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## 2nd KINGS

### CHAPTER 1

THEN Moab rebelled against Israel after the death of Ahab.

And Ahaziah fell down through *a* lattice in his upper chamber that *was* in Samaria, and was sick: and he sent messengers, and said to them, Go, inquire of Baalzebub the eloheem of Ekron whether I shall recover of this disease.

But the angel of YAHWAH said to Elijah the Tishbite, Arise, go up to meet the messengers of the king of Samaria, and say to them, *Is it* not because *there is* not the ELOHEEM in Israel, *that* you all go to inquire of Baalzebub the eloheem of Ekron?

Now therefore thus said YAHWAH, You shall not come down from that bed on which you are gone up, but shall surely die. And Elijah departed.

And when the messengers turned back unto him, he said to them, Why are you all now turned back?

And they said to him, There came *a* man up to meet us, and said to us, Go, turn again unto the king that sent you, and say to him, Thus said YAHWAH, *Is it* not because *there is* not the ELOHEEM in Israel, *that* you send to inquire of Baalzebub the eloheem of Ekron? therefore you shall not come down from that bed on which you are gone up, but shall surely die.

And he said to them, What manner of man *was he* which came up to meet you, and told you these words?

And they answered him, *He was a* hairy man, and girt with *a* girdle of leather about his loins. And he said, *It is* Elijah the Tishbite.

Then the king sent unto him *a* captain of fifty with his fifty. And he went up to him: and, behold, he sat on the top of *a* hill. And he spoke unto him, You man of the ELOHEEM, the king has said, Come down.

And Elijah answered and said to the captain of fifty, If I *be a* man of the ELOHEEM, then let fire come down from heaven, and consume you and your fifty. And there came down fire from heaven, and consumed him and his fifty.

Again also he sent unto him another captain of fifty with his fifty. And he answered and said to him, O man of the ELOHEEM, thus has the king said, Come down quickly.

And Elijah answered and said to them, If I *be a* man of the ELOHEEM, let fire come down from heaven, and consume you and your fifty. And the fire of the ELOHEEM came down from heaven, and consumed him and his fifty.

And he sent again *a* captain of the third fifty with his fifty. And the third captain of fifty went up, and came and fell on his knees before Elijah, and besought him, and said to him, O man of the ELOHEEM, I pray you, let my person, and the person of these fifty your servants, be precious in your sight.

Behold, there came fire down from heaven, and burnt up the two captains of the former fifties with their fifties: therefore let my person now be precious in your sight.

And the angel of YAHWAH said to Elijah, Go down with him: be not afraid of him. And he arose, and went down with him unto the king.

And he said to him, Thus said YAHWAH, Forasmuch as you have sent messengers to inquire of Baalzebub the eloheem of Ekron, *is it* not because *there is* no ELOHEEM in Israel to inquire of his word? therefore you shall not come down off that bed on which you are gone up, but shall surely die.

So he died according to the word of YAHWAH which Elijah had spoken. And Jehoram reigned in his stead in the second year of Jehoram the son of Jehoshaphat king of Judah; because he had no son.

Now the rest of the acts of Ahaziah which he did, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel?

### CHAPTER 2

AND it came to pass, when YAHWAH would take up Elijah into heaven by *a* whirlwind, that Elijah went with Elisha from Gilgal.

And Elijah said to Elisha, Wait here, I pray you; for YAHWAH has sent me to Bethel. And Elisha said to *him*, As YAHWAH lives, and *as* your person lives, I will not leave you. So they went down to Bethel.

And the sons of the prophets that *were* at Bethel came forth to Elisha, and said to him, Know you that YAHWAH will take away your master from your head today? And he said, Yes, I know *it*; hold you all your peace.

And Elijah said to him, Elisha, wait here, I pray you; for YAHWAH has sent me to Jericho. And he said, As YAHWAH lives, and *as* your person lives, I will not leave you. So they came to Jericho.

And the sons of the prophets that *were* at Jericho came to Elisha, and said to him, Know you that YAHWAH will take away your master from your head today? And he answered, Yes, I know *it*; hold you all your peace.

And Elijah said to him, Wait, I pray you, here; for YAHWAH has sent me to Jordan. And he said, As YAHWAH lives, and *as* your person lives, I will not leave you. And they two went on.

And fifty men of the sons of the prophets went, and stood to view afar off: and they two stood by Jordan.

And Elijah took his mantle, and wrapped *it* together, and smote the waters, and they were divided here and there, so that they two went over on dry ground.

And it came to pass, when they were gone over, that Elijah said to Elisha, Ask what I shall do for you, before I be taken away from you. And Elisha said, I pray you, let *a* double portion of your spirit be upon me.

And he said, You have asked *a* hard thing: *nevertheless*, if you see me *when I am* taken from you, it shall be so unto you; but if not, it shall not be *so*.

And it came to pass, as they still went on, and talked, that, behold, *there appeared* a chariot of fire, and horses of fire, and parted them both asunder; and Elijah went up by *a* whirlwind into heaven.

And Elisha saw *it*, and he cried, My father, my father, the chariot of Israel, and the horsemen thereof. And he saw him no more: and he took hold of his own clothes, and rent them in two pieces.

He took up also the mantle of Elijah that fell from him, and went back, and stood by the bank of Jordan;

And he took the mantle of Elijah that fell from him, and smote the waters, and said, Where *is* YAHWAH ELOHEEM of Elijah? and when he also had smitten the waters, they parted here and there: and Elisha went over.

And when the sons of the prophets which *were* to view at Jericho saw him, they said, The spirit of Elijah does rest on Elisha. And they came to meet him, and bowed themselves to the land before him.

And they said to him, Behold now, there be with your servants fifty strong men; let them go, we pray you, and seek your master: lest peradventure the Spirit of YAHWAH has taken him up, and cast him upon some mountain, or into some valley. And he said, You all shall not send.

And when they urged him till he was ashamed, he said, Send. They sent therefore fifty men; and they sought three days, but found him not.

And when they came again to him, (*for he waited at Jericho*,) he said to them, Did I not say to you, Go not?

And the men of the city said to Elisha, Behold, I pray you, the situation of this city *is* pleasant, as my Lord sees: but the water *is* naught, and the land barren.

And he said, Bring me *a* new cruse, and put salt therein. And they brought *it* to him.

And he went forth unto the spring of the waters, and cast the salt in there, and said, Thus said YAHWAH, I have healed these waters; there shall not be from thence anymore death or barren *land*.

So the waters were healed unto this day, according to the saying of Elisha which he spoke.

And he went up from thence unto Bethel: and as he was going up by the way, there came forth little children out of the city, and mocked him, and said to him, Go up, you bald head; go up, you bald head.

And he turned back, and looked on them, and cursed them in the name of YAHWAH. And there came forth two she bears out of the wood, and tare forty and two children of them.

And he went from thence to the mountain of Karmel, and from thence he returned to Samaria.

### CHAPTER 3

NOW Jehoram the son of Ahab began to reign over Israel in Samaria the eighteenth year of Jehoshaphat king of Judah, and reigned twelve years.

And he worked evil in the sight of YAHWAH; but not like his father, and like his mother: for he put away the image of Baal that his father had made.

Nevertheless he cleaved unto the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, which made Israel to sin; he departed not therefrom.

And Mesha king of Moab was *a* sheepmaster, and rendered unto the king of Israel *a* hundred thousand lambs, and *a* hundred thousand rams, with the wool.

But it came to pass, when Ahab was dead, that the king of Moab rebelled against the king of Israel.

And king Jehoram went out of Samaria the same time, and numbered all Israel.

And he went and sent to Jehoshaphat the king of Judah, saying, The king of Moab has rebelled against me: will you go with me against Moab to battle? And he said, I will go up: I *am* as you *are*, my people as your people, *and* my horses as your horses.

And he said, Which way shall we go up? And he answered, The way through the wilderness of Edom.

So the king of Israel went, and the king of Judah, and the king of Edom: and they fetched *a* compass of seven days' journey: and there was no water for the host, and for the beasts that followed them.

And the king of Israel said, Alas! that YAHWAH has called these three kings together, to deliver them into the hand of Moab!

But Jehoshaphat said, *Is there* not here *a* prophet of YAHWAH, that we may inquire of YAHWAH by him? And one of the king of Israel's servants answered and said, Here *is* Elisha the son of Shaphat, which poured water on the hands of Elijah.

And Jehoshaphat said, The word of YAHWAH is with him. So the king of Israel and Jehoshaphat and the king of Edom went down to him.

And Elisha said to the king of Israel, What have I to do with you? get you to the prophets of your father, and to the prophets of your mother. And the king of Israel said to him, Nay: for YAHWAH has called these three kings together, to deliver them into the hand of Moab.

And Elisha said, *As* YAHWAH of Hosts lives, before whom I stand, surely, were it not that I regard the presence of Jehoshaphat the king of Judah, I would not look toward you, nor see you.

But now bring me *a* harper. And it came to pass, when the harper played, that the hand of YAHWAH came upon him.

And he said, Thus said YAHWAH, Make this valley full of ditches.

For thus said YAHWAH, You all shall not see spirit, neither shall you all see rain; yet that valley shall be filled with water, that you all may drink, both you all, and your cattle, and your beasts.

And this is *but a* light thing in the sight of YAHWAH: he will deliver the Moabites also into your hand.

And you all shall smite every fenced city, and every choice city, and shall fell every good tree, and stop all wells of water, and mar every good piece of land with stones.

And it came to pass in the morning, when the meat offering was offered, that, behold, there came water by the way of Edom, and the land was filled with water.

And when all the Moabites heard that the kings were come up to fight against them, they gathered all that were able to put on armour, and upward, and stood in the border.

And they rose up early in the morning, and the sun shone upon the water, and the Moabites saw the water on the other side *as* red as blood:

And they said, This *is* blood: the kings are surely slain, and they have smitten one another: now therefore, Moab, to the spoil.

And when they came to the camp of Israel, the Israelites rose up and smote the Moabites, so that they fled

before them: but they went forward smiting the Moabites, even in *their* country.

And they beat down the cities, and on every good piece of land cast every man his stone, and filled it; and they stopped all the wells of water, and felled all the good trees: only in Kirharaseth left they the stones thereof; howbeit the slingers went about *it*, and smote it.

And when the king of Moab saw that the battle was too sore for him, he took with him seven hundred men that drew swords, to break through *even* unto the king of Edom: but they could not.

Then he took his eldest son that should have reigned in his stead, and offered him *for a* burnt offering upon the wall. And there was great indignation against Israel: and they departed from him, and returned to *their own* land.

#### CHAPTER 4

NOW there cried *a* certain woman of the wives of the sons of the prophets unto Elisha, saying, Your servant my husband is dead; and you know that your servant did fear YAHWAH: and the creditor is come to take unto him my two sons to be bondmen.

And Elisha said to her, What shall I do for you? tell me, what have you in the house? And she said, Your handmaid has not anything in the house, except *a* pot of oil.

Then he said, Go, borrow you vessels abroad of all your neighbours, *even* empty vessels; borrow not *a* few.

And when you are come in, you shall shut the door upon you and upon your sons, and shall pour out into all those vessels, and you shall set aside that which is full.

So she went from him, and shut the door upon her and upon her sons, who brought *the vessels* to her; and she poured out.

And it came to pass, when the vessels were full, that she said to her son, Bring me yet *a* vessel. And he said to her, *There is* not *a* vessel more. And the oil stayed.

Then she came and told the man of the ELOHEEM. And he said, Go, sell the oil, and pay your debt, and live you and your children of the rest.

And it fell on *a* day, that Elisha passed to Shunem, where *was a* great woman; and she constrained him to eat bread. And *so* it was, *that* as often as he passed by, he turned in there to eat bread.

And she said to her husband, Behold now, I perceive that this *is a* sanctified man of the ELOHEEM, which passes by us continually.

Let us make *a* little chamber, I pray you, on the wall; and let us set for him there *a* bed, and *a* table, and *a* stool, and *a* lamp: and it shall be, when he comes to us, that he shall turn in there.

And it fell on *a* day, that he came there, and he turned into the chamber, and lay there.

And he said to Gehazi his servant, Call this Shunammite. And when he had called her, she stood before him.

And he said to him, Say now unto her, Behold, you have been careful for us with all this care; what *is* to be done for you? would you be spoken for to the king, or to the captain of the host? And she answered, I dwell among my own people.

And he said, What then *is* to be done for her? And Gehazi answered, Truly she has no child, and her husband is old.

And he said, Call her. And when he had called her, she stood in the door.

And he said, About this season, according to the time of life, you shall embrace *a* son. And she said, Nay, my Lord, *you* man of the ELOHEEM, do not lie unto your handmaid.

And the woman conceived, and bare *a* son at that season that Elisha had said to her, according to the time of life.

And when the child was grown, it fell on *a* day, that he went out to his father to the reapers.

And he said to his father, My head, my head. And he said to *a* lad, Carry him to his mother.

And when he had taken him, and brought him to his mother, he sat on her knees till noon, and *then* died.

And she went up, and laid him on the bed of the man of the ELOHEEM, and shut *the door* upon him, and went

out.

And she called unto her husband, and said, Send me, I pray you, one of the young men, and one of the asses, that I may run to the man of the ELOHEEM, and come again.

And he said, Wherefore will you go to him today? *it is* neither new moon, nor sabbath. And she said, *It shall be well.*

Then she saddled *an* ass, and said to her servant, Drive, and go forward; slack not *your* riding for me, except I bid you.

So she went and came unto the man of the ELOHEEM to the mountain of Karmel. And it came to pass, when the man of the ELOHEEM saw her afar off, that he said to Gehazi his servant, Behold, *yonder is* that Shunammite:

Run now, I pray you, to meet her, and say to her, *Is it well with you? is it well with your husband? is it well with the child?* And she answered, *It is well.*

And when she came to the man of the ELOHEEM to the hill, she caught him by the feet: but Gehazi came near to thrust her away. And the man of the ELOHEEM said, Let her alone; for her person *is* vexed inside of her: and YAHWAH has hid *it* from me, and has not told me.

Then she said, Did I desire *a* son of my Lord? did I not say, Do not deceive me?

Then he said to Gehazi, Gird up your loins, and take my staff in your hand, and go your way: if you meet any man, salute him not; and if any salute you, answer him not again: and lay my staff upon the face of the child.

And the mother of the child said, *As* YAHWAH lives, and *as* your person lives, I will not leave you. And he arose, and followed her.

And Gehazi passed on before them, and laid the staff upon the face of the child; but *there was* neither voice, nor hearing. Wherefore he went again to meet him, and told him, saying, The child is not awaked.

And when Elisha was come into the house, behold, the child was dead, *and* laid upon his bed.

He went in therefore, and shut the door upon them two, and prayed unto YAHWAH.

And he went up, and lay upon the child, and put his mouth upon his mouth, and his eyes upon his eyes, and his hands upon his hands: and he stretched himself upon the child; and the flesh of the child waxed warm.

Then he returned, and walked in the house to and fro; and went up, and stretched himself upon him: and the child sneezed seven times, and the child opened his eyes.

And he called Gehazi, and said, Call this Shunammite. So he called her. And when she was come in unto him, he said, Take up your son.

Then she went in, and fell at his feet, and bowed herself to the land, and took up her son, and went out.

And Elisha came again to Gilgal: and *there was a* dearth in the land; and the sons of the prophets *were* sitting before him: and he said to his servant, Set on the great pot, and seethe pottage for the sons of the prophets.

And one went out into the field to gather herbs, and found *a* wild vine, and gathered thereof wild gourds his lap full, and came and shred *them* into the pot of pottage: for they knew *them* not.

So they poured out for the men to eat. And it came to pass, as they were eating of the pottage, that they cried out, and said, O *you* man of the ELOHEEM, *there is* death in the pot. And they could not eat *thereof*.

But he said, Then bring meal. And he cast *it* into the pot; and he said, Pour out for the people, that they may eat. And there was no harm in the pot.

And there came *a* man from Baalshalisha, and brought the man of the ELOHEEM bread of the firstfruits, twenty loaves of barley, and full ears of grain in the husk thereof. And he said, Give unto the people, that they may eat.

And his servitor said, What, should I set this before *a* hundred men? He said again, Give the people, that they may eat: for thus said YAHWAH, They shall eat, and shall leave *thereof*.

So he set *it* before them, and they did eat, and left *thereof*, according to the word of YAHWAH.

## CHAPTER 5

NOW Naaman, captain of the host of the king of Syria, was *a* great man with his master, and honourable, because by him YAHWAH had given deliverance unto Syria: he was also *a* mighty man in valour, *but he was a* leper.

And the Syrians had gone out by companies, and had brought away captive out of the land of Israel *a* little maid; and she waited on Naaman's wife.

And she said to her mistress, Would my Lord *were* with the prophet that *is* in Samaria! for he would recover him of his leprosy.

And *one* went in, and told his Lord, saying, Thus and thus said the maid that *is* of the land of Israel.

And the king of Syria said, Go to, go, and I will send *a* letter unto the king of Israel. And he departed, and took with him ten talents of silver, and six thousand *pieces* of gold, and ten changes of raiment.

And he brought the letter to the king of Israel, saying, Now when this letter is come unto you, behold, I have *therewith* sent Naaman my servant to you, that you may recover him of his leprosy.

And it came to pass, when the king of Israel had read the letter, that he rent his clothes, and said, *Am* I the ELOHEEM, to kill and to make alive, that this man does send unto me to recover *a* man of his leprosy? wherefore consider, I pray you, and see how he seeks *a* quarrel against me.

And it was *so*, when Elisha the man of the ELOHEEM had heard that the king of Israel had rent his clothes, that he sent to the king, saying, Wherefore have you rent your clothes? let him come now to me, and he shall know that there is *a* prophet in Israel.

So Naaman came with his horses and with his chariot, and stood at the door of the house of Elisha.

And Elisha sent *a* messenger unto him, saying, Go and wash in Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall come again to you, and you shall be clean.

But Naaman was wroth, and went away, and said, Behold, I thought, He will surely come out to me, and stand, and call on the name of YAHWAH ELOHEEM, and strike his hand over the place, and recover the leper.

*Are* not Abana and Pharpar, rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? may I not wash in them, and be clean? So he turned and went away in *a* rage.

And his servants came near, and spoke unto him, and said, My father, *if* the prophet had bid you *do some* great thing, would you not have done *it*? how much rather then, when he said to you, Wash, and be clean?

Then went he down, and dipped himself seven times in Jordan, according to the saying of the man of the ELOHEEM: and his flesh came again like unto the flesh of *a* little child, and he was clean.

And he returned to the man of the ELOHEEM, he and all his company, and came, and stood before him: and he said, Behold, now I know that *there is* no ELOHEEM in all the land, but in Israel: now therefore, I pray you, take *a* blessing of your servant.

But he said, *As* YAHWAH lives, before whom I stand, I will receive none. And he urged him to take *it*; but he refused.

And Naaman said, Shall there not then, I pray you, be given to your servant two mules' burden of ground? for your servant will henceforth offer neither burnt offering nor sacrifice unto other eloheems, but unto YAHWAH. In this thing YAHWAH pardon your servant, *that* when my master goes into the house of Rimmon to worship there, and he leans on my hand, and I bow myself in the house of Rimmon: when I bow down myself in the house of Rimmon, YAHWAH pardon your servant in this thing.

And he said to him, Go in peace. So he departed from him *a* little land.

But Gehazi, the servant of Elisha the man of the ELOHEEM, said, Behold, my master has spared Naaman this Syrian, in not receiving at his hands that which he brought: but, *as* YAHWAH lives, I will run after him, and take somewhat of him.

So Gehazi followed after Naaman. And when Naaman saw *him* running after him, he lighted down from the chariot to meet him, and said, *Is* all well?

And he said, All *is* well. My master has sent me, saying, Behold, even now there be come to me from the mountain of Ephraim two young men of the sons of the prophets: give them, I pray you, *a* talent of silver, and two changes of garments.

And Naaman said, Be content, take two talents. And he urged him, and bound two talents of silver in two bags, with two changes of garments, and laid *them* upon two of his servants; and they bare *them* before him.

And when he came to the tower, he took *them* from their hand, and bestowed *them* in the house: and he let the men go, and they departed.

But he went in, and stood before his master. And Elisha said to him, Where *come you*, Gehazi? And he said, Your servant went no where.

And he said to him, Went not my heart *with you*, when the man turned again from his chariot to meet you? *Is it* *a* time to receive money, and to receive garments, and oliveyards, and vineyards, and sheep, and oxen, and menservants, and maidservants?

The leprosy therefore of Naaman shall cleave unto you, and unto your seed forever. And he went out from his presence *a leper as white* as snow.

## CHAPTER 6

AND the sons of the prophets said to Elisha, Behold now, the place where we dwell with you is too strait for us. Let us go, we pray you, unto Jordan, and take thence every man *a* beam, and let us make us *a* place there, where we may dwell. And he answered, Go you all.

And one said, Be content, I pray you, and go with your servants. And he answered, I will go.

So he went with them. And when they came to Jordan, they cut down wood.

But as one was felling *a* beam, the axe head fell into the water: and he cried, and said, Alas, master! for it was borrowed.

And the man of the ELOHEEM said, Where fell it? And he showed him the place. And he cut down *a* stick, and cast *it* in there; and the iron did swim.

Therefore said he, Take *it* up to you. And he put out his hand, and took it.

Then the king of Syria warred against Israel, and took counsel with his servants, saying, In such and such *a* place *shall be* my camp.

And the man of the ELOHEEM sent unto the king of Israel, saying, Beware that you pass not such *a* place; for there the Syrians are come down.

And the king of Israel sent to the place which the man of the ELOHEEM told him and warned him of, and kept himself there, not once nor twice.

Therefore the heart of the king of Syria was sore troubled for this thing; and he called his servants, and said to them, Will you all not show me which of us *is* for the king of Israel?

And one of his servants said, None, my Lord, O king: but Elisha, the prophet that *is* in Israel, tells the king of Israel the words that you speak in your bedchamber.

And he said, Go and spy where he *is*, that I may send and fetch him. And it was told him, saying, Behold, *he is* in Dothan.

Therefore sent he there horses, and chariots, and *a* great host: and they came by night, and compassed the city about.

And when the servant of the man of the ELOHEEM was risen early, and gone forth, behold, *a* host compassed the city both with horses and chariots. And his servant said to him, Alas, my master! how shall we do?

And he answered, Fear not: for they that *be* with us *are* more than they that *be* with them.

And Elisha prayed, and said, YAHWAH, I pray you, open his eyes, that he may see. And YAHWAH opened the eyes of the young man; and he saw: and, behold, the mountain *was* full of horses and chariots of fire round about Elisha.

And when they came down to him, Elisha prayed unto YAHWAH, and said, Smite this nation, I pray you, with

blindness. And he smote them with blindness according to the word of Elisha.

And Elisha said to them, This *is* not the way, neither *is* this the city: follow me, and I will bring you to the man whom you all seek. But he led them to Samaria.

And it came to pass, when they were come into Samaria, that Elisha said, YAHWAH, open the eyes of these *men*, that they may see. And YAHWAH opened their eyes, and they saw; and, behold, *they were* in the midst of Samaria.

And the king of Israel said to Elisha, when he saw them, My father, shall I smite *them*? shall I smite *them*?

And he answered, You shall not smite *them*: would you smite those whom you have taken captive with your sword and with your bow? set bread and water before them, that they may eat and drink, and go to their master.

And he prepared great provision for them: and when they had eaten and drunk, he sent them away, and they went to their master. So the bands of Syria came no more into the land of Israel.

And it came to pass after this, that Benhadad king of Syria gathered all his host, and went up, and besieged Samaria.

And there was *a* great famine in Samaria: and, behold, they besieged it, until *an* ass's head was *sold* for fourscore *pieces* of silver, and the fourth part of *a* cab of dove's dung for five *pieces* of silver.

And as the king of Israel was passing by upon the wall, there cried *a* woman unto him, saying, DELIVER, my Lord, O king.

And he said, If YAHWAH does not DELIVER you, how shall I DELIVER you? out of the barnfloor, or out of the winepress?

And the king said to her, What ails you? And she answered, This woman said to me, Give your son, that we may eat him today, and we will eat my son tomorrow.

So we boiled my son, and did eat him: and I said to her on the next day, Give your son, that we may eat him: and she has hid her son.

And it came to pass, when the king heard the words of the woman, that he rent his clothes; and he passed by upon the wall, and the people looked, and, behold, *he had* sackcloth inside upon his flesh.

Then he said, the ELOHEEM do so and more also to me, if the head of Elisha the son of Shaphat shall stand on him this day.

But Elisha sat in his house, and the elders sat with him; and *the king* sent *a* man from before him: but ere the messenger came to him, he said to the elders, See you all how this son of *a* murderer has sent to take away my head? look, when the messenger comes, shut the door, and hold him fast at the door: *is* not the sound of his master's feet behind him?

And while he yet talked with them, behold, the messenger came down unto him: and he said, Behold, this evil *is* of YAHWAH; what should I wait for YAHWAH any longer?

## CHAPTER 7

THEN Elisha said, Hear you all the word of YAHWAH; Thus said YAHWAH, Tomorrow about this time *shall* *a* measure of fine flour *be sold* for *a* shekel, and two measures of barley for *a* shekel, in the gate of Samaria.

Then *a* Lord on whose hand the king leaned answered the man of the ELOHEEM, and said, Behold, *if* YAHWAH would make windows in heaven, might this thing be? And he said, Behold, you shall see *it* with your eyes, but shall not eat thereof.

And there were four leprous men at the entering in of the gate: and they said one to another, Why sit we here until we die?

If we say, We will enter into the city, then the famine *is* in the city, and we shall die there: and if we sit still here, we die also. Now therefore come, and let us fall unto the host of the Syrians: if they keep us alive, we shall live; and if they kill us, we shall but die.

And they rose up in the twilight, to go unto the camp of the Syrians: and when they were come to the uttermost part of the camp of Syria, behold, *there was* no man there.

For the Lord had made the host of the Syrians to hear *a* noise of chariots, and *a* noise of horses, *even* the noise of *a* great host: and they said one to another, Behold, the king of Israel has hired against us the kings of the Hittites, and the kings of the Egyptians, to come upon us.

Wherefore they arose and fled in the twilight, and left their tents, and their horses, and their asses, even the camp as it *was*, and fled for their person.

And when these lepers came to the uttermost part of the camp, they went into one tent, and did eat and drink, and carried thence silver, and gold, and raiment, and went and hid *it*; and came again, and entered into another tent, and carried thence *also*, and went and hid *it*.

Then they said one to another, We do not well: this day *is a* day of good tidings, and we hold our peace: if we wait till the morning light, some mischief will come upon us: now therefore come, that we may go and tell the king's household.

So they came and called unto the gate keeper of the city: and they told them, saying, We came to the camp of the Syrians, and, behold, *there was* no man there, neither voice of adamites, but horses tied, and asses tied, and the tents as they *were*.

And he called the porters; and they told *it* to the king's house.

And the king arose in the night, and said to his servants, I will now show you what the Syrians have done to us. They know that we *be* hungry; therefore are they gone out of the camp to hide themselves in the field, saying, When they come out of the city, we shall catch them alive, and get into the city.

And one of his servants answered and said, Let *some* take, I pray you, five of the horses that remain, which are left in the city, (*behold, they are as all the multitude of Israel that are left in it: behold, I say, they are even as all the multitude of the Israelites that are consumed,*) and let us send and see.

They took therefore two chariot horses; and the king sent after the host of the Syrians, saying, Go and see.

And they went after them unto Jordan: and, behold, all the way *was* full of garments and vessels, which the Syrians had cast away in their haste. And the messengers returned, and told the king.

And the people went out, and spoiled the tents of the Syrians. So *a* measure of fine flour was *sold* for *a* shekel, and two measures of barley for *a* shekel, according to the word of YAHWAH.

And the king appointed the Lord on whose hand he leaned to have the charge of the gate: and the people trode upon him in the gate, and he died, as the man of the ELOHEEM had said, who spoke when the king came down to him.

And it came to pass as the man of the ELOHEEM had spoken to the king, saying, Two measures of barley for *a* shekel, and *a* measure of fine flour for *a* shekel, shall be tomorrow about this time in the gate of Samaria:

And that Lord answered the man of the ELOHEEM, and said, Now, behold, *if* YAHWAH should make windows in heaven, might such *a* thing be? And he said, Behold, you shall see it with your eyes, but shall not eat thereof.

And so it fell out unto him: for the people trode upon him in the gate, and he died.

## CHAPTER 8

THEN spoke Elisha unto the woman, whose son he had restored to life, saying, Arise, and go you and your household, and sojourn wheresoever you can sojourn: for YAHWAH has called for *a* famine; and it shall also come upon the land seven years.

And the woman arose, and did after the saying of the man of the ELOHEEM: and she went with her household, and sojourned in the land of the Philistines seven years.

And it came to pass at the seven years' end, that the woman returned out of the land of the Philistines: and she went forth to cry unto the king for her house and for her land.

And the king talked with Gehazi the servant of the man of the ELOHEEM, saying, Tell me, I pray you, all the great things that Elisha has done.

And it came to pass, as he was telling the king how he had restored *a* dead body to life, that, behold, the woman,

whose son he had restored to life, cried to the king for her house and for her land. And Gehazi said, My Lord, O king, this *is* the woman, and this *is* her son, whom Elisha restored to life.

And when the king asked the woman, she told him. So the king appointed unto her *a* certain officer, saying, Restore all that *was* hers, and all the fruits of the field since the day that she left the land, even until now.

And Elisha came to Damascus; and Benhadad the king of Syria was sick; and it was told him, saying, The man of the ELOHEEM is come here.

And the king said to Hazael, Take *a* present in your hand, and go, meet the man of the ELOHEEM, and inquire of YAHWAH by him, saying, Shall I recover of this disease?

So Hazael went to meet him, and took *a* present with him, even of every good thing of Damascus, forty camels' burden, and came and stood before him, and said, Your son Benhadad king of Syria has sent me to you, saying, Shall I recover of this disease?

And Elisha said to him, Go, say to him, You may certainly recover: howbeit YAHWAH has showed me that he shall surely die.

And he settled his countenance steadfastly, until he was ashamed: and the man of the ELOHEEM wept.

And Hazael said, Why weeps my Lord? And he answered, Because I know the evil that you will do unto the children of Israel: their strong holds will you set on fire, and their young men will you slay with the sword, and will dash their children, and rip up their women with child.

And Hazael said, But what, *is* your servant *a* dog, that he should do this great thing? And Elisha answered, YAHWAH has showed me that you *shall be* king over Syria.

So he departed from Elisha, and came to his master; who said to him, What said Elisha to you? And he answered, He told me *that* you should surely recover.

And it came to pass on the morrow, that he took *a* thick cloth, and dipped *it* in water, and spread *it* on his face, so that he died: and Hazael reigned in his stead.

And in the fifth year of Joram the son of Ahab king of Israel, Jehoshaphat *being* then king of Judah, Jehoram the son of Jehoshaphat king of Judah began to reign.

Thirty and two years old was he when he began to reign; and he reigned eight years in Jerusalem.

And he walked in the way of the kings of Israel, as did the house of Ahab: for the daughter of Ahab was his wife: and he did evil in the sight of YAHWAH.

Yet YAHWAH would not destroy Judah for David his servant's sake, as he promised him to give him always *a* light, *and* to his children.

In his days Edom revolted from under the hand of Judah, and made *a* king over themselves.

So Joram went over to Zair, and all the chariots with him: and he rose by night, and smote the Edomites which compassed him about, and the captains of the chariots: and the people fled into their tents.

Yet Edom revolted from under the hand of Judah unto this day. Then Libnah revolted at the same time.

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

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

In the twelfth year of Joram the son of Ahab king of Israel did Ahaziah the son of Jehoram king of Judah begin to reign.

Two and twenty years old *was* Ahaziah when he began to reign; and he reigned one year in Jerusalem. And his mother's name *was* Athaliah, the daughter of Omri king of Israel.

And he walked in the way of the house of Ahab, and did evil in the sight of YAHWAH, as *did* the house of Ahab: for he *was* the son in law of the house of Ahab.

And he went with Joram the son of Ahab to the war against Hazael king of Syria in Ramothgilead; and the Syrians wounded Joram.

And king Joram went back to be healed in Jezreel of the wounds which the Syrians had given him at Ramah,

when he fought against Hazael king of Syria. And Ahaziah the son of Jehoram king of Judah went down to see Joram the son of Ahab in Jezreel, because he was sick.

## CHAPTER 9

AND Elisha the prophet called one of the children of the prophets, and said to him, Gird up your loins, and take this box of oil in your hand, and go to Ramothgilead:

And when you come there, look out there Jehu the son of Jehoshaphat the son of Nimshi, and go in, and make him arise up from among his brethren, and carry him to *an* inner chamber;

Then take the box of oil, and pour *it* on his head, and say, Thus said YAHWAH, I have anointed you king over Israel. Then open the door, and flee, and wait not.

So the young man, *even* the young man the prophet, went to Ramothgilead.

And when he came, behold, the captains of the host *were* sitting; and he said, I have *an* errand to you, O captain. And Jehu said, Unto which of all us? And he said, To you, O captain.

And he arose, and went into the house; and he poured the oil on his head, and said to him, Thus said YAHWAH ELOHEEM of Israel, I have anointed you king over the people of YAHWAH, *even* over Israel.

And you shall smite the house of Ahab your master, that I may avenge the blood of my servants the prophets, and the blood of all the servants of YAHWAH, at the hand of Jezebel.

For the whole house of Ahab shall perish: and I will cut off from Ahab him that pisses against the wall, and him that is shut up and left in Israel:

And I will make the house of Ahab like the house of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, and like the house of Baasha the son of Ahijah:

And the dogs shall eat Jezebel in the portion of Jezreel, and *there shall be* none to bury *her*. And he opened the door, and fled.

Then Jehu came forth to the servants of his Lord: and *one* said to him, *Is* all well? wherefore came this mad *fellow* to you? And he said to them, You all know the man, and his communication.

And they said, *It is* false; tell us now. And he said, Thus and thus spoke he to me, saying, Thus said YAHWAH, I have anointed you king over Israel.

Then they hasted, and took every man his garment, and put *it* under him on the top of the stairs, and blew with trumpets, saying, Jehu is king.

So Jehu the son of Jehoshaphat the son of Nimshi conspired against Joram. (*Now Joram had kept Ramothgilead, he and all Israel, because of Hazael king of Syria.*

*But king Joram was returned to be healed in Jezreel of the wounds which the Syrians had given him, when he fought with Hazael king of Syria.*) And Jehu said, If it be your minds, *then* let none go forth *nor* escape out of the city to go to tell *it* in Jezreel.

So Jehu rode in *a* chariot, and went to Jezreel; for Joram lay there. And Ahaziah king of Judah was come down to see Joram.

And there stood *a* watchman on the tower in Jezreel, and he spied the company of Jehu as he came, and said, I see *a* company. And Joram said, Take *a* horseman, and send to meet them, and let him say, *Is it* peace?

So there went one on horseback to meet him, and said, Thus said the king, *Is it* peace? And Jehu said, What have you to do with peace? turn you behind me. And the watchman told, saying, The messenger came to them, but he comes not again.

Then he sent out *a* second on horseback, which came to them, and said, Thus said the king, *Is it* peace? And Jehu answered, What have you to do with peace? turn you behind me.

And the watchman told, saying, He came even unto them, and comes not again: and the driving *is* like the driving of Jehu the son of Nimshi; for he drives furiously.

And Joram said, Make ready. And his chariot was made ready. And Joram king of Israel and Ahaziah king of Judah went out, each in his chariot, and they went out against Jehu, and met him in the portion of Naboth the

Jezreelite.

And it came to pass, when Joram saw Jehu, that he said, *Is it peace, Jehu?* And he answered, *What peace, so long as the whoredoms of your mother Jezebel and her witchcrafts are so many?*

And Joram turned his hands, and fled, and said to Ahaziah, *There is treachery, O Ahaziah.*

And Jehu drew *a* bow with his full strength, and smote Jehoram between his arms, and the arrow went out at his heart, and he sunk down in his chariot.

Then said *Jehu* to Bidkar his captain, *Take up, and cast him in the portion of the field of Naboth the Jezreelite: for remember how that, when I and you rode together after Ahab his father, YAHWAH laid this burden upon him;*

*Surely I have seen yesterday the blood of Naboth, and the blood of his sons, said YAHWAH; and I will requite you in this plat, said YAHWAH. Now therefore take and cast him into the plat of ground, according to the word of YAHWAH.*

But when Ahaziah the king of Judah saw *this*, he fled by the way of the garden house. And Jehu followed after him, and said, *Smite him also in the chariot. And they did so* at the going up to Gur, which *is* by Ibleam. And he fled to Megiddo, and died there.

And his servants carried him in *a* chariot to Jerusalem, and buried him in his tomb with his fathers in the city of David.

And in the eleventh year of Joram the son of Ahab began Ahaziah to reign over Judah.

And when Jehu was come to Jezreel, Jezebel heard *of it*; and she painted her face, and tired her head, and looked out at *a* window.

And as Jehu entered in at the gate, she said, *Had Zimri peace, who slew his master?*

And he lifted up his face to the window, and said, *Who is on my side? who?* And there looked out to him two *or* three eunuchs.

And he said, *Throw her down. So they threw her down: and some of her blood was sprinkled on the wall, and on the horses: and he trode her under foot.*

And when he was come in, he did eat and drink, and said, *Go, see now this cursed woman, and bury her: for she is a king's daughter.*

And they went to bury her: but they found no more of her than the skull, and the feet, and the palms of *her* hands.

Wherefore they came again, and told him. And he said, *This is the word of YAHWAH, which he spoke by his servant Elijah the Tishbite, saying, In the portion of Jezreel shall dogs eat the flesh of Jezebel:*

*And the carcase of Jezebel shall be as dung upon the face of the field in the portion of Jezreel; so that they shall not say, This is Jezebel.*

## CHAPTER 10

AND Ahab had seventy sons in Samaria. And Jehu wrote letters, and sent to Samaria, unto the rulers of Jezreel, to the elders, and to them that brought up Ahab's *children*, saying,

Now as soon as this letter comes to you, seeing your master's sons *are* with you, and *there are* with you chariots and horses, *a* fenced city also, and armour;

Look even out the best and meet of your master's sons, and set *him* on his father's throne, and fight for your master's house.

But they were exceedingly afraid, and said, *Behold, two kings stood not before him: how then shall we stand?*

And he that *was* over the house, and he that *was* over the city, the elders also, and the bringers up *of the children*, sent to Jehu, saying, *We are your servants, and will do all that you shall bid us; we will not make any king: do you that which is good in your eyes.*

Then he wrote *a* letter the second time to them, saying, *If you all be mine, and if you all will hearken unto my voice, take you all the heads of the men your master's sons, and come to me to Jezreel by tomorrow this time.*

Now the king's sons, *being* seventy men, *were* with the great men of the city, which brought them up. And it came to pass, when the letter came to them, that they took the king's sons, and slew seventy men, and put their heads in baskets, and sent him *them* to Jezreel.

And there came *a* messenger, and told him, saying, They have brought the heads of the king's sons. And he said, Lay you all them in two heaps at the entering in of the gate until the morning.

And it came to pass in the morning, that he went out, and stood, and said to all the people, You all *be* righteous: behold, I conspired against my master, and slew him: but who slew all these?

Know now that there shall fall unto the land nothing of the word of YAHWAH, which YAHWAH spoke concerning the house of Ahab: for YAHWAH has done *that* which he spoke by his servant Elijah.

So Jehu slew all that remained of the house of Ahab in Jezreel, and all his great men, and his kinsfolks, and his priests, until he left him none remaining.

And he arose and departed, and came to Samaria. *And* as he *was* at the shearing house in the way, Jehu met with the brethren of Ahaziah king of Judah, and said, Who *are* you all? And they answered, We *are* the brethren of Ahaziah; and we go down to salute the children of the king and the children of the queen.

And he said, Take them alive. And they took them alive, and slew them at the pit of the shearing house, *even* two and forty men; neither left he any of them.

And when he was departed thence, he lighted on Jehonadab the son of Rechab *coming* to meet him: and he saluted him, and said to him, Is your heart right, as my heart *is* with your heart? And Jehonadab answered, It is. If it be, give *me* your hand. And he gave *him* his hand; and he took him up to him into the chariot.

And he said, Come with me, and see my zeal for YAHWAH. So they made him ride in his chariot.

And when he came to Samaria, he slew all that remained unto Ahab in Samaria, till he had destroyed him, according to the saying of YAHWAH, which he spoke to Elijah.

And Jehu gathered all the people together, and said to them, Ahab served Baal *a* little; *but* Jehu shall serve him much.

Now therefore call unto me all the prophets of Baal, all his servants, and all his priests; let none be wanting: for I have *a* great sacrifice *to do* to Baal; whosoever shall be wanting, he shall not live. But Jehu did *it* in subtilty, to the intent that he might destroy the worshippers of Baal.

And Jehu said, Proclaim *a* solemn assembly for Baal. And they proclaimed *it*.

And Jehu sent through all Israel: and all the worshippers of Baal came, so that there was not *a* man left that came not. And they came into the house of Baal; and the house of Baal was full from one end to another.

And he said to him that *was* over the vestry, Bring forth vestments for all the worshippers of Baal. And he brought them forth vestments.

And Jehu went, and Jehonadab the son of Rechab, into the house of Baal, and said to the worshippers of Baal, Search, and look that there be here with you none of the servants of YAHWAH, but the worshippers of Baal only.

And when they went in to offer sacrifices and burnt offerings, Jehu appointed fourscore men outside, and said, *If* any of the men whom I have brought into your hands escape, *he that lets him go*, his person *shall be* for the person of him.

And it came to pass, as soon as he had made *an* end of offering the burnt offering, that Jehu said to the guard and to the captains, Go in, *and* slay them; let none come forth. And they smote them with the edge of the sword; and the guard and the captains cast *them* out, and went to the city of the house of Baal.

And they brought forth the images out of the house of Baal, and burned them.

And they break down the image of Baal, and break down the house of Baal, and made it *a* draught house unto this day.

Thus Jehu destroyed Baal out of Israel.

Howbeit *from* the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who made Israel to sin, Jehu departed not from after them, *to wit*, the golden calves that *were* in Bethel, and that *were* in Dan.

And YAHWAH said to Jehu, Because you have done well in executing *that which is* right in my eyes, *and* have done unto the house of Ahab according to all that *was* in my heart, your children of the fourth *gene-race-aion* shall sit on the throne of Israel.

But Jehu took no heed to walk in the law of YAHWAH ELOHEEM of Israel with all his heart: for he departed not from the sins of Jeroboam, which made Israel to sin.

In those days YAHWAH began to cut Israel short: and Hazael smote them in all the coasts of Israel; From Jordan eastward, all the land of Gilead, the Gadites, and the Reubenites, and the Manassites, from Aroer, which *is* by the river Arnon, even Gilead and Bashan.

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

And Jehu slept with his fathers: and they buried him in Samaria. And Jehoahaz his son reigned in his stead.

And the time that Jehu reigned over Israel in Samaria *was* twenty and eight years.

## CHAPTER 11

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

But Jehosheba, the daughter of king Joram, sister of Ahaziah, took Joash the son of Ahaziah, and stole him from among the king's sons *which were* slain; and they hid him, *even* him and his nurse, in the bedchamber from Athaliah, so that he was not slain.

And he was with her hid in the house of YAHWAH six years. And Athaliah did reign over the land.

And the seventh year Jehoiada sent and fetched the rulers over hundreds, with the captains and the guard, and brought them to him into the house of YAHWAH, and made *a* covenant with them, and took *an* oath of them in the house of YAHWAH, and showed them the king's son.

And he commanded them, saying, This *is* the thing that you all shall do; *A* third part of you that enter in on the sabbath shall even be keepers of the watch of the king's house;

And *a* third part *shall be* at the gate of Sur; and *a* third part at the gate behind the guard: so shall you all keep the watch of the house, that it be not broken down.

And two parts of all you that go forth on the sabbath, even they shall keep the watch of the house of YAHWAH about the king.

And you all shall compass the king round about, every man with his weapons in his hand: and he that comes inside of the ranges, let him be slain: and be you all with the king as he goes out and as he comes in.

And the captains over the hundreds did according to all *things* that Jehoiada the priest commanded: and they took every man his men that were to come in on the sabbath, with them that should go out on the sabbath, and came to Jehoiada the priest.

And to the captains over hundreds did the priest give king David's spears and shields, that *were* in the temple of YAHWAH.

And the guard stood, every man with his weapons in his hand, round about the king, from the right corner of the temple to the left corner of the temple, *along* by the altar and the temple.

And he brought forth the king's son, and put the crown upon him, and *gave him* the testimony; and they made him king, and anointed him; and they clapped their hands, and said, live the king.

And when Athaliah heard the noise of the guard *and* of the people, she came to the people into the temple of YAHWAH.

And when she looked, behold, the king stood by *a* pillar, as the manner *was*, and the princes and the trumpeters by the king, and all the people of the land rejoiced, and blew with trumpets: and Athaliah rent her clothes, and cried, Treason, Treason.

But Jehoiada the priest commanded the captains of the hundreds, the officers of the host, and said to them, Have her forth outside of the ranges: and him that follows her kill with the sword. For the priest had said, Let her not

be slain in the house of YAHWAH.

And they laid hands on her; and she went by the way by the which the horses came into the king's house: and there was she slain.

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

And all the people of the land went into the house of Baal, and break it down; his altars and his images break they in pieces thoroughly, and slew Mattan the priest of Baal before the altars. And the priest appointed officers over the house of YAHWAH.

And he took the rulers over hundreds, and the captains, and the guard, and all the people of the land; and they brought down the king from the house of YAHWAH, and came by the way of the gate of the guard to the king's house. And he sat on the throne of the kings.

And all the people of the land rejoiced, and the city was in quiet: and they slew Athaliah with the sword *beside* the king's house.

Seven years old *was* Jehoash when he began to reign.

## CHAPTER 12

IN the seventh year of Jehu Jehoash began to reign; and forty years reigned he in Jerusalem. And his mother's name *was* Zibiah of Beersheba.

And Jehoash did *that which was* right in the sight of YAHWAH all his days wherein Jehoiada the priest instructed him.

But the high places were not taken away: the people still sacrificed and burnt incense in the high places.

And Jehoash said to the priests, All the money of the sanctified things that is brought into the house of YAHWAH, *even* the money of every one that passes *the account*, the money that every man is set at, *and* all the money that comes into any man's heart to bring into the house of YAHWAH,

Let the priests take *it* to them, every man of his acquaintance: and let them repair the breaches of the house, wheresoever any breach shall be found.

But it was *so*, *that* in the three and twentieth year of king Jehoash the priests had not repaired the breaches of the house.

Then king Jehoash called for Jehoiada the priest, and the *other* priests, and said to them, Why repair you all not the breaches of the house? now therefore receive no *more* money of your acquaintance, but deliver it for the breaches of the house.

And the priests consented to receive no *more* money of the people, neither to repair the breaches of the house.

But Jehoiada the priest took *a* chest, and bored *a* hole in the lid of it, and set it beside the altar, on the right side as one comes into the house of YAHWAH: and the priests that kept the door put therein all the money *that was* brought into the house of YAHWAH.

And it was *so*, when they saw that *there was* much money in the chest, that the king's scribe and the high priest came up, and they put up in bags, and told the money that was found in the house of YAHWAH.

And they gave the money, being told, into the hands of them that did the work, that had the oversight of the house of YAHWAH: and they laid it out to the carpenters and builders, that worked upon the house of YAHWAH,

And to masons, and hewers of stone, and to buy timber and hewed stone to repair the breaches of the house of YAHWAH, and for all that was laid out for the house to repair *it*.

Howbeit there were not made for the house of YAHWAH bowls of silver, snuffers, basons, trumpets, any vessels of gold, or vessels of silver, of the money *that was* brought into the house of YAHWAH:

But they gave that to the workmen, and repaired therewith the house of YAHWAH.

Moreover they reckoned not with the men, into whose hand they delivered the money to be bestowed on workmen: for they dealt faithfully.

The trespass money and sin money was not brought into the house of YAHWAH: it was the priests'. Then Hazael king of Syria went up, and fought against Gath, and took it: and Hazael set his face to go up to Jerusalem.

And Jehoash king of Judah took all the sanctified things that Jehoshaphat, and Jehoram, and Ahaziah, his fathers, kings of Judah, had sanctified, and his own sanctified things, and all the gold *that was* found in the treasures of the house of YAHWAH, and in the king's house, and sent *it* to Hazael king of Syria: and he went away from Jerusalem.

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

And his servants arose, and made *a* conspiracy, and slew Joash in the house of Millo, which goes down to Silla. For Jozachar the son of Shimeath, and Jehozabad the son of Shomer, his servants, smote him, and he died; and they buried him with his fathers in the city of David: and Amaziah his son reigned in his stead.

### CHAPTER 13

IN the three and twentieth year of Joash the son of Ahaziah king of Judah Jehoahaz the son of Jehu began to reign over Israel in Samaria, *and reigned* seventeen years.

And he did *that which was* evil in the sight of YAHWAH, and followed the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, which made Israel to sin; he departed not therefrom.

And the anger of YAHWAH was kindled against Israel, and he delivered them into the hand of Hazael king of Syria, and into the hand of Benhadad the son of Hazael, all *their* days.

And Jehoahaz besought YAHWAH, and YAHWAH hearkened unto him: for he saw the oppression of Israel, because the king of Syria oppressed them.

*(And YAHWAH gave Israel a DELIVERER, so that they went out from under the hand of the Syrians: and the children of Israel dwelt in their tents, as beforetime.*

*Nevertheless they departed not from the sins of the house of Jeroboam, who made Israel sin, but walked therein: and there remained the grove also in Samaria.)*

Neither did he leave of the people to Jehoahaz but fifty horsemen, and ten chariots, and ten thousand footmen; for the king of Syria had destroyed them, and had made them like the dust by threshing.

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

And Jehoahaz slept with his fathers; and they buried him in Samaria: and Joash his son reigned in his stead.

In the thirty and seventh year of Joash king of Judah began Jehoash the son of Jehoahaz to reign over Israel in Samaria, *and reigned* sixteen years.

And he did *that which was* evil in the sight of YAHWAH; he departed not from all the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who made Israel sin: *but* he walked therein.

And the rest of the acts of Joash, and all that he did, and his might wherewith he fought against Amaziah king of Judah, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel?

And Joash slept with his fathers; and Jeroboam sat upon his throne: and Joash was buried in Samaria with the kings of Israel.

Now Elisha was fallen sick of his sickness whereof he died. And Joash the king of Israel came down unto him, and wept over his face, and said, O my father, my father, the chariot of Israel, and the horsemen thereof.

And Elisha said to him, Take bow and arrows. And he took unto him bow and arrows.

And he said to the king of Israel, Put your hand upon the bow. And he put his hand *upon it*: and Elisha put his hands upon the king's hands.

And he said, Open the window eastward. And he opened *it*. Then Elisha said, Shoot. And he shot. And he said, The arrow of YAHWAH'S deliverance, and the arrow of deliverance from Syria: for you shall smite the Syrians in Aphek, till you have consumed *them*.

And he said, Take the arrows. And he took *them*. And he said to the king of Israel, Smite upon the land. And he smote three times, and stayed.

And the man of the ELOHEEM was wroth with him, and said, You should have smitten five or six times; then had you smitten Syria till you had consumed *it*: whereas now you shall smite Syria *but* three times.

And Elisha died, and they buried him. And the bands of the Moabites invaded the land at the coming in of the year.

And it came to pass, as they were burying *a* man, that, behold, they spied *a* band *of men*; and they cast the man into the tomb of Elisha: and when the man was let down, and touched the bones of Elisha, he revived, and stood up on his feet.

But Hazael king of Syria oppressed Israel all the days of Jehoahaz.

And YAHWAH was gracious unto them, and had compassion on them, and had respect unto them, because of his covenant with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and would not destroy them, neither cast he them from his presence as yet.

So Hazael king of Syria died; and Benhadad his son reigned in his stead.

And Jehoash the son of Jehoahaz took again out of the hand of Benhadad the son of Hazael the cities, which he had taken out of the hand of Jehoahaz his father by war. Three times did Joash beat him, and recovered the cities of Israel.

## CHAPTER 14

IN the second year of Joash son of Jehoahaz king of Israel reigned Amaziah the son of Joash king of Judah.

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

And he did *that which was* right in the sight of YAHWAH, yet not like David his father: he did according to all things as Joash his father did.

Howbeit the high places were not taken away: as yet the people did sacrifice and burnt incense on the high places.

And it came to pass, as soon as the kingdom was confirmed in his hand, that he slew his servants which had slain the king his father.

But the children of the murderers he slew not: according unto that which is written in the book of the law of Moses, wherein YAHWAH commanded, saying, The fathers shall not be put to death for the children, nor the children be put to death for the fathers; but every man shall be put to death for his own sin.

He slew of Edom in the valley of salt ten thousand, and took Selah by war, and called the name of it Joktheel unto this day.

Then Amaziah sent messengers to Jehoash, the son of Jehoahaz son of Jehu, king of Israel, saying, Come, let us look one another in the face.

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

You have indeed smitten Edom, and your heart has lifted you up: glory *of this*, and wait at home: for why should you meddle to *your* hurt, that you should fall, *even* you, and Judah with you?

But Amaziah would not hear. Therefore Jehoash king of Israel went up; and he and Amaziah king of Judah looked one another in the face at Bethshemesh, which *belongs* to Judah.

And Judah was put to the worse before Israel; and they fled every man to their tents.

And Jehoash king of Israel took Amaziah king of Judah, the son of Jehoash the son of Ahaziah, at Bethshemesh, and came to Jerusalem, and break down the wall of Jerusalem from the gate of Ephraim unto the corner gate, four hundred cubits.

And he took all the gold and silver, and all the vessels that were found in the house of YAHWAH, and in the

treasures of the king's house, and hostages, and returned to Samaria.

Now the rest of the acts of Jehoash which he did, and his might, and how he fought with Amaziah king of Judah, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel?

And Jehoash slept with his fathers, and was buried in Samaria with the kings of Israel; and Jeroboam his son reigned in his stead.

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

And the rest of the acts of Amaziah, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah?

Now they made *a* conspiracy against him in Jerusalem: and he fled to Lachish; but they sent after him to Lachish, and slew him there.

And they brought him on horses: and he was buried at Jerusalem with his fathers in the city of David.

And all the people of Judah took Azariah, which *was* sixteen years old, and made him king instead of his father Amaziah.

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

In the fifteenth year of Amaziah the son of Joash king of Judah Jeroboam the son of Joash king of Israel began to reign in Samaria, *and reigned* forty and one years.

And he did *that which was* evil in the sight of YAHWAH: he departed not from all the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who made Israel to sin.

He restored the coast of Israel from the entering of Hamath unto the sea of the plain, according to the word of YAHWAH ELOHEEM of Israel, which he spoke by the hand of his servant Jonah, the son of Amittai, the prophet, which *was* of Gathhepher.

For YAHWAH saw the affliction of Israel, *that it was* very bitter: for *there was* not any shut up, nor any left, nor any helper for Israel.

And YAHWAH said not that he would blot out the name of Israel from under heaven: but he DELIVERED them by the hand of Jeroboam the son of Joash.

Now the rest of the acts of Jeroboam, and all that he did, and his might, how he warred, and how he recovered Damascus, and Hamath, *which belonged* to Judah, for Israel, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel?

And Jeroboam slept with his fathers, *even* with the kings of Israel; and Zachariah his son reigned in his stead.

## CHAPTER 15

IN the twenty and seventh year of Jeroboam king of Israel began Azariah son of Amaziah king of Judah to reign.

Sixteen years old was he when he began to reign, and he reigned two and fifty years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name *was* Jeholiah of Jerusalem.

And he did *that which was* right in the sight of YAHWAH, according to all that his father Amaziah had done; Except that the high places were not removed: the people sacrificed and burnt incense still on the high places.

And YAHWAH smote the king, so that he was *a* leper unto the day of his death, and dwelt in *a* several house. And Jotham the king's son *was* over the house, judging the people of the land.

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

So Azariah slept with his fathers; and they buried him with his fathers in the city of David: and Jotham his son reigned in his stead.

In the thirty and eighth year of Azariah king of Judah did Zachariah the son of Jeroboam reign over Israel in Samaria six months.

And he did *that which was* evil in the sight of YAHWAH, as his fathers had done: he departed not from the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who made Israel to sin.

And Shallum the son of Jabesh conspired against him, and smote him before the people, and slew him, and reigned in his stead.

And the rest of the acts of Zachariah, behold, they *are* written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel.

This *was* the word of YAHWAH which he spoke unto Jehu, saying, Your sons shall sit on the throne of Israel unto the fourth *gene-race-aion*. And so it came to pass.

Shallum the son of Jabesh began to reign in the nine and thirtieth year of Uzziah king of Judah; and he reigned *a* full month in Samaria.

For Menahem the son of Gadi went up from Tirzah, and came to Samaria, and smote Shallum the son of Jabesh in Samaria, and slew him, and reigned in his stead.

And the rest of the acts of Shallum, and his conspiracy which he made, behold, they *are* written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel.

Then Menahem smote Tiphsah, and all that *were* therein, and the coasts thereof from Tirzah: because they opened not *to him*, therefore he smote *it*; *and* all the women therein that were with child he ripped up.

In the nine and thirtieth year of Azariah king of Judah began Menahem the son of Gadi to reign over Israel, *and reigned* ten years in Samaria.

And he did *that which was* evil in the sight of YAHWAH: he departed not all his days from the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who made Israel to sin.

*And* Pul the king of Assyria came against the land: and Menahem gave Pul *a* thousand talents of silver, that his hand might be with him to confirm the kingdom in his hand.

And Menahem exacted the money of Israel, *even* of all the mighty men of wealth, of each man fifty shekels of silver, to give to the king of Assyria. So the king of Assyria turned back, and stayed not there in the land.

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

And Menahem slept with his fathers; and Pekahiah his son reigned in his stead.

In the fiftieth year of Azariah king of Judah Pekahiah the son of Menahem began to reign over Israel in Samaria, *and reigned* two years.

And he did *that which was* evil in the sight of YAHWAH: he departed not from the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who made Israel to sin.

But Pekah the son of Remaliah, *a* captain of his, conspired against him, and smote him in Samaria, in the palace of the king's house, with Argob and Arieah, and with him fifty men of the Gileadites: and he killed him, and reigned in his room.

And the rest of the acts of Pekahiah, and all that he did, behold, they *are* written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel.

In the two and fiftieth year of Azariah king of Judah Pekah the son of Remaliah began to reign over Israel in Samaria, *and reigned* twenty years.

And he did *that which was* evil in the sight of YAHWAH: he departed not from the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who made Israel to sin.

In the days of Pekah king of Israel came Tiglathpileser king of Assyria, and took Ijon, and Abel-Bethmaachah, and Janoah, and Kedesh, and Hazor, and Gilead, and Galilee, all the land of Naphtali, and carried them captive to Assyria.

And Hoshea the son of Elah made *a* conspiracy against Pekah the son of Remaliah, and smote him, and slew him, and reigned in his stead, in the twentieth year of Jotham the son of Uzziah.

And the rest of the acts of Pekah, and all that he did, behold, they *are* written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel.

In the second year of Pekah the son of Remaliah king of Israel began Jotham the son of Uzziah king of Judah to reign.

Five and twenty years old was he when he began to reign, and he reigned sixteen years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name *was* Jerusha, the daughter of Zadok.

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

Howbeit the high places were not removed: the people sacrificed and burned incense still in the high places. He built the higher gate of the house of YAHWAH.

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

In those days YAHWAH began to send against Judah Rezin the king of Syria, and Pekah the son of Remaliah.

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

## CHAPTER 16

IN the seventeenth year of Pekah the son of Remaliah Ahaz the son of Jotham king of Judah began to reign.

Twenty years old *was* Ahaz when he began to reign, and reigned sixteen years in Jerusalem, and did not *that which was* right in the sight of YAHWAH ELOHEEM, like David his father.

But he walked in the way of the kings of Israel, yes, and made his son to pass through the fire, according to the abominations of the nations, whom YAHWAH cast out from before the children of Israel.

And he sacrificed and burnt incense in the high places, and on the hills, and under every green tree.

Then Rezin king of Syria and Pekah son of Remaliah king of Israel came up to Jerusalem to war: and they besieged Ahaz, but could not overcome *him*.

At that time Rezin king of Syria recovered Elath to Syria, and drave the Judeans from Elath: and the Syrians came to Elath, and dwelt there unto this day.

So Ahaz sent messengers to Tiglathpileser king of Assyria, saying, *I am* your servant and your son: come up, and DELIVER me out of the hand of the king of Syria, and out of the hand of the king of Israel, which rise up against me.

And Ahaz took the silver and gold that was found in the house of YAHWAH, and in the treasures of the king's house, and sent *it for a* present to the king of Assyria.

And the king of Assyria hearkened unto him: for the king of Assyria went up against Damascus, and took it, and carried *the people of it* captive to Kir, and slew Rezin.

And king Ahaz went to Damascus to meet Tiglathpileser king of Assyria, and saw *an* altar that *was* at Damascus: and king Ahaz sent to Urijah the priest the fashion of the altar, and the pattern of it, according to all the workmanship thereof.

And Urijah the priest built *an* altar according to all that king Ahaz had sent from Damascus: so Urijah the priest made *it* against king Ahaz came from Damascus.

And when the king was come from Damascus, the king saw the altar: and the king approached to the altar, and offered thereon.

And he burnt his burnt offering and his meat offering, and poured his drink offering, and sprinkled the blood of his peace offerings, upon the altar.

And he brought also the brasen altar, which *was* before YAHWAH, from the forefront of the house, from between the altar and the house of YAHWAH, and put it on the north side of the altar.

And king Ahaz commanded Urijah the priest, saying, Upon the great altar burn the morning burnt offering, and the evening meat offering, and the king's burnt sacrifice, and his meat offering, with the burnt offering of all the people of the land, and their meat offering, and their drink offerings; and sprinkle upon it all the blood of the burnt offering, and all the blood of the sacrifice: and the brasen altar shall be for me to inquire *by*.

Thus did Urijah the priest, according to all that king Ahaz commanded.

And king Ahaz cut off the borders of the bases, and removed the laver from off them; and took down the sea

from off the brasen oxen that *were* under it, and put it upon *a* pavement of stones.

And the covert for the sabbath that they had built in the house, and the king's entry outside, turned he from the house of YAHWAH for the king of Assyria.

Now the rest of the acts of Ahaz which he did, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah?

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

## CHAPTER 17

IN the twelfth year of Ahaz king of Judah began Hoshea the son of Elah to reign in Samaria over Israel nine years.

And he did *that which* was evil in the sight of YAHWAH, but not as the kings of Israel that were before him.

Against him came up Shalmaneser king of Assyria; and Hoshea became his servant, and gave him presents.

And the king of Assyria found conspiracy in Hoshea: for he had sent messengers to So king of Egypt, and brought no present to the king of Assyria, as *he had done* year by year: therefore the king of Assyria shut him up, and bound him in prison.

Then the king of Assyria came up throughout all the land, and went up to Samaria, and besieged it three years.

In the ninth year of Hoshea the king of Assyria took Samaria, and carried Israel away into Assyria, and placed them in Halah and in Habor *by* the river of Gozan, and in the cities of the Medes.

For *so* it was, that the children of Israel had sinned against YAHWAH ELOHEEM, which had brought them up out of the land of Egypt, from under the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt, and had feared other eloheems,

And walked in the statutes of the nations, whom YAHWAH cast out from before the children of Israel, and of the kings of Israel, which they had made.

And the children of Israel did secretly *those* things that *were* not right against YAHWAH ELOHEEM, and they built them high places in all their cities, from the tower of the watchmen to the fenced city.

And they set them up images and groves in every high hill, and under every green tree:

And there they burnt incense in all the high places, as *did* the nations whom YAHWAH carried away before them; and worked wicked things to provoke YAHWAH to anger:

For they served idols, whereof YAHWAH had said to them, You all shall not do this thing.

Yet YAHWAH testified against Israel, and against Judah, by all the prophets, *and by* all the seers, saying, Turn you all from your evil ways, and keep my commandments *and* my statutes, according to all the law which I commanded your fathers, and which I sent to you by my servants the prophets.

Notwithstanding they would not hear, but hardened their necks, like to the neck of their fathers, that did not believe into YAHWAH ELOHEEM.

And they rejected his statutes, and his covenant that he made with their fathers, and his testimonies which he testified against them; and they followed vanity, and became vain, and went after the nations that *were* round about them, *concerning* whom YAHWAH had charged them, that they should not do like them.

And they left all the commandments of YAHWAH ELOHEEM, and made them molten images, *even* two calves, and made *a* grove, and worshipped all the host of heaven, and served Baal.

And they caused their sons and their daughters to pass through the fire, and used divination and enchantments, and sold themselves to do evil in the sight of YAHWAH, to provoke him to anger.

Therefore YAHWAH was very angry with Israel, and removed them out of his sight: there was none left but the tribe of Judah only.

Also Judah kept not the commandments of YAHWAH ELOHEEM, but walked in the statutes of Israel which they made.

And YAHWAH rejected all the seed of Israel, and afflicted them, and delivered them into the hand of spoilers, until he had cast them out of his sight.

For he rent Israel from the house of David; and they made Jeroboam the son of Nebat king: and Jeroboam drave Israel from following YAHWAH, and made them sin *a* great sin.

For the children of Israel walked in all the sins of Jeroboam which he did; they departed not from them; Until YAHWAH removed Israel out of his sight, as he had said by all his servants the prophets. So was Israel carried away out of their own land to Assyria unto this day.

And the king of Assyria brought *men* from Babylon, and from Kuthah, and from Ava, and from Hamath, and from Sepharvaim, and placed *them* in the cities of Samaria instead of the children of Israel: and they possessed Samaria, and dwelt in the cities thereof.

And *so* it was at the beginning of their dwelling there, *that* they feared not YAHWAH: therefore YAHWAH sent lions among them, which slew *some* of them.

Wherefore they spoke to the king of Assyria, saying, The nations which you have removed, and placed in the cities of Samaria, know not the manner of the ELOHEEM of the land: therefore he has sent lions among them, and, behold, they slay them, because they know not the manner of the ELOHEEM of the land.

Then the king of Assyria commanded, saying, Carry there one of the priests whom you all brought from thence; and let them go and dwell there, and let him teach them the manner of the ELOHEEM of the land.

Then one of the priests whom they had carried away from Samaria came and dwelt in Bethel, and taught them how they should fear YAHWAH.

Howbeit every nation made eloheems of their own, and put *them* in the houses of the high places which the Samaritans had made, every nation in their cities wherein they dwelt.

And the men of Babylon made Succothbenoth, and the men of Kuth made Nergal, and the men of Hamath made Ashima,

And the Avites made Nibhaz and Tartak, and the Sepharvites burnt their children in fire to Adrammelech and Anammelech, the eloheems of Sepharvaim.

So they feared not YAHWAH, and made unto themselves of the lowest of them priests of the high places, which sacrificed for them in the houses of the high places.

They feared not YAHWAH, and served their own eloheems, after the manner of the nations whom they carried away from thence.

Unto this day they do after the former manners: they fear not YAHWAH, neither do they after their statutes, or after their ordinances, or after the law and commandment which YAHWAH commanded the children of Jacob, whom he named Israel;

With whom YAHWAH had made *a* covenant, and charged them, saying, You all shall not fear other eloheems, nor bow yourselves to them, nor serve them, nor sacrifice to them:

But YAHWAH, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt with great power and *a* stretched out arm, him shall you all fear, and him shall you all worship, and to him shall you all do sacrifice.

And the statutes, and the ordinances, and the law, and the commandment, which he wrote for you, you all shall observe to do forever; and you all shall not fear other eloheems.

And the covenant that I have made with you you all shall not forget; neither shall you all fear other eloheems.

But YAHWAH ELOHEEM you all shall fear; and he shall deliver you out of the hand of all your enemies.

Howbeit they did not hearken, but they did after their former manner.

So these nations feared YAHWAH, and served their graven images, both their children, and their children's children: as did their fathers, so do they unto this day.

## CHAPTER 18

NOW it came to pass in the third year of Hoshea son of Elah king of Israel, *that* Hezekiah the son of Ahaz king of Judah began to reign.

Twenty and five years old was he when he began to reign; and he reigned twenty and nine years in Jerusalem. His mother's name also *was* Abi, the daughter of Zachariah.

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

He removed the high places, and break the images, and cut down the groves, and break in pieces the brasen serpent that Moses had made: for unto those days the children of Israel did burn incense to it: and he called it Nehushtan.

He trusted in YAHWAH ELOHEEM of Israel; so that after him was none like him among all the kings of Judah, nor *any* that were before him.

For he clave to YAHWAH, *and* departed not from following him, but kept his commandments, which YAHWAH commanded Moses.

And YAHWAH was with him; *and* he prospered wheresoever he went forth: and he rebelled against the king of Assyria, and served him not.

He smote the Philistines, *even* unto Gaza, and the borders thereof, from the tower of the watchmen to the fenced city.

And it came to pass in the fourth year of king Hezekiah, which *was* the seventh year of Hoshea son of Elah king of Israel, *that* Shalmaneser king of Assyria came up against Samaria, and besieged it.

And at the end of three years they took it: *even* in the sixth year of Hezekiah, *that is* the ninth year of Hoshea king of Israel, Samaria was taken.

And the king of Assyria did carry away Israel unto Assyria, and put them in Halah and in Habor *by* the river of Gozan, and in the cities of the Medes:

Because they obeyed not the voice of YAHWAH ELOHEEM, but transgressed his covenant, *and* all that Moses the servant of YAHWAH commanded, and would not hear *them*, nor do *them*.

Now in the fourteenth year of king Hezekiah did Sennacherib king of Assyria come up against all the fenced cities of Judah, and took them.

And Hezekiah king of Judah sent to the king of Assyria to Lachish, saying, I have offended; return from me: that which you put on me will I bear. And the king of Assyria appointed unto Hezekiah king of Judah three hundred talents of silver and thirty talents of gold.

And Hezekiah gave *him* all the silver that was found in the house of YAHWAH, and in the treasures of the king's house.

At that time did Hezekiah cut off *the gold from* the doors of the temple of YAHWAH, and *from* the pillars which Hezekiah king of Judah had overlaid, and gave it to the king of Assyria.

And the king of Assyria sent Tartan and Rabsaris and Rabshakeh from Lachish to king Hezekiah with *a* great host against Jerusalem. And they went up and came to Jerusalem. And when they were come up, they came and stood by the conduit of the upper pool, which *is* in the highway of the fuller's field.

And when they had called to the king, there came out to them Eliakim the son of Hilkiah, which *was* over the household, and Shebna the scribe, and Joah the son of Asaph the recorder.

And Rabshakeh said to them, Speak you all now to Hezekiah, Thus said the great king, the king of Assyria, What trust *is* this wherein you trust?

You say, (*but they are but vain words,*) *I have* counsel and strength for the war. Now on whom do you trust, that you rebel against me?

Now, behold, you trust upon the staff of this bruised reed, *even* upon Egypt, on which if *a* man lean, it will go into his hand, and pierce it: so *is* Pharaoh king of Egypt unto all that trust on him.

But if you all say to me, We trust in YAHWAH ELOHEEM: *is* not that he, whose high places and whose altars Hezekiah has taken away, and has said to Judah and Jerusalem, You all shall worship before this altar in Jerusalem?

Now therefore, I pray you, give pledges to my Lord the king of Assyria, and I will deliver you two thousand horses, if you be able on your part to set riders upon them.

How then will you turn away the face of one captain of the least of my master's servants, and put your trust on Egypt for chariots and for horsemen?

Am I now come up without YAHWAH against this place to destroy it? YAHWAH said to me, Go up against this land, and destroy it.

Then said Eliakim the son of Hilkiyah, and Shebna, and Joah, unto Rabshakeh, Speak, I pray you, to your servants in the Syrian language; for we understand *it*: and talk not with us in the Judeans' language in the ears of the people that *are* on the wall.

But Rabshakeh said to them, Has my master sent me to your master, and to you, to speak these words? *has he* not *sent me* to the men which sit on the wall, that they may eat their own dung, and drink their own piss with you?

Then Rabshakeh stood and cried with *a* loud voice in the Judeans' language, and spoke, saying, Hear the word of the great king, the king of Assyria:

Thus said the king, Let not Hezekiah deceive you: for he shall not be able to deliver you out of his hand:

Neither let Hezekiah make you trust in YAHWAH, saying, YAHWAH will surely deliver us, and this city shall not be delivered into the hand of the king of Assyria.

Hearken not to Hezekiah: for thus said the king of Assyria, Make *an agreement* with me by *a* present, and come out to me, and *then* eat you all every man of his own vine, and every one of his fig tree, and drink you all every one the waters of his cistern:

Until I come and take you away to *a* land like your own land, *a* land of grain and wine, *a* land of bread and vineyards, *a* land of oil olive and of honey, that you all may live, and not die: and hearken not unto Hezekiah, when he persuades you, saying, YAHWAH will deliver us.

Has any of the eloheems of the nations delivered at all his land out of the hand of the king of Assyria?

Where *are* the eloheems of Hamath, and of Arpad? where *are* the eloheems of Sepharvaim, Hena, and Ivah? have they delivered Samaria out of my hand?

Who *are* they among all the eloheems of the lands, that have delivered their land out of my hand, that YAHWAH should deliver Jerusalem out of my hand?

But the people held their peace, and answered him not *a* word: for the king's commandment was, saying, Answer him not.

Then came Eliakim the son of Hilkiyah, which *was* over the household, and Shebna the scribe, and Joah the son of Asaph the recorder, to Hezekiah with *their* clothes rent, and told him the words of Rabshakeh.

## CHAPTER 19

AND it came to pass, when king Hezekiah heard *it*, that he rent his clothes, and covered himself with sackcloth, and went into the house of YAHWAH.

And he sent Eliakim, which *was* over the household, and Shebna the scribe, and the elders of the priests, covered with sackcloth, to Isaiah the prophet the son of Amoz.

And they said to him, Thus said Hezekiah, This day *is a* day of trouble, and of rebuke, and blasphemy: for the children are come to the birth, and *there is* not strength to bring forth.

It may be YAHWAH ELOHEEM will hear all the words of Rabshakeh, whom the king of Assyria his master has sent to reproach the living ELOHEEM; and will reprove the words which YAHWAH ELOHEEM has heard: wherefore lift up *your* prayer for the remnant that are left.

So the servants of king Hezekiah came to Isaiah.

And Isaiah said to them, Thus shall you all say to your master, Thus said YAHWAH, Be not afraid of the words which you have heard, with which the servants of the king of Assyria have blasphemed me.

Behold, I will send *a* spirit upon him, and he shall hear *a* rumour, and shall return to his own land; and I will cause him to fall by the sword in his own land.

So Rabshakeh returned, and found the king of Assyria warring against Libnah: for he had heard that he was departed from Lachish.

And when he heard say of Tirhakah king of Kush, Behold, he is come out to fight against you: he sent

messengers again unto Hezekiah, saying,

Thus shall you all speak to Hezekiah king of Judah, saying, Let not the ELOHEEM in whom you trust deceive you, saying, Jerusalem shall not be delivered into the hand of the king of Assyria.

Behold, you have heard what the kings of Assyria have done to all lands, by destroying them utterly: and shall you be delivered?

Have the eloheems of the nations delivered them which my fathers have destroyed; *as* Gozan, and Haran, and Rezep, and the children of Eden which *were* in Thelasar?

Where *is* the king of Hamath, and the king of Arpad, and the king of the city of Sepharvaim, of Hena, and Ivah? And Hezekiah received the letter of the hand of the messengers, and read it: and Hezekiah went up into the house of YAHWAH, and spread it before YAHWAH.

And Hezekiah prayed before YAHWAH, and said, O YAHWAH ELOHEEM of Israel, which dwell *between* the cherubims, you are the ELOHEEM, *even* you alone, of all the kingdoms of the land; you have made heaven and land.

YAHWAH, bow down your ear, and hear: open, YAHWAH, your eyes, and see: and hear the words of Sennacherib, which has sent him to reproach the living ELOHEEM.

Of *a* truth, YAHWAH, the kings of Assyria have destroyed the nations and their lands,

And have cast their eloheems into the fire: for they *were* no eloheems, but the work of men's hands, wood and stone: therefore they have destroyed them.

Now therefore, O YAHWAH ELOHEEM, I beseech you, DELIVER you us out of his hand, that all the kingdoms of the land may know that you *are* YAHWAH ELOHEEM, *even* you only.

Then Isaiah the son of Amoz sent to Hezekiah, saying, Thus said YAHWAH ELOHEEM of Israel, *That* which you have prayed to me against Sennacherib king of Assyria I have heard.

This *is* the word that YAHWAH has spoken concerning him; The virgin the daughter of Zion has despised you, *and* laughed you to scorn; the daughter of Jerusalem has shaken her head at you.

Whom have you reproached and blasphemed? and against whom have you exalted *your* voice, and lifted up your eyes on high? *even* against the Sanctified *One* of Israel.

By your messengers you have reproached the Lord, and have said, With the multitude of my chariots I am come up to the height of the mountains, to the sides of Lebanon, and will cut down the tall cedar trees thereof, *and* the choice fir trees thereof: and I will enter into the lodgings of his borders, *and into* the forest of his Karmel.

I have digged and drunk strange waters, and with the sole of my feet have I dried up all the rivers of besieged places.

Have you not heard long ago *how* I have done it, *and* of ancient times that I have formed it? now have I brought it to pass, that you should be to lay waste fenced cities *into* ruinous heaps.

Therefore their inhabitants were of small power, they were dismayed and confounded; they were *as* the grass of the field, and *as* the green herb, *as* the grass on the house tops, and *as* grain blasted before it be grown up.

But I know your abode, and your going out, and your coming in, and your rage against me.

Because your rage against me and your tumult is come up into my ears, therefore I will put my hook in your nose, and my bridle in your lips, and I will turn you back by the way by which you came.

And this *shall be* a sign unto you, You all shall eat this year such things as grow of themselves, and in the second year that which springs of the same; and in the third year sow you all, and reap, and plant vineyards, and eat the fruits thereof.

And the remnant that is escaped of the house of Judah shall yet again take root downward, and bear fruit upward.

For out of Jerusalem shall go forth *a* remnant, and they that escape out of the mountain of Zion: the zeal of YAHWAH *of Hosts* shall do this.

Therefore thus said YAHWAH concerning the king of Assyria, He shall not come into this city, nor shoot *an* arrow there, nor come before it with shield, nor cast *a* bank against it.

By the way that he came, by the same shall he return, and shall not come into this city, said YAHWAH.

For I will defend this city, to DELIVER it, for my own sake, and for my servant David's sake.

And it came to pass that night, that the angel of YAHWAH went out, and smote in the camp of the Assyrians *a* hundred fourscore and five thousand: and when they arose early in the morning, behold, they *were* all dead corpses.

So Sennacherib king of Assyria departed, and went and returned, and dwelt at Nineveh.

And it came to pass, as he was worshipping in the house of Nisroch his eloheem, that Adrammelech and Sharezer his sons smote him with the sword: and they escaped into the land of Urartu. And Esarhaddon his son reigned in his stead.

## CHAPTER 20

IN those days was Hezekiah sick unto death. And the prophet Isaiah the son of Amoz came to him, and said to him, Thus said YAHWAH, Set your house in order; for you shall die, and not live.

Then he turned his face to the wall, and prayed unto YAHWAH, saying,

I beseech you, O YAHWAH, remember now how I have walked before you in truth and with *a* perfect heart, and have done *that which is* good in your sight. And Hezekiah wept sore.

And it came to pass, afore Isaiah was gone out into the middle court, that the word of YAHWAH came to him, saying,

Turn again, and tell Hezekiah the captain of my people, Thus said YAHWAH ELOHEEM of David your father, I have heard your prayer, I have seen your tears: behold, I will heal you: on the third day you shall go up unto the house of YAHWAH.

And I will add unto your days fifteen years; and I will deliver you and this city out of the hand of the king of Assyria; and I will defend this city for my own sake, and for my servant David's sake.

And Isaiah said, Take *a* lump of figs. And they took and laid *it* on the boil, and he recovered.

And Hezekiah said to Isaiah, What *shall be* the sign that YAHWAH will heal me, and that I shall go up into the house of YAHWAH the third day?

And Isaiah said, This sign shall you have of YAHWAH, that YAHWAH will do the thing that he has spoken: shall the shadow go forward ten degrees, or go back ten degrees?

And Hezekiah answered, It is *a* light thing for the shadow to go down ten degrees: nay, but let the shadow return backward ten degrees.

And Isaiah the prophet cried unto YAHWAH: and he brought the shadow ten degrees backward, by which it had gone down in the dial of Ahaz.

At that time Berodachbaladan, the son of Baladan, king of Babylon, sent letters and *a* present unto Hezekiah: for he had heard that Hezekiah had been sick.

And Hezekiah hearkened unto them, and showed them all the house of his precious things, the silver, and the gold, and the spices, and the precious ointment, and *all* the house of his armour, and all that was found in his treasures: there was nothing in his house, nor in all his dominion, that Hezekiah showed them not.

Then came Isaiah the prophet unto king Hezekiah, and said to him, What said these men? and from where came they unto you? And Hezekiah said, They are come from *a* far land, *even* from Babylon.

And he said, What have they seen in your house? And Hezekiah answered, All *the things* that *are* in my house have they seen: there is nothing among my treasures that I have not showed them.

And Isaiah said to Hezekiah, Hear the word of YAHWAH.

Behold, the days come, that all that *is* in your house, and that which your fathers have laid up in store unto this day, shall be carried into Babylon: nothing shall be left, said YAHWAH.

And of your sons that shall issue from you, which you shall beget, shall they take away; and they shall be eunuchs in the palace of the king of Babylon.

Then said Hezekiah unto Isaiah, Good *is* the word of YAHWAH which you have spoken. And he said, *Is it* not

*good*, if peace and truth be in my days?

And the rest of the acts of Hezekiah, and all his might, and how he made *a* pool, and *a* conduit, and brought water into the city, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah?

And Hezekiah slept with his fathers: and Manasseh his son reigned in his stead.

## CHAPTER 21

MANASSEH *was* twelve years old when he began to reign, and reigned fifty and five years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name *was* Hephzibah.

And he did *that which was* evil in the sight of YAHWAH, after the abominations of the nations, whom YAHWAH cast out before the children of Israel.

For he built up again the high places which Hezekiah his father had destroyed; and he reared up altars for Baal, and made *a* grove, as did Ahab king of Israel; and worshipped all the host of heaven, and served them.

And he built altars in the house of YAHWAH, of which YAHWAH said, In Jerusalem will I put my name.

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

And he made his son pass through the fire, and observed times, and used enchantments, and dealt with spiritualists and wizards: he worked much wickedness in the sight of YAHWAH, to provoke *him* to anger.

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

Neither will I make the feet of Israel move anymore out of the land which I gave their fathers; only if they will observe to do according to all that I have commanded them, and according to all the law that my servant Moses commanded them.

But they hearkened not: and Manasseh seduced them to do more evil than did the nations whom YAHWAH destroyed before the children of Israel.

And YAHWAH spoke by his servants the prophets, saying,

Because Manasseh king of Judah has done these abominations, *and* has done wickedly above all that the Amorites did, which *were* before him, and has made Judah also to sin with his idols:

Therefore thus said YAHWAH ELOHEEM of Israel, Behold, I *am* bringing *such* evil upon Jerusalem and Judah, that whosoever hears of it, both his ears shall tingle.

And I will stretch over Jerusalem the line of Samaria, and the plummet of the house of Ahab: and I will wipe Jerusalem as *a man* wipes *a* dish, wiping *it*, and turning *it* upside down.

And I will forsake the remnant of my inheritance, and deliver them into the hand of their enemies; and they shall become *a* prey and *a* spoil to all their enemies;

Because they have done *that which was* evil in my sight, and have provoked me to anger, since the day their fathers came forth out of Egypt, even unto this day.

Moreover Manasseh shed innocent blood very much, till he had filled Jerusalem from one end to another; beside his sin wherewith he made Judah to sin, in doing *that which was* evil in the sight of YAHWAH.

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

And Manasseh slept with his fathers, and was buried in the garden of his own house, in the garden of Uzza: and Amon his son reigned in his stead.

Amon *was* twenty and two years old when he began to reign, and he reigned two years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name *was* Meshullemeth, the daughter of Haruz of Jotbah.

And he did *that which was* evil in the sight of YAHWAH, as his father Manasseh did.

And he walked in all the way that his father walked in, and served the idols that his father served, and worshipped them:

And he forsook YAHWAH ELOHEEM of his fathers, and walked not in the Way of YAHWAH.

And the servants of Amon conspired against him, and slew the king in his own house.

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

Now the rest of the acts of Amon which he did, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah?

And he was buried in his tomb in the garden of Uzza: and Josiah his son reigned in his stead.

## CHAPTER 22

JOSIAH *was* eight years old when he began to reign, and he reigned thirty and one years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name *was* Jedidah, the daughter of Adaiah of Boscath.

And he did *that which was* right in the sight of YAHWAH, and walked in all the way of David his father, and turned not aside to the right hand or to the left.

And it came to pass in the eighteenth year of king Josiah, *that* the king sent Shaphan the son of Azaliah, the son of Meshullam, the scribe, to the house of YAHWAH, saying,

Go up to Hilkiah the high priest, that he may sum the silver which is brought into the house of YAHWAH, which the keepers of the door have gathered of the people:

And let them deliver it into the hand of the doers of the work, that have the oversight of the house of YAHWAH: and let them give it to the doers of the work which *is* in the house of YAHWAH, to repair the breaches of the house,

Unto carpenters, and builders, and masons, and to buy timber and hewn stone to repair the house.

Howbeit there was no reckoning made with them of the money that was delivered into their hand, because they dealt faithfully.

And Hilkiah the high priest said to Shaphan the scribe, I have found the book of the law in the house of YAHWAH. And Hilkiah gave the book to Shaphan, and he read it.

And Shaphan the scribe came to the king, and brought the king word again, and said, Your servants have gathered the money that was found in the house, and have delivered it into the hand of them that do the work, that have the oversight of the house of YAHWAH.

And Shaphan the scribe showed the king, saying, Hilkiah the priest has delivered me *a* book. And Shaphan read it before the king.

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

And the king commanded Hilkiah the priest, and Ahikam the son of Shaphan, and Achbor the son of Michaiiah, and Shaphan the scribe, and Asahiah *a* servant of the king's, saying,

Go you all, inquire of YAHWAH for me, and for the people, and for all Judah, concerning the words of this book that is found: for great *is* the wrath of YAHWAH that is kindled against us, because our fathers have not hearkened unto the words of this book, to do according unto all that which is written concerning us.

So Hilkiah the priest, and Ahikam, and Achbor, and Shaphan, and Asahiah, went unto Huldah the prophetess, the wife of Shallum the son of Tikvah, the son of Harhas, keeper of the wardrobe; (*now she dwelt in Jerusalem in the college,*) and they communed with her.

And she said to them, Thus said YAHWAH ELOHEEM of Israel, Tell the man that sent you to me,

Thus said YAHWAH, Behold, I will bring evil upon this place, and upon the inhabitants thereof, *even* all the words of the book which the king of Judah has read:

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

But to the king of Judah which sent you to inquire of YAHWAH, thus shall you all say to him, Thus said YAHWAH ELOHEEM of Israel, *As touching* the words which you have heard;

Because your heart was tender, and you have humbled yourself before YAHWAH, when you heard what I

spoke against this place, and against the inhabitants thereof, that they should become *a* desolation and *a* curse, and have rent your clothes, and wept before me; I also have heard *you*, said YAHWAH.

Behold therefore, I will gather you unto your fathers, and you shall be gathered into your tomb in peace; and your eyes shall not see all the evil which I will bring upon this place. And they brought the king word again.

## CHAPTER 23

AND the king sent, and they gathered unto him all the elders of Judah and of Jerusalem.

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

And the king stood by *a* pillar, and made *a* covenant before YAHWAH, to walk after YAHWAH, and to keep his commandments and his testimonies and his statutes with all *their* heart and all *their* person, to perform the words of this covenant that were written in this book. And all the people stood to the covenant.

And the king commanded Hilkiah the high priest, and the priests of the second order, and the keepers of the door, to bring forth out of the temple of YAHWAH all the vessels that were made for Baal, and for the grove, and for all the host of heaven: and he burned them outside of Jerusalem in the fields of Kidron, and carried the ashes of them unto Bethel.

And he put down the idolatrous priests, whom the kings of Judah had ordained to burn incense in the high places in the cities of Judah, and in the places round about Jerusalem; them also that burned incense unto Baal, to the sun, and to the moon, and to the planets, and to all the host of heaven.

And he brought out the grove from the house of YAHWAH, outside of Jerusalem, unto the brook Kidron, and burned it at the brook Kidron, and stamped *it* small to powder, and cast the powder thereof upon the tombs of the children of the people.

And he break down the houses of the sodomites, that *were* by the house of YAHWAH, where the women wove hangings for the grove.

And he brought all the priests out of the cities of Judah, and defiled the high places where the priests had burned incense, from Geba to Beersheba, and break down the high places of the gates that *were* in the entering in of the gate of YAHWASUA the governor of the city, which *were* on *a* man's left hand at the gate of the city.

Nevertheless the priests of the high places came not up to the altar of YAHWAH in Jerusalem, but they did eat of the unleavened bread among their brethren.

And he defiled Topheth, which *is* in the valley of the children of Hinnom, that no man might make his son or his daughter to pass through the fire to Molech.

And he took away the horses that the kings of Judah had given to the sun, at the entering in of the house of YAHWAH, by the chamber of Nathanmelech the chamberlain, which *was* in the suburbs, and burned the chariots of the sun with fire.

And the altars that *were* on the top of the upper chamber of Ahaz, which the kings of Judah had made, and the altars which Manasseh had made in the two courts of the house of YAHWAH, did the king beat down, and break *them* down from thence, and cast the dust of them into the brook Kidron.

And the high places that *were* before Jerusalem, which *were* on the right hand of the mountain of corruption, which Solomon the king of Israel had built for Ashtoreth the abomination of the Zidonians, and for Chemosh the abomination of the Moabites, and for Milcom the abomination of the children of Ammon, did the king defile.

And he break in pieces the images, and cut down the groves, and filled their places with the bones of adamites. Moreover the altar that *was* at Bethel, *and* the high place which Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who made Israel to sin, had made, both that altar and the high place he break down, and burned the high place, *and* stamped *it* small to powder, and burned the grove.

And as Josiah turned himself, he spied the tombs that *were* there in the mountain, and sent, and took the bones

out of the tombs, and burned *them* upon the altar, and polluted it, according to the word of YAHWAH which the man of the ELOHEEM proclaimed, who proclaimed these words.

Then he said, What title *is* that that I see? And the men of the city told him, *It is* the tomb of the man of the ELOHEEM, which came from Judah, and proclaimed these things that you have done against the altar of Bethel.

And he said, Let him alone; let no man move his bones. So they let his bones alone, with the bones of the prophet that came out of Samaria.

And all the houses also of the high places that *were* in the cities of Samaria, which the kings of Israel had made to provoke *YAHWAH* to anger, Josiah took away, and did to them according to all the acts that he had done in Bethel.

And he slew all the priests of the high places that *were* there upon the altars, and burned men's bones upon them, and returned to Jerusalem.

And the king commanded all the people, saying, Keep the Passover unto YAHWAH ELOHEEM, as *it is* written in the book of this covenant.

Surely there was not holden such *a* Passover from the days of the judges that judged Israel, nor in all the days of the kings of Israel, nor of the kings of Judah;

But in the eighteenth year of king Josiah, *wherein* this Passover was holden to YAHWAH in Jerusalem.

Moreover the spiritualists, and the wizards, and the images, and the idols, and all the abominations that were spied in the land of Judah and in Jerusalem, did Josiah put away, that he might perform the words of the law which were written in the book that Hilkiyah the priest found in the house of YAHWAH.

And like unto him was there no king before him, that turned to YAHWAH with all his heart, and with all his person, and with all his might, according to all the law of Moses; neither after him arose there *any* like him.

Notwithstanding YAHWAH turned not from the fierceness of his great wrath, wherewith his anger was kindled against Judah, because of all the provocations that Manasseh had provoked him withal.

And YAHWAH said, I will remove Judah also out of my sight, as I have removed Israel, and will cast off this city Jerusalem which I have chosen, and the house of which I said, My name shall be there.

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

In his days Pharaohnechoh king of Egypt went up against the king of Assyria to the river Euphrates: and king Josiah went against him; and he slew him at Megiddo, when he had seen him.

And his servants carried him in *a* chariot dead from Megiddo, and brought him to Jerusalem, and buried him in his own tomb. And the people of the land took Jehoahaz the son of Josiah, and anointed him, and made him king in his father's stead.

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

And his mother's name *was* Hamutal, the daughter of Jeremiah of Libnah.

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

And Pharaohnechoh put him in bands at Riblah in the land of Hamath, that he might not reign in Jerusalem; and put the land to *a* tribute of *a* hundred talents of silver, and *a* talent of gold.

And Pharaohnechoh made Eliakim the son of Josiah king in the room of Josiah his father, and turned his name to Jehoiakim, and took Jehoahaz away: and he came to Egypt, and died there.

And Jehoiakim gave the silver and the gold to Pharaoh; but he taxed the land to give the money according to the commandment of Pharaoh: he exacted the silver and the gold of the people of the land, of every one according to his taxation, to give *it* unto Pharaohnechoh.

Jehoiakim *was* twenty and five years old when he began to reign; and he reigned eleven years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name *was* Zebudah, the daughter of Pedaiah of Rumah.

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

## CHAPTER 24

IN his days Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came up, and Jehoiakim became his servant three years: then he turned and rebelled against him.

And YAHWAH sent against him bands of the Chaldeans, and bands of the Syrians, and bands of the Moabites, and bands of the children of Ammon, and sent them against Judah to destroy it, according to the word of YAHWAH, which he spoke by his servants the prophets.

Surely at the commandment of YAHWAH came *this* upon Judah, to remove *them* out of his sight, for the sins of Manasseh, according to all that he did;

And also for the innocent blood that he shed: for he filled Jerusalem with innocent blood; which YAHWAH would not pardon.

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

So Jehoiakim slept with his fathers: and Jehoiachin his son reigned in his stead.

And the king of Egypt came not again anymore out of his land: for the king of Babylon had taken from the river of Egypt unto the river Euphrates all that pertained to the king of Egypt.

Jehoiachin *was* eighteen years old when he began to reign, and he reigned in Jerusalem three months. And his mother's name *was* Nehushta, the daughter of Elnathan of Jerusalem.

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

At that time the servants of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came up against Jerusalem, and the city was besieged.

And Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came against the city, and his servants did besiege it.

And Jehoiachin the king of Judah went out to the king of Babylon, he, and his mother, and his servants, and his princes, and his officers: and the king of Babylon took him in the eighth year of his reign.

And he carried out thence all the treasures of the house of YAHWAH, and the treasures of the king's house, and cut in pieces all the vessels of gold which Solomon king of Israel had made in the temple of YAHWAH, as YAHWAH had said.

And he carried away all Jerusalem, and all the princes, and all the mighty men of valour, *even* ten thousand captives, and all the craftsmen and smiths: none remained, except the poorest sort of the people of the land.

And he carried away Jehoiachin to Babylon, and the king's mother, and the king's wives, and his officers, and the mighty of the land, *those* carried he into captivity from Jerusalem to Babylon.

And all the men of might, *even* seven thousand, and craftsmen and smiths *a* thousand, all *that were* strong and apt for war, even them the king of Babylon brought captive to Babylon.

And the king of Babylon made Mattaniah his father's brother king in his stead, and changed his name to Zedekiah.

Zedekiah *was* twenty and one years old when he began to reign, and he reigned eleven years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name *was* Hamutal, the daughter of Jeremiah of Libnah.

And he did *that which was* evil in the sight of YAHWAH, according to all that Jehoiakim had done.

For through the anger of YAHWAH it came to pass in Jerusalem and Judah, until he had cast them out from his presence, that Zedekiah rebelled against the king of Babylon.

## CHAPTER 25

AND it came to pass in the ninth year of his reign, in the tenth month, in the tenth *day* of the month, *that* Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came, he, and all his host, against Jerusalem, and pitched against it; and they built forts against it round about.

And the city was besieged unto the eleventh year of king Zedekiah.

And on the ninth *day* of the *fourth* month the famine prevailed in the city, and there was no bread for the people of the land.

And the city was broken up, and all the men of war *fled* by night by the way of the gate between two walls, which *is* by the king's garden: (*now the Chaldeans were against the city round about,*) and *the king* went the way toward the plain.

And the army of the Chaldeans pursued after the king, and overtook him in the plains of Jericho: and all his army were scattered from him.

So they took the king, and brought him up to the king of Babylon to Riblah; and they gave judgment upon him. And they slew the sons of Zedekiah before his eyes, and put out the eyes of Zedekiah, and bound him with fetters of brass, and carried him to Babylon.

And in the fifth month, on the seventh *day* of the month, which *is* the nineteenth year of king Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, came Nebuzaradan, captain of the guard, *a* servant of the king of Babylon, unto Jerusalem:

And he burnt the house of YAHWAH, and the king's house, and all the houses of Jerusalem, and every great *man's* house burnt he with fire.

And all the army of the Chaldeans, that *were with* the captain of the guard, break down the walls of Jerusalem round about.

Now the rest of the people *that were* left in the city, and the fugitives that fell away to the king of Babylon, with the remnant of the multitude, did Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard carry away.

But the captain of the guard left of the poor of the land *to be* vinedressers and husbandmen.

And the pillars of brass that *were* in the house of YAHWAH, and the bases, and the brasen sea that *was* in the house of YAHWAH, did the Chaldeans break in pieces, and carried the brass of them to Babylon.

And the pots, and the shovels, and the snuffers, and the spoons, and all the vessels of brass wherewith they ministered, took they away.

And the firepans, and the bowls, *and* such things as *were* of gold, *in* gold, and of silver, *in* silver, the captain of the guard took away.

The two pillars, one sea, and the bases which Solomon had made for the house of YAHWAH; the brass of all these vessels was without weight.

The height of the one pillar *was* eighteen cubits, and the chapter upon it *was* brass: and the height of the chapter three cubits; and the wreathen work, and pomegranates upon the chapter round about, all of brass: and like unto these had the second pillar with wreathen work.

And the captain of the guard took Seraiah the chief priest, and Zephaniah the second priest, and the three keepers of the door:

And out of the city he took *an* officer that was set over the men of war, and five men of them that were in the king's presence, which were found in the city, and the principal scribe of the host, which mustered the people of the land, and sixty men of the people of the land *that were* found in the city:

And Nebuzaradan captain of the guard took these, and brought them to the king of Babylon to Riblah:

And the king of Babylon smote them, and slew them at Riblah in the land of Hamath. So Judah was carried away out of their land.

And *as for* the people that remained in the land of Judah, whom Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon had left, even over them he made Gedaliah the son of Ahikam, the son of Shaphan, ruler.

And when all the captains of the armies, they and their men, heard that the king of Babylon had made Gedaliah governor, there came to Gedaliah to Mizpah, even Ishmael the son of Nethaniah, and Johanan the son of Kareah, and Seraiah the son of Tanhumeth the Netophathite, and Jaazaniah the son of *a* Maachathite, they and their men.

And Gedaliah sware to them, and to their men, and said to them, Fear not to be the servants of the Chaldeans: dwell in the land, and serve the king of Babylon; and it shall be well with you.

But it came to pass in the seventh month, that Ishmael the son of Nethaniah, the son of Elishama, of the seed royal, came, and ten men with him, and smote Gedaliah, that he died, and the Judeans and the Chaldeans that were with him at Mizpah.

And all the people, both small and great, and the captains of the armies, arose, and came to Egypt: for they were afraid of the Chaldeans.

And it came to pass in the seven and thirtieth year of the captivity of Jehoiachin king of Judah, in the twelfth month, on the seven and twentieth *day* of the month, *that* Evilmerodach king of Babylon in the year that he began to reign did lift up the head of Jehoiachin king of Judah out of prison;

And he spoke kindly to him, and set his throne above the throne of the kings that *were* with him in Babylon;

And changed his prison garments: and he did eat bread continually before him all the days of his life.

And his allowance *was a* continual allowance given him of the king, *a* daily rate for every day, all the days of his life.

This concludes the book of 2<sup>nd</sup> Kings.