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1st KINGS

CHAPTER 1

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

Wherefore his servants said to him, Let there be sought for my Lord the king *a* young virgin: and let her stand before the king, and let her cherish him, and let her lie in your bosom, that my Lord the king may get heat.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Wherefore Nathan spoke unto Bath-sheba the mother of Solomon, saying, Have you not heard that Adonijah the son of Haggith does reign, and David our Lord knows *it* not?

Now therefore come, let me, I pray you, give you counsel, that you may preserve your own person, and the person of your son Solomon.

Go and get you in unto king David, and say to him, Did not you, my Lord, O king, swear unto your handmaid, saying, Assuredly Solomon your son shall reign after me, and he shall sit upon my throne? why then does Adonijah reign?

Behold, while you yet talk there with the king, I also will come in after you, and confirm your words.

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

And Bath-sheba bowed, and did obeisance unto the king. And the king said, What would you?

And she said to him, My Lord, you sware by YAHWAH ELOHEEM unto your handmaid, *saying*, Assuredly Solomon your son shall reign after me, and he shall sit upon my throne.

And now, behold, Adonijah reigns; and now, my Lord the king, you know *it* not:

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

And you, my Lord, O king, the eyes of all Israel *are* upon you, that you should tell them who shall sit on the throne of my Lord the king after him.

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

And, behold, while she yet talked with the king, Nathan the prophet also came in.

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

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

For he is gone down this day, and has slain oxen and fat cattle and sheep in abundance, and has called all the king's sons, and the captains of the host, and Abiathar the priest; and, behold, they eat and drink before him,

and say, live king Adonijah.

But me, *even* me your servant, and Zadok the priest, and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, and your servant Solomon, has he not called.

Is this thing done by my Lord the king, and you have not showed *it* unto your servant, who should sit on the throne of my Lord the king after him?

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

And the king sware, and said, *As* YAHWAH lives, that has redeemed my person out of all distress, Even as I sware unto you by YAHWAH ELOHEEM of Israel, saying, Assuredly Solomon your son shall reign after me, and he shall sit upon my throne in my stead; even so will I certainly do this day.

Then Bath-sheba bowed with *her* face to the land, and did reverence to the king, and said, Let my Lord king David live forever.

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

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

And let Zadok the priest and Nathan the prophet anoint him there king over Israel: and blow you all with the trumpet, and say, live king Solomon.

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

And Benaiah the son of Jehoiada answered the king, and said, Truly: YAHWAH ELOHEEM of my Lord the king say so *too*.

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

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

And Zadok the priest took *a* horn of oil out of the tabernacle, and anointed Solomon. And they blew the trumpet; and all the people said, live king Solomon.

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

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

And while he yet spoke, behold, Jonathan the son of Abiathar the priest came: and Adonijah said to him, Come in; for you *are a* valiant man, and bring good tidings.

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

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

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

And also Solomon sits on the throne of the kingdom.

And moreover the king's servants came to bless our Lord king David, saying, The ELOHEEM make the name of Solomon better than your name, and make his throne greater than your throne. And the king bowed himself upon the bed.

And also thus said the king, Blessed *be* YAHWAH ELOHEEM of Israel, which has given *one* to sit on my throne this day, my eyes even seeing *it*.

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

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

And it was told Solomon, saying, Behold, Adonijah fears king Solomon: for, behold, he has caught hold on the horns of the altar, saying, Let king Solomon swear unto me today that he will not slay his servant with the sword.

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

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

CHAPTER 2

NOW the days of David drew near that he should die; and he charged Solomon his son, saying,

I go the way of all the land: be you strong therefore, and show yourself *a* man;

And keep the charge of YAHWAH ELOHEEM, to walk in his ways, to keep his statutes, and his commandments, and his judgments, and his testimonies, as it is written in the law of Moses, that you may prosper in all that you do, and wheresoever you turn yourself:

That YAHWAH may continue his word which he spoke concerning me, saying, If your children take heed to their way, to walk before me in truth with all their heart and with all their person, there shall not fail you (*said he*) *a* man on the throne of Israel.

Moreover you know also what Joab the son of Zeruah did to me, *and* what he did to the two captains of the hosts of Israel, unto Abner the son of Ner, and unto Amasa the son of Jether, whom he slew, and shed the blood of war in peace, and put the blood of war upon his girdle that *was* about his loins, and in his shoes that *were* on his feet.

Do therefore according to your wisdom, and let not his hoar head go down to the grave in peace.

But show kindness unto the sons of Barzillai the Gileadite, and let them be of those that eat at your table: for so they came to me when I fled because of Absalom your brother.

And, behold, *you have* with you Shimei the son of Gera, *a* Benjamite of Bahurim, which cursed me with *a* grievous curse in the day when I went to Mahanaim: but he came down to meet me at Jordan, and I swore to him by YAHWAH, saying, I will not put you to death with the sword.

Now therefore hold him not guiltless: for you *are a* wise man, and know what you ought to do unto him; but his hoar head bring you down to the grave with blood.

So David slept with his fathers, and was buried in the city of David.

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

Then sat Solomon upon the throne of David his father; and his kingdom was established greatly.

And Adonijah the son of Haggith came to Bath-sheba the mother of Solomon. And she said, Come you peaceably? And he said, Peaceably.

He said moreover, I have somewhat to say to you. And she said, Say on.

And he said, You know that the kingdom was mine, and *that* all Israel set their faces on me, that I should reign: howbeit the kingdom is turned about, and is become my brother's: for it was his from YAHWAH.

And now I ask one petition of you, deny me not. And she said to him, Say on.

And he said, Speak, I pray you, unto Solomon the king, (*for he will not say you nay,*) that he give me Abishag the Shunammite to wife.

And Bath-sheba said, Well; I will speak for you unto the king.

Bath-sheba therefore went unto king Solomon, to speak unto him for Adonijah. And the king rose up to meet her, and bowed himself unto her, and sat down on his throne, and caused *a* seat to be set for the king's mother; and she sat on his right hand.

Then she said, I desire one small petition of you; *I pray you*, say me not nay. And the king said to her, Ask on, my mother: for I will not say you nay.

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

And king Solomon answered and said to his mother, And why do you ask Abishag the Shunammite for Adonijah? ask for him the kingdom also; for he *is* my elder brother; even for him, and for Abiathar the priest, and for Joab the son of Zeruiah.

Then king Solomon swore by YAHWAH, saying, The ELOHEEM do so to me, and more also, if Adonijah have not spoken this word against his own person.

Now therefore, *as* YAHWAH lives, which has established me, and set me on the throne of David my father, and who has made me *a* house, as he promised, Adonijah shall be put to death this day.

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

And unto Abiathar the priest said the king, Get you to Anathoth, unto your own fields; for you *are* worthy of death: but I will not at this time put you to death, because you bare the ark of the Lord YAHWAH before David my father, and because you have been afflicted in all wherein my father was afflicted.

So Solomon thrust out Abiathar from being priest unto YAHWAH; that he might fulfill the word of YAHWAH, which he spoke concerning the house of Eli in Shiloh.

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

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

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

And the king said to him, Do as he has said, and fall upon him, and bury him; that you may take away the innocent blood, which Joab shed, from me, and from the house of my father.

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

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

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

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

And the king sent and called for Shimei, and said to him, Build you *a* house in Jerusalem, and dwell there, and go not forth thence any where.

For it shall be, *that* on the day you go out, and pass over the brook Kidron, you shall know for certain that you shall surely die: your blood shall be upon your own head.

And Shimei said to the king, The saying *is* good: as my Lord the king has said, so will your servant do. And Shimei dwelt in Jerusalem many days.

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

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

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

And the king sent and called for Shimei, and said to him, Did I not make you to swear by YAHWAH, and protested unto you, saying, Know for *a* certain, on the day you go out, and walk abroad any where, that you shall surely die? and you said unto me, The word *that* I have heard *is* good.

Why then have you not kept the oath of YAHWAH, and the commandment that I have charged you with?

The king said moreover to Shimei, You know all the wickedness which your heart is privy to, that you did to

David my father: therefore YAHWAH shall return your wickedness upon your own head;
And king Solomon *shall be* blessed, and the throne of David shall be established before YAHWAH forever.
So the king commanded Benaiah the son of Jehoiada; which went out, and fell upon him, that he died. And the kingdom was established in the hand of Solomon.

CHAPTER 3

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

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

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

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

In Gibeon YAHWAH appeared to Solomon in *a* dream by night: and the ELOHEEM said, Ask what I shall give you.

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

And now, O YAHWAH ELOHEEM, you have made your servant king instead of David my father: and I *am but a* little child: I know not *how* to go out or come in.

And your servant *is* in the midst of your people which you have chosen, *a* great people, that cannot be numbered nor counted for multitude.

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

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

And the ELOHEEM said to him, Because you have asked this thing, and have not asked for yourself long life; neither have asked riches for yourself, nor have asked the person of your enemies; but have asked for yourself understanding to discern judgment;

Behold, I have done according to your words: behold, I have given you *a* wise and *an* understanding heart; so that there was none like you before you, neither after you shall any arise like unto you.

And I have also given you that which you have not asked, both riches, and honor: so that there shall not be any among the kings like unto you all your days.

And if you will walk in my ways, to keep my statutes and my commandments, as your father David did walk, then I will lengthen your days.

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

Then came there two women, *that were* whores, unto the king, and stood before him.

And the one woman said, O my Lord, I and this woman dwell in one house; and I was delivered of *a* child with her in the house.

And it came to pass the third day after that I was delivered, that this woman was delivered also: and we *were* together; *there was* no stranger with us in the house, except we two in the house.

And this woman's child died in the night; because she overlaid it.

And she arose at midnight, and took my son from beside me, while your handmaid slept, and laid it in her bosom, and laid her dead child in my bosom.

And when I rose in the morning to give my child suck, behold, it was dead: but when I had considered it in the

morning, behold, it was not my son, which I did bear.

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

Then said the king, The one said, This *is* my son that lives, and your son *is* the dead: and the other said, Nay; but your son *is* the dead, and my son *is* the living.

And the king said, Bring me *a* sword. And they brought *a* sword before the king.

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

Then spoke the woman whose the living child *was* unto the king, for her bowels yearned upon her son, and she said, O my Lord, give her the living child, and in no wise slay it. But the other said, Let it be neither mine nor yours, *but* divide *it*.

Then the king answered and said, Give her the living child, and in no wise slay it: she *is* the mother thereof.

And all Israel heard of the judgment which the king had judged; and they feared the king: for they saw that the wisdom of the ELOHEEM *was* in him, to do judgment.

CHAPTER 4

SO king Solomon was king over all Israel.

And these *were* the princes which he had; Azariah the son of Zadok the priest,

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

And Benaiah the son of Jehoiada *was* over the host: and Zadok and Abiathar *were* the priests:

And Azariah the son of Nathan *was* over the officers: and Zabud the son of Nathan *was* principal officer, *and* the king's friend:

And Ahishar *was* over the household: and Adoniram the son of Abda *was* over the tribute.

And Solomon had twelve officers over all Israel, which provided victuals for the king and his household: each man his month in *a* year made provision.

And these *are* their names: The son of Hur, in the mountain of Ephraim:

The son of Dekar, in Makaz, and in Shaalbim, and Bethshemesh, and ElonBethhanan:

The son of Hessed, in Aruboth; to him *pertained* Sochoh, and all the land of Hopher:

The son of Abinadab, in all the region of Dor; which had Taphath the daughter of Solomon to wife:

Baana the son of Ahilud; *to him pertained* Taanach and Megiddo, and all Bethshean, which *is* by Zartanah beneath Jezreel, from Bethshean to Abel-meholah, *even unto the place that is* beyond Jokneam:

The son of Geber, in Ramothgilead; to him *pertained* the towns of Jair the son of Manasseh, which *are* in Gilead; to him *also pertained* the region of Argob, which *is* in Bashan, sixty great cities with walls and brasen bars:

Ahinadab the son of Iddo *had* Mahanaim:

Ahimaaz *was* in Naphtali; he also took Basmath the daughter of Solomon to wife:

Baanah the son of Hushai *was* in Asher and in Aloth:

Jehoshaphat the son of Paruah, in Issachar:

Shimei the son of Elah, in Benjamin:

Geber the son of Uri *was* in the land of Gilead, *in* the land of Sihon king of the Amorites, and of Og king of Bashan; and *he was* the only officer which *was* in the land.

Judah and Israel *were* many, as the sand which *is* by the sea in multitude, eating and drinking, and making merry.

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

And Solomon's provision for one day was thirty measures of fine flour, and sixty measures of meal,

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

For he had dominion over all *the region* on this side the river, from Tiphseh even to Azzah, over all the kings on

this side the river: and he had peace on all sides round about him.

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

And Solomon had forty thousand stalls of horses for his chariots, and twelve thousand horsemen.

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

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

And the ELOHEEM gave Solomon wisdom and understanding exceeding much, and largeness of heart, even as the sand that *is* on the sea shore.

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

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

And he spoke three thousand proverbs: and his songs were *a* thousand and five.

And he spoke of trees, from the cedar tree that *is* in Lebanon even unto the hyssop that springs out of the wall: he spoke also of beasts, and of fowl, and of moving things, and of fish.

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

CHAPTER 5

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

And Solomon sent to Hiram, saying,

You know how that David my father could not build *a* house unto the name of YAHWAH ELOHEEM for the wars which were about him on every side, until YAHWAH put them under the soles of his feet.

But now YAHWAH ELOHEEM has given me rest on every side, *so that there is* neither adversary nor evil occurrent.

And, behold, I purpose to build *a* house unto the name of YAHWAH ELOHEEM, as YAHWAH spoke unto David my father, saying, Your son, whom I will set upon your throne in your room, he shall build *a* house unto my name.

Now therefore command you that they hew me cedar trees out of Lebanon; and my servants shall be with your servants: and unto you will I give hire for your servants according to all that you shall appoint: for you know that *there is* not among us any that can skill to hew timber like unto the Sidonians.

And it came to pass, when Hiram heard the words of Solomon, that he rejoiced greatly, and said, Blessed *be* YAHWAH this day, which has given unto David *a* wise son over this great people.

And Hiram sent to Solomon, saying, I have considered the things which you sent to me for: *and* I will do all your desire concerning timber of cedar, and concerning timber of fir.

My servants shall bring *them* down from Lebanon unto the sea: and I will convey them by sea in floats unto the place that you shall appoint me, and will cause them to be discharged there, and you shall receive *them*: and you shall accomplish my desire, in giving food for my household.

So Hiram gave Solomon cedar trees and fir trees *according to* all his desire.

And Solomon gave Hiram twenty thousand measures of wheat *for* food to his household, and twenty measures of pure oil: thus gave Solomon to Hiram year by year.

And YAHWAH gave Solomon wisdom, as he promised him: and there was peace between Hiram and Solomon; and they two made *a* league together.

And king Solomon raised *a* levy out of all Israel; and the levy was thirty thousand men.

And he sent them to Lebanon, ten thousand *a* month by courses: *a* month they were in Lebanon, *and* two

months at home: and Adoniram *was* over the levy.

And Solomon had seventy thousand that bare burdens, and fourscore thousand hewers in the mountains; Beside the chief of Solomon's officers which *were* over the work, three thousand and three hundred, which ruled over the people that worked in the work.

And the king commanded, and they brought great stones, costly stones, *and* hewed stones, to lay the foundation of the house.

And Solomon's builders and Hiram's builders did hew *them*, and the stonesquarers: so they prepared timber and stones to build the house.

CHAPTER 6

AND it came to pass in the four hundred and eightieth year after the children of Israel were come out of the land of Egypt, in the fourth year of Solomon's reign over Israel, in the month Zif, which *is* the second month, that he began to build the house of YAHWAH.

And the house which king Solomon built for YAHWAH, the length thereof *was* sixty cubits, and the breadth thereof twenty *cubits*, and the height thereof thirty cubits.

And the porch before the temple of the house, twenty cubits *was* the length thereof, according to the breadth of the house; *and* ten cubits *was* the breadth thereof before the house.

And for the house he made windows of narrow lights.

And against the wall of the house he built chambers round about, *against* the walls of the house round about, *both* of the temple and of the oracle: and he made chambers round about:

The nethermost chamber *was* five cubits broad, and the middle *was* six cubits broad, and the third *was* seven cubits broad: for outside of the house he made narrowed rests round about, that *the beams* should not be fastened in the walls of the house.

And the house, when it was in building, was built of stone made ready before it was brought there: so that there was neither hammer nor axe *nor* any tool of iron heard in the house, while it was in building.

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

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

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

And the word of YAHWAH came to Solomon, saying,

Concerning this house which you are in building, if you will walk in my statutes, and execute my judgments, and keep all my commandments to walk in them; then will I perform my word with you, which I spoke unto David your father:

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

So Solomon built the house, and finished it.

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

And he built twenty cubits on the sides of the house, both the floor and the walls with boards of cedar: he even built *them* for it inside, *even* for the oracle, *even* for the sanctified of the sanctified *place*.

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

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

And the oracle he prepared in the inside of house, to set there the ark of the covenant of YAHWAH.

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

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

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

And inside the oracle he made two cherubims *of* olive tree, *each* ten cubits high.

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

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

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

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

And he overlaid the cherubims with gold.

And he carved all the walls of the house round about with carved figures of cherubims and palm trees and open flowers, inside and outside.

And the floor of the house he overlaid with gold, inside and outside.

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

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

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

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

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

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

In the fourth year was the foundation of the house of YAHWAH laid, in the month Zif:

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

CHAPTER 7

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

All these *were of* costly stones, according to the measures of hewed stones, sawed with saws, inside and outside, even from the foundation unto the coping, and *so* on the outside toward the great court.

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

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

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

And king Solomon sent and fetched Hiram out of Tyre.

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

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

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

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

And he made the pillars, and two rows round about upon the one network, to cover the chapiters that *were* upon the top, with pomegranates: and so did he for the other chapter.

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

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

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

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

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

And under the brim of it round about *there were* knops compassing it, ten in *a* cubit, compassing the sea round about: the knops *were* cast in two rows, 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 it *was a* hand breadth thick, and the brim thereof was worked like the brim of *a* cup, with flowers of lilies: it contained two thousand baths.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

After this *manner* he made the ten bases: all of them had one casting, one measure, *and* one size.
Then made he ten lavers of brass: one laver contained forty baths: *and* every laver was four cubits: *and* upon every one of the ten bases one laver.
And he put five bases on the right side of the house, and five on the left side of the house: and he set the sea on the right side of the house eastward over against the south.
And Hiram made the lavers, and the shovels, and the basons. So Hiram made *an* end of doing all the work that he made king Solomon for the house of YAHWAH:
The two pillars, and the *two* bowls of the chapiters that *were* on the top of the two pillars; and the two networks, to cover the two bowls of the chapiters which *were* upon the top of the pillars;
And four hundred pomegranates for the two networks, *even* two rows of pomegranates for one network, to cover the two bowls of the chapiters that *were* upon the pillars;
And the ten bases, and ten lavers on the bases;
And one sea, and twelve oxen under the sea;
And the pots, and the shovels, and the basons: and all these vessels, which Hiram made to king Solomon for the house of YAHWAH, *were of* bright brass.
In the plain of Jordan did the king cast them, in the clay ground between Succoth and Zarthan.
And Solomon left all the vessels *unweighed*, because they were exceeding many: neither was the weight of the brass found out.
And Solomon made all the vessels that *pertained* unto the house of YAHWAH: the altar of gold, and the table of gold, whereupon the showbread *was*,
And the Lamps of pure gold, five on the right *side*, and five on the left, before the oracle, with the flowers, and the Lamps, and the tongs *of* gold,
And the bowls, and the snuffers, and the basons, and the spoons, and the censers *of* pure gold; and the hinges *of* gold, *both* for the doors of the inner house, the sanctified of the sanctified *place*, *and* for the doors of the house, *to wit*, of the temple.
So was ended all the work that king Solomon made for the house of YAHWAH. And Solomon brought in the things which David his father had sanctified; *even* the silver, and the gold, and the vessels, did he put among the treasures of the house of YAHWAH.

CHAPTER 8

THEN Solomon assembled the elders of Israel, and all the heads of the tribes, the chief of the fathers of the children of Israel, unto king Solomon in Jerusalem, that they might bring up the ark of the covenant of YAHWAH out of the city of David, which *is* Zion.
And all the men of Israel assembled themselves unto king Solomon at the feast in the month Ethanim, which *is* the seventh month.
And all the elders of Israel came, and the priests took up the ark.
And they brought up the ark of YAHWAH, and the tabernacle of the congregation, and all the sanctified vessels that *were* in the tabernacle, even those did the priests and the Levites bring up.
And king Solomon, and the whole national gathering of Israel, that were assembled unto him, *were* with him before the ark, sacrificing sheep and oxen, that could not be told nor numbered for multitude.
And the priests brought in the ark of the covenant of YAHWAH unto his place, into the oracle of the house, to the sanctified of the sanctified *place*, *even* under the wings of the cherubims.
For the cherubims spread forth *their* two wings over the place of the ark, and the cherubims covered the ark and the staves thereof above.
And they drew out the staves, that the ends of the staves were seen out in the sanctified *place* before the oracle, and they were not seen without: and there they are unto this day.
There was nothing in the ark except the two tables of stone, which Moses put there at Horeb, when YAHWAH made *a covenant* with the children of Israel, when they came out of the land of Egypt.

And it came to pass, when the priests were come out of the sanctified *place*, that the cloud filled the house of YAHWAH,

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

Then spoke Solomon, YAHWAH said that he would dwell in the thick darkness.

I have surely built you *a* house to dwell in, *a* settled place for you to abide in forever.

And the king turned his face about, and blessed all the leaders of Israel: (*and all the leaders of Israel stood,*)

And he said, Blessed *be* YAHWAH ELOHEEM of Israel, which spoke with his mouth unto David my father, and has with his hand fulfilled *it*, saying,

Since the day that I brought forth my people Israel out of Egypt, I chose no city out of all the tribes of Israel to build *a* house, that my name might be therein; but I chose David to be over my people Israel.

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

And YAHWAH said to David my father, Whereas it was in your heart to build *a* house unto my name, you did well that it was in your heart.

Nevertheless you shall not build the house; but your son that shall come forth out of your loins, he shall build the house unto my name.

And YAHWAH has performed his word that he spoke, and I am risen up in the room of David my father, and sit on the throne of Israel, as YAHWAH promised, and have built *a* house for the name of YAHWAH ELOHEEM of Israel.

And I have set there *a* place for the ark, wherein *is* the covenant of YAHWAH, which he made with our fathers, when he brought them out of the land of Egypt.

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

And he said, YAHWAH ELOHEEM of Israel, *there is* no ELOHEEM like you, in heaven above, or on land beneath, who keep covenant and mercy with your servants that walk before you with all their heart:

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

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

And now, O ELOHEEM of Israel, let your word, I pray you, be verified, which you spake unto your servant David my father.

But will the ELOHEEM indeed dwell on the land? behold, the heaven and heaven of heavens cannot contain you; how much less this house that I have built?

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

That your eyes may be open toward this house night and day, *even* toward the place of which you have said, My name shall be there: that you may hearken unto the prayer which your servant shall make toward this place.

And hearken you to the supplication of your servant, and of your people Israel, when they shall pray toward this place: and hear you in heaven your dwelling place: and when you hear, forgive.

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

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

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

Then hear you in heaven, and forgive the sin of your people Israel, and bring them again unto the land which

you gave unto their fathers.

When heaven is shut up, and there is no rain, because they have sinned against you; if they pray toward this place, and confess your name, and turn from their sin, when you afflict them:

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

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

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

Then hear you in heaven your dwelling place, and forgive, and do, and give to every man according to his ways, whose heart you know; (*for you, even you only, know the hearts of all the children of adamites.*)

That they may fear you all the days that they live in the land which you gave unto our fathers.

Moreover concerning *a* stranger, that *is* not of your people Israel, but comes out of *a* far land for your name's sake;

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

Hear you in heaven 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, to fear you, as *do* your people Israel; and that they may know that this house, which I have built, is called by your name.

If your people go out to battle against their enemy, wheresoever you shall send them, and shall pray unto YAHWAH toward the city which you have chosen, and *toward* the house that I have built for your name:

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

If they sin against you, (*for there is no adamite that sins not.*) and you be angry with them, and deliver them to the enemy, so that they carry them away captives unto the land of the enemy, far or near;

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

And *so* return unto you with all their heart, and with all their person, in the land of their enemies, which led them away captive, and pray unto you toward their land, which you gave unto their fathers, the city which you have chosen, and the house which I have built for your name:

Then hear you their prayer and their supplication in heaven your dwelling place, and maintain their cause,

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

For they *be* your people, and your inheritance, which you brought forth out of Egypt, from the midst of the furnace of iron:

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

For you did separate them from among all the people of the land, *to be* your inheritance, as you spake by the hand of Moses your servant, when you brought our fathers out of Egypt, O Lord YAHWAH.

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

And he stood, and blessed all the leaders of Israel with *a* loud voice, saying,

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

YAHWAH ELOHEEM be with us, as he was with our fathers: let him not leave us, nor forsake us:

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

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

That all the people of the land may know YAHWAH ELOHEEM, *and that there is none else.*

Let your heart therefore be perfect with YAHWAH ELOHEEM, to walk in his statutes, and to keep his commandments, as at this day.

And the king, and all Israel with him, offered sacrifice before YAHWAH.

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

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

And at that time Solomon held *a* feast, and all Israel with him, great leaders, from the entering in of Hamath unto the river of Egypt, before YAHWAH ELOHEEM, seven days and seven days, *even* fourteen days.

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

CHAPTER 9

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

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

And YAHWAH said to him, I have heard your prayer and your supplication, that you have made before me: I have sanctified this house, which you have built, to put my name there forever; and my eyes and my heart shall be there perpetually.

And if you will walk before me, as David your father walked, in integrity of heart, and in uprightness, to do according to all that I have commanded you, *and* will keep my statutes and my judgments:

Then I will establish the throne of your kingdom upon Israel forever, as I promised to David your father, saying, There shall not fail you *a* man upon the throne of Israel.

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

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

And at this house, *which* is high, every one that passes by it shall be astonished, and shall hiss; and they shall say, Why has YAHWAH done thus unto this land, and to this house?

And they shall answer, Because they forsook YAHWAH ELOHEEM, who brought forth their fathers out of the land of Egypt, and have taken hold upon other eloheems, and have worshipped them, and served them: therefore has YAHWAH brought upon them all this evil.

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

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

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

And he said, What cities *are* these which you have given me, my brother? And he called them the land of Kabul unto this day.

And Hiram sent to the king sixscore talents of gold.

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

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

And Solomon built Gezer, and Bethhoron the nether,

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

And three times in *a* year did Solomon offer burnt offerings and peace offerings upon the altar which he built unto YAHWAH, and he burnt incense upon the altar that *was* before YAHWAH. So he finished the house.

And king Solomon made *a* navy of ships in Eziongeber, which *is* beside Eloth, on the shore of the Red sea, in the land of Edom.

And Hiram sent in the navy his servants, shipmen that had knowledge of the sea, with the servants of Solomon.

And they came to Ophir, and fetched from thence gold, four hundred and twenty talents, and brought *it* to king Solomon.

CHAPTER 10

AND when the queen of Sheba heard of the fame of Solomon concerning the name of YAHWAH, she came to prove him with hard questions.

And she came to Jerusalem with *a* very great train, with camels that bare spices, and very much gold, and precious stones: and when she was come to Solomon, she communed with him of all that was in her heart.

And Solomon told her all her questions: there was not *anything* hid from the king, which he told her not.

And when the queen of Sheba had seen all Solomon's wisdom, 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, and his cupbearers, and his ascent by which he went up unto the house of YAHWAH; there was no more spirit in her.

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

Howbeit I believed not the words, until I came, and my eyes had seen *it*: and, behold, the half was not told me: your wisdom and prosperity exceeds the fame which I heard.

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

Blessed be YAHWAH ELOHEEM, which delighted in you, to set you on the throne of Israel: because YAHWAH loved Israel forever, therefore made he you king, to do judgment and justice.

And she gave the king *a* hundred and twenty talents of gold, and of spices very great store, and precious stones: there came no more such abundance of spices as these which the queen of Sheba gave to king Solomon.

And the navy also of Hiram, that brought gold from Ophir, brought in from Ophir great plenty of almug trees, and precious stones.

And the king made of the almug trees pillars for the house of YAHWAH, and for the king's house, harps also and psalteries for singers: there came no such almug trees, nor were seen unto this day.

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

Now the weight of gold that came to Solomon in one year was six hundred sixty-six talents of gold, Beside *that he had* of the merchantmen, and of the traffick of the spice merchants, and of all the kings of Arabia, and of the governors of the land.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

And all the land sought to Solomon, to hear his wisdom, which the ELOHEEM had put in his heart.

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

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

And the king made silver *to be* in Jerusalem as stones, and cedars made he *to be* as the sycomore 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 *a* chariot came up and went out of Egypt for six hundred *shekels* of silver, and *a* horse for *a* hundred and fifty: and so for all the kings of the Hittites, and for the kings of Syria, did they bring *them* out by their means.

CHAPTER 11

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

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

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

For it came to pass, when Solomon was old, *that* his wives turned away his heart after other eloheems: and his heart was not perfect with YAHWAH ELOHEEM, as *was* the heart of David his father.

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

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

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

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

And YAHWAH was angry with Solomon, because his heart was turned from YAHWAH ELOHEEM of Israel, which had appeared unto him twice,

And had commanded him concerning this thing, that he should not go after other eloheems: but he kept not that which YAHWAH commanded.

Wherefore YAHWAH said to Solomon, Forasmuch as this is done of you, and you have not kept my covenant and my statutes, which I have commanded you, I will surely rend the kingdom from you, and will give it to your servant.

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

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

And YAHWAH stirred up *an* adversary unto Solomon, Hadad the Edomite: he *was* of the king's seed in Edom. For it came to pass, when David was in Edom, and Joab the captain of the host was gone up to bury the slain, after he had smitten every male in Edom;

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

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

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

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

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

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

Then Pharaoh said to him, But what have you lacked with me, that, behold, you seek to go to your own land? And he answered, Nothing: howbeit let me go in any wise.

And the ELOHEEM stirred him up *another* adversary, Rezon the son of Eliadah, which fled from his Lord Hadadezer king of Zobah:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

And he said to Jeroboam, Take you ten pieces: for thus said YAHWAH ELOHEEM of Israel, Behold, I will rend the kingdom out of the hand of Solomon, and will give ten tribes to you:

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

Because that they have forsaken me, and have worshipped Ashtoreth the eloheem of the Zidonians, Chemosh

the eloheem of the Moabites, and Milcom the eloheem of the children of Ammon, and have not walked in my ways, to do *that which is* right in my eyes, and to *keep* my statutes and my judgments, as *did* David his father.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

CHAPTER 12

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

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

That they sent and called him. And Jeroboam and all the leaders of Israel came, and spoke unto Rehoboam, saying,

Your father made our yoke grievous: now therefore make you the grievous service of your father, and his heavy yoke which he put upon us, lighter, and we will serve you.

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

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

And they spoke unto him, saying, If you will be *a* servant unto this people this day, and will serve them, and answer them, and speak good words to them, then they will be your servants forever.

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

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

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

And now whereas my father did lade you with *a* heavy yoke, I will add to your yoke: my father has instructed you with whips, but I will instruct you with scorpions.

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

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

And spoke to them after the counsel of the young men, saying, My father made your yoke heavy, and I will add to your yoke: my father *also* instructed you with whips, but I will instruct you with scorpions.

Wherefore the king hearkened not unto the people; for the cause was from YAHWAH, that he might perform

his saying, which YAHWAH spoke by Ahijah the Shilonite unto Jeroboam the son of Nebat. So when all Israel saw that the king hearkened not unto them, the people answered the king, saying, What portion have we in David? neither *have we* inheritance in the son of Jesse: to your tents, O Israel: now see to your own house, David. So Israel departed unto their tents. But *as for* the children of Israel which dwelt in the cities of Judah, Rehoboam reigned over them. Then king Rehoboam sent Adoram, who *was* over the tribute; and all Israel stoned him with stones, that he died. Therefore king Rehoboam made speed to get him up to his chariot, to flee to Jerusalem. So Israel rebelled against the house of David unto this day. And it came to pass, when all Israel heard that Jeroboam was come again, that they sent and called him unto the whole national gathering, and made him king over all Israel: there was none that followed the house of David, but the tribe of Judah only. And when Rehoboam was come to Jerusalem, he assembled all the house of Judah, with the tribe of Benjamin, *a* hundred and fourscore thousand chosen men, which were warriors, to fight against the house of Israel, to bring the kingdom again to Rehoboam the son of Solomon. But the word of the ELOHEEM came unto Shemaiah the man of the ELOHEEM, saying, Speak unto Rehoboam, the son of Solomon, king of Judah, and unto all the house of Judah and Benjamin, and to the remnant of the people, saying, Thus said YAHWAH, You all shall not go up, nor fight against your brethren the children of Israel: return every man to his house; for this thing is from me. They hearkened therefore to the word of YAHWAH, and returned to depart, according to the word of YAHWAH. Then Jeroboam built Shechem in the mountain of Ephraim, and dwelt therein; and went out from thence, and built Penuel. And Jeroboam said in his heart, Now shall the kingdom return to the house of David: If this people go up to do sacrifice in the house of YAHWAH at Jerusalem, then shall the heart of this people turn again unto their Lord, *even* unto Rehoboam king of Judah, and they shall kill me, and go again to Rehoboam king of Judah. Whereupon the king took counsel, and made two calves *of* gold, and said to them, It is too much for you to go up to Jerusalem: behold your eloheems, O Israel, which brought you up out of the land of Egypt. And he set the one in Bethel, and the other put he in Dan. And this thing became *a* sin: for the people went *to worship* before the one, *even* unto Dan. And he made *a* house of high places, and made priests of the lowest of the people, which were not of the sons of Levi. And Jeroboam ordained *a* feast in the eighth month, on the fifteenth day of the month, like unto the feast that *is* in Judah, and he offered upon the altar. So did he in Bethel, sacrificing unto the calves that he had made: and he placed in Bethel the priests of the high places which he had made. So he offered upon the altar which he had made in Bethel the fifteenth day of the eighth month, *even* in the month which he had devised of his own heart; and ordained *a* feast unto the children of Israel: and he offered upon the altar, and burnt incense.

CHAPTER 13

AND, behold, there came *a* man of the ELOHEEM out of Judah by the word of YAHWAH unto Bethel: and Jeroboam stood by the altar to burn incense. And he cried against the altar in the word of YAHWAH, and said, O altar, altar, thus said YAHWAH; Behold, *a* child shall be born unto the house of David, Josiah by name; and upon you shall he offer the priests of the high places that burn incense upon you, and men's bones shall be burnt upon you. And he gave *a* sign the same day, saying, This *is* the sign which YAHWAH has spoken; Behold, the altar shall be rent, and the ashes that *are* upon it shall be poured out. And it came to pass, when king Jeroboam heard the saying of the man of the ELOHEEM, which had cried

against the altar in Bethel, that he put forth his hand from the altar, saying, Lay hold on him. And his hand, which he put forth against him, dried up, so that he could not pull it in again to him.

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

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

And the king said to the man of the ELOHEEM, Come home with me, and refresh yourself, and I will give you *a* reward.

And the man of the ELOHEEM said to the king, If you will give me half your house, I will not go in with you, neither will I eat bread nor drink water in this place:

For so was it charged me by the word of YAHWAH, saying, Eat no bread, nor drink water, nor turn again by the same way that you came.

So he went another way, and returned not by the way that he came to Bethel.

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

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

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

And went after the man of the ELOHEEM, and found him sitting under *an* oak: and he said to him, *Are* you the man of the ELOHEEM that came from Judah? And he said, *I am*.

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

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

For it was said to me by the word of YAHWAH, You shall eat no bread nor drink water there, nor turn again to go by the way that you came.

He said to him, *I am a* prophet also as you *are*; and *an* angel spoke unto me by the word of YAHWAH, saying, Bring him back with you into your house, that he may eat bread and drink water. *But* he lied unto him.

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

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

And he cried unto the man of the ELOHEEM that came from Judah, saying, Thus said YAHWAH, Forasmuch as you have disobeyed the mouth of YAHWAH, and have not kept the commandment which YAHWAH ELOHEEM commanded you,

But came back, and have eaten bread and drunk water in the place, of the which *YAHWAH* did say to you, Eat no bread, and drink no water; your carcase shall not come unto the tomb of your fathers.

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

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

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

And when the prophet that brought him back from the way heard *thereof*, he said, *It is* the man of the ELOHEEM, who was disobedient unto the word of YAHWAH: therefore YAHWAH has delivered him unto the lion, which has torn him, and slain him, according to the word of YAHWAH, which he spoke unto him.

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

And he went and found his carcass cast in the way, and the ass and the lion standing by the carcass: the lion had not eaten the carcass, nor torn the ass.

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

And he laid his carcass in his own tomb; and they mourned over him, *saying*, Alas, my brother!

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

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

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

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

CHAPTER 14

AT that time Abijah the son of Jeroboam fell sick.

And Jeroboam said to his wife, Arise, I pray you, and disguise yourself, that you be not known to be the wife of Jeroboam; and get you to Shiloh: behold, there *is* Ahijah the prophet, which told me that *I should be* king over this people.

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

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

And YAHWAH said to Ahijah, Behold, the wife of Jeroboam comes to ask *a* thing of you for her son; for he *is* sick: thus and thus shall you say to her: for it shall be, when she comes in, that she shall feign herself *to be* another *woman*.

And it was *so*, when Ahijah heard the sound of her feet, as she came in at the door, that he said, Come in, you wife of Jeroboam; why feign you yourself *to be* another? for I *am* sent to you *with* heavy *tidings*.

Go, tell Jeroboam, Thus said YAHWAH ELOHEEM of Israel, Forasmuch as I exalted you from among the people, and made you prince over my people Israel,

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

But have done evil above all that were before you: for you have gone and made you other eloheems, and molten images, to provoke me to anger, and have cast me behind your back:

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

Him that dies of Jeroboam in the city shall the dogs eat; and him that dies in the field shall the fowls of the air eat: for YAHWAH has spoken *it*.

Arise you therefore, get you to your own house: *and* when your feet enter into the city, the child shall die.

And all Israel shall mourn for him, and bury him: for he only of Jeroboam shall come to the tomb, because in him there is found *some* good thing toward YAHWAH ELOHEEM of Israel in the house of Jeroboam.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

And Judah did evil in the sight of YAHWAH, and they provoked him to zeal with their sins which they had committed, above all that their fathers had done.

For they also built them high places, and images, and groves, on every high hill, and under every green tree.

And there were also sodomites in the land: *and* they did according to all the abominations of the nations which YAHWAH cast out before the children of Israel.

And it came to pass in the fifth year of king Rehoboam, *that* Shishak king of Egypt came up against Jerusalem: And he took away the treasures of the house of YAHWAH, and the treasures of the king's house; he even took away all: and he took away all the shields of gold which Solomon had made.

And king Rehoboam made in their stead brasen shields, and committed *them* unto the hands of the chief of the guard, which kept the door of the king's house.

And it was *so*, when the king went into the house of YAHWAH, that the guard bare them, and brought them back into the guard chamber.

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

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

And Rehoboam slept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the city of David. And his mother's name *was* Naamah *an* Ammonitess. And Abijam his son reigned in his stead.

CHAPTER 15

NOW in the eighteenth year of king Jeroboam the son of Nebat reigned Abijam over Judah.

Three years reigned he in Jerusalem. And his mother's name *was* Maachah, the daughter of Abishalom.

And he walked in all the sins of his father, which he had done before him: and his heart was not perfect with YAHWAH ELOHEEM, as the heart of David his father.

Nevertheless for David's sake did YAHWAH ELOHEEM give him *a* Lamp in Jerusalem, to set up his son after him, and to establish Jerusalem:

Because David did *that which was* right in the eyes of YAHWAH, and turned not aside from anything that he commanded him all the days of his life, except only in the matter of Uriah the Hittite.

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

Now the rest of the acts of Abijam, and all that he did, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah? And there was war between Abijam and Jeroboam.

And Abijam slept with his fathers; and they buried him in the city of David: and Asa his son reigned in his stead.

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

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

And Asa did *that which was* right in the eyes of YAHWAH, as *did* David his father.

And he took away the sodomites out of the land, and removed all the idols that his fathers had made. And also Maachah his mother, even her he removed from *being* queen, because she had made *an* idol in a grove; and Asa destroyed her idol, and burnt *it* by the brook Kidron. But the high places were not removed: nevertheless Asa's heart was perfect with YAHWAH all his days. And he brought in the things which his father had sanctified, and the things which himself had sanctified, into the house of YAHWAH, silver, and gold, and vessels. And there was war between Asa and Baasha king of Israel all their days. And Baasha king of Israel went up against Judah, and built Ramah, that he might not suffer any to go out or come in to Asa king of Judah. Then Asa took all the silver and the gold *that were* left in the treasures of the house of YAHWAH, and the treasures of the king's house, and delivered them into the hand of his servants: and king Asa sent them to Benhadad, the son of Tabrimon, the son of Hezion, king of Syria, that dwelt at Damascus, saying, *There is a* league between me and you, *and* between my father and your father: behold, I have sent unto you *a* present of silver and gold; come and break your league with Baasha king of Israel, that he may depart from me. So Benhadad hearkened unto king Asa, and sent the captains of the hosts which he had against the cities of Israel, and smote Ijon, and Dan, and Abel-Bethmaachah, and all Kinneroth, with all the land of Naphtali. And it came to pass, when Baasha heard *thereof*, that he left off building of Ramah, and dwelt in Tirzah. Then king Asa made *a* proclamation throughout all Judah; none *was* exempted: and they took away the stones of Ramah, and the timber thereof, wherewith Baasha had built; and king Asa built with them Geba of Benjamin, and Mizpah. The rest of all the acts of Asa, and all his might, and all that he did, and the cities which he built, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah? Nevertheless in the time of his old age he was diseased in his feet. And Asa slept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the city of David his father: and Jehoshaphat his son reigned in his stead. And Nadab the son of Jeroboam began to reign over Israel in the second year of Asa king of Judah, and reigned over Israel two years. And he did evil in the sight of YAHWAH, and walked in the way of his father, and in his sin wherewith he made Israel to sin. And Baasha the son of Ahijah, of the house of Issachar, conspired against him; and Baasha smote him at Gibbethon, which *belonged* to the Philistines; for Nadab and all Israel laid siege to Gibbethon. Even in the third year of Asa king of Judah did Baasha slay him, and reigned in his stead. And it came to pass, when he reigned, *that* he smote all the house of Jeroboam; he left not to Jeroboam any that breathed, until he had destroyed him, according unto the saying of YAHWAH, which he spoke by his servant Ahijah the Shilonite: Because of the sins of Jeroboam which he sinned, and which he made Israel sin, by his provocation wherewith he provoked YAHWAH ELOHEEM of Israel to anger. Now the rest of the acts of Nadab, and all that he did, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel? And there was war between Asa and Baasha king of Israel all their days. In the third year of Asa king of Judah began Baasha the son of Ahijah to reign over all Israel in Tirzah, twenty and four years. And he did evil in the sight of YAHWAH, and walked in the way of Jeroboam, and in his sin wherewith he made Israel to sin.

CHAPTER 16

THEN the word of YAHWAH came to Jehu the son of Hanani against Baasha, saying, Forasmuch as I exalted you out of the dust, and made you prince over my people Israel; and you have walked in

the way of Jeroboam, and have made my people Israel to sin, to provoke me to anger with their sins; Behold, I will take away the posterity of Baasha, and the posterity of his house; and will make your house like the house of Jeroboam the son of Nebat.

Him that dies of Baasha in the city shall the dogs eat; and him that dies of his in the fields shall the fowls of the air eat.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Thus did Zimri destroy all the house of Baasha, according to the word of YAHWAH, which he spoke against Baasha by Jehu the prophet,

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

But Omri worked evil in the eyes of YAHWAH, and did worse than all that *were* before him.

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

Now the rest of the acts of Omri which he did, and his might that he showed, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel?

So Omri slept with his fathers, and was buried in Samaria: and Ahab his son reigned in his stead.

And in the thirty and eighth year of Asa king of Judah began Ahab the son of Omri to reign over Israel: and Ahab the son of Omri reigned over Israel in Samaria twenty and two years.

And Ahab the son of Omri did evil in the sight of YAHWAH above all that *were* before him.

And it came to pass, as if it had been *a* light thing for him to walk in the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, that he took to wife Jezebel the daughter of Ethbaal king of the Zidonians, and went and served Baal, and worshipped him.

And he reared up *an* altar for Baal in the house of Baal, which he had built in Samaria.

And Ahab made *a* grove; and Ahab did more to provoke YAHWAH ELOHEEM of Israel to anger than all the kings of Israel that were before him.

In his days did Hiel the Bethelite build Jericho: he laid the foundation thereof in Abiram his firstborn, and set up the gates thereof in his youngest *son* Segub, according to the word of YAHWAH, which he spoke by YAHWASUA the son of Nun.

CHAPTER 17

AND Elijah the Tishbite, *who was* of the inhabitants of Gilead, said to Ahab, *As* YAHWAH ELOHEEM of Israel lives, before whom I stand, there shall not be dew nor rain these years, but according to my word.

And the word of YAHWAH came unto him, saying,

Get you hence, and turn you eastward, and hide yourself by the brook Cherith, that *is* before Jordan.

And it shall be, *that* you shall drink of the brook; and I have commanded the ravens to feed you there.

So he went and did according unto the word of YAHWAH: for he went and dwelt by the brook Cherith, that *is* before Jordan.

And the ravens brought him bread and flesh in the morning, and bread and flesh in the evening; and he drank of the brook.

And it came to pass after *a* while, that the brook dried up, because there had been no rain in the land.

And the word of YAHWAH came unto him, saying,

Arise, get you to Zarephath, which *belongs* to Zidon, and dwell there: behold, I have commanded *a* widow woman there to sustain you.

So he arose and went to Zarephath. And when he came to the gate of the city, behold, the widow woman *was* there gathering of sticks: and he called to her, and said, Fetch me, I pray you, *a* little water in *a* vessel, that I may drink.

And as she was going to fetch *it*, he called to her, and said, Bring me, I pray you, *a* morsel of bread in your hand.

And she said, *As* YAHWAH ELOHEEM lives, I have not *a* cake, but *a* handful of meal in *a* barrel, and *a* little oil in *a* cruse: and, behold, I *am* gathering two sticks, that I may go in and dress it for me and my son, that we may eat it, and die.

And Elijah said to her, Fear not; go *and* do as you have said: but make me thereof *a* little cake first, and bring *it* unto me, and after make for you and for your son.

For thus said YAHWAH ELOHEEM of Israel, The barrel of meal shall not waste, neither shall the cruse of oil fail, until the day *that* YAHWAH sends rain upon the ground.

And she went and did according to the saying of Elijah: and she, and he, and her house, did eat *many* days.

And the barrel of meal wasted not, neither did the cruse of oil fail, according to the word of YAHWAH, which he spoke by Elijah.

And it came to pass after these things, *that* the son of the woman, the mistress of the house, fell sick; and his sickness was so sore, that there was no breath left in him.

And she said to Elijah, What have I to do with you, O you man of the ELOHEEM? are you come unto me to

call my sin to remembrance, and to slay my son?

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

And he cried unto YAHWAH, and said, O YAHWAH ELOHEEM, have you also brought evil upon the widow with whom I sojourn, by slaying her son?

And he stretched himself upon the child three times, and cried unto YAHWAH, and said, O YAHWAH ELOHEEM, I pray you, let this child's person come into him again.

And YAHWAH heard the voice of Elijah; and the person of the child came into him again, and he revived.

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

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

CHAPTER 18

AND it came to pass *after* many days, that the word of YAHWAH came to Elijah in the third year, saying, Go, show yourself unto Ahab; and I will send rain upon the ground.

And Elijah went to show himself unto Ahab. And *there was a* sore famine in Samaria.

And Ahab called Obadiah, which *was* the governor of *his* house. (*Now Obadiah feared YAHWAH greatly: For it was so, when Jezebel cut off the prophets of YAHWAH, that Obadiah took a hundred prophets, and hid them by fifty in a cave, and fed them with bread and water.*)

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

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

And as Obadiah was in the way, behold, Elijah met him: and he knew him, and fell on his face, and said, *Are* you that my Lord Elijah?

And he answered him, I *am*: go, tell your Lord, Behold, Elijah *is here*.

And he said, What have I sinned, that you would deliver your servant into the hand of Ahab, to slay me?

As YAHWAH ELOHEEM lives, there is no nation or kingdom, where my Lord has not sent to seek you: and when they said, *He is not there*; he took *an* oath of the kingdom and nation, that they found you not.

And now you say, Go, tell your Lord, Behold, Elijah *is here*.

And it shall come to pass, *as soon as* I am gone from you, that the Spirit of YAHWAH shall carry you where I know not; and *so* when I come and tell Ahab, and he cannot find you, he shall slay me: but I your servant fear YAHWAH from my youth.

Was it not told my Lord what I did when Jezebel slew the prophets of YAHWAH, how I hid *a* hundred men of YAHWAH'S prophets by fifty *in a* cave, and fed them with bread and water?

And now you say, Go, tell your Lord, Behold, Elijah *is here*: and he shall slay me.

And Elijah said, *As* YAHWAH of Hosts lives, before whom I stand, I will surely show myself unto him today.

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

And it came to pass, when Ahab saw Elijah, that Ahab said to him, *Are* you he that troubles Israel?

And he answered, I have not troubled Israel; but you, and your father's house, in that you all have forsaken the commandments of YAHWAH, and you have followed Baalim.

Now therefore send, *and* gather to me all Israel unto the mountain of Karmel, and the prophets of Baal four hundred and fifty, and the prophets of the groves four hundred, which eat at Jezebel's table.

So Ahab sent unto all the children of Israel, and gathered the prophets together unto the mountain of Karmel.

And Elijah came unto all the people, and said, How long halt you all between two opinions? if YAHWAH ELOHEEM, follow him: but if Baal, *then* follow him. And the people answered him not *a* word.

Then said Elijah unto the people, I, *even* I only, remain *a* prophet of YAHWAH; but Baal's prophets *are* four

hundred and fifty men.

Let them therefore give us two bullocks; and let them choose one bullock for themselves, and cut it in pieces, and lay *it* on wood, and put no fire *under*: and I will dress the other bullock, and lay *it* on wood, and put no fire *under*:

And call you all on the name of your eloheems, and I will call on the name of YAHWAH: ELOHEEM that answers by fire, let him be ELOHEEM. And all the people answered and said, It is well spoken.

And Elijah said to the prophets of Baal, Choose you one bullock for yourselves, and dress *it* first; for you all *are* many; and call on the name of your eloheems, but put no fire *under*.

And they took the bullock which was given them, and they dressed *it*, and called on the name of Baal from morning even until noon, saying, O Baal, hear us. But *there was* no voice, nor any that answered. And they leaped upon the altar which was made.

And it came to pass at noon, that Elijah mocked them, and said, Cry aloud: for he *is a* eloheem; either he is talking, or he is pursuing, or he is in *a* journey, *or* peradventure he sleeps, and must be awaked.

And they cried aloud, and cut themselves after their manner with knives and lancets, till the blood gushed out upon them.

And it came to pass, when midday was past, and they prophesied until the *time* of the offering of the *evening* sacrifice, that *there was* neither voice, nor any to answer, nor any that regarded.

And Elijah said to all the people, Come near unto me. And all the people came near unto him. And he repaired the altar of YAHWAH *that was* broken down.

And Elijah took twelve stones, according to the number of the tribes of the sons of Jacob, unto whom the word of YAHWAH came, saying, Israel shall be your name:

And with the stones he built *an* altar in the name of YAHWAH: and he made *a* trench about the altar, as great as would contain two measures of seed.

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

And he said, Do *it* the second time. And they did *it* the second time. And he said, Do *it* the third time. And they did *it* the third time.

And the water ran round about the altar; and he filled the trench also with water.

And it came to pass at *the time of* the offering of the *evening* sacrifice, that Elijah the prophet came near, and said, YAHWAH ELOHEEM of Abraham, Isaac, and of Israel, let it be known this day that you *are* the ELOHEEM in Israel, and *that I am* your servant, and *that I have done* all these things at your word.

Hear me, O YAHWAH, hear me, that this people may know that you *are* YAHWAH ELOHEEM, and *that you* have turned their heart back again.

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

And when all the people saw *it*, they fell on their faces: and they said, YAHWAH ELOHEEM; YAHWAH ELOHEEM.

And Elijah said to them, Take the prophets of Baal; let not one of them escape. And they took them: and Elijah brought them down to the brook Kishon, and slew them there.

And Elijah said to Ahab, Get you up, eat and drink; for *there is a* sound of abundance of rain.

So Ahab went up to eat and to drink. And Elijah went up to the top of Karmel; and he cast himself down upon the land, and put his face between his knees,

And said to his servant, Go up now, look toward the sea. And he went up, and looked, and said, *There is* nothing. And he said, Go again seven times.

And it came to pass at the seventh time, that he said, Behold, there arises *a* little cloud out of the sea, like *a* man's hand. And he said, Go up, say to Ahab, Prepare *your chariot*, and get you down, that the rain stop you not.

And it came to pass in the meanwhile, that the heaven was black with clouds and spirit, and there was *a* great rain. And Ahab rode, and went to Jezreel.

And the hand of YAHWAH was on Elijah; and he girded up his loins, and ran before Ahab to the entrance of Jezreel.

CHAPTER 19

AND Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and withal how he had slain all the prophets with the sword. Then Jezebel sent *a* messenger unto Elijah, saying, So let the eloheems do *to me*, and more also, if I make not your person as the person of one of them by tomorrow about this time.

And when he saw *that*, he arose, and went for his person, and came to Beersheba, which *belongs* to Judah, and left his servant there.

But he himself went *a* day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under *a* juniper tree: and he requested for himself that he might die; and said, It is enough; now, O YAHWAH, take away my person; for I *am* not better than my fathers.

And as he lay and slept under *a* juniper tree, behold, then *an* angel touched him, and said to him, Arise *and* eat. And he looked, and, behold, *there was a* cake baken on the coals, and *a* cruse of water at his head. And he did eat and drink, and laid him down again.

And the angel of YAHWAH came again the second time, and touched him, and said, Arise *and* eat; because the journey *is* too great for you.

And he arose, and did eat and drink, and went in the strength of that meat forty days and forty nights unto Horeb the mountain of the ELOHEEM.

And he came there unto *a* cave, and lodged there; and, behold, the word of YAHWAH *came* to him, and he said to him, What do you here, Elijah?

And he said, I have been very zealous for YAHWAH ELOHEEM of Hosts: for the children of Israel have forsaken your covenant, destroyed your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword; and I, I am left alone; and they seek my person, to take it away.

And he said, Go forth, and stand upon the mountain before YAHWAH. And, behold, YAHWAH passed by, and *a* great and strong spirit rent the mountains, and break in pieces the rocks before YAHWAH; *but* YAHWAH *was* not in that spirit: and after the spirit *an* earthquake; *but* YAHWAH *was* not in the earthquake:

And after the earthquake *a* fire; *but* YAHWAH *was* not in the fire: and after the fire *a* still small voice.

And it was *so*, when Elijah heard *it*, that he wrapped his face in his mantle, and went out, and stood in the entering in of the cave. And, behold, *there came a* voice unto him, and said, What do you here, Elijah?

And he said, I have been very zealous for YAHWAH ELOHEEM of Hosts: because the children of Israel have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and slain your prophets with the sword; and I, *even* I only, am left; and they seek my person, to take it away.

And YAHWAH said to him, Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus: and when you come, anoint Hazael *to be* king over Syria:

And Jehu the son of Nimshi shall you anoint *to be* king over Israel: and Elisha the son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah shall you anoint *to be* prophet in your room.

And it shall come to pass, *that* him that escapes the sword of Hazael shall Jehu slay: and him that escapes from the sword of Jehu shall Elisha slay.

Yet I have reserved to myself seven thousand in Israel, all the knees which have not bowed unto Baal, and every mouth which has not kissed him.

So he departed thence, and found Elisha the son of Shaphat, who *was* plowing *with* twelve yoke of oxen before him, and he with the twelfth: and Elijah passed by him, and cast his mantle upon him.

And he left the oxen, and ran after Elijah, and said, Let me, I pray you, kiss my father and my mother, and *then* I will follow you. And he said to him, Go back again: for what have I done to you?

And he returned back from him, and took *a* yoke of oxen, and slew them, and boiled their flesh with the

instruments of the oxen, and gave unto the people, and they did eat. Then he arose, and went after Elijah, and ministered unto him.

CHAPTER 20

AND Benhadad the king of Syria gathered all his host together: and *there were* thirty and two kings with him, and horses, and chariots: and he went up and besieged Samaria, and warred against it.

And he sent messengers to Ahab king of Israel into the city, and said to him, Thus said Benhadad, Your silver and your gold *is* mine; your wives also and your children, *even* the goodliest, *are* mine.

And the king of Israel answered and said, My Lord, O king, according to your saying, I *am* your, and all that I have.

And the messengers came again, and said, Thus speaks Benhadad, saying, Although I have sent unto you, saying, You shall deliver me your silver, and your gold, and your wives, and your children;

Yet I will send my servants unto you tomorrow about this time, and they shall search your house, and the houses of your servants; and it shall be, *that* whatsoever is pleasant in your eyes, they shall put *it* in their hand, and take *it* away.

Then the king of Israel called all the elders of the land, and said, Mark, I pray you, and see how this *man* seeks mischief: for he sent unto me for my wives, and for my children, and for my silver, and for my gold; and I denied him not.

And all the elders and all the people said to him, Hearken not *unto him*, nor consent.

Wherefore he said to the messengers of Benhadad, Tell my Lord the king, All that you did send for to your servant at the first I will do: but this thing I may not do. And the messengers departed, and brought him word again.

And Benhadad sent unto him, and said, The eloheems do so unto me, and more also, if the dust of Samaria shall suffice for handfuls for all the people that follow me.

And the king of Israel answered and said, Tell *him*, Let not him that girds on *his harness* boast himself as he that puts it off.

And it came to pass, when *Benhadad* heard this message, as he *was* drinking, he and the kings in the pavilions, that he said to his servants, Set *yourselves in array*. And they set *themselves in array* against the city.

And, behold, there came *a* prophet unto Ahab king of Israel, saying, Thus said YAHWAH, Have you seen all this great multitude? behold, I will deliver it into your hand this day; and you shall know that I *am* YAHWAH.

And Ahab said, By whom? And he said, Thus said YAHWAH, *Even* by the young men of the princes of the provinces. Then he said, Who shall order the battle? And he answered, You.

Then he numbered the young men of the princes of the provinces, and they were two hundred and thirty two: and after them he numbered all the people, *even* all the children of Israel, *being* seven thousand.

And they went out at noon. But Benhadad *was* drinking himself drunk in the pavilions, he and the kings, the thirty and two kings that helped him.

And the young men of the princes of the provinces went out first; and Benhadad sent out, and they told him, saying, There are men come out of Samaria.

And he said, Whether they be come out for peace, take them alive; or whether they be come out for war, take them alive.

So these young men of the princes of the provinces came out of the city, and the army which followed them.

And they slew every one his man: and the Syrians fled; and Israel pursued them: and Benhadad the king of Syria escaped on *a* horse with the horsemen.

And the king of Israel went out, and smote the horses and chariots, and slew the Syrians with *a* great slaughter.

And the prophet came to the king of Israel, and said to him, Go, strengthen yourself, and mark, and see what you do: for at the return of the year the king of Syria will come up against you.

And the servants of the king of Syria said to him, Their eloheems *are* eloheems of the hills; therefore they were stronger than we; but let us fight against them in the plain, and surely we shall be stronger than they.

And do this thing, Take the kings away, every man out of his place, and put captains in their rooms: And number you *an* army, like the army that you have lost, horse for horse, and chariot for chariot: and we will fight against them in the plain, *and* surely we shall be stronger than they. And he hearkened unto their voice, and did so.

And it came to pass at the return of the year, that Benhadad numbered the Syrians, and went up to Aphek, to fight against Israel.

And the children of Israel were numbered, and were all present, and went against them: and the children of Israel pitched before them like two little flocks of kids; but the Syrians filled the land.

And there came *a* man of the ELOHEEM, and spoke unto the king of Israel, and said, Thus said YAHWAH, Because the Syrians have said, YAHWAH *is* the ELOHEEM of the hills, but he *is* not the ELOHEEM of the valleys, therefore will I deliver all this great multitude into your hand, and you all shall know that I *am* YAHWAH.

And they pitched one over against the other seven days. And *so* it was, that in the seventh day the battle was joined: and the children of Israel slew of the Syrians *a* hundred thousand footmen in one day.

But the rest fled to Aphek, into the city; and *there* *a* wall fell upon twenty and seven thousand of the men *that were* left. And Benhadad fled, and came into the city, into *an* inner chamber.

And his servants said to him, Behold now, we have heard that the kings of the house of Israel *are* merciful kings: let us, I pray you, put sackcloth on our loins, and ropes upon our heads, and go out to the king of Israel: peradventure he will keep alive your person.

So they girded sackcloth on their loins, and *put* ropes on their heads, and came to the king of Israel, and said, Your servant Benhadad said, I pray you, let me live. And he said, *Is* he yet alive? he *is* my brother.

Now the men did diligently observe whether *anything would come* from him, and did hastily catch *it*: and they said, Your brother Benhadad. Then he said, Go you all, bring him. Then Benhadad came forth to him; and he caused him to come up into the chariot.

And *Benhadad* said to him, The cities, which my father took from your father, I will restore; and you shall make streets for you in Damascus, as my father made in Samaria. Then *said Ahab*, I will send you away with this covenant. So he made *a* covenant with him, and sent him away.

And *a* certain man of the sons of the prophets said to his neighbour in the word of YAHWAH, Smite me, I pray you. And the man refused to smite him.

Then said he unto him, Because you have not obeyed the voice of YAHWAH, behold, as soon as you are departed from me, *a* lion shall slay you. And as soon as he was departed from him, *a* lion found him, and slew him.

Then he found another man, and said, Smite me, I pray you. And the man smote him, so that in smiting he wounded *him*.

So the prophet departed, and waited for the king by the way, and disguised himself with ashes upon his face.

And as the king passed by, he cried unto the king: and he said, Your servant went out into the midst of the battle; and, behold, *a* man turned aside, and brought *a* man unto me, and said, Keep this man: if by any means he be missing, then shall your person be for his person, or else you shall pay *a* talent of silver.

And as your servant was busy here and there, he was gone. And the king of Israel said to him, So *shall* your judgment *be*; yourself have decided *it*.

And he hasted, and took the ashes away from his face; and the king of Israel discerned him that he *was* of the prophets.

And he said to him, Thus said YAHWAH, Because you have let go out of *your* hand *a* man whom I appointed to utter destruction, therefore your person shall go for his person, and your people for his people.

And the king of Israel went to his house heavy and displeased, and came to Samaria.

CHAPTER 21

AND it came to pass after these things, *that* Naboth the Jezreelite had *a* vineyard, which *was* in Jezreel, hard by

the palace of Ahab king of Samaria.

And Ahab spoke unto Naboth, saying, Give me your vineyard, that I may have it for *a* garden of herbs, because it *is* near unto my house: and I will give you for it *a* better vineyard than it; *or*, if it seem good to you, I will give you the worth of it in money.

And Naboth said to Ahab, YAHWAH forbid it me, that I should give the inheritance of my fathers unto you.

And Ahab came into his house heavy and displeased because of the word which Naboth the Jezreelite had spoken to him: for he had said, I will not give you the inheritance of my fathers. And he laid him down upon his bed, and turned away his face, and would eat no bread.

But Jezebel his wife came to him, and said to him, Why is your spirit so sad, that you eat no bread?

And he said to her, Because I spoke unto Naboth the Jezreelite, and said to him, Give me your vineyard for money; or else, if it please you, I will give you *another* vineyard for it: and he answered, I will not give you my vineyard.

And Jezebel his wife said to him, Do you now govern the kingdom of Israel? arise, *and* eat bread, and let your heart be merry: I will give you the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite.

So she wrote letters in Ahab's name, and sealed *them* with his seal, and sent the letters unto the elders and to the nobles that *were* in his city, dwelling with Naboth.

And she wrote in the letters, saying, Proclaim *a* fast, and set Naboth on high among the people:

And set two men, sons of Belial, before him, to bear witness against him, saying, You did blaspheme the ELOHEEM and the king. And *then* carry him out, and stone him, that he may die.

And the men of his city, *even* the elders and the nobles who were the inhabitants in his city, did as Jezebel had sent unto them, *and* as it *was* written in the letters which she had sent unto them.

They proclaimed *a* fast, and set Naboth on high among the people.

And there came in two men, children of Belial, and sat before him: and the men of Belial witnessed against him, *even* against Naboth, in the presence of the people, saying, Naboth did blaspheme the ELOHEEM and the king. Then they carried him forth out of the city, and stoned him with stones, that he died.

Then they sent to Jezebel, saying, Naboth is stoned, and is dead.

And it came to pass, when Jezebel heard that Naboth was stoned, and was dead, that Jezebel said to Ahab, Arise, take possession of the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite, which he refused to give you for money: for Naboth is not alive, but dead.

And it came to pass, when Ahab heard that Naboth was dead, that Ahab rose up to go down to the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite, to take possession of it.

And the word of YAHWAH came to Elijah the Tishbite, saying,

Arise, go down to meet Ahab king of Israel, which *is* in Samaria: behold, *he is* in the vineyard of Naboth, where he is gone down to possess it.

And you shall speak unto him, saying, Thus said YAHWAH, Have you murdered, and also taken possession?

And you shall speak unto him, saying, Thus said YAHWAH, In the place where dogs licked the blood of Naboth shall dogs lick your blood, even your.

And Ahab said to Elijah, Have you found me, O my enemy? And he answered, I have found *you*: because you have sold yourself to work evil in the sight of YAHWAH.

Behold, I will bring evil upon you, and will take away your posterity, and will cut off from Ahab him that pisses against the wall, and him that is shut up and left in Israel,

And will make your house like the house of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, and like the house of Baasha the son of Ahijah, for the provocation wherewith you have provoked *me* to anger, and made Israel to sin.

And of Jezebel also spoke YAHWAH, saying, The dogs shall eat Jezebel by the wall of Jezreel.

Him that dies of Ahab in the city the dogs shall eat; and him that dies in the field shall the fowls of the air eat.

But there was none like unto Ahab, which did sell himself to work wickedness in the sight of YAHWAH, whom Jezebel his wife stirred up.

And he did very abominably in following idols, according to all *things* as did the Amorites, whom YAHWAH cast out before the children of Israel.

And it came to pass, when Ahab heard those words, that he rent his clothes, and put sackcloth upon his flesh, and fasted, and lay in sackcloth, and went softly.

And the word of YAHWAH came to Elijah the Tishbite, saying,

See you how Ahab humbles himself before me? because he humbles himself before me, I will not bring the evil in his days: *but* in his son's days will I bring the evil upon his house.

CHAPTER 22

AND they continued three years without war between Syria and Israel.

And it came to pass in the third year, that Jehoshaphat the king of Judah came down to the king of Israel.

And the king of Israel said to his servants, Know you all that Ramoth in Gilead *is* ours, and we *be* still, *and* take it not out of the hand of the king of Syria?

And he said to Jehoshaphat, Will you go with me to battle to Ramothgilead? And Jehoshaphat said to the king of Israel, I *am* as you *are*, my people as your people, my horses as your horses.

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

Then the king of Israel gathered the prophets together, about four hundred men, and said to them, Shall I go against Ramothgilead to battle, or shall I forbear? And they said, Go up; for the Lord shall deliver *it* into the hand of the king.

And 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, Micaiah the son of Imlah, by whom we may inquire of YAHWAH: but I hate him; for he does not prophesy good concerning me, but evil. And Jehoshaphat said, Let not the king say so.

Then the king of Israel called *an* officer, and said, Hasten *here* Micaiah the son of Imlah.

And the king of Israel and Jehoshaphat the king of Judah sat each on his throne, having put on their robes, in *a* void place in the entrance of the gate of Samaria; and all the prophets prophesied before them.

And Zedekiah the son of Chenaanah made him horns of iron: and he said, Thus said YAHWAH, With these shall you push the Syrians, until you have consumed them.

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

And the messenger that was gone to call Micaiah spoke unto him, saying, Behold now, the words of the prophets *declare* good unto the king with one mouth: let your word, I pray you, be like the word of one of them, and speak *that which is* good.

And Micaiah said, *As* YAHWAH lives, what YAHWAH said to me, that will I speak.

So he came to the king. And the king said to him, Micaiah, shall we go against Ramothgilead to battle, or shall we forbear? And he answered him, Go, and prosper: for YAHWAH shall deliver *it* into the hand of the king.

And the king said to him, How many times shall I adjure you that you tell me nothing but *that which is* true in the name of YAHWAH?

And he said, I saw all Israel scattered upon the hills, as sheep that have not *a* shepherd: and YAHWAH said, These have no master: let them return every man to his house in peace.

And the king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat, Did I not tell you that he would prophesy no good concerning me, but evil?

And he said, Hear you therefore the word of YAHWAH: I saw YAHWAH sitting on his throne, and all the host of heaven standing by him on his right hand and on his left.

And YAHWAH said, Who shall persuade Ahab, that he may go up and fall at Ramothgilead? And one said on this manner, and another said on that manner.

And there came forth *a* spirit, and stood before YAHWAH, and said, I will persuade him.

And YAHWAH said to him, Wherewith? And he said, I will go forth, and I will be *a* lying spirit in the mouth of

all his prophets. And he said, You shall persuade *him*, and prevail also: go forth, and do so.

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

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

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

And the king of Israel said, Take Micaiah, and carry him back unto Amon the governor of the city, and to Joash the king's son;

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 come in peace.

And Micaiah said, If you return at all in peace, YAHWAH has not spoken by me. And he said, Hearken, O people, every one of you.

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 enter into the battle; but put you on your robes. And the king of Israel disguised himself, and went into the battle.

But the king of Syria commanded his thirty and two captains that had rule over his chariots, saying, Fight neither with small nor great, except only with the king of Israel.

And it came to pass, when the captains of the chariots saw Jehoshaphat, that they said, Surely it *is* the king of Israel. And they turned aside to fight against him: and Jehoshaphat cried out.

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

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

And the battle increased that day: and the king was stayed up in his chariot against the Syrians, and died at even: and the blood ran out of the wound into the midst of the chariot.

And there went *a* proclamation throughout the host about the going down of the sun, saying, Every man to his city, and every man to his own land.

So the king died, and was brought to Samaria; and they buried the king in Samaria.

And *one* washed the chariot in the pool of Samaria; and the dogs licked up his blood; and they washed his armour; according unto the word of YAHWAH which he spoke.

Now the rest of the acts of Ahab, and all that he did, and the ivory house which he made, and all the cities that he built, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel?

So Ahab slept with his fathers; and Ahaziah his son reigned in his stead.

And Jehoshaphat the son of Asa began to reign over Judah in the fourth year of Ahab king of Israel.

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

And he walked in all the ways of Asa his father; he turned not aside from it, doing *that which was* right in the eyes of YAHWAH: nevertheless the high places were not taken away; *for* the people offered and burnt incense yet in the high places.

And Jehoshaphat made peace with the king of Israel.

Now the rest of the acts of Jehoshaphat, and his might that he showed, and how he warred, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah?

And the remnant of the sodomites, which remained in the days of his father Asa, he took out of the land.

There was then no king in Edom: *a* deputy *was* king.

Jehoshaphat made ships of Tharshish to go to Ophir for gold: but they went not; for the ships were broken at Eziongeber.

Then said Ahaziah the son of Ahab unto Jehoshaphat, Let my servants go with your servants in the ships. But

Jehoshaphat would not.

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

Ahaziah the son of Ahab began to reign over Israel in Samaria the seventeenth year of Jehoshaphat king of Judah, and reigned two years over Israel.

And he did evil in the sight of YAHWAH, and walked in the way of his father, and in the way of his mother, and in the way of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who made Israel to sin:

For he served Baal, and worshipped him, and provoked to anger YAHWAH ELOHEEM of Israel, according to all that his father had done.

This concludes the book of 1st Kings.