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CHAPTER 1

AND Solomon the son of David was strengthened in his kingdom, and YAHWAH ELOHEEM *was* with him, and magnified him exceedingly.

Then Solomon spoke unto all Israel, to the captains of thousands and of hundreds, and to the judges, and to every governor in all Israel, the chief of the fathers.

So Solomon, and all the leaders with him, went to the high place that *was* at Gibeon; for there was the tabernacle of the congregation of the ELOHEEM, which Moses the servant of YAHWAH had made in the wilderness.

But the ark of the ELOHEEM had David brought up from Kirjath-jearim to *the place which* David had prepared for it: for he had pitched *a* tent for it at Jerusalem.

Moreover the brasen altar, that Bezaleel the son of Uri, the son of Hur, had made, he put before the tabernacle of YAHWAH: and Solomon and the leaders sought unto it.

And Solomon went up there to the brasen altar before YAHWAH, which *was* at the tabernacle of the congregation, and offered *a* thousand burnt offerings upon it.

In that night did the ELOHEEM appear unto Solomon, and said to him, Ask what I shall give you.

And Solomon said to the ELOHEEM, You have showed great mercy unto David my father, and have made me to reign in his stead.

Now, O YAHWAH ELOHEEM, let your promise unto David my father be established: for you have made me king over *a* people like the dust of the land in multitude.

Give me now wisdom and knowledge, that I may go out and come in before this people: for who can judge this your people, *that is so* great?

And the ELOHEEM said to Solomon, Because this was in your heart, and you have not asked riches, wealth, or honor, nor the person of your enemies, neither yet have asked long life; but have asked wisdom and knowledge for yourself, that you may judge my people, over whom I have made you king:

Wisdom and knowledge *is* granted unto you; and I will give you riches, and wealth, and honor, such as none of the kings have had that *have been* before you, neither shall there any after you have the like.

Then Solomon came *from his journey* to the high place that *was* at Gibeon to Jerusalem, from before the tabernacle of the congregation, and reigned over Israel.

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

And the king made silver and gold at Jerusalem *as plenteous* as stones, and cedar trees made he as the sycamore trees that *are* in the vale for abundance.

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

And they fetched up, and brought forth out of Egypt *a* chariot for six hundred *shekels* of silver, and *a* horse for *a* hundred and fifty: and so brought they out *horses* for all the kings of the Hittites, and for the kings of Syria, by their means.

CHAPTER 2

AND Solomon determined to build *a* house for the name of YAHWAH, and *a* house for his kingdom.

And Solomon told out seventy thousand men to bear burdens, and fourscore thousand to hew in the mountain, and three thousand and six hundred to oversee them.

And Solomon sent to Hiram the king of Tyre, saying, As you did deal with David my father, and did send him cedars to build him *a* house to dwell therein, *even so deal with me*.

Behold, I build *a* house to the name of YAHWAH ELOHEEM, to Sanctify *it* to him, *and* to burn before him sweet incense, and for the continual showbread, and for the burnt offerings morning and evening, on the

sabbaths, and on the new moons, and on the solemn feasts of YAHWAH ELOHEEM. This *is an ordinance* forever to Israel.

And the house which I build *is* great: for great *is* the ELOHEEM above all eloheems.

But who is able to build him *a* house, seeing the heaven and heaven of heavens cannot contain him? who *am* I then, that I should build him *a* house, except only to burn sacrifice before him?

Send me now therefore *a* man cunning to work in gold, and in silver, and in brass, and in iron, and in purple, and crimson, and blue, and that can skill to grave with the cunning men that *are* with me in Judah and in Jerusalem, whom David my father did provide.

Send me also cedar trees, fir trees, and algum trees, out of Lebanon: for I know that your servants can skill to cut timber in Lebanon; and, behold, my servants *shall be* with your servants,

Even to prepare me timber in abundance: for the house which I am about to build *shall be* wonderful great.

And, behold, I will give to your servants, the hewers that cut timber, twenty thousand measures of beaten wheat, and twenty thousand measures of barley, and twenty thousand baths of wine, and twenty thousand baths of oil.

Then Hiram the king of Tyre answered in writing, which he sent to Solomon, Because YAHWAH has loved his people, he has made you king over them.

Hiram said moreover, Blessed *be* YAHWAH ELOHEEM of Israel, that made heaven and land, who has given to David the king *a* wise son, endued with prudence and understanding, that might build *a* house for YAHWAH, and *a* house for his kingdom.

And now I have sent *a* cunning man, endued with understanding, of Hiram my father's,

The son of *a* woman of the daughters of Dan, and his father *was a* man of Tyre, skilful to work in gold, and in silver, in brass, in iron, in stone, and in timber, in purple, in blue, and in fine linen, and in crimson; also to grave any manner of graving, and to find out every device which shall be put to him, with your cunning men, and with the cunning men of my Lord David your father.

Now therefore the wheat, and the barley, the oil, and the wine, which my Lord has spoken of, let him send unto his servants:

And we will cut wood out of Lebanon, as much as you shall need: and we will bring it to you in floats by sea to Joppa; and you shall carry it up to Jerusalem.

And Solomon numbered all the strangers that *were* in the land of Israel, after the numbering wherewith David his father had numbered them; and they were found *a* hundred and fifty thousand and three thousand and six hundred.

And he set seventy thousand of them *to be* bearers of burdens, and fourscore thousand *to be* hewers in the mountain, and three thousand and six hundred overseers to set the people *a* work.

CHAPTER 3

THEN Solomon began to build the house of YAHWAH at Jerusalem in the mountain of Moriah, where YAHWAH appeared unto David his father, in the place that David had prepared in the threshingfloor of Ornan the Jebusite.

And he began to build in the second *day* of the second month, in the fourth year of his reign.

Now these *are the things wherein* Solomon was instructed for the building of the house of the ELOHEEM. The length by cubits after the first measure *was* sixty cubits, and the breadth twenty cubits.

And the porch that *was* in the front *of the house*, the length *of it was* according to the breadth of the house, twenty cubits, and the height *was a* hundred and twenty: and he overlaid it inside with pure gold.

And the greater house he cieled with fir tree, which he overlaid with fine gold, and set thereon palm trees and chains.

And he garnished the house with precious stones for beauty: and the gold *was* gold of Parvaim.

He overlaid also the house, the beams, the posts, and the walls thereof, and the doors thereof, with gold; and graved cherubims on the walls.

And he made the sanctified of the sanctified house, the length whereof *was* according to the breadth of the house, twenty cubits, and the breadth thereof twenty cubits: and he overlaid it with fine gold, *amounting* to six hundred talents.

And the weight of the nails *was* fifty shekels of gold. And he overlaid the upper chambers with gold.

And in the sanctified of the sanctified house he made two cherubims of image work, and overlaid them with gold.

And the wings of the cherubims *were* twenty cubits long: one wing *of the one cherub was* five cubits, reaching to the wall of the house: and the other wing *was likewise* five cubits, reaching to the wing of the other cherub.

And *one* wing of the other cherub *was* five cubits, reaching to the wall of the house: and the other wing *was* five cubits *also*, joining to the wing of the other cherub.

The wings of these cherubims spread themselves forth twenty cubits: and they stood on their feet before the house.

And he made the veil *of* blue, and purple, and crimson, and fine linen, and worked cherubims thereon.

Also he made before the house two pillars of thirty and five cubits high, and the chapter that *was* on the top of each of them *was* five cubits.

And he made chains, *as* in the oracle, and put *them* on the heads of the pillars; and made *a* hundred pomegranates, and put *them* on the chains.

And he reared up the pillars before the temple, one on the right hand, and the other on the left; and called the name of that on the right hand Jachin, and the name of that on the left Boaz.

CHAPTER 4

MOREOVER he made *an* altar of brass, twenty cubits the length thereof, and twenty cubits the breadth thereof, and ten cubits the height thereof.

Also he made *a* molten sea of ten cubits from brim to brim, round in compass, and five cubits the height thereof; and *a* line of thirty cubits did compass it round about.

And under it *was* the similitude of oxen, which did compass it round about: ten in *a* cubit, compassing the sea round about. Two rows of oxen *were* cast, when it was cast.

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

And the thickness of it *was a* handbreadth, and the brim of it like the work of the brim of *a* cup, with flowers of lilies; *and* it received and held three thousand baths.

He made also ten lavers, and put five on the right hand, and five on the left, to wash in them: such things as they offered for the burnt offering they washed in them; but the sea *was* for the priests to wash in.

And he made ten Lamps of gold according to their form, and set *them* in the temple, five on the right hand, and five on the left.

He made also ten tables, and placed *them* in the temple, five on the right side, and five on the left. And he made *a* hundred basons of gold.

Furthermore he made the court of the priests, and the great court, and doors for the court, and overlaid the doors of them with brass.

And he set the sea on the right side of the east end, over against the south.

And Hiram made the pots, and the shovels, and the basons. And Hiram finished the work that he was to make for king Solomon for the house of the ELOHEEM;

To wit, the two pillars, and the pommels, and the chapters *which were* on the top of the two pillars, and the two wreaths to cover the two pommels of the chapters *which were* on the top of the pillars;

And four hundred pomegranates on the two wreaths; two rows of pomegranates on each wreath, to cover the two pommels of the chapters *which were* upon the pillars.

He made also bases, and lavers made he upon the bases;

One sea, and twelve oxen under it.

The pots also, and the shovels, and the fleshhooks, and all their instruments, did Hiram his father make to king Solomon for the house of YAHWAH of bright brass.

In the plain of Jordan did the king cast them, in the clay ground between Succoth and Zeredathah.

Thus Solomon made all these vessels in great abundance: for the weight of the brass could not be found out.

And Solomon made all the vessels that *were for* the house of the ELOHEEM, the golden altar also, and the tables whereon the showbread *was set*;

Moreover the Lamps with their Lamps, that they should burn after the manner before the oracle, of pure gold;

And the flowers, and the Lamps, and the tongs, *made he of gold, and that perfect gold*;

And the snuffers, and the basons, and the spoons, and the censers, *of pure gold*: and the entry of the house, the inner doors thereof for the sanctified of the sanctified *place*, and the doors of the house of the temple, *were of gold*.

CHAPTER 5

THUS all the work that Solomon made for the house of YAHWAH was finished: and Solomon brought in *all* the things that David his father had sanctified; and the silver, and the gold, and all the instruments, put he among the treasures of the house of the ELOHEEM.

Then Solomon assembled the elders of Israel, and all the heads of the tribes, the chief of the fathers of the children of Israel, unto Jerusalem, to bring up the ark of the covenant of YAHWAH out of the city of David, which *is Zion*.

Wherefore all the men of Israel assembled themselves unto the king in the feast which *was* in the seventh month.

And all the elders of Israel came; and the Levites took up the ark.

And they brought up the ark, and the tabernacle of the congregation, and all the sanctified vessels that *were* in the tabernacle, these did the priests *and* the Levites bring up.

Also king Solomon, and the whole national gathering of Israel that were assembled unto him before the ark, sacrificed sheep and oxen, which could not be told nor numbered for multitude.

And the priests brought in the ark of the covenant of YAHWAH unto his place, to the oracle of the house, into the sanctified of the sanctified *place, even* under the wings of the cherubims:

For the cherubims spread forth *their* wings over the place of the ark, and the cherubims covered the ark and the staves thereof above.

And they drew out the staves *of the ark*, that the ends of the staves were seen from the ark before the oracle; but they were not seen outside. And there it is unto this day.

There was nothing in the ark except the two tables which Moses put *therein* at Horeb, when YAHWAH made *a covenant* with the children of Israel, when they came out of Egypt.

And it came to pass, when the priests were come out of the sanctified *place*: (*for all the priests that were present were sanctified, and did not then wait by course*:

Also the Levites which were the singers, all of them of Asaph, of Heman, of Jeduthun, with their sons and their brethren, being arrayed in white linen, having cymbals and psalteries and harps, stood at the east end of the altar, and with them a hundred and twenty priests sounding with trumpets,)

It came even to pass, as the trumpeters and singers *were* as one, to make one sound to be heard in praising and thanking YAHWAH; and when they lifted up *their* voice with the trumpets and cymbals and instruments of musick, and praised YAHWAH, *saying*, For *he is good*; for his mercy *endures* forever: that *then* the house was filled with *a cloud, even* the house of YAHWAH;

So that the priests could not stand to minister by reason of the cloud: for the glory of YAHWAH had filled the house of the ELOHEEM.

CHAPTER 6

THEN said Solomon, YAHWAH has said that he would dwell in the thick darkness.

But I have built *a* house of habitation for you, and *a* place for your dwelling forever.

And the king turned his face, and blessed all the leaders of Israel: and all the leaders of Israel stood.

And he said, Blessed *be* YAHWAH ELOHEEM of Israel, who has with his hands fulfilled *that* which he spoke with his mouth to my father David, saying,

Since the day that I brought forth my people out of the land of Egypt I chose no city among all the tribes of Israel to build *a* house in, that my name might be there; neither chose I any man to be *a* ruler over my people Israel:

But I have chosen Jerusalem, that my name might be there; and have chosen David to be over my people Israel.

Now it was in the heart of David my father to build *a* house for the name of YAHWAH ELOHEEM of Israel.

But YAHWAH said to David my father, Forasmuch as it was in your heart to build *a* house for my name, you did well in that it was in your heart:

Notwithstanding you shall not build the house; but your son which shall come forth out of your loins, he shall build the house for my name.

YAHWAH therefore has performed his word that he has spoken: for I am risen up in the room of David my father, and am set on the throne of Israel, as YAHWAH promised, and have built the house for the name of YAHWAH ELOHEEM of Israel.

And in it have I put the ark, wherein *is* the covenant of YAHWAH, that he made with the children of Israel.

And he stood before the altar of YAHWAH in the presence of all the leaders of Israel, and spread forth his hands:

For Solomon had made *a* brasen scaffold, of five cubits long, and five cubits broad, and three cubits high, and had set it in the midst of the court: and upon it he stood, and kneeled down upon his knees before all the leaders of Israel, and spread forth his hands toward heaven,

And said, O YAHWAH ELOHEEM of Israel, *there is* no ELOHEEM like you in the heaven, nor in the land; which keep covenant, and *show* mercy unto your servants, that walk before you with all their hearts:

You which have kept with your servant David my father that which you have promised him; and spake with your mouth, and have fulfilled *it* with your hand, as *it is* this day.

Now therefore, O YAHWAH ELOHEEM of Israel, keep with your servant David my father that which you have promised him, saying, There shall not fail you *a* man in my sight to sit upon the throne of Israel; yet so that your children take heed to their way to walk in my law, as you have walked before me.

Now then, O YAHWAH ELOHEEM of Israel, let your word be verified, which you have spoken unto your servant David.

But will the ELOHEEM in very deed dwell with adamites on the land? behold, heaven and the heaven of heavens cannot contain you; how much less this house which I have built!

Have respect therefore to the prayer of your servant, and to his supplication, O YAHWAH ELOHEEM, to hearken unto the cry and the prayer which your servant prays before you:

That your eyes may be open upon this house day and night, upon the place whereof you have said that you would put your name there; to hearken unto the prayer which your servant prays toward this place.

Hearken therefore unto the supplications of your servant, and of your people Israel, which they shall make toward this place: hear you from your dwelling place, *even* from heaven; and when you hear, forgive.

If *a* man sin against his neighbour, and *an* oath be laid upon him to make him swear, and the oath come before your altar in this house;

Then hear you from heaven, and do, and judge your servants, by requiting the wicked, by recompensing his way upon his own head; and by justifying the righteous, by giving him according to his righteousness.

And if your people Israel be put to the worse before the enemy, because they have sinned against you; and shall

return and confess your name, and pray and make supplication before you in this house;
 Then hear you from the heavens, and forgive the sin of your people Israel, and bring them again unto the land which you gave to them and to their fathers.
 When the heaven is shut up, and there is no rain, because they have sinned against you; *yet* if they pray toward this place, and confess your name, and turn from their sin, when you do afflict them;
 Then hear you from heaven, and forgive the sin of your servants, and of your people Israel, when you have taught them the good way, wherein they should walk; and send rain upon your land, which you have given unto your people for *an* inheritance.
 If there be dearth in the land, if there be pestilence, if there be blasting, or mildew, locusts, or caterpillers; if their enemies besiege them in the cities of their land; whatsoever sore or whatsoever sickness *there be*:
Then what prayer *or* what supplication soever shall be made of any adamite, or of all your people Israel, when every one shall know his own sore and his own grief, and shall spread forth his hands in this house:
 Then hear you from heaven your dwelling place, and forgive, and render unto every man according unto all his ways, whose heart you know; (*for you only know the hearts of the children of adamites,*)
 That they may fear you, to walk in your ways, so long as they live in the land which you gave unto our fathers. Moreover concerning the stranger, which is not of your people Israel, but is come from *a* far land for your great name's sake, and your mighty hand, and your stretched out arm; if they come and pray in this house;
 Then hear you from the heavens, *even* from your dwelling place, and do according to all that the stranger calls to you for; that all people of the land may know your name, and fear you, as *does* your people Israel, and may know that this house which I have built is called by your name.
 If your people go out to war against their enemies by the way that you shall send them, and they pray unto you toward this city which you have chosen, and the house which I have built for your name;
 Then hear you from the heavens their prayer and their supplication, and maintain their cause.
 If they sin against you, (*for there is no adamite which sins not,*) and you be angry with them, and deliver them over before *their* enemies, and they carry them away captives unto *a* land far off or near;
 Yet *if* they bethink themselves in the land where they are carried captive, and turn and pray unto you in the land of their captivity, saying, We have sinned, we have done amiss, and have dealt wickedly;
 If they return to you with all their heart and with all their person in the land of their captivity, where they have carried them captives, and pray toward their land, which you gave unto their fathers, and *toward* the city which you have chosen, and toward the house which I have built for your name:
 Then hear you from the heavens, *even* from your dwelling place, their prayer and their supplications, and maintain their cause, and forgive your people which have sinned against you.
 Now, O ELOHEEM, let, I beseech you, your eyes be open, and *let* your ears *be* attent unto the prayer *that is made* in this place.
 Now therefore arise, O YAHWAH ELOHEEM, into your resting place, you, and the ark of your strength: let your priests, O YAHWAH ELOHEEM, be clothed with deliverance, and let your merciful rejoice in goodness.
 O YAHWAH ELOHEEM, turn not away the face of your anointed: remember the mercies of David your servant.

CHAPTER 7

NOW when Solomon had made *an* end of praying, the fire came down from heaven, and consumed the burnt offering and the sacrifices; and the glory of YAHWAH filled the house.
 And the priests could not enter into the house of YAHWAH, because the glory of YAHWAH had filled YAHWAH'S house.
 And when all the children of Israel saw how the fire came down, and the glory of YAHWAH upon the house, they bowed themselves with their faces to the land upon the pavement, and worshipped, and praised YAHWAH, *saying*, For *he is* good; for his mercy *endures* forever.

Then the king and all the people offered sacrifices before YAHWAH.

And king Solomon offered *a* sacrifice of twenty and two thousand oxen, and *a* hundred and twenty thousand sheep: so the king and all the people dedicated the house of the ELOHEEM.

And the priests waited on their offices: the Levites also with instruments of musick of YAHWAH, which David the king had made to praise YAHWAH, because his mercy *endures* forever, when David praised by their ministry; and the priests sounded trumpets before them, and all Israel stood.

Moreover Solomon sanctified the middle of the court that *was* before the house of YAHWAH: for there he offered burnt offerings, and the fat of the peace offerings, because the brasen altar which Solomon had made was not able to receive the burnt offerings, and the meat offerings, and the fat.

Also at the same time Solomon kept the feast seven days, and all Israel with him, very great leaders, from the entering in of Hamath unto the river of Egypt.

And in the eighth day they made *a* solemn assembly: for they kept the dedication of the altar seven days, and the feast seven days.

And on the three and twentieth day of the seventh month he sent the people away into their tents, glad and merry in heart for the goodness that YAHWAH had showed unto David, and to Solomon, and to Israel his people.

Thus Solomon finished the house of YAHWAH, and the king's house: and all that came into Solomon's heart to make in the house of YAHWAH, and in his own house, he prosperously effected.

And YAHWAH appeared to Solomon by night, and said to him, I have heard your prayer, and have chosen this place to myself for *a* house of sacrifice.

If I shut up heaven that there be no rain, or if I command the locusts to devour the land, or if I send pestilence among my people;

If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.

Now my eyes shall be open, and my ears attent unto the prayer *that is made* in this place.

For now have I chosen and sanctified this house, that my name may be there forever: and my eyes and my heart shall be there perpetually.

And as for you, if you will walk before me, as David your father walked, and do according to all that I have commanded you, and shall observe my statutes and my judgments;

Then will I stablish the throne of your kingdom, according as I have covenanted with David your father, saying, There shall not fail you *a* man *to be* ruler in Israel.

But if you all turn away, and forsake my statutes and my commandments, which I have set before you, and shall go and serve other eloheems, and worship them;

Then will I pluck them up by the roots out of my land which I have given them; and this house, which I have sanctified for my name, will I cast out of my sight, and will make it *to be* *a* proverb and *a* byword among all peoples.

And this house, which is high, shall be *an* astonishment to every one that passes by it; so that he shall say, Why has YAHWAH done thus unto this land, and unto this house?

And it shall be answered, Because they forsook YAHWAH the ELOHEEM of their fathers, which brought them forth out of the land of Egypt, and laid hold on other eloheems, and worshipped them, and served them: therefore has he brought all this evil upon them.

CHAPTER 8

AND it came to pass at the end of twenty years, wherein Solomon had built the house of YAHWAH, and his own house,

That the cities which Hiram had restored to Solomon, Solomon built them, and caused the children of Israel to dwell there.

And Solomon went to Hamathzobah, and prevailed against it.

And he built Tadmor in the wilderness, and all the store cities, which he built in Hamath.

Also he built Bethhoron the upper, and Bethhoron the nether, fenced cities, with walls, gates, and bars;

And Baalath, and all the store cities that Solomon had, and all the chariot cities, and the cities of the horsemen, and all that Solomon desired to build in Jerusalem, and in Lebanon, and throughout all the land of his dominion.

As for all the people *that were* left of the Hittites, and the Amorites, and the Perizzites, and the Hivites, and the Jebusites, which *were* not of Israel,

But of their children, who were left after them in the land, whom the children of Israel consumed not, them did Solomon make to pay tribute until this day.

But of the children of Israel did Solomon make no servants for his work; but they *were* men of war, and chief of his captains, and captains of his chariots and horsemen.

And these *were* the chief of king Solomon's officers, *even* two hundred and fifty, that bare rule over the people.

And Solomon brought up the daughter of Pharaoh out of the city of David unto the house that he had built for her: for he said, My wife shall not dwell in the house of David king of Israel, because *the places are* sanctified, whereunto the ark of YAHWAH has come.

Then Solomon offered burnt offerings unto YAHWAH on the altar of YAHWAH, which he had built before the porch,

Even after *a* certain rate every day, offering according to the commandment of Moses, on the sabbaths, and on the new moons, and on the solemn feasts, three times in the year, *even* in the feast of unleavened bread, and in the feast of weeks, and in the feast of tabernacles.

And he appointed, according to the order of David his father, the courses of the priests to their service, and the Levites to their charges, to praise and minister before the priests, as the duty of every day required: the porters also by their courses at every gate: for so had David the man of the ELOHEEM commanded.

And they departed not from the commandment of the king unto the priests and Levites concerning any matter, or concerning the treasures.

Now all the work of Solomon was prepared unto the day of the foundation of the house of YAHWAH, and until it was finished. *So* the house of YAHWAH was perfected.

Then went Solomon to Eziongeber, and to Eloth, at the sea side in the land of Edom.

And Hiram sent him by the hands of his servants ships, and servants that had knowledge of the sea; and they went with the servants of Solomon to Ophir, and took thence four hundred and fifty talents of gold, and brought *them* to king Solomon.

CHAPTER 9

AND when the queen of Sheba heard of the fame of Solomon, she came to prove Solomon with hard questions at Jerusalem, with *a* very great company, and camels that bare spices, and gold in abundance, and precious stones: and when she was come to Solomon, she communed with him of all that was in her heart.

And Solomon told her all her questions: and there was nothing hid from Solomon which he told her not.

And when the queen of Sheba had seen the wisdom of Solomon, and the house that he had built,

And the meat of his table, and the sitting of his servants, and the attendance of his ministers, and their apparel; his cupbearers also, and their apparel; and his ascent by which he went up into the house of YAHWAH; there was no more spirit in her.

And she said to the king, *It was a* true report which I heard in my own land of your acts, and of your wisdom:

Howbeit I believed not their words, until I came, and my eyes had seen *it*: and, behold, the one half of the greatness of your wisdom was not told me: *for* you exceed the fame that I heard.

Happy *are* your men, and happy *are* these your servants, which stand continually before you, and hear your wisdom.

Blessed be YAHWAH ELOHEEM, which delighted in you to set you on his throne, *to be* king for YAHWAH

ELOHEEM: because the ELOHEEM loved Israel, to establish them forever, therefore made he you king over them, to do judgment and justice.

And she gave the king *a* hundred and twenty talents of gold, and of spices great abundance, and precious stones: neither was there any such spice as the queen of Sheba gave king Solomon.

And the servants also of Hiram, and the servants of Solomon, which brought gold from Ophir, brought algum trees and precious stones.

And the king made *of* the algum trees terraces to the house of YAHWAH, and to the king's palace, and harps and psalteries for singers: and there were none such seen before in the land of Judah.

And king Solomon gave to the queen of Sheba all her desire, whatsoever she asked, beside *that* which she had brought unto the king. So she turned, and went away to her own land, she and her servants.

Now the weight of gold that came to Solomon in one year was six hundred and sixty-six talents of gold; Beside *that which* chapmen and merchants brought. And all the kings of Arabia and governors of the land brought gold and silver to Solomon.

And king Solomon made two hundred targets *of* beaten gold: six hundred *shekels* of beaten gold went to one target.

And three hundred shields *made he of* beaten gold: three hundred *shekels* of gold went to one shield. And the king put them in the house of the forest of Lebanon.

Moreover the king made *a* great throne of ivory, and overlaid it with pure gold.

And *there were* six steps to the throne, with *a* footstool of gold, *which were* fastened to the throne, and stays on each side of the sitting place, and two lions standing by the stays:

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

And all the drinking vessels of king Solomon *were of* gold, and all the vessels of the house of the forest of Lebanon *were of* pure gold: none *were of* silver; it was *not* anything accounted of in the days of Solomon.

For the king's ships went to Tarshish with the servants of Hiram: every three years once came the ships of Tarshish bringing gold, and silver, ivory, and apes, and peacocks.

And king Solomon passed all the kings of the land in riches and wisdom.

And all the kings of the land sought the presence of Solomon, to hear his wisdom, that the ELOHEEM had put in his heart.

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

And Solomon had four thousand stalls for horses and chariots, and twelve thousand horsemen; whom he bestowed in the chariot cities, and with the king at Jerusalem.

And he reigned over all the kings from the river even unto the land of the Philistines, and to the border of Egypt. And the king made silver in Jerusalem as stones, and cedar trees made he as the sycomore trees that *are* in the low plains in abundance.

And they brought unto Solomon horses out of Egypt, and out of all lands.

Now the rest of the acts of Solomon, first and last, *are* they not written in the book of Nathan the prophet, and in the prophecy of Ahijah the Shilonite, and in the visions of Iddo the seer against Jeroboam the son of Nebat?

And Solomon reigned in Jerusalem over all Israel forty years.

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

CHAPTER 10

AND Rehoboam went to Shechem: for to Shechem were all Israel come to make him king.

And it came to pass, when Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who *was* in Egypt, where he had fled from the presence of Solomon the king, heard *it*, that Jeroboam returned out of Egypt.

And they sent and called him. So Jeroboam and all Israel came and spoke to Rehoboam, saying, Your father made our yoke grievous: now therefore ease you somewhat the grievous servitude of your father, and his heavy yoke that he put upon us, and we will serve you.

And he said to them, Come again unto me after three days. And the people departed.

And king Rehoboam took counsel with the old men that had stood before Solomon his father while he yet lived, saying, What counsel give you all *me* to return answer to this people?

And they spoke unto him, saying, If you be kind to this people, and please them, and speak good words to them, they will be your servants forever.

But he forsook the counsel which the old men gave him, and took counsel with the young men that were brought up with him, that stood before him.

And he said to them, What advice give you all that we may return answer to this people, which have spoken to me, saying, Ease somewhat the yoke that your father did put upon us?

And the young men that were brought up with him spoke unto him, saying, Thus shall you answer the people that spoke unto you, saying, Your father made our yoke heavy, but make you *it* somewhat lighter for us; thus shall you say to them, My little *finger* shall be thicker than my father's loins.

For whereas my father put *a* heavy yoke upon you, I will put more to your yoke: my father instructed you with whips, but I with scorpions.

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

And the king answered them roughly; and king Rehoboam forsook the counsel of the old men, and answered them after the advice of the young men, saying, My father made your yoke heavy, but I will add thereto: my father instructed you with whips, but I with scorpions.

So the king hearkened not unto the people: for the cause was of the ELOHEEM, that YAHWAH might perform his word, which he spoke by the hand of Ahijah the Shilonite to Jeroboam the son of Nebat.

And when all Israel *saw* that the king would not hearken unto them, the people answered the king, saying, What portion have we in David? and *we have* none inheritance in the son of Jesse: every man to your tents, O Israel: *and* now, David, see to your own house. So all Israel went to their tents.

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

Then king Rehoboam sent Hadoram that *was* over the tribute; and the children of Israel stoned him with stones, that he died. But king Rehoboam made speed to get him up to *his* chariot, to flee to Jerusalem.

And Israel rebelled against the house of David unto this day.

CHAPTER 11

AND when Rehoboam was come to Jerusalem, he gathered of the house of Judah and Benjamin *a* hundred and fourscore thousand chosen *men*, which were warriors, to fight against Israel, that he might bring the kingdom again to Rehoboam.

But the word of YAHWAH came to Shemaiah the man of the ELOHEEM, saying, Speak unto Rehoboam the son of Solomon, king of Judah, and to all Israel in Judah and Benjamin, saying, Thus said YAHWAH, You all shall not go up, nor fight against your brethren: return every man to his house: for this thing is done of me. And they obeyed the words of YAHWAH, and returned from going against Jeroboam.

And Rehoboam dwelt in Jerusalem, and built cities for defence in Judah.

He built even Bethlehem, and Etam, and Tekoa,

And Bethzur, and Shoco, and Adullam,

And Gath, and Mareshah, and Ziph,

And Adoraim, and Lachish, and Azekah,

And Zorah, and Aijalon, and Hebron, which *are* in Judah and in Benjamin fenced cities.

And he fortified the strong holds, and put captains in them, and store of victual, and of oil and wine.
And in every several city *he put* shields and spears, and made them exceeding strong, having Judah and Benjamin on his side.
And the priests and the Levites that *were* in all Israel resorted to him out of all their coasts.
For the Levites left their suburbs and their possession, and came to Judah and Jerusalem: for Jeroboam and his sons had cast them off from executing the priest's office unto YAHWAH:
And he ordained him priests for the high places, and for the devils, and for the calves which he had made.
And after them out of all the tribes of Israel such as set their hearts to seek YAHWAH ELOHEEM of Israel came to Jerusalem, to sacrifice unto YAHWAH ELOHEEM of their fathers.
So they strengthened the kingdom of Judah, and made Rehoboam the son of Solomon strong, three years: for three years they walked in the way of David and Solomon.
And Rehoboam took him Mahalath the daughter of Jerimoth the son of David to wife, *and* Abihail the daughter of Eliab the son of Jesse;
Which bare him children; Jeush, and Shamariah, and Zaham.
And after her he took Maachah the daughter of Absalom; which bare him Abijah, and Attai, and Ziza, and Shelomith.
And Rehoboam loved Maachah the daughter of Absalom above all his wives and his concubines: *(for he took eighteen wives, and sixty concubines; and begat twenty and eight sons, and sixty daughters.)*
And Rehoboam made Abijah the son of Maachah the chief, *to be* ruler among his brethren: *for he thought* to make him king.
And he dealt wisely, and dispersed of all his children throughout all the lands of Judah and Benjamin, unto every fenced city: and he gave them victual in abundance. And he desired many wives.

CHAPTER 12

AND it came to pass, when Rehoboam had established the kingdom, and had strengthened himself, he forsook the law of YAHWAH, and all Israel with him.
And it came to pass, *that* in the fifth year of king Rehoboam Shishak king of Egypt came up against Jerusalem, because they had transgressed against YAHWAH,
With twelve hundred chariots, and sixty thousand horsemen: and the people *were* without number that came with him out of Egypt; the Lubims, the Sukkiims, and the Kushites.
And he took the fenced cities which *pertained* to Judah, and came to Jerusalem.
Then came Shemaiah the prophet to Rehoboam, and *to* the princes of Judah, that were gathered together to Jerusalem because of Shishak, and said to them, Thus said YAHWAH, You all have forsaken me, and therefore have I also left you in the hand of Shishak.
Whereupon the princes of Israel and the king humbled themselves; and they said, YAHWAH *is* righteous.
And when YAHWAH saw that they humbled themselves, the word of YAHWAH came to Shemaiah, saying, They have humbled themselves; *therefore* I will not destroy them, but I will grant them some deliverance; and my wrath shall not be poured out upon Jerusalem by the hand of Shishak.
Nevertheless they shall be his servants; that they may know my service, and the service of the kingdoms of the lands.
So Shishak king of Egypt came up against Jerusalem, and took away the treasures of the house of YAHWAH, and the treasures of the king's house; he took all: he carried away also the shields of gold which Solomon had made.
Instead of which king Rehoboam made shields of brass, and committed *them* to the hands of the chief of the guard, that kept the entrance of the king's house.
And when the king entered into the house of YAHWAH, the guard came and fetched them, and brought them again into the guard chamber.

And when he humbled himself, the wrath of YAHWAH turned from him, that he would not destroy *him* altogether: and also in Judah things went well.

So king Rehoboam strengthened himself in Jerusalem, and reigned: for Rehoboam *was* one and forty years old when he began to reign, and he reigned seventeen years in Jerusalem, the city which YAHWAH had chosen out of all the tribes of Israel, to put his name there. And his mother's name *was* Naamah *an* Ammonitess.

And he did evil, because he prepared not his heart to seek YAHWAH.

Now the acts of Rehoboam, first and last, *are* they not written in the book of Shemaiah the prophet, and of Iddo the seer concerning genealogies? And *there were* wars between Rehoboam and Jeroboam continually.

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

CHAPTER 13

NOW in the eighteenth year of king Jeroboam began Abijah to reign over Judah.

He reigned three years in Jerusalem. His mother's name also *was* Michaiiah the daughter of Uriel of Gibeah. And there was war between Abijah and Jeroboam.

And Abijah set the battle in array with *an* army of valiant men of war, *even* four hundred thousand chosen men: Jeroboam also set the battle in array against him with eight hundred thousand chosen men, *being* mighty men of valour.

And Abijah stood up upon the mountain of Zemaraim, which *is* in the mountain of Ephraim, and said, Hear me, you Jeroboam, and all Israel;

Ought you all not to know that YAHWAH ELOHEEM of Israel gave the kingdom over Israel to David forever, *even* to him and to his sons by *a* covenant of salt?

Yet Jeroboam the son of Nebat, the servant of Solomon the son of David, is risen up, and has rebelled against his Lord.

And there are gathered unto him vain men, the children of Belial, and have strengthened themselves against Rehoboam the son of Solomon, when Rehoboam was young and tenderhearted, and could not withstand them.

And now you all think to withstand the kingdom of YAHWAH in the hand of the sons of David; and you all *be* *a* great multitude, and *there are* with you golden calves, which Jeroboam made you for eloheems.

Have you all not cast out the priests of YAHWAH, the sons of Aaron, and the Levites, and have made you priests after the manner of the peoples of *other* lands? so that whosoever comes to consecrate himself with *a* young bullock and seven rams, *the same* may be *a* priest of *them that are* no eloheems.

But as for us, YAHWAH ELOHEEM, and we have not forsaken him; and the priests, which minister unto YAHWAH, *are* the sons of Aaron, and the Levites *wait* upon *their* business:

And they burn unto YAHWAH every morning and every evening burnt sacrifices and sweet incense: the showbread also *set they in order* upon the pure table; and the Lamp of gold with the Lamps thereof, to burn every evening: for we keep the charge of YAHWAH ELOHEEM; but you all have forsaken him.

And, behold, ELOHEEM himself *is* with us for *our* Captain, and his priests with sounding trumpets to cry alarm against you. O children of Israel, fight you all not against YAHWAH ELOHEEM of your fathers; for you all shall not prosper.

But Jeroboam caused *an* ambushment to come about behind them: so they were before Judah, and the ambushment *was* behind them.

And when Judah looked back, behold, the battle *was* before and behind: and they cried unto YAHWAH, and the priests sounded with the trumpets.

Then the men of Judah gave *a* shout: and as the men of Judah shouted, it came to pass, that the ELOHEEM smote Jeroboam and all Israel before Abijah and Judah.

And the children of Israel fled before Judah: and the ELOHEEM delivered them into their hand.

And Abijah and his people slew them with *a* great slaughter: so there fell down slain of Israel five hundred

thousand chosen men.

Thus the children of Israel were brought under at that time, and the children of Judah prevailed, because they relied upon YAHWAH ELOHEEM of their fathers.

And Abijah pursued after Jeroboam, and took cities from him, Bethel with the towns thereof, and Jeshanah with the towns thereof, and Ephrain with the towns thereof.

Neither did Jeroboam recover strength again in the days of Abijah: and YAHWAH struck him, and he died.

But Abijah waxed mighty, and married fourteen wives, and begat twenty and two sons, and sixteen daughters.

And the rest of the acts of Abijah, and his ways, and his sayings, *are* written in the story of the prophet Iddo.

CHAPTER 14

SO Abijah slept with his fathers, and they buried him in the city of David: and Asa his son reigned in his stead. In his days the land was quiet ten years.

And Asa did *that which was* good and right in the eyes of YAHWAH ELOHEEM:

For he took away the altars of the strange, and the high places, and break down the images, and cut down the groves:

And commanded Judah to seek YAHWAH ELOHEEM of their fathers, and to do the law and the commandment.

Also he took away out of all the cities of Judah the high places and the images: and the kingdom was quiet before him.

And he built fenced cities in Judah: for the land had rest, and he had no war in those years; because YAHWAH had given him rest.

Therefore he said to Judah, Let us build these cities, and make about *them* walls, and towers, gates, and bars, *while* the land *is* yet before us; because we have sought YAHWAH ELOHEEM, we have sought *him*, and he has given us rest on every side. So they built and prospered.

And Asa had *an army of men* that bare targets and spears, out of Judah three hundred thousand; and out of Benjamin, that bare shields and drew bows, two hundred and fourscore thousand: all these *were* mighty men of valour.

And there came out against them Zerah the Kushite with *a* host of *a* thousand thousand, and three hundred chariots; and came unto Mareshah.

Then Asa went out against him, and they set the battle in array in the valley of Zephathah at Mareshah.

And Asa cried unto YAHWAH ELOHEEM, and said, YAHWAH, *it is* nothing with you to help, whether with many, or with them that have no power: help us, O YAHWAH ELOHEEM; for we rest on you, and in your name we go against this multitude. O YAHWAH, you *are* the ELOHEEM; let not man prevail against you.

So YAHWAH smote the Kushites before Asa, and before Judah; and the Kushites fled.

And Asa and the people that *were* with him pursued them unto Gerar: and the Kushites were overthrown, that they could not recover themselves; for they were destroyed before YAHWAH, and before his host; and they carried away very much spoil.

And they smote all the cities round about Gerar; for the fear of YAHWAH came upon them: and they spoiled all the cities; for there was exceeding much spoil in them.

They smote also the tents of cattle, and carried away sheep and camels in abundance, and returned to Jerusalem.

CHAPTER 15

AND the Spirit of the ELOHEEM came upon Azariah the son of Oded:

And he went out to meet Asa, and said to him, Hear you all me, Asa, and all Judah and Benjamin; YAHWAH *is* with you, while you all be with him; and if you all seek him, he will be found of you; but if you all forsake him, he will forsake you.

Now for *a* long season Israel *has been* without the true ELOHEEM, and without *a* teaching priest, and without

law.
But when they in their trouble did turn unto YAHWAH ELOHEEM of Israel, and sought him, he was found of them.
And in those times *there was* no peace to him that went out, nor to him that came in, but great vexations *were* upon all the inhabitants of the lands.
And nation was destroyed by nation, and city by city: for the ELOHEEM did vex them with all adversity.
Be you all strong therefore, and let not your hands be weak: for your work shall be rewarded.
And when Asa heard these words, and the prophecy of Oded the prophet, he took courage, and put away the abominable idols out of all the land of Judah and Benjamin, and out of the cities which he had taken from the mountain of Ephraim, and renewed the altar of YAHWAH, that *was* before the porch of YAHWAH.
And he gathered all Judah and Benjamin, and the strangers with them out of Ephraim and Manasseh, and out of Simeon: for they fell to him out of Israel in abundance, when they saw that YAHWAH ELOHEEM *was* with him.
So they gathered themselves together at Jerusalem in the third month, in the fifteenth year of the reign of Asa.
And they offered unto YAHWAH the same time, of the spoil *which* they had brought, seven hundred oxen and seven thousand sheep.
And they entered into *a* covenant to seek YAHWAH ELOHEEM of their fathers with all their heart and with all their person;
That whosoever would not seek YAHWAH ELOHEEM of Israel should be put to death, whether small or great, whether man or woman.
And they swore unto YAHWAH with *a* loud voice, and with shouting, and with trumpets, and with cornets.
And all Judah rejoiced at the oath: for they had sworn with all their heart, and sought him with their whole desire; and he was found of them: and YAHWAH gave them rest round about.
And also *concerning* Maachah the mother of Asa the king, he removed her from *being* queen, because she had made *an* idol in *a* grove: and Asa cut down her idol, and stamped *it*, and burnt *it* at the brook Kidron.
But the high places were not taken away out of Israel: nevertheless the heart of Asa was perfect all his days.
And he brought into the house of the ELOHEEM the things that his father had sanctified, and that he himself had sanctified, silver, and gold, and vessels.
And there was no *more* war unto the five and thirtieth year of the reign of Asa.

CHAPTER 16

IN the six and thirtieth year of the reign of Asa Baasha king of Israel came up against Judah, and built Ramah, to the intent that he might let none go out or come in to Asa king of Judah.
Then Asa brought out silver and gold out of the treasures of the house of YAHWAH and of the king's house, and sent to Benhadad king of Syria, that dwelt at Damascus, saying,
There is a league between me and you, as *there was* between my father and your father: behold, I have sent you silver and gold; go, break your league with Baasha king of Israel, that he may depart from me.
And Benhadad hearkened unto king Asa, and sent the captains of his armies against the cities of Israel; and they smote Ijon, and Dan, and Abel-maim, and all the store cities of Naphtali.
And it came to pass, when Baasha heard *it*, that he left off building of Ramah, and let his work cease.
Then Asa the king took all Judah; and they carried away the stones of Ramah, and the timber thereof, wherewith Baasha was building; and he built therewith Geba and Mizpah.
And at that time Hanani the seer came to Asa king of Judah, and said to him, Because you have relied on the king of Syria, and not relied on YAHWAH ELOHEEM, therefore is the host of the king of Syria escaped out of your hand.
Were not the Kushites and the Lubims *a* huge host, with very many chariots and horsemen? yet, because you did rely on YAHWAH, he delivered them into your hand.

For the eyes of YAHWAH run to and fro throughout the whole land, to show himself strong in the behalf of *them* whose heart *is* perfect toward him. Herein you have done foolishly: therefore from henceforth you shall have wars.

Then Asa was wroth with the seer, and put him in *a* prison house; for *he was* in *a* rage with him because of this *thing*. And Asa oppressed *some* of the people the same time.

And, behold, the acts of Asa, first and last, behold, they *are* written in the book of the kings of Judah and Israel. And Asa in the thirty and ninth year of his reign was diseased in his feet, until his disease *was* exceeding *great*: yet in his disease he sought not to YAHWAH, but to the physicians.

And Asa slept with his fathers, and died in the one and fortieth year of his reign.

And they buried him in his own tombs, which he had made for himself in the city of David, and laid him in the bed which was filled with sweet odours and different kinds *of spices* prepared by the apothecaries' art: and they made *a* very great burning for him.

CHAPTER 17

AND Jehoshaphat his son reigned in his stead, and strengthened himself against Israel.

And he placed forces in all the fenced cities of Judah, and set garrisons in the land of Judah, and in the cities of Ephraim, which Asa his father had taken.

And YAHWAH was with Jehoshaphat, because he walked in the first ways of his father David, and sought not unto Baalim;

But sought to the ELOHEEM of his father, and walked in his commandments, and not after the doings of Israel. Therefore YAHWAH stablished the kingdom in his hand; and all Judah brought to Jehoshaphat presents; and he had riches and honor in abundance.

And his heart was lifted up in the ways of YAHWAH: moreover he took away the high places and groves out of Judah.

Also in the third year of his reign he sent to his princes, *even* to Ben-hail, and to Obadiah, and to Zechariah, and to Nethaneel, and to Michaiiah, to teach in the cities of Judah.

And with them *he sent* Levites, *even* Shemaiah, and Nethaniah, and Zebadiah, and Asahel, and Shemiramoth, and Jehonathan, and Adonijah, and Tobijah, and Tobadonijah, Levites; and with them Elishama and Jehoram, priests.

And they taught in Judah, and *had* the book of the law of YAHWAH with them, and went about throughout all the cities of Judah, and taught the people.

And the fear of YAHWAH fell upon all the kingdoms of the lands that *were* round about Judah, so that they made no war against Jehoshaphat.

Also *some* of the Philistines brought Jehoshaphat presents, and tribute silver; and the Arabians brought him flocks, seven thousand and seven hundred rams, and seven thousand and seven hundred he goats.

And Jehoshaphat waxed great exceedingly; and he built in Judah castles, and cities of store.

And he had much business in the cities of Judah: and the men of war, mighty men of valour, *were* in Jerusalem.

And these *are* the numbers of them according to the house of their fathers: Of Judah, the captains of thousands; Adnah the chief, and with him mighty men of valour three hundred thousand.

And next to him *was* Jehohanan the captain, and with him two hundred and fourscore thousand.

And next him *was* Amasiah the son of Zichri, who willingly offered himself unto YAHWAH; and with him two hundred thousand mighty men of valour.

And of Benjamin; Eliada *a* mighty man of valour, and with him armed men with bow and shield two hundred thousand.

And next him *was* Jehozabad, and with him *a* hundred and fourscore thousand ready prepared for the war.

These waited on the king, beside *those* whom the king put in the fenced cities throughout all Judah.

CHAPTER 18

NOW Jehoshaphat had riches and honor in abundance, and joined affinity with Ahab.

And after *certain* years he went down to Ahab to Samaria. And Ahab killed sheep and oxen for him in abundance, and for the people that *he had* with him, and persuaded him to go up *with him* to Ramothgilead.

And Ahab king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat king of Judah, Will you go with me to Ramothgilead? And he answered him, I *am* as you *are*, and my people as your people; and *we will be* with you in the war.

And Jehoshaphat said to the king of Israel, Inquire, I pray you, at the word of YAHWAH today.

Therefore the king of Israel gathered together of prophets four hundred men, and said to them, Shall we go to Ramothgilead to battle, or shall I forbear? And they said, Go up; for the ELOHEEM will deliver *it* into the king's hand.

But Jehoshaphat said, *Is there* not here a prophet of YAHWAH besides, that we might inquire of him?

And the king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat, *There is* yet one man, by whom we may inquire of YAHWAH: but I hate him; for he never prophesied good unto me, but always evil: the same *is* Micaiah the son of Imla. And Jehoshaphat said, Let not the king say so.

And the king of Israel called for one *of his* officers, and said, Fetch quickly Micaiah the son of Imla.

And the king of Israel and Jehoshaphat king of Judah sat either of them on his throne, clothed in *their* robes, and they sat in a void place at the entering in of the gate of Samaria; and all the prophets prophesied before them.

And Zedekiah the son of Chenaanah had made him horns of iron, and said, Thus said YAHWAH, With these you shall push Syria until they be consumed.

And all the prophets prophesied so, saying, Go up to Ramothgilead, and prosper: for YAHWAH shall deliver *it* into the hand of the king.

And the messenger that went to call Micaiah spoke to him, saying, Behold, the words of the prophets *declare* good to the king with one assent; let your word therefore, I pray you, be like one of theirs, and speak you good.

And Micaiah said, *As* YAHWAH lives, even what the ELOHEEM said, that will I speak.

And when he was come to the king, the king said to him, Micaiah, shall we go to Ramothgilead to battle, or shall I forbear? And he said, Go you all up, and prosper, and they shall be delivered into your hand.

And the king said to him, How many times shall I adjure you that you say nothing but the Truth to me in the name of YAHWAH?

Then he said, I did see all Israel scattered upon the mountains, as sheep that have no shepherd: and YAHWAH said, These have no master; let them return *therefore* every man to his house in peace.

And the king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat, Did I not tell you *that* he would not prophesy good unto me, but evil?

Again he said, Therefore hear the word of YAHWAH; I saw YAHWAH sitting upon his throne, and all the host of heaven standing on his right hand and *on* his left.

And YAHWAH said, Who shall entice Ahab king of Israel, that he may go up and fall at Ramothgilead? And one spoke saying after this manner, and another saying after that manner.

Then there came out a spirit, and stood before YAHWAH, and said, I will entice him. And YAHWAH said to him, Wherewith?

And he said, I will go out, and be a lying spirit in the mouth of all his prophets. And YAHWAH said, You shall entice *him*, and you shall also prevail: go out, and do *even* so.

Now therefore, behold, YAHWAH has put a lying spirit in the mouth of these your prophets, and YAHWAH has spoken evil against you.

Then Zedekiah the son of Chenaanah came near, and smote Micaiah upon the cheek, and said, Which way went the Spirit of YAHWAH from me to speak unto you?

And Micaiah said, Behold, you shall see on that day when you shall go into *an* inner chamber to hide yourself.

Then the king of Israel said, Take you all Micaiah, and carry him back to Amon the governor of the city, and to

Joash the king's son;

And say, Thus said the king, Put this *fellow* in the prison, and feed him with bread of affliction and with water of affliction, until I return in peace.

And Micaiah said, If you certainly return in peace, *then* has not YAHWAH spoken by me. And he said, Hearken, all you all people.

So the king of Israel and Jehoshaphat the king of Judah went up to Ramothgilead.

And the king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat, I will disguise myself, and will go to the battle; but put you on your robes. So the king of Israel disguised himself; and they went to the battle.

Now the king of Syria had commanded the captains of the chariots that *were* with him, saying, Fight you all not with small or great, except only with the king of Israel.

And it came to pass, when the captains of the chariots saw Jehoshaphat, that they said, It *is* the king of Israel. Therefore they compassed about him to fight: but Jehoshaphat cried out, and YAHWAH helped him; and the ELOHEEM moved them *to depart* from him.

For it came to pass, that, when the captains of the chariots perceived that it was not the king of Israel, they turned back again from pursuing him.

And *a certain* man drew *a* bow at *a* venture, and smote the king of Israel between the joints of the harness: therefore he said to his chariot man, Turn your hand, that you may carry me out of the host; for I am wounded.

And the battle increased that day: howbeit the king of Israel stayed *himself* up in *his* chariot against the Syrians until the even: and about the time of the sun going down he died.

CHAPTER 19

AND Jehoshaphat the king of Judah returned to his house in peace to Jerusalem.

And Jehu the son of Hanani the seer went out to meet him, and said to king Jehoshaphat, Should you help the ungodly, and love them that hate YAHWAH? therefore *is* wrath upon you from before YAHWAH.

Nevertheless there are good things found in you, in that you have taken away the groves out of the land, and have prepared your heart to seek the ELOHEEM.

And Jehoshaphat dwelt at Jerusalem: and he went out again through the people from Beersheba to the mountain of Ephraim, and brought them back unto YAHWAH ELOHEEM of their fathers.

And he set judges in the land throughout all the fenced cities of Judah, city by city,

And said to the judges, Take heed what you all do: for you all judge not for adamites, but for YAHWAH, who *is* with you in the judgment.

Wherefore now let the fear of YAHWAH be upon you; take heed and do *it*: for *there is* no iniquity with YAHWAH ELOHEEM, nor respect of face, nor taking of gifts.

Moreover in Jerusalem did Jehoshaphat set of the Levites, and *of* the priests, and of the chief of the fathers of Israel, for the judgment of YAHWAH, and for controversies, when they returned to Jerusalem.

And he charged them, saying, Thus shall you all do in the fear of YAHWAH, faithfully, and with *a* perfect heart.

And what cause soever shall come to you of your brethren that dwell in their cities, between blood and blood, between law and commandment, statutes and judgments, you all shall even warn them that they trespass not against YAHWAH, and *so* wrath come upon you, and upon your brethren: this do, and you all shall not trespass.

And, behold, Amariah the chief priest *is* over you in all matters of YAHWAH; and Zebadiah the son of Ishmael, the ruler of the house of Judah, for all the king's matters: also the Levites *shall be* officers before you. Deal courageously, and YAHWAH shall be with the good.

CHAPTER 20

IT came to pass after this also, *that* the children of Moab, and the children of Ammon, and with them *other*

beside the Ammonites, came against Jehoshaphat to battle.

Then there came some that told Jehoshaphat, saying, There comes *a* great multitude against you from beyond the sea on this side Syria; and, behold, they *be* in Hazazontamar, which *is* Engedi.

And Jehoshaphat feared, and set himself to seek YAHWAH, and proclaimed *a* fast throughout all Judah.

And Judah gathered themselves together, to ask *help* of YAHWAH: even out of all the cities of Judah they came to seek YAHWAH.

And Jehoshaphat stood in the leaders of Judah and Jerusalem, in the house of YAHWAH, before the new court, And said, O YAHWAH ELOHEEM of our fathers, *are* not you the ELOHEEM in heaven? and rule *not* you over all the kingdoms of the nations? and in your hand *is there not* power and might, so that none is able to withstand you?

Are not you the ELOHEEM, *who* did drive out the inhabitants of this land before your people Israel, and gave it to the seed of Abraham your friend forever?

And they dwelt therein, and have built you *a* sanctuary therein for your name, saying,

If, *when* evil comes upon us, *as* the sword, judgment, or pestilence, or famine, we stand before this house, and in your presence, (*for your name is in this house,*) and cry unto you in our affliction, then you will hear and DELIVER.

And now, behold, the children of Ammon and Moab and the mountain of Seir, whom you would not let Israel invade, when they came out of the land of Egypt, but they turned from them, and destroyed them not;

Behold, *I say, how* they reward us, to come to cast us out of your possession, which you have given us to inherit.

O ELOHEEM, will you not judge them? for we have no might against this great company that comes against us; neither know we what to do: but our eyes *are* upon you.

And all Judah stood before YAHWAH, with their little ones, their wives, and their children.

Then upon Jahaziel the son of Zechariah, the son of Benaiah, the son of Jeiel, the son of Mattaniah, *a* Levite of the sons of Asaph, came the Spirit of YAHWAH in the midst of the leaders;

And he said, Harken you all, all Judah, and you all inhabitants of Jerusalem, and you king Jehoshaphat, Thus said YAHWAH unto you, Be not afraid nor dismayed by reason of this great multitude; for the battle *is* not yours, but the ELOHEEM'S.

Tomorrow go you all down against them: behold, they come up by the cliff of Ziz; and you all shall find them at the end of the brook, before the wilderness of Jeruel.

You all shall not *need* to fight in this *battle*: set yourselves, stand you all *still*, and see the DELIVERANCE of YAHWAH with you, O Judah and Jerusalem: fear not, nor be dismayed; tomorrow go out against them: for YAHWAH *will be* with you.

And Jehoshaphat bowed his head with *his* face to the land: and all Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem fell before YAHWAH, worshipping YAHWAH.

And the Levites, of the children of the Kohathites, and of the children of the Korhites, stood up to praise YAHWAH ELOHEEM of Israel with *a* loud voice on high.

And they rose early in the morning, and went forth into the wilderness of Tekoa: and as they went forth, Jehoshaphat stood and said, Hear me, O Judah, and you all inhabitants of Jerusalem; Believe into YAHWAH ELOHEEM, so shall you all be established; believe his prophets, so shall you all prosper.

And when he had consulted with the people, he appointed singers unto YAHWAH, and that should praise the beauty of sanctification, as they went out before the army, and to say, Praise YAHWAH; for his mercy *endures* forever.

And when they began to sing and to praise, YAHWAH set ambushments against the children of Ammon, Moab, and the mountain of Seir, which were come against Judah; and they were smitten.

For the children of Ammon and Moab stood up against the inhabitants of the mountain of Seir, utterly to slay and destroy *them*: and when they had made *an* end of the inhabitants of Seir, every one helped to destroy

another.

And when Judah came toward the watch tower in the wilderness, they looked unto the multitude, and, behold, they *were* dead bodies fallen to the land, and none escaped.

And when Jehoshaphat and his people came to take away the spoil of them, they found among them in abundance both riches with the dead bodies, and precious jewels, which they stripped off for themselves, more than they could carry away: and they were three days in gathering of the spoil, it was so much.

And on the fourth day they assembled themselves in the valley of Berachah; for there they blessed YAHWAH: therefore the name of the same place was called, The valley of Berachah, unto this day.

Then they returned, every man of Judah and Jerusalem, and Jehoshaphat in the forefront of them, to go again to Jerusalem with joy; for YAHWAH had made them to rejoice over their enemies.

And they came to Jerusalem with psalteries and harps and trumpets unto the house of YAHWAH.

And the fear of the ELOHEEM was on all the kingdoms of *those* lands, when they had heard that YAHWAH fought against the enemies of Israel.

So the realm of Jehoshaphat was quiet: for the ELOHEEM gave him rest round about.

And Jehoshaphat reigned over Judah: *he was* thirty and five years old when he began to reign, and he reigned twenty and five years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name *was* Azubah the daughter of Shilhi.

And he walked in the way of Asa his father, and departed not from it, doing *that which was* right in the sight of YAHWAH.

Howbeit the high places were not taken away: for as yet the people had not prepared their hearts unto the ELOHEEM of their fathers.

Now the rest of the acts of Jehoshaphat, first and last, behold, they *are* written in the book of Jehu the son of Hanani, who *is* mentioned in the book of the kings of Israel.

And after this did Jehoshaphat king of Judah join himself with Ahaziah king of Israel, who did very wickedly:

And he joined himself with him to make ships to go to Tarshish: and they made the ships in Eziongeber.

Then Eliezer the son of Dodavah of Mareshah prophesied against Jehoshaphat, saying, Because you have joined yourself with Ahaziah, YAHWAH has broken your works. And the ships were broken, that they were not able to go to Tarshish.

CHAPTER 21

NOW Jehoshaphat slept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the city of David. And Jehoram his son reigned in his stead.

And he had brethren the sons of Jehoshaphat, Azariah, and Jehiel, and Zechariah, and Azariah, and Michael, and Shephatiah: all these *were* the sons of Jehoshaphat king of Israel.

And their father gave them great gifts of silver, and of gold, and of precious things, with fenced cities in Judah: but the kingdom gave he to Jehoram; because he *was* the firstborn.

Now when Jehoram was risen up to the kingdom of his father, he strengthened himself, and slew all his brethren with the sword, and *different* also of the princes of Israel.

Jehoram *was* thirty and two years old when he began to reign, and he reigned eight years in Jerusalem.

And he walked in the way of the kings of Israel, like as did the house of Ahab: for he had the daughter of Ahab to wife: and he worked *that which was* evil in the eyes of YAHWAH.

Howbeit YAHWAH would not destroy the house of David, because of the covenant that he had made with David, and as he promised to give *a* light to him and to his sons forever.

In his days the Edomites revolted from under the dominion of Judah, and made themselves *a* king.

Then Jehoram went forth with his princes, and all his chariots with him: and he rose up by night, and smote the Edomites which compassed him in, and the captains of the chariots.

So the Edomites revolted from under the hand of Judah unto this day. The same time *also* did Libnah revolt from under his hand; because he had forsaken YAHWAH ELOHEEM of his fathers.

Moreover he made high places in the mountains of Judah, and caused the inhabitants of Jerusalem to commit whoredoms, and compelled Judah *thereto*.

And there came *a* writing to him from Elijah the prophet, saying, Thus said YAHWAH ELOHEEM of David your father, Because you have not walked in the ways of Jehoshaphat your father, nor in the ways of Asa king of Judah,

But have walked in the way of the kings of Israel, and have made Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem to go *a* whoring, like to the whoredoms of the house of Ahab, and also have slain your brethren of your father's house, *which were* better than yourself:

Behold, with *a* great plague will YAHWAH smite your people, and your children, and your wives, and all your goods:

And you *shall have* great sickness by disease of your bowels, until your bowels fall out by reason of the sickness day by day.

Moreover YAHWAH stirred up against Jehoram the spirit of the Philistines, and of the Arabians, that *were* near the Kushites:

And they came up into Judah, and break into it, and carried away all the substance that was found in the king's house, and his sons also, and his wives; so that there was never *a* son left him, except Jehoahaz, the youngest of his sons.

And after all this YAHWAH smote him in his bowels with *an* incurable disease.

And it came to pass, that in process of time, after the end of two years, his bowels fell out by reason of his sickness: so he died of sore diseases. And his people made no burning for him, like the burning of his fathers.

Thirty and two years old was he when he began to reign, and he reigned in Jerusalem eight years, and departed without being desired. Howbeit they buried him in the city of David, but not in the tombs of the kings.

CHAPTER 22

AND the inhabitants of Jerusalem made Ahaziah his youngest son king in his stead: for the band of men that came with the Arabians to the camp had slain all the eldest. So Ahaziah the son of Jehoram king of Judah reigned.

Forty and two years old *was* Ahaziah when he began to reign, and he reigned one year in Jerusalem. His mother's name also *was* Athaliah the daughter of Omri.

He also walked in the ways of the house of Ahab: for his mother was his counsellor to do wickedly.

Wherefore he did evil in the sight of YAHWAH like the house of Ahab: for they were his counsellors after the death of his father to his destruction.

He walked also after their counsel, and went with Jehoram the son of Ahab king of Israel to war against Hazael king of Syria at Ramothgilead: and the Syrians smote Joram.

And he returned to be healed in Jezreel because of the wounds which were given him at Ramah, when he fought with Hazael king of Syria. And Azariah the son of Jehoram king of Judah went down to see Jehoram the son of Ahab at Jezreel, because he was sick.

And the destruction of Ahaziah was of the ELOHEEM by coming to Joram: for when he was come, he went out with Jehoram against Jehu the son of Nimshi, whom YAHWAH had anointed to cut off the house of Ahab.

And it came to pass, that, when Jehu was executing judgment upon the house of Ahab, and found the princes of Judah, and the sons of the brethren of Ahaziah, that ministered to Ahaziah, he slew them.

And he sought Ahaziah: and they caught him, (*for he was hid in Samaria,*) and brought him to Jehu: and when they had slain him, they buried him: Because, said they, he *is* the son of Jehoshaphat, who sought YAHWAH with all his heart. So the house of Ahaziah had no power to keep still the kingdom.

But when Athaliah the mother of Ahaziah saw that her son was dead, she arose and destroyed all the seed royal of the house of Judah.

But Jehoshabeath, the daughter of the king, took Joash the son of Ahaziah, and stole him from among the king's

sons that were slain, and put him and his nurse in *a* bedchamber. So Jehoshabeath, the daughter of king Jehoram, the wife of Jehoiada the priest, (*for she was the sister of Ahaziah,*) hid him from Athaliah, so that she slew him not.

And he was with them hid in the house of the ELOHEEM six years: and Athaliah reigned over the land.

CHAPTER 23

AND in the seventh year Jehoiada strengthened himself, and took the captains of hundreds, Azariah the son of Jeroham, and Ishmael the son of Jehohanan, and Azariah the son of Obed, and Maaseiah the son of Adaiah, and Elishaphat the son of Zichri, into covenant with him.

And they went about in Judah, and gathered the Levites out of all the cities of Judah, and the chief of the fathers of Israel, and they came to Jerusalem.

And all the leaders made *a* covenant with the king in the house of the ELOHEEM. And he said to them, Behold, the king's son shall reign, as YAHWAH has said of the sons of David.

This *is* the thing that you all shall do; A third part of you entering on the sabbath, of the priests and of the Levites, *shall be* porters of the doors;

And *a* third part *shall be* at the king's house; and *a* third part at the gate of the foundation: and all the people *shall be* in the courts of the house of YAHWAH.

But let none come into the house of YAHWAH, except the priests, and they that minister of the Levites; they shall go in, for they *are* sanctified: but all the people shall keep the watch of YAHWAH.

And the Levites shall compass the king round about, every man with his weapons in his hand; and whosoever *else* comes into the house, he shall be put to death: but be you all with the king when he comes in, and when he goes out.

So the Levites and all Judah did according to all things that Jehoiada the priest had commanded, and took every man his men that were to come in on the sabbath, with them that were to go *out* on the sabbath: for Jehoiada the priest dismissed not the courses.

Moreover Jehoiada the priest delivered to the captains of hundreds spears, and bucklers, and shields, that *had been* king David's, which *were* in the house of the ELOHEEM.

And he set all the people, every man having his weapon in his hand, from the right side of the temple to the left side of the temple, along by the altar and the temple, by the king round about.

Then they brought out the king's son, and put upon him the crown, and *gave him* the testimony, and made him king. And Jehoiada and his sons anointed him, and said, live the king.

Now when Athaliah heard the noise of the people running and praising the king, she came to the people into the house of YAHWAH:

And she looked, and, behold, the king stood at his pillar at the entering in, and the princes and the trumpets by the king: and all the people of the land rejoiced, and sounded with trumpets, also the singers with instruments of musick, and such as taught to sing praise. Then Athaliah rent her clothes, and said, Treason, Treason.

Then Jehoiada the priest brought out the captains of hundreds that were set over the host, and said to them, Have her forth of the ranges: and whoso follows her, let him be slain with the sword. For the priest said, Slay her not in the house of YAHWAH.

So they laid hands on her; and when she was come to the entering of the horse gate by the king's house, they slew her there.

And Jehoiada made *a* covenant between him, and between all the people, and between the king, that they should be YAHWAH'S people.

Then all the people went to the house of Baal, and break it down, and break his altars and his images in pieces, and slew Mattan the priest of Baal before the altars.

Also Jehoiada appointed the offices of the house of YAHWAH by the hand of the priests the Levites, whom David had distributed in the house of YAHWAH, to offer the burnt offerings of YAHWAH, as *it is* written in

the law of Moses, with rejoicing and with singing, *as it was ordained* by David.

And he set the porters at the gates of the house of YAHWAH, that none *which was* unclean in anything should enter in.

And he took the captains of hundreds, and the nobles, and the governors of the people, and all the people of the land, and brought down the king from the house of YAHWAH: and they came through the high gate into the king's house, and set the king upon the throne of the kingdom.

And all the people of the land rejoiced: and the city was quiet, after that they had slain Athaliah with the sword.

CHAPTER 24

JOASH *was* seven years old when he began to reign, and he reigned forty years in Jerusalem. His mother's name also *was* Zibiah of Beersheba.

And Joash did *that which was* right in the sight of YAHWAH all the days of Jehoiada the priest.

And Jehoiada took for him two wives; and he begat sons and daughters.

And it came to pass after this, *that* Joash was minded to repair the house of YAHWAH.

And he gathered together the priests and the Levites, and said to them, Go out unto the cities of Judah, and gather of all Israel money to repair the house of the ELOHEEM from year to year, and see that you all hasten the matter. Howbeit the Levites hastened *it not*.

And the king called for Jehoiada the chief, and said to him, Why have you not required of the Levites to bring in out of Judah and out of Jerusalem the collection, *according to the commandment* of Moses the servant of YAHWAH, and of the leaders of Israel, for the tabernacle of witness?

For the sons of Athaliah, that wicked woman, had broken up the house of the ELOHEEM; and also all the sanctified things of the house of YAHWAH did they bestow upon Baalim.

And at the king's commandment they made *a* chest, and set it outside at the gate of the house of YAHWAH.

And they made *a* proclamation through Judah and Jerusalem, to bring in to YAHWAH the collection *that* Moses the servant of the ELOHEEM *laid* upon Israel in the wilderness.

And all the princes and all the people rejoiced, and brought in, and cast into the chest, until they had made *an* end.

Now it came to pass, that at what time the chest was brought unto the king's office by the hand of the Levites, and when they saw that *there was* much money, the king's scribe and the high priest's officer came and emptied the chest, and took it, and carried it to his place again. Thus they did day by day, and gathered money in abundance.

And the king and Jehoiada gave it to such as did the work of the service of the house of YAHWAH, and hired masons and carpenters to repair the house of YAHWAH, and also such as worked iron and brass to mend the house of YAHWAH.

So the workmen worked, and the work was perfected by them, and they set the house of the ELOHEEM in his state, and strengthened it.

And when they had finished *it*, they brought the rest of the money before the king and Jehoiada, whereof were made vessels for the house of YAHWAH, *even* vessels to minister, and to offer *withal*, and spoons, and vessels of gold and silver. And they offered burnt offerings in the house of YAHWAH continually all the days of Jehoiada.

But Jehoiada waxed old, and was full of days when he died; *a* hundred and thirty years old *was he* when he died.

And they buried him in the city of David among the kings, because he had done good in Israel, both toward the ELOHEEM, and toward his house.

Now after the death of Jehoiada came the princes of Judah, and made obeisance to the king. Then the king hearkened unto them.

And they left the house of YAHWAH ELOHEEM of their fathers, and served groves and idols: and wrath came

upon Judah and Jerusalem for this their trespass.

Yet he sent prophets to them, to bring them again unto YAHWAH; and they testified against them: but they would not give ear.

And the Spirit of the ELOHEEM came upon Zechariah the son of Jehoiada the priest, which stood above the people, and said to them, Thus said the ELOHEEM, Why transgress you all the commandments of YAHWAH, that you all cannot prosper? because you all have forsaken YAHWAH, he has also forsaken you.

And they conspired against him, and stoned him with stones at the commandment of the king in the court of the house of YAHWAH.

Thus Joash the king remembered not the kindness which Jehoiada his father had done to him, but slew his son. And when he died, he said, YAHWAH look upon *it*, and require *it*.

And it came to pass at the end of the year, *that* the host of Syria came up against him: and they came to Judah and Jerusalem, and destroyed all the princes of the people from among the people, and sent all the spoil of them unto the king of Damascus.

For the army of the Syrians came with *a* small company of men, and YAHWAH delivered *a* very great host into their hand, because they had forsaken YAHWAH ELOHEEM of their fathers. So they executed judgment against Joash.

And when they were departed from him, (*for they left him in great diseases,*) his own servants conspired against him for the blood of the sons of Jehoiada the priest, and slew him on his bed, and he died: and they buried him in the city of David, but they buried him not in the tombs of the kings.

And these are they that conspired against him; Zabad the son of Shimeath *an* Ammonitess, and Jehozabad the son of Shimrith *a* Moabitess.

Now *concerning* his sons, and the greatness of the burdens *laid* upon him, and the repairing of the house of the ELOHEEM, behold, they *are* written in the story of the book of the kings. And Amaziah his son reigned in his stead.

CHAPTER 25

AMAZIAH *was* twenty and five years old *when* he began to reign, and he reigned twenty and nine years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name *was* Jehoaddan of Jerusalem.

And he did *that which was* right in the sight of YAHWAH, but not with *a* perfect heart.

Now it came to pass, when the kingdom was established to him, that he slew his servants that had killed the king his father.

But he slew not their children, but *did as it is* written in the law in the book of Moses, where YAHWAH commanded, saying, The fathers shall not die for the children, neither shall the children die for the fathers, but every man shall die for his own sin.

Moreover Amaziah gathered Judah together, and made them captains over thousands, and captains over hundreds, according to the houses of *their* fathers, throughout all Judah and Benjamin: and he numbered them from twenty years old and above, and found them three hundred thousand choice *men, able* to go forth to war, that could handle spear and shield.

He hired also *a* hundred thousand mighty men of valour out of Israel for *a* hundred talents of silver.

But there came *a* man of the ELOHEEM to him, saying, O king, let not the army of Israel go with you; for YAHWAH *is* not with Israel, *to wit, with* all the children of Ephraim.

But if you will go, do *it*, be strong for the battle: the ELOHEEM shall make you fall before the enemy: for the ELOHEEM has power to help, and to cast down.

And Amaziah said to the man of the ELOHEEM, But what shall we do for the hundred talents which I have given to the army of Israel? And the man of the ELOHEEM answered, YAHWAH *is* able to give you much more than this.

Then Amaziah separated them, *to wit,* the army that was come to him out of Ephraim, to go home again:

wherefore their anger was greatly kindled against Judah, and they returned home in great anger.

And Amaziah strengthened himself, and led forth his people, and went to the valley of salt, and smote of the children of Seir ten thousand.

And *other* ten thousand *left* alive did the children of Judah carry away captive, and brought them unto the top of the rock, and cast them down from the top of the rock, that they all were broken in pieces.

But the soldiers of the army which Amaziah sent back, that they should not go with him to battle, fell upon the cities of Judah, from Samaria even unto Bethhoron, and smote three thousand of them, and took much spoil.

Now it came to pass, after that Amaziah was come from the slaughter of the Edomites, that he brought the eloheems of the children of Seir, and set them up *to be* his eloheems, and bowed down himself before them, and burned incense unto them.

Wherefore the anger of YAHWAH was kindled against Amaziah, and he sent unto him *a* prophet, which said to him, Why have you sought after the eloheems of the people, which could not deliver their own people out of your hand?

And it came to pass, as he talked with him, that *the king* said to him, Are you made of the king's counsel? forbear; why should you be smitten? Then the prophet forbore, and said, I know that the ELOHEEM has determined to destroy you, because you have done this, and have not hearkened unto my counsel.

Then Amaziah king of Judah took advice, and sent to Joash, the son of Jehoahaz, the son of Jehu, king of Israel, saying, Come, let us see one another in the face.

And Joash king of Israel sent to Amaziah king of Judah, saying, The thistle that *was* in Lebanon sent to the cedar that *was* in Lebanon, saying, Give your daughter to my son to wife: and there passed by *a* wild beast that *was* in Lebanon, and trode down the thistle.

You say, Behold, you have smitten the Edomites; and your heart lifts you up to boast: abide now at home; why should you meddle to *your* hurt, that you should fall, *even* you, and Judah with you?

But Amaziah would not hear; for it *came* of the ELOHEEM, that he might deliver them into the hand of *their* enemies, because they sought after the eloheems of Edom.

So Joash the king of Israel went up; and they saw one another in the face, *both* he and Amaziah king of Judah, at Bethshemesh, which *belongs* to Judah.

And Judah was put to the worse before Israel, and they fled every man to his tent.

And Joash the king of Israel took Amaziah king of Judah, the son of Joash, the son of Jehoahaz, at Bethshemesh, and brought him to Jerusalem, and break down the wall of Jerusalem from the gate of Ephraim to the corner gate, four hundred cubits.

And *he took* all the gold and the silver, and all the vessels that were found in the house of the ELOHEEM with Obbedom, and the treasures of the king's house, the hostages also, and returned to Samaria.

And Amaziah the son of Joash king of Judah lived after the death of Joash son of Jehoahaz king of Israel fifteen years.

Now the rest of the acts of Amaziah, first and last, behold, *are* they not written in the book of the kings of Judah and Israel?

Now after the time that Amaziah did turn away from following YAHWAH they made *a* conspiracy against him in Jerusalem; and he fled to Lachish: but they sent to Lachish after him, and slew him there.

And they brought him upon horses, and buried him with his fathers in the city of Judah.

CHAPTER 26

THEN all the people of Judah took Uzziah, who *was* sixteen years old, and made him king in the room of his father Amaziah.

He built Eloth, and restored it to Judah, after that the king slept with his fathers.

Sixteen years old *was* Uzziah when he began to reign, and he reigned fifty and two years in Jerusalem. His mother's name also *was* Jecoliah of Jerusalem.

And he did *that which was* right in the sight of YAHWAH, according to all that his father Amaziah did.

And he sought the ELOHEEM in the days of Zechariah, who had understanding in the visions of the ELOHEEM: and as long as he sought YAHWAH ELOHEEM made him to prosper.

And he went forth and warred against the Philistines, and break down the wall of Gath, and the wall of Jabneh, and the wall of Ashdod, and built cities about Ashdod, and among the Philistines.

And the ELOHEEM helped him against the Philistines, and against the Arabians that dwelt in Gur-baal, and the Mehunims.

And the Ammonites gave gifts to Uzziah: and his name spread abroad *even* to the entering in of Egypt; for he strengthened *himself* exceedingly.

Moreover Uzziah built towers in Jerusalem at the corner gate, and at the valley gate, and at the turning *of the wall*, and fortified them.

Also he built towers in the desert, and digged many wells: for he had much cattle, both in the low country, and in the plains: husbandmen *also*, and vine dressers in the mountains, and in Karmel: for he loved husbandry.

Moreover Uzziah had *a* host of fighting men, that went out to war by bands, according to the number of their account by the hand of Jeiel the scribe and Maaseiah the ruler, under the hand of Hananiah, *one* of the king's captains.

The whole number of the chief of the fathers of the mighty men of valour *were* two thousand and six hundred.

And under their hand *was an* army, three hundred thousand and seven thousand and five hundred, that made war with mighty power, to help the king against the enemy.

And Uzziah prepared for them throughout all the host shields, and spears, and helmets, and habergeons, and bows, and slings *to cast* stones.

And he made in Jerusalem engines, invented by cunning men, to be on the towers and upon the bulwarks, to shoot arrows and great stones withal. And his name spread far abroad; for he was marvellously helped, till he was strong.

But when he was strong, his heart was lifted up to *his* destruction: for he transgressed against YAHWAH ELOHEEM, and went into the temple of YAHWAH to burn incense upon the altar of incense.

And Azariah the priest went in after him, and with him fourscore priests of YAHWAH, *that were* valiant men:

And they withstood Uzziah the king, and said to him, *It appertains* not unto you, Uzziah, to burn incense unto YAHWAH, but to the priests the sons of Aaron, that are sanctified to burn incense: go out of the sanctuary; for you have trespassed; neither *shall it be* for your honor from YAHWAH ELOHEEM.

Then Uzziah was wroth, and *had a* censer in his hand to burn incense: and while he was wroth with the priests, the leprosy even rose up in his forehead before the priests in the house of YAHWAH, from beside the incense altar.

And Azariah the chief priest, and all the priests, looked upon him, and, behold, he *was* leprous in his forehead, and they thrust him out from thence; yes, himself hasted also to go out, because YAHWAH had smitten him.

And Uzziah the king was *a* leper unto the day of his death, and dwelt in *a* several house, *being a* leper; for he was cut off from the house of YAHWAH: and Jotham his son *was* over the king's house, judging the people of the land.

Now the rest of the acts of Uzziah, first and last, did Isaiah the prophet, the son of Amoz, write.

So Uzziah slept with his fathers, and they buried him with his fathers in the field of the burial which *belonged* to the kings; for they said, He *is a* leper: and Jotham his son reigned in his stead.

CHAPTER 27

JOTHAM *was* twenty and five years old when he began to reign, and he reigned sixteen years in Jerusalem. His mother's name also *was* Jerushah, the daughter of Zadok.

And he did *that which was* right in the sight of YAHWAH, according to all that his father Uzziah did: howbeit he entered not into the temple of YAHWAH. And the people did yet corruptly.

He built the high gate of the house of YAHWAH, and on the wall of Ophel he built much. Moreover he built cities in the mountains of Judah, and in the forests he built castles and towers. He fought also with the king of the Ammonites, and prevailed against them. And the children of Ammon gave him the same year *a* hundred talents of silver, and ten thousand measures of wheat, and ten thousand of barley. So much did the children of Ammon pay unto him, both the second year, and the third. So Jotham became mighty, because he prepared his ways before YAHWAH ELOHEEM. Now the rest of the acts of Jotham, and all his wars, and his ways, behold, they *are* written in the book of the kings of Israel and Judah. He was five and twenty years old when he began to reign, and reigned sixteen years in Jerusalem. And Jotham slept with his fathers, and they buried him in the city of David: and Ahaz his son reigned in his stead.

CHAPTER 28

AHAZ *was* twenty years old when he began to reign, and he reigned sixteen years in Jerusalem: but he did not *that which was* right in the sight of YAHWAH, like David his father: For he walked in the ways of the kings of Israel, and made also molten images for Baalim. Moreover he burnt incense in the valley of the son of Hinnom, and burnt his children in the fire, after the abominations of the nations whom YAHWAH had cast out before the children of Israel. He sacrificed also and burnt incense in the high places, and on the hills, and under every green tree. Wherefore YAHWAH ELOHEEM delivered him into the hand of the king of Syria; and they smote him, and carried away *a* great multitude of them captives, and brought *them* to Damascus. And he was also delivered into the hand of the king of Israel, who smote him with *a* great slaughter. For Pekah the son of Remaliah slew in Judah *a* hundred and twenty thousand in one day, *which were* all valiant men; because they had forsaken YAHWAH ELOHEEM of their fathers. And Zichri, *a* mighty man of Ephraim, slew Maaseiah the king's son, and Azrikam the governor of the house, and Elkanah *that was* next to the king. And the children of Israel carried away captive of their brethren two hundred thousand, women, sons, and daughters, and took also away much spoil from them, and brought the spoil to Samaria. But *a* prophet of YAHWAH was there, whose name *was* Oded: and he went out before the host that came to Samaria, and said to them, Behold, because YAHWAH ELOHEEM of your fathers was wroth with Judah, he has delivered them into your hand, and you all have slain them in *a* rage *that* reaches up unto heaven. And now you all purpose to keep under the children of Judah and Jerusalem for bondmen and bondwomen unto you: *but are there* not with you, even with you, sins against YAHWAH ELOHEEM? Now hear me therefore, and deliver the captives again, which you all have taken captive of your brethren: for the fierce wrath of YAHWAH *is* upon you. Then certain of the heads of the children of Ephraim, Azariah the son of Johanan, Berechiah the son of Meshillemoth, and Jehizkiah the son of Shallum, and Amasa the son of Hadlai, stood up against them that came from the war, And said to them, You all shall not bring in the captives here: for whereas we have offended against YAHWAH *already*, you all intend to add *more* to our sins and to our trespass: for our trespass is great, and *there is* fierce wrath against Israel. So the armed men left the captives and the spoil before the princes and all the leaders. And the men which were expressed by name rose up, and took the captives, and with the spoil clothed all that were naked among them, and arrayed them, and shod them, and gave them to eat and to drink, and spread oil on them, and carried all the feeble of them upon asses, and brought them to Jericho, the city of palm trees, to their brethren: then they returned to Samaria. At that time did king Ahaz send unto the kings of Assyria to help him.

For again the Edomites had come and smitten Judah, and carried away captives.

The Philistines also had invaded the cities of the low country, and of the south of Judah, and had taken Bethshemesh, and Ajalon, and Gederoth, and Shocho with the villages thereof, and Timnah with the villages thereof, Gimzo also and the villages thereof: and they dwelt there.

For YAHWAH brought Judah low because of Ahaz king of Israel; for he made Judah naked, and transgressed sore against YAHWAH.

And Tiglathpileser king of Assyria came unto him, and distressed him, but strengthened him not.

For Ahaz took away *a* portion *out* of the house of YAHWAH, and *out* of the house of the king, and of the princes, and gave *it* unto the king of Assyria: but he helped him not.

And in the time of his distress did he trespass yet more against YAHWAH: this *is that* king Ahaz.

For he sacrificed unto the eloheems of Damascus, which smote him: and he said, Because the eloheems of the kings of Syria help them, *therefore* will I sacrifice to them, that they may help me. But they were the ruin of him, and of all Israel.

And Ahaz gathered together the vessels of the house of the ELOHEEM, and cut in pieces the vessels of the house of the ELOHEEM, and shut up the doors of the house of YAHWAH, and he made him altars in every corner of Jerusalem.

And in every several city of Judah he made high places to burn incense unto other eloheems, and provoked to anger YAHWAH ELOHEEM of his fathers.

Now the rest of his acts and of all his ways, first and last, behold, they *are* written in the book of the kings of Judah and Israel.

And Ahaz slept with his fathers, and they buried him in the city, *even* in Jerusalem: but they brought him not into the tombs of the kings of Israel: and Hezekiah his son reigned in his stead.

CHAPTER 29

HEZEKIAH began to reign *when he was* five and twenty years old, and he reigned nine and twenty years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name *was* Abijah, the daughter of Zechariah.

And he did *that which was* right in the sight of YAHWAH, according to all that David his father had done.

He in the first year of his reign, in the first month, opened the doors of the house of YAHWAH, and repaired them.

And he brought in the priests and the Levites, and gathered them together into the east street,

And said to them, Hear me, you all Levites, sanctify now yourselves, and sanctify the house of YAHWAH ELOHEEM of your fathers, and carry forth the filthiness out of the sanctified *place*.

For our fathers have trespassed, and done *that which was* evil in the eyes of YAHWAH ELOHEEM, and have forsaken him, and have turned away their faces from the habitation of YAHWAH, and turned *their* backs.

Also they have shut up the doors of the porch, and put out the Lamps, and have not burned incense nor offered burnt offerings in the sanctified *place* unto the ELOHEEM of Israel.

Wherefore the wrath of YAHWAH was upon Judah and Jerusalem, and he has delivered them to trouble, to astonishment, and to hissing, as you all see with your eyes.

For, behold, our fathers have fallen by the sword, and our sons and our daughters and our wives *are* in captivity for this.

Now *it is* in my heart to make *a* covenant with YAHWAH ELOHEEM of Israel, that his fierce wrath may turn away from us.

My sons, be not now negligent: for YAHWAH has chosen you to stand before him, to serve him, and that you all should minister unto him, and burn incense.

Then the Levites arose, Mahath the son of Amasai, and Joel the son of Azariah, of the sons of the Kohathites: and of the sons of Merari, Kish the son of Abdi, and Azariah the son of Jehalelel: and of the Gershonites; Joah the son of Zimmah, and Eden the son of Joah:

And of the sons of Elizaphan; Shimri, and Jeiel: and of the sons of Asaph; Zechariah, and Mattaniah:

And of the sons of Heman; Jehiel, and Shimei: and of the sons of Jeduthun; Shemaiah, and Uzziel.

And they gathered their brethren, and sanctified themselves, and came, according to the commandment of the king, by the words of YAHWAH, to cleanse the house of YAHWAH.

And the priests went into the inner part of the house of YAHWAH, to cleanse *it*, and brought out all the uncleanness that they found in the temple of YAHWAH into the court of the house of YAHWAH. And the Levites took *it*, to carry *it* out abroad into the brook Kidron.

Now they began on the first *day* of the first month to sanctify, and on the eighth day of the month came they to the porch of YAHWAH: so they sanctified the house of YAHWAH in eight days; and in the sixteenth day of the first month they made *an* end.

Then they went in to Hezekiah the king, and said, We have cleansed all the house of YAHWAH, and the altar of burnt offering, with all the vessels thereof, and the showbread table, with all the vessels thereof.

Moreover all the vessels, which king Ahaz in his reign did cast away in his transgression, have we prepared and sanctified, and, behold, they *are* before the altar of YAHWAH.

Then Hezekiah the king rose early, and gathered the rulers of the city, and went up to the house of YAHWAH.

And they brought seven bullocks, and seven rams, and seven lambs, and seven he goats, for *a* sin offering for the kingdom, and for the sanctuary, and for Judah. And he commanded the priests the sons of Aaron to offer *them* on the altar of YAHWAH.

So they killed the bullocks, and the priests received the blood, and sprinkled *it* on the altar: likewise, when they had killed the rams, they sprinkled the blood upon the altar: they killed also the lambs, and they sprinkled the blood upon the altar.

And they brought forth the he goats *for* the sin offering before the king and the leaders; and they laid their hands upon them:

And the priests killed them, and they made reconciliation with their blood upon the altar, to make *an* atonement for all Israel: for the king commanded *that* the burnt offering and the sin offering *should be made* for all Israel.

And he set the Levites in the house of YAHWAH with cymbals, with psalteries, and with harps, according to the commandment of David, and of Gad the king's seer, and Nathan the prophet: for *so was* the commandment of YAHWAH by his prophets.

And the Levites stood with the instruments of David, and the priests with the trumpets.

And Hezekiah commanded to offer the burnt offering upon the altar. And when the burnt offering began, the song of YAHWAH began *also* with the trumpets, and with the instruments *ordained* by David king of Israel.

And all the leaders worshipped, and the singers sang, and the trumpeters sounded: *and all this continued* until the burnt offering was finished.

And when they had made *an* end of offering, the king and all that were present with him bowed themselves, and worshipped.

Moreover Hezekiah the king and the princes commanded the Levites to sing praise unto YAHWAH with the words of David, and of Asaph the seer. And they sang praises with gladness, and they bowed their heads and worshipped.

Then Hezekiah answered and said, Now you all have consecrated yourselves unto YAHWAH, come near and bring sacrifices and thank offerings into the house of YAHWAH. And the leaders brought in sacrifices and thank offerings; and as many as were of *a* free heart burnt offerings.

And the number of the burnt offerings, which the leaders brought, was seventy bullocks, *a* hundred rams, *and* two hundred lambs: all these *were* for *a* burnt offering to YAHWAH.

And the sanctified things *were* six hundred oxen and three thousand sheep.

But the priests were too few, so that they could not flay all the burnt offerings: wherefore their brethren the Levites did help them, till the work was ended, and until the *other* priests had sanctified themselves: for the Levites *were* more upright in heart to sanctify themselves than the priests.

And also the burnt offerings *were* in abundance, with the fat of the peace offerings, and the drink offerings for every burnt offering. So the service of the house of YAHWAH was set in order.

And Hezekiah rejoiced, and all the people, that the ELOHEEM had prepared the people: for the thing was *done* suddenly.

CHAPTER 30

AND Hezekiah sent to all Israel and Judah, and wrote letters also to Ephraim and Manasseh, that they should come to the house of YAHWAH at Jerusalem, to keep the Passover unto YAHWAH ELOHEEM of Israel.

For the king had taken counsel, and his princes, and all the leaders in Jerusalem, to keep the Passover in the second month.

For they could not keep it at that time, because the priests had not sanctified themselves sufficiently, neither had the people gathered themselves together to Jerusalem.

And the thing pleased the king and all the leaders.

So they established a decree to make proclamation throughout all Israel, from Beersheba even to Dan, that they should come to keep the Passover unto YAHWAH ELOHEEM of Israel at Jerusalem: for they had not done *it* of a long time in such sort as it was written.

So the posts went with the letters from the king and his princes throughout all Israel and Judah, and according to the commandment of the king, saying, You all children of Israel, turn again unto YAHWAH ELOHEEM of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, and he will return to the remnant of you, that are escaped out of the hand of the kings of Assyria.

And be not you all like your fathers, and like your brethren, which trespassed against YAHWAH ELOHEEM of their fathers, *who* therefore gave them up to desolation, as you all see.

Now be you all not stiffnecked, as your fathers *were*, but yield yourselves unto YAHWAH, and enter into his sanctuary, which he has sanctified forever: and serve YAHWAH ELOHEEM, that the fierceness of his wrath may turn away from you.

For if you all turn again unto YAHWAH, your brethren and your children *shall find* compassion before them that lead them captive, so that they shall come again into this land: for YAHWAH ELOHEEM *is* gracious and merciful, and will not turn away *his* face from you, if you all return unto him.

So the posts passed from city to city through the land of Ephraim and Manasseh even unto Zebulun: but they laughed them to scorn, and mocked them.

Nevertheless different ones of Asher and Manasseh and of Zebulun humbled themselves, and came to Jerusalem.

Also in Judah the hand of the ELOHEEM was to give them one heart to do the commandment of the king and of the princes, by the word of YAHWAH.

And there assembled at Jerusalem much people to keep the feast of unleavened bread in the second month, very great leaders.

And they arose and took away the altars that *were* in Jerusalem, and all the altars for incense took they away, and cast *them* into the brook Kidron.

Then they killed the Passover on the fourteenth *day* of the second month: and the priests and the Levites were ashamed, and sanctified themselves, and brought in the burnt offerings into the house of YAHWAH.

And they stood in their place after their manner, according to the law of Moses the man of the ELOHEEM: the priests sprinkled the blood, *which they received* of the hand of the Levites.

For *there were* many leaders that were not sanctified: therefore the Levites had the charge of the killing of the passovers for every one *that was* not clean, to sanctify *them* unto YAHWAH.

For a multitude of the people, *even* many of Ephraim, and Manasseh, Issachar, and Zebulun, had not cleansed themselves, yet did they eat the Passover otherwise than it was written. But Hezekiah prayed for them, saying, The good YAHWAH pardon every one

That prepares his heart to seek the ELOHEEM, YAHWAH ELOHEEM of his fathers, though *he be not cleansed* according to the purification of the sanctuary.

And YAHWAH hearkened to Hezekiah, and healed the people.

And the children of Israel that were present at Jerusalem kept the feast of unleavened bread seven days with great gladness: and the Levites and the priests praised YAHWAH day by day, *singing* with loud instruments unto YAHWAH.

And Hezekiah spoke comfortably unto all the Levites that taught the good knowledge of YAHWAH: and they did eat throughout the feast seven days, offering peace offerings, and making confession to YAHWAH ELOHEEM of their fathers.

And all the leaders took counsel to keep other seven days: and they kept *other* seven days with gladness.

For Hezekiah king of Judah did give to the leaders *a* thousand bullocks and seven thousand sheep; and the princes gave to the leaders *a* thousand bullocks and ten thousand sheep: and *a* great number of priests sanctified themselves.

And all the leaders of Judah, with the priests and the Levites, and all the leaders that came out of Israel, and the strangers that came out of the land of Israel, and that dwelt in Judah, rejoiced.

So there was great joy in Jerusalem: for since the time of Solomon the son of David king of Israel *there was not* the like in Jerusalem.

Then the priests the Levites arose and blessed the people: and their voice was heard, and their prayer came *up* to his sanctified dwelling place, *even* unto heaven.

CHAPTER 31

NOW when all this was finished, all Israel that were present went out to the cities of Judah, and break the images in pieces, and cut down the groves, and threw down the high places and the altars out of all Judah and Benjamin, in Ephraim also and Manasseh, until they had utterly destroyed them all. Then all the children of Israel returned, every man to his possession, into their own cities.

And Hezekiah appointed the courses of the priests and the Levites after their courses, every man according to his service, the priests and Levites for burnt offerings and for peace offerings, to minister, and to give thanks, and to praise in the gates of the tents of YAHWAH.

He appointed also the king's portion of his substance for the burnt offerings, *to wit*, for the morning and evening burnt offerings, and the burnt offerings for the sabbaths, and for the new moons, and for the set feasts, as *it is* written in the law of YAHWAH.

Moreover he commanded the people that dwelt in Jerusalem to give the portion of the priests and the Levites, that they might be encouraged in the law of YAHWAH.

And as soon as the commandment came abroad, the children of Israel brought in abundance the firstfruits of grain, wine, and oil, and honey, and of all the increase of the field; and the tithe of all *things* brought they in abundantly.

And *concerning* the children of Israel and Judah, that dwelt in the cities of Judah, they also brought in the tithe of oxen and sheep, and the tithe of sanctified things which were sanctified unto YAHWAH ELOHEEM, and laid *them* by heaps.

In the third month they began to lay the foundation of the heaps, and finished *them* in the seventh month.

And when Hezekiah and the princes came and saw the heaps, they blessed YAHWAH, and his people Israel.

Then Hezekiah questioned with the priests and the Levites concerning the heaps.

And Azariah the chief priest of the house of Zadok answered him, and said, Since *the people* began to bring the offerings into the house of YAHWAH, we have had enough to eat, and have left plenty: for YAHWAH has blessed his people; and that which is left *is* this great store.

Then Hezekiah commanded to prepare chambers in the house of YAHWAH; and they prepared *them*,

And brought in the offerings and the tithes and the sanctified *things* faithfully: over which Kononiah the Levite

was ruler, and Shimei his brother *was* the next.

And Jehiel, and Azaziah, and Nahath, and Asahel, and Jerimoth, and Jozabad, and Eliel, and Ismachiah, and Mahath, and Benaiah, *were* overseers under the hand of Kononiah and Shimei his brother, at the commandment of Hezekiah the king, and Azariah the ruler of the house of the ELOHEEM.

And Kore the son of Imnah the Levite, the door keeper toward the east, *was* over the freewill offerings of the ELOHEEM, to distribute the oblations of YAHWAH, and the sanctified of the sanctified things.

And next him *were* Eden, and Miniamin, and Jeshua, and Shemaiah, Amariah, and Shecaniah, in the cities of the priests, in *their* set office, to give to their brethren by courses, as well to the great as to the small:

Beside their genealogy of males, from three years old and upward, *even* unto every one that enters into the house of YAHWAH, his daily portion for their service in their charges according to their courses;

Both to the genealogy of the priests by the house of their fathers, and the Levites from twenty years old and upward, in their charges by their courses;

And to the genealogy of all their little ones, their wives, and their sons, and their daughters, through all the leaders: for in their set office they sanctified themselves in sanctification:

Also of the sons of Aaron the priests, *which were* in the fields of the suburbs of their cities, in every several city, the men that were expressed by name, to give portions to all the males among the priests, and to all that were reckoned by genealogies among the Levites.

And thus did Hezekiah throughout all Judah, and worked *that which was* good and right and truth before YAHWAH ELOHEEM.

And in every work that he began in the service of the house of the ELOHEEM, and in the law, and in the commandments, to seek the ELOHEEM, he did *it* with all his heart, and prospered.

CHAPTER 32

AFTER these things, and the establishment thereof, Sennacherib king of Assyria came, and entered into Judah, and encamped against the fenced cities, and thought to win them for himself.

And when Hezekiah saw that Sennacherib was come, and that he was purposed to fight against Jerusalem, He took counsel with his princes and his mighty men to stop the waters of the fountains which *were* outside of the city: and they did help him.

So there was gathered much people together, who stopped all the fountains, and the brook that ran through the midst of the land, saying, Why should the kings of Assyria come, and find much water?

Also he strengthened himself, and built up all the wall that was broken, and raised *it* up to the towers, and another wall outside, and repaired Millo *in* the city of David, and made darts and shields in abundance.

And he set captains of war over the people, and gathered them together to him in the street of the gate of the city, and spoke comfortably to them, saying,

Be strong and courageous, be not afraid nor dismayed for the king of Assyria, nor for all the multitude that *is* with him: for *there be* more with us than with him:

With him *is* an arm of flesh; but with us *is* YAHWAH ELOHEEM to help us, and to fight our battles. And the people rested themselves upon the words of Hezekiah king of Judah.

After this did Sennacherib king of Assyria send his servants to Jerusalem, (*but he himself laid siege against Lachish, and all his power with him,*) unto Hezekiah king of Judah, and unto all Judah that *were* at Jerusalem, saying,

Thus said Sennacherib king of Assyria, Whereon do you all trust, that you all abide in the siege in Jerusalem?

Does not Hezekiah persuade you to give over yourselves to die by famine and by thirst, saying, YAHWAH ELOHEEM shall deliver us out of the hand of the king of Assyria?

Has not the same Hezekiah taken away his high places and his altars, and commanded Judah and Jerusalem, saying, You all shall worship before one altar, and burn incense upon it?

Know you all not what I and my fathers have done unto all the people of *other* lands? were the eloheems of the

nations of those lands any ways able to deliver their lands out of my hand?

Who *was there* among all the eloheems of those nations that my fathers utterly destroyed, that could deliver his people out of my hand, that ELOHEEM should be able to deliver you out of my hand?

Now therefore let not Hezekiah deceive you, nor persuade you on this manner, neither yet believe him: for no eloheem of any nation or kingdom was able to deliver his people out of my hand, and out of the hand of my fathers: how much less shall ELOHEEM deliver you out of my hand?

And his servants spoke yet *more* against YAHWAH ELOHEEM, and against his servant Hezekiah.

He wrote also letters to rail on YAHWAH ELOHEEM of Israel, and to speak against him, saying, As the eloheems of the nations of *other* lands have not delivered their people out of my hand, so shall not ELOHEEM of Hezekiah deliver his people out of my hand.

Then they cried with *a* loud voice in the Judeans' speech unto the people of Jerusalem that *were* on the wall, to affright them, and to trouble them; that they might take the city.

And they spoke against the ELOHEEM of Jerusalem, as against the eloheems of the people of the land, *which were* the work of the hands of adamites.

And for this *cause* Hezekiah the king, and the prophet Isaiah the son of Amoz, prayed and cried to heaven.

And YAHWAH sent *an* angel, which cut off all the mighty men of valour, and captains and chief in the camp of the king of Assyria. So he returned with shame of face to his own land. And when he was come into the house of his eloheem, they that came forth of his own bowels slew him there with the sword.

Thus YAHWAH DELIVERED Hezekiah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem from the hand of Sennacherib the king of Assyria, and from the hand of all *other*, and guided them on every side.

And many brought gifts unto YAHWAH to Jerusalem, and presents to Hezekiah king of Judah: so that he was magnified in the sight of all nations from thenceforth.

In those days Hezekiah was sick to the death, and prayed unto YAHWAH: and he spoke unto him, and he gave him *a* sign.

But Hezekiah rendered not again according to the benefit *done* unto him; for his heart was lifted up: therefore there was wrath upon him, and upon Judah and Jerusalem.

Notwithstanding Hezekiah humbled himself for the pride of his heart, *both* he and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so that the wrath of YAHWAH came not upon them in the days of Hezekiah.

And Hezekiah had exceeding much riches and honor: and he made himself treasuries for silver, and for gold, and for precious stones, and for spices, and for shields, and for all manner of pleasant jewels;

Storehouses also for the increase of grain, and wine, and oil; and stalls for all manner of beasts, and cotes for flocks.

Moreover he provided him cities, and possessions of flocks and herds in abundance: for the ELOHEEM had given him substance very much.

This same Hezekiah also stopped the upper watercourse of Gihon, and brought it straight down to the west side of the city of David. And Hezekiah prospered in all his works.

Howbeit in *the business of* the ambassadors of the princes of Babylon, who sent unto him to inquire of the wonder that was *done* in the land, the ELOHEEM left him, to try him, that he might know all *that was* in his heart.

Now the rest of the acts of Hezekiah, and his goodness, behold, they *are* written in the vision of Isaiah the prophet, the son of Amoz, *and* in the book of the kings of Judah and Israel.

And Hezekiah slept with his fathers, and they buried him in the chiefest of the tombs of the sons of David: and all Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem did him honor at his death. And Manasseh his son reigned in his stead.

CHAPTER 33

MANASSEH *was* twelve years old when he began to reign, and he reigned fifty and five years in Jerusalem:

But did *that which was* evil in the sight of YAHWAH, like unto the abominations of the nations, whom YAHWAH had cast out before the children of Israel.

For he built again the high places which Hezekiah his father had broken down, and he reared up altars for Baalim, and made groves, and worshipped all the host of heaven, and served them.

Also he built altars in the house of YAHWAH, whereof YAHWAH had said, In Jerusalem shall my name be forever.

And he built altars for all the host of heaven in the two courts of the house of YAHWAH.

And he caused his children to pass through the fire in the valley of the son of Hinnom: also he observed times, and used enchantments, and used sorceries, and dealt with *a* spiritualist, and with wizards: he worked much evil in the sight of YAHWAH, to provoke him to anger.

And he set *a* carved image, the idol which he had made, in the house of the ELOHEEM, of which the ELOHEEM had said to David and to Solomon his son, In this house, and in Jerusalem, which I have chosen before all the tribes of Israel, will I put my name forever:

Neither will I anymore remove the foot of Israel from out of the land which I have appointed for your fathers; so that they will take heed to do all that I have commanded them, according to the whole law and the statutes and the ordinances by the hand of Moses.

So Manasseh made Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem to be deceived, *and* to do worse than the nations, whom YAHWAH had destroyed before the children of Israel.

And YAHWAH spoke to Manasseh, and to his people: but they would not hearken.

Wherefore YAHWAH brought upon them the captains of the host of the king of Assyria, which took Manasseh among the thorns, and bound him with fetters, and carried him to Babylon.

And when he was in affliction, he besought YAHWAH ELOHEEM, and humbled himself greatly before the ELOHEEM of his fathers,

And prayed unto him: and he was intreated of him, and heard his supplication, and brought him again to Jerusalem into his kingdom. Then Manasseh knew that YAHWAH he *was* the ELOHEEM.

Now after this he built *a* wall outside of the city of David, on the west side of Gihon, in the valley, even to the entering in at the fish gate, and compassed about Ophel, and raised it up *a* very great height, and put captains of war in all the fenced cities of Judah.

And he took away the strange eloheems, and the idol out of the house of YAHWAH, and all the altars that he had built in the mountain of the house of YAHWAH, and in Jerusalem, and cast *them* out of the city.

And he repaired the altar of YAHWAH, and sacrificed thereon peace offerings and thank offerings, and commanded Judah to serve YAHWAH ELOHEEM of Israel.

Nevertheless the people did sacrifice still in the high places, *yet* unto YAHWAH ELOHEEM only.

Now the rest of the acts of Manasseh, and his prayer unto the ELOHEEM, and the words of the seers that spoke to him in the name of YAHWAH ELOHEEM of Israel, behold, they *are written* in the book of the kings of Israel.

His prayer also, and *how God* was intreated of him, and all his sin, and his trespass, and the places wherein he built high places, and set up groves and graven images, before he was humbled: behold, they *are* written among the sayings of the seers.

So Manasseh slept with his fathers, and they buried him in his own house: and Amon his son reigned in his stead.

Amon *was* two and twenty years old when he began to reign, and reigned two years in Jerusalem.

But he did *that which was* evil in the sight of YAHWAH, as did Manasseh his father: for Amon sacrificed unto all the carved images which Manasseh his father had made, and served them;

And humbled not himself before YAHWAH, as Manasseh his father had humbled himself; but Amon trespassed more and more.

And his servants conspired against him, and slew him in his own house.

But the people of the land slew all them that had conspired against king Amon; and the people of the land made Josiah his son king in his stead.

CHAPTER 34

JOSIAH *was* eight years old when he began to reign, and he reigned in Jerusalem one and thirty years.

And he did *that which was* right in the sight of YAHWAH, and walked in the ways of David his father, and declined *neither* to the right hand, nor to the left.

For in the eighth year of his reign, while he was yet young, he began to seek after the ELOHEEM of David his father: and in the twelfth year he began to purge Judah and Jerusalem from the high places, and the groves, and the carved images, and the molten images.

And they break down the altars of Baalim in his presence; and the images, that *were* on high above them, he cut down; and the groves, and the carved images, and the molten images, he break in pieces, and made dust *of them*, and strowed *it* upon the tombs of them that had sacrificed unto them.

And he burnt the bones of the priests upon their altars, and cleansed Judah and Jerusalem.

And *so did he* in the cities of Manasseh, and Ephraim, and Simeon, even unto Naphtali, with their mattocks round about.

And when he had broken down the altars and the groves, and had beaten the graven images into powder, and cut down all the idols throughout all the land of Israel, he returned to Jerusalem.

Now in the eighteenth year of his reign, when he had purged the land, and the house, he sent Shaphan the son of Azaliah, and Maaseiah the governor of the city, and Joah the son of Joahaz the recorder, to repair the house of YAHWAH ELOHEEM.

And when they came to Hilkiyah the high priest, they delivered the money that was brought into the house of the ELOHEEM, which the Levites that kept the doors had gathered of the hand of Manasseh and Ephraim, and of all the remnant of Israel, and of all Judah and Benjamin; and they returned to Jerusalem.

And they put *it* in the hand of the workmen that had the oversight of the house of YAHWAH, and they gave it to the workmen that worked in the house of YAHWAH, to repair and amend the house:

Even to the artificers and builders gave they *it*, to buy hewn stone, and timber for couplings, and to floor the houses which the kings of Judah had destroyed.

And the men did the work faithfully: and the overseers of them *were* Jahath and Obadiah, the Levites, of the sons of Merari; and Zechariah and Meshullam, of the sons of the Kohathites, to set *it* forward; and *other of* the Levites, all that could skill of instruments of musick.

Also *they were* over the bearers of burdens, and *were* overseers of all that worked the work in any manner of service: and of the Levites *there were* scribes, and officers, and porters.

And when they brought out the money that was brought into the house of YAHWAH, Hilkiyah the priest found *a* book of the law of YAHWAH *given* by Moses.

And Hilkiyah answered and said to Shaphan the scribe, I have found the book of the law in the house of YAHWAH. And Hilkiyah delivered the book to Shaphan.

And Shaphan carried the book to the king, and brought the king word back again, saying, All that was committed to your servants, they do *it*.

And they have gathered together the money that was found in the house of YAHWAH, and have delivered it into the hand of the overseers, and to the hand of the workmen.

Then Shaphan the scribe told the king, saying, Hilkiyah the priest has given me *a* book. And Shaphan read it before the king.

And it came to pass, when the king had heard the words of the law, that he rent his clothes.

And the king commanded Hilkiyah, and Ahikam the son of Shaphan, and Abdon the son of Micah, and Shaphan the scribe, and Asaiah *a* servant of the king's, saying,

Go, inquire of YAHWAH for me, and for them that are left in Israel and in Judah, concerning the words of the

book that is found: for great *is* the wrath of YAHWAH that is poured out upon us, because our fathers have not kept the word of YAHWAH, to do after all that is written in this book.

And Hilkiyah, and *they* that the king *had appointed*, went to Huldah the prophetess, the wife of Shallum the son of Tikvath, the son of Hasrah, keeper of the wardrobe; (*now she dwelt in Jerusalem in the college,*) and they spoke to her to that *effect*.

And she answered them, Thus said YAHWAH ELOHEEM of Israel, Tell you all the man that sent you to me, Thus said YAHWAH, Behold, I will bring evil upon this place, and upon the inhabitants thereof, *even* all the curses that are written in the book which they have read before the king of Judah:

Because they have forsaken me, and have burned incense unto other eloheems, that they might provoke me to anger with all the works of their hands; therefore my wrath shall be poured out upon this place, and shall not be quenched.

And as for the king of Judah, who sent you to inquire of YAHWAH, so shall you all say to him, Thus said YAHWAH ELOHEEM of Israel *concerning* the words which you have heard;

Because your heart was tender, and you did humble yourself before the ELOHEEM, when you heard his words against this place, and against the inhabitants thereof, and humbled yourself before me, and did rend your clothes, and weep before me; I have even heard *you* also, said YAHWAH.

Behold, I will gather you to your fathers, and you shall be gathered to your tomb in peace, neither shall your eyes see all the evil that I will bring upon this place, and upon the inhabitants of the same. So they brought the king word again.

Then the king sent and gathered together all the elders of Judah and Jerusalem.

And the king went up into the house of YAHWAH, and all the men of Judah, and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and the priests, and the Levites, and all the people, great and small: and he read in their ears all the words of the book of the covenant that was found in the house of YAHWAH.

And the king stood in his place, and made *a* covenant before YAHWAH, to walk after YAHWAH, and to keep his commandments, and his testimonies, and his statutes, with all his heart, and with all his person, to perform the words of the covenant which are written in this book.

And he caused all that were present in Jerusalem and Benjamin to stand *to it*. And the inhabitants of Jerusalem did according to the covenant of the ELOHEEM, the ELOHEEM of their fathers.

And Josiah took away all the abominations out of all the lands that *pertained* to the children of Israel, and made all that were present in Israel to serve, *even* to serve YAHWAH ELOHEEM. *And* all his days they departed not from following YAHWAH ELOHEEM of their fathers.

CHAPTER 35

MOREOVER Josiah kept *a* Passover unto YAHWAH in Jerusalem: and they killed the Passover on the fourteenth *day* of the first month.

And he set the priests in their charges, and encouraged them to the service of the house of YAHWAH, And said to the Levites that taught all Israel, which were sanctified unto YAHWAH, Put the sanctified ark in the house which Solomon the son of David king of Israel did build; *it shall not be a burden upon your shoulders: serve now YAHWAH ELOHEEM, and his people Israel,*

And prepare *yourselves* by the houses of your fathers, after your courses, according to the writing of David king of Israel, and according to the writing of Solomon his son.

And stand in the sanctified *place* according to the divisions of the families of the fathers of your brethren the people, and *after* the division of the families of the Levites.

So kill the Passover, and sanctify yourselves, and prepare your brethren, that *they* may do according to the word of YAHWAH by the hand of Moses.

And Josiah gave to the people, of the flock, lambs and kids, all for the Passover offerings, for all that were present, to the number of thirty thousand, and three thousand bullocks: these *were* of the king's substance.

And his princes gave willingly unto the people, to the priests, and to the Levites: Hilkiyah and Zechariah and Jehiel, rulers of the house of the ELOHEEM, gave unto the priests for the Passover offerings two thousand and six hundred *sheep*, and three hundred oxen.

Konaniah also, and Shemaiah and Nethaneel, his brethren, and Hashabiah and Jeiel and Jozabad, chief of the Levites, gave unto the Levites for Passover offerings five thousand *sheep*, and five hundred oxen.

So the service was prepared, and the priests stood in their place, and the Levites in their courses, according to the king's commandment.

And they killed the Passover, and the priests sprinkled *the blood* from their hands, and the Levites flayed *them*.

And they removed the burnt offerings, that they might give according to the divisions of the families of the people, to offer unto YAHWAH, as *it is* written in the book of Moses. And so *did they* with the oxen.

And they roasted the Passover with fire according to the ordinance: but the *other* sanctified *offerings* sod they in pots, and in caldrons, and in pans, and divided *them* speedily among all the people.

And afterwards they made ready for themselves, and for the priests: because the priests the sons of Aaron *were busied* in offering of burnt offerings and the fat until night; therefore the Levites prepared for themselves, and for the priests the sons of Aaron.

And the singers the sons of Asaph *were* in their place, according to the commandment of David, and Asaph, and Heman, and Jeduthun the king's seer; and the porters *waited* at every gate; they might not depart from their service; for their brethren the Levites prepared for them.

So all the service of YAHWAH was prepared the same day, to keep the Passover, and to offer burnt offerings upon the altar of YAHWAH, according to the commandment of king Josiah.

And the children of Israel that were present kept the Passover at that time, and the feast of unleavened bread seven days.

And there was no Passover like to that kept in Israel from the days of Samuel the prophet; neither did all the kings of Israel keep such a Passover as Josiah kept, and the priests, and the Levites, and all Judah and Israel that were present, and the inhabitants of Jerusalem.

In the eighteenth year of the reign of Josiah was this Passover kept.

After all this, when Josiah had prepared the temple, Necho king of Egypt came up to fight against Karchemish by Euphrates: and Josiah went out against him.

But he sent ambassadors to him, saying, What have I to do with you, you king of Judah? *I come* not against you this day, but against the house wherewith I have war: for the ELOHEEM commanded me to make haste: forbear you from *meddling with* the ELOHEEM, who *is* with me, that he destroy you not.

Nevertheless Josiah would not turn his face from him, but disguised himself, that he might fight with him, and hearkened not unto the words of Necho from the mouth of the ELOHEEM, and came to fight in the valley of Megiddo.

And the archers shot at king Josiah; and the king said to his servants, Have me away; for I am sore wounded.

His servants therefore took him out of that chariot, and put him in the second chariot that he had; and they brought him to Jerusalem, and he died, and was buried in *one of* the tombs of his fathers. And all Judah and Jerusalem mourned for Josiah.

And Jeremiah lamented for Josiah: and all the singing men and the singing women spoke of Josiah in their lamentations to this day, and made them *an* ordinance in Israel: and, behold, they *are* written in the lamentations.

Now the rest of the acts of Josiah, and his goodness, according to *that which was* written in the law of YAHWAH,

And his deeds, first and last, behold, they *are* written in the book of the kings of Israel and Judah.

CHAPTER 36

THEN the people of the land took Jehoahaz the son of Josiah, and made him king in his father's stead in

Jerusalem.

Jehoahaz *was* twenty and three years old when he began to reign, and he reigned three months in Jerusalem.

And the king of Egypt put him down at Jerusalem, and condemned the land in *a* hundred talents of silver and *a* talent of gold.

And the king of Egypt made Eliakim his brother king over Judah and Jerusalem, and turned his name to Jehoiakim. And Necho took Jehoahaz his brother, and carried him to Egypt.

Jehoiakim *was* twenty and five years old when he began to reign, and he reigned eleven years in Jerusalem: and he did *that which was* evil in the sight of YAHWAH ELOHEEM.

Against him came up Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, and bound him in fetters, to carry him to Babylon.

Nebuchadnezzar also carried of the vessels of the house of YAHWAH to Babylon, and put them in his temple at Babylon.

Now the rest of the acts of Jehoiakim, and his abominations which he did, and that which was found in him, behold, they *are* written in the book of the kings of Israel and Judah: and Jehoiachin his son reigned in his stead.

Jehoiachin *was* eight years old when he began to reign, and he reigned three months and ten days in Jerusalem: and he did *that which was* evil in the sight of YAHWAH.

And when the year was expired, king Nebuchadnezzar sent, and brought him to Babylon, with the goodly vessels of the house of YAHWAH, and made Zedekiah his brother king over Judah and Jerusalem.

Zedekiah *was* one and twenty years old when he began to reign, and reigned eleven years in Jerusalem.

And he did *that which was* evil in the sight of YAHWAH ELOHEEM, *and* humbled not himself before Jeremiah the prophet *speaking* from the mouth of YAHWAH.

And he also rebelled against king Nebuchadnezzar, who had made him swear by the ELOHEEM: but he stiffened his neck, and hardened his heart from turning unto YAHWAH ELOHEEM of Israel.

Moreover all the chief of the priests, and the people, transgressed very much after all the abominations of the nations; and polluted the house of YAHWAH which he had sanctified in Jerusalem.

And YAHWAH ELOHEEM of their fathers sent to them by his messengers, rising up betimes, and sending; because he had compassion on his people, and on his dwelling place:

But they mocked the messengers of the ELOHEEM, and despised his words, and misused his prophets, until the wrath of YAHWAH arose against his people, till *there was* no remedy.

Therefore he brought upon them the king of the Chaldeans, who slew their young men with the sword in the house of their sanctuary, and had no compassion upon young man or maiden, old man, or him that stooped for age: he gave *them* all into his hand.

And all the vessels of the house of the ELOHEEM, great and small, and the treasures of the house of YAHWAH, and the treasures of the king, and of his princes; all *these* he brought to Babylon.

And they burnt the house of the ELOHEEM, and break down the wall of Jerusalem, and burnt all the palaces thereof with fire, and destroyed all the goodly vessels thereof.

And them that had escaped from the sword carried he away to Babylon; where they were servants to him and his sons until the reign of the kingdom of Persia:

To fulfill the word of YAHWAH by the mouth of Jeremiah, until the land had enjoyed her sabbaths: *for* as long as she lay desolate she kept sabbath, to fulfill seventy years.

Now in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, that the word of YAHWAH *spoken* by the mouth of Jeremiah might be accomplished, YAHWAH stirred up the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia, that he made *a* proclamation throughout all his kingdom, and *put it* also in writing, saying,

Thus said Cyrus king of Persia, All the kingdoms of the land has YAHWAH ELOHEEM of heaven given me; and he has charged me to build him *a* house in Jerusalem, which *is* in Judah. Who *is there* among you of all his people? YAHWAH ELOHEEM *be* with him, and let him go up.

This concludes the book of 2nd Chronicles.