gold right upon the carvings.

36 And he built the interior court with three rows of cut stone and a row of cedar beams.

37 In the fourth year the foundation of the house of Jehovah was laid, in the new moon, Zif;

38 And in the eleventh year, in the new moon, Bul, that *is* the eighth new moon, the house was finished throughout according to all its words and according to all its judgment. And he was building it seven years.

#### CHAPTER 7

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

2 And he built the house of the forest of Lebanon; its length *was* a hundred cubits, and its width fifty cubits, and its height thirty cubits, upon four rows of cedar columns, with cedar beams upon the columns.

3 And it was covered over with cedar upon the beams that *lay* on forty five columns, fifteen in a row.

4 And there were windows in three rows, and window was against window in three sets.

5 And to all the door openings and door posts *were* square frames, and window was against window in three sets.

6 And he made a vestibule of columns; its length *was* fifty cubits, and its width thirty cubits;

and the vestibule *was* upon their faces; and the columns and their thick coverings were upon their faces.

7 And he made a vestibule for the throne where he judged, the vestibule of judgment, and it was covered with cedar from the floor to the floor.

8 And to his house where he dwelt *was* another court housed within the vestibule; it was of this *same* work. And Solomon made a house like this vestibule for Pharaoh's daughter, whom he had taken.

9 All these *were of* precious stones, according to the measures of cut stones, sawed with saws, inside and outside, even from the foundation to the coping, and on the outside toward the great court.

10 And the foundation *was* of precious stones, great stones, stones of ten cubits, and stones of eight cubits.

11 And above were precious stones after the measures of cut stones, and cedars.

12 And the great court all around was with three rows of cut stones and a row of cedar beams, both for the inner court of the house of Jehovah and for the vestibule of the house.

13 And King Solomon sent, and took Hiram from Tyre.

14 *He was* a son of a widow woman of the tribe of Naphtali, and his father was a man of Tyre, a fabricator in bronze, and he was filled with wisdom, and understanding, and knowledge to make

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*Details of the work of Hiram of Naphtali*

all works in bronze. And he came to King Solomon, and made all his work.

15 And he cast the two columns of bronze; one column *was* eighteen cubits high, and a measuring tape of twelve cubits walked around the second column.

16 And he made two crowns of poured bronze to give upon the heads of the columns; the height of the one crown was five cubits, and the height of the second crown was five cubits;

17 And a network of intricate work and wreaths of chain work *were* for the crowns which *were* upon the head of the columns; seven for the one crown, and seven for the second crown.

18 And he made the columns, and two rows all around upon the one network to cover the crowns that were upon the head with pomegranates, and so he made for the second crown.

19 And the crowns that *were* upon the head of the columns were four cubits of lily work in the vestibule.

20 And to the crowns upon the two columns *were pomegranates* also above, over against the belly which was by the network, and the pomegranates were two hundred in rows all around upon the second crown.

21 And he raised up the columns in the vestibule of the temple, and he raised up the right column, and called its name Jachin;<sup>2 1a</sup> and he raised up the left column, and called its name

Boaz.<sup>2 1b</sup>

22 And upon the head of the columns was *lily* work, and the work of the columns was completed.

23 And he made a cast metal sea, ten cubits from the one lip to the second, a round circle, and its height was five cubits; and a measuring tape of thirty cubits circled around it.

24 And *there were* opening fruit under its lip circling all around, ten in a cubit stroke all around the sea; the opening fruit was poured in two rows, when it was poured.

25 It stood upon twelve oxen, three facing toward the north, and three facing toward the west, and three facing toward the south, and three facing toward the east; and the sea was upon them above, and all their rears were inward.

26 And it was a hand width thick, and its lip was made like the lip of a cup, with flowers of lilies; it contained two thousand baths.<sup>2 6</sup>

27 And he made ten pedestals of bronze; four cubits was the length of one pedestal, and four cubits its width, and three cubits its height.

<sup>2 1a</sup> 7:21 **Jachin**, means, he will establish.

<sup>2 1b</sup> 7:21 **Boaz**, means, quickness or fleetness. Jachin and Boaz together as the names of these two columns means God will establish the kingdom quickly. Solomon's kingdom was established quickly, but did not endure. God's kingdom was established quickly in life of Jesus Christ and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. His One Thousand Year Kingdom on earth will be established quickly, and His eternal kingdom in the new heaven and the new earth will be established quickly, and endure forever.



28 And this *was* the work of the pedestals; to them *were* borders, and the borders *were* between the joints;

29 And on the borders that *were* between the joints were lions, oxen, and cherubs, and upon the joints there was a pedestal above; and beneath the lions and oxen were ornamental wreathed work.

30 And *there were* four brazen wheels to each pedestal, and axles of bronze; and its four feet *were* under the washbowl to support them; under the cast metal *sea* at each side *were* wreaths.

31 And its mouth within the crown and above *was* a cubit, and its mouth was around the work of the pedestal, a cubit and a half; and also upon its mouth *were* sculptures with their borders, foursquare, not round.

32 And under the borders were four wheels; and the axles<sup>3 2</sup> of the wheels were joined to the pedestal; and the height of a wheel *was* a cubit and half a cubit.

33 And the work of the wheels *was* the work of a chariot wheel; their axles, and their rims, and their spokes, and their hubs, were all poured.

34 And *there were* four supports to the four corners of one pedestal, and the supports *were* of the pedestal itself.

35 And in the head of the pedestal *was* a round circle of a half cubit height, and on the head of the pedestal its hands and its borders *were* of the same.

36 And on the tablets of its hands, and on its borders he opened *openings* of cherubs, lions, and palms according to each space, and wreaths *were* all around.

37 He made the ten pedestals like this: all of them one casting, one measure, and one shape.

38 And he made ten washbowls of bronze; one washbowl contained forty baths, and every washbowl was four cubits, and upon every one of the ten pedestals *was* one washbowl.

39 And he gave five pedestals on the right side of the house, and five on the left side of the house, and he gave the *sea* on the right side of the house eastward over against the south.

40 And Hiram made the washbowls, and the shovels, and the bowls. And Hiram finished making all the work that he made King Solomon *for* the house of Jehovah;

41 The two columns, and the bowls of the crowns that *were* on the head of the two columns, and the two networks to cover the two bowls of the crowns which were upon the head of the columns;

42 And four hundred pomegranates for the two networks, two rows of pomegranates for one network, to cover the two bowls of the crowns that were

<sup>26</sup> 7:26 baths, a Hebrew liquid measurement.

<sup>32</sup> 7:32 axles is *yad*, hand, as reaching out, grasping, and holding the wheel.

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*Details of the making of the vessels; the Ark brought into the Temple*

upon the face of the columns;

43 And the ten pedestals, and ten washbowls on the pedestals;

44 And one sea, and twelve oxen under the sea;

45 And the pots, and the shovels, and the bowls; and all these vessels, which Hiram made for King Solomon for the house of Jehovah, *were* of polished brass.

46 The king poured them in the circuit of Jordan, in the clay soil between Succoth and Zarthan.

47 And Solomon deposited all the vessels; they were exceeding abundant; the weight of the bronze was not searched out.

48 And Solomon made all the vessels that *were* to the house of Jehovah; the altar of gold, and the table of gold, on which *was* the bread of his face,

49 And the lampstand of pure gold, five on the right side, and five on the left, before the face of the oracular sanctuary, with the flowers, and the lamps, and the tongs of gold,

50 And the basins, and the tongs, and the bowls, and the spoons, and the censers of pure gold; and the hinges of gold, for the doors of the inner house, the holy of holies, and for the doors of the house of the temple.

51 And all the work that King Solomon made for the house of Jehovah was complete. And Solomon brought in what David his father had sanctified; he gave the silver, and the gold,  
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and the vessels into the treasury of the house of Jehovah.

## CHAPTER 8

1 And Solomon assembled the elders of Israel, and all the heads of the tribes, the princes of the fathers of the children of Israel to King Solomon in Jerusalem, that they might bring up the ark of the covenant of Jehovah out of the city of David which is Zion.

2 And all the men of Israel assembled themselves to King Solomon at the feast in the new moon Ethanim, which is the seventh new moon.

3 And all the elders of Israel came, and the priests lifted up the ark.

4 And they brought up the ark of Jehovah, and the tent of meeting, and all the holy vessels that were in the tent, even those the priests and the Levites brought up.

5 And King Solomon and all the congregation of Israel who met him by appointment were with him before the face of the ark, sacrificing flock animals and cattle that could not be tallied up, and could not be weighed out for abundance.

6 And the priests brought in the ark of the covenant of Jehovah to his place, into the oracular sanctuary of the house, to the holy of holies, under the wings of the cherubs.

7 Because the cherubs spread out *their* wings over the place of the ark, and the cherubs

entwined above the ark and its separators.

8 And they made the separators long, and the heads of the separators were seen in the holy place upon the face of the oracular sanctuary, and they were not seen outside; and they are there to this day.

9 There was nothing in the ark except the two tablets of stone, what Moses deposited there at Horeb, when Jehovah cut *a covenant* with the children of Israel, when they came out of the land of Egypt.

10 And it was, the priests came out of the holy *place*, and the cloud filled the house of Jehovah,

11 And the priests were not able to stand to minister before the face of the cloud, because the heavy glory of Jehovah had filled the house of Jehovah.

12 At that time Solomon spoke, Jehovah said that he would dwell in the thick darkness.

13 I have surely built you a house to dwell in, a permanent residence for you to sit down in forever.

14 And the king turned his face about, and blessed all the congregation of Israel, and all the congregation of Israel stood;

15 And he said, Blessed *is* Jehovah God of Israel, who spoke with his mouth to David, my father, and with his hand has fulfilled it, saying,

16 Since 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, and I chose David to be over my people Israel.

17 And it was in the heart of David, my father, to build a house for the name of Jehovah God of Israel.

18 And Jehovah said to David, my father, Because it was in your heart to build a house to my name, you did good that it was in your heart.

19 However, you shall not build the house, because your son who shall come out of your loins shall build the house to my name.

20 And Jehovah has raised up his word that he spoke, and I have risen up in place of David my father, and sit on the throne of Israel, what Jehovah spoke, and have built a house for the name of Jehovah God of Israel.

21 And I have put there a place for the ark, there where the covenant of Jehovah *is*, which he cut with our fathers, when he brought them out of the land of Egypt.

22 And Solomon stood before the face of the altar of Jehovah in front of all the congregation of Israel, and spread out his palms toward the heavens;

23 And he said, Jehovah God of Israel! *There is* no God like you in the heavens above or on earth below, who hedges about covenant and mercy with your servants who walk before your face with all their heart,

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24 Who have hedged about with your servant, David, my father, what you spoke to him; and you spoke with your mouth, and have fulfilled it with your hand this day.

25 And now, Jehovah God of Israel, hedge about with your servant, David, my father, what you spoke to him, saying, There shall not be cut off from you a man before my face *failing* to sit on the throne of Israel, only if your children hedge about their way, that they walk before my face as you have walked before my face.

26 And now, Oh God of Israel, please let your word be believed, which you spoke to your servant David, my father.

27 Because, will God truly dwell on the earth? Behold, the heavens and the heaven of heavens cannot contain you, how much less this house that I have built?

28 And turn your face to the prayer of your servant and to his stooping down for grace, Oh Jehovah, my God, to attentively hear the cry and the prayer which your servant judges in prayer before your face today,

29 That your eyes may be open toward this house night and day, toward the place where you said, My name shall be there, that you may attentively hear the prayer which your servant shall judge toward this place.

30 And you attentively hear the stooping down for grace of your servant, and of your people

Israel, when they shall judge in prayer toward this place, and attentively hear in the heavens, your dwelling place; and when you attentively hear, forgive.

31 If any man sins against his friend, and an oath is imposed upon him to cause him to swear, and the oath comes before the face of your altar in this house,

32 Then you hear in the heavens, and do, and judge your servants, condemning the wicked, to give his way upon his head, and justifying the righteous, to give him according to his righteousness.

33 When your people Israel are struck down before the face of those hating you, because they have sinned against you, and shall turn again to you, and hold out their hand to your name, and judge in prayer, and stoop down asking you for grace in this house,

34 Then attentively hear in the heavens, and forgive the sin of your people, Israel, and turn them back to the land which you gave to their fathers.

35 When the heavens hold back, and there is no rain, because they have sinned against you, if they judge in prayer toward this place, and raise their hand to your name, and turn from their sin, because you look down upon them with harshness,

36 Then you attentively hear in the heavens, and forgive the sin of your servants, and of your people Israel, that you cause to flow to them the good way in which they should walk, and give rain

upon your land, which you have given to your people for an inheritance.

37 If there is famine in the land, if there is destructive pestilence, blight, paleness, locust, or if there is the ravaging locust, if those hating them press upon them in the land of their cities, whatever blow, whatever sickness *there is*,

38 What prayer, what stooping down for grace, which is from any man, or from all your people, Israel, which every man shall know by seeing the blow upon his own heart, and spread out his palms toward this house,

39 Then you attentively hear in the heavens your dwelling place, and forgive, and do, and give to every man according to all his ways, whose heart you know by seeing, because only you know by seeing the hearts of all the children of men,

40 In order that they may fear you all the days that they live upon the face of the land which you gave to our fathers.

41 And also concerning a stranger, who is not of your people, Israel, and comes out of a far country for your name's sake,

42 Because they shall attentively hear of your great name, and of your strong hand, and of your stretched out arm, and he shall come, and judge in prayer toward this house,

43 You attentively hear in the heavens, your dwelling place, and do according to all that the stranger calls to you for, so that all people of the earth may know by seeing your name, to fear you, as your people, Israel; and that they may know by seeing that your name is called on this house, which I have built.

44 If your people go out to battle against those hating them, in whatever way you shall send them, and shall judge in prayer to Jehovah toward the city which you have chosen, and toward the house that I have built for your name,

45 Then attentively hear in the heavens their intercession and their stooping down for grace, and do their judged decree.<sup>45</sup>

46 If they sin against you (because *there is* no man who does not sin), and you are angry with them, and give them up before the face of those hating them, so that carrying them away, they carry them away captives to the land of those hating them, far or near,

47 And their heart shall turn back in the land where they were carried captives, and turn back, and stoop down to you seeking grace in the land of them who car-

<sup>45</sup> **8:45 judged decree**, *mishpat*, the word for judgment, that is, the pronounced verdict at the end of a formal trial. It is normally translated judgment. Solomon asked God to do what believers pronounce as their verdict of what they request when they judge to Him in prayer. Num 14:28. **Say to them, I live, an oracle of Jehovah, Whatever you have spoken in my ears, so I will do to you.** 1 Kngs 8:49,59. See note 2 Chr 6:35

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ried them captives, saying, We have sinned, and have done perversely; we have committed wickedness;

48 And return to you with all their heart and with all their soul, in the land of those hating them, who carried them away captive, and judge in prayer 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,

49 Then you attentively hear their intercession and their stooping down for grace in the heavens, your dwelling place, and do their judged decree;

50 And forgive your people who have sinned against you, and all their transgressions in which they have broken away against you, and give them compassion before the face of them who carried them captive, that they may have compassion on them,

51 Because they *are* your people and your inheritance, whom you brought out of Egypt from the midst of the iron furnace,

52 That your eyes may be open to the stooping down asking for grace by your servant, and to the stooping down asking for grace by your people, Israel, to hear them attentively in all for which they call to you.

53 Because you separated them from among all the people of the earth, to be your inheritance, what you spoke by the hand of Moses, your servant, when you brought our fathers out of Egypt, Oh, Lord Jehovah.

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54 And it was, when Solomon ended judging in prayer all this prayer and stooping down to Jehovah for grace, he rose from before the face of the altar of Jehovah, from kneeling on his knees with his palms spread out to the heavens;

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

56 Blessed Jehovah, who has given rest to his people, Israel, according to all that he spoke; there has not failed one word of all his good word, which he spoke by the hand of Moses, his servant.

57 Jehovah, our God, be with us, as he was with our fathers; let him not leave us nor thrust us off,

58 That he may stretch out our hearts to him, to walk in all his ways, and to hedge about his commandments, and his enactments, and his judgments, which he commanded our fathers.

59 And let these my words, with which I have stooped down asking for grace before the face of Jehovah, be near to Jehovah, our God, by day and by night, that he may do the judged decree of his servant and the judged decree of his people, Israel, the word of each day in its day;

60 In order that all the people of the earth may know by seeing that Jehovah *is* God; *there is* none else.

61 And let your heart be complete with Jehovah, our God, to walk in his enactments, and to

hedge about his commandments as at this day.

62 And the king sacrificed a sacrifice before the face of Jehovah, and all Israel with him.

63 And Solomon sacrificed a sacrifice of peace offerings, which he sacrificed to Jehovah, twenty-two thousand cattle and a hundred and twenty thousand flock animals. And the king and all the children of Israel dedicated the house of Jehovah.

64 That day the king sanctified the middle of the court that was before the face of the house of Jehovah, because there he made burnt offerings, and food offerings, and the fat of the peace offerings; because the brazen altar that was before the face of Jehovah was too small to receive the burnt offerings, and food offerings, and the fat of the peace offerings.

65 And Solomon made a feast at that time, and all Israel with him, a great congregation, from the entering in of Hamath to the stream of Egypt, before the face of Jehovah, our God, seven days and seven days, fourteen days.

66 On the eighth day he sent the people away, and they knelt down with goodness to the king, and walked to their tents joyful and in good heart for all the goodness that Jehovah had done for David, his servant, and for Israel, his people.

## **CHAPTER 9**

1 And it was, Solomon had finished the building of the house of Jehovah, and the king's house, and all Solomon's desire which he was pleased to do,

2 And Jehovah appeared to Solomon the second time as he had appeared to him at Gibeon.

3 And Jehovah said to him, I have attentively heard your judging in prayer, and your stooping down asking for grace, in that you have stooped down asking for grace before my face; I have sanctified this house which you have built to put my name there forever; and my eyes and my heart shall be there all days.

4 And if you will walk before my face, as David, your father, walked, in completeness of heart and in uprightness, to do according to all that I have commanded you, and will hedge about my enactments and my judgments,

5 Then I will raise up the throne of your kingdom upon Israel forever, what I spoke to David, your father, saying, There shall not be cut off of you a man from the throne of Israel.

6 If turning back, you shall turn back from after me, you or your children, and will not hedge about my commandments and my enactments which I have given before your face, and walk, and serve other gods, and prostrate yourselves to them,

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7 Then I will cut off Israel from the face of the soil which I have given them, and this house, which I have sanctified for my name, I will cast away from my face, and Israel shall be a proverb and a byword among all people;

8 And at this house, which is high, everyone that crosses by it shall be stunned, and shall hiss; and they shall say, Why has Jehovah done thus to this land and to this house?

9 And they shall say, Because they left Jehovah their God, who brought their fathers out of the land of Egypt, and have seized upon other gods, and have prostrated themselves to them, and served them; therefore Jehovah has brought upon them all this evil.

10 And it was at the end of twenty years, when Solomon had built the two houses, the house of Jehovah and the king's house,

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

12 And Hiram came out from Tyre to see the cities which Solomon had given him, and they were not right in his eyes.

13 And he said, What cities are these which you have given me, my brother? And he called them the land of Cabul<sup>1 3</sup> to this day.

14 And Hiram sent to the king one hundred and twenty talents of gold.

15 And this *is* the word of the forced labor which King Solomon raised for building the house of Jehovah, and his own house, and Millo, and the wall of Jerusalem, and Hazor, and Megiddo, and Gezer.

16 Pharaoh, king of Egypt, had gone up, and captured Gezer, and burnt it with fire, and fatally struck the Canaanites who dwelt in the city, and given it for a parting gift to his daughter, Solomon's wife.

17 And Solomon built Gezer, and Beth Horon the Lower,

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

19 And all the storehouse cities that were to Solomon, and cities for his chariots, and cities for his horsemen, and the delight with which Solomon loved to build in Jerusalem, and in Lebanon, and in all the land of his dominion.

20 All the people left of the Amorites, Hittites, Perizzites, Hivites, and Jebusites, which *were* not of the children of Israel-

21 Their children who were left after them in the land, whom the children of Israel also were not able to devote, and Solomon raised forced labor of service *by them* to this day. Note 2 Chr 8:8

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<sup>13</sup> 9:13 Cabul, Sterile.



22 And Solomon did not give servants from the children of Israel, because they *were* men of war, and his servants, and his chief rulers, and his officers, and rulers of his chariots, and his horsemen.

23 These *were* the chief of those which *were* stationed over Solomon's work; five hundred and fifty who treaded over the people that did the work.

24 Only Pharaoh's daughter came up out of the city of David to her house which he built for her; then he built Millo.

25 And three times in a year Solomon offered up burnt offerings and peace offerings upon the altar which he built to Jehovah, and he burned perfumed incense upon that which *was* before the face of Jehovah. And he completed the house.

26 And King Solomon made a fleet of ships in Ezion Geber, which *is* beside Eloth, on the lip of the Red Sea, in the land of Edom.

27 And Hiram sent in the fleet of his servants, shipmen who knew the sea, with the servants of Solomon.

28 And they came to Ophir, and took from there gold, four hundred and twenty talents, and brought *it* to King Solomon.

#### **CHAPTER 10**

1 And the queen of Sheba attentively heard the report of Solomon concerning the name of Jehovah, and she came to test him with riddles.

2 And she came to Jerusalem with very great resources, with camels that bore spices, and very much gold, and precious stones, and she came to Solomon, and she spoke with him all that was in her heart.

3 And Solomon caused to stand out boldly to her all her words; there was not any word veiled from the king, which he did not cause to stand out boldly to her.

4 And when the queen of Sheba saw all Solomon's wisdom, and the house that he had built,

5 And the food of his table, and the seating of his servants, and the position of his attendants, and their garments, and his butlers, and his ascent by which he ascended to the house of Jehovah, there was no more spirit in her.

6 And she said to the king, It was a true report that I attentively heard in my own land of your words and of your wisdom.

7 And behold, I did not believe the words until I came, and my eyes had seen, and behold, the half was not caused to stand out boldly to me; your wisdom and your good exceeds the report which I attentively heard.

8 Your men *are* happy; these your servants *are* happy, who stand continually before your face, and who attentively hear your wisdom.

9 Blessed is Jehovah, your God, who inclined to you, to give you upon the throne of Israel; Je-

## 1 KINGS 10

*The queen of Sheba; Solomon's wealth;*

Jehovah loved Israel forever, and he put you king to do judgment and righteousness.

10 And she gave the king a hundred and twenty talents of gold, and very much spices, and precious stones; there came no more such abundance of spices as these which the queen of Sheba gave to King Solomon.

11 And also the fleet of Hiram that bore gold from Ophir brought in from Ophir great abundance of almu<sup>11</sup>g trees and precious stones.

12 And the king made of the almu<sup>11</sup>g trees stair railings and posts for the house of Jehovah, and for the king's house, also harps, and lyres for singers; there had never come such as the almu<sup>11</sup>g trees, and *others* have not been seen to this day.

13 And King Solomon gave to the queen of Sheba all her desire, whatever she asked, separate from what Solomon gave her from the open hand of the king. And she faced about and walked to her land, she and her servants.

14 And the weight of gold that came to Solomon in one year was six hundred and sixty-six talents of gold,

15 Separate from those on the go for gain, and the trade of the traveling traders, and of all the kings of Arabia, and of the governors of the land.

16 And King Solomon made two hundred large shields of beaten gold; six hundred shekels of gold went upon one large shield.

17 And he made three hundred shields of beaten gold; three pounds of gold went upon one shield; and the king gave them in the house of the forest of Lebanon.

18 And the king made a great throne of ivory, and sheeted it over with refined gold.

19 *There were* six steps to the throne, and the head of the throne behind was round; and there were hands on this *side* and that *side* on the place of the seat, and two lions were standing beside the hands.

20 And twelve lions were standing there on this *side* and on that *side* upon the six steps; there was not the like made in any kingdom.

21 And all King Solomon's drinking vessels *were* of gold, and all the vessels of the house of the forest of Lebanon *were* of pure gold; none *were* of silver; it was calculated of no value in the days of Solomon,

22 Because to the king *was* a fleet of Tarshish at sea with the fleet of Hiram; once in three years the fleet of Tarshish came, carrying gold, and silver, ivory, and apes, and peacocks.

23 And King Solomon was greater than all the kings of the earth for wealth and for wisdom.

<sup>11</sup> **10:11 almu<sup>11</sup>g trees.** Almu<sup>11</sup>g is a Hebrew word, and is a kind of precious wood from Ophir used in special work, such as the fabrication of musical instruments, and other things for which precious wood is used.

24 And all the earth sought the face of Solomon to hear his wisdom which God had given in his heart.

25 And they brought every man his present, vessels of silver, and vessels of gold, and garments, and armor, and spices, horses, and mules, a word *set* year by year.

26 And Solomon gathered together chariots and horses, and he had a thousand, four hundred chariots, and twelve thousand horses which he placed in the cities for chariots and with the king at Jerusalem.

27 And the king gave silver in Jerusalem as stones, and he gave cedars as sycamore trees that *are* in the coastal slopes for abundance.

28 And horses were brought out of Egypt which *were* for Solomon, and gathered in herds; the king's merchants took the herds at a price.

29 And a chariot ascended and walked 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 hand.

### CHAPTER 11

1 And King Solomon loved many strange women, and the daughter of Pharaoh, Moabites, Ammonites, Edomites, Zidonians, Hittites,

2 From the peoples where Jehovah said to the children of Israel, You shall not walk in to

them, and they shall not come in to you; surely they will stretch out your heart after their gods; Solomon clung to these in love.

3 And to him were seven hundred wives, princesses, and three hundred concubines, and his wives stretched his heart away.

4 And it was, when Solomon *was* old, that his wives stretched away his heart after other gods; and his heart was not complete with Jehovah, his God, as the heart of David, his father.

5 And Solomon walked after Ashtoreth, the goddess of the Zidonians, and after Milcom, the abomination of the Ammonites.

6 And Solomon did evil in the eyes of Jehovah, and *was* not fully after Jehovah as David, his father.

7 At that time Solomon built a high place for Chemosh, the abomination of Moab, in the hill that is against the face of Jerusalem, and for Molech, the abomination of the children of Ammon. 1 Kngs 11:33; Note Lev 18:21

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

9 And Jehovah was angry with Solomon, because his heart was stretched away from Jehovah God of Israel who had appeared to him twice,

10 And had commanded him concerning this word, that he should not walk after other gods, and he did not hedged about what Jehovah commanded.

## 1 KINGS 11

*Hadad, an adversary to Solomon*

11 And Jehovah said to Solomon, Because this exists by you, and you have not hedged about my covenant and my enactments which I commanded you, tearing, I will tear the kingdom from you, and will give it to your servant.

12 Only I will not do it in your days on account of David, your father; I will tear it out of the hand of your son.

13 However, I will not tear away all the kingdom, and will give one tribe to your son on account of David, my servant, and on account of Jerusalem which I have chosen.

14 And Jehovah raised up an adversary to Solomon, Hadad, the Edomite; he was of the king's seed in Edom.

15 And it was, David was in Edom, and Joab, the chief ruler of the host, went up to bury the polluted, after he had struck every male in Edom

16 (Because six new moons Joab sat down there with all Israel until he had cut off every male in Edom)

17 And Hadad fled, he and Edomite men of his father's servants with him, to walk into Egypt, and Hadad *was* a little child.

18 And they rose up 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; and he gave him a house, and said *give* him food, and gave him land.

19 And there was great grace toward Hadad in the eyes of Pharaoh, and he gave him as wife the sister of his own wife, the sister of Tahpenes, the queen.

20 And the sister of Tahpenes bore him Genubath, his son, whom Tahpenes weaned in Pharaoh's house, and Genubath was in Pharaoh's house in the midst of the sons of Pharaoh.

21 And Hadad attentively heard in Egypt that David lay down with his fathers, and that Joab, the chief ruler of the host, had died, and Hadad said to Pharaoh, Let me depart, that I may walk to my land.

22 And Pharaoh said to him, But what have you lacked with me that, behold, you seek to walk to your land? And he said, Nothing; however, letting me depart, let me depart.

23 And God raised up against him an adversary, Rezon, the son of Eliadah, who fled from his lord, Hadadezer, king of Zobah;

24 And he gathered men to him, and was chief ruler over an army when David fatally struck them *of Zobah*; and they walked to Damascus, and dwelt there, and reigned in Damascus.

25 And he was an adversary to Israel all the days of Solomon, beside the evil of Hadad, and he abhorred Israel, and reigned over Syria.

26 And Jeroboam, the son of Nebat, an Ephrathite of Zereda, and his mother's name *was* Zeruah, a widow woman,

Solomon's servant, and he exalted his hand against the king.

27 And this *was* the word over which he exalted his hand against the King: Solomon built Millo, and shut up the breaks in the city of David, his father.

28 And the man Jeroboam *was* a mighty man of resources; and Solomon seeing the young man that he did *good* work, he made him visitor over all the load for the house of Joseph.

29 And it was at that time that Jeroboam walked out of Jerusalem, and the prophet, Ahijah, the Shilonite, found him in the way; and he had clothed himself with a new garment; and they two were separate in the field;

30 And Ahijah seized the new garment that *was* on him, and tore it in twelve pieces;

31 And he said to Jeroboam, Take for yourself ten rags, for thus says Jehovah, the God of Israel, Behold, I will tear the kingdom out of the hand of Solomon, and will give ten tribes to you;

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

33 Because that they have left me, and have prostrated themselves to Ashtoreth, the goddess of the Zidonians, Chemosh, the god of the Moabites, and Milcom, the god of the children of Ammon, and have not walked in my ways, to

do what is right in my eyes, and to hedge about my enactments, and my judgments, as David, his father.

1 Kings 11:7; Lev 18:21

34 And I will not take the whole kingdom out of his hand, because I will place him ruler all the days of his life on account of David, my servant, whom I chose, because he hedged about my commandments and my enactments;

35 And I will take the kingdom out of his son's hand, and will give to you ten tribes.

36 And I will give one tribe to his son, that there may be a lamp for David, my servant, all days before my face in Jerusalem, the city which I have chosen for myself to put my name there.

37 And I will take you, and you shall reign according to all that your soul desires, and shall be king over Israel.

38 And it shall be, if you will attentively hear all that I command you, and will walk in my ways, and do right in my eyes, to hedge about my enactments and my commandments, what David my servant did, that I will be with you, and build for you a faithful house, as I built for David, and will give Israel to you.

39 And I will look down with harshness upon the seed of David for this, only not all the days.

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

## 1 KINGS 12

*Solomon dies; his son Rehoboam; the young men advise Rehoboam*

41 And what was left of the words of Solomon, and all that he did, and his wisdom, *are* they not written in the book of the words of Solomon?

42 And the days that Solomon reigned in Jerusalem over all Israel *were* forty years.

43 And Solomon lay down with his fathers, and was buried in the city of David, his father; and Rehoboam, his son, reigned in his place.

### CHAPTER 12

1 And Rehoboam walked to Shechem, because all Israel had come to Shechem to cause him to ascend the throne.

2 And it was, Jeroboam, the son of Nebat, who was yet in Egypt, attentively heard (because he had fled from the face of King Solomon, and Jeroboam dwelt in Egypt).

3 And they sent, and called him. And Jeroboam, and all the congregation of Israel came, and spoke to Rehoboam, saying,

4 Your father made our yoke hard, and now you make the hard work of your father and his heavy yoke which he gave upon us, lighter, and we will serve you.

5 And he said to them, Walk yet three days, and return to me. And the people walked.

6 And King Rehoboam consulted with the old men, who were standing before the face of Solomon, his father, while he was living, and said, How do you advise that I return word to this people?

7 And they spoke to him, saying, If today you will be a servant to this people, and will serve them, and answer them, and speak good words to them, then they will be your servants all the days.

8 And he left the counsel of the old men, which they had advised him, and consulted with the young men who had grown up with him, and who stood before his face;

9 And he said to them, What do you advise that we may return word to this people who have spoken to me, saying, Make the yoke lighter which your father gave on us?

10 And the young men who had grown up with him spoke to him, saying, Thus you shall say to this people who spoke to you, saying, Your father made our yoke heavy, and you make it lighter to us; thus you shall speak to them, My little finger shall be thicker than my father's loins.

11 And now, my father loaded you with a heavy yoke; I will add to your yoke; my father chastised you with whips, and I will chastise you with scorpions.

12 And Jeroboam, and all the people came to Rehoboam the third day, as the king had spoken, saying, Return to me the third day.

13 And the king answered the people roughly, and left the old men's advice that they advised him,

14 And spoke to them the advice of the young men, saying, My father made your yoke heavy, and I will add to your yoke; my father chastised you with whips, and I will chastise you with scorpions. See Note 2 Chr 10:4

15 And behold, the king did not attentively hear the people, because the turn of events was from Jehovah, in order that he might cause his word to rise, which Jehovah spoke by the hand of Ahijah, the Shilonite, to Jeroboam, the son of Nebat.

16 And all Israel saw that the king did not attentively hear them, and the people returned word to the king, saying, What allotment *is there* to us in David? And there *is* no inheritance in the son of Jesse! To your tents, Oh Israel. Now see to your own house, David. And Israel walked to their tents.

17 And the children of Israel who dwelt in the cities of Judah - Rehoboam reigned over them.

18 And King Rehoboam sent Adoram, who *was* over the forced labor, and all Israel stoned him with stones, and he died. And King Rehoboam was powerfully alert to ascend his chariot to flee to Jerusalem. Notes 2 Chr 8:8; 10:4

19 And Israel rebelled against the house of David to this day.

20 And it was, all Israel attentively heard that Jeroboam had returned, and they sent, and called him to the congregation, and made him king over all Israel; there was none after the

house of David except from the tribe of Judah only.

21 And Rehoboam came to Jerusalem, and he assembled all the house of Judah with the tribe of Benjamin, a hundred and eighty thousand chosen *men* who made war to devour against the house of Israel to return the kingdom to Rehoboam, the son of Solomon.

22 And the word of God was to Shemaiah, the man of God, saying,

23 Say to Rehoboam, the son of Solomon, king of Judah, and to all the house of Judah, and Benjamin, and to what is left of the people, saying,

24 Thus says Jehovah, You shall not go up, and you shall not devour against your brothers, the children of Israel; return every man to his house, because this word is from me. And they attentively heard the word of Jehovah, and turned back to walk according to the word of Jehovah.

25 And Jeroboam built Shechem in Mount Ephraim, and dwelt therein, and walked out from there, and built Penuel.

26 And Jeroboam said in his heart, Now the kingdom shall turn back to the house of David;

27 If this people goes up to make sacrifice in the house of Jehovah at Jerusalem, then the heart of this people shall turn back to their lord, to Rehoboam, king of Judah, and they shall strike me fatally, and turn back to Rehoboam, king of Judah.

**1 KINGS 13** *The two golden calves of Jeroboam; the man of God prophesies against the altar at Bethel*

28 And the king took counsel, and made two calves of gold, and said to them, It is too much for you to go up to Jerusalem; behold your gods, Oh Israel, which brought you up out of the land of Egypt.

29 And he set the one in Bethel, and he gave the other in Dan.

30 And this word was a sin, because the people walked before the face of one to Dan.

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

32 And Jeroboam made a feast in the eighth new moon, on the fifteenth day of the new moon, like to the feast that *is* in Judah, and he offered upon the altar. Thus he did in Bethel, sacrificing to the calves that he had made, and he positioned in Bethel the priests of the high places which he had made.

33 And he offered up on the altar which he had made in Bethel the fifteenth day of the eighth new moon, in the new moon which he had invented out of his own heart, and made a feast for the children of Israel; and he offered up on the altar, and burned perfumed incense.

**CHAPTER 13**

1 And behold, a man of God came out of Judah by the word of Jehovah to Bethel, and Jeroboam stood by the altar to burn perfumed incense.

2 And he called out against the altar by the word of Jehovah, and said, Oh altar, altar; thus says Jehovah; Behold, a child 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 perfumed incense upon you, and men's bones shall be burned upon you.

3 And he gave a miracle that day, saying, This is the miracle which Jehovah has spoken; Behold, the altar shall be torn, and the ashes that are upon it shall be poured out.

4 And it was, King Jeroboam attentively heard the word of the man of God, who had called out against the altar in Bethel, and he sent out his hand from the altar, saying, Seize him. And his hand, which he sent out against him, dried up, and he was not able to return it to himself.

5 And the altar was torn, and the ashes poured out from the altar, according to the miracle which the man of God had given by the word of Jehovah.

6 And the king answered, and said to the man of God, Rub the face of Jehovah, your God, and judge in prayer for me, that my hand may be turned back to me. And the man of God rubbed the face of Jehovah, and the king's hand was turned back to him, and became as at first.

7 And the king spoke to the man of God, Come with me to my house, and refresh yourself, and I will give you a reward.



8 And the man of God said to the king, If you will give me half of your house, I will not walk in with you, and I will not eat food, and I will not drink water in this place,

9 Because so it was commanded me by the word of Jehovah, saying, You shall not eat food, and you shall not drink water, and you shall not turn again by the way that you walked.

10 And he walked another way, and did not return by the way that he came to Bethel.

11 And one old prophet dwelt in Bethel, and his sons came, and tallied up to him all the works that the man of God had done that day in Bethel; they also tallied up the words which he had spoken to the king to their father.

12 And their father spoke to them, Which way did he walk? And his sons had seen what way the man of God walked who came from Judah.

13 And he said to his sons, Bind the donkey for me. And they bound the donkey for him, and he rode upon *him*.

14 And he walked 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*.

15 And he said to him, Walk home with me, and eat food.

16 And he said, I am not able to return with you, and walk in with you; and I will not eat food, and I will not drink water with you in this place,

17 Because the word to me by the word of Jehovah *is*, You shall not eat food, and you shall not drink water there; you shall not turn back to walk by the way that you walked there.

18 And he said to him, *I am* also a prophet as you, and a messenger spoke to me by the word of Jehovah, saying, Bring him back with you into your house, and he will eat food, and drink water. He lied to him.

19 And he turned back with him, and ate food in his house, and drank water.

20 And it was, they sat at the table, and the word of Jehovah was to the prophet who turned him back,

21 And he called out to the man of God who came from Judah, saying, Thus says Jehovah, Because you have rebelled against the mouth of Jehovah, and have not hedged about the commandment which Jehovah, your God, commanded you,

22 And turned back, and have eaten food, and drunk water in the place where he spoke to you, Do not eat food, and do not drink water, your carcass shall not come into the sepulcher of your fathers.

23 And it was, after he had eaten food, and after he had drunk, that he saddled for him the donkey, for the prophet whom he had brought back.

24 And he walked, and a lion came out to him by the way, and killed him; and his carcass was thrown out in the way, and the

**1 KINGS 14** *The man of God is killed by a lion and the other man of God buries him; Jeroboam*

donkey stood by it, and the lion also stood by the carcass.

25 And behold, men crossed by, and saw the carcass thrown in the way, and the lion standing by the carcass; and they came, and spoke it in the city where the old prophet dwelt.

26 And the prophet who brought him back from the way attentively heard, and he said, It *is* the man of God who rebelled against the word of Jehovah; And Jehovah has given him to the lion, which has torn him and killed him, according to the word of Jehovah which he spoke to him.

27 And he spoke to his sons, saying, Bind the donkey for me. And they bound *him*.

28 And he walked, and found his carcass thrown in the way, and the donkey and the lion standing by the carcass; the lion had not eaten the carcass, and had not torn the donkey.

29 And the prophet lifted up the carcass of the man of God, and deposited it upon the donkey, and brought it back; and the old prophet came to the city to mourn and to bury him.

30 And he deposited his carcass in his own grave, and they mourned over him, Oh, my brother!

31 And it was, after he had buried him, that he said to his sons, saying, When I am dead, then bury me in the sepulcher where the man of God is buried, deposit my bones beside his bones,

32 Because being, the word shall be which he called out by the word of Jehovah against the altar in Bethel, and against all the houses of the high places which *are* in the cities of Samaria.

33 After this word Jeroboam did not turn back from his evil way, and turned back, and made priests of the high places of the lowest of the people; whoever was inclined, he filled his hand, and he became a priest of the high places.

34 And this word became sin to the house of Jeroboam, even to cause it to be hidden *in destruction*, and to desolate it from off the face of the earth.

**CHAPTER 14**

1 At that time Abijah, the son of Jeroboam, was worn *out*.

2 And Jeroboam said to his wife, Rise, please, and disguise yourself, that you are not known by seeing as the wife of Jeroboam; and walk to Shiloh; behold, there *is* Ahijah, the prophet, who spoke to me that I should be king over this people.

3 And take with you ten loaves, and biscuits, and a bottle of honey, and walk to him; he shall cause it to stand out boldly to you what shall become of the child.

4 And Jeroboam's wife did so, and rose, and walked to Shiloh, and came to the house of Ahijah. And Ahijah could not see, because his eyes were set from old age.

5 And Jehovah said to Ahijah, Behold, the wife of Jeroboam treads seeking a word from you for her son, because he is worn *out*; this and this you shall speak to her; and it shall be, she will come in, and she will be recognized.

6 And it was so, Ahijah attentively heard the sound of her feet, as she came in at the door, and he said, Come in, wife of Jeroboam; why this? You are recognized, and I am sent to you with severe *tidings*.

7 Walk, say to Jeroboam, Thus says Jehovah God of Israel, For a purpose I exalted you from among the people, and gave you as a commander over my people Israel,

8 And I tore the kingdom away from the house of David, and gave it to you; and you have not been as my servant, David, who hedged about my commandments, and who walked after me with all his heart, to do only the right in my eyes;

9 And have done evil above all who were before you, and you have walked, and made for yourself other gods, and molten images, to provoke me, and have thrown me behind your back;

10 So, behold, I will bring evil upon the house of Jeroboam, and will cut off from Jeroboam him who urinates against the wall, and him that is shut up and left in Israel, and will consume the remnant of the house of Jeroboam as a man burns dung until it is gone.

11 The dogs shall eat him who dies of Jeroboam in the city, and the birds of the heavens shall eat him that dies in the field, because Jehovah has spoken.

12 And rise, walk to your house, and when your feet enter into the city the child shall die.

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

14 And Jehovah shall raise him up a king over Israel, who shall cut off the house of Jeroboam that day; and when? Even now.

15 And Jehovah shall strike Israel as a reed nods in the water, and he shall tear Israel out of this good land which he gave to their fathers, and shall scatter them beyond the river, because they have made their pole images, provoking Jehovah.

16 And he shall give Israel up because of the sins of Jeroboam who sinned, and who caused Israel to sin. 1 Kngs 15:29

17 And Jeroboam's wife rose, and walked, and came to Tirzah; when she came in to the vestibule of the house the child died;

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

## 1 KINGS 15

*Evil in Judah; Shishak of Egypt plunders the temple*

19 And what is left of the words of Jeroboam, how he devoured, and how he reigned, behold, they are written in the book of the words of the days of the kings of Israel.

20 And the days which Jeroboam reigned were twenty-two years; and he lay down with his fathers, and Nadab, his son, reigned after him.

21 And 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 Jehovah chose out of all the tribes of Israel to put his name there. And his mother's name was Naamah, an Ammonitess.

22 And Judah did evil in the eyes of Jehovah, and they provoked him to jealousy with their sins which they had sinned, above all that their fathers had done.

23 And they also built for themselves high places, and idolatrous columns, and pole images on every high hill and under every green tree.

24 And there were also male prostitutes in the land, and they did according to all the abominations of the peoples which Jehovah possessed before the face of the children of Israel.

25 And it was in the fifth year of King Rehoboam, that Shishak, king of Egypt, ascended against Jerusalem,

26 And he took away the treasures of the house of Jehovah, and the treasures of the

king's house; and taking, he took away all; and he took away all the shields of gold which Solomon had made.

27 And King Rehoboam made in their place brazen shields, and visited them into the hands of the chief runners, who hedged about the door of the king's house.

28 And it was so, when the king walked into the house of Jehovah, that the runners bore them, and returned them into the room of the runners.

29 And what is left of the words of Rehoboam, and all that he did, *are* they not written in the book of the words of the days of the kings of Judah?

30 And there was war between Rehoboam and Jeroboam all their days.

31 And Rehoboam lay down with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the city of David. And his mother's name was Naamah, an Ammonitess. And Abijam, his son, reigned after him.

## CHAPTER 15

1 And in the eighteenth year of King Jeroboam, the son of Nebat, Abijam, ascended the throne over Judah.

2 He reigned three years in Jerusalem, and his mother's name was Maachah, the daughter of Abishalom.

3 And he walked in all the sins of his father, which he had done before his face, and his heart was not complete with Jehovah,

his God, as the heart of David, his father.

4 But on account of David Jehovah, his God, gave him a lamp in Jerusalem, to raise up his son after him, and cause Jerusalem to stand,

5 Because David did right in the eyes of Jehovah, and did not turn away from all that he commanded him all the days of his life, except in the word of Uriah the Hittite.

6 And there was war between Rehoboam and Jeroboam all the days of his life.

7 And what is left of the words of Abijam, and all that he did, *are* they not written in the book of the words of the days of the kings of Judah? And there was war between Abijam and Jeroboam.

8 And Abijam lay down with his fathers, and they buried him in the city of David, and Asa, his son, reigned in his place.

9 And in the twentieth year of Jeroboam, king of Israel, Asa reigned as king over Judah.

10 And he reigned forty-one years in Jerusalem, and his mother's name *was* Maachah, the daughter of Abishalom.

11 And Asa did right in the eyes of Jehovah, as David his father.

12 And he caused the male prostitutes to cross over out of the land, and removed all the log idols that his fathers had made.

13 And also Maachah, his mother, he even removed her from being queen, because she

had made an idol among pole images; and Asa cut down her idol, and burnt it by the stream Kidron.

14 And the high places were not removed, although Asa's heart was complete with Jehovah all his days.

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

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

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

18 And Asa took all the silver and the gold left in the treasures of the house of Jehovah and the treasures of the king's house, and gave them into the hand of his servants; and King Asa sent them to Ben Hadad, the son of Tabrimon, the son of Hezion, king of Syria, who dwelt at Damascus, saying,

19 *There is* a covenant between me and you, between my father and your father; behold, I have sent to you a gift of silver and gold; walk, break your covenant with Baasha, king of Israel, that he may go up from me.

20 And Ben Hadad attentively heard King Asa, and sent the chief rulers of the resources which were to him against the cities of Israel, and struck Ijon, and Dan, and Abel Beth

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Ma'achah, and all Cinneroth, with all the land of Naphtali.

21 And it was, Baasha attentively heard, and he ceased building Ramah, and sat down in Tirzah.

22 And King Asa caused it to be attentively heard throughout all Judah, none exempted; and they lifted the stones of Ramah and its timber, with which Baasha had built, and King Asa built Geba of Benjamin and Mizpah with them.

23 And what is left of all the words 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 words of the days of the kings of Judah? Only in the time of his old age he was worn *out* in his feet.

24 And Asa lay down with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the city of David, his father, and Jehoshaphat, his son, reigned in his place.

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

26 And he did evil in the eyes of Jehovah, and walked in the way of his father, and in his sin by which he caused Israel to sin.

27 And Baasha, the son of Ahijah, of the house of Issachar, conspired against him, and Baasha struck him at Gibbethon, which *was* to the Palestinians; and Nadab and all Israel laid siege against Gibbethon.

28 And Baasha killed him in the third year of Asa, king of Judah, and reigned in his place.

29 And it was, when he reigned he struck all the house of Jeroboam; he did not leave to Jeroboam any who breathed until he desolated him, according to the word of Jehovah which he spoke by his servant, Ahijah, the Shilonite, 1 Kngs 14:6-16

30 Because of the sins of Jeroboam which he sinned, and which he caused Israel to sin, by his provocation with which he provoked Jehovah God of Israel.

31 And what is left of the words of Nadab, and all that he did, *are* they not written in the book of the words of the days of the kings of Israel?

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

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

34 And he did evil in the eyes of Jehovah, and walked in the way of Jeroboam, and in his sin with which he caused Israel to sin.

**CHAPTER 16**

1 And the word of Jehovah was to Jehu, the son of Hanani, against Baasha, saying,

2 Since I exalted you out of the dust, and gave you *to be* commander over my people, Israel, and you have walked in the way of Jeroboam, and have caused my

people, Israel, to sin, to provoke me with their sins,

3 Behold, I will consume the posterity of Baasha, and the posterity of his house, and will give up your house like the house of Jeroboam, the son of Nebat.

4 Him who dies of Baasha in the city the dogs shall eat, and him who dies of him in the fields the fowls of the air shall eat.

5 And what is left of the words of Baasha, and what he did, and his might, are they not written in the book of the words of the days of the kings of Israel?

6 And Baasha lay down with his fathers, and was buried in Tirzah; and Elah, his son, reigned in his place.

7 And also by the hand of the prophet Jehu, the son of Hanani, was the word of Jehovah against Baasha, and against his house, and against all the evil that he did in the eyes of Jehovah, in provoking him with the work of his hands, in being like the house of Jeroboam; and because he struck him.

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

9 And his servant, Zimri, chief ruler of half his chariots, conspired against him, and he *was* in Tirzah drinking *himself* drunk in the house of Arza, who *was* over his house in Tirzah.

10 And Zimri walked in and struck him, and killed him, in the twenty-seventh year of Asa, king

of Judah, and reigned in his place.

11 And it was, when he began to reign, as soon as he sat on his throne, he struck all the house of Baasha; he did not leave him one who urinates against a wall, neither of his kindred, nor of his friends.

12 And Zimri desolated all the house of Baasha, according to the word of Jehovah, which he spoke against Baasha by the hand of Jehu, the prophet,

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

14 And what is left of the words of Elah, and all that he did, *are* they not written in the book of the words of the days of the kings of Israel?

15 In the twenty-seventh year of the years of Asa, king of Judah, Zimri reigned seven days in Tirzah. And the people were encamped against Gibbethon, which *was* to the Palestinians.

16 And the people who were encamped heard say, Zimri has conspired, and has also struck the king; and all Israel caused Omri, the chief ruler of the host, to reign over Israel that day in the camp.

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

18 And it was, Zimri saw that the city was captured, and he walked into the citadel of the king's house, and set the king's house on fire over him, and he

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*Omri reigns in Israel; his son Ahab and his wife Jezebel reign*

died

19 For his sins which he sinned in doing evil in the eyes of Jehovah, in walking in the way of Jeroboam, and in his sin which he did to cause Israel to sin.

20 And what is left of the words of Zimri, and his treason that he conspired, *are* they not written in the book of the words of the days of the kings of Israel?

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

22 And the people who *were* after Omri became strong against the people who *were* after Tibni, the son of Ginath, and Tibni died, and Omri reigned.

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

24 And he bought the hill Samaria from Shemer for two talents *of silver*, and built on the hill, and called the name of the city which he built, after the name of Shemer, the lord<sup>24</sup> of the hill, Samaria.

25 And Omri did evil in the eyes of Jehovah, and did worse than all who *were* before him.

26 And he walked in all the way of Jeroboam, the son of Nebat, and in his sin with which he caused Israel to sin, to provoke Jehovah God of Israel with their vanities.

27 And what is left of the words of Omri which he did, and his might that he did, *are* they not written in the book of the words of the days of the kings of Israel?

28 And Omri lay down with his fathers, and was buried in Samaria; and Ahab, his son, reigned in his place.

29 And 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.

30 And Ahab, the son of Omri, did evil in the eyes of Jehovah above all who *were* before him.

31 And it was, as if it were a light thing for him to walk in the sins of Jeroboam, the son of Nebat, and he took as wife, Jezebel, the daughter of Ethbaal, king of the Zidonians, and walked, and served Baal, and prostrated himself to him.

32 And he raised up an altar for Baal in the house of Baal, which he built in Samaria.

33 And Ahab made pole images, and Ahab did more to provoke Jehovah God of Israel than all the kings of Israel who were before him.

34 In his days, Hiel, the Bethelite, built Jericho; he laid its foundation in Abiram, his first-born, and he stationed its gates in his youngest son, Segub, according to the word of Jehovah, which he spoke by Joshua, the son of Nun. Josh 6:26

<sup>24</sup> 16:24 *baal*, lord, (the previous) owner.



### CHAPTER 17

1 And Elijah, the Tishbite, of the dwellers of Gilead, said to Ahab, As Jehovah God of Israel lives before whose face I stand, there shall not be dew nor rain these years, but by the word of my mouth.

2 And the word of Jehovah was to him, saying,

3 Walk this way, and turn eastward, and hide yourself by the stream Cherith that is upon the face of Jordan.

4 And it shall be, you shall drink of the stream, and I have commanded the ravens to measure food to you there.

5 And he walked, and did according to the word of Jehovah, and he walked, and sat down by the stream Cherith, that *is* upon the face of the Jordan.

6 And the ravens brought him food and meat in the dawn, and food and meat in the dusk, and he drank out of the stream.

7 And it was after *some* days, and the stream dried up, because there was no rain in the land.

8 And the word of Jehovah was to him, saying,

9 Rise, walk to Zarephath, which *is* to Zidon, and sit down there; behold, I have commanded a widow woman there to measure food to you.

10 And he rose, and walked to Zarephath, and he came to the gate of the city, and behold, the widow woman *was* there gathering wood; and he called to her, and said, Bring for me, please, a

little water in a vessel, that I may drink.

11 And as she was walking to bring it, he called to her and said, Bring for me, please, a morsel of food in your hand.

12 And she said, As Jehovah, your God, lives, there does not exist to me a cake of bread, but a palmful of flour in a jar and a little oil in a saucer; and behold, I am gathering two sticks, that I may go in, and make it for me and my son, that we may eat it, and die.

13 And Elijah said to her, Do not fear; go do as you have spoken; and make for me there a little cake first, and bring it out to me, and make for you and for your son after,

14 Because thus says Jehovah God of Israel, The jar of flour shall not end, and the saucer of oil shall not fail, until the day that Jehovah gives rain upon the face of the earth.

15 And she walked, and did according to the word of Elijah, and she, and he, and her house ate for days.

16 The jar of flour did not end, and the saucer of oil did not fail, according to the word of Jehovah, which he spoke by the hand of Elijah.

17 And it was after these words, the son of the woman, the lady lord<sup>17</sup> of the house, became worn *out*, and his being worn *out* was so strong, that there was no breath left in him.

<sup>17</sup> **17:17 lady lord**, *baalah*, the feminine form of the word for lord.

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18 And she said to Elijah, What *have I to do* with you, Oh, you man of God? Have you come to me to call my sin to remembrance, and to cause my son to die?

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

20 And he called to Jehovah, and said, Oh Jehovah, my God, have you also done evil to the widow with whom I lodge by causing her son to die?

21 And he stretched himself upon the child three times, and called to Jehovah, and said, Oh Jehovah, my God, please, let this child's soul return into him.

22 And Jehovah attentively heard the voice of Elijah, and the soul of the child returned into him, and he lived.

23 And Elijah took the child, and brought him down out of the loft into the house, and gave him to his mother; and Elijah said, See, your son lives.

24 And the woman said to Elijah, Now by this I know by seeing that you *are* a man of God, and the word of Jehovah in your mouth *is* truth.

**CHAPTER 18**

1 And it was many days, and the word of Jehovah was to Elijah in the third year, saying, Walk, show yourself to Ahab, and I will give rain upon the earth.

2 And Elijah walked to show himself to Ahab, and there was a strong famine in Samaria.

3 And Ahab called Obadiah, who *was* over his house. (And Obadiah was fearing Jehovah greatly;

4 And it was, when Jezebel cut off the prophets of Jehovah that Obadiah took a hundred prophets, and hid them, fifty men to a cave, and measured to them food and water.)

5 And Ahab said to Obadiah, Walk through the land, to all fountains of water, and to all the streams; perhaps we may find grass to keep the horses and mules alive, and all the animals will not be cut off.

6 And they divided the land between themselves to cross over through it; Ahab walked one way, separate, and Obadiah walked one way, separate.

7 And Obadiah was in the way, and behold, Elijah met him, and he recognized him, and fell on his face, and said, Is that you, my lord, Elijah?

8 And he said to him, I *am*; walk, say to your lord, Behold, Elijah *is here*.

9 And he said, What have I sinned, that you give your servant into the hand of Ahab to get me killed?

10 Jehovah, your God, lives; there does not exist a people or kingdom where my lord has not sent to search for you, and they said, He is not, and he caused the kingdom and people to swear that they did not find you.

11 And now you say, Walk, say to your lord, Behold, Elijah!

12 And it shall be, I will walk from you, and the Spirit of Jehovah shall lift you where I do not know by seeing; and when I come, and cause it to stand out boldly to Ahab, and he cannot find you, he shall strike me fatally; and your servant has feared Jehovah from my youth.

13 Was it not caused to stand out boldly to my lord what I did when Jezebel fatally struck the prophets of Jehovah, how I hid a hundred men of Jehovah's prophets by fifty, by fifty, in a cave, and measured food to them with food and water?

14 And now you say, Walk, say to your lord, Behold, Elijah! And he will fatally strike me.

15 And Elijah said, As Jehovah of hosts lives, before whose face I stand, I will assuredly show myself to him today.

16 And Obadiab walked to meet Ahab, and caused it to stand out boldly to him; and Ahab walked to meet Elijah.

17 And it was, when Ahab saw Elijah, that Ahab said to him, *Are you that one who troubles Israel?*

18 And he said, I have not troubled Israel, but you and your father's house, in that you have left the commandments of Jehovah, and you have walked after Baals.

19 And now send, gather to me all Israel to Mount Carmel, and the four hundred and fifty prophets of Baal, and the four

hundred prophets of the pole images who eat at Jezebel's table.

20 And Ahab sent to all the children of Israel, and gathered the prophets together to Mount Carmel.

21 And Elijah came near to all the people, and said, How long will you jump back and forth between two thoughts? If Jehovah *is* God, walk after him, and if Baal, walk after him. And the people did not answer him a word.

22 And Elijah said to the people, I, I only, remain a prophet of Jehovah, and the prophets of Baal *are* four hundred and fifty men.

23 And let them give us two bullocks; and let them choose one bullock for themselves, and cut it in pieces, and put it on wood, and put no fire; and I will do one bullock, and give it on wood, and put no fire;

24 And you call on the name of your gods, and I will call on the name of Jehovah; and the God who answers by fire, he is God. And all the people answered and said, Well spoken.

25 And Elijah said to the prophets of Baal, You choose one bullock for yourselves, and do it first, because you are many; and call on the name of your gods, and put no fire.

26 And they took the bullock which was given them, and they did it, and called on the name of Baal from dawn even until noon, saying, Oh Baal, answer us. And there was no voice, nor any who answered. And they leaped

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*Elijah's contest with the prophets of Baal*

upon the altar which was made.

27 And it was at noon, and Elijah mocked them, and said, Call out with a great voice, because he *is* a god; because he is uttering his contemplation, and because he has withdrawn himself into a secret place, or because he is on a journey, or perhaps he is asleep, and must be awakened.

28 And they called much louder, and cut themselves after their judged decree<sup>28</sup> with knives and lancets until the blood gushed out upon them.

29 And it was that noonday crossed over, and they prophesied until the offering up of the food offering, and there was no voice, and there was none who answered, and there was none who pricked up their ears.

30 And Elijah said to all the people, Come near to me. And all the people came near to him. And he healed the altar of Jehovah that had been pulled down.

31 And Elijah took twelve stones, according to the number of the tribes of the sons of Jacob, to whom the word of Jehovah was, saying, Israel shall be your name;

32 And with the stones he built an altar in the name of Jehovah, and he made a trench with a depth of two measures of seed around the altar.

33 And he arranged the wood, and cut the bullock in pieces, and put *him* on the wood, and said, Fill four containers with water, and pour it on the burnt sacrifice, and on the wood.

34 And he said, Do it again. And they did it again. And he said, Do it the third time. And they did it the third time.

35 And the water walked all around the altar, and also he filled the trench with water.

36 And it was at the offering up of the food offering, and Elijah, the prophet, came near, and said, Jehovah God of Abraham, Isaac, and of Israel, let it be known by seeing today that you *are* God in Israel, and that I *am* your servant, and at your word I have done all these words.

37 Answer me, Oh Jehovah, answer me, and this people shall know by seeing that you *are* Jehovah God, and that you have turned around their heart again.

38 And the fire of Jehovah fell, and consumed the burnt sacrifice, and the wood, and the stones, and the dust, and licked up the water that *was* in the trench.

39 And all the people saw, and they fell on their faces; and they said, Jehovah, he *is* the God; Jehovah, he *is* the God.

40 And Elijah said to them, Seize the prophets of Baal; do not let a man of them escape. And they seized them, and Elijah brought them down to the stream Kishon, and slaughtered them there.

<sup>28</sup> **18:28 judged decree**, *mishpat*, the word normally translated judgment. It means the pronouncement of a verdict after a judicial procedure; therefore a law, or a formal practice judged official by their laws. So cutting themselves to get their god to answer was an official procedure in their religion.

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41 And Elijah said to Ahab, You go up, eat, and drink, because there is a sound of abundance of rain.

42 And Ahab went up to eat and to drink, and Elijah went up to the head of Carmel; and he prostrated himself on the earth, and put his face between his knees;

43 And said to his servant, Go up, please; look intently toward the sea. And he went up, and looked intently, and said, There is not a speck! And he said, Return again! Seven times *he returned*.

44 And it was at the seventh time, that he said, Behold, there ascends a little dark cloud out of the sea like a man's palm. And he said, Go up, say to Ahab, Hitch up to your chariot, and go down, and do not let the rain hinder you.

45 And it was in the meanwhile, that the heavens were dark with dark clouds and wind, and there was a great rain; and Ahab rode, and went to Jezreel.

46 And the hand of Jehovah was on Elijah, and he girded up his loins, and ran before the face of Ahab to go in to Jezreel.

## CHAPTER 19

1 And Ahab caused it to stand out boldly to Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and all how he had fatally struck all the prophets with the sword.

2 And Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, So let the gods do to me, and more also, if

I do not put your soul as the soul of one of them by tomorrow about this time.

3 And he was afraid, and he rose, and walked for his soul, and came to Beer Sheba, which *is* to Judah, and deposited his servant there.

4 And he himself walked a day's journey into the desert, and came, and sat down under a broomplant; and he requested for himself that he might die; and said, It is enough, now, Oh Jehovah, take my soul, because *I am* not better than my fathers.

5 And he lay down, and slept under a broomplant, and behold, this Messenger touched him, and said to him, Rise; eat.

6 And he looked intently, and behold, at his headrest *was* a cake on hot coals, and a saucer of water; and he ate, and drank, and he turned back, and lay down.

7 And the Messenger of Jehovah returned the second time, and touched him, and said, Rise, eat, because the journey is too great for you.

8 And he rose, and ate, and drank, and walked in the power of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb, the mount of God.

9 And he came there to a cave, and lodged there; and behold, the word of Jehovah *was* to him, and he said to him, Why *are* you here, Elijah?

10 And he said, Being jealous, I have been jealous for Jehovah God of hosts, because the

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children of Israel have left your covenant, pulling down your altars, and have fatally struck your prophets with the sword; and I am left, I, I only, and they seek my soul to take it.

11 And he said, Go out, and stand upon the mount before the face of Jehovah; and behold, Jehovah crossed by, and a great and strong wind broke the mountains, and burst the lofty rocks before the face of Jehovah; Jehovah was not in the wind; and after the wind, an earthquake; Jehovah was not in the earthquake;

12 And after the earthquake, a fire; Jehovah was not in the fire; and after the fire, a still small voice.

13 And it was, Elijah attentively heard, and he wrapped his face in his cloak, and went out, and stood in the entrance of the cave; and behold, *there came* a voice to him, and said, *Why are you here, Elijah?*

14 And he said, Being jealous, I have been jealous for Jehovah God of hosts, because the children of Israel have left your covenant, pulling down your altars, and struck fatally your prophets with the sword; and I am left, I, I only, and they seek my soul to take it.

15 And Jehovah said to him, Walk, return on your way to the desert of Damascus, and go, and anoint Hazael king over Syria;

16 And you shall anoint Jehu, the son of Nimshi, king over Israel, and you shall anoint Elisha, the son of Shaphat of

Abelmeholah, prophet in your place.

17 And it shall be, him who escapes the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill; and him who escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill.

18 And to me there is left seven thousand in Israel, all the knees of whom have not bent to Baal, and all mouths of whom have not kissed him.

19 And he walked from there, and found Elisha, the son of Shaphat, who was plowing with twelve yoke of oxen before his face, and he with the twelfth; and Elijah crossed over by him, and threw his cloak upon him.

20 And he left the oxen, and ran after Elijah, and said, Let me, please, kiss my father and my mother, and I will walk after you. And he said to him, Walk, turn back, because what have I done to you?

21 And he returned back from him, and took a yoke of oxen, and slaughtered them, and boiled their flesh with the implements of the oxen, and gave to the people, and they ate. And he rose, and walked after Elijah, and ministered to him.

**CHAPTER 20**

1 And Ben Hadad, the king of Syria, gathered all his forces together, and there were thirty-two kings with him, and horses, and chariots; and he went up, and besieged Samaria, and devoured against it.

2 And he sent messengers to Ahab, king of Israel, into the city, and said to him, Thus says Ben Hadad,

3 Your silver and your gold are mine; and your wives, and your children, the best, they *are* mine.

4 And the king of Israel answered, and said, My lord, Oh king, according to your word, I *am* yours, and all that *is* mine.

5 And the messengers returned, and said, Thus says Ben Hadad, saying, Assuredly I have sent to you, saying, You shall give me your silver, and your gold, and your wives, and your children,

6 But this time tomorrow I will send my servants to you, and they shall search your house, and the houses of your servants; and it shall be, all *that is* pleasant in your eyes, they shall put it in their hand, and take it.

7 And the king of Israel called all the elders of the land, and said, Know, please, and see that this *man* seeks evil, because he sent to me for my wives, and for my children, and for my silver, and for my gold; and I did not deny him.

8 And all the elders, and all the people said to him, Do not attentively hear him, and do not breathe in agreement *with him*.

9 And he said to the messengers of Ben Hadad, Say to my lord, the king, All that you sent for to your servant at the first I will do, and this *last* word I am not able to do. And the messengers walked, and returned to him

word.

10 And Ben Hadad sent to him, and said, The gods do so to me, and more also, if the dust of Samaria is enough for handfuls for all the people who are at my feet.<sup>10</sup>

11 And the king of Israel answered, and said, Say to him, Let him who girds on *his armor beforehand* not boast as he who loosens it *afterwards*.

12 And it was, he heard this word, and he was drinking, he and the kings in the pavilions, and he said to his servants, Put *yourselves in array!* And they put *themselves in array* against the city.

13 And behold, one prophet drew near to Ahab, king of Israel, saying, Thus says Jehovah, Have you seen all this great multitude? Behold, I will give it into your hand today, and you shall know by seeing that I *am* Jehovah.

14 And Ahab said, By whom? And he said, Thus says Jehovah, By the young men, the chief rulers of the provinces. Then he said, Who shall order the battle? And he answered, You.

15 And he visited the young men, the chief rulers of the provinces, and they were two hundred and thirty-two; and after them he visited all the people, all the chil-

<sup>10</sup> 20:10 These words express an oriental form of boasting that is designed to strike terror in the heart of the recipient. King Ben Hadad of Syria sent word to King Ahab of Israel that he would attack Ahab and Israel with so many soldiers at his feet that there would not be enough dust in Samaria for each soldier to have a handful. It was an exaggerated form of expression to impress Ahab with the unlimited numbers of Ben Hadad's army.

## 1 KINGS 20

*Abab and Israel prepare to attack Ben Hadad of Syria*

dren of Israel, seven thousand.

16 And they went out at noon. And Ben Hadad was drinking *himself* drunk in the pavilions, he and the kings, the thirty-two kings who surrounded him with help.

17 And the young men, the chief rulers of the provinces went out first, and Ben Hadad sent out, and they caused it to stand out boldly to him, saying, Men have come out of Samaria.

18 And he said, If they have come out for peace, seize them alive, and if they have come out for war, seize them alive.

19 And these young men, the chief rulers of the provinces, came out of the city, and the resources which *were* behind them.

20 And they struck every man his man, and the Syrians fled; and Israel pursued them; and Ben Hadad, the king of Syria, escaped upon a horse with the horsemen.

21 And the king of Israel went out, and struck the horses and chariots, and struck the Syrians with great blows.

22 And the prophet came near to the king of Israel, and said to him, Walk, strengthen yourself, and know, and see what to do, because at the return of the year the king of Syria will come up against you.

23 And the servants of the king of Syria said to him, Their gods are gods of the hills; therefore they were stronger than we; and let us devour them in the plain, and surely we shall be stronger than they.

24 And do this word, Remove the kings, every man out of his place, and put lesser officials in their places:

25 And weigh out for yourself resources, like the resources that have fallen, horse for horse and chariot for chariot, and we will devour them in the plain; surely we shall be stronger than they. And he attentively heard their voice, and did so.

26 And it was at the return of the year, and Ben Hadad visited the Syrians, and went up to Aphek to battle Israel.

27 And the children of Israel were visited, and were supplied, and walked to meet them; and the children of Israel pitched in front of them like two little lost flocks of goats; and the Syrians filled the earth.

28 And a man of God came near, and said to the king of Israel, and said, Thus says Jehovah, Because the Syrians have said, Jehovah is God of the hills, and he is not God of the valleys, therefore I will give all this great multitude into your hand, and you shall know by seeing that I *am* Jehovah.

29 And they pitched, these opposite those, seven days. And so it was, that in the seventh day the battle drew near, and the children of Israel struck of the Syrians a hundred thousand footmen in one day.

30 And the rest fled to Aphek, into the city, and a wall fell upon twenty-seven thousand of the men *who were* left. And



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Ben Hadad fled, and came into the city into an apartment.

31 And his servants said to him, Behold now, we have attentively 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 let your soul live.

32 And they girded sackcloth on their loins and ropes on their heads, and came to the king of Israel, and said, Your servant, Ben Hadad, says, please let my soul live. And he said, He is yet alive? He *is* my brother.

33 And the men whispered a spell, and flowed like liquid, and snatched up his *meaning*, and said, Your brother, Ben Hadad! And he said, Go, bring him. And Ben Hadad came out to him, and he caused him to come up into the chariot.

34 And Ben Hadad said to him, The cities, which my father took from your father, I will return, and you shall put streets for you in Damascus, as my father put in Samaria. And Ahab said, I will send you away with this covenant. And he cut a covenant with him, and sent him away.

35 And one man of the sons of the prophets said to his neighbor by the word of Jehovah, Strike me, please. And the man refused to strike him.

36 And he said to him, Because you have not attentively heard the voice of Jehovah, behold, as soon as you walk from

me, a lion shall strike you. And as soon as he walked from him, a lion found him, and struck him.

37 And he found another man, and said, Strike me, please. And the man struck him, so that in striking he wounded *him*.

38 And the prophet walked, and stood *waiting* for the king by the way, and disguised himself with ashes upon his eyes.

39 And it was, the king crossed by, and 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, Hedge about this man; if your charge is missing, then it shall be your soul for his soul, or else you shall pay a talent of silver.

40 And it was your servant was doing here and there, and he was gone. And the king of Israel said to him, So *is* your judgment; you have decided *it*.

41 And he flowed like liquid, and took the ashes away from his eyes, and the king of Israel recognized him that he *was* of the prophets.

42 And he said to him, Thus says Jehovah, Because you have sent away out of your hand a man whom I devoted *to destruction*, then your soul shall be for his soul, and your people for his people.

43 And the king of Israel walked to his house sullen faced, and enraged, and came to Samaria.

### CHAPTER 21

1 And it was after these words, that there was to Naboth, the Jezreelite, a vineyard, which was in Jezreel, by the side of the palace of Ahab, king of Samaria.

2 And Ahab spoke to Naboth, saying, Give me your vineyard, that it may be a garden of herbs for me, because it *is* near to my house, and I will give you for it a better vineyard than it; if it is good in your eyes, I will give you the price of it in silver.

3 And Naboth said to Ahab, far be it from me by Jehovah, that I should give the inheritance of my fathers to you.

4 And Ahab came into his house sullen faced and enraged because of the word which Naboth the Jezreelite had spoken to him, because he had said, I will not give you the inheritance of my fathers. And he lay down on his bed, and turned away his face, and would not eat food.

5 And Jezebel, his wife, came to him, and spoke to him, Why this, your spirit is sullen, and you do not eat food?

6 And he spoke to her, Because I spoke to Naboth, the Jezreelite, and said to him, Give me your vineyard for silver; or if it please you, I will give you another vineyard for it; and he said, I will not give you my vineyard.

7 And Jezebel, his wife, said to him, Now, do you rule the kingdom of Israel? Rise, and eat food, and let your heart be well;

I will give you the vineyard of Naboth, the Jezreelite.

8 And she wrote letters in Ahab's name, and sealed them with his signature ring, and sent the letters to the elders and to the nobles who were in his city dwelling with Naboth.

9 And she wrote in the letters, saying, Call a fast, and set Naboth at the head of the people;

10 And set two men, sons of worthlessness, before him to testify against him, saying, You blessed God and Molech;<sup>10</sup> and carry him out, and stone him that he may die.

11 And the men of his city, the elders and the nobles who were the inhabitants in his city, did what Jezebel had sent to them, and what was written in the letters which she had sent to them.

12 They called a fast, and set Naboth at the head of the people.

13 And there came in two men, sons of worthlessness, and sat before him; and the men of worthlessness testified against him, Naboth, in front of the people, saying, Naboth blessed God and Molech. And they carried him outside of the city, and stoned him with stones, and he died.

<sup>10</sup> 21:10 **Molech.** The word for king and the word for the god Molech is the same word, just as the word baal is the same word for lord and the name of a pagan god, Baal. What they accused Naboth of doing was blessing both God and Molech, idolatry. The Pulpit Commentary says that lexicographers are not agreed on how *barak* which means to kneel and bless came to mean curse, and then gives several strained attempts to explain it, and points out that the Septuagint translates it *eulogaes* which is the Greek word for bless. There is no evidence that *barak* ever means curse or blaspheme. See Note on Job 1:5.

14 And they sent to Jezebel, saying, Naboth has been stoned, and is dead.

15 And it was, Jezebel attentively heard that Naboth was stoned, and was dead, and Jezebel said to Ahab, Rise, take possession of the vineyard of Naboth, the Jezreelite, which he refused to give you for silver, because Naboth is not alive, but dead.

16 And it was, Ahab attentively heard that Naboth was dead, and Ahab rose up to go down to the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite, to take possession of it.

17 And the word of Jehovah was to Elijah, the Tishbite, saying,

18 Rise, go down to meet Ahab, king of Israel, who *is* in Samaria; behold, he *is* in the vineyard of Naboth, where there he has gone down to possess it.

19 And you shall speak to him, saying, Thus says Jehovah, Have you killed, and also have taken possession? And you shall speak to him, saying, Thus says Jehovah, In the place where dogs licked the blood of Naboth, dogs shall lick your blood, even yours.

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20 And Ahab said to Elijah, Have you found me, Oh, the one hating me! And he said, I have found you, because you have sold yourself to do evil in the eyes of Jehovah.

21 Behold, I will bring evil upon you, and will consume your posterity, and will cut off from

Ahab him who urinates against the wall, and him who is bound and left in Israel,

22 And will give up your house like the house of Jeroboam, the son of Nebat, and like the house of Baasha, the son of Ahijah, for the provocation by which you have provoked me, and caused Israel to sin.

23 And also Jehovah spoke of Jezebel, saying, The dogs shall eat Jezebel by the resources of Jezreel.

24 Him who dies of Ahab in the city, the dogs shall eat, and him who dies in the field, the birds of the heavens shall eat.

25 Only there was none like Ahab, who sold himself to do evil in the eyes of Jehovah, whom Jezebel, his wife, prodded.

26 And he was very detestable in walking after log idols, according to all that the Amorites did, whom Jehovah possessed before the face of the children of Israel.

27 And it was, Ahab attentively heard those words, and he tore his clothes, and put sackcloth upon his flesh, and fasted, and lay in sackcloth, and walked softly.

28 And the word of Jehovah was to Elijah, the Tishbite, saying,

29 You see that Ahab bends his knees before my face? Because he bends his knees before my face, I will not bring the evil in his days; I will bring the evil upon his house in his son's days.

## CHAPTER 22

1 And they dwelt three years without war between Syria and Israel.

2 And it was in the third year that Jehoshaphat, the king of Judah, came down to the king of Israel.

3 And the king of Israel said to his servants, You know by seeing that Ramoth in Gilead is ours, and we *are* quiet, and do not take it out of the hand of the king of Syria?

4 And he said to Jehoshaphat, Will you walk with me to battle 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.

5 And Jehoshaphat said to the king of Israel, Please, tread seeking the word of Jehovah today.

6 Then the king of Israel gathered the prophets together, about four hundred men, and said to them, Shall I walk to battle against Ramoth Gilead, or shall I cease? And they said, Go up, and the Lord shall give it into the hand of the king.

7 And Jehoshaphat said, *Is there* not in *this* place besides *these* a prophet of Jehovah that we might tread seeking him?

8 And the king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat, *There is* yet one man by whom we may tread seeking Jehovah, and I hate him, because he does not prophesy good concerning me, but evil -

Micaiah, the son of Imlah. And Jehoshaphat said, Let not the king say such.

9 And the king of Israel called a eunuch, and said, Flow like liquid to Micaiah, the son of Imlah.

10 And the king of Israel and Jehoshaphat, the king of Judah, sat each man on his throne, having put on their robes, in an open space in the entrance of the gate of Samaria, and all the prophets prophesied before their face.

11 And Zedekiah, the son of Chenaanah, made him horns of iron, and he said, Thus says Jehovah, With these you shall butt the Syrians until you have ended them.

12 And all the prophets prophesied so, saying, Go up to Ramoth Gilead, and prosper, and Jehovah shall give it into the king's hand.

13 And the messenger who had walked to call Micaiah spoke to him, saying, Behold now, the words of the prophets *are* one mouth to the king for good; let your word, please, be like the word of one of them, and speak good.

14 And Micaiah said, As Jehovah lives, because what Jehovah says to me, that I will speak.

15 And he came to the king. And the king said to him, Micaiah, shall we walk to Ramoth Gilead to battle, or shall we cease? And he said to him, Go up, and prosper, and Jehovah shall give *it* into the hand of the king.

16 And the king said to him, How many times shall I command you under oath that you speak to me nothing but the truth in the name of Jehovah?

17 And he said, I saw all Israel forcibly scattered upon the hills as flock animals, them to whom there is not a shepherd; and Jehovah said, To these *there is* no lord; let them return every man to his house in peace.

18 And the king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat, Did I not say to you he would prophesy no good concerning me, but evil?

19 And he said, So, attentively hear the word of Jehovah; I saw Jehovah sitting on his throne, and all the host of the heavens standing by him on his right hand and on his left.

20 And Jehovah said, Who shall open Ahab,<sup>20</sup> that he may go up and fall at Ramoth Gilead? And this said like this, and that said like that.

21 And there came out a spirit, and stood before the face of Jehovah, and said, I will make him open.

22 And Jehovah said to him, How? And he said, I will go out, and I will be a lying spirit in the mouth of all his prophets. And he said, You shall make him open, and also prevail; go out, and do so.

23 And now, behold, Jehovah has given a lying spirit in the mouth of all these your prophets, and Je-

hovah has spoken evil concerning you.

24 And Zedekiah, the son of Chenaanah, came near, and struck Micaiah on the cheek, and said, Where did the Spirit of Jehovah cross over from me to speak to you?

25 And Micaiah said, Behold, you shall see in that day, when you shall go into an apartment within an apartment to hide yourself.

26 And the king of Israel said, Take Micaiah, and return him to Amon, the chief ruler of the city and to Joash, the king's son;

27 And say, Thus says the king, Put this one in the prison house, and feed him with food of affliction and with water of affliction until I come in peace.

28 And Micaiah said, If returning, you return in peace, Jehovah has not spoken by me. And he said, Attentively hear, Oh people, all of you.

29 And the king of Israel and Jehoshaphat, the king of Judah, went up to Ramoth Gilead.

30 And the king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat, I will disguise myself, and go into the battle, and you put on your robes; and the king of Israel disguised himself, and went into the battle.

31 And the king of Syria commanded his thirty-two chief rulers over his chariots, saying, Do not devour small nor great, but the king of Israel only.

<sup>20</sup> **22:20** **open**, *pathah*, to open, or make one open for good or bad, for truth or deception.

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*The prophecy of Micaiah; King Ahab killed in the battle*

32 And it was, the chief rulers of the chariots saw Jehoshaphat, and they said, Surely he is the king of Israel. And they turned to devour against him, and Jehoshaphat cried out.

33 And it was, the chief rulers of the chariots saw that he was not the king of Israel, and they turned back from after him.

34 And a man drew a bow in completeness, and struck the king of Israel between the openings and between the coat of mail; and he said to his charioteer, Turn your hand about, and carry me out of the camp, because I am rubbed *out*.

35 And the battle increased that day, and the king was caused to stand up in his chariot in front of the Syrians, and died at dusk; and the blood poured out of the wound into the bed of the chariot.

36 And there crossed over a shout throughout the encampment about the going *down* of the sun, saying, Every man to his city, and every man to his land.

37 And the king died, and was brought to Samaria, and they buried the king in Samaria.

38 And one flushed the chariot in the reservoir of Samaria, and the dogs licked up his blood when they washed his armor, according to the word of Jehovah which he spoke. 1 KINGS 21:19

39 And what is left of the words 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 words of the days of the kings of Israel?

40 And Ahab lay down with his fathers, and Ahaziah, his son, reigned in his place.

41 And Jehoshaphat, the son of Asa, began to reign over Judah in the fourth year of Ahab, king of Israel.

42 Jehoshaphat *was* a son of thirty-five years when he began to reign, and he reigned twenty-five years in Jerusalem; and his mother's name was Azubah, the daughter of Shilhi.

43 And he walked in all the ways of Asa, his father; he did not turn aside from it, doing right in the eyes of Jehovah; only the high places were not taken away; the people sacrificed and burnt perfumed incense still in the high places.

44 And Jehoshaphat completed peace with the king of Israel.

45 And what is left of the words of Jehoshaphat, and his might that he did, and how he devoured in war, are they not written in the book of the words of the days of the kings of Judah?

46 And what was left of the male prostitutes, who remained in the days of his father, Asa consumed out of the land.

47 And *there was* no king in Edom; one stationed *over the land acted as king*.

48 Jehoshaphat made ships of Tarshish to walk to Ophir for gold, and they did not walk, because the ships were broken at Ezion Geber.

49 At that time Ahaziah, the son of Ahab, said to Jehoshaphat, Let my servants walk with your servants in the ships, and Jehoshaphat did not breathe in agreement.

50 And Jehoshaphat lay down with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the city of David, his father; and Jehoram, his son, reigned in his place.

51 Ahaziah, the son of Ahab, began to reign over Israel in Samaria the seventeenth year of Jehoshaphat king of Judah, and reigned two years over Israel.

52 And he did evil in the eyes of Jehovah, and walked in the way of his father, and in the way of his mother, and in the way of Jeroboam, the son of Nebat, who caused Israel to sin;

53 And he served Baal, and prostrated himself to him, and provoked Jehovah God of Israel, according to all that his father had done.

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