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Psalms 1:

1:1 Blessed is the man
Who walks not in the counsel of the
ungodly,
Nor stands in the path of sinners,
Nor sits in the seat of the scornful;
1:2 But his delight is in the law of
Yahweh,
And in His law he meditates day and
night.
1:3 He shall be like a tree
Planted by the rivers of water,
That brings forth its fruit in its season,
Whose leaf also shall not wither;
And whatever he does shall prosper.
1:4 The ungodly are not so,
But are like the chaff which the wind
drives away.
1:5 Therefore the ungodly shall not
stand in the judgment,
Nor sinners in the congregation of the
righteous.
1:6 For Yahweh knows the way of the
righteous,
But the way of the ungodly shall perish.

Psalms 2:

2:1 Why do the nations rage,
And the people plot a vain thing?
2:2 The kings of the earth set
themselves,
And the rulers take counsel together,
Against Yahweh and against His
Anointed, saying,
2:3 "Let us break Their bonds in pieces
And cast away Their cords from us."
2:4 He who sits in the heavens shall
laugh;
Yahweh shall hold them in derision.
2:5 Then He shall speak to them in His
wrath,
And distress them in His deep
displeasure:
2:6 "Yet I have set My King
On My holy hill of Zion."
2:7 "I will declare the decree:
Yahweh has said to Me,
'You are My Son,
Today I have begotten You.
2:8 Ask of Me, and I will give You
The nations for Your inheritance,

And the ends of the earth for Your
possession.
2:9 You shall break them with a rod of
iron;

You shall dash them to pieces like a
potter's vessel.' "
2:10 Now therefore, be wise, O kings;
Be instructed, you judges of the earth.
2:11 Serve Yahweh with fear,
And rejoice with trembling.
2:12 Kiss the Son, lest He be angry,
And you perish in the way,
When His wrath is kindled but a little.
Blessed are all those who put their trust
in Him.

Psalms 3:

3:1 Yahweh, how they have increased
who trouble me!
Many are they who rise up against me.
3:2 Many are they who say of me,
"There is no help for him in Yahweh."
Selah
3:3 But You, O Yahweh, are a shield for
me,
My glory and the One who lifts up my
head.
3:4 I cried to Yahweh with my voice,
And He heard me from His holy hill.
Selah
3:5 I lay down and slept;
I awoke, for Yahweh sustained me.
3:6 I will not be afraid of ten thousands
of people
Who have set themselves against me all
around.
3:7 Arise, O Yahweh;
Save me, O my God!
For You have struck all my enemies on
the cheekbone;
You have broken the teeth of the
ungodly.
3:8 Salvation belongs to Yahweh.
Your blessing is upon Your people.
Selah
Psalms 4:
4:1 Hear me when I call, O God of my
righteousness!
You have relieved me in my distress;
Have mercy on me, and hear my prayer.
4:2 How long, O you sons of men,

Will you turn my glory to shame?
How long will you love worthlessness
And seek falsehood? Selah
4:3 But know that Yahweh has set apart
for Himself him who is godly;
Yahweh will hear when I call to Him.
4:4 Be angry, and do not sin.
Meditate within your heart on your bed,
and be still. Selah
4:5 Offer the sacrifices of righteousness,
And put your trust in Yahweh.
4:6 There are many who say,
"Who will show us any good?"
Yahweh, lift up the light of Your
countenance upon us.
4:7 You have put gladness in my heart,
More than in the season that their grain
and wine increased.
4:8 I will both lie down in peace, and
sleep;
For You alone, O Yahweh, make me
dwell in safety.

Psalms 5:

5:1 Give ear to my words, O Yahweh,
Consider my meditation.
5:2 Give heed to the voice of my cry,
My King and my God,
For to You I will pray.
5:3 My voice You shall hear in the
morning, O Yahweh;
In the morning I will direct it to You,
And I will look up.
5:4 For You are not a God who takes
pleasure in wickedness,
Nor shall evil dwell with You.
5:5 The boastful shall not stand in Your
sight;
You hate all workers of iniquity.
5:6 You shall destroy those who speak
falsehood;
Yahweh abhors the bloodthirsty and
deceitful man.
5:7 But as for me, I will come into Your
house in the multitude of Your mercy;
In fear of You I will worship toward Your
holy temple.
5:8 Lead me, O Yahweh, in Your
righteousness because of my enemies;
Make Your way straight before my face.

5:9 For there is no faithfulness in their
mouth;
Their inward part is destruction;
Their throat is an open tomb;
They flatter with their tongue.
5:10 Pronounce them guilty, O Yahweh!
Let them fall by their own counsels;
Cast them out in the multitude of their
transgressions,
For they have rebelled against You.
5:11 But let all those rejoice who put
their trust in You;
Let them ever shout for joy, because
You defend them; Let those also who
love Your name
Be joyful in You.
5:12 For You, O Yahweh, will bless the
righteous;
With favor You will surround him as with
a shield.

Psalms 6:

6:1 O Yahweh, do not rebuke me in
Your anger,
Nor chasten me in Your hot displeasure.
6:2 Have mercy on me, O Yahweh, for I
am weak;
O Yahweh, heal me, for my bones are
troubled.
6:3 My spirit also is greatly troubled;
But You, O Yahweh-how long?
6:4 Return, O Yahweh, deliver me!
Oh, save me for Your mercies' sake!
6:5 For in death there is no
remembrance of You;
In the grave who will give You thanks?
6:6 I am weary with my groaning;
All night I make my bed swim;
I drench my couch with my tears.
6:7 My eye wastes away because of
grief;
It grows old because of all my enemies.
6:8 Depart from me, all you workers of
iniquity;
For Yahweh has heard the voice of my
weeping.
6:9 Yahweh has heard my supplication;
Yahweh will receive my prayer.
6:10 Let all my enemies be ashamed
and greatly troubled;

Let them turn back and be ashamed suddenly.

Psalms 7:

7:1 O Yahweh my God, in You I put my trust;

Save me from all those who persecute me;

And deliver me,

7:2 Lest they tear me like a lion, Rending me in pieces, while there is none to deliver.

7:3 O Yahweh my God, if I have done this:

If there is iniquity in my hands,

7:4 If I have repaid evil to him who was at peace with me,

Or have plundered my enemy without cause,

7:5 Let the enemy pursue me and overtake me;

Yes, let him trample my life to the earth, And lay my honor in the dust. Selah

7:6 Arise, O Yahweh, in Your anger; Lift Yourself up because of the rage of my enemies;

Rise up for me to the judgment You have commanded!

7:7 So the congregation of the peoples shall surround You;

For their sakes, therefore, return on high.

7:8 Yahweh shall judge the peoples; Judge me, O Yahweh, according to my righteousness,

And according to my integrity within me.

7:9 Oh, let the wickedness of the wicked come to an end,

But establish the just;

For the righteous Yahweh tests the hearts and minds.

7:10 My defense is of Yahweh, Who saves the upright in heart.

7:11 Yahweh is a just judge, And Yahweh is angry with the wicked every day.

7:12 If he does not turn back, He will sharpen His sword; He bends His bow and makes it ready.

7:13 He also prepares for Himself instruments of death;

He makes His arrows into fiery shafts.

7:14 Behold, the wicked brings forth iniquity;

Yes, he conceives trouble and brings forth falsehood.

7:15 He made a pit and dug it out, And has fallen into the ditch which he made.

7:16 His trouble shall return upon his own head, And his violent dealing shall come down on his own crown.

7:17 I will praise Yahweh according to His righteousness, And will sing praise to the name of Yahweh Most High.

Psalms 8:

8:1 O Yahweh, our Lord, How excellent is Your name in all the earth,

Who have set Your glory above the heavens!

8:2 Out of the mouth of babes and nursing infants

You have ordained strength, Because of Your enemies,

That You may silence the enemy and the avenger.

8:3 When I consider Your skies, the work of Your fingers,

The moon and the stars, which You have ordained,

8:4 What is man that You are mindful of him,

And the son of man that You visit him?

8:5 For You have made him a little lower than the angels,

And You have crowned him with glory and honor.

8:6 You have made him to have dominion over the works of Your hands; You have put all things under his feet,

8:7 All sheep and oxen- Even the beasts of the field,

8:8 The birds of the air, And the fish of the sea

That pass through the paths of the seas.

8:9 O Yahweh, our Lord, How excellent is Your name in all the earth!

Psalms 9:

9:1 I will praise You, O Yahweh, with my whole heart;

I will tell of all Your marvelous works.

9:2 I will be glad and rejoice in You; I will sing praise to Your name, O Most High.

9:3 When my enemies turn back, They shall fall and perish at Your presence.

9:4 For You have maintained my right and my cause; You sat on the throne judging in righteousness.

9:5 You have rebuked the nations, You have destroyed the wicked; You have blotted out their name forever and ever.

9:6 O enemy, destructions are finished forever!

And you have destroyed cities; Even their memory has perished.

9:7 But Yahweh shall endure forever; He has prepared His throne for judgment.

9:8 He shall judge the world in righteousness, And He shall administer judgment for the peoples in uprightness.

9:9 Yahweh also will be a refuge for the oppressed, A refuge in times of trouble.

9:10 And those who know Your name will put their trust in You; For You, Yahweh, have not forsaken those who seek You.

9:11 Sing praises to Yahweh, who dwells in Zion! Declare His deeds among the people.

9:12 When He avenges blood, He remembers them; He does not forget the cry of the humble.

9:13 Have mercy on me, O Yahweh! Consider my trouble from those who hate me, You who lift me up from the gates of death,

9:14 That I may tell of all Your praise In the gates of the daughter of Zion.

I will rejoice in Your salvation.

9:15 The nations have sunk down in the pit which they made; In the net which they hid, their own foot is caught.

9:16 Yahweh is known by the judgment He executes; The wicked is snared in the work of his own hands.

Meditation. Selah

9:17 The wicked shall be turned into the grave, And all the nations that forget Yahweh.

9:18 For the needy shall not always be forgotten; The expectation of the poor shall not perish forever.

9:19 Arise, O Yahweh, Do not let man prevail; Let the nations be judged in Your sight.

9:20 Put them in fear, O Yahweh, That the nations may know themselves to be but men. Selah

Psalms 10:

10:1 Why do You stand afar off, O Yahweh?

Why do You hide in times of trouble?

10:2 The wicked in his pride persecutes the poor; Let them be caught in the plots which they have devised.

10:3 For the wicked boasts of his heart's desire; He blesses the greedy and renounces Yahweh.

10:4 The wicked in his proud countenance does not seek Yahweh; Yahweh is in none of his thoughts.

10:5 His ways are always prospering; Your judgments are far above, out of his sight; As for all his enemies, he sneers at them.

10:6 He has said in his heart, "I shall not be moved; I shall never be in adversity."

10:7 His mouth is full of cursing and deceit and oppression; Under his tongue is trouble and iniquity.

10:8 He sits in the lurking places of the villages;
In the secret places he murders the innocent;
His eyes are secretly fixed on the helpless.

10:9 He lies in wait secretly, as a lion in his den;
He lies in wait to catch the poor;
He catches the poor when he draws him into his net.

10:10 So he crouches, he lies low,
That the helpless may fall by his strength.

10:11 He has said in his heart,
"Yahweh has forgotten;
He hides His face;
He will never see."

10:12 Arise, O Yahweh!
O Yahweh, lift up Your hand!
Do not forget the humble.

10:13 Why do the wicked renounce Yahweh?

He has said in his heart,
"You will not require an account."

10:14 But You have seen, for You observe trouble and grief,
To repay it by Your hand.
The helpless commits himself to You;
You are the helper of the fatherless.

10:15 Break the arm of the wicked and the evil man;
Seek out his wickedness until You find none.

10:16 Yahweh is King forever and ever;
The nations have perished out of His land.

10:17 Yahweh, You have heard the desire of the humble;
You will prepare their heart;
You will cause Your ear to hear,

10:18 To do justice to the fatherless and the oppressed,
That the man of the earth may oppress no more.

Psalms 11:

11:1 In Yahweh I put my trust;
How can you say to my spirit,
"Flee as a bird to your mountain"?

11:2 For look! The wicked bend their bow,
They make ready their arrow on the string,
That they may shoot secretly at the upright in heart.

11:3 If the foundations are destroyed,
What can the righteous do?

11:4 Yahweh is in His holy temple,
Yahweh's throne is in heaven;
His eyes behold,
His eyelids test the sons of men.

11:5 Yahweh tests the righteous,
But the wicked and the one who loves violence His spirit hates.

11:6 Upon the wicked He will rain coals;
Fire and brimstone and a burning wind
Shall be the portion of their cup.

11:7 For Yahweh is righteous,
He loves righteousness;
His countenance beholds the upright.

Psalms 12:

12:1 Help, Yahweh, for the godly man ceases!

For the faithful disappear from among the sons of men.

12:2 They speak idly everyone with his neighbor;
With flattering lips and a double heart they speak.

12:3 May Yahweh cut off all flattering lips,
And the tongue that speaks proud things,

12:4 Who have said,
"With our tongue we will prevail;
Our lips are our own;
Who is lord over us?"

12:5 "For the oppression of the poor, for the sighing of the needy,
Now I will arise," says Yahweh;
"I will set him in the safety for which he yearns."

12:6 The words of Yahweh are pure words,
Like silver tried in a furnace of earth,
Purified seven times.

12:7 You shall keep them, O Yahweh,
You shall preserve them from this generation forever.

12:8 The wicked prowl on every side,
When vileness is exalted among the
sons of men.

Psalms 13:

13:1 How long, O Yahweh? Will You
forget me forever?

How long will You hide Your face from
me?

13:2 How long shall I take counsel in my
spirit,

Having sorrow in my heart daily?

How long will my enemy be exalted over
me?

13:3 Consider and hear me, O Yahweh
my God;

Enlighten my eyes,

Lest I sleep the sleep of death;

13:4 Lest my enemy say,

"I have prevailed against him";

Lest those who trouble me rejoice when
I am moved.

13:5 But I have trusted in Your mercy;

My heart shall rejoice in Your salvation.

13:6 I will sing to Yahweh,

Because He has dealt bountifully with
me.

Psalms 14:

14:1 The fool has said in his heart,

"There is no God."

They are corrupt,

They have done abominable works,

There is none who does good.

14:2 Yahweh looks down from the sky

upon the children of men,

To see if there are any who understand,
who seek Yahweh.

14:3 They have all turned aside,

They have together become corrupt;

There is none who does good,

No, not one.

14:4 Have all the workers of iniquity no
knowledge,

Who eat up my people as they eat
bread,

And do not call on Yahweh?

14:5 There they are in great fear,

For Yahweh is with the generation of the
righteous.

14:6 You shame the counsel of the
poor,

But Yahweh is his refuge.

14:7 Oh, that the salvation of Israel
would come out of Zion!

When Yahweh brings back the captivity
of His people,

Let Jacob rejoice and Israel be glad.

Psalms 15:

15:1 Yahweh, who may abide in Your
tabernacle?

Who may dwell in Your holy hill?

15:2 He who walks uprightly,

And works righteousness,

And speaks the truth in his heart;

15:3 He who does not backbite with his
tongue,

Nor does evil to his neighbor, Nor does

he take up a reproach against his friend;

15:4 In whose eyes a vile person is
despised,

But he honors those who fear Yahweh;

He who swears to his own hurt and

does not change;

15:5 He who does not put out his money

at usury,

Nor does he take a bribe against the
innocent.

He who does these things shall never
be moved.

Psalms 16:

16:1 Preserve me, O Yahweh, for in

You I put my trust.

16:2 O my spirit, you have said to

Yahweh,

"You are my Lord,

My goodness is nothing apart from
You."

16:3 As for the saints who are on the
earth,

"They are the excellent ones, in whom is
all my delight."

16:4 Their sorrows shall be multiplied
who hasten after another god;

Their drink offerings of blood I will not
offer,

Nor take up their names on my lips.

16:5 O Yahweh, You are the portion of

my inheritance and my cup;

You maintain my lot.

16:6 The lines have fallen to me in
pleasant places;

Yes, I have a good inheritance.
16:7 I will bless Yahweh who has given me counsel;
My heart also instructs me in the night seasons.

16:8 I have set Yahweh always before me;
Because He is at my right hand I shall not be moved.

16:9 Therefore my heart is glad, and my glory rejoices;
My flesh also will rest in hope.

16:10 For You will not leave my body in Sheol,
Nor will You allow Your Holy One to see corruption.

16:11 You will show me the path of life;
In Your presence is fullness of joy;
At Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

Psalms 17:

17:1 Hear a just cause, O Yahweh,
Attend to my cry;
Give ear to my prayer which is not from deceitful lips.

17:2 Let my vindication come from Your presence;
Let Your eyes look on the things that are upright.

17:3 You have tested my heart;
You have visited me in the night;
You have tried me and have found nothing;
I have purposed that my mouth shall not transgress.

17:4 Concerning the works of men,
By the word of Your lips,
I have kept away from the paths of the destroyer.

17:5 Uphold my steps in Your paths,
That my footsteps may not slip.

17:6 I have called upon You, for You will hear me, O Yahweh;
Incline Your ear to me, and hear my speech.

17:7 Show Your marvelous lovingkindness by Your right hand,
O You who save those who trust in You
From those who rise up against them.

17:8 Keep me as the apple of Your eye;

Hide me under the shadow of Your wings,
17:9 From the wicked who oppress me,
From my deadly enemies who surround me.

17:10 They have closed up their fat hearts;
With their mouths they speak proudly.
17:11 They have now surrounded us in our steps;

They have set their eyes, crouching down to the earth,

17:12 As a lion is eager to tear his prey,
And like a young lion lurking in secret places.

17:13 Arise, O Yahweh,
Confront him, cast him down;
Deliver my life from the wicked with Your sword,

17:14 With Your hand from men, O Yahweh,
From men of the world who have their portion in this life,
And whose belly You fill with Your hidden treasure.

They are satisfied with children,
And leave the rest of their possession for their babes.

17:15 As for me, I will see Your face in righteousness;
I shall be satisfied when I awake in Your likeness.

Psalms 18:

18:1 I will love You, O Yahweh, my strength.

18:2 Yahweh is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer;
My God, my strength, in whom I will trust;

My shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.

18:3 I will call upon Yahweh, who is worthy to be praised;
So shall I be saved from my enemies.

18:4 The pangs of death surrounded me,
And the floods of ungodliness made me afraid.

18:5 The sorrows of Sheol surrounded me;

The snares of death confronted me.
18:6 In my distress I called upon
Yahweh,
And cried out to my God;
He heard my voice from His temple,
And my cry came before Him, even to
His ears.
18:7 Then the earth shook and
trembled;
The foundations of the hills also quaked
and were shaken,
Because He was angry.
18:8 Smoke went up from His nostrils,
And devouring fire from His mouth;
Coals were kindled by it.
18:9 He bowed the clouds also, and
came down
With darkness under His feet.
18:10 And He rode upon a cherub, and
flew;
He flew upon the wings of the wind.
18:11 He made darkness His secret
place;
His canopy around Him was dark waters
And thick clouds of the skies.
18:12 From the brightness before Him,
His thick clouds passed with hailstones
and coals of fire.
18:13 Yahweh thundered from the sky,
And the Most High uttered His voice,
Hailstones and coals of fire.
18:14 He sent out His arrows and
scattered the foe,
Lightnings in abundance, and He
vanquished them.
18:15 Then the channels of the sea
were seen,
The foundations of the world were
uncovered
At Your rebuke, O Yahweh,
At the blast of the breath of Your
nostrils.
18:16 He sent from above, He took me;
He drew me out of many waters.
18:17 He delivered me from my strong
enemy,
From those who hated me,
For they were too strong for me.
18:18 They confronted me in the day of
my calamity,

But Yahweh was my support.
18:19 He also brought me out into a
broad place;
He delivered me because He delighted
in me.
18:20 Yahweh rewarded me according
to my righteousness;
According to the cleanness of my hands
He has recompensed me.
18:21 For I have kept the ways of
Yahweh,
And have not wickedly departed from
my God.
18:22 For all His judgments were before
me,
And I did not put away His statutes from
me.
18:23 I was also blameless before Him,
And I kept myself from my iniquity.
18:24 Therefore Yahweh has
recompensed me according to my
righteousness,
According to the cleanness of my hands
in His sight.
18:25 With the merciful You will show
Yourself merciful;
With a blameless man You will show
Yourself blameless;
18:26 With the pure You will show
Yourself pure;
And with the devious You will show
Yourself shrewd.
18:27 For You will save the humble
people,
But will bring down haughty looks.
18:28 For You will light my lamp;
Yahweh my God will enlighten my
darkness.
18:29 For by You I can run against a
troop,
By my God I can leap over a wall.
18:30 As for Yahweh, His way is
perfect;
The word of Yahweh is proven;
He is a shield to all who trust in Him.
18:31 For who is God, except Yahweh?
And who is a rock, except our God?
18:32 It is Yahweh who arms me with
strength,
And makes my way perfect.

18:33 He makes my feet like the feet of deer,
And sets me on my high places.
18:34 He teaches my hands to make war,
So that my arms can bend a bow of bronze.
18:35 You have also given me the shield of Your salvation;
Your right hand has held me up,
Your gentleness has made me great.
18:36 You enlarged my path under me,
So my feet did not slip.
18:37 I have pursued my enemies and overtaken them;
Neither did I turn back again till they were destroyed.
18:38 I have wounded them,
So that they could not rise;
They have fallen under my feet.
18:39 For You have armed me with strength for the battle;
You have subdued under me those who rose up against me.
18:40 You have also given me the necks of my enemies,
So that I destroyed those who hated me.
18:41 They cried out, but there was none to save;
Even to Yahweh, but He did not answer them.
18:42 Then I beat them as fine as the dust before the wind;
I cast them out like dirt in the streets.
18:43 You have delivered me from the strivings of the people;
You have made me the head of the nations;
A people I have not known shall serve me.
18:44 As soon as they hear of me they obey me;
The foreigners submit to me.
18:45 The foreigners fade away,
And come frightened from their hideouts.
18:46 Yahweh lives!
Blessed be my Rock!
Let the God of my salvation be exalted.
18:47 It is Yahweh who avenges me,

And subdues the peoples under me;
18:48 He delivers me from my enemies.
You also lift me up above those who rise against me;
You have delivered me from the violent man.
18:49 Therefore I will give thanks to You, O Yahweh, among the Gentiles,
And sing praises to Your name.
18:50 Great deliverance He gives to His king,
And shows mercy to His anointed,
To David and his descendants forevermore.

Psalms 19:

19:1 The skies declare the glory of Yahweh;
And the firmament shows His handiwork.
19:2 Day unto day utters speech,
And night unto night reveals knowledge.
19:3 There is no speech nor language
Where their voice is not heard.
19:4 Their line has gone out through all the earth,
And their words to the end of the world.
In them He has set a tabernacle for the sun,
19:5 Which is like a bridegroom coming out of his chamber,
And rejoices like a strong man to run its race.
19:6 Its rising is from one end of the sky,
And its circuit to the other end;
And there is nothing hidden from its heat.
19:7 The law of Yahweh is perfect,
converting the spirit;
The testimony of Yahweh is sure,
making wise the simple;
19:8 The statutes of Yahweh are right,
rejoicing the heart;
The commandment of Yahweh is pure,
enlightening the eyes;
19:9 The fear of Yahweh is clean,
enduring forever;
The judgments of Yahweh are true and righteous altogether.

19:10 More to be desired are they than gold,
Yea, than much fine gold;
Sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb.

19:11 Moreover by them Your servant is warned,
And in keeping them there is great reward.

19:12 Who can understand his errors?
Cleanse me from secret faults.

19:13 Keep back Your servant also from presumptuous sins;
Let them not have dominion over me.
Then I shall be blameless,
And I shall be innocent of great transgression.

19:14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart
Be acceptable in Your sight,
O Yahweh, my strength and my Redeemer.

Psalms 20:

20:1 May Yahweh answer you in the day of trouble;
May the name of the God of Jacob defend you;

20:2 May He send you help from the sanctuary,
And strengthen you out of Zion;

20:3 May He remember all your offerings,
And accept your burnt sacrifice. Selah

20:4 May He grant you according to your heart's desire,
And fulfill all your purpose.

20:5 We will rejoice in your salvation,
And in the name of our God we will set up our banners!

May Yahweh fulfill all your petitions.

20:6 Now I know that Yahweh saves His anointed;
He will answer him from His holy heaven

With the saving strength of His right hand.

20:7 Some trust in chariots, and some in horses;
But we will remember the name of Yahweh our God.

20:8 They have bowed down and fallen;
But we have risen and stand upright.

20:9 Save, Yahweh!
May the King answer us when we call.

Psalms 21:

21:1 The king shall have joy in Your strength, O Yahweh;
And in Your salvation how greatly shall he rejoice!

21:2 You have given him his heart's desire,
And have not withheld the request of his lips. Selah

21:3 For You meet him with the blessings of goodness;
You set a crown of pure gold upon his head.

21:4 He asked life from You, and You gave it to him-
Length of days forever and ever.

21:5 His glory is great in Your salvation;
Honor and majesty You have placed upon him.

21:6 For You have made him most blessed forever;
You have made him exceedingly glad with Your presence.

21:7 For the king trusts in Yahweh,
And through the mercy of the Most High he shall not be moved.

21:8 Your hand will find all Your enemies;
Your right hand will find those who hate You.

21:9 You shall make them as a fiery oven in the time of Your anger;
Yahweh shall swallow them up in His wrath,
And the fire shall devour them.

21:10 Their offspring You shall destroy from the earth,
And their descendants from among the sons of men.

21:11 For they intended evil against You;
They devised a plot which they are not able to perform.

21:12 Therefore You will make them turn their back;

You will make ready Your arrows on
Your string toward their faces.

21:13 Be exalted, O Yahweh, in Your
own strength!

We will sing and praise Your power.

Psalms 22:

22:1 My God, My God, why have You
forsaken Me?

Why are You so far from helping Me,
And from the words of My groaning?

22:2 O My God, I cry in the daytime, but
You do not hear;

And in the night season, and am not
silent.

22:3 But You are holy,
Enthroned in the praises of Israel.

22:4 Our fathers trusted in You;
They trusted, and You delivered them.

22:5 They cried to You, and were
delivered;

They trusted in You, and were not
ashamed.

22:6 But I am a worm, and no man;
A reproach of men, and despised by the
people.

22:7 All those who see Me ridicule Me;
They shoot out the lip, they shake the
head, saying,

22:8 "He trusted in Yahweh, let Him
rescue Him;

Let Him deliver Him, since He delights in
Him!"

22:9 But You are He who took Me out of
the womb;

You made Me trust while on My
mother's breasts.

22:10 I was cast upon You from birth.
From My mother's womb

You have been My God.

22:11 Be not far from Me,

For trouble is near;

For there is none to help.

22:12 Many bulls have surrounded Me;
Strong bulls of Bashan have encircled
Me.

22:13 They gape at Me with their
mouths,

Like a raging and roaring lion.

22:14 I am poured out like water,
And all My bones are out of joint;

My heart is like wax;

It has melted within Me.

22:15 My strength is dried up like a
potsherd,

And My tongue clings to My jaws;

You have brought Me to the dust of
death.

22:16 For dogs have surrounded Me;
The congregation of the wicked has
enclosed Me.

They pierced My hands and My feet;

22:17 I can count all My bones.

They look and stare at Me.

22:18 They divide My garments among
them,

And for My clothing they cast lots.

22:19 But You, O Yahweh, do not be far
from Me;

O My Strength, hasten to help Me!

22:20 Deliver Me from the sword,
My precious life from the power of the
dog.

22:21 Save Me from the lion's mouth
And from the horns of the wild oxen!

You have answered Me.

22:22 I will declare Your name to My
brethren;

In the midst of the assembly I will praise
You.

22:23 You who fear Yahweh, praise
Him!

All you descendants of Jacob, glorify
Him,

And fear Him, all you offspring of Israel!

22:24 For He has not despised nor
abhorred the affliction of the afflicted;
Nor has He hidden His face from Him;
But when He cried to Him, He heard.

22:25 My praise shall be of You in the
great assembly;

I will pay My vows before those who fear
Him.

22:26 The poor shall eat and be
satisfied;

Those who seek Him will praise
Yahweh.

Let your heart live forever!

22:27 All the ends of the world
Shall remember and turn to Yahweh,
And all the families of the nations

Shall worship before You.

22:28 For the kingdom is Yahweh's,
And He rules over the nations.

22:29 All the prosperous of the earth
Shall eat and worship;
All those who go down to the dust
Shall bow before Him,
Even he who cannot keep himself alive.

22:30 A posterity shall serve Him.
It will be recounted of Yahweh to the
next generation,

22:31 They will come and declare His
righteousness to a people who will be
born,
That He has done this.

Psalms 23:

23:1 Yahweh is my shepherd;
I shall not want.

23:2 He makes me to lie down in green
pastures;
He leads me beside the still waters.

23:3 He restores my spirit;
He leads me in the paths of
righteousness

For His name's sake.

23:4 Yea, though I walk through the
valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil;
For You are with me;
Your rod and Your staff, they comfort
me.

23:5 You prepare a table before me in
the presence of my enemies;
You anoint my head with oil;
My cup runs over.

23:6 Surely goodness and mercy shall
follow me
All the days of my life;
And I will dwell in the house of Yahweh
Forever.

Psalms 24:

24:1 The earth is Yahweh's, and all its
fullness,
The world and those who dwell therein.

24:2 For He has founded it upon the
seas,
And established it upon the waters.

24:3 Who may ascend into the hill of
Yahweh?
Or who may stand in His holy place?

24:4 He who has clean hands and a
pure heart,
Who has not lifted up his spirit to an idol,
Nor sworn deceitfully.

24:5 He shall receive blessing from
Yahweh,
And righteousness from the God of his
salvation.

24:6 This is Jacob, the generation of
those who seek Him,
Who seek Your face. Selah

24:7 Lift up your heads, O you gates!
And be lifted up, you everlasting doors!
And the King of glory shall come in.

24:8 Who is this King of glory?
Yahweh strong and mighty,
Yahweh mighty in battle.

24:9 Lift up your heads, O you gates!
Lift up, you everlasting doors!
And the King of glory shall come in.

24:10 Who is this King of glory?
Yahweh, God of hosts,
He is the King of glory. Selah

Psalms 25:

25:1 To You, O Yahweh, I lift up my
spirit.

25:2 O my God, I trust in You;
Let me not be ashamed;
Let not my enemies triumph over me.

25:3 Indeed, let no one who waits on
You be ashamed;
Let those be ashamed who deal
treacherously without cause.

25:4 Show me Your ways, O Yahweh;
Teach me Your paths.

25:5 Lead me in Your truth and teach
me,
For You are the God of my salvation;
On You I wait all the day.

25:6 Remember, O Yahweh, Your
tender mercies and Your
lovingkindnesses,
For they are from of old.

25:7 Do not remember the sins of my
youth, nor my transgressions;
According to Your mercy remember me,
For Your goodness' sake, O Yahweh.

25:8 Good and upright is Yahweh;
Therefore He teaches sinners in the
way.

25:9 The humble He guides in justice,
And the humble He teaches His way.
25:10 All the paths of Yahweh are
mercy and truth,
To such as keep His covenant and His
testimonies.
25:11 For Your name's sake, O
Yahweh,
Pardon my iniquity, for it is great.
25:12 Who is the man that fears
Yahweh?
Him shall He teach in the way He
chooses.
25:13 He himself shall dwell in
prosperity,
And his descendants shall inherit the
earth.
25:14 The secret of Yahweh is with
those who fear Him,
And He will show them His covenant.
25:15 My eyes are ever toward Yahweh,
For He shall pluck my feet out of the net.
25:16 Turn Yourself to me, and have
mercy on me,
For I am desolate and afflicted.
25:17 The troubles of my heart have
enlarged;
Bring me out of my distresses!
25:18 Look on my affliction and my pain,
And forgive all my sins.
25:19 Consider my enemies, for they
are many;
And they hate me with cruel hatred.
25:20 Keep my spirit, and deliver me;
Let me not be ashamed, for I put my
trust in You.
25:21 Let integrity and uprightness
preserve me,
For I wait for You.
25:22 Redeem Israel, O Yahweh,
Out of all their troubles!

Psalms 26:
26:1 Vindicate me, O Yahweh,
For I have walked in my integrity.
I have also trusted in Yahweh;
I shall not slip.
26:2 Examine me, O Yahweh, and
prove me;
Try my mind and my heart.

26:3 For Your lovingkindness is before
my eyes,
And I have walked in Your truth.
26:4 I have not sat with idolatrous
mortals,
Nor will I go in with hypocrites.
26:5 I have hated the assembly of
evildoers,
And will not sit with the wicked.
26:6 I will wash my hands in innocence;
So I will go about Your altar, O Yahweh,
26:7 That I may proclaim with the voice
of thanksgiving,
And tell of all Your wondrous works.
26:8 Yahweh, I have loved the
habitation of Your house,
And the place where Your glory dwells.
26:9 Do not gather my spirit with
sinners,
Nor my life with bloodthirsty men,
26:10 In whose hands is a sinister
scheme,
And whose right hand is full of bribes.
26:11 But as for me, I will walk in my
integrity;
Redeem me and be merciful to me.
26:12 My foot stands in an even place;
In the congregations I will bless
Yahweh.

Psalms 27:
27:1 Yahweh is my light and my
salvation;
Whom shall I fear?
Yahweh is the strength of my life;
Of whom shall I be afraid?
27:2 When the wicked came against me
To eat up my flesh,
My enemies and foes,
They stumbled and fell.
27:3 Though an army may encamp
against me,
My heart shall not fear;
Though war should rise against me,
In this I will be confident.
27:4 One thing I have desired of
Yahweh,
That will I seek:
That I may dwell in the house of
Yahweh
All the days of my life,

To behold the beauty of Yahweh,
 And to inquire in His temple.
27:5 For in the time of trouble
 He shall hide me in His pavilion;
 In the secret place of His tabernacle
 He shall hide me and set me high upon
 a rock.
27:6 And now my head shall be lifted up
 above my enemies all around me;
 Therefore I will offer sacrifices of joy in
 His tabernacle;
 I will sing, yes, I will sing praises to
 Yahweh.
27:7 Hear, O Yahweh, when I cry with
 my voice!
 Have mercy also upon me, and answer
 me.
27:8 When You said, "**Seek My face,**"
 My heart said to You, "Your face,
 Yahweh, I will seek."
27:9 Do not hide Your face from me;
 Do not turn Your servant away in anger;
 You have been my help;
 Do not leave me nor forsake me,
 O God of my salvation.
27:10 When my father and my mother
 forsake me,
 Then Yahweh will take care of me.
27:11 Teach me Your way, O Yahweh,
 And lead me in a smooth path, because
 of my enemies.
27:12 Do not deliver me to the will of my
 adversaries;
 For false witnesses have risen against
 me,
 And such as breathe out violence.
27:13 I would have lost heart, unless I
 had believed
 That I would see the goodness of
 Yahweh
 In the land of the living.
27:14 Wait on Yahweh;
 Be of good courage,
 And He shall strengthen your heart;
 Wait, I say, on Yahweh!
Psalms 28:
28:1 To You I will cry, O Yahweh my
 Rock:
 Do not be silent to me,
 Lest, if You are silent to me,

I become like those who go down to the
 pit.
28:2 Hear the voice of my supplications
 When I cry to You,
 When I lift up my hands toward Your
 holy sanctuary.
28:3 Do not take me away with the
 wicked
 And with the workers of iniquity,
 Who speak peace to their neighbors,
 But evil is in their hearts.
28:4 Give them according to their
 deeds,
 And according to the wickedness of their
 endeavors;
 Give them according to the work of their
 hands;
 Render to them what they deserve.
28:5 Because they do not regard the
 works of Yahweh,
 Nor the operation of His hands,
 He shall destroy them
 And not build them up.
28:6 Blessed be Yahweh,
 Because He has heard the voice of my
 supplications!
28:7 Yahweh is my strength and my
 shield;
 My heart trusted in Him, and I am
 helped;
 Therefore my heart greatly rejoices,
 And with my song I will praise Him.
28:8 Yahweh is their strength,
 And He is the saving refuge of His
 anointed.
28:9 Save Your people,
 And bless Your inheritance;
 Shepherd them also,
 And bear them up forever.
Psalms 29:
29:1 Give unto Yahweh, O you mighty
 ones,
 Give unto Yahweh glory and strength.
29:2 Give unto Yahweh the glory due to
 His name;
 Worship Yahweh in the beauty of
 holiness.
29:3 The voice of Yahweh is over the
 waters;
 The God of glory thunders;

Yahweh is over many waters.

29:4 The voice of Yahweh is powerful;
The voice of Yahweh is full of majesty.

29:5 The voice of Yahweh breaks the cedars,
Yes, Yahweh splinters the cedars of Lebanon.

29:6 He makes them also skip like a calf,
Lebanon and Sirion like a young wild ox.

29:7 The voice of Yahweh divides the flames of fire.

29:8 The voice of Yahweh shakes the wilderness;
Yahweh shakes the Wilderness of Kadesh.

29:9 The voice of Yahweh makes the deer give birth,
And strips the forests bare;
And in His temple everyone says,
"Glory!"

29:10 Yahweh sat enthroned at the Flood,
And Yahweh sits as King forever.

29:11 Yahweh will give strength to His people;
Yahweh will bless His people with peace.

Psalms 30:

30:1 I will extol You, O Yahweh, for You have lifted me up,
And have not let my foes rejoice over me.

30:2 O Yahweh my God, I cried out to You,
And You healed me.

30:3 O Yahweh, You brought my spirit up from the grave;
You have kept me alive, that I should not go down to the pit.

30:4 Sing praise to Yahweh, You saints of His,
And give thanks at the remembrance of His holy name.

30:5 For His anger is but for a moment,
His favor is for life;
Weeping may endure for a night,
But joy comes in the morning.

30:6 Now in my prosperity I said,
"I shall never be moved."

30:7 Yahweh, by Your favor You have made my mountain stand strong;
You hid Your face, and I was troubled.

30:8 I cried out to You, O Yahweh;
And to Yahweh I made supplication:

30:9 "What profit is there in my blood,
When I go down to the pit?

Will the dust praise You?

Will it declare Your truth?

30:10 Hear, O Yahweh, and have mercy on me;

Yahweh, be my helper!"

30:11 You have turned for me my mourning into dancing;

You have put off my sackcloth and clothed me with gladness,

30:12 To the end that my glory may sing praise to You and not be silent. O Yahweh my God, I will give thanks to You forever.

Psalms 31:

31:1 In You, O Yahweh, I put my trust;
Let me never be ashamed;
Deliver me in Your righteousness.

31:2 Bow down Your ear to me,
Deliver me speedily;

Be my rock of refuge,
A fortress of defense to save me.

31:3 For You are my rock and my fortress;

Therefore, for Your name's sake,
Lead me and guide me.

31:4 Pull me out of the net which they have secretly laid for me,
For You are my strength.

31:5 Into Your hand I commit my spirit;
You have redeemed me, O Yahweh the God of truth.

31:6 I have hated those who regard useless idols;

But I trust in Yahweh.

31:7 I will be glad and rejoice in Your mercy,

For You have considered my trouble;
You have known my spirit in adversities,

31:8 And have not shut me up into the hand of the enemy;

You have set my feet in a wide place.

31:9 Have mercy on me, O Yahweh, for I am in trouble;

My eye wastes away with grief,
Yes, my spirit and my body!
31:10 For my life is spent with grief,
And my years with sighing;
My strength fails because of my iniquity,
And my bones waste away.
31:11 I am a reproach among all my
enemies,
But especially among my neighbors,
And am repulsive to my acquaintances;
Those who see me outside flee from
me.
31:12 I am forgotten like a dead man,
out of mind;
I am like a broken vessel.
31:13 For I hear the slander of many;
Fear is on every side;
While they take counsel together
against me,
They scheme to take away my life.
31:14 But as for me, I trust in You, O
Yahweh;
I say, "You are my God."
31:15 My times are in Your hand;
Deliver me from the hand of my
enemies,
And from those who persecute me.
31:16 Make Your face shine upon Your
servant;
Save me for Your mercies' sake.
31:17 Do not let me be ashamed, O
Yahweh, for I have called upon You;
Let the wicked be ashamed;
Let them be silent in the grave.
31:18 Let the lying lips be put to silence,
Which speak insolent things proudly and
contemptuously against the righteous.
31:19 Oh, how great is Your goodness,
Which You have laid up for those who
fear You,
Which You have prepared for those who
trust in You
In the presence of the sons of men!
31:20 You shall hide them in the secret
place of Your presence
From the plots of man;
You shall keep them secretly in a
pavilion
From the strife of tongues.
31:21 Blessed be Yahweh,

For He has shown me His marvelous
kindness in a strong city!
31:22 For I said in my haste,
"I am cut off from before Your eyes";
Nevertheless You heard the voice of my
supplications
When I cried out to You.
31:23 Oh, love Yahweh, all you His
saints!
For Yahweh preserves the faithful,
And fully repays the proud person.
31:24 Be of good courage,
And He shall strengthen your heart,
All you who hope in Yahweh.
Psalms 32:
32:1 Blessed is he whose transgression
is forgiven,
Whose sin is covered.
32:2 Blessed is the man to whom
Yahweh does not impute iniquity,
And in whose spirit there is no deceit.
32:3 When I kept silent, my bones grew
old
Through my groaning all the day long.
32:4 For day and night Your hand was
heavy upon me;
My vitality was turned into the drought of
summer. Selah
32:5 I acknowledged my sin to You,
And my iniquity I have not hidden.
I said, "I will confess my transgressions
to Yahweh,"
And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.
Selah
32:6 For this cause everyone who is
godly shall pray to You
In a time when You may be found;
Surely in a flood of great waters
They shall not come near him.
32:7 You are my hiding place;
You shall preserve me from trouble;
You shall surround me with songs of
deliverance. Selah
32:8 I will instruct you and teach you in
the way you should go;
I will guide you with My eye.
32:9 Do not be like the horse or like the
mule,
Which have no understanding,

Which must be harnessed with bit and
bridle,
Else they will not come near you.
32:10 Many sorrows shall be to the
wicked;
But he who trusts in Yahweh, mercy
shall surround him.
32:11 Be glad in Yahweh and rejoice,
you righteous;
And shout for joy, all you upright in
heart!

Psalms 33:

33:1 Rejoice in Yahweh, O you
righteous!
For praise from the upright is beautiful.
33:2 Praise Yahweh with the harp;
Make melody to Him with an instrument
of ten strings.
33:3 Sing to Him a new song;
Play skillfully with a shout of joy.
33:4 For the word of Yahweh is right,
And all His work is done in truth.
33:5 He loves righteousness and
justice;
The earth is full of the goodness of
Yahweh.
33:6 By the word of Yahweh the skies
were made,
And all the host of them by the breath of
His mouth.
33:7 He gathers the waters of the sea
together as a heap;
He lays up the deep in storehouses.
33:8 Let all the earth fear Yahweh;
Let all the inhabitants of the world stand
in awe of Him.
33:9 For He spoke, and it was done;
He commanded, and it stood fast.
33:10 Yahweh brings the counsel of the
nations to nothing;
He makes the plans of the peoples of no
effect.
33:11 The counsel of Yahweh stands
forever,
The plans of His heart to all generations.
33:12 Blessed is the nation whose God
is Yahweh,
The people He has chosen as His own
inheritance.
33:13 Yahweh looks from heaven;

He sees all the sons of men.
33:14 From the place of His dwelling He
looks
On all the inhabitants of the earth;
33:15 He fashions their hearts
individually;
He considers all their works.
33:16 No king is saved by the multitude
of an army;
A mighty man is not delivered by great
strength.
33:17 A horse is a vain hope for safety;
Neither shall it deliver any by its great
strength.
33:18 Behold, the eye of Yahweh is on
those who fear Him,
On those who hope in His mercy,
33:19 To deliver their body from death,
And to keep them alive in famine.
33:20 Our spirit waits for Yahweh;
He is our help and our shield.
33:21 For our heart shall rejoice in Him,
Because we have trusted in His holy
name.
33:22 Let Your mercy, O Yahweh, be
upon us,
Just as we hope in You.

Psalms 34:

34:1 I will bless Yahweh at all times;
His praise shall continually be in my
mouth.
34:2 My spirit shall make its boast in
Yahweh;
The humble shall hear of it and be glad.
34:3 Oh, magnify Yahweh with me,
And let us exalt His name together.
34:4 I sought Yahweh, and He heard
me,
And delivered me from all my fears.
34:5 They looked to Him and were
radiant,
And their faces were not ashamed.
34:6 This poor man cried out, and
Yahweh heard him, And saved him out
of all his troubles.
34:7 The angel of Yahweh encamps all
around those who fear Him,
And delivers them.
34:8 Oh, taste and see that Yahweh is
good;

Blessed is the man who trusts in Him!
34:9 Oh, fear Yahweh, you His saints!
There is no want to those who fear Him.
34:10 The young lions lack and suffer
hunger;
But those who seek Yahweh shall not
lack any good thing.
34:11 Come, you children, listen to me;
I will teach you the fear of Yahweh.
34:12 Who is the man who desires life,
And loves many days, that he may see
good?
34:13 Keep your tongue from evil,
And your lips from speaking deceit.
34:14 Depart from evil and do good;
Seek peace and pursue it.
34:15 The eyes of Yahweh are on the
righteous,
And His ears are open to their cry.
34:16 The face of Yahweh is against
those who do evil,
To cut off the remembrance of them
from the earth.
34:17 The righteous cry out, and
Yahweh hears,
And delivers them out of all their
troubles.
34:18 Yahweh is near to those who
have a broken heart,
And saves such as have a contrite spirit.
34:19 Many are the afflictions of the
righteous,
But Yahweh delivers him out of them all.
34:20 He guards all his bones;
Not one of them is broken.
34:21 Evil shall slay the wicked,
And those who hate the righteous shall
be condemned.
34:22 Yahweh redeems the spirit of His
servants,
And none of those who trust in Him shall
be condemned.

Psalms 35:
35:1 Plead my cause, O Yahweh, with
those who strive with me;
Fight against those who fight against
me.
35:2 Take hold of shield and buckler,
And stand up for my help.
35:3 Also draw out the spear,

And stop those who pursue me.
Say to my spirit,
"I am your salvation."
35:4 Let those be put to shame and
brought to dishonor
Who seek after my life;
Let those be turned back and brought to
confusion
Who plot my hurt.
35:5 Let them be like chaff before the
wind,
And let the angel of Yahweh chase
them.
35:6 Let their way be dark and slippery,
And let the angel of Yahweh pursue
them.
35:7 For without cause they have
hidden their net for me in a pit,
Which they have dug without cause for
my life.
35:8 Let destruction come upon him
unexpectedly,
And let his net that he has hidden catch
himself;
Into that very destruction let him fall.
35:9 And my spirit shall be joyful in
Yahweh;
It shall rejoice in His salvation.
35:10 All my bones shall say,
"Yahweh, who is like You,
Delivering the poor from him who is too
strong for him,
Yes, the poor and the needy from him
who plunders him?"
35:11 Fierce witnesses rise up;
They ask me things that I do not know.
35:12 They reward me evil for good,
To the sorrow of my spirit.
35:13 But as for me, when they were
sick,
My clothing was sackcloth;
I humbled myself with fasting;
And my prayer would return to my own
heart.
35:14 I paced about as though he were
my friend or brother;
I bowed down heavily, as one who
mourns for his mother.
35:15 But in my adversity they rejoiced
And gathered together;

Attackers gathered against me,
And I did not know it;
They tore at me and did not cease;
35:16 With ungodly mockers at feasts
They gnashed at me with their teeth.
35:17 Lord, how long will You look on?
Rescue me from their destructions,
My precious life from the lions.
35:18 I will give You thanks in the great
assembly;
I will praise You among many people.
35:19 Let them not rejoice over me who
are wrongfully my enemies;
Nor let them wink with the eye who hate
me without a cause.
35:20 For they do not speak peace,
But they devise deceitful matters
Against the quiet ones in the land.
35:21 They also opened their mouth
wide against me,
And said,
"Aha, aha!
Our eyes have seen it."
35:22 This You have seen, O Yahweh;
Do not keep silence.
O Lord, do not be far from me.
35:23 Stir up Yourself, and awake to my
vindication,
To my cause, my God and my Lord.
35:24 Vindicate me, O Yahweh my God,
according to Your righteousness;
And let them not rejoice over me.
35:25 Let them not say in their hearts,
"Ah, so we would have it!"
Let them not say, "We have swallowed
him up."
35:26 Let them be ashamed and
brought to mutual confusion
Who rejoice at my hurt;
Let them be clothed with shame and
dishonor
Who exalt themselves against me.
35:27 Let them shout for joy and be
glad,
Who favor my righteous cause;
And let them say continually,
"Let Yahweh be magnified,
Who has pleasure in the prosperity of
His servant."

35:28 And my tongue shall speak of
Your righteousness
And of Your praise all the day long.

Psalms 36:

36:1 An oracle within my heart
concerning the transgression of the
wicked:
There is no fear of Yahweh before his
eyes.
36:2 For he flatters himself in his own
eyes,
When he finds out his iniquity and when
he hates.
36:3 The words of his mouth are
wickedness and deceit;
He has ceased to be wise and to do
good.
36:4 He devises wickedness on his bed;
He sets himself in a way that is not
good;
He does not abhor evil.
36:5 Your mercy, O Yahweh, is in the
heavens;
Your faithfulness reaches to the clouds.
36:6 Your righteousness is like the great
mountains;
Your judgments are a great deep;
O Yahweh, You preserve man and
beast.
36:7 How precious is Your
lovingkindness, O Yahweh!
Therefore the children of men put their
trust under the shadow of Your wings.
36:8 They are abundantly satisfied with
the fullness of Your house,
And You give them drink from the river
of Your pleasures.
36:9 For with You is the fountain of life;
In Your light we see light.
36:10 Oh, continue Your lovingkindness
to those who know You,
And Your righteousness to the upright in
heart.
36:11 Let not the foot of pride come
against me,
And let not the hand of the wicked drive
me away.
36:12 There the workers of iniquity have
fallen;

They have been cast down and are not able to rise.

Psalms 37:

37:1 Do not fret because of evildoers,
Nor be envious of the workers of iniquity.

37:2 For they shall soon be cut down like the grass,
And wither as the green herb.

37:3 Trust in Yahweh, and do good;
Dwell in the land, and feed on His faithfulness.

37:4 Delight yourself also in Yahweh,
And He shall give you the desires of your heart.

37:5 Commit your way to Yahweh,
Trust also in Him,
And He shall bring it to pass.

37:6 He shall bring forth your righteousness as the light,
And your justice as the noonday.

37:7 Rest in Yahweh, and wait patiently for Him;

Do not fret because of him who prospers in his way,
Because of the man who brings wicked schemes to pass.

37:8 Cease from anger, and forsake wrath;

Do not fret-it only causes harm.

37:9 For evildoers shall be cut off;
But those who wait on Yahweh,
They shall inherit the earth.

37:10 For yet a little while and the wicked shall be no more;
Indeed, you will look carefully for his place,
But it shall be no more.

37:11 But the meek shall inherit the earth,
And shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace.

37:12 The wicked plots against the just,
And gnashes at him with his teeth.

37:13 Yahweh laughs at him,
For He sees that his day is coming.

37:14 The wicked have drawn the sword
And have bent their bow,
To cast down the poor and needy,

To slay those who are of upright conduct.

37:15 Their sword shall enter their own heart,
And their bows shall be broken.

37:16 A little that a righteous man has
Is better than the riches of many wicked.

37:17 For the arms of the wicked shall be broken,
But Yahweh upholds the righteous.

37:18 Yahweh knows the days of the upright,
And their inheritance shall be forever.

37:19 They shall not be ashamed in the evil time,
And in the days of famine they shall be satisfied.

37:20 But the wicked shall perish;
And the enemies of Yahweh,
Like the splendor of the meadows, shall vanish.

Into smoke they shall vanish away.

37:21 The wicked borrows and does not repay,
But the righteous shows mercy and gives.

37:22 For those blessed by Him shall inherit the earth,
But those cursed by Him shall be cut off.

37:23 The steps of a good man are ordered by Yahweh,
And He delights in his way.

37:24 Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down;
For Yahweh upholds him with His hand.

37:25 I have been young, and now am old;
Yet I have not seen the righteous forsaken,

Nor his descendants begging bread.

37:26 He is ever merciful, and lends;
And his descendants are blessed.

37:27 Depart from evil, and do good;
And dwell forevermore.

37:28 For Yahweh loves justice,
And does not forsake His saints;
They are preserved forever,

But the descendants of the wicked shall be cut off.

37:29 The righteous shall inherit the land,
 And dwell in it forever.
37:30 The mouth of the righteous speaks wisdom,
 And his tongue talks of justice.
37:31 The law of his God is in his heart;
 None of his steps shall slide.
37:32 The wicked watches the righteous,
 And seeks to slay him.
37:33 Yahweh will not leave him in his hand,
 Nor condemn him when he is judged.
37:34 Wait on Yahweh,
 And keep His way,
 And He shall exalt you to inherit the land;
 When the wicked are cut off, you shall see it.
37:35 I have seen the wicked in great power,
 And spreading himself like a native green tree.
37:36 Yet he passed away, and behold, he was no more;
 Indeed I sought him, but he could not be found.
37:37 Mark the blameless man, and observe the upright;
 For the future of that man is peace.
37:38 But the transgressors shall be destroyed together;
 The future of the wicked shall be cut off.
37:39 But the salvation of the righteous is from Yahweh;
 He is their strength in the time of trouble.
37:40 And Yahweh shall help them and deliver them;
 He shall deliver them from the wicked,
 And save them,
 Because they trust in Him.

Psalms 38:

38:1 O Yahweh, do not rebuke me in Your wrath,
 Nor chasten me in Your hot displeasure!
38:2 For Your arrows pierce me deeply,
 And Your hand presses me down.
38:3 There is no soundness in my flesh

Because of Your anger,
 Nor any health in my bones
 Because of my sin.
38:4 For my iniquities have gone over my head;
 Like a heavy burden they are too heavy for me.
38:5 My wounds are foul and festering
 Because of my foolishness.
38:6 I am troubled, I am bowed down greatly;
 I go mourning all the day long.
38:7 For my loins are full of inflammation,
 And there is no soundness in my flesh.
38:8 I am feeble and severely broken;
 I groan because of the turmoil of my heart.
38:9 Lord, all my desire is before You;
 And my sighing is not hidden from You.
38:10 My heart pants, my strength fails me;
 As for the light of my eyes, it also has gone from me.
38:11 My loved ones and my friends stand aloof from my plague, And my relatives stand afar off.
38:12 Those also who seek my life lay snares for me;
 Those who seek my hurt speak of destruction,
 And plan deception all the day long.
38:13 But I, like a deaf man, do not hear;
 And I am like a mute who does not open his mouth.
38:14 Thus I am like a man who does not hear,
 And in whose mouth is no response.
38:15 For in You, O Yahweh, I hope;
 You will hear, O Lord my God.
38:16 For I said, "Hear me, lest they rejoice over me,
 Lest, when my foot slips, they exalt themselves against me."
38:17 For I am ready to fall,
 And my sorrow is continually before me.
38:18 For I will declare my iniquity;
 I will be in anguish over my sin.

38:19 But my enemies are vigorous,
and they are strong;
And those who hate me wrongfully have
multiplied.

38:20 Those also who render evil for
good,
They are my adversaries, because I
follow what is good.

38:21 Do not forsake me, O Yahweh;
O my God, be not far from me!

38:22 Make haste to help me,
O Lord, my salvation!

Psalms 39:

39:1 I said, "I will guard my ways,
Lest I sin with my tongue;
I will restrain my mouth with a muzzle,
While the wicked are before me."

39:2 I was mute with silence,
I held my peace even from good;
And my sorrow was stirred up.

39:3 My heart was hot within me;
While I was musing, the fire burned.
Then I spoke with my tongue:

39:4 "Yahweh, make me to know my
end,
And what is the measure of my days,
That I may know how frail I am.

39:5 Indeed, You have made my days
as handbreadths,
And my age is as nothing before You;
Certainly every man at his best state is
but vapor. Selah

39:6 Surely every man walks about like
a shadow;
Surely they busy themselves in vain;
He heaps up riches,
And does not know who will gather
them.

39:7 "And now, Lord, what do I wait for?
My hope is in You.

39:8 Deliver me from all my
transgressions;
Do not make me the reproach of the
foolish.

39:9 I was mute, I did not open my
mouth,
Because it was You who did it.

39:10 Remove Your plague from me;
I am consumed by the blow of Your
hand.

39:11 When with rebukes You correct
man for iniquity,
You make his beauty melt away like a
moth;

Surely every man is vapor. Selah
39:12 "Hear my prayer, O Yahweh,
And give ear to my cry;
Do not be silent at my tears;
For I am a stranger with You,
A sojourner, as all my fathers were.

39:13 Remove Your gaze from me, that
I may regain strength,
Before I go away and am no more."

Psalms 40:

40:1 I waited patiently for Yahweh;
And He inclined to me,
And heard my cry.

40:2 He also brought me up out of a
horrible pit,
Out of the miry clay,
And set my feet upon a rock,
And established my steps.

40:3 He has put a new song in my
mouth-
Praise to our God;
Many will see it and fear,
And will trust in Yahweh.

40:4 Blessed is that man who makes
Yahweh his trust,
And does not respect the proud, nor
such as turn aside to lies.

40:5 Many, O Yahweh my God, are
Your wonderful works
Which You have done;
And Your thoughts toward us
Cannot be recounted to You in order;
If I would declare and speak of them,
They are more than can be numbered.

40:6 Sacrifice and offering You did not
desire;
My ears You have opened.
Burnt offering and sin offering You did
not require.

40:7 Then I said, "Behold, I come;
In the scroll of the book it is written of
me.

40:8 I delight to do Your will, O my God,
And Your law is within my heart."

40:9 I have proclaimed the good news
of righteousness

In the great assembly;
 Indeed, I do not restrain my lips,
 O Yahweh, You Yourself know.
40:10 I have not hidden Your
 righteousness within my heart;
 I have declared Your faithfulness and
 Your salvation;
 I have not concealed Your
 lovingkindness and Your truth
 From the great assembly.
40:11 Do not withhold Your tender
 mercies from me, O Yahweh;
 Let Your lovingkindness and Your truth
 continually preserve me.
40:12 For innumerable evils have
 surrounded me;
 My iniquities have overtaken me, so that
 I am not able to look up;
 They are more than the hairs of my
 head;
 Therefore my heart fails me.
40:13 Be pleased, O Yahweh, to deliver
 me;
 O Yahweh, make haste to help me!
40:14 Let them be ashamed and
 brought to mutual confusion
 Who seek to destroy my life;
 Let them be driven backward and
 brought to dishonor
 Who wish me evil.
40:15 Let them be confounded because
 of their shame,
 Who say to me, "Aha, aha!"
40:16 Let all those who seek You
 rejoice and be glad in You;
 Let such as love Your salvation say
 continually,
 "Yahweh be magnified!"
40:17 But I am poor and needy;
 Yet Yahweh thinks upon me.
 You are my help and my deliverer;
 Do not delay, O my God.

Psalms 41:

41:1 Blessed is he who considers the
 poor;
 Yahweh will deliver him in time of
 trouble.
41:2 Yahweh will preserve him and
 keep him alive,
 And he will be blessed on the earth;

You will not deliver him to the will of his
 enemies.

41:3 Yahweh will strengthen him on his
 bed of illness;

You will sustain him on his sickbed.

41:4 I said, "Yahweh, be merciful to me;
 Heal my body, for I have sinned against
 You."

41:5 My enemies speak evil of me:
 "When will he die, and his name
 perish?"

41:6 And if he comes to see me, he
 speaks lies;

His heart gathers iniquity to itself;
 When he goes out, he tells it.

41:7 All who hate me whisper together
 against me;
 Against me they devise my hurt.

41:8 "An evil disease," they say, "clings
 to him.

And now that he lies down, he will rise
 up no more."

41:9 Even my own familiar friend in
 whom I trusted, Who ate my bread,
 Has lifted up his heel against me.

41:10 But You, O Yahweh, be merciful
 to me, and raise me up, That I may
 repay them.

41:11 By this I know that You are well
 pleased with me,
 Because my enemy does not triumph
 over me.

41:12 As for me, You uphold me in my
 integrity,
 And set me before Your face forever.

41:13 Blessed be Yahweh the God of
 Israel
 From everlasting to everlasting!
 Amam and Amam.

Psalms 42:

42:1 As the deer pants for the water
 brooks,

So pants my spirit for You, O Yahweh.

42:2 My spirit thirsts for Yahweh, for the
 living God.

When shall I come and appear before
 Yahweh?

42:3 My tears have been my food day
 and night,
 While they continually say to me,

"Where is your God?"

42:4 When I remember these things,
I pour out my spirit within me.
For I used to go with the multitude;
I went with them to the house of
Yahweh,
With the voice of joy and praise,
With a multitude that kept a pilgrim
feast.

42:5 Why are you cast down, O my
spirit?
And why are you disquieted within me?
Hope in Yahweh, for I shall yet praise
Him
For the help of His countenance.

42:6 O my God, my spirit is cast down
within me;
Therefore I will remember You from the
land of the Jordan,
And from the heights of Hermon,
From the Hill Mizar.

42:7 Deep calls unto deep at the noise
of Your waterfalls;
All Your waves and billows have gone
over me.

42:8 Yahweh will command His
lovingkindness in the daytime,
And in the night His song shall be with
me-

A prayer to the God of my life.

42:9 I will say to Yahweh my Rock,
"Why have You forgotten me?
Why do I go mourning because of the
oppression of the enemy?"

42:10 As with a breaking of my bones,
My enemies reproach me,
While they say to me all day long,
"Where is your God?"

42:11 Why are you cast down, O my
spirit?
And why are you disquieted within me?
Hope in Yahweh;
For I shall yet praise Him,
The help of my countenance and my
God.

Psalms 43:

43:1 Vindicate me, O Yahweh,
And plead my cause against an ungodly
nation;

Oh, deliver me from the deceitful and
unjust man!

43:2 For You are the God of my
strength;
Why do You cast me off?
Why do I go mourning because of the
oppression of the enemy?

43:3 Oh, send out Your light and Your
truth!
Let them lead me;
Let them bring me to Your holy hill
And to Your tabernacle.

43:4 Then I will go to the altar of
Yahweh,
To Yahweh my exceeding joy;
And on the harp I will praise You,
O Yahweh, my God.

43:5 Why are you cast down, O my
spirit?
And why are you disquieted within me?
Hope in Yahweh;
For I shall yet praise Him,
The help of my countenance and my
God.

Psalms 44:

44:1 We have heard with our ears, O
Yahweh,
Our fathers have told us,
The deeds You did in their days,
In days of old:

44:2 You drove out the nations with
Your hand,
But them You planted;
You afflicted the peoples, and cast them
out.

44:3 For they did not gain possession of
the land by their own sword,
Nor did their own arm save them;
But it was Your right hand, Your arm,
and the light of Your countenance,
Because You favored them.

44:4 You are my King, O Yahweh;
Command victories for Jacob.

44:5 Through You we will push down
our enemies;
Through Your name we will trample
those who rise up against us.

44:6 For I will not trust in my bow,
Nor shall my sword save me.

44:7 But You have saved us from our enemies,
And have put to shame those who hated us.

44:8 In Yahweh we boast all day long,
And praise Your name forever. Selah

44:9 But You have cast us off and put us to shame,
And You do not go out with our armies.

44:10 You make us turn back from the enemy,
And those who hate us have taken spoil for themselves.

44:11 You have given us up like sheep intended for food,
And have scattered us among the nations.

44:12 You sell Your people for next to nothing,
And are not enriched by selling them.

44:13 You make us a reproach to our neighbors,
A scorn and a derision to those all around us.

44:14 You make us a byword among the nations,
A shaking of the head among the peoples.

44:15 My dishonor is continually before me,
And the shame of my face has covered me,

44:16 Because of the voice of him who reproaches and reviles,
Because of the enemy and the avenger.

44:17 All this has come upon us;
But we have not forgotten You,
Nor have we dealt falsely with Your covenant.

44:18 Our heart has not turned back,
Nor have our steps departed from Your way;

44:19 But You have severely broken us in the place of jackals,
And covered us with the shadow of death.

44:20 If we had forgotten the name of our God,
Or stretched out our hands to a foreign god,

44:21 Would not Yahweh search this out?

For He knows the secrets of the heart.

44:22 Yet for Your sake we are killed all day long;

We are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.

44:23 Awake! Why do You sleep, O Lord?

Arise! Do not cast us off forever.

44:24 Why do You hide Your face,
And forget our affliction and our oppression?

44:25 For our body is bowed down to the dust;

Our body clings to the ground.

44:26 Arise for our help,
And redeem us for Your mercies' sake.

Psalms 45:

45:1 My heart is overflowing with a good theme;

I recite my composition concerning the King;

My tongue is the pen of a ready writer.

45:2 You are fairer than the sons of men;

Grace is poured upon Your lips;
Therefore Yahweh has blessed You forever.

45:3 Gird Your sword upon Your thigh,
O Mighty One,

With Your glory and Your majesty.

45:4 And in Your majesty ride prosperously because of truth, humility,
and righteousness;

And Your right hand shall teach You awesome things.

45:5 Your arrows are sharp in the heart of the King's enemies;

The peoples fall under You.

45:6 Your throne, O Yahweh, is forever and ever;

A scepter of righteousness is the scepter of Your kingdom.

45:7 You love righteousness and hate wickedness;

Therefore Yahweh, Your God, has anointed You

With the oil of gladness more than Your companions.

45:8 All Your garments are scented with myrrh and aloes and cassia,
Out of the ivory palaces, by which they have made You glad.

45:9 Kings' daughters are among Your honorable women;
At Your right hand stands the queen in gold from Ophir.

45:10 Listen, O daughter,
Consider and incline your ear;
Forget your own people also, and your father's house;

45:11 So the King will greatly desire your beauty;
Because He is your Lord, worship Him.

45:12 And the daughter of Tyre will come with a gift;
The rich among the people will seek your favor.

45:13 The royal daughter is all glorious within the palace;
Her clothing is woven with gold.

45:14 She shall be brought to the King in robes of many colors;
The virgins, her companions who follow her, shall be brought to You.

45:15 With gladness and rejoicing they shall be brought;
They shall enter the King's palace.

45:16 Instead of Your fathers shall be Your sons,
Whom You shall make princes in all the earth.

45:17 I will make Your name to be remembered in all generations;
Therefore the people shall praise You forever and ever.

Psalms 46:

46:1 Yahweh is our refuge and strength,
A very present help in trouble.

46:2 Therefore we will not fear,
Even though the earth be removed,
And though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea;

46:3 Though its waters roar and be troubled,
Though the mountains shake with its swelling. Selah

46:4 There is a river whose streams shall make glad the city of Yahweh,

The holy place of the tabernacle of the Most High.

46:5 Yahweh is in the midst of her, she shall not be moved;
Yahweh shall help her, just at the break of dawn.

46:6 The nations raged, the kingdoms were moved;
He uttered His voice, the earth melted.

46:7 Yahweh, God of hosts is with us;
The God of Jacob is our refuge. Selah

46:8 Come, behold the works of Yahweh,
Who has made desolations in the earth.

46:9 He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;

He breaks the bow and cuts the spear in two;
He burns the chariot in the fire.

46:10 Be still, and know that I am Yahweh;

I will be exalted among the nations,
I will be exalted in the earth!

46:11 Yahweh, God of hosts is with us;
The God of Jacob is our refuge. Selah

Psalms 47:

47:1 Oh, clap your hands, all you peoples!

Shout to Yahweh with the voice of triumph!

47:2 For Yahweh Most High is awesome;

He is a great King over all the earth.

47:3 He will subdue the peoples under us,
And the nations under our feet.

47:4 He will choose our inheritance for us,
The excellence of Jacob whom He loves. Selah

47:5 Yahweh has gone up with a shout,
Yahweh with the sound of a trumpet.

47:6 Sing praises to Yahweh, sing praises!

Sing praises to our King, sing praises!

47:7 For Yahweh is the King of all the earth;

Sing praises with understanding.

47:8 Yahweh reigns over the nations;
Yahweh sits on His holy throne.

47:9 The princes of the people have gathered together,
The people of the God of Abraham.
For the shields of the earth belong to Yahweh;
He is greatly exalted.

Psalms 48:

48:1 Great is Yahweh, and greatly to be praised

In the city of our God,
In His holy mountain.

48:2 Beautiful in elevation,
The joy of the whole earth,
Is Mount Zion on the sides of the north,
The city of the great King.

48:3 Yahweh is in her palaces;
He is known as her refuge.

48:4 For behold, the kings assembled,
They passed by together.

48:5 They saw it, and so they marveled;
They were troubled, they hastened away.

48:6 Fear took hold of them there,
And pain, as of a woman in birth pangs,

48:7 As when You break the ships of
Tarshish
With an east wind.

48:8 As we have heard,
So we have seen
In the city of Yahweh, God of hosts,
In the city of our God:
Yahweh will establish it forever. Selah

48:9 We have thought, O Yahweh, on
Your lovingkindness,
In the midst of Your temple.

48:10 According to Your name, O
Yahweh,
So is Your praise to the ends of the
earth;
Your right hand is full of righteousness.

48:11 Let Mount Zion rejoice,
Let the daughters of Judah be glad,
Because of Your judgments.

48:12 Walk about Zion,
And go all around her.
Count her towers;

48:13 Mark well her bulwarks;
Consider her palaces;
That you may tell it to the generation
following.

48:14 For this is Yahweh,
Our God forever and ever;
He will be our guide
Even to death.

Psalms 49:

49:1 Hear this, all peoples;
Give ear, all inhabitants of the world,

49:2 Both low and high,
Rich and poor together.

49:3 My mouth shall speak wisdom,
And the meditation of my heart shall
give understanding.

49:4 I will incline my ear to a proverb;
I will disclose my dark saying on the
harp.

49:5 Why should I fear in the days of
evil,
When the iniquity at my heels surrounds
me?

49:6 Those who trust in their wealth
And boast in the multitude of their
riches,

49:7 None of them can by any means
redeem his brother,

Nor give to Yahweh a ransom for him-

49:8 For the redemption of their spirits is
costly,
And it shall cease forever-

49:9 That he should continue to live
eternally,
And not see the Pit.

49:10 For he sees wise men die;
Likewise the fool and the senseless
person perish,
And leave their wealth to others.

49:11 Their inner thought is that their
houses will last forever,
Their dwelling places to all generations;
They call their lands after their own
names.

49:12 Nevertheless man, though in
honor, does not remain;
He is like the beasts that perish.

49:13 This is the way of those who are
foolish,
And of their posterity who approve their
sayings. Selah

49:14 Like sheep they are laid in the
grave;
Death shall feed on them;

The upright shall have dominion over them in the morning;
And their beauty shall be consumed in the grave, far from their dwelling.
49:15 But Yahweh will redeem my spirit from the power of the grave,
For He shall receive me. Selah
49:16 Do not be afraid when one becomes rich,
When the glory of his house is increased;
49:17 For when he dies he shall carry nothing away;
His glory shall not descend after him.
49:18 Though while he lives he blesses himself
(*For men will praise you when you do well for yourself*),
49:19 He shall go to the generation of his fathers;
They shall never see light.
49:20 A man who is in honor, yet does not understand,
Is like the beasts that perish.

Psalms 50:

50:1 The Mighty One, Yahweh,
Has spoken and called the earth
From the rising of the sun to its going down.
50:2 Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty,
Yahweh will shine forth.
50:3 Our God shall come, and shall not keep silent;
A fire shall devour before Him,
And it shall be very tempestuous all around Him.
50:4 He shall call to the heavens from above,
And to the earth, that He may judge His people:
50:5 "Gather My saints together to Me,
Those who have made a covenant with Me by sacrifice."
50:6 Let the heavens declare His righteousness,
For Yahweh Himself is Judge. Selah
50:7 "Hear, O My people, and I will speak,
O Israel, and I will testify against you;

I am Yahweh, your God!
50:8 I will not rebuke you for your sacrifices
Or your burnt offerings,
Which are continually before Me.
50:9 I will not take a bull from your house,
Nor goats out of your folds.
50:10 For every beast of the forest is Mine,
And the cattle on a thousand hills.
50:11 I know all the birds of the mountains,
And the wild beasts of the field are Mine.
50:12 "If I were hungry, I would not tell you;
For the world is Mine, and all its fullness.
50:13 Will I eat the flesh of bulls,
Or drink the blood of goats?
50:14 Offer to Yahweh thanksgiving,
And pay your vows to the Most High.
50:15 Call upon Me in the day of trouble;
I will deliver you, and you shall glorify Me."
50:16 But to the wicked Yahweh says:
"What right have you to declare My statutes,
Or take My covenant in your mouth,
50:17 Seeing you hate instruction
And cast My words behind you?
50:18 When you saw a thief, you consented with him, And have been a partaker with adulterers.
50:19 You give your mouth to evil,
And your tongue frames deceit.
50:20 You sit and speak against your brother;
You slander your own mother's son.
50:21 These things you have done, and I kept silent;
You thought that I was altogether like you;
But I will rebuke you,
And set them in order before your eyes.
50:22 "Now consider this, you who forget Yahweh,
Lest I tear you in pieces,

And there be none to deliver:
50:23 Whoever offers praise glorifies
Me;
And to him who orders his conduct
aright
I will show the salvation of Yahweh."

Psalms 51:

51:1 Have mercy upon me, O Yahweh,
According to Your lovingkindness;
According to the multitude of Your
tender mercies,
Blot out my transgressions.
51:2 Wash me thoroughly from my
iniquity,
And cleanse me from my sin.
51:3 For I acknowledge my
transgressions,
And my sin is always before me.
51:4 Against You, You only, have I
sinned,
And done this evil in Your sight-
That You may be found just when You
speak,
And blameless when You judge.
51:5 Behold, I was brought forth in
iniquity,
And in sin my mother conceived me.
51:6 Behold, You desire truth in the
inward parts,
And in the hidden part You will make me
to know wisdom.
51:7 Purge me with hyssop, and I shall
be pure;
Wash me, and I shall be whiter than
snow.
51:8 Make me hear joy and gladness,
That the bones You have broken may
rejoice.
51:9 Hide Your face from my sins,
And blot out all my iniquities.
51:10 Create in me a pure heart, O
Yahweh,
And renew a steadfast spirit within me.
51:11 Do not cast me away from Your
presence,
And do not take Your Holy Spirit from
me.
51:12 Restore to me the joy of Your
salvation,
And uphold me by Your generous Spirit.

51:13 Then I will teach transgressors
Your ways,
And sinners shall be converted to You.
51:14 Deliver me from the guilt of
bloodshed, O Yahweh,
The God of my salvation,
And my tongue shall sing aloud of Your
righteousness.
51:15 O Lord, open my lips,
And my mouth shall show forth Your
praise.
51:16 For You do not desire sacrifice, or
else I would give it;
You do not delight in burnt offering.
51:17 The sacrifices of Yahweh are a
broken spirit, A broken and a contrite
heart-
These, O Yahweh, You will not despise.
51:18 Do good in Your good pleasure to
Zion;
Build the walls of Jerusalem.
51:19 Then You shall be pleased with
the sacrifices of righteousness,
With burnt offering and whole burnt
offering;
Then they shall offer bulls on Your altar.
Psalms 52:
52:1 Why do you boast in evil, O mighty
man?
The goodness of Yahweh endures
continually.
52:2 Your tongue devises destruction,
Like a sharp razor, working deceitfully.
52:3 You love evil more than good,
Lying rather than speaking
righteousness. Selah
52:4 You love all devouring words,
You deceitful tongue.
52:5 Yahweh shall likewise destroy you
forever;
He shall take you away, and pluck you
out of your dwelling place,
And uproot you from the land of the
living. Selah
52:6 The righteous also shall see and
fear,
And shall laugh at him, saying,
52:7 "Here is the man who did not make
Yahweh his strength,

But trusted in the abundance of his riches,
And strengthened himself in his wickedness."

52:8 But I am like a green olive tree in the house of Yahweh;
I trust in the mercy of Yahweh forever and ever.

52:9 I will praise You forever,
Because You have done it;
And in the presence of Your saints
I will wait on Your name, for it is good.

Psalms 53:

53:1 The fool has said in his heart,
"There is no God."

They are corrupt, and have done abominable iniquity;
There is none who does good.

53:2 Yahweh looks down from heaven upon the children of men,
To see if there are any who understand,
who seek Yahweh.

53:3 Every one of them has turned aside;
They have together become corrupt;
There is none who does good,
No, not one.

53:4 Have the workers of iniquity no knowledge,
Who eat up my people as they eat bread,
And do not call upon Yahweh?

53:5 There they are in great fear
Where no fear was,
For Yahweh has scattered the bones of him who encamps against you;
You have put them to shame,
Because Yahweh has despised them.

53:6 Oh, that the salvation of Israel would come out of Zion!
When Yahweh brings back the captivity of His people,
Let Jacob rejoice and Israel be glad.

Psalms 54:

54:1 Save me, O Yahweh, by Your name,
And vindicate me by Your strength.

54:2 Hear my prayer, O Yahweh;
Give ear to the words of my mouth.

54:3 For strangers have risen up against me,
And oppressors have sought after my life;

They have not set Yahweh before them.
Selah

54:4 Behold, Yahweh is my helper;
Yahweh is with those who uphold my life.

54:5 He will repay my enemies for their evil.
Cut them off in Your truth.

54:6 I will freely sacrifice to You;
I will praise Your name, O Yahweh, for it is good.

54:7 For He has delivered me out of all trouble;
And my eye has seen its desire upon my enemies.

Psalms 55:

55:1 Give ear to my prayer, O Yahweh,
And do not hide Yourself from my supplication.

55:2 Attend to me, and hear me;
I am restless in my complaint, and moan noisily,

55:3 Because of the voice of the enemy,
Because of the oppression of the wicked;

For they bring down trouble upon me,
And in wrath they hate me.

55:4 My heart is severely pained within me,
And the terrors of death have fallen upon me.

55:5 Fearfulness and trembling have come upon me,
And horror has overwhelmed me.

55:6 So I said, "Oh, that I had wings like a dove!

I would fly away and be at rest.

55:7 Indeed, I would wander far off,
And remain in the wilderness. Selah

55:8 I would hasten my escape
From the windy storm and tempest."

55:9 Destroy, O Lord, and divide their tongues,
For I have seen violence and strife in the city.

55:10 Day and night they go around it on its walls;
Iniquity and trouble are also in the midst of it.

55:11 Destruction is in its midst;
Oppression and deceit do not depart from its streets.

55:12 For it is not an enemy who reproaches me;
Then I could bear it.
Nor is it one who hates me who has exalted himself against me; Then I could hide from him.

55:13 But it was you, a man my equal,
My companion and my acquaintance.

55:14 We took sweet counsel together,
And walked to the house of Yahweh in the throng.

55:15 Let death seize them;
Let them go down alive into the grave,
For wickedness is in their dwellings and among them.

55:16 As for me, I will call upon Yahweh,
And Yahweh shall save me.

55:17 Evening and morning and at noon I will pray, and cry aloud,
And He shall hear my voice.

55:18 He has redeemed my spirit in peace from the battle that was against me,
For there were many against me.

55:19 Yahweh will hear, and afflict them,
Even He who abides from of old. Selah
Because they do not change,
Therefore they do not fear Yahweh.

55:20 He has put forth his hands against those who were at peace with him;
He has broken his covenant.

55:21 The words of his mouth were smoother than butter,
But war was in his heart;
His words were softer than oil,
Yet they were drawn swords.

55:22 Cast your burden on Yahweh,
And He shall sustain you;
He shall never permit the righteous to be moved.

55:23 But You, O Yahweh, shall bring them down to the pit of destruction;
Bloodthirsty and deceitful men shall not live out half their days;
But I will trust in You.

Psalms 56:

56:1 Be merciful to me, O Yahweh, for man would swallow me up;
Fighting all day he oppresses me.

56:2 My enemies would hound me all day,
For there are many who fight against me, O Most High.

56:3 Whenever I am afraid,
I will trust in You.

56:4 In Yahweh (*I will praise His word*),
In Yahweh I have put my trust;
I will not fear.

What can flesh do to me?

56:5 All day they twist my words;
All their thoughts are against me for evil.

56:6 They gather together,
They hide, they mark my steps,
When they lie in wait for my life.

56:7 Shall they escape by iniquity?
In anger cast down the peoples, O Yahweh!

56:8 You number my wanderings;
Put my tears into Your bottle;
Are they not in Your book?

56:9 When I cry out to You,
Then my enemies will turn back;
This I know, because Yahweh is for me.

56:10 In Yahweh (*I will praise His word*),
In Yahweh (*I will praise His word*),

56:11 In Yahweh I have put my trust;
I will not be afraid.
What can man do to me?

56:12 Vows made to You are binding upon me, O Yahweh;
I will render praises to You,

56:13 For You have delivered my spirit from death.

Have You not kept my feet from falling,
That I may walk before Yahweh
In the light of the living?

Psalms 57:

57:1 Be merciful to me, O Yahweh, be merciful to me!

For my spirit trusts in You;

And in the shadow of Your wings I will
 make my refuge,
 Until these calamities have passed by.
57:2 I will cry out to Yahweh Most High,
 To Yahweh who performs all things for
 me.
57:3 He shall send from heaven and
 save me;
 He reproaches the one who would
 swallow me up. Selah
 Yahweh shall send forth His mercy and
 His truth.
57:4 My body is among lions;
 I lie among the sons of men
 Who are set on fire,
 Whose teeth are spears and arrows,
 And their tongue a sharp sword.
57:5 Be exalted, O Yahweh, above the
 skies;
 Let Your glory be above all the earth.
57:6 They have prepared a net for my
 steps;
 My body is bowed down;
 They have dug a pit before me;
 Into the midst of it they themselves have
 fallen. Selah
57:7 My heart is steadfast, O Yahweh,
 my heart is steadfast;
 I will sing and give praise.
57:8 Awake, my glory!
 Awake, lute and harp!
 I will awaken the dawn.
57:9 I will praise You, O Lord, among
 the peoples; I will sing to You among the
 nations.
57:10 For Your mercy reaches unto the
 heavens,
 And Your truth unto the clouds.
57:11 Be exalted, O Yahweh, above the
 skies;
 Let Your glory be above all the earth.

Psalms 58:
58:1 Do you indeed speak
 righteousness, you silent ones?
 Do you judge uprightly, you sons of
 men?
58:2 No, in heart you work wickedness;
 You weigh out the violence of your
 hands in the earth.

58:3 The wicked are estranged from the
 womb;
 They go astray as soon as they are
 born, speaking lies.
58:4 Their poison is like the poison of a
 serpent;
 They are like the deaf cobra that stops
 its ear,
58:5 Which will not heed the voice of
 charmers,
 Charming ever so skillfully.
58:6 Break their teeth in their mouth, O
 Yahweh!
 Break out the fangs of the young lions,
 O Yahweh!
58:7 Let them flow away as waters
 which run continually;
 When he bends his bow,
 Let his arrows be as if cut in pieces.
58:8 Let them be like a snail which
 melts away as it goes,
 Like a stillborn child of a woman, that
 they may not see the sun.
58:9 Before your pots can feel the
 burning thorns,
 He shall take them away as with a
 whirlwind,
 As in His living and burning wrath.
58:10 The righteous shall rejoice when
 he sees the vengeance;
 He shall wash his feet in the blood of the
 wicked,
58:11 So that men will say,
 "Surely there is a reward for the
 righteous;
 Surely He is Yahweh who judges in the
 earth."

Psalms 59:
59:1 Deliver me from my enemies, O my
 God;
 Defend me from those who rise up
 against me.
59:2 Deliver me from the workers of
 iniquity,
 And save me from bloodthirsty men.
59:3 For look, they lie in wait for my life;
 The mighty gather against me,
 Not for my transgression nor for my sin,
 O Yahweh.

59:4 They run and prepare themselves through no fault of mine.
 Awake to help me, and behold!

59:5 You therefore, O Yahweh the God of hosts, the God of Israel,
 Awake to punish all the nations;
 Do not be merciful to any wicked transgressors. Selah

59:6 At evening they return,
 They growl like a dog,
 And go all around the city.

59:7 Indeed, they belch with their mouth;
 Swords are in their lips;
 For they say, "Who hears?"

59:8 But You, O Yahweh, shall laugh at them;
 You shall have all the nations in derision.

59:9 I will wait for You, O You his Strength;
 For Yahweh is my defense;

59:10 My God of mercy shall come to meet me;
 Yahweh shall let me see my desire on my enemies.

59:11 Do not slay them, lest my people forget;
 Scatter them by Your power,
 And bring them down,
 O Lord our shield.

59:12 For the sin of their mouth and the words of their lips,
 Let them even be taken in their pride,
 And for the cursing and lying which they speak.

59:13 Consume them in wrath,
 consume them,
 That they may not be;
 And let them know that Yahweh rules in Jacob
 To the ends of the earth. Selah

59:14 And at evening they return,
 They growl like a dog,
 And go all around the city.

59:15 They wander up and down for food,
 And howl if they are not satisfied.

59:16 But I will sing of Your power;

Yes, I will sing aloud of Your mercy in the morning;
 For You have been my defense
 And refuge in the day of my trouble.

59:17 To You, O my Strength, I will sing praises; For Yahweh is my defense,
 My God of mercy.

Psalms 60:

60:1 O Yahweh, You have cast us off;
 You have broken us down;
 You have been displeased;
 Oh, restore us again!

60:2 You have made the earth tremble;
 You have broken it;
 Heal its breaches, for it is shaking.

60:3 You have shown Your people hard things;
 You have made us drink the wine of confusion.

60:4 You have given a banner to those who fear You,
 That it may be displayed because of the truth. Selah

60:5 That Your beloved may be delivered,
 Save with Your right hand, and hear me.

60:6 Yahweh has spoken in His holiness:
 "I will rejoice;
 I will divide Shechem
 And measure out the Valley of Succoth.

60:7 Gilead is Mine, and Manasseh is Mine;
 Ephraim also is the helmet for My head;
 Judah is My lawgiver.

60:8 Moab is My washpot;
 Over Edom I will cast My shoe;
 Philistia, shout in triumph because of Me."

60:9 Who will bring me to the strong city?
 Who will lead me to Edom?

60:10 Is it not You, O Yahweh, who cast us off?
 And You, O Yahweh, who did not go out with our armies?

60:11 Give us help from trouble,
 For the help of man is useless.

60:12 Through Yahweh we will do valiantly,

For it is He who shall tread down our enemies.

Psalms 61:

61:1 HEAR my cry, O Yahweh;
Attend to my prayer.

61:2 From the end of the earth I will cry to You,
When my heart is overwhelmed;
Lead me to the rock that is higher than I.

61:3 For You have been a shelter for me,
A strong tower from the enemy.

61:4 I will abide in Your tabernacle forever;
I will trust in the shelter of Your wings.
Selah

61:5 For You, O Yahweh, have heard my vows;
You have given me the heritage of those who fear Your name.

61:6 You will prolong the king's life,
His years as many generations.

61:7 He shall abide before Yahweh forever.

Oh, prepare mercy and truth, which may preserve him!

61:8 So I will sing praise to Your name forever,
That I may daily perform my vows.

Psalms 62:

62:1 Truly my spirit silently waits for Yahweh;
From Him comes my salvation.

62:2 He only is my rock and my salvation;

He is my defense;
I shall not be greatly moved.

62:3 How long will you attack a man?
You shall be slain, all of you,
Like a leaning wall and a tottering fence.

62:4 They only consult to cast him down from his high position;
They delight in lies;

They bless with their mouth,
But they curse inwardly. Selah

62:5 My spirit, wait silently for Yahweh alone,

For my expectation is from Him.

62:6 He only is my rock and my salvation;

He is my defense;
I shall not be moved.

62:7 In Yahweh is my salvation and my glory;

The rock of my strength,
And my refuge, is in Yahweh.

62:8 Trust in Him at all times, you people;

Pour out your heart before Him;
Yahweh is a refuge for us. Selah

62:9 Surely men of low degree are a vapor,

Men of high degree are a lie;
If they are weighed on the scales,
They are altogether lighter than vapor.

62:10 Do not trust in oppression,
Nor vainly hope in robbery;
If riches increase,
Do not set your heart on them.

62:11 Yahweh has spoken once,
Twice I have heard this:
That power belongs to Yahweh.

62:12 Also to You, O Lord, belongs mercy;

For You render to each one according to his work.

Psalms 63:

63:1 O Yahweh, You are my God;
Early will I seek You;
My spirit thirsts for You;
My flesh longs for You
In a dry and thirsty land
Where there is no water.

63:2 So I have looked for You in the sanctuary,
To see Your power and Your glory.

63:3 Because Your lovingkindness is better than life,
My lips shall praise You.

63:4 Thus I will bless You while I live;
I will lift up my hands in Your name.

63:5 My body shall be satisfied as with marrow and fatness,
And my mouth shall praise You with joyful lips.

63:6 When I remember You on my bed,
I meditate on You in the night watches.

63:7 Because You have been my help,
Therefore in the shadow of Your wings I will rejoice.

63:8 My spirit follows close behind You;
Your right hand upholds me.
63:9 But those who seek my life, to
destroy it,
Shall go into the lower parts of the earth.
63:10 They shall fall by the sword;
They shall be a portion for jackals.
63:11 But the king shall rejoice in
Yahweh;
Everyone who swears by Him shall
glory;
But the mouth of those who speak lies
shall be stopped.

Psalms 64:

64:1 Hear my voice, O Yahweh, in my
meditation;
Preserve my life from fear of the enemy.
64:2 Hide me from the secret plots of
the wicked,
From the rebellion of the workers of
iniquity,
64:3 Who sharpen their tongue like a
sword,
And bend their bows to shoot their
arrows-bitter words,
64:4 That they may shoot in secret at
the blameless;
Suddenly they shoot at him and do not
fear.
64:5 They encourage themselves in an
evil matter;
They talk of laying snares secretly;
They say, "Who will see them?"
64:6 They devise iniquities:
"We have perfected a shrewd scheme."
Both the inward thought and the heart of
man are deep.
64:7 But Yahweh shall shoot at them
with an arrow;
Suddenly they shall be wounded.
64:8 So He will make them stumble over
their own tongue;
All who see them shall flee away.
64:9 All men shall fear,
And shall declare the work of Yahweh;
For they shall wisely consider His doing.
64:10 The righteous shall be glad in
Yahweh, and trust in Him.
And all the upright in heart shall glory.

Psalms 65:

65:1 Praise is awaiting You, O Yahweh,
in Zion;
And to You the vow shall be performed.
65:2 O You who hear prayer,
To You all flesh will come.
65:3 Iniquities prevail against me;
As for our transgressions,
You will provide atonement for them.
65:4 Blessed is the man You choose,
And cause to approach You,
That he may dwell in Your courts.
We shall be satisfied with the goodness
of Your house,
Of Your holy temple.
65:5 By awesome deeds in
righteousness You will answer us,
O God of our salvation,
You who are the confidence of all the
ends of the earth,
And of the far-off seas;
65:6 Who established the mountains by
His strength,
Being clothed with power;
65:7 You who still the noise of the seas,
The noise of their waves,
And the tumult of the peoples.
65:8 They also who dwell in the farthest
parts are afraid of Your signs; You make
the outgoings of the morning and
evening rejoice.
65:9 You visit the earth and water it,
You greatly enrich it;
The river of Yahweh is full of water;
You provide their grain,
For so You have prepared it.
65:10 You water its ridges abundantly,
You settle its furrows;
You make it soft with showers,
You bless its growth.
65:11 You crown the year with Your
goodness,
And Your paths drip with abundance.
65:12 They drop on the pastures of the
wilderness, And the little hills rejoice on
every side.
65:13 The pastures are clothed with
flocks;
The valleys also are covered with grain;
They shout for joy, they also sing.

Psalms 66:

66:1 Make a joyful shout to Yahweh, all the earth!

66:2 Sing out the honor of His name; Make His praise glorious.

66:3 Say to Yahweh, "How awesome are Your works! Through the greatness of Your power Your enemies shall submit themselves to You.

66:4 All the earth shall worship You And sing praises to You; They shall sing praises to Your name." Selah

66:5 Come and see the works of Yahweh; He is awesome in His doing toward the sons of men.

66:6 He turned the sea into dry land; They went through the river on foot. There we will rejoice in Him.

66:7 He rules by His power forever; His eyes observe the nations; Do not let the rebellious exalt themselves. Selah

66:8 Oh, bless our God, you peoples! And make the voice of His praise to be heard,

66:9 Who keeps our spirit among the living, And does not allow our feet to be moved.

66:10 For You, O Yahweh, have tested us; You have refined us as silver is refined.

66:11 You brought us into the net; You laid affliction on our backs.

66:12 You have caused men to ride over our heads; We went through fire and through water; But You brought us out to rich fulfillment.

66:13 I will go into Your house with burnt offerings;

I will pay You my vows,

66:14 Which my lips have uttered And my mouth has spoken when I was in trouble.

66:15 I will offer You burnt sacrifices of fat animals,

With the sweet aroma of rams; I will offer bulls with goats. Selah

66:16 Come and hear, all you who fear Yahweh, And I will declare what He has done for my spirit.

66:17 I cried to Him with my mouth, And He was extolled with my tongue.

66:18 If I regard iniquity in my heart, Yahweh will not hear.

66:19 But certainly Yahweh has heard me; He has attended to the voice of my prayer.

66:20 Blessed be Yahweh, Who has not turned away my prayer, Nor His mercy from me!

Psalms 67:

67:1 Yahweh be merciful to us and bless us, And cause His face to shine upon us. Selah

67:2 That Your way may be known on earth, Your salvation among all nations.

67:3 Let the peoples praise You, O Yahweh; Let all the peoples praise You.

67:4 Oh, let the nations be glad and sing for joy!

For You shall judge the people righteously, And govern the nations on earth. Selah

67:5 Let the peoples praise You, O Yahweh; Let all the peoples praise You.

67:6 Then the earth shall yield her increase; Yahweh, our own God, shall bless us.

67:7 Yahweh shall bless us, And all the ends of the earth shall fear Him.

Psalms 68:

68:1 Let Yahweh arise, Let His enemies be scattered; Let those also who hate Him flee before Him.

68:2 As smoke is driven away, So drive them away; As wax melts before the fire,

So let the wicked perish at the presence of Yahweh.

68:3 But let the righteous be glad;
Let them rejoice before Yahweh;
Yes, let them rejoice exceedingly.

68:4 Sing to Yahweh, sing praises to His name;
Extol Him who rides on the clouds,
By His name YAH,
And rejoice before Him.

68:5 A father of the fatherless, a defender of widows,
Is Yahweh in His holy habitation.

68:6 Yahweh sets the solitary in families;
He brings out those who are bound into prosperity;
But the rebellious dwell in a dry land.

68:7 O Yahweh, when You went out before Your people,
When You marched through the wilderness, Selah

68:8 The earth shook; The skies also dropped rain at the presence of Yahweh;
Sinai itself was moved at the presence of Yahweh, the God of Israel.

68:9 You, O Yahweh, sent a plentiful rain,
Whereby You confirmed Your inheritance,
When it was weary.

68:10 Your congregation dwelt in it;
You, O Yahweh, provided from Your goodness for the poor.

68:11 Yahweh gave the word;
Great was the company of those who proclaimed it:

68:12 "Kings of armies flee, they flee,
And she who remains at home divides the spoil.

68:13 Though you lie down among the sheepfolds,
You will be like the wings of a dove covered with silver, And her feathers with yellow gold."

68:14 When the Almighty scattered kings in it,
It was white as snow in Zalmon.

68:15 A mountain of Yahweh is the mountain of Bashan;
A mountain of many peaks is the mountain of Bashan.

68:16 Why do you fume with envy, you mountains of many peaks?
This is the mountain which Yahweh desires to dwell in;
Yes, Yahweh will dwell in it forever.

68:17 The chariots of Yahweh are twenty thousand,
Even thousands of thousands;
Yahweh is among them as in Sinai, in the Holy Place.

68:18 You have ascended on high,
You have led captivity captive;
You have received gifts among men,
Even from the rebellious,
That Yahweh our God might dwell there.

68:19 Blessed be Yahweh,
Who daily loads us with benefits,
The God of our salvation! Selah

68:20 Our God is the God of salvation;
And to Yahweh belong escapes from death.

68:21 But Yahweh will wound the head of His enemies,
The hairy scalp of the one who still goes on in His trespasses.

68:22 Yahweh said, "I will bring back from Bashan,
I will bring them back from the depths of the sea,

68:23 That your foot may crush them in blood,
And the tongues of your dogs may have their portion from your enemies."

68:24 They have seen Your procession, O Yahweh,
The procession of my God, my King, into the sanctuary.

68:25 The singers went before, the players on instruments followed after;
Among them were the maidens playing timbrels.

68:26 Bless Yahweh in the congregations,
Yahweh, from the fountain of Israel.

68:27 There is little Benjamin, their leader,

The princes of Judah and their
company,
The princes of Zebulun and the princes
of Naphtali.

68:28 Your God has commanded your
strength;
Strengthen O Yahweh what You have
done for us.

68:29 Because of Your temple at
Jerusalem,
Kings will bring presents to You.

68:30 Rebuke the beasts of the reeds,
The herd of bulls with the calves of the
peoples,
Till everyone submits himself with
pieces of silver.

Scatter the peoples who delight in war.

68:31 Envoys will come out of Egypt;
Ethiopia will quickly stretch out her
hands to Yahweh.

68:32 Sing to Yahweh, you kingdoms of
the earth; Oh, sing praises to Yahweh,
Selah

68:33 To Him who rides on the cloud of
heavens, which were of old!
Indeed, He sends out His voice, a
mighty voice.

68:34 Ascribe strength to Yahweh; His
excellence is over Israel, And His
strength is in the clouds.

68:35 O Yahweh, You are more
awesome than Your holy places.
The God of Israel is He who gives
strength and power to His people.
Blessed be Yahweh!

Psalms 69:

69:1 Save me, O Yahweh!
For the waters have come up to my
neck.

69:2 I sink in deep mire,
Where there is no standing;
I have come into deep waters,
Where the floods overflow me.

69:3 I am weary with my crying;
My throat is dry;
My eyes fail while I wait for my God.

69:4 Those who hate me without a
cause
Are more than the hairs of my head;
They are mighty who would destroy me,

Being my enemies wrongfully;
Though I have stolen nothing,
I still must restore it.

69:5 O Yahweh, You know my
foolishness;
And my sins are not hidden from You.

69:6 Let not those who wait for You, O
Yahweh the God of hosts, be ashamed
because of me;

Let not those who seek You be
confounded because of me, O God of
Israel.

69:7 Because for Your sake I have
borne reproach;
Shame has covered my face.

69:8 I have become a stranger to my
brothers,

And an alien to my mother's children;

69:9 Because zeal for Your house has
eaten me up,

And the reproaches of those who
reproach You have fallen on me.

69:10 When I wept and chastened my
body with fasting,
That became my reproach.

69:11 I also made sackcloth my
garment;

I became a byword to them.

69:12 Those who sit in the gate speak
against me,

And I am the song of the drunkards.

69:13 But as for me, my prayer is to
You,

O Yahweh, in the acceptable time;
O Yahweh, in the multitude of Your
mercy,

Hear me in the truth of Your salvation.

69:14 Deliver me out of the mire,
And let me not sink;

Let me be delivered from those who
hate me,
And out of the deep waters.

69:15 Let not the floodwater overflow
me,

Nor let the deep swallow me up;
And let not the pit shut its mouth on me.

69:16 Hear me, O Yahweh, for Your
lovingkindness is good;

Turn to me according to the multitude of
Your tender mercies.

69:17 And do not hide Your face from
Your servant,
For I am in trouble;
Hear me speedily.
69:18 Draw near to my spirit, and
redeem it;
Deliver me because of my enemies.
69:19 You know my reproach, my
shame, and my dishonor;
My adversaries are all before You.
69:20 Reproach has broken my heart,
And I am full of heaviness;
I looked for someone to take pity, but
there was none;
And for comforters, but I found none.
69:21 They also gave me gall for my
food,
And for my thirst they gave me vinegar
to drink.
69:22 Let their table become a snare
before them,
And their well-being a trap.
69:23 Let their eyes be darkened, so
that they do not see;
And make their loins shake continually.
69:24 Pour out Your indignation upon
them,
And let Your wrathful anger take hold of
them.
69:25 Let their dwelling place be
desolate;
Let no one live in their tents.
69:26 For they persecute the ones You
have struck,
And talk of the grief of those You have
wounded.
69:27 Add iniquity to their iniquity,
And let them not come into Your
righteousness.
69:28 Let them be blotted out of the
book of the living,
And not be written with the righteous.
69:29 But I am poor and sorrowful; Let
Your salvation, O Yahweh, set me up on
high.
69:30 I will praise the name of Yahweh
with a song, And will magnify Him with
thanksgiving.

69:31 This also shall please Yahweh
better than an ox or bull, Which has
horns and hooves.
69:32 The humble shall see this and be
glad;
And you who seek Yahweh, your hearts
shall live.
69:33 For Yahweh hears the poor,
And does not despise His prisoners.
69:34 Let heaven and earth praise Him,
The seas and everything that moves in
them.
69:35 For Yahweh will save Zion
And build the cities of Judah,
That they may dwell there and possess
it.
69:36 Also, the descendants of His
servants shall inherit it,
And those who love His name shall
dwell in it.

Psalms 70:

70:1 Make haste, O Yahweh, to deliver
me!
Make haste to help me, O Yahweh!
70:2 Let them be ashamed and
confounded
Who seek my life;
Let them be turned back and confused
Who desire my hurt.
70:3 Let them be turned back because
of their shame,
Who say, "Aha, aha!"
70:4 Let all those who seek You rejoice
and be glad in You;
And let those who love Your salvation
say continually,
"Let Yahweh be magnified!"
70:5 But I am poor and needy;
Make haste to me, O Yahweh!
You are my help and my deliverer;
O Yahweh, do not delay.

Psalms 71:

71:1 In You, O Yahweh, I put my trust;
Let me never be put to shame.
71:2 Deliver me in Your righteousness,
and cause me to escape;
Incline Your ear to me, and save me.
71:3 Be my strong refuge,
To which I may resort continually;

You have given the commandment to save me,
For You are my rock and my fortress.
71:4 Deliver me, O my God, out of the hand of the wicked,
Out of the hand of the unrighteous and cruel man.
71:5 For You are my hope, O Yahweh our God;
You are my trust from my youth.
71:6 By You I have been upheld from birth;
You are He who took me out of my mother's womb.
My praise shall be continually of You.
71:7 I have become as a wonder to many,
But You are my strong refuge.
71:8 Let my mouth be filled with Your praise
And with Your glory all the day.
71:9 Do not cast me off in the time of old age;
Do not forsake me when my strength fails.
71:10 For my enemies speak against me;
And those who lie in wait for my life take counsel together,
71:11 Saying, "Yahweh has forsaken him;
Pursue and take him, for there is none to deliver him."
71:12 O Yahweh, do not be far from me;
O my God, make haste to help me!
71:13 Let them be confounded and consumed
Who are adversaries of my life;
Let them be covered with reproach and dishonor
Who seek my hurt.
71:14 But I will hope continually,
And will praise You yet more and more.
71:15 My mouth shall tell of Your righteousness
And Your salvation all the day,
For I do not know their limits.
71:16 I will go in the strength of Yahweh our God;

I will make mention of Your righteousness, of Yours only.
71:17 O Yahweh, You have taught me from my youth;
And to this day I declare Your wondrous works.
71:18 Now also when I am old and grayheaded,
O Yahweh, do not forsake me,
Until I declare Your strength to this generation,
Your power to everyone who is to come.
71:19 Also Your righteousness, O Yahweh, is very high,
You who have done great things;
O Yahweh, who is like You?
71:20 You, who have shown me great and severe troubles,
Shall revive me again,
And bring me up again from the depths of the earth.
71:21 You shall increase my greatness,
And comfort me on every side.
71:22 Also with the lute I will praise you-
And Your faithfulness, O my God!
To You I will sing with the harp,
O Holy One of Israel.
71:23 My lips shall greatly rejoice when I sing to You,
And my spirit, which You have redeemed.
71:24 My tongue also shall talk of Your righteousness all the day long;
For they are confounded,
For they are brought to shame
Who seek my hurt.
Psalms 72:
72:1 Give the king Your judgments, O Yahweh,
And Your righteousness to the king's Son.
72:2 He will judge Your people with righteousness,
And Your poor with justice.
72:3 The mountains will bring peace to the people, And the little hills, by righteousness.
72:4 He will bring justice to the poor of the people;
He will save the children of the needy,

And will break in pieces the oppressor.
72:5 They shall fear You
As long as the sun and moon endure,
Throughout all generations.
72:6 He shall come down like rain upon
the grass before mowing,
Like showers that water the earth.
72:7 In His days the righteous shall
flourish,
And abundance of peace,
Until the moon is no more.
72:8 He shall have dominion also from
sea to sea,
And from the River to the ends of the
earth.
72:9 Those who dwell in the wilderness
will bow before Him,
And His enemies will lick the dust.
72:10 The kings of Tarshish and of the
isles
Will bring presents;
The kings of Sheba and Seba
Will offer gifts.
72:11 Yes, all kings shall fall down
before Him;
All nations shall serve Him.
72:12 For He will deliver the needy
when he cries,
The poor also, and him who has no
helper.
72:13 He will spare the poor and needy,
And will save the spirits of the needy.
72:14 He will redeem their life from
oppression and violence;
And precious shall be their blood in His
sight.
72:15 And He shall live;
And the gold of Sheba will be given to
Him;
Prayer also will be made for Him
continually,
And daily He shall be praised.
72:16 There will be an abundance of
grain in the earth,
On the top of the mountains;
Its fruit shall wave like Lebanon;
And those of the city shall flourish like
grass of the earth.
72:17 His name shall endure forever;

His name shall continue as long as the
sun.
And men shall be blessed in Him;
All nations shall call Him blessed.
72:18 Blessed be Yahweh our God, the
God of Israel,
Who only does wondrous things!
72:19 And blessed be His glorious
name forever!
And let the whole earth be filled with His
glory.
Amam and Amam.
72:20 The prayers of David the son of
Jesse are ended.
Psalms 73:
73:1 Truly Yahweh is good to Israel,
To such as are pure in heart.
73:2 But as for me, my feet had almost
stumbled;
My steps had nearly slipped.
73:3 For I was envious of the boastful,
When I saw the prosperity of the wicked.
73:4 For there are no pangs in their
death,
But their strength is firm.
73:5 They are not in trouble as other
men,
Nor are they plagued like other men.
73:6 Therefore pride serves as their
necklace;
Violence covers them like a garment.
73:7 Their eyes bulge with abundance;
They have more than heart could wish.
73:8 They scoff and speak wickedly
concerning oppression;
They speak loftily.
73:9 They set their mouth against the
heavens,
And their tongue walks through the
earth.
73:10 Therefore his people return here,
And waters of a full cup are drained by
them.
73:11 And they say, "How does Yahweh
know?
And is there knowledge in the Most
High?"
73:12 Behold, these are the ungodly,
Who are always at ease;
They increase in riches.

73:13 Surely I have cleansed my heart
in vain,
And washed my hands in innocence.
73:14 For all day long I have been
plagued,
And chastened every morning.
73:15 If I had said, "I will speak thus,"
Behold, I would have been untrue to the
generation of Your children.
73:16 When I thought how to
understand this,
It was too painful for me-
73:17 Until I went into the sanctuary of
Yahweh;
Then I understood their end.
73:18 Surely You set them in slippery
places;
You cast them down to destruction.
73:19 Oh, how they are brought to
desolation, as in a moment!
They are utterly consumed with terrors.
73:20 As a dream when one awakes,
So, Lord, when You awake,
You shall despise their image.
73:21 Thus my heart was grieved,
And I was vexed in my mind.
73:22 I was so foolish and ignorant;
I was like a beast before You.
73:23 Nevertheless I am continually with
You;
You hold me by my right hand.
73:24 You will guide me with Your
counsel,
And afterward receive me to glory.
73:25 Whom have I in heaven but You?
And there is none upon earth that I
desire besides You.
73:26 My flesh and my heart fail;
But Yahweh is the strength of my heart
and my portion forever.
73:27 For indeed, those who are far
from You shall perish; You have
destroyed all those who desert You for
harlotry.
73:28 But it is good for me to draw near
to Yahweh;
I have put my trust in Yahweh our God,
That I may declare all Your works.

Psalms 74:

74:1 O Yahweh, why have You cast us
off forever? Why does Your anger
smoke against the sheep of Your
pasture?
74:2 Remember Your congregation,
which You have purchased of old,
The tribe of Your inheritance, which You
have redeemed-
This Mount Zion where You have dwelt.
74:3 Lift up Your feet to the perpetual
desolations.
The enemy has damaged everything in
the sanctuary.
74:4 Your enemies roar in the midst of
Your meeting place;
They set up their banners for signs.
74:5 They seem like men who lift up
Axes among the thick trees.
74:6 And now they break down its
carved work, all at once,
With axes and hammers.
74:7 They have set fire to Your
sanctuary;
They have defiled the dwelling place of
Your name to the ground.
74:8 They said in their hearts,
"Let us destroy them altogether."
They have burned up all the meeting
places of Yahweh in the land.
74:9 We do not see our signs;
There is no longer any prophet;
Nor is there any among us who knows
how long.
74:10 O Yahweh, how long will the
adversary reproach?
Will the enemy blaspheme Your name
forever?
74:11 Why do You withdraw Your hand,
even Your right hand?
Take it out of Your bosom and destroy
them.
74:12 For Yahweh is my King from of
old,
Working salvation in the midst of the
earth.
74:13 You divided the sea by Your
strength;
You broke the heads of the sea
serpents in the waters.

74:14 You broke the heads of Leviathan
in pieces,
And gave him as food to the people
inhabiting the wilderness.

74:15 You broke open the fountain and
the flood;
You dried up mighty rivers.

74:16 The day is Yours, the night also is
Yours;
You have prepared the light and the
sun.

74:17 You have set all the borders of
the earth;
You have made summer and winter.

74:18 Remember this, that the enemy
has reproached, O Yahweh,
And that a foolish people has
blasphemed Your name.

74:19 Oh, do not deliver the life of Your
turtledove to the wild beast!
Do not forget the life of Your poor
forever.

74:20 Have respect to the covenant;
For the dark places of the earth are full
of the haunts of cruelty.

74:21 Oh, do not let the oppressed
return ashamed!
Let the poor and needy praise Your
name.

74:22 Arise, O Yahweh, plead Your own
cause;
Remember how the foolish man
reproaches You daily.

74:23 Do not forget the voice of Your
enemies;
The tumult of those who rise up against
You increases continually.

Psalms 75:

75:1 We give thanks to You, O Yahweh,
we give thanks!
For Your wondrous works declare that
Your name is near.

75:2 "When I choose the proper time,
I will judge uprightly.

75:3 The earth and all its inhabitants are
dissolved;
I set up its pillars firmly. Selah

75:4 'I said to the boastful, 'Do not deal
boastfully,'

And to the wicked, 'Do not lift up the
horn.

75:5 Do not lift up your horn on high;
Do not speak with a stiff neck.' "

75:6 For exaltation comes neither from
the east

Nor from the west nor from the south.

75:7 But Yahweh is the Judge:
He puts down one,
And exalts another.

75:8 For in the hand of Yahweh there is
a cup,

And the wine is red;

It is fully mixed, and He pours it out;

Surely its dregs shall all the wicked of
the earth

Drain and drink down.

75:9 But I will declare forever,
I will sing praises to the God of Jacob.

75:10 'All the horns of the wicked I will
also cut off,
But the horns of the righteous shall be
exalted."

Psalms 76:

76:1 In Judah Yahweh is known;
His name is great in Israel.

76:2 In Salem also is His tabernacle,
And His dwelling place in Zion.

76:3 There He broke the arrows of the
bow,

The shield and sword of battle. Selah

76:4 You are more glorious and
excellent

Than the mountains of prey.

76:5 The stouthearted were plundered;

They have sunk into their sleep;

And none of the mighty men have found
the use of their hands.

76:6 At Your rebuke, O God of Jacob,
Both the chariot and horse were cast
into a dead sleep.

76:7 You, Yourself, are to be feared;
And who may stand in Your presence
When once You are angry?

76:8 You caused judgment to be heard
from heaven;

The earth feared and was still,

76:9 When Yahweh arose to judgment,
To deliver all the oppressed of the earth.
Selah

76:10 Surely the wrath of man shall praise You;
With the remainder of wrath You shall gird Yourself.

76:11 Make vows to Yahweh your God, and pay them;
Let all who are around Him bring presents to Him who ought to be feared.

76:12 He shall cut off the spirit of princes;
He is awesome to the kings of the earth.

Psalms 77:

77:1 I cried out to Yahweh with my voice-

To Yahweh with my voice;
And He gave ear to me.

77:2 In the day of my trouble I sought Yahweh;

My hand was stretched out in the night without ceasing;

My body refused to be comforted.

77:3 I remembered Yahweh, and was troubled;

I complained, and my spirit was overwhelmed. Selah

77:4 You hold my eyelids open;

I am so troubled that I cannot speak.

77:5 I have considered the days of old, The years of ancient times.

77:6 I call to remembrance my song in the night;

I meditate within my heart,
And my spirit makes diligent search.

77:7 Will Yahweh cast off forever?

And will He be favorable no more?

77:8 Has His mercy ceased forever?

Has His promise failed forevermore?

77:9 Has Yahweh forgotten to be gracious?

Has He in anger shut up His tender mercies? Selah

77:10 And I said, "This is my anguish;
But I will remember the years of the right hand of the Most High."

77:11 I will remember the works of Yahweh;

Surely I will remember Your wonders of old.

77:12 I will also meditate on all Your work,

And talk of Your deeds.

77:13 Your way, O Yahweh, is in the sanctuary;

Who is so great a God as our God?

77:14 You are the God who does wonders;

You have declared Your strength among the peoples.

77:15 You have with Your arm redeemed Your people,

The sons of Jacob and Joseph. Selah

77:16 The waters saw You, O Yahweh;

The waters saw You, they were afraid;

The depths also trembled.

77:17 The clouds poured out water;

The skies sent out a sound;

Your arrows also flashed about.

77:18 The voice of Your thunder was in the whirlwind; The lightnings lit up the world;

The earth trembled and shook.

77:19 Your way was in the sea,

Your path in the great waters,

And Your footsteps were not known.

77:20 You led Your people like a flock

By the hand of Moses and Aaron.

Psalms 78:

78:1 Give ear, O my people, to my law;
Incline your ears to the words of my mouth.

78:2 I will open my mouth in a parable;

I will utter dark sayings of old,

78:3 Which we have heard and known,

And our fathers have told us.

78:4 We will not hide them from their children,

Telling to the generation to come the praises of Yahweh,

And His strength and His wonderful works that He has done.

78:5 For He established a testimony in Jacob,

And appointed a law in Israel,

Which He commanded our fathers,

That they should make them known to their children;

78:6 That the generation to come might know them,

The children who would be born,

That they may arise and declare them to their children,
78:7 That they may set their hope in Yahweh,
And not forget the works of Yahweh,
But keep His commandments;
78:8 And may not be like their fathers,
A stubborn and rebellious generation,
A generation that did not set its heart aright,
And whose spirit was not faithful to Yahweh.
78:9 The children of Ephraim, being armed and carrying bows,
Turned back in the day of battle.
78:10 They did not keep the covenant of Yahweh;
They refused to walk in His law,
78:11 And forgot His works
And His wonders that He had shown them.
78:12 Marvelous things He did in the sight of their fathers,
In the land of Egypt, in the field of Zoan.
78:13 He divided the sea and caused them to pass through;
And He made the waters stand up like a heap.
78:14 In the daytime also He led them with the cloud,
And all the night with a light of fire.
78:15 He split the rocks in the wilderness,
And gave them drink in abundance like the depths.
78:16 He also brought streams out of the rock,
And caused waters to run down like rivers.
78:17 But they sinned even more against Him
By rebelling against the Most High in the wilderness.
78:18 And they tested Yahweh in their heart
By asking for the food of their fancy.
78:19 Yes, they spoke against Yahweh:
They said, "Can Yahweh prepare a table in the wilderness?"
78:20 Behold, He struck the rock,

So that the waters gushed out,
And the streams overflowed.
Can He give bread also?
Can He provide meat for His people?"
78:21 Therefore Yahweh heard this and was furious;
So a fire was kindled against Jacob,
And anger also came up against Israel,
78:22 Because they did not believe in Yahweh,
And did not trust in His salvation.
78:23 Yet He had commanded the clouds above,
And opened the doors of the sky,
78:24 Had rained down manna on them to eat,
And given them of the bread of heaven.
78:25 Men ate angels' food;
He sent them food to the full.
78:26 He caused an east wind to blow in the skies;
And by His power He brought in the south wind.
78:27 He also rained meat on them like the dust,
Feathered fowl like the sand of the seas;
78:28 And He let them fall in the midst of their camp,
All around their dwellings.
78:29 So they ate and were well filled,
For He gave them their own desire.
78:30 They were not deprived of their craving;
But while their food was still in their mouths,
78:31 The wrath of Yahweh came against them,
And slew the stoutest of them,
And struck down the choice men of Israel.
78:32 In spite of this they still sinned,
and did not believe in His wondrous works.
78:33 Therefore their days He consumed in futility, and their years in fear.
78:34 When He slew them, then they sought Him; And they returned and sought earnestly for Yahweh.

78:35 Then they remembered that
Yahweh was their rock,
And the Most High God their Redeemer.
78:36 Nevertheless they flattered Him
with their mouth,
And they lied to Him with their tongue;
78:37 For their heart was not steadfast
with Him,
Nor were they faithful in His covenant.
78:38 But He, being full of compassion,
forgave their iniquity,
And did not destroy them.
Yes, many a time He turned His anger
away,
And did not stir up all His wrath;
78:39 For He remembered that they
were but flesh,
A breath that passes away and does not
come again.
78:40 How often they provoked Him in
the wilderness,
And grieved Him in the desert!
78:41 Yes, again and again they
tempted Yahweh,
And limited the Holy One of Israel.
78:42 They did not remember His
power:
The day when He redeemed them from
the enemy,
78:43 When He worked His signs in
Egypt,
And His wonders in the field of Zoan;
78:44 Turned their rivers into blood,
And their streams, that they could not
drink.
78:45 He sent swarms of flies among
them, which devoured them,
And frogs, which destroyed them.
78:46 He also gave their crops to the
caterpillar,
And their labor to the locust.
78:47 He destroyed their vines with hail,
And their sycamore trees with frost.
78:48 He also gave up their cattle to the
hail,
And their flocks to fiery lightning.
78:49 He cast on them the fierceness of
His anger,
Wrath, indignation, and trouble,

By sending angels of destruction among
them.
78:50 He made a path for His anger;
He did not spare their body from death,
But gave their life over to the plague,
78:51 And destroyed all the firstborn in
Egypt,
The first of their strength in the tents of
Ham.
78:52 But He made His own people go
forth like sheep,
And guided them in the wilderness like a
flock;
78:53 And He led them on safely, so
that they did not fear;
But the sea overwhelmed their enemies.
78:54 And He brought them to His holy
border,
This mountain which His right hand had
acquired.
78:55 He also drove out the nations
before them,
Allotted them an inheritance by survey,
And made the tribes of Israel dwell in
their tents.
78:56 Yet they tested and provoked the
Most High God,
And did not keep His testimonies,
78:57 But turned back and acted
unfaithfully like their fathers;
They were turned aside like a deceitful
bow.
78:58 For they provoked Him to anger
with their high places,
And moved Him to jealousy with their
carved images.
78:59 When Yahweh heard this, He was
furious,
And greatly abhorred Israel,
78:60 So that He forsook the tabernacle
of Shiloh,
The tent He had placed among men,
78:61 And delivered His strength into
captivity,
And His glory into the enemy's hand.
78:62 He also gave His people over to
the sword,
And was furious with His inheritance.
78:63 The fire consumed their young
men,

And their maidens were not given in marriage.

78:64 Their priests fell by the sword,
And their widows made no lamentation.

78:65 Then Yahweh awoke as from sleep,
Like a mighty man who shouts because of wine.

78:66 And He beat back His enemies;
He put them to a perpetual reproach.

78:67 Moreover He rejected the tent of Joseph,
And did not choose the tribe of Ephraim,

78:68 But chose the tribe of Judah,
Mount Zion which He loved.

78:69 And He built His sanctuary like the heights,
Like the earth which He has established forever.

78:70 He also chose David His servant,
And took him from the sheepfolds;

78:71 From following the ewes that had young He brought him,
To shepherd Jacob His people,
And Israel His inheritance.

78:72 So he shepherded them according to the integrity of his heart,
And guided them by the skillfulness of his hands.

Psalms 79:

79:1 O Yahweh, the nations have come into Your inheritance;
Your holy temple they have defiled;
They have laid Jerusalem in heaps.

79:2 The dead bodies of Your servants
They have given as food for the birds of the skies,
The flesh of Your saints to the beasts of the earth.

79:3 Their blood they have shed like water all around Jerusalem,
And there was no one to bury them.

79:4 We have become a reproach to our neighbors,
A scorn and derision to those who are around us.

79:5 How long, Yahweh?
Will You be angry forever?
Will Your jealousy burn like fire?

79:6 Pour out Your wrath on the nations that do not know You,
And on the kingdoms that do not call on Your name.

79:7 For they have devoured Jacob,
And laid waste his dwelling place.

79:8 Oh, do not remember former iniquities against us!
Let Your tender mercies come speedily to meet us,

For we have been brought very low.

79:9 Help us, O God of our salvation,
For the glory of Your name;
And deliver us, and provide atonement for our sins,

For Your name's sake!

79:10 Why should the nations say, "Where is their God?"

Let there be known among the nations in our sight

The avenging of the blood of Your servants which has been shed.

79:11 Let the groaning of the prisoner come before You;

According to the greatness of Your power

Preserve those who are appointed to die;

79:12 And return to our neighbors sevenfold into their bosom

Their reproach with which they have reproached You, O Lord.

79:13 So we, Your people and sheep of Your pasture,

Will give You thanks forever;

We will show forth Your praise to all generations.

Psalms 80:

80:1 Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel,
You who lead Joseph like a flock;
You who dwell between the cherubim,
shine forth!

80:2 Before Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh,
Stir up Your strength,
And come and save us!

80:3 Restore us, O Yahweh;
Cause Your face to shine,
And we shall be saved!

80:4 O Yahweh the God of hosts,

How long will You be angry
Against the prayer of Your people?
80:5 You have fed them with the bread
of tears,
And given them tears to drink in great
measure.
80:6 You have made us a strife to our
neighbors,
And our enemies laugh among
themselves.
80:7 Restore us, O God of hosts;
Cause Your face to shine,
And we shall be saved!
80:8 You have brought a vine out of
Egypt;
You have cast out the nations, and
planted it.
80:9 You prepared room for it,
And caused it to take deep root,
And it filled the land.
80:10 The hills were covered with its
shadow,
And the mighty cedars with its boughs.
80:11 She sent out her boughs to the
Sea,
And her branches to the River.
80:12 Why have You broken down her
hedges,
So that all who pass by the way pluck
her fruit?
80:13 The boar out of the woods
uproots it,
And the wild beast of the field devours it.
80:14 Return, we beseech You, O God
of hosts;
Look down from the sky and see,
And visit this vine
80:15 And the vineyard which Your right
hand has planted,
And the branch that You made strong
for Yourself.
80:16 It is burned with fire, it is cut
down;
They perish at the rebuke of Your
countenance.
80:17 Let Your hand be upon the man
of Your right hand,
Upon the son of man whom You made
strong for Yourself.

80:18 Then we will not turn back from
You;
Revive us, and we will call upon Your
name.
80:19 Restore us, O Yahweh the God of
hosts;
Cause Your face to shine,
And we shall be saved!
Psalms 81:
81:1 Sing aloud to Yahweh our strength;
Make a joyful shout to the God of Jacob.
81:2 Raise a song and strike the timbrel,
The pleasant harp with the lute.
81:3 Blow the trumpet at the time of the
New Moon,
At the full moon, on our solemn feast
day.
81:4 For this is a statute for Israel,
A law of the God of Jacob.
81:5 This He established in Joseph as a
testimony,
When He went throughout the land of
Egypt,
Where I heard a language I did not
understand.
81:6 "I removed his shoulder from the
burden;
His hands were freed from the baskets.
81:7 You called in trouble, and I
delivered you;
I answered you in the secret place of
thunder;
I tested you at the waters of Meribah.
Selah
81:8 "Hear, O My people, and I will
admonish you!
O Israel, if you will listen to Me!
81:9 There shall be no foreign god
among you;
Nor shall you worship any foreign god.
81:10 I am Yahweh your God,
Who brought you out of the land of
Egypt;
Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it.
81:11 "But My people would not heed
My voice,
And Israel would have none of Me.
81:12 So I gave them over to their own
stubborn heart,
To walk in their own counsels.

81:13 "Oh, that My people would listen to Me,

That Israel would walk in My ways!

81:14 I would soon subdue their enemies,

And turn My hand against their adversaries.

81:15 The haters of Yahweh would pretend submission to Him,

But their fate would endure forever.

81:16 He would have fed them also with the finest of wheat;

And with honey from the rock I would have satisfied you."

Psalms 82:

82:1 Yahweh stands in the congregation of the mighty;

He judges among the gods.

82:2 How long will you judge unjustly, And show partiality to the wicked? Selah

82:3 Defend the poor and fatherless; Do justice to the afflicted and needy.

82:4 Deliver the poor and needy; Free them from the hand of the wicked.

82:5 They do not know, nor do they understand;

They walk about in darkness; All the foundations of the earth are unstable.

82:6 I said, "You are gods, And all of you are children of the Most High.

82:7 But you shall die like men, And fall like one of the princes."

82:8 Arise, O Yahweh, judge the earth; For You shall inherit all nations.

Psalms 83:

83:1 Do not keep silent, O Yahweh! Do not hold Your peace,

And do not be still, O Yahweh!

83:2 For behold, Your enemies make a tumult;

And those who hate You have lifted up their head.

83:3 They have taken crafty counsel against Your people, And consulted together against Your sheltered ones.

83:4 They have said, "Come, and let us cut them off from being a nation,

That the name of Israel may be remembered no more."

83:5 For they have consulted together with one consent;

They form a confederacy against You:

83:6 The tents of Edom and the Ishmaelites;

Moab and the Hagrites;

83:7 Gebal, Ammon, and Amalek; Philistia with the inhabitants of Tyre;

83:8 Assyria also has joined with them; They have helped the children of Lot.

Selah

83:9 Deal with them as with Midian, As with Sisera,

As with Jabin at the Brook Kishon,

83:10 Who perished at En Dor, Who became as refuse on the earth.

83:11 Make their nobles like Oreb and like Zeeb,

Yes, all their princes like Zebah and Zalmunna,

83:12 Who said, "Let us take for ourselves

The pastures of Yahweh for a possession."

83:13 O my God, make them like the whirling dust,

Like the chaff before the wind!

83:14 As the fire burns the woods, And as the flame sets the mountains on fire,

83:15 So pursue them with Your tempest,

And frighten them with Your storm.

83:16 Fill their faces with shame, That they may seek Your name, O Yahweh.

83:17 Let them be confounded and dismayed forever;

Yes, let them be put to shame and perish,

83:18 That they may know that You, whose name alone is Yahweh, Are the Most High over all the earth.

Psalms 84:

84:1 How lovely is Your tabernacle, O Yahweh of hosts!

84:2 My spirit longs, yes, even faints For the courts of Yahweh;

My heart and my flesh cry out for the living God.

84:3 Even the sparrow has found a home,
And the swallow a nest for herself,
Where she may lay her young-
Even Your altars, O Yahweh of hosts,
My King and my God.

84:4 Blessed are those who dwell in
Your house;
They will still be praising You. Selah

84:5 Blessed is the man whose strength
is in You,
Whose heart is set on pilgrimage.

84:6 As they pass through the Valley of
Baca,
They make it a spring;
The rain also covers it with pools.

84:7 They go from strength to strength;
Each one appears before Yahweh in
Zion.

84:8 O Yahweh the God of hosts, hear
my prayer;
Give ear, O God of Jacob! Selah

84:9 O Yahweh, behold our shield,
And look upon the face of Your
anointed.

84:10 For a day in Your courts is better
than a thousand.
I would rather be a doorkeeper in the
house of my God
Than dwell in the tents of wickedness.

84:11 For Yahweh our God is a sun and
shield;

Yahweh will give grace and glory;
No good thing will He withhold
From those who walk uprightly.

84:12 O Yahweh of hosts,
Blessed is the man who trusts in You!

Psalms 85:

85:1 Lord, You have been favorable to
Your land;
You have brought back the captivity of
Jacob.

85:2 You have forgiven the iniquity of
Your people;

You have covered all their sin. Selah

85:3 You have taken away all Your
wrath;

You have turned from the fierceness of
Your anger.

85:4 Restore us, O Yahweh of our
salvation,
And cause Your anger toward us to
cease.

85:5 Will You be angry with us forever?
Will You prolong Your anger to all
generations?

85:6 Will You not revive us again,
That Your people may rejoice in You?

85:7 Show us Your mercy, Yahweh,
And grant us Your salvation.

85:8 I will hear what the God Yahweh
will speak,
For He will speak peace

To His people and to His saints;
But let them not turn back to folly.

85:9 Surely His salvation is near to
those who fear Him, That glory may
dwell in our land.

85:10 Mercy and truth have met
together;
Righteousness and peace have kissed.

85:11 Truth shall spring out of the earth,
And righteousness shall look down from
heaven.

85:12 Yes, Yahweh will give what is
good;
And our land will yield its increase.

85:13 Righteousness will go before Him,
And shall make His footsteps our
pathway.

Psalms 86:

86:1 Bow down Your ear, O Yahweh,
hear me;

For I am poor and needy.

86:2 Preserve my life, for I am holy;
You are my God;

Save Your servant who trusts in You!

86:3 Be merciful to me, O Lord,
For I cry to You all day long.

86:4 Rejoice the spirit of Your servant,
For to You, O Lord, I lift up my spirit.

86:5 For You, Lord, are good, and ready
to forgive, And abundant in mercy to all
those who call upon You.

86:6 Give ear, O Yahweh, to my prayer;
And attend to the voice of my
supplications.

86:7 In the day of my trouble I will call upon You,
For You will answer me.

86:8 Among the gods there is none like You, O Lord;
Nor are there any works like Your works.

86:9 All nations whom You have made Shall come and worship before You, O Lord,
And shall glorify Your name.

86:10 For You are great, and do wondrous things;
You alone are God.

86:11 Teach me Your way, O Yahweh; I will walk in Your truth;
Unite my heart to fear Your name.

86:12 I will praise You, O Lord my God, with all my heart,
And I will glorify Your name forevermore.

86:13 For great is Your mercy toward me,
And You have delivered my body from the depths of Sheol.

86:14 O Yahweh, the proud have risen against me,
And a mob of violent men have sought my life,
And have not set You before them.

86:15 But You, O Lord, are a God full of compassion, and gracious,
Longsuffering and abundant in mercy and truth.

86:16 Oh, turn to me, and have mercy on me!
Give Your strength to Your servant,
And save the son of Your maidservant.

86:17 Show me a sign for good,
That those who hate me may see it and be ashamed,
Because You, Yahweh, have helped me and comforted me.

Psalms 87:

87:1 His foundation is in the holy mountains.

87:2 Yahweh loves the gates of Zion More than all the dwellings of Jacob.

87:3 Glorious things are spoken of you, O city of Yahweh! Selah

87:4 "I will make mention of Rahab and Babylon to those who know Me;
Behold, O Philistia and Tyre, with Ethiopia:

'This one was born there.' "

87:5 And of Zion it will be said,
"This one and that one were born in her;
And the Most High Himself shall establish her."

87:6 Yahweh will record,
When He registers the peoples:
"This one was born there." Selah

87:7 Both the singers and the players on instruments say,
"All my springs are in you."

Psalms 88:

88:1 O Yahweh, God of my salvation, I have cried out day and night before You.

88:2 Let my prayer come before You; Incline Your ear to my cry.

88:3 For my body is full of troubles,
And my life draws near to the grave.

88:4 I am counted with those who go down to the pit;

I am like a man who has no strength,
88:5 Adrift among the dead,

Like the slain who lie in the grave,
Whom You remember no more,
And who are cut off from Your hand.

88:6 You have laid me in the lowest pit,
In darkness, in the depths.

88:7 Your wrath lies heavy upon me,
And You have afflicted me with all Your waves. Selah

88:8 You have put away my acquaintances far from me;
You have made me an abomination to them;

I am shut up, and I cannot get out;

88:9 My eye wastes away because of affliction.

Yahweh, I have called daily upon You;
I have stretched out my hands to You.

88:10 Will You work wonders for the dead?

Shall the dead arise and praise You?
Selah

88:11 Shall Your lovingkindness be declared in the grave?

Or Your faithfulness in the place of destruction?

88:12 Shall Your wonders be known in the dark?

And Your righteousness in the land of forgetfulness?

88:13 But to You I have cried out, O Yahweh,

And in the morning my prayer comes before You.

88:14 Yahweh, why do You cast off my body?

Why do You hide Your face from me?

88:15 I have been afflicted and ready to die from my youth;

I suffer Your terrors;

I am distraught.

88:16 Your fierce wrath has gone over me;

Your terrors have cut me off.

88:17 They came around me all day long like water;

They engulfed me altogether.

88:18 Loved one and friend You have put far from me,

And my acquaintances into darkness.

Psalms 89:

89:1 I will sing of the mercies of Yahweh forever;

With my mouth will I make known Your faithfulness to all generations.

89:2 For I have said, "**Mercy shall be built up forever;**

Your faithfulness You shall establish in the very heavens."

89:3 "**I have made a covenant with My chosen,**

I have sworn to My servant David:

89:4 '**Your seed I will establish forever, And build up your throne to all generations.**' " Selah

89:5 And the heavens will praise Your wonders, O Yahweh;

Your faithfulness also in the assembly of the saints.

89:6 For who in the heavens can be compared to Yahweh?

Who among the sons of the mighty can be likened to Yahweh?

89:7 Yahweh is greatly to be feared in the assembly of the saints,
And to be held in reverence by all those around Him.

89:8 O Yahweh the God of hosts,
Who is mighty like You, O Yahweh?
Your faithfulness also surrounds You.

89:9 You rule the raging of the sea;
When its waves rise, You still them.

89:10 You have broken Rahab in pieces, as one who is slain;
You have scattered Your enemies with Your mighty arm.

89:11 The heavens are Yours, the earth also is Yours;

The world and all its fullness, You have founded them.

89:12 The north and the south, You have created them;

Tabor and Hermon rejoice in Your name.

89:13 You have a mighty arm;
Strong is Your hand, and high is Your right hand.

89:14 Righteousness and justice are the foundation of Your throne;

Mercy and truth go before Your face.

89:15 Blessed are the people who know the joyful sound!

They walk, O Yahweh, in the light of Your countenance.

89:16 In Your name they rejoice all day long,

And in Your righteousness they are exalted.

89:17 For You are the glory of their strength,

And in Your favor our horn is exalted.

89:18 For our shield belongs to Yahweh,

And our king to the Holy One of Israel.

89:19 Then You spoke in a vision to Your holy one,

And said: "**I have given help to one who is mighty;**

I have exalted one chosen from the people.

89:20 **I have found My servant David; With My holy oil I have anointed him,**

89:21 With whom My hand shall be established;
Also My arm shall strengthen him.
89:22 The enemy shall not outwit him,
Nor the son of wickedness afflict him.
89:23 I will beat down his foes before his face,
And plague those who hate him.
89:24 "But My faithfulness and My mercy shall be with him,
And in My name his horn shall be exalted.
89:25 Also I will set his hand over the sea,
And his right hand over the rivers.
89:26 He shall cry to Me, 'You are my Father,
My God, and the rock of my salvation.'
89:27 Also I will make him My firstborn,
The highest of the kings of the earth.
89:28 My mercy I will keep for him forever,
And My covenant shall stand firm with him.
89:29 His seed also I will make to endure forever,
And his throne as the days of heaven.
89:30 "If his sons forsake My law
And do not walk in My judgments,
89:31 If they break My statutes
And do not keep My commandments,
89:32 Then I will punish their transgression with the rod,
And their iniquity with stripes.
89:33 Nevertheless My lovingkindness I will not utterly take from him,
Nor allow My faithfulness to fail.
89:34 My covenant I will not break,
Nor alter the word that has gone out of My lips.
89:35 Once I have sworn by My holiness;
I will not lie to David:
89:36 His seed shall endure forever,
And his throne as the sun before Me;
89:37 It shall be established forever like the moon,
Even like the faithful witness in the sky."
Selah

89:38 But You have cast off and abhorred,
You have been furious with Your anointed.
89:39 You have renounced the covenant of Your servant;
You have profaned his crown by casting it to the ground.
89:40 You have broken down all his hedges;
You have brought his strongholds to ruin.
89:41 All who pass by the way plunder him;
He is a reproach to his neighbors.
89:42 You have exalted the right hand of his adversaries;
You have made all his enemies rejoice.
89:43 You have also turned back the edge of his sword,
And have not sustained him in the battle.
89:44 You have made his glory cease,
And cast his throne down to the ground.
89:45 The days of his youth You have shortened;
You have covered him with shame.
Selah
89:46 How long, Yahweh?
Will You hide Yourself forever?
Will Your wrath burn like fire?
89:47 Remember how short my time is;
For what futility have You created all the children of men?
89:48 What man can live and not see death?
Can he deliver his life from the power of the grave? Selah
89:49 Lord, where are Your former lovingkindnesses,
Which You swore to David in Your truth?
89:50 Remember, Lord, the reproach of Your servants-
How I bear in my bosom the reproach of all the many peoples,
89:51 With which Your enemies have reproached, O Yahweh,
With which they have reproached the footsteps of Your anointed.

89:52 Blessed be Yahweh forevermore!
Amam and Amam.

Psalms 90:

90:1 Yahweh, You have been our
dwelling place in all generations.

90:2 Before the mountains were brought
forth,
Or ever You had formed the earth and
the world,
Even from everlasting to everlasting,
You are Yahweh.

90:3 You turn man to destruction,
And say, "Return, O children of men."

90:4 For a thousand years in Your sight
Are like yesterday when it is past,
And like a watch in the night.

90:5 You carry them away like a flood;
They are like a sleep.
In the morning they are like grass which
grows up:

90:6 In the morning it flourishes and
grows up;
In the evening it is cut down and
withers.

90:7 For we have been consumed by
Your anger,
And by Your wrath we are terrified.

90:8 You have set our iniquities before
You,
Our secret sins in the light of Your
countenance.

90:9 For all our days have passed away
in Your wrath;
We finish our years like a sigh.

90:10 The days of our lives are seventy
years;
And if by reason of strength they are
eighty years,
Yet their boast is only labor and sorrow;
For it is soon cut off, and we fly away.

90:11 Who knows the power of Your
anger?
For as the fear of You, so is Your wrath.

90:12 So teach us to number our days,
That we may gain a heart of wisdom.

90:13 Return, O Yahweh!
How long?

And have compassion on Your servants.
90:14 Oh, satisfy us early with Your
mercy,

That we may rejoice and be glad all our
days!

90:15 Make us glad according to the
days in which You have afflicted us,
The years in which we have seen evil.

90:16 Let Your work appear to Your
servants,
And Your glory to their children.

90:17 And let the beauty of Yahweh our
God be upon us,
And establish the work of our hands for
us;

Yes, establish the work of our hands.

Psalms 91:

91:1 He who dwells in the secret place
of the Most High
Shall abide under the shadow of the
Almighty.

91:2 I will say of Yahweh, "He is my
refuge and my fortress;
My God, in Him I will trust."

91:3 Surely He shall deliver you from
the snare of the fowler
And from the perilous pestilence.

91:4 He shall cover you with His
feathers,
And under His wings you shall take
refuge;
His truth shall be your shield and
buckler.

91:5 You shall not be afraid of the terror
by night,

Nor of the arrow that flies by day,
91:6 Nor of the pestilence that walks in
darkness,

Nor of the destruction that lays waste at
noonday.

91:7 A thousand may fall at your side,
And ten thousand at your right hand;
But it shall not come near you.

91:8 Only with your eyes shall you look,
And see the reward of the wicked.

91:9 Because you have made Yahweh,
who is my refuge,
Even the Most High, your dwelling
place,

91:10 No evil shall befall you,
Nor shall any plague come near your
dwelling;

91:11 For He shall give His angels
charge over you,
To keep you in all your ways.
91:12 In their hands they shall bear you
up,
Lest you dash your foot against a stone.
91:13 You shall tread upon the lion and
the cobra,
The young lion and the serpent you
shall trample underfoot.
91:14 "Because he has set his love
upon Me, therefore I will deliver him;
I will set him on high, because he has
known My name.
91:15 He shall call upon Me, and I will
answer him;
I will be with him in trouble;
I will deliver him and honor him.
91:16 With long life I will satisfy him,
And show him My salvation."

Psalms 92:

92:1 It is good to give thanks to
Yahweh,
And to sing praises to Your name, O
Most High;
92:2 To declare Your lovingkindness in
the morning,
And Your faithfulness every night,
92:3 On an instrument of ten strings,
On the lute,
And on the harp,
With harmonious sound.
92:4 For You, Yahweh, have made me
glad through Your work;
I will triumph in the works of Your hands.
92:5 O Yahweh, how great are Your
works!
Your thoughts are very deep.
92:6 A senseless man does not know,
Nor does a fool understand this.
92:7 When the wicked spring up like
grass,
And when all the workers of iniquity
flourish,
It is that they may be destroyed forever.
92:8 But You, Yahweh, are on high
forevermore.
92:9 For behold, Your enemies, O
Yahweh,
For behold, Your enemies shall perish;

All the workers of iniquity shall be
scattered.
92:10 But my horn You have exalted
like a wild ox;
I have been anointed with fresh oil.
92:11 My eye also has seen my desire
on my enemies;
My ears hear my desire on the wicked
Who rise up against me.
92:12 The righteous shall flourish like a
palm tree,
He shall grow like a cedar in Lebanon.
92:13 Those who are planted in the
house of Yahweh
Shall flourish in the courts of our God.
92:14 They shall still bear fruit in old
age;
They shall be fresh and flourishing,
92:15 To declare that Yahweh is
upright;
He is my rock, and there is no
unrighteousness in Him.

Psalms 93:

93:1 Yahweh reigns, He is clothed with
majesty;
Yahweh is clothed,
He has girded Himself with strength.
Surely the world is established, so that it
cannot be moved.
93:2 Your throne is established from of
old;
You are from everlasting.
93:3 The floods have lifted up, O
Yahweh,
The floods have lifted up their voice;
The floods lift up their waves.
93:4 Yahweh on high is mightier
Than the noise of many waters,
Than the mighty waves of the sea.
93:5 Your testimonies are very sure;
Holiness adorns Your house,
O Yahweh, forever.

Psalms 94:

94:1 O Yahweh our God, to whom
vengeance belongs-
O Yahweh, to whom vengeance
belongs, shine forth!
94:2 Rise up, O Judge of the earth;
Render punishment to the proud.
94:3 Yahweh, how long will the wicked,

How long will the wicked triumph?
94:4 They utter speech, and speak insolent things;
All the workers of iniquity boast in themselves.
94:5 They break in pieces Your people, O Yahweh,
And afflict Your heritage.
94:6 They slay the widow and the stranger,
And murder the fatherless.
94:7 Yet they say, "Yahweh does not see,
Nor does the God of Jacob understand."
94:8 Understand, you senseless among the people;
And you fools, when will you be wise?
94:9 He who planted the ear, shall He not hear?
He who formed the eye, shall He not see?
94:10 He who instructs the nations, shall He not correct,
He who teaches man knowledge?
94:11 Yahweh knows the thoughts of man,
That they are futile.
94:12 Blessed is the man whom You instruct, O Yahweh,
And teach out of Your law,
94:13 That You may give him rest from the days of adversity,
Until the pit is dug for the wicked.
94:14 For Yahweh will not cast off His people,
Nor will He forsake His inheritance.
94:15 But judgment will return to righteousness,
And all the upright in heart will follow it.
94:16 Who will rise up for me against the evildoers?
Who will stand up for me against the workers of iniquity?
94:17 Unless Yahweh had been my help,
My body would soon have settled in silence.
94:18 If I say, "My foot slips,"
Your mercy, O Yahweh, will hold me up.

94:19 In the multitude of my anxieties within me,
Your comforts delight my spirit.
94:20 Shall the throne of iniquity, which devises evil by law,
Have fellowship with You?
94:21 They gather together against the life of the righteous,
And condemn innocent blood.
94:22 But Yahweh has been my defense,
And my God the rock of my refuge.
94:23 He has brought on them their own iniquity,
And shall cut them off in their own wickedness;
Yahweh our God shall cut them off.

Psalms 95:

95:1 Oh come, let us sing to Yahweh!
Let us shout joyfully to the Rock of our salvation.
95:2 Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving;
Let us shout joyfully to Him with psalms.
95:3 For Yahweh is the great God,
And the great King above all gods.
95:4 In His hand are the deep places of the earth;
The heights of the hills are His also.
95:5 The sea is His, for He made it;
And His hands formed the dry land.
95:6 Oh come, let us worship and bow down;
Let us kneel before Yahweh our Maker.
95:7 For He is our God,
And we are the people of His pasture,
And the sheep of His hand.
Today, if you will hear His voice:
95:8 "Do not harden your hearts, as in the rebellion,
As in the day of trial in the wilderness,
95:9 When your fathers tested Me;
They tried Me, though they saw My work.
95:10 For forty years I was grieved with that generation,
And said, 'It is a people who go astray in their hearts,
And they do not know My ways.'
95:11 So I swore in My wrath,

'They shall not enter My rest.' "

Psalms 96:

96:1 Oh, sing to Yahweh a new song!
Sing to Yahweh, all the earth.

96:2 Sing to Yahweh, bless His name;
Proclaim the good news of His salvation
from day to day.

96:3 Declare His glory among the
nations,
His wonders among all peoples.

96:4 For Yahweh is great and greatly to
be praised;

He is to be feared above all gods.

96:5 For all the gods of the peoples are
idols,
But Yahweh made the skies.

96:6 Honor and majesty are before Him;
Strength and beauty are in His
sanctuary.

96:7 Give to Yahweh, O families of the
peoples,
Give to Yahweh glory and strength.

96:8 Give to Yahweh the glory due His
name;
Bring an offering, and come into His
courts.

96:9 Oh, worship Yahweh in the beauty
of holiness!

Tremble before Him, all the earth.

96:10 Say among the nations, "Yahweh
reigns;

The world also is firmly established,
It shall not be moved;

He shall judge the peoples righteously."

96:11 Let the skies rejoice, and let the
earth be glad;

Let the sea roar, and all its fullness;

96:12 Let the field be joyful, and all that
is in it.

Then all the trees of the woods will
rejoice before Yahweh.

96:13 For He is coming, for He is
coming to judge the earth.

He shall judge the world with
righteousness,
And the peoples with His truth.

Psalms 97:

97:1 Yahweh reigns;

Let the earth rejoice;

Let the multitude of isles be glad!

97:2 Clouds and darkness surround
Him;

Righteousness and justice are the
foundation of His throne.

97:3 A fire goes before Him,
And burns up His enemies round about.

97:4 His lightnings light the world;
The earth sees and trembles.

97:5 The mountains melt like wax at the
presence of Yahweh,
At the presence of Yahweh of the whole
earth.

97:6 The skies declare His
righteousness,
And all the peoples see His glory.

97:7 Let all be put to shame who serve
carved images,
Who boast of idols.

Worship Him, all you gods.

97:8 Zion hears and is glad,
And the daughters of Judah rejoice
Because of Your judgments, O Yahweh.

97:9 For You, Yahweh, are most high
above all the earth;

You are exalted far above all gods.

97:10 You who love Yahweh, hate evil!
He preserves the spirits of His saints;
He delivers them out of the hand of the
wicked.

97:11 Light is sown for the righteous,
And gladness for the upright in heart.

97:12 Rejoice in Yahweh, you righteous,
And give thanks at the remembrance of
His holy name.

Psalms 98:

98:1 Oh, sing to Yahweh a new song!
For He has done marvelous things;
His right hand and His holy arm have
gained Him the victory.

98:2 Yahweh has made known His
salvation;
His righteousness He has revealed in
the sight of the nations.

98:3 He has remembered His mercy
and His faithfulness to the house of
Israel;

All the ends of the earth have seen the
salvation of our God.

98:4 Shout joyfully to Yahweh, all the
earth;

Break forth in song, rejoice, and sing praises.

98:5 Sing to Yahweh with the harp,
With the harp and the sound of a psalm,

98:6 With trumpets and the sound of a horn;

Shout joyfully before Yahweh, the King.

98:7 Let the sea roar, and all its fullness,

The world and those who dwell in it;

98:8 Let the rivers clap their hands;
Let the hills be joyful together before Yahweh,

98:9 For He is coming to judge the earth.

With righteousness He shall judge the world,

And the peoples with equity.

Psalms 99:

99:1 Yahweh reigns;
Let the peoples tremble!

He dwells between the cherubim;
Let the earth be moved!

99:2 Yahweh is great in Zion,
And He is high above all the peoples.

99:3 Let them praise Your great and awesome name-
He is holy.

99:4 The King's strength also loves justice;

You have established equity;
You have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.

99:5 Exalt Yahweh our God,
And worship at His footstool-
He is holy.

99:6 Moses and Aaron were among His priests,

And Samuel was among those who called upon His name;

They called upon Yahweh, and He answered them.

99:7 He spoke to them in the cloudy pillar;

They kept His testimonies and the ordinance He gave them.

99:8 You answered them, O Yahweh our God;

You were to them Yahweh-Who-Forgives,

Though You took vengeance on their deeds.

99:9 Exalt Yahweh our God,
And worship at His holy hill;
For Yahweh our God is holy.

Psalms 100:

100:1 Make a joyful shout to Yahweh,
all you lands!

100:2 Serve Yahweh with gladness;
Come before His presence with singing.

100:3 Know that Yahweh, He is God;
It is He who has made us, and not we ourselves;

We are His people and the sheep of His pasture.

100:4 Enter into His gates with thanksgiving,

And into His courts with praise.

Be thankful to Him, and bless His name.

100:5 For Yahweh is good;

His mercy is everlasting,

And His truth endures to all generations.

Psalms 101:

101:1 I will sing of mercy and justice;
To You, O Yahweh, I will sing praises.

101:2 I will behave wisely in a perfect way.

Oh, when will You come to me?

I will walk within my house with a perfect heart.

101:3 I will set nothing wicked before my eyes;

I hate the work of those who fall away;
It shall not cling to me.

101:4 A perverse heart shall depart from me;

I will not know wickedness.

101:5 Whoever secretly slanders his neighbor,
Him I will destroy;

The one who has a haughty look and a proud heart,

Him I will not endure.

101:6 My eyes shall be on the faithful of the land,

That they may dwell with me;

He who walks in a perfect way,
He shall serve me.

101:7 He who works deceit shall not dwell within my house;

He who tells lies shall not continue in my presence.

101:8 Early I will destroy all the wicked of the land,

That I may cut off all the evildoers from the city of Yahweh.

Psalms 102:

102:1 Hear my prayer, O Yahweh, And let my cry come to You.

102:2 Do not hide Your face from me in the day of my trouble;

Incline Your ear to me;

In the day that I call, answer me speedily.

102:3 For my days are consumed like smoke, And my bones are burned like a hearth.

102:4 My heart is stricken and withered like grass, So that I forget to eat my bread.

102:5 Because of the sound of my groaning My bones cling to my skin.

102:6 I am like a pelican of the wilderness; I am like an owl of the desert.

102:7 I lie awake, And am like a sparrow alone on the housetop.

102:8 My enemies reproach me all day long, Those who deride me swear an oath against me.

102:9 For I have eaten ashes like bread, And mingled my drink with weeping,

102:10 Because of Your indignation and Your wrath; For You have lifted me up and cast me away.

102:11 My days are like a shadow that lengthens, And I wither away like grass.

102:12 But You, O Yahweh, shall endure forever, And the remembrance of Your name to all generations.

102:13 You will arise and have mercy on Zion; For the time to favor her, Yes, the set time, has come.

102:14 For Your servants take pleasure in her stones, And show favor to her dust.

102:15 So the nations shall fear the name of Yahweh, And all the kings of the earth Your glory.

102:16 For Yahweh shall build up Zion; He shall appear in His glory.

102:17 He shall regard the prayer of the destitute, And shall not despise their prayer.

102:18 This will be written for the generation to come, That a people yet to be created may praise Yahweh.

102:19 For He looked down from the height of His sanctuary; From heaven Yahweh viewed the earth,

102:20 To hear the groaning of the prisoner,

To release those appointed to death,

102:21 To declare the name of Yahweh in Zion,

And His praise in Jerusalem,

102:22 When the peoples are gathered together,

And the kingdoms, to serve Yahweh.

102:23 He weakened my strength in the way;

He shortened my days.

102:24 I said, "O my God, Do not take me away in the midst of my days;

Your years are throughout all generations.

102:25 Of old You laid the foundation of the earth,

And the heavens are the work of Your hands.

102:26 They will perish, but You will endure;

Yes, they will all grow old like a garment;

Like a cloak You will change them, And they will be changed.

102:27 But You are the same, And Your years will have no end.

102:28 The children of Your servants will continue,

And their descendants will be established before You."

Psalms 103:

103:1 Bless Yahweh, O my spirit;
And all that is within me, bless His holy name!

103:2 Bless Yahweh, O my spirit,
And forget not all His benefits:

103:3 Who forgives all your iniquities,
Who heals all your diseases,

103:4 Who redeems your life from destruction,
Who crowns you with lovingkindness and tender mercies,

103:5 Who satisfies your mouth with good things,
So that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

103:6 Yahweh executes righteousness
And justice for all who are oppressed.

103:7 He made known His ways to Moses,
His acts to the children of Israel.

103:8 Yahweh is merciful and gracious,
Slow to anger, and abounding in mercy.

103:9 He will not always strive with us,
Nor will He keep His anger forever.

103:10 He has not dealt with us according to our sins,
Nor punished us according to our iniquities.

103:11 For as the skies are high above the earth,
So great is His mercy toward those who fear Him;

103:12 As far as the east is from the west,
So far has He removed our transgressions from us.

103:13 As a father pities his children,
So Yahweh pities those who fear Him.

103:14 For He knows our frame;
He remembers that we are dust.

103:15 As for man, his days are like grass;
As a flower of the field, so he flourishes.

103:16 For the wind passes over it, and it is gone,
And its place remembers it no more.

103:17 But the mercy of Yahweh is from everlasting to everlasting
On those who fear Him,
And His righteousness to children's children,

103:18 To such as keep His covenant,
And to those who remember His commandments to do them.

103:19 Yahweh has established His throne in heaven,
And His kingdom rules over all.

103:20 Bless Yahweh, you His angels,
Who excel in strength, who do His word,
Heeding the voice of His word.

103:21 Bless Yahweh, all you His hosts,
You ministers of His, who do His pleasure.

103:22 Bless Yahweh, all His works,
In all places of His dominion.
Bless Yahweh, O my spirit!

Psalms 104:

104:1 Bless Yahweh, O my spirit!
O Yahweh my God, You are very great:
You are clothed with honor and majesty,

104:2 Who cover Yourself with light as with a garment,
Who stretch out the skies like a curtain.

104:3 He lays the beams of His upper chambers in the waters,
Who makes the clouds His chariot,
Who walks on the wings of the wind,

104:4 Who makes His angels spirits,
His ministers a flame of fire.

104:5 You who laid the foundations of the earth,
So that it should not be moved forever,

104:6 You covered it with the deep as with a garment;
The waters stood above the mountains.

104:7 At Your rebuke they fled;
At the voice of Your thunder they hastened away.

104:8 They went up over the mountains;
They went down into the valleys,
To the place which You founded for them.

104:9 You have set a boundary that they may not pass over,
That they may not return to cover the earth.

104:10 He sends the springs into the valleys,
They flow among the hills.
104:11 They give drink to every beast of the field;
The wild donkeys quench their thirst.
104:12 By them the birds of the skies have their home;
They sing among the branches.
104:13 He waters the hills from His upper chambers;
The earth is satisfied with the fruit of Your works.
104:14 He causes the grass to grow for the cattle,
And vegetation for the service of man,
That he may bring forth food from the earth,
104:15 And wine that makes glad the heart of man,
Oil to make his face shine,
And bread which strengthens man's heart.
104:16 The trees of Yahweh are full of sap,
The cedars of Lebanon which He planted,
104:17 Where the birds make their nests;
The stork has her home in the fir trees.
104:18 The high hills are for the wild goats;
The cliffs are a refuge for the rock badgers.
104:19 He appointed the moon for seasons;
The sun knows its going down.
104:20 You make darkness, and it is night,
In which all the beasts of the forest creep about.
104:21 The young lions roar after their prey,
And seek their food from Yahweh.
104:22 When the sun rises, they gather together
And lie down in their dens.
104:23 Man goes out to his work
And to his labor until the evening.

104:24 O Yahweh, how manifold are Your works!
In wisdom You have made them all.
The earth is full of Your possessions-
104:25 This great and wide sea,
In which are innumerable teeming things,
Living things both small and great.
104:26 There the ships sail about;
There is that Leviathan
Which You have made to play there.
104:27 These all wait for You, That You may give them their food in due season.
104:28 What You give them they gather in;
You open Your hand, they are filled with good.
104:29 You hide Your face, they are troubled;
You take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.
104:30 You send forth Your Spirit, they are created;
And You renew the face of the earth.
104:31 May the glory of Yahweh endure forever;
May Yahweh rejoice in His works.
104:32 He looks on the earth, and it trembles;
He touches the hills, and they smoke.
104:33 I will sing to Yahweh as long as I live;
I will sing praise to my God while I have my being.
104:34 May my meditation be sweet to Him;
I will be glad in Yahweh.
104:35 May sinners be consumed from the earth,
And the wicked be no more.
Bless Yahweh, O my spirit!
Praise Yahweh!

Psalms 105:

105:1 Oh, give thanks to Yahweh!
Call upon His name;
Make known His deeds among the peoples!
105:2 Sing to Him, sing psalms to Him;
Talk of all His wondrous works!
105:3 Glory in His holy name;

Let the hearts of those rejoice who seek
Yahweh!

105:4 Seek Yahweh and His strength;
Seek His face evermore!

105:5 Remember His marvelous works
which He has done,
His wonders, and the judgments of His
mouth,

105:6 O seed of Abraham His servant,
You children of Jacob, His chosen ones!

105:7 He is Yahweh our God;
His judgments are in all the earth.

105:8 He remembers His covenant
forever,

The word which He commanded, for a
thousand generations,

105:9 The covenant which He made
with Abraham,

And His oath to Isaac,

105:10 And confirmed it to Jacob for a
statute,

To Israel as an everlasting covenant,

105:11 Saying, "To you I will give the
land of Canaan

As the allotment of your inheritance,"

105:12 When they were few in number,
Indeed very few, and strangers in it.

105:13 When they went from one nation
to another,

From one kingdom to another people,

105:14 He permitted no one to do them
wrong;

Yes, He rebuked kings for their sakes,

105:15 Saying, "Do not touch My
anointed ones,

And do My prophets no harm."

105:16 Moreover He called for a famine
in the land;

He destroyed all the provision of bread.

105:17 He sent a man before them-
Joseph-who was sold as a slave.

105:18 They hurt his feet with fetters,
He was laid in irons.

105:19 Until the time that his word came
to pass,

The word of Yahweh tested him.

105:20 The king sent and released him,
The ruler of the people let him go free.

105:21 He made him lord of his house,
And ruler of all his possessions,

105:22 To bind his princes at his
pleasure,

And teach his elders wisdom.

105:23 Israel also came into Egypt,
And Jacob dwelt in the land of Ham.

105:24 He increased His people greatly,
And made them stronger than their
enemies.

105:25 He turned their heart to hate His
people,

To deal craftily with His servants.

105:26 He sent Moses His servant,
And Aaron whom He had chosen.

105:27 They performed His signs
among them,

And wonders in the land of Ham.

105:28 He sent darkness, and made it
dark;

And they did not rebel against His word.

105:29 He turned their waters into
blood,

And killed their fish.

105:30 Their land abounded with frogs,
Even in the chambers of their kings.

105:31 He spoke, and there came
swarms of flies,

And lice in all their territory.

105:32 He gave them hail for rain,
And flaming fire in their land.

105:33 He struck their vines also, and
their fig trees,

And splintered the trees of their territory.

105:34 He spoke, and locusts came,
Young locusts without number,

105:35 And ate up all the vegetation in
their land,

And devoured the fruit of their ground.

105:36 He also destroyed all the
firstborn in their land,

The first of all their strength.

105:37 He also brought them out with
silver and gold,

And there was none feeble among His
tribes.

105:38 Egypt was glad when they
departed,

For the fear of them had fallen upon
them.

105:39 He spread a cloud for a
covering,

And fire to give light in the night.
105:40 The people asked, and He brought quail,
And satisfied them with the bread of heaven.
105:41 He opened the rock, and water gushed out;
It ran in the dry places like a river.
105:42 For He remembered His holy promise,
And Abraham His servant.
105:43 He brought out His people with joy,
His chosen ones with gladness.
105:44 He gave them the lands of the Gentiles,
And they inherited the labor of the nations,
105:45 That they might observe His statutes
And keep His laws.
Praise Yahweh!
Psalms 106:
106:1 Praise Yahweh!
Oh, give thanks to Yahweh, for He is good!
For His mercy endures forever.
106:2 Who can utter the mighty acts of Yahweh?
Who can declare all His praise?
106:3 Blessed are those who keep justice,
And he who does righteousness at all times!
106:4 Remember me, O Yahweh, with the favor You have toward Your people;
Oh, visit me with Your salvation,
106:5 That I may see the benefit of Your chosen ones,
That I may rejoice in the gladness of Your nation,
That I may glory with Your inheritance.
106:6 We have sinned with our fathers,
We have committed iniquity,
We have done wickedly.
106:7 Our fathers in Egypt did not understand Your wonders;
They did not remember the multitude of Your mercies,
But rebelled by the sea-the Red Sea.

106:8 Nevertheless He saved them for His name's sake,
That He might make His mighty power known.
106:9 He rebuked the Red Sea also, and it dried up;
So He led them through the depths, As through the wilderness.
106:10 He saved them from the hand of him who hated them,
And redeemed them from the hand of the enemy.
106:11 The waters covered their enemies;
There was not one of them left.
106:12 Then they believed His words;
They sang His praise.
106:13 They soon forgot His works;
They did not wait for His counsel,
106:14 But lusted exceedingly in the wilderness,
And tested Yahweh in the desert.
106:15 And He gave them their request,
But sent leanness into their body.
106:16 When they envied Moses in the camp,
And Aaron the saint of Yahweh,
106:17 The earth opened up and swallowed Dathan,
And covered the faction of Abiram.
106:18 A fire was kindled in their company;
The flame burned up the wicked.
106:19 They made a calf in Horeb,
And worshiped the molded image.
106:20 Thus they changed their glory
Into the image of an ox that eats grass.
106:21 They forgot Yahweh their Savior,
Who had done great things in Egypt,
106:22 Wondrous works in the land of Ham,
Awesome things by the Red Sea.
106:23 Therefore He said that He would destroy them,
Had not Moses His chosen one stood before Him in the breach,
To turn away His wrath, lest He destroy them.
106:24 Then they despised the pleasant land;

They did not believe His word,
106:25 But complained in their tents,
And did not heed the voice of Yahweh.
106:26 Therefore He raised up His hand
in an oath against them,
To overthrow them in the wilderness,
106:27 To overthrow their descendants
among the nations,
And to scatter them in the lands.
106:28 They joined themselves also to
Baal of Peor,
And ate sacrifices made to the dead.
106:29 Thus they provoked Him to
anger with their deeds,
And the plague broke out among them.
106:30 Then Phinehas stood up and
intervened,
And the plague was stopped.
106:31 And that was accounted to him
for righteousness
To all generations forevermore.
106:32 They angered Him also at the
waters of strife,
So that it went ill with Moses on account
of them;
106:33 Because they rebelled against
His Spirit,
So that he spoke rashly with his lips.
106:34 They did not destroy the
peoples,
Concerning whom Yahweh had
commanded them,
106:35 But they mingled with the
Gentiles
And learned their works;
106:36 They served their idols,
Which became a snare to them.
106:37 They even sacrificed their sons
And their daughters to demons,
106:38 And shed innocent blood,
The blood of their sons and daughters,
Whom they sacrificed to the idols of
Canaan;
And the land was polluted with blood.
106:39 Thus they were defiled by their
own works,
And played the harlot by their own
deeds.
106:40 Therefore the wrath of Yahweh
was kindled against His people,

So that He abhorred His own
inheritance.
106:41 And He gave them into the hand
of the Gentiles,
And those who hated them ruled over
them.
106:42 Their enemies also oppressed
them,
And they were brought into subjection
under their hand.
106:43 Many times He delivered them;
But they rebelled in their counsel,
And were brought low for their iniquity.
106:44 Nevertheless He regarded their
affliction,
When He heard their cry;
106:45 And for their sake He
remembered His covenant,
And relented according to the multitude
of His mercies.
106:46 He also made them to be pitied
By all those who carried them away
captive.
106:47 Save us, O Yahweh our God,
And gather us from among the Gentiles,
To give thanks to Your holy name,
To triumph in Your praise.
106:48 Blessed be Yahweh the God of
Israel
From everlasting to everlasting!
And let all the people say, "Amam!"
Praise Yahweh!
Psalms 107:
107:1 Oh, give thanks to Yahweh, for
He is good!
For His mercy endures forever.
107:2 Let the redeemed of Yahweh say
so,
Whom He has redeemed from the hand
of the enemy,
107:3 And gathered out of the lands,
From the east and from the west,
From the north and from the south.
107:4 They wandered in the wilderness
in a desolate way;
They found no city to dwell in.
107:5 Hungry and thirsty,
Their spirit fainted in them.
107:6 Then they cried out to Yahweh in
their trouble,

And He delivered them out of their distresses.
107:7 And He led them forth by the right way,
That they might go to a city for a dwelling place.
107:8 Oh, that men would give thanks to Yahweh for His goodness,
And for His wonderful works to the children of men!
107:9 For He satisfies the longing spirit,
And fills the hungry body with goodness.
107:10 Those who sat in darkness and in the shadow of death,
Bound in affliction and irons-
107:11 Because they rebelled against the words of Yahweh,
And despised the counsel of the Most High,
107:12 Therefore He brought down their heart with labor;
They fell down, and there was none to help.
107:13 Then they cried out to Yahweh in their trouble,
And He saved them out of their distresses.
107:14 He brought them out of darkness and the shadow of death,
And broke their chains in pieces.
107:15 Oh, that men would give thanks to Yahweh for His goodness,
And for His wonderful works to the children of men!
107:16 For He has broken the gates of bronze,
And cut the bars of iron in two.
107:17 Fools, because of their transgression,
And because of their iniquities, were afflicted.
107:18 Their body abhorred all manner of food,
And they drew near to the gates of death.
107:19 Then they cried out to Yahweh in their trouble,
And He saved them out of their distresses.

107:20 He sent His word and healed them,
And delivered them from their destructions.
107:21 Oh, that men would give thanks to Yahweh for His goodness,
And for His wonderful works to the children of men!
107:22 Let them sacrifice the sacrifices of thanksgiving,
And declare His works with rejoicing.
107:23 Those who go down to the sea in ships,
Who do business on great waters,
107:24 They see the works of Yahweh,
And His wonders in the deep.
107:25 For He commands and raises the stormy wind,
Which lifts up the waves of the sea.
107:26 They mount up to the skies,
They go down again to the depths;
Their body melts because of trouble.
107:27 They reel to and fro, and stagger like a drunken man,
And are at their wits' end.
107:28 Then they cry out to Yahweh in their trouble,
And He brings them out of their distresses.
107:29 He calms the storm,
So that its waves are still.
107:30 Then they are glad because they are quiet;
So He guides them to their desired haven.
107:31 Oh, that men would give thanks to Yahweh for His goodness,
And for His wonderful works to the children of men!
107:32 Let them exalt Him also in the assembly of the people,
And praise Him in the company of the elders.
107:33 He turns rivers into a wilderness,
And the watersprings into dry ground;
107:34 A fruitful land into barrenness,
For the wickedness of those who dwell in it.
107:35 He turns a wilderness into pools of water,

And dry land into watersprings.
107:36 There He makes the hungry dwell,
That they may establish a city for a dwelling place,
107:37 And sow fields and plant vineyards,
That they may yield a fruitful harvest.
107:38 He also blesses them, and they multiply greatly;
And He does not let their cattle decrease.
107:39 When they are diminished and brought low
Through oppression, affliction and sorrow,
107:40 He pours contempt on princes,
And causes them to wander in the wilderness where there is no way;
107:41 Yet He sets the poor on high, far from affliction,
And makes their families like a flock.
107:42 The righteous see it and rejoice,
And all iniquity stops its mouth.
107:43 Whoever is wise will observe these things,
And they will understand the lovingkindness of Yahweh.
Psalms 108:
108:1 O Yahweh, my heart is steadfast;
I will sing and give praise, even with my glory.
108:2 Awake, lute and harp!
I will awaken the dawn.
108:3 I will praise You, O Yahweh,
among the peoples,
And I will sing praises to You among the nations.
108:4 For Your mercy is great above the heavens,
And Your truth reaches to the clouds.
108:5 Be exalted, O Yahweh, above the skies,
And Your glory above all the earth;
108:6 That Your beloved may be delivered,
Save with Your right hand, and hear me.
108:7 Yahweh has spoken in His holiness:
"I will rejoice;

I will divide Shechem
And measure out the Valley of Succoth.
108:8 Gilead is Mine; Manasseh is Mine;
Ephraim also is the helmet for My head;
Judah is My lawgiver.
108:9 Moab is My washpot;
Over Edom I will cast My shoe;
Over Philistia I will triumph."
108:10 Who will bring me into the strong city?
Who will lead me to Edom?
108:11 Is it not You, O Yahweh, who cast us off? And You, O Yahweh, who did not go out with our armies?
108:12 Give us help from trouble,
For the help of man is useless.
108:13 Through Yahweh we will do valiantly,
For it is He who shall tread down our enemies.
Psalms 109:
109:1 Do not keep silent,
O God of my praise!
109:2 For the mouth of the wicked and the mouth of the deceitful
Have opened against me;
They have spoken against me with a lying tongue.
109:3 They have also surrounded me
with words of hatred,
And fought against me without a cause.
109:4 In return for my love they are my accusers,
But I give myself to prayer.
109:5 Thus they have rewarded me evil
for good,
And hatred for my love.
109:6 Set a wicked man over him,
And let an accuser stand at his right hand.
109:7 When he is judged, let him be found guilty,
And let his prayer become sin.
109:8 Let his days be few,
And let another take his office.
109:9 Let his children be fatherless,
And his wife a widow.
109:10 Let his children continually be vagabonds, and beg;

Let them seek their bread also from their desolate places.

109:11 Let the creditor seize all that he has,

And let strangers plunder his labor.

109:12 Let there be none to extend mercy to him,

Nor let there be any to favor his fatherless children.

109:13 Let his posterity be cut off, And in the generation following let their name be blotted out.

109:14 Let the iniquity of his fathers be remembered before Yahweh, And let not the sin of his mother be blotted out.

109:15 Let them be continually before Yahweh, That He may cut off the memory of them from the earth;

109:16 Because he did not remember to show mercy, But persecuted the poor and needy man,

That he might even slay the broken in heart.

109:17 As he loved cursing, so let it come to him; As he did not delight in blessing, so let it be far from him.

109:18 As he clothed himself with cursing as with his garment, So let it enter his body like water, And like oil into his bones.

109:19 Let it be to him like the garment which covers him, And for a belt with which he girds himself continually.

109:20 Let this be Yahweh's reward to my accusers, And to those who speak evil against my person.

109:21 But You, O Yahweh, Deal with me for Your name's sake; Because Your mercy is good, deliver me.

109:22 For I am poor and needy, And my heart is wounded within me.

109:23 I am gone like a shadow when it lengthens;

I am shaken off like a locust.

109:24 My knees are weak through fasting, And my flesh is feeble from lack of fatness.

109:25 I also have become a reproach to them; When they look at me, they shake their heads.

109:26 Help me, O Yahweh my God! Oh, save me according to Your mercy,

109:27 That they may know that this is Your hand-

That You, Yahweh, have done it!

109:28 Let them curse, but You bless; When they arise, let them be ashamed, But let Your servant rejoice.

109:29 Let my accusers be clothed with shame, And let them cover themselves with their own disgrace as with a mantle.

109:30 I will greatly praise Yahweh with my mouth; Yes, I will praise Him among the multitude.

109:31 For He shall stand at the right hand of the poor, To save him from those who condemn him.

Psalms 110:

110:1 Yahweh said to my Lord, "Sit at My right hand, Till I make Your enemies Your footstool."

110:2 Yahweh shall send the rod of Your strength out of Zion.

Rule in the midst of Your enemies!

110:3 Your people shall be volunteers In the day of Your power;

In the beauties of holiness, from the womb of the morning, You have the dew of Your youth.

110:4 Yahweh has sworn And will not relent,

"You are a priest forever According to the order of Melchizedek."

110:5 Yahweh is at Your right hand; He shall execute kings in the day of His wrath.

110:6 He shall judge among the nations,

He shall fill the places with dead bodies,
He shall execute the heads of many
countries.

110:7 He shall drink of the brook by the
wayside;

Therefore He shall lift up the head.

Psalms 111:

111:1 Praise Yahweh!

I will praise Yahweh with my whole
heart,

In the assembly of the upright and in the
congregation.

111:2 The works of Yahweh are great,
Studied by all who have pleasure in
them.

111:3 His work is honorable and
glorious,
And His righteousness endures forever.

111:4 He has made His wonderful
works to be remembered;

Yahweh is gracious and full of
compassion.

111:5 He has given food to those who
fear Him;

He will ever be mindful of His covenant.

111:6 He has declared to His people the
power of His works,
In giving them the heritage of the
nations.

111:7 The works of His hands are verity
and justice;

All His precepts are sure.

111:8 They stand fast forever and ever,
And are done in truth and uprightness.

111:9 He has sent redemption to His
people;

He has commanded His covenant
forever:

Holy and awesome is His name.

111:10 The fear of Yahweh is the
beginning of wisdom;

A good understanding have all those
who do His commandments.

His praise endures forever.

Psalms 112:

112:1 Praise Yahweh!

Blessed is the man who fears Yahweh,
Who delights greatly in His
commandments.

112:2 His descendants will be mighty on
earth;

The generation of the upright will be
blessed.

112:3 Wealth and riches will be in his
house,

And his righteousness endures forever.

112:4 Unto the upright there arises light
in the darkness;

He is gracious, and full of compassion,
and righteous.

112:5 A good man deals graciously and
lends;

He will guide his affairs with discretion.

112:6 Surely he will never be shaken;
The righteous will be in everlasting
remembrance.

112:7 He will not be afraid of evil tidings;
His heart is steadfast, trusting in
Yahweh.

112:8 His heart is established;

He will not be afraid,

Until he sees his desire upon his
enemies.

112:9 He has dispersed abroad,
He has given to the poor;

His righteousness endures forever;

His horn will be exalted with honor.

112:10 The wicked will see it and be
grieved;

He will gnash his teeth and melt away;

The desire of the wicked shall perish.

Psalms 113:

113:1 Praise Yahweh!

Praise, O servants of Yahweh,

Praise the name of Yahweh!

113:2 Blessed be the name of Yahweh
From this time forth and forevermore!

113:3 From the rising of the sun to its
going down

Yahweh's name is to be praised.

113:4 Yahweh is high above all nations,
His glory above the skies.

113:5 Who is like Yahweh our God,
Who dwells on high,

113:6 Who humbles Himself to behold
The things that are in the skies and in
the earth?

113:7 He raises the poor out of the dust,
And lifts the needy out of the ash heap,

113:8 That He may seat him with
princes-

With the princes of His people.

113:9 He grants the barren woman a
home,

Like a joyful mother of children.

Praise Yahweh!

Psalms 114:

114:1 When Israel went out of Egypt,
The house of Jacob from a people of
strange language,

114:2 Judah became His sanctuary,
And Israel His dominion.

114:3 The sea saw it and fled;
Jordan turned back.

114:4 The mountains skipped like rams,
The little hills like lambs.

114:5 What ails you, O sea, that you
fled?

O Jordan, that you turned back?

114:6 O mountains, that you skipped
like rams?

O little hills, like lambs?

114:7 Tremble, O earth, at the presence
of Yahweh,

At the presence of the God of Jacob,

114:8 Who turned the rock into a pool of
water,

The flint into a fountain of waters.

Psalms 115:

115:1 Not unto us, O Yahweh, not unto
us,

But to Your name give glory,

Because of Your mercy,

Because of Your truth.

115:2 Why should the Gentiles say,
"So where is their God?"

115:3 But our God is in heaven;
He does whatever He pleases.

115:4 Their idols are silver and gold,
The work of men's hands.

115:5 They have mouths, but they do
not speak;

Eyes they have, but they do not see;

115:6 They have ears, but they do not
hear;

Noses they have, but they do not smell;

115:7 They have hands, but they do not
handle;

Feet they have, but they do not walk;

Nor do they mutter through their throat.

115:8 Those who make them are like
them;

So is everyone who trusts in them.

115:9 O Israel, trust in Yahweh;

He is their help and their shield.

115:10 O house of Aaron, trust in
Yahweh;

He is their help and their shield.

115:11 You who fear Yahweh, trust in
Yahweh;

He is their help and their shield.

115:12 Yahweh has been mindful of us;
He will bless us;

He will bless the house of Israel;

He will bless the house of Aaron.

115:13 He will bless those who fear
Yahweh,

Both small and great.

115:14 May Yahweh give you increase
more and more,

You and your children.

115:15 May you be blessed by Yahweh,
Who made heaven and earth.

115:16 The skie, even the heavens, are
Yahweh's;

But the earth He has given to the
children of men.

115:17 The dead do not praise Yahweh,
Nor any who go down into silence.

115:18 But we will bless Yahweh
From this time forth and forevermore.

Praise Yahweh!

Psalms 116:

116:1 I love Yahweh, because He has
heard

My voice and my supplications.

116:2 Because He has inclined His ear
to me,

Therefore I will call upon Him as long as
I live.

116:3 The pains of death surrounded
me,

And the pangs of Sheol laid hold of me;
I found trouble and sorrow.

116:4 Then I called upon the name of
Yahweh:

"O Yahweh, I implore You, deliver my
spirit!"

116:5 Gracious is Yahweh, and righteous;
Yes, our God is merciful.
116:6 Yahweh preserves the simple;
I was brought low, and He saved me.
116:7 Return to your rest, O my spirit,
For Yahweh has dealt bountifully with you.
116:8 For You have delivered my spirit from death,
My eyes from tears,
And my feet from falling.
116:9 I will walk before Yahweh
In the land of the living.
116:10 I believed, therefore I spoke,
"I am greatly afflicted."
116:11 I said in my haste,
"All men are liars."
116:12 What shall I render to Yahweh
For all His benefits toward me?
116:13 I will take up the cup of salvation,
And call upon the name of Yahweh.
116:14 I will pay my vows to Yahweh
Now in the presence of all His people.
116:15 Precious in the sight of Yahweh
Is the death of His saints.
116:16 O Yahweh, truly I am Your servant;
I am Your servant, the son of Your maidservant;
You have loosed my bonds.
116:17 I will offer to You the sacrifice of thanksgiving,
And will call upon the name of Yahweh.
116:18 I will pay my vows to Yahweh
Now in the presence of all His people,
116:19 In the courts of Yahweh's house,
In the midst of you, O Jerusalem.
Praise Yahweh!

Psalms 117:

117:1 Praise Yahweh, all you Gentiles!
Laud Him, all you peoples!
117:2 For His merciful kindness is great toward us,
And the truth of Yahweh endures forever.
Praise Yahweh!

Psalms 118:

118:1 Oh, give thanks to Yahweh, for He is good!
For His mercy endures forever.
118:2 Let Israel now say,
"His mercy endures forever."
118:3 Let the house of Aaron now say,
"His mercy endures forever."
118:4 Let those who fear Yahweh now say,
"His mercy endures forever."
118:5 I called on Yahweh in distress;
Yahweh answered me and set me in a broad place.
118:6 Yahweh is on my side;
I will not fear.
What can man do to me?
118:7 Yahweh is for me among those who help me;
Therefore I shall see my desire on those who hate me.
118:8 It is better to trust in Yahweh
Than to put confidence in man.
118:9 It is better to trust in Yahweh
Than to put confidence in princes.
118:10 All nations surrounded me,
But in the name of Yahweh
I will destroy them.
118:11 They surrounded me,
Yes, they surrounded me;
But in the name of Yahweh I will destroy them.
118:12 They surrounded me like bees;
They were quenched like a fire of thorns;
For in the name of Yahweh I will destroy them.
118:13 You pushed me violently, that I might fall,
But Yahweh helped me.
118:14 Yahweh is my strength and song,
And He has become my salvation.
118:15 The voice of rejoicing and salvation
Is in the tents of the righteous;
The right hand of Yahweh does valiantly.
118:16 The right hand of Yahweh is exalted;

The right hand of Yahweh does valiantly.
118:17 I shall not die, but live,
And declare the works of Yahweh.
118:18 Yahweh has chastened me severely,
But He has not given me over to death.
118:19 Open to me the gates of righteousness;
I will go through them,
And I will praise Yahweh.
118:20 This is the gate of Yahweh,
Through which the righteous shall enter.
118:21 I will praise You,
For You have answered me,
And have become my salvation.
118:22 The stone which the builders rejected
Has become the chief cornerstone.
118:23 This was Yahweh's doing;
It is marvelous in our eyes.
118:24 This is the day Yahweh has made;
We will rejoice and be glad in it.
118:25 Save now, I pray, O Yahweh;
O Yahweh, I pray, send now prosperity.
118:26 Blessed is he who comes in the name of Yahweh!
We have blessed you from the house of Yahweh.
118:27 God is Yahweh,
And He has given us light;
Bind the sacrifice with cords to the horns of the altar.
118:28 You are my God, and I will praise You;
You are my God, I will exalt You.
118:29 Oh, give thanks to Yahweh, for He is good!
For His mercy endures forever.
Psalms 119:
119:1 Blessed are the undefiled in the way,
Who walk in the law of Yahweh!
119:2 Blessed are those who keep His testimonies,
Who seek Him with the whole heart!
119:3 They also do no iniquity;
They walk in His ways.
119:4 You have commanded us

To keep Your precepts diligently.
119:5 Oh, that my ways were directed
To keep Your statutes!
119:6 Then I would not be ashamed,
When I look into all Your commandments.
119:7 I will praise You with uprightness of heart,
When I learn Your righteous judgments.
119:8 I will keep Your statutes;
Oh, do not forsake me utterly!
119:9 How can a young man cleanse his way?
By taking heed according to Your word.
119:10 With my whole heart I have sought You;
Oh, let me not wander from Your commandments!
119:11 Your word I have hidden in my heart,
That I might not sin against You!
119:12 Blessed are You, O Yahweh!
Teach me Your statutes!
119:13 With my lips I have declared
All the judgments of Your mouth.
119:14 I have rejoiced in the way of Your testimonies,
As much as in all riches.
119:15 I will meditate on Your precepts,
And contemplate Your ways.
119:16 I will delight myself in Your statutes;
I will not forget Your word.
119:17 Deal bountifully with Your servant,
That I may live and keep Your word.
119:18 Open my eyes, that I may see
Wondrous things from Your law.
119:19 I am a stranger in the earth;
Do not hide Your commandments from me.
119:20 My spirit breaks with longing
For Your judgments at all times.
119:21 You rebuke the proud-the cursed,
Who stray from Your commandments.
119:22 Remove from me reproach and contempt,
For I have kept Your testimonies.

119:23 Princes also sit and speak
against me,
But Your servant meditates on Your
statutes.
119:24 Your testimonies also are my
delight
And my counselors.
119:25 My body clings to the dust;
Revive me according to Your word.
119:26 I have declared my ways, and
You answered me;
Teach me Your statutes.
119:27 Make me understand the way of
Your precepts;
So shall I meditate on Your wondrous
works.
119:28 My body melts from heaviness;
Strengthen me according to Your word.
119:29 Remove from me the way of
lying,
And grant me Your law graciously.
119:30 I have chosen the way of truth;
Your judgments I have laid before me.
119:31 I cling to Your testimonies;
O Yahweh, do not put me to shame!
119:32 I will run the course of Your
commandments,
For You shall enlarge my heart.
119:33 Teach me, O Yahweh, the way
of Your statutes,
And I shall keep it to the end.
119:34 Give me understanding, and I
shall keep Your law;
Indeed, I shall observe it with my whole
heart.
119:35 Make me walk in the path of
Your commandments,
For I delight in it.
119:36 Incline my heart to Your
testimonies,
And not to covetousness.
119:37 Turn away my eyes from looking
at worthless things,
And revive me in Your way.
119:38 Establish Your word to Your
servant,
Who is devoted to respecting You.
119:39 Turn away my reproach which I
dread,
For Your judgments are good.

119:40 Behold, I long for Your precepts;
Revive me in Your righteousness.
119:41 Let Your mercies come also to
me, O Yahweh-
Your salvation according to Your word.
119:42 So shall I have an answer for
him who reproaches me,
For I trust in Your word.
119:43 And take not the word of truth
utterly out of my mouth,
For I have hoped in Your ordinances.
119:44 So shall I keep Your law
continually,
Forever and ever.
119:45 And I will walk at liberty,
For I seek Your precepts.
119:46 I will speak of Your testimonies
also before kings,
And will not be ashamed.
119:47 And I will delight myself in Your
commandments,
Which I love.
119:48 My hands also I will lift up to
Your commandments,
Which I love,
And I will meditate on Your statutes.
119:49 Remember the word to Your
servant,
Upon which You have caused me to
hope.
119:50 This is my comfort in my
affliction,
For Your word has given me life.
119:51 The proud have me in great
derision,
Yet I do not turn aside from Your law.
119:52 I remembered Your judgments
of old, O Yahweh,
And have comforted myself.
119:53 Indignation has taken hold of me
Because of the wicked, who forsake
Your law.
119:54 Your statutes have been my
songs
In the house of my pilgrimage.
119:55 I remember Your name in the
night, O Yahweh,
And I keep Your law.
119:56 This has become mine,
Because I kept Your precepts.

119:57 You are my portion, O Yahweh;
I have said that I would keep Your
words.

119:58 I entreated Your favor with my
whole heart;
Be merciful to me according to Your
word.

119:59 I thought about my ways,
And turned my feet to Your testimonies.

119:60 I made haste, and did not delay
To keep Your commandments.

119:61 The cords of the wicked have
bound me,
But I have not forgotten Your law.

119:62 At midnight I will rise to give
thanks to You,
Because of Your righteous judgments.

119:63 I am a companion of all who fear
You,

And of those who keep Your precepts.

119:64 The earth, O Yahweh, is full of
Your mercy;
Teach me Your statutes.

119:65 You have dealt well with Your
servant,

O Yahweh, according to Your word.

119:66 Teach me good judgment and
knowledge,

For I believe Your commandments.

119:67 Before I was afflicted I went
astray,

But now I keep Your word.

119:68 You are good, and do good;
Teach me Your statutes.

119:69 The proud have forged a lie
against me,

But I will keep Your precepts with my
whole heart.

119:70 Their heart is as fat as grease,
But I delight in Your law.

119:71 It is good for me that I have
been afflicted,

That I may learn Your statutes.

119:72 The law of Your mouth is better
to me

Than thousands of coins of gold and
silver.

119:73 Your hands have made me and
fashioned me;

Give me understanding, that I may learn
Your commandments.

119:74 Those who fear You will be glad
when they see me,

Because I have hoped in Your word.

119:75 I know, O Yahweh, that Your
judgments are right,

And that in faithfulness You have
afflicted me.

119:76 Let, I pray, Your merciful
kindness be for my comfort,

According to Your word to Your servant.

119:77 Let Your tender mercies come to
me, that I may live;

For Your law is my delight.

119:78 Let the proud be ashamed,
For they treated me wrongfully with
falsehood;

But I will meditate on Your precepts.

119:79 Let those who fear You turn to
me,

Those who know Your testimonies.

119:80 Let my heart be blameless
regarding Your statutes,

That I may not be ashamed.

119:81 My spirit faints for Your
salvation,

But I hope in Your word.

119:82 My eyes fail from searching Your
word,

Saying, "When will You comfort me?"

119:83 For I have become like a
wineskin in smoke,

Yet I do not forget Your statutes.

119:84 How many are the days of Your
servant?

When will You execute judgment on
those who persecute me?

119:85 The proud have dug pits for me,
Which is not according to Your law.

119:86 All Your commandments are
faithful;

They persecute me wrongfully;

Help me!

119:87 They almost made an end of me
on earth,

But I did not forsake Your precepts.

119:88 Revive me according to Your
lovingkindness,

So that I may keep the testimony of
Your mouth.
119:89 Forever, O Yahweh,
Your word is settled in heaven.
119:90 Your faithfulness endures to all
generations;
You established the earth, and it abides.
119:91 They continue this day
according to Your ordinances,
For all are Your servants.
119:92 Unless Your law had been my
delight,
I would then have perished in my
affliction.
119:93 I will never forget Your precepts,
For by them You have given me life.
119:94 I am Yours, save me;
For I have sought Your precepts.
119:95 The wicked wait for me to
destroy me,
But I will consider Your testimonies.
119:96 I have seen the consummation
of all perfection,
But Your commandment is exceedingly
broad.
119:97 Oh, how I love Your law!
It is my meditation all the day.
119:98 You, through Your
commandments, make me wiser than
my enemies;
For they are ever with me.
119:99 I have more understanding than
all my teachers,
For Your testimonies are my meditation.
119:100 I understand more than the
ancients,
Because I keep Your precepts.
119:101 I have restrained my feet from
every evil way,
That I may keep Your word.
119:102 I have not departed from Your
judgments,
For You Yourself have taught me.
119:103 How sweet are Your words to
my taste,
Sweeter than honey to my mouth!
119:104 Through Your precepts I get
understanding;
Therefore I hate every false way.
119:105 Your word is a lamp to my feet

And a light to my path.
119:106 I have sworn and confirmed
That I will keep Your righteous
judgments.
119:107 I am afflicted very much;
Revive me, O Yahweh, according to
Your word.
119:108 Accept, I pray, the freewill
offerings of my mouth, O Yahweh,
And teach me Your judgments.
119:109 My life is continually in my
hand,
Yet I do not forget Your law.
119:110 The wicked have laid a snare
for me,
Yet I have not strayed from Your
precepts.
119:111 Your testimonies I have taken
as a heritage forever,
For they are the rejoicing of my heart.
119:112 I have inclined my heart to
perform Your statutes
Forever, to the very end.
119:113 I hate the double-minded,
But I love Your law.
119:114 You are my hiding place and
my shield;
I hope in Your word.
119:115 Depart from me, you evildoers,
For I will keep the commandments of my
God!
119:116 Uphold me according to Your
word, that I may live;
And do not let me be ashamed of my
hope.
119:117 Hold me up, and I shall be
safe,
And I shall observe Your statutes
continually.
119:118 You reject all those who stray
from Your statutes,
For their deceit is falsehood.
119:119 You put away all the wicked of
the earth like dross;
Therefore I love Your testimonies.
119:120 My flesh trembles for fear of
You,
And I am afraid of Your judgments.
119:121 I have done justice and
righteousness;

Do not leave me to my oppressors.
119:122 Be surety for Your servant for good;
Do not let the proud oppress me.
119:123 My eyes fail from seeking Your salvation
And Your righteous word.
119:124 Deal with Your servant according to Your mercy,
And teach me Your statutes.
119:125 I am Your servant;
Give me understanding,
That I may know Your testimonies.
119:126 It is time for You to act, O Yahweh,
For they have regarded Your law as void.
119:127 Therefore I love Your commandments
More than gold, yes, than fine gold!
119:128 Therefore all Your precepts concerning all things
I consider to be right;
I hate every false way.
119:129 Your testimonies are wonderful;
Therefore my spirit keeps them.
119:130 The entrance of Your words gives light;
It gives understanding to the simple.
119:131 I opened my mouth and panted,
For I longed for Your commandments.
119:132 Look upon me and be merciful to me,
As Your custom is toward those who love Your name.
119:133 Direct my steps by Your word,
And let no iniquity have dominion over me.
119:134 Redeem me from the oppression of man,
That I may keep Your precepts.
119:135 Make Your face shine upon Your servant,
And teach me Your statutes.
119:136 Rivers of water run down from my eyes,
Because men do not keep Your law.

119:137 Righteous are You, O Yahweh,
And upright are Your judgments.
119:138 Your testimonies, which You have commanded,
Are righteous and very faithful.
119:139 My zeal has consumed me,
Because my enemies have forgotten Your words.
119:140 Your word is very pure;
Therefore Your servant loves it.
119:141 I am small and despised,
Yet I do not forget Your precepts.
119:142 Your righteousness is an everlasting righteousness,
And Your law is truth.
119:143 Trouble and anguish have overtaken me,
Yet Your commandments are my delights.
119:144 The righteousness of Your testimonies is everlasting;
Give me understanding, and I shall live.
119:145 I cry out with my whole heart;
Hear me, O Yahweh!
I will keep Your statutes.
119:146 I cry out to You;
Save me, and I will keep Your testimonies.
119:147 I rise before the dawning of the morning,
And cry for help;
I hope in Your word.
119:148 My eyes are awake through the night watches,
That I may meditate on Your word.
119:149 Hear my voice according to Your lovingkindness;
O Yahweh, revive me according to Your justice.
119:150 They draw near who follow after wickedness;
They are far from Your law.
119:151 You are near, O Yahweh,
And all Your commandments are truth.
119:152 Concerning Your testimonies,
I have known of old that You have founded them forever.
119:153 Consider my affliction and deliver me,

For I do not forget Your law.
119:154 Plead my cause and redeem me;
Revive me according to Your word.
119:155 Salvation is far from the wicked,
For they do not seek Your statutes.
119:156 Great are Your tender mercies,
O Yahweh;
Revive me according to Your judgments.
119:157 Many are my persecutors and my enemies,
Yet I do not turn from Your testimonies.
119:158 I see the treacherous, and am disgusted,
Because they do not keep Your word.
119:159 Consider how I love Your precepts;
Revive me, O Yahweh, according to Your lovingkindness.
119:160 The entirety of Your word is truth,
And every one of Your righteous judgments endures forever.
119:161 Princes persecute me without a cause,
But my heart stands in awe of Your word.
119:162 I rejoice at Your word
As one who finds great treasure.
119:163 I hate and abhor lying,
But I love Your law.
119:164 Seven times a day I praise You,
Because of Your righteous judgments.
119:165 Great peace have those who love Your law,
And nothing causes them to stumble.
119:166 Yahweh, I hope for Your salvation,
And I do Your commandments.
119:167 My spirit keeps Your testimonies,
And I love them exceedingly.
119:168 I keep Your precepts and Your testimonies,
For all my ways are before You.
119:169 Let my cry come before You,
O Yahweh;

Give me understanding according to Your word.
119:170 Let my supplication come before You;
Deliver me according to Your word.
119:171 My lips shall utter praise,
For You teach me Your statutes.
119:172 My tongue shall speak of Your word,
For all Your commandments are righteousness.
119:173 Let Your hand become my help,
For I have chosen Your precepts.
119:174 I long for Your salvation, O Yahweh,
And Your law is my delight.
119:175 Let my spirit live, and it shall praise You; And let Your judgments help me.
119:176 I have gone astray like a lost sheep;
Seek Your servant,
For I do not forget Your commandments.

Psalms 120:

120:1 In my distress I cried to Yahweh,
And He heard me.
120:2 Deliver my spirit, O Yahweh, from lying lips
And from a deceitful tongue.
120:3 What shall be given to you,
Or what shall be done to you,
You false tongue?
120:4 Sharp arrows of the warrior,
With coals of the broom tree!
120:5 Woe is me, that I dwell in Meshech,
That I dwell among the tents of Kedar!
120:6 My spirit has dwelt too long
With one who hates peace.
120:7 I am for peace;
But when I speak, they are for war.

Psalms 121:

121:1 I will lift up my eyes to the hills-
From whence comes my help?
121:2 My help comes from Yahweh,
Who made heaven and earth.
121:3 He will not allow your foot to be moved;

He who keeps you will not slumber.

121:4 Behold, He who keeps Israel
Shall neither slumber nor sleep.

121:5 Yahweh is your keeper;
Yahweh is your shade at your right
hand.

121:6 The sun shall not strike you by
day,

Nor the moon by night.

121:7 Yahweh shall preserve you from
all evil;

He shall preserve your spirit.

121:8 Yahweh shall preserve your going
out and your coming in
From this time forth, and even
forevermore.

Psalms 122:

122:1 I was glad when they said to me,
"Let us go into the house of Yahweh."

122:2 Our feet have been standing
Within your gates, O Jerusalem!

122:3 Jerusalem is built
As a city that is compact together,

122:4 Where the tribes go up,
The tribes of Yahweh,

To the Testimony of Israel,
To give thanks to the name of Yahweh.

122:5 For thrones are set there for
judgment,

The thrones of the house of David.

122:6 Pray for the peace of Jerusalem:
"May they prosper who love you.

122:7 Peace be within your walls,
Prosperity within your palaces."

122:8 For the sake of my brethren and
companions,

I will now say, "Peace be within you."

122:9 Because of the house of Yahweh
our God

I will seek your good.

Psalms 123:

123:1 Unto You I lift up my eyes,
O You who dwell in the heavens.

123:2 Behold, as the eyes of servants
look to the hand of their masters,
As the eyes of a maid to the hand of her
mistress,

So our eyes look to Yahweh our God,
Until He has mercy on us.

123:3 Have mercy on us, O Yahweh,
have mercy on us!

For we are exceedingly filled with
contempt.

123:4 Our spirit is exceedingly filled
With the scorn of those who are at ease,
With the contempt of the proud.

Psalms 124:

124:1 "If it had not been Yahweh who
was on our side,"

Let Israel now say-

124:2 "If it had not been Yahweh who
was on our side,

When men rose up against us,

124:3 Then they would have swallowed
us alive,

When their wrath was kindled against
us;

124:4 Then the waters would have
overwhelmed us,

The stream would have gone over our
body;

124:5 Then the swollen waters
Would have gone over our body."

124:6 Blessed be Yahweh,
Who has not given us as prey to their
teeth.

124:7 Our spirit has escaped as a bird
from the snare of the fowlers;

The snare is broken, and we have
escaped.

124:8 Our help is in the name of
Yahweh,

Who made heaven and earth.

Psalms 125:

125:1 Those who trust in Yahweh
Are like Mount Zion,

Which cannot be moved, but abides
forever.

125:2 As the mountains surround
Jerusalem,

So Yahweh surrounds His people
From this time forth and forever.

125:3 For the scepter of wickedness
shall not rest

On the land allotted to the righteous,
Lest the righteous reach out their hands
to iniquity.

125:4 Do good, O Yahweh, to those
who are good,

And to those who are upright in their hearts.

125:5 As for such as turn aside to their crooked ways,
Yahweh shall lead them away
With the workers of iniquity.
Peace be upon Israel!

Psalms 126:

126:1 When Yahweh brought back the captivity of Zion,

We were like those who dream.

126:2 Then our mouth was filled with laughter,

And our tongue with singing.

Then they said among the nations,
"Yahweh has done great things for them."

126:3 Yahweh has done great things for us,

And we are glad.

126:4 Bring back our captivity, O Yahweh,

As the streams in the South.

126:5 Those who sow in tears
Shall reap in joy.

126:6 He who continually goes forth weeping,

Bearing seed for sowing,

Shall doubtless come again with rejoicing,

Bringing his sheaves with him.

Psalms 127:

127:1 Unless Yahweh builds the house,
They labor in vain who build it;

Unless Yahweh guards the city,

The watchman stays awake in vain.

127:2 It is vain for you to rise up early,

To sit up late,

To eat the bread of sorrows;

For so He gives His beloved sleep.

127:3 Behold, children are a heritage from Yahweh,

The fruit of the womb is a reward.

127:4 Like arrows in the hand of a warrior,

So are the children of one's youth.

127:5 Happy is the man who has his quiver full of them;

They shall not be ashamed,

But shall speak with their enemies in the gate.

Psalms 128:

128:1 Blessed is every one who fears Yahweh,

Who walks in His ways.

128:2 When you eat the labor of your hands,

You shall be happy, and it shall be well with you.

128:3 Your wife shall be like a fruitful vine

In the very heart of your house,

Your children like olive plants

All around your table.

128:4 Behold, thus shall the man be blessed

Who fears Yahweh.

128:5 Yahweh bless you out of Zion,

And may you see the good of Jerusalem

All the days of your life.

128:6 Yes, may you see your children's children.

Peace be upon Israel!

Psalms 129:

129:1 "Many a time they have afflicted me from my youth,"

Let Israel now say-

129:2 "Many a time they have afflicted me from my youth;

Yet they have not prevailed against me.

129:3 The plowers plowed on my back;

They made their furrows long."

129:4 Yahweh is righteous;

He has cut in pieces the cords of the wicked.

129:5 Let all those who hate Zion

Be put to shame and turned back.

129:6 Let them be as the grass on the housetops,

Which withers before it grows up,

129:7 With which the reaper does not fill his hand,

Nor he who binds sheaves, his arms.

129:8 Neither let those who pass by them say,

"The blessing of Yahweh be upon you;
We bless you in the name of Yahweh!"

Psalms 130:

130:1 Out of the depths I have cried to You, O Yahweh;

130:2 Lord, hear my voice!
Let Your ears be attentive

To the voice of my supplications.

130:3 If You, Yahweh, should mark iniquities,

O Lord, who could stand?

130:4 But there is forgiveness with You,
That You may be feared.

130:5 I wait for Yahweh, my spirit waits,
And in His word I do hope.

130:6 My spirit waits for Yahweh
More than those who watch for the morning-

Yes, more than those who watch for the morning.

130:7 O Israel, hope in Yahweh;
For with Yahweh there is mercy,
And with Him is abundant redemption.

130:8 And He shall redeem Israel
From all his iniquities.

Psalms 131:

131:1 Yahweh, my heart is not haughty,
Nor my eyes lofty.

Neither do I concern myself with great matters,

Nor with things too profound for me.

131:2 Surely I have calmed and quieted my spirit,

Like a weaned child with his mother;
Like a weaned child is my spirit within me.

131:3 O Israel, hope in Yahweh
From this time forth and forever.

Psalms 132:

132:1 Yahweh, remember David
And all his afflictions;

132:2 How he swore to Yahweh,
And vowed to the Mighty One of Jacob:

132:3 "Surely I will not go into the chamber of my house,
Or go up to the comfort of my bed;

132:4 I will not give sleep to my eyes
Or slumber to my eyelids,

132:5 Until I find a place for Yahweh,
A dwelling place for the Mighty One of Jacob."

132:6 Behold, we heard of it in Ephrathah;

We found it in the fields of the woods.

132:7 Let us go into His tabernacle;
Let us worship at His footstool.

132:8 Arise, O Yahweh, to Your resting place,

You and the ark of Your strength.

132:9 Let Your priests be clothed with righteousness,

And let Your saints shout for joy.

132:10 For Your servant David's sake,
Do not turn away the face of Your Anointed.

132:11 Yahweh has sworn in truth to David;

He will not turn from it: "I will set upon your throne the fruit of your body.

132:12 If your sons will keep My covenant

And My testimony which I shall teach them,

Their sons also shall sit upon your throne forevermore."

132:13 For Yahweh has chosen Zion;
He has desired it for His dwelling place:

132:14 "This is My resting place forever;
Here I will dwell, for I have desired it.

132:15 I will abundantly bless her provision;

I will satisfy her poor with bread.

132:16 I will also clothe her priests with salvation,

And her saints shall shout aloud for joy.

132:17 There I will make the horn of David grow;

I will prepare a lamp for My Anointed.

132:18 His enemies I will clothe with shame,

But upon Himself His crown shall flourish."

Psalms 133:

133:1 Behold, how good and how pleasant it is

For brethren to dwell together in unity!

133:2 It is like the precious oil upon the head,

Running down on the beard,

The beard of Aaron,

Running down on the edge of his garments.
133:3 It is like the dew of Hermon,
Descending upon the mountains of Zion;
For there Yahweh commanded the blessing-
Life forevermore.

Psalms 134:

134:1 Behold, bless Yahweh,
All you servants of Yahweh,
Who by night stand in the house of Yahweh!

134:2 Lift up your hands in the sanctuary,
And bless Yahweh.

134:3 Yahweh who made heaven and earth
Bless you from Zion!

Psalms 135:

135:1 Praise Yahweh!
Praise the name of Yahweh;
Praise Him, O you servants of Yahweh!

135:2 You who stand in the house of Yahweh,
In the courts of the house of our God,

135:3 Praise Yahweh, for Yahweh is good;
Sing praises to His name, for it is pleasant.

135:4 For Yahweh has chosen Jacob for Himself,
Israel for His special treasure.

135:5 For I know that Yahweh is great,
And our Lord is above all gods.

135:6 Whatever Yahweh pleases He does,
In heaven and in earth,
In the seas and in all deep places.

135:7 He causes the vapors to ascend from the ends of the earth;
He makes lightning for the rain;
He brings the wind out of His treasures.

135:8 He destroyed the firstborn of Egypt,
Both of man and beast.

135:9 He sent signs and wonders into the midst of you, O Egypt,
Upon Pharaoh and all his servants.

135:10 He defeated many nations
And slew mighty kings-

135:11 Sihon king of the Amorites,
Og king of Bashan,

And all the kingdoms of Canaan-
135:12 And gave their land as a heritage,

A heritage to Israel His people.

135:13 Your name, O Yahweh, endures forever,
Your fame, O Yahweh, throughout all generations.

135:14 For Yahweh will judge His people,
And He will have compassion on His servants.

135:15 The idols of the nations are silver and gold,
The work of men's hands.

135:16 They have mouths, but they do not speak;
Eyes they have, but they do not see;

135:17 They have ears, but they do not hear;
Nor is there any breath in their mouths.

135:18 Those who make them are like them;
So is everyone who trusts in them.

135:19 Bless Yahweh, O house of Israel!

Bless Yahweh, O house of Aaron!

135:20 Bless Yahweh, O house of Levi!
You who fear Yahweh, bless Yahweh!

135:21 Blessed be Yahweh out of Zion,
Who dwells in Jerusalem!
Praise Yahweh!

Psalms 136:

136:1 Oh, give thanks to Yahweh, for He is good!
For His mercy endures forever.

136:2 Oh, give thanks to the God of gods!
For His mercy endures forever.

136:3 Oh, give thanks to Yahweh of lords!
For His mercy endures forever:

136:4 To Him who alone does great wonders,
For His mercy endures forever;

136:5 To Him who by wisdom made the heavens,
For His mercy endures forever;

136:6 To Him who laid out the earth
above the waters,
For His mercy endures forever;
136:7 To Him who made great lights,
For His mercy endures forever-
136:8 The sun to rule by day,
For His mercy endures forever;
136:9 The moon and stars to rule by
night,
For His mercy endures forever.
136:10 To Him who struck Egypt in their
firstborn,
For His mercy endures forever;
136:11 And brought out Israel from
among them,
For His mercy endures forever;
136:12 With a strong hand, and with an
outstretched arm,
For His mercy endures forever;
136:13 To Him who divided the Red
Sea in two,
For His mercy endures forever;
136:14 And made Israel pass through
the midst of it,
For His mercy endures forever;
136:15 But overthrew Pharaoh and his
army in the Red Sea,
For His mercy endures forever;
136:16 To Him who led His people
through the wilderness,
For His mercy endures forever;
136:17 To Him who struck down great
kings,
For His mercy endures forever;
136:18 And slew famous kings,
For His mercy endures forever-
136:19 Sihon king of the Amorites,
For His mercy endures forever;
136:20 And Og king of Bashan,
For His mercy endures forever-
136:21 And gave their land as a
heritage,
For His mercy endures forever;
136:22 A heritage to Israel His servant,
For His mercy endures forever.
136:23 Who remembered us in our
lowly state,
For His mercy endures forever;
136:24 And rescued us from our
enemies,

For His mercy endures forever;
136:25 Who gives food to all flesh,
For His mercy endures forever.
136:26 Oh, give thanks to the God of
heaven!
For His mercy endures forever.

Psalms 137:

137:1 By the rivers of Babylon,
There we sat down, yea, we wept
When we remembered Zion.
137:2 We hung our harps
Upon the willows in the midst of it.
137:3 For there those who carried us
away captive asked of us a song,
And those who plundered us requested
mirth,
Saying, "Sing us one of the songs of
Zion!"
137:4 How shall we sing Yahweh's song
In a foreign land?
137:5 If I forget you, O Jerusalem,
Let my right hand forget its skill!
137:6 If I do not remember you,
Let my tongue cling to the roof of my
mouth-
If I do not exalt Jerusalem
Above my chief joy.
137:7 Remember, O Yahweh, against
the sons of Edom
The day of Jerusalem,
Who said, "Raze it, raze it,
To its very foundation!"
137:8 O daughter of Babylon, who are
to be destroyed,
Happy the one who repays you as you
have served us!
137:9 Happy the one who takes and
dashes
Your little ones against the rock!

Psalms 138:

138:1 I will praise You with my whole
heart;
Before the gods I will sing praises to
You.
138:2 I will worship toward Your holy
temple,
And praise Your name
For Your lovingkindness and Your truth;
For You have magnified Your word
above all Your name.

138:3 In the day when I cried out, You answered me,
And made me bold with strength in my spirit.

138:4 All the kings of the earth shall praise You, O Yahweh,
When they hear the words of Your mouth.

138:5 Yes, they shall sing of the ways of Yahweh,
For great is the glory of Yahweh.

138:6 Though Yahweh is on high,
Yet He regards the lowly;
But the proud He knows from afar.

138:7 Though I walk in the midst of trouble, You will revive me;
You will stretch out Your hand
Against the wrath of my enemies,
And Your right hand will save me.

138:8 Yahweh will perfect that which concerns me;
Your mercy, O Yahweh, endures forever;

Do not forsake the works of Your hands.

Psalms 139:

139:1 O Yahweh, You have searched me and known me.

139:2 You know my sitting down and my rising up; You understand my thought afar off.

139:3 You comprehend my path and my lying down,
And are acquainted with all my ways.

139:4 For there is not a word on my tongue,
But behold, O Yahweh, You know it altogether.

139:5 You have hedged me behind and before,
And laid Your hand upon me.

139:6 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;
It is high, I cannot attain it.

139:7 Where can I go from Your Spirit?
Or where can I flee from Your presence?

139:8 If I ascend into heaven, You are there;
If I make my bed in the grave, behold, You are there.

139:9 If I take the wings of the morning,
And dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,

139:10 Even there Your hand shall lead me,
And Your right hand shall hold me.

139:11 If I say, "Surely the darkness shall fall on me,"
Even the night shall be light about me;

139:12 Indeed, the darkness shall not hide from You,
But the night shines as the day;
The darkness and the light are both alike to You.

139:13 For You formed my inward parts;
You covered me in my mother's womb.

139:14 I will praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made;
Marvelous are Your works,
And that my spirit knows very well.

139:15 My frame was not hidden from You,
When I was made in secret,
And skillfully wrought in the lowest parts of the earth.

139:16 Your eyes saw my substance, being yet unformed,
And in Your book they all were written,
The days fashioned for me,
When as yet there were none of them.

139:17 How precious also are Your thoughts to me, O Yahweh!
How great is the sum of them!

139:18 If I should count them, they would be more in number than the sand;
When I awake, I am still with You.

139:19 Oh, that You would slay the wicked, O Yahweh!
Depart from me, therefore, you bloodthirsty men.

139:20 For they speak against You wickedly;
Your enemies take Your name in vain.

139:21 Do I not hate them, O Yahweh, who hate You?
And do I not loathe those who rise up against You?

139:22 I hate them with perfect hatred;
I count them my enemies.

139:23 Search me, O Yahweh, and know my heart;
Try me, and know my anxieties;
139:24 And see if there is any wicked way in me,
And lead me in the way everlasting.

Psalms 140:

140:1 Deliver me, O Yahweh, from evil men;
Preserve me from violent men,
140:2 Who plan evil things in their hearts;
They continually gather together for war.
140:3 They sharpen their tongues like a serpent;
The poison of asps is under their lips.
Selah
140:4 Keep me, O Yahweh, from the hands of the wicked;
Preserve me from violent men,
Who have purposed to make my steps stumble.
140:5 The proud have hidden a snare for me, and cords;
They have spread a net by the wayside;
They have set traps for me. Selah
140:6 I said to Yahweh: "You are my God;
Hear the voice of my supplications, O Yahweh.
140:7 O Yahweh, the strength of my salvation,
You have covered my head in the day of battle.
140:8 Do not grant, O Yahweh, the desires of the wicked;
Do not further his wicked scheme,
Lest they be exalted. Selah
140:9 "As for the head of those who surround me,
Let the evil of their lips cover them;
140:10 Let burning coals fall upon them;
Let them be cast into the fire,
Into deep pits, that they rise not up again.
140:11 Let not a slanderer be established in the earth;
Let evil hunt the violent man to overthrow him."
140:12 I know that Yahweh will maintain

The cause of the afflicted,
And justice for the poor.
140:13 Surely the righteous shall give thanks to Your name;
The upright shall dwell in Your presence.

Psalms 141:

141:1 Yahweh, I cry out to You;
Make haste to me!
Give ear to my voice when I cry out to You.
141:2 Let my prayer be set before You as incense,
The lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.
141:3 Set a guard, O Yahweh, over my mouth;
Keep watch over the door of my lips.
141:4 Do not incline my heart to any evil thing,
To practice wicked works
With men who work iniquity;
And do not let me eat of their delicacies.
141:5 Let the righteous strike me;
It shall be a kindness.
And let him rebuke me;
It shall be as excellent oil;
Let my head not refuse it.
For still my prayer is against the deeds of the wicked.
141:6 Their judges are overthrown by the sides of the cliff,
And they hear my words, for they are sweet.
141:7 Our bones are scattered at the mouth of the grave,
As when one plows and breaks up the earth.
141:8 But my eyes are upon You, O Yahweh;
In You I take refuge;
Do not leave my body destitute.
141:9 Keep me from the snares they have laid for me,
And from the traps of the workers of iniquity.
141:10 Let the wicked fall into their own nets,
While I escape safely.

Psalms 142:

142:1 I cry out to Yahweh with my voice;
With my voice to Yahweh I make my
supplication.

142:2 I pour out my complaint before
Him;

I declare before Him my trouble.

142:3 When my spirit was overwhelmed
within me,

Then You knew my path.

In the way in which I walk

They have secretly set a snare for me.

142:4 Look on my right hand and see,
For there is no one who acknowledges
me;

Refuge has failed me;

No one cares for my spirit.

142:5 I cried out to You, O Yahweh:

I said, "You are my refuge,

My portion in the land of the living.

142:6 Attend to my cry,

For I am brought very low;

Deliver me from my persecutors,

For they are stronger than I.

142:7 Bring my body out of prison,

That I may praise Your name;

The righteous shall surround me,

For You shall deal bountifully with me."

Psalms 143:

143:1 Hear my prayer, O Yahweh,

Give ear to my supplications!

In Your faithfulness answer me,

And in Your righteousness.

143:2 Do not enter into judgment with
Your servant,

For in Your sight no one living is

righteous.

143:3 For the enemy has persecuted
my body;

He has crushed my life to the ground;

He has made me dwell in darkness,

Like those who have long been dead.

143:4 Therefore my spirit is

overwhelmed within me;

My heart within me is distressed.

143:5 I remember the days of old;

I meditate on all Your works;

I muse on the work of Your hands.

143:6 I spread out my hands to You;

My spirit longs for You like a thirsty land.

Selah

143:7 Answer me speedily, O Yahweh;

My spirit fails!

Do not hide Your face from me,

Lest I be like those who go down into

the pit.

143:8 Cause me to hear Your

lovingkindness in the morning,

For in You do I trust;

Cause me to know the way in which I

should walk,

For I lift up my spirit to You.

143:9 Deliver me, O Yahweh, from my
enemies;

In You I take shelter.

143:10 Teach me to do Your will,

For You are my God;

Your Spirit is good.

Lead me in the land of uprightness.

143:11 Revive me, O Yahweh, for Your
name's sake!

For Your righteousness' sake bring my
spirit out of trouble.

143:12 In Your mercy cut off my

enemies,

And destroy all those who afflict my
body;

For I am Your servant.

Psalms 144:

144:1 Blessed be Yahweh my Rock,

Who trains my hands for war,

And my fingers for battle-

144:2 My lovingkindness and my

fortress,

My high tower and my deliverer,

My shield and the One in whom I take

refuge,

Who subdues my people under me.

144:3 Yahweh, what is man, that You
take knowledge of him?

Or the son of man, that You are mindful
of him?

144:4 Man is like a breath;

His days are like a passing shadow.

144:5 Bow down Your skies, O Yahweh,
and come down;

Touch the mountains, and they shall
smoke.

144:6 Flash forth lightning and scatter them;
Shoot out Your arrows and destroy them.
144:7 Stretch out Your hand from above;
Rescue me and deliver me out of great waters,
From the hand of foreigners,
144:8 Whose mouth speaks vain words,
And whose right hand is a right hand of falsehood.
144:9 I will sing a new song to You, O Yahweh;
On a harp of ten strings I will sing praises to You,
144:10 The One who gives salvation to kings,
Who delivers David His servant
From the deadly sword.
144:11 Rescue me and deliver me from the hand of foreigners,
Whose mouth speaks lying words,
And whose right hand is a right hand of falsehood-
144:12 That our sons may be as plants grown up in their youth;
That our daughters may be as pillars,
Sculptured in palace style;
144:13 That our barns may be full,
Supplying all kinds of produce;
That our sheep may bring forth thousands
And ten thousands in our fields;
144:14 That our oxen may be well-laden;
That there be no breaking in or going out;
That there be no outcry in our streets.
144:15 Happy are the people who are in such a state;
Happy are the people whose God is Yahweh!

Psalms 145:

145:1 I will extol You, my God, O King;
And I will bless Your name forever and ever.
145:2 Every day I will bless You,
And I will praise Your name forever and ever.

145:3 Great is Yahweh, and greatly to be praised;
And His greatness is unsearchable.
145:4 One generation shall praise Your works to another,
And shall declare Your mighty acts.
145:5 I will meditate on the glorious splendor of Your majesty,
And on Your wondrous works.
145:6 Men shall speak of the might of Your awesome acts,
And I will declare Your greatness.
145:7 They shall utter the memory of Your great goodness,
And shall sing of Your righteousness.
145:8 Yahweh is gracious and full of compassion,
Slow to anger and great in mercy.
145:9 Yahweh is good to all,
And His tender mercies are over all His works.
145:10 All Your works shall praise You, O Yahweh,
And Your saints shall bless You.
145:11 They shall speak of the glory of Your kingdom,
And talk of Your power,
145:12 To make known to the sons of men His mighty acts,
And the glorious majesty of His kingdom.
145:13 Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,
And Your dominion endures throughout all generations.
145:14 Yahweh upholds all who fall,
And raises up all who are bowed down.
145:15 The eyes of all look expectantly to You,
And You give them their food in due season.
145:16 You open Your hand
And satisfy the desire of every living thing.
145:17 Yahweh is righteous in all His ways,
Gracious in all His works.
145:18 Yahweh is near to all who call upon Him,
To all who call upon Him in truth.

145:19 He will fulfill the desire of those who fear Him;
He also will hear their cry and save them.

145:20 Yahweh preserves all who love Him,

But all the wicked He will destroy.

145:21 My mouth shall speak the praise of Yahweh,

And all flesh shall bless His holy name
Forever and ever.

Psalms 146:

146:1 Praise Yahweh!

Praise Yahweh, O my spirit!

146:2 While I live I will praise Yahweh;
I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

146:3 Do not put your trust in princes,
Nor in a son of man, in whom there is no help.

146:4 His spirit departs, he returns to his earth;
In that very day his plans perish.

146:5 Happy is he who has the God of Jacob for his help,

Whose hope is in Yahweh his God,

146:6 Who made heaven and earth,
The sea, and all that is in them;

Who keeps truth forever,

146:7 Who executes justice for the oppressed,

Who gives food to the hungry.

Yahweh gives freedom to the prisoners.

146:8 Yahweh opens the eyes of the blind;

Yahweh raises those who are bowed down;

Yahweh loves the righteous.

146:9 Yahweh watches over the strangers;

He relieves the fatherless and widow;

But the way of the wicked He turns upside down.

146:10 Yahweh shall reign forever—
Your God, O Zion, to all generations.

Praise Yahweh!

Psalms 147:

147:1 Praise Yahweh!

For it is good to sing praises to our God;

For it is pleasant, and praise is beautiful.

147:2 Yahweh builds up Jerusalem;
He gathers together the outcasts of Israel.

147:3 He heals the brokenhearted
And binds up their wounds.

147:4 He counts the number of the stars;

He calls them all by name.

147:5 Great is our Lord, and mighty in power;

His understanding is infinite.

147:6 Yahweh lifts up the humble;
He casts the wicked down to the ground.

147:7 Sing to Yahweh with thanksgiving;

Sing praises on the harp to our God,

147:8 Who covers the skies with clouds,
Who prepares rain for the earth,
Who makes grass to grow on the mountains.

147:9 He gives to the beast its food,
And to the young ravens that cry.

147:10 He does not delight in the strength of the horse;

He takes no pleasure in the legs of a man.

147:11 Yahweh takes pleasure in those who fear Him,

In those who hope in His mercy.

147:12 Praise Yahweh, O Jerusalem!
Praise your God, O Zion!

147:13 For He has strengthened the bars of your gates;

He has blessed your children within you.

147:14 He makes peace in your borders,

And fills you with the finest wheat.

147:15 He sends out His command to the earth;

His word runs very swiftly.

147:16 He gives snow like wool;
He scatters the frost like ashes;

147:17 He casts out His hail like morsels;

Who can stand before His cold?

147:18 He sends out His word and melts them;

He causes His wind to blow, and the waters flow.

147:19 He declares His word to Jacob,
His statutes and His judgments to Israel.
147:20 He has not dealt thus with any
nation;

And as for His judgments, they have not
known them.

Praise Yahweh!

Psalms 148:

148:1 Praise Yahweh!

Praise Yahweh from the heavens;

Praise Him in the heights!

148:2 Praise Him, all His angels;

Praise Him, all His hosts!

148:3 Praise Him, sun and moon;

Praise Him, all you stars of light!

148:4 Praise Him, you skies of heavens,

And you waters above the skies!

148:5 Let them praise the name of

Yahweh,

For He commanded and they were
created.

148:6 He also established them forever
and ever;

He made a decree which shall not pass
away.

148:7 Praise Yahweh from the earth,

You great sea creatures and all the
depths;

148:8 Fire and hail, snow and clouds;

Stormy wind, fulfilling His word;

148:9 Mountains and all hills;

Fruitful trees and all cedars;

148:10 Beasts and all cattle;

Creeping things and flying fowl;

148:11 Kings of the earth and all

peoples;

Princes and all judges of the earth;

148:12 Both young men and maidens;

Old men and children.

148:13 Let them praise the name of

Yahweh,

For His name alone is exalted;

His glory is above the earth and the sky.

148:14 And He has exalted the horn of

His people,

The praise of all His saints-

Of the children of Israel,

A people near to Him.

Praise Yahweh!

Psalms 149:

149:1 Praise Yahweh!

Sing to Yahweh a new song,

And His praise in the assembly of
saints.

149:2 Let Israel rejoice in their Maker;

Let the children of Zion be joyful in their
King.

149:3 Let them praise His name with the
dance;

Let them sing praises to Him with the
timbrel and harp.

149:4 For Yahweh takes pleasure in His
people;

He will beautify the humble with
salvation.

149:5 Let the saints be joyful in glory;

Let them sing aloud on their beds.

149:6 Let the high praises of Yahweh be
in their mouth,

And a two-edged sword in their hand,

149:7 To execute vengeance on the
nations,

And punishments on the peoples;

149:8 To bind their kings with chains,

And their nobles with fetters of iron;

149:9 To execute on them the written
judgment-

This honor have all His saints.

Praise Yahweh!

Psalms 150:

150:1 Praise Yahweh!

Praise Yahweh in His sanctuary;

Praise Him in His mighty firmament!

150:2 Praise Him for His mighty acts;

Praise Him according to His excellent
greatness!

150:3 Praise Him with the sound of the
trumpet;

Praise Him with the lute and harp!

150:4 Praise Him with the timbrel and

dance;

Praise Him with stringed instruments
and flutes!

150:5 Praise Him with loud cymbals;

Praise Him with clashing cymbals!

150:6 Let everything that has breath
praise Yahweh.

Praise Yahweh!

Proverbs 1:

1:1 The proverbs of Solomon the son of David, king of Israel:

1:2 To know wisdom and instruction,
To perceive the words of understanding,

1:3 To receive the instruction of wisdom,
Justice, judgment, and equity;

1:4 To give prudence to the simple,
To the young man knowledge and discretion-

1:5 A wise man will hear and increase learning,
And a man of understanding will attain wise counsel,

1:6 To understand a proverb and an enigma,
The words of the wise and their riddles.

1:7 The fear of Yahweh is the beginning of knowledge,
But fools despise wisdom and instruction.

1:8 My son, hear the instruction of your father,
And do not forsake the law of your mother;

1:9 For they will be a graceful ornament on your head,
And chains about your neck.
1:10 My son, if sinners entice you,
Do not consent.

1:11 If they say, "Come with us,
Let us lie in wait to shed blood;
Let us lurk secretly for the innocent without cause;

1:12 Let us swallow them alive like Sheol,
And whole, like those who go down to the Pit;

1:13 We shall find all kinds of precious possessions,
We shall fill our houses with spoil;

1:14 Cast in your lot among us,
Let us all have one purse"-

1:15 My son, do not walk in the way with them,
Keep your foot from their path;

1:16 For their feet run to evil,
And they make haste to shed blood.

1:17 Surely, in vain the net is spread
In the sight of any bird;

1:18 But they lie in wait for their own blood,
They lurk secretly for their own lives.

1:19 So are the ways of everyone who is greedy for gain;
It takes away the life of its owners.

1:20 Wisdom calls aloud outside;
She raises her voice in the open squares.

1:21 She cries out in the chief concourses,
At the openings of the gates in the city
She speaks her words:

1:22 "How long, you simple ones, will you love simplicity?

For scorners delight in their scorning,
And fools hate knowledge.

1:23 Turn at my rebuke;
Surely I will pour out my spirit on you;
I will make my words known to you.

1:24 Because I have called and you refused,
I have stretched out my hand and no one regarded,

1:25 Because you disdained all my counsel,
And would have none of my rebuke,

1:26 I also will laugh at your calamity;
I will mock when your terror comes,

1:27 When your terror comes like a storm,
And your destruction comes like a whirlwind,
When distress and anguish come upon you.

1:28 "Then they will call on me, but I will not answer;
They will seek me diligently, but they will not find me.

1:29 Because they hated knowledge
And did not choose the fear of Yahweh,

1:30 They would have none of my counsel
And despised my every rebuke.

1:31 Therefore they shall eat the fruit of their own way,
And be filled to the full with their own fancies.

1:32 For the turning away of the simple will slay them,

And the complacency of fools will
destroy them;
1:33 But whoever listens to me will dwell
safely,
And will be secure, without fear of evil."

Proverbs 2:

2:1 My son, if you receive my words,
And treasure my commands within you,
2:2 So that you incline your ear to
wisdom,
And apply your heart to understanding;
2:3 Yes, if you cry out for discernment,
And lift up your voice for understanding,
2:4 If you seek her as silver,
And search for her as for hidden
treasures;
2:5 Then you will understand the fear of
Yahweh,
And find the knowledge of Yahweh.
2:6 For Yahweh gives wisdom;
From His mouth come knowledge and
understanding;
2:7 He stores up sound wisdom for the
upright;
He is a shield to those who walk
uprightly;
2:8 He guards the paths of justice,
And preserves the way of His saints.
2:9 Then you will understand
righteousness and justice,
Equity and every good path.
2:10 When wisdom enters your heart,
And knowledge is pleasant to your spirit,
2:11 Discretion will preserve you;
Understanding will keep you,
2:12 To deliver you from the way of evil,
From the man who speaks perverse
things,
2:13 From those who leave the paths of
uprightness
To walk in the ways of darkness;
2:14 Who rejoice in doing evil,
And delight in the perversity of the
wicked;
2:15 Whose ways are crooked,
And who are devious in their paths;
2:16 To deliver you from the immoral
woman,
From the seductress who flatters with
her words,

2:17 Who forsakes the companion of
her youth,
And forgets the covenant of her God.
2:18 For her house leads down to
death,
And her paths to the dead;
2:19 None who go to her return,
Nor do they regain the paths of life-
2:20 So you may walk in the way of
goodness,
And keep to the paths of righteousness.
2:21 For the upright will dwell in the
land,
And the blameless will remain in it;
2:22 But the wicked will be cut off from
the earth,
And the unfaithful will be uprooted from
it.

Proverbs 3:

3:1 My son, do not forget my law,
But let your heart keep my commands;
3:2 For length of days and long life
And peace they will add to you.
3:3 Let not mercy and truth forsake you;
Bind them around your neck,
Write them on the tablet of your heart,
3:4 And so find favor and high esteem
In the sight of Yahweh and man.
3:5 Trust in Yahweh with all your heart,
And lean not on your own
understanding;
3:6 In all your ways acknowledge Him,
And He shall direct your paths.
3:7 Do not be wise in your own eyes;
Fear Yahweh and depart from evil.
3:8 It will be health to your flesh,
And strength to your bones.
3:9 Honor Yahweh with your
possessions,
And with the firstfruits of all your
increase;
3:10 So your barns will be filled with
plenty,
And your vats will overflow with new
wine.
3:11 My son, do not despise the
chastening of Yahweh,
Nor detest His correction;
3:12 For whom Yahweh loves He
corrects,

Just as a father the son in whom he delights.
3:13 Happy is the man who finds wisdom,
And the man who gains understanding;
3:14 For her proceeds are better than the profits of silver,
And her gain than fine gold.
3:15 She is more precious than rubies,
And all the things you may desire cannot compare with her.
3:16 Length of days is in her right hand,
In her left hand riches and honor.
3:17 Her ways are ways of pleasantness,
And all her paths are peace.
3:18 She is a tree of life to those who take hold of her,
And happy are all who retain her.
3:19 Yahweh by wisdom founded the earth;
By understanding He established the skies;
3:20 By His knowledge the depths were broken up,
And clouds drop down the dew.
3:21 My son, let them not depart from your eyes-
Keep sound wisdom and discretion;
3:22 So they will be life to your spirit
And grace to your neck.
3:23 Then you will walk safely in your way,
And your foot will not stumble.
3:24 When you lie down, you will not be afraid;
Yes, you will lie down and your sleep will be sweet.
3:25 Do not be afraid of sudden terror,
Nor of trouble from the wicked when it comes;
3:26 For Yahweh will be your confidence,
And will keep your foot from being caught.
3:27 Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due,
When it is in the power of your hand to do so.
3:28 Do not say to your neighbor,

"Go, and come back,
And tomorrow I will give it,"
When you have it with you.
3:29 Do not devise evil against your neighbor,
For he dwells by you for safety's sake.
3:30 Do not strive with a man without cause,
If he has done you no harm.
3:31 Do not envy the oppressor,
And choose none of his ways;
3:32 For the perverse person is an abomination to Yahweh,
But His secret counsel is with the upright.
3:33 The curse of Yahweh is on the house of the wicked,
But He blesses the home of the just.
3:34 Surely He scorns the scornful,
But gives grace to the humble.
3:35 The wise shall inherit glory,
But shame shall be the legacy of fools.
Proverbs 4:
4:1 Hear, my children, the instruction of a father,
And give attention to know understanding;
4:2 For I give you good doctrine:
Do not forsake my law.
4:3 When I was my father's son,
Tender and the only one in the sight of my mother,
4:4 He also taught me, and said to me:
"Let your heart retain my words;
Keep my commands, and live.
4:5 Get wisdom! Get understanding!
Do not forget, nor turn away from the words of my mouth.
4:6 Do not forsake her, and she will preserve you;
Love her, and she will keep you.
4:7 Wisdom is the principal thing;
Therefore get wisdom.
And in all your getting, get understanding.
4:8 Exalt her, and she will promote you;
She will bring you honor, when you embrace her.
4:9 She will place on your head an ornament of grace;

A crown of glory she will deliver to you."

4:10 Hear, my son, and receive my sayings,

And the years of your life will be many.

4:11 I have taught you in the way of wisdom;

I have led you in right paths.

4:12 When you walk, your steps will not be hindered,

And when you run, you will not stumble.

4:13 Take firm hold of instruction, do not let go;

Keep her, for she is your life.

4:14 Do not enter the path of the wicked,

And do not walk in the way of evil.

4:15 Avoid it, do not travel on it;

Turn away from it and pass on.

4:16 For they do not sleep unless they have done evil;

And their sleep is taken away unless they make someone fall.

4:17 For they eat the bread of wickedness,

And drink the wine of violence.

4:18 But the path of the just is like the shining sun,

That shines ever brighter unto the perfect day.

4:19 The way of the wicked is like darkness;

They do not know what makes them stumble.

4:20 My son, give attention to my words;

Incline your ear to my sayings.

4:21 Do not let them depart from your eyes;

Keep them in the midst of your heart;

4:22 For they are life to those who find them,

And health to all their flesh.

4:23 Keep your heart with all diligence, For out of it spring the issues of life.

4:24 Put away from you a deceitful mouth,

And put perverse lips far from you.

4:25 Let your eyes look straight ahead, And your eyelids look right before you.

4:26 Ponder the path of your feet,

And let all your ways be established.

4:27 Do not turn to the right or the left; Remove your foot from evil.

Proverbs 5:

5:1 My son, pay attention to my wisdom; Lend your ear to my understanding,

5:2 That you may preserve discretion, And your lips may keep knowledge.

5:3 For the lips of an immoral woman drip honey,

And her mouth is smoother than oil;

5:4 But in the end she is bitter as wormwood,

Sharp as a two-edged sword.

5:5 Her feet go down to death,

Her steps lay hold of the grave.

5:6 Lest you ponder her path of life-

Her ways are unstable;

You do not know them.

5:7 Therefore hear me now, my children,

And do not depart from the words of my mouth.

5:8 Remove your way far from her, And do not go near the door of her house,

5:9 Lest you give your honor to others, And your years to the cruel one;

5:10 Lest aliens be filled with your wealth,

And your labors go to the house of a foreigner;

5:11 And you mourn at last, When your flesh and your body are consumed,

5:12 And say: "How I have hated instruction, And my heart despised correction!"

5:13 I have not obeyed the voice of my teachers,

Nor inclined my ear to those who instructed me!

5:14 I was on the verge of total ruin, In the midst of the assembly and congregation."

5:15 Drink water from your own cistern, And running water from your own well.

5:16 Should your fountains be dispersed abroad, Streams of water in the streets?

5:17 Let them be only your own,
And not for strangers with you.
5:18 Let your fountain be blessed,
And rejoice with the wife of your youth.
5:19 As a loving deer and a graceful
doe,
Let her breasts satisfy you at all times;
And always be enraptured with her love.
5:20 For why should you, my son, be
enraptured by an immoral woman,
And be embraced in the arms of a
seductress?
5:21 For the ways of man are before the
eyes of Yahweh,
And He ponders all his paths.
5:22 His own iniquities entrap the
wicked man,
And he is caught in the cords of his sin.
5:23 He shall die for lack of instruction,
And in the greatness of his folly he shall
go astray.

Proverbs 6:

6:1 My son, if you become surety for
your friend,
If you have shaken hands in pledge for
a stranger,
6:2 You are snared by the words of your
mouth;
You are taken by the words of your
mouth.
6:3 So do this, my son, and deliver
yourself;
For you have come into the hand of your
friend:
Go and humble yourself;
Plead with your friend.
6:4 Give no sleep to your eyes,
Nor slumber to your eyelids.
6:5 Deliver yourself like a gazelle from
the hand of the hunter,
And like a bird from the hand of the
fowler.
6:6 Go to the ant, you sluggard!
Consider her ways and be wise,
6:7 Which, having no captain,
Overseer or ruler,
6:8 Provides her supplies in the
summer,
And gathers her food in the harvest.

6:9 How long will you slumber, O
sluggard?
When will you rise from your sleep?
6:10 A little sleep, a little slumber,
A little folding of the hands to sleep-
6:11 So shall your poverty come on you
like a prowler,
And your need like an armed man.
6:12 A worthless person, a wicked
man,
Walks with a perverse mouth;
6:13 He winks with his eyes,
He shuffles his feet,
He points with his fingers;
6:14 Perversity is in his heart,
He devises evil continually,
He sows discord.
6:15 Therefore his calamity shall come
suddenly;
Suddenly he shall be broken without
remedy.
6:16 These six things Yahweh hates,
Yes, seven are an abomination to Him:
6:17 A proud look,
A lying tongue,
Hands that shed innocent blood,
6:18 A heart that devises wicked plans,
Feet that are swift in running to evil,
6:19 A false witness who speaks lies,
And one who sows discord among
brethren.
6:20 My son, keep your father's
command,
And do not forsake the law of your
mother.
6:21 Bind them continually upon your
heart;
Tie them around your neck.
6:22 When you roam, they will lead you;
When you sleep, they will keep you;
And when you awake, they will speak
with you.
6:23 For the commandment is a lamp,
And the law a light;
Reproofs of instruction are the way of
life,
6:24 To keep you from the evil woman,
From the flattering tongue of a
seductress.

6:25 Do not lust after her beauty in your heart,
Nor let her allure you with her eyelids.
6:26 For by means of a harlot
A man is reduced to a crust of bread;
And an adulteress will prey upon his precious life.
6:27 Can a man take fire to his bosom,
And his clothes not be burned?
6:28 Can one walk on hot coals,
And his feet not be seared?
6:29 So is he who goes in to his neighbor's wife;
Whoever touches her shall not be innocent.
6:30 People do not despise a thief
If he steals to satisfy himself when he is starving.
6:31 Yet when he is found, he must restore sevenfold;
He may have to give up all the substance of his house.
6:32 Whoever commits adultery with a woman lacks understanding;
He who does so destroys his own body.
6:33 Wounds and dishonor he will get,
And his reproach will not be wiped away.
6:34 For jealousy is a husband's fury;
Therefore he will not spare in the day of vengeance.
6:35 He will accept no recompense,
Nor will he be appeased though you give many gifts.

Proverbs 7:

7:1 My son, keep my words,
And treasure my commands within you.
7:2 Keep my commands and live,
And my law as the apple of your eye.
7:3 Bind them on your fingers;
Write them on the tablet of your heart.
7:4 Say to wisdom, "You are my sister,"
And call understanding your nearest kin,
7:5 That they may keep you from the immoral woman,
From the seductress who flatters with her words.
7:6 For at the window of my house
I looked through my lattice,
7:7 And saw among the simple,

I perceived among the youths,
A young man devoid of understanding,
7:8 Passing along the street near her corner;
And he took the path to her house
7:9 In the twilight, in the evening,
In the black and dark night.
7:10 And there a woman met him,
With the attire of a harlot, and a crafty heart.
7:11 She was loud and rebellious,
Her feet would not stay at home.
7:12 At times she was outside, at times in the open square,
Lurking at every corner.
7:13 So she caught him and kissed him;
With an impudent face she said to him:
7:14 "I have peace offerings with me;
Today I have paid my vows.
7:15 So I came out to meet you,
Diligently to seek your face,
And I have found you.
7:16 I have spread my bed with tapestry,
Colored coverings of Egyptian linen.
7:17 I have perfumed my bed
With myrrh, aloes, and cinnamon.
7:18 Come, let us take our fill of love until morning;
Let us delight ourselves with love.
7:19 For my husband is not at home;
He has gone on a long journey;
7:20 He has taken a bag of money with him,
And will come home on the appointed day."
7:21 With her enticing speech she caused him to yield,
With her flattering lips she seduced him.
7:22 Immediately he went after her, as an ox goes to the slaughter,
Or as a fool to the correction of the stocks,
7:23 Till an arrow struck his liver.
As a bird hastens to the snare,
He did not know it would cost his life.
7:24 Now therefore, listen to me, my children;
Pay attention to the words of my mouth:

7:25 Do not let your heart turn aside to her ways,
Do not stray into her paths;

7:26 For she has cast down many wounded,
And all who were slain by her were strong men.

7:27 Her house is the way to the grave,
Descending to the chambers of death.

Proverbs 8:

8:1 Does not wisdom cry out,
And understanding lift up her voice?

8:2 She takes her stand on the top of the high hill,
Beside the way, where the paths meet.

8:3 She cries out by the gates, at the entry of the city,
At the entrance of the doors:

8:4 "To you, O men, I call,
And my voice is to the sons of men.

8:5 O you simple ones, understand prudence,
And you fools, be of an understanding heart.

8:6 Listen, for I will speak of excellent things,
And from the opening of my lips will come right things;

8:7 For my mouth will speak truth;
Wickedness is an abomination to my lips.

8:8 All the words of my mouth are with righteousness;
Nothing crooked or perverse is in them.

8:9 They are all plain to him who understands,
And right to those who find knowledge.

8:10 Receive my instruction, and not silver,
And knowledge rather than choice gold;

8:11 For wisdom is better than rubies,
And all the things one may desire cannot be compared with her.

8:12 "I, wisdom, dwell with prudence,
And find out knowledge and discretion.

8:13 The fear of Yahweh is to hate evil;
Pride and arrogance and the evil way
And the perverse mouth I hate.

8:14 Counsel is mine, and sound wisdom;

I am understanding, I have strength.

8:15 By me kings reign,
And rulers decree justice.

8:16 By me princes rule, and nobles,
All the judges of the earth.

8:17 I love those who love me,
And those who seek me diligently will find me.

8:18 Riches and honor are with me,
Enduring riches and righteousness.

8:19 My fruit is better than gold, yes,
than fine gold,
And my revenue than choice silver.

8:20 I traverse the way of righteousness,
In the midst of the paths of justice,
8:21 That I may cause those who love me to inherit wealth,
That I may fill their treasuries.

8:22 "Yahweh possessed me at the beginning of His way,
Before His works of old.

8:23 I have been established from everlasting,
From the beginning, before there was ever an earth.

8:24 When there were no depths I was brought forth,
When there were no fountains abounding with water.

8:25 Before the mountains were settled,
Before the hills, I was brought forth;

8:26 While as yet He had not made the earth or the fields,
Or the primeval dust of the world.

8:27 When He prepared the skies, I was there,
When He drew a circle on the face of the deep,

8:28 When He established the clouds above,
When He strengthened the fountains of the deep,

8:29 When He assigned to the sea its limit,
So that the waters would not transgress His command,
When He marked out the foundations of the earth,

8:30 Then I was beside Him as a master craftsman;
And I was daily His delight,
Rejoicing always before Him,
8:31 Rejoicing in His inhabited world,
And my delight was with the sons of men.
8:32 "Now therefore, listen to me, my children,
For blessed are those who keep my ways.
8:33 Hear instruction and be wise,
And do not disdain it.
8:34 Blessed is the man who listens to me,
Watching daily at my gates,
Waiting at the posts of my doors.
8:35 For whoever finds me finds life,
And obtains favor from Yahweh;
8:36 But he who sins against me
wrongs his own body;
All those who hate me love death."

Proverbs 9:

9:1 Wisdom has built her house,
She has hewn out her seven pillars;
9:2 She has slaughtered her meat,
She has mixed her wine,
She has also furnished her table.
9:3 She has sent out her maidens,
She cries out from the highest places of the city,
9:4 "Whoever is simple, let him turn in here!"
As for him who lacks understanding, she says to him,
9:5 "Come, eat of my bread
And drink of the wine I have mixed.
9:6 Forsake foolishness and live,
And go in the way of understanding.
9:7 "He who corrects a scoffer gets shame for himself,
And he who rebukes a wicked man only harms himself.
9:8 Do not correct a scoffer, lest he hate you;
Rebuke a wise man, and he will love you.
9:9 Give instruction to a wise man, and he will be still wiser;

Teach a just man, and he will increase in learning.
9:10 "The fear of Yahweh is the beginning of wisdom,
And the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.
9:11 For by me your days will be multiplied,
And years of life will be added to you.
9:12 If you are wise, you are wise for yourself,
And if you scoff, you will bear it alone."
9:13 A foolish woman is clamorous;
She is simple, and knows nothing.
9:14 For she sits at the door of her house,
On a seat by the highest places of the city,
9:15 To call to those who pass by,
Who go straight on their way:
9:16 "Whoever is simple, let him turn in here";
And as for him who lacks understanding, she says to him,
9:17 "Stolen water is sweet,
And bread eaten in secret is pleasant."
9:18 But he does not know that the dead are there,
That her guests are in the depths of the grave.
Proverbs 10:
10:1 The Proverbs of Solomon:
A wise son makes a glad father,
But a foolish son is the grief of his mother.
10:2 Treasures of wickedness profit nothing,
But righteousness delivers from death.
10:3 Yahweh will not allow the righteous spirit to famish,
But He casts away the desire of the wicked.
10:4 He who has a slack hand becomes poor,
But the hand of the diligent makes rich.
10:5 He who gathers in summer is a wise son;
He who sleeps in harvest is a son who causes shame.

10:6 Blessings are on the head of the righteous,
But violence covers the mouth of the wicked.
10:7 The memory of the righteous is blessed,
But the name of the wicked will rot.
10:8 The wise in heart will receive commands,
But a prating fool will fall.
10:9 He who walks with integrity walks securely,
But he who perverts his ways will become known.
10:10 He who winks with the eye causes trouble,
But a prating fool will fall.
10:11 The mouth of the righteous is a well of life,
But violence covers the mouth of the wicked.
10:12 Hatred stirs up strife,
But love covers all sins.
10:13 Wisdom is found on the lips of him who has understanding,
But a rod is for the back of him who is devoid of understanding.
10:14 Wise people store up knowledge,
But the mouth of the foolish is near destruction.
10:15 The rich man's wealth is his strong city;
The destruction of the poor is their poverty.
10:16 The labor of the righteous leads to life,
The wages of the wicked to sin.
10:17 He who keeps instruction is in the way of life,
But he who refuses correction goes astray.
10:18 Whoever hides hatred has lying lips,
And whoever spreads slander is a fool.
10:19 In the multitude of words sin is not lacking,
But he who restrains his lips is wise.
10:20 The tongue of the righteous is choice silver;
The heart of the wicked is worth little.

10:21 The lips of the righteous feed many,
But fools die for lack of wisdom.
10:22 The blessing of Yahweh makes one rich,
And He adds no sorrow with it.
10:23 To do evil is like sport to a fool,
But a man of understanding has wisdom.
10:24 The fear of the wicked will come upon him,
And the desire of the righteous will be granted.
10:25 When the whirlwind passes by, the wicked is no more,
But the righteous has an everlasting foundation.
10:26 As vinegar to the teeth and smoke to the eyes,
So is the lazy man to those who send him.
10:27 The fear of Yahweh prolongs days,
But the years of the wicked will be shortened.
10:28 The hope of the righteous will be gladness,
But the expectation of the wicked will perish.
10:29 The way of Yahweh is strength for the upright,
But destruction will come to the workers of iniquity.
10:30 The righteous will never be removed,
But the wicked will not inhabit the earth.
10:31 The mouth of the righteous brings forth wisdom,
But the perverse tongue will be cut out.
10:32 The lips of the righteous know what is acceptable,
But the mouth of the wicked what is perverse.
Proverbs 11:
11:1 Dishonest scales are an abomination to Yahweh,
But a just weight is His delight.
11:2 When pride comes, then comes shame;
But with the humble is wisdom.

11:3 The integrity of the upright will guide them,
But the perversity of the unfaithful will destroy them.

11:4 Riches do not profit in the day of wrath,
But righteousness delivers from death.

11:5 The righteousness of the blameless will direct his way aright,
But the wicked will fall by his own wickedness.

11:6 The righteousness of the upright will deliver them,
But the unfaithful will be caught by their lust.

11:7 When a wicked man dies, his expectation will perish,
And the hope of the unjust perishes.

11:8 The righteous is delivered from trouble,
And it comes to the wicked instead.

11:9 The hypocrite with his mouth destroys his neighbor,
But through knowledge the righteous will be delivered.

11:10 When it goes well with the righteous, the city rejoices;
And when the wicked perish, there is jubilation.

11:11 By the blessing of the upright the city is exalted,
But it is overthrown by the mouth of the wicked.

11:12 He who is devoid of wisdom despises his neighbor,
But a man of understanding holds his peace.

11:13 A talebearer reveals secrets,
But he who is of a faithful spirit conceals a matter.

11:14 Where there is no counsel, the people fall;
But in the multitude of counselors there is safety.

11:15 He who is surety for a stranger will suffer,
But one who hates being surety is secure.

11:16 A gracious woman retains honor,
But ruthless men retain riches.

11:17 The merciful man does good for his own spirit,
But he who is cruel troubles his own flesh.

11:18 The wicked man does deceptive work,
But he who sows righteousness will have a sure reward.

11:19 As righteousness leads to life,
So he who pursues evil pursues it to his own death.

11:20 Those who are of a perverse heart are an abomination to Yahweh,
But the blameless in their ways are His delight.

11:21 Though they join forces, the wicked will not go unpunished;
But the posterity of the righteous will be delivered.

11:22 As a ring of gold in a swine's snout,
So is a lovely woman who lacks discretion.

11:23 The desire of the righteous is only good,
But the expectation of the wicked is wrath.

11:24 There is one who scatters, yet increases more;
And there is one who withholds more than is right,
But it leads to poverty.

11:25 The generous spirit will be made rich,
And he who waters will also be watered himself.

11:26 The people will curse him who withholds grain,
But blessing will be on the head of him who sells it.

11:27 He who earnestly seeks good finds favor,
But trouble will come to him who seeks evil.

11:28 He who trusts in his riches will fall,
But the righteous will flourish like foliage.

11:29 He who troubles his own house will inherit the wind,

And the fool will be servant to the wise of heart.

11:30 The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life,

And he who wins spirits is wise.

11:31 If the righteous will be recompensed on the earth,
How much more the ungodly and the sinner.

Proverbs 12:

12:1 Whoever loves instruction loves knowledge,

But he who hates correction is stupid.

12:2 A good man obtains favor from Yahweh,

But a man of wicked intentions He will condemn.

12:3 A man is not established by wickedness,

But the root of the righteous cannot be moved.

12:4 An excellent wife is the crown of her husband,

But she who causes shame is like rottenness in his bones.

12:5 The thoughts of the righteous are right,

But the counsels of the wicked are deceitful.

12:6 The words of the wicked are, "Lie in wait for blood,"

But the mouth of the upright will deliver them.

12:7 The wicked are overthrown and are no more,

But the house of the righteous will stand.

12:8 A man will be commended according to his wisdom,

But he who is of a perverse heart will be despised.

12:9 Better is the one who is slighted but has a servant,

Than he who honors himself but lacks bread.

12:10 A righteous man regards the life of his animal,

But the tender mercies of the wicked are cruel.

12:11 He who tills his land will be satisfied with bread,

But he who follows frivolity is devoid of understanding.

12:12 The wicked covet the catch of evil men,

But the root of the righteous yields fruit.

12:13 The wicked is ensnared by the transgression of his lips,

But the righteous will come through trouble.

12:14 A man will be satisfied with good by the fruit of his mouth,

And the recompense of a man's hands will be rendered to him.

12:15 The way of a fool is right in his own eyes,

But he who heeds counsel is wise.

12:16 A fool's wrath is known at once,
But a prudent man covers shame.

12:17 He who speaks truth declares righteousness,

But a false witness, deceit.

12:18 There is one who speaks like the piercings of a sword,

But the tongue of the wise promotes health.

12:19 The truthful lip shall be established forever,

But a lying tongue is but for a moment.

12:20 Deceit is in the heart of those who devise evil,

But counselors of peace have joy.

12:21 No grave trouble will overtake the righteous,

But the wicked shall be filled with evil.

12:22 Lying lips are an abomination to Yahweh,

But those who deal truthfully are His delight.

12:23 A prudent man conceals knowledge,

But the heart of fools proclaims foolishness.

12:24 The hand of the diligent will rule,
But the lazy man will be put to forced labor.

12:25 Anxiety in the heart of man causes depression,

But a good word makes it glad.

12:26 The righteous should choose his friends carefully,
For the way of the wicked leads them astray.

12:27 The lazy man does not roast what he took in hunting,
But diligence is man's precious possession.

12:28 In the way of righteousness is life,
And in its pathway there is no death.

Proverbs 13:

13:1 A wise son heeds his father's instruction,
But a scoffer does not listen to rebuke.

13:2 A man shall eat well by the fruit of his mouth,
But the spirit of the unfaithful feeds on violence.

13:3 He who guards his mouth preserves his life,
But he who opens wide his lips shall have destruction.

13:4 The spirit of a lazy man desires, and has nothing;
But the spirit of the diligent shall be made rich.

13:5 A righteous man hates lying,
But a wicked man is loathsome and comes to shame.

13:6 Righteousness guards him whose way is blameless,
But wickedness overthrows the sinner.

13:7 There is one who makes himself rich, yet has nothing;
And one who makes himself poor, yet has great riches.

13:8 The ransom of a man's life is his riches,
But the poor does not hear rebuke.

13:9 The light of the righteous rejoices,
But the lamp of the wicked will be put out.

13:10 By pride comes nothing but strife,
But with the well-advised is wisdom.

13:11 Wealth gained by dishonesty will be diminished,
But he who gathers by labor will increase.

13:12 Hope deferred makes the heart sick,

But when the desire comes, it is a tree of life.

13:13 He who despises the word will be destroyed,
But he who fears the commandment will be rewarded.

13:14 The law of the wise is a fountain of life,
To turn one away from the snares of death.

13:15 Good understanding gains favor,
But the way of the unfaithful is hard.

13:16 Every prudent man acts with knowledge,
But a fool lays open his folly.

13:17 A wicked messenger falls into trouble,
But a faithful ambassador brings health.

13:18 Poverty and shame will come to him who disdains correction,
But he who regards a rebuke will be honored.

13:19 A desire accomplished is sweet to the spirit,
But it is an abomination to fools to depart from evil.

13:20 He who walks with wise men will be wise,
But the companion of fools will be destroyed.

13:21 Evil pursues sinners,
But to the righteous, good shall be repaid.

13:22 A good man leaves an inheritance to his children's children,
But the wealth of the sinner is stored up for the righteous.

13:23 Much food is in the fallow ground of the poor,
And for lack of justice there is waste.

13:24 He who spares his rod hates his son,
But he who loves him disciplines him promptly.

13:25 The righteous eats to the satisfying of his spirit,
But the stomach of the wicked shall be in want.

Proverbs 14:

14:1 The wise woman builds her house,

But the foolish pulls it down with her hands.
14:2 He who walks in his uprightness fears Yahweh,
But he who is perverse in his ways despises Him.
14:3 In the mouth of a fool is a rod of pride,
But the lips of the wise will preserve them.
14:4 Where no oxen are, the trough is clean [disease inhibiting];
But much increase comes by the strength of an ox.
14:5 A faithful witness does not lie,
But a false witness will utter lies.
14:6 A scoffer seeks wisdom and does not find it,
But knowledge is easy to him who understands.
14:7 Go from the presence of a foolish man,
When you do not perceive in him the lips of knowledge.
14:8 The wisdom of the prudent is to understand his way,
But the folly of fools is deceit.
14:9 Fools mock at sin,
But among the upright there is favor.
14:10 The heart knows its own bitterness,
And a stranger does not share its joy.
14:11 The house of the wicked will be overthrown,
But the tent of the upright will flourish.
14:12 There is a way that seems right to a man,
But its end is the way of death.
14:13 Even in laughter the heart may sorrow,
And the end of mirth may be grief.
14:14 The backslider in heart will be filled with his own ways,
But a good man will be satisfied from above.
14:15 The simple believes every word,
But the prudent considers well his steps.
14:16 A wise man fears and departs from evil,
But a fool rages and is self-confident.

14:17 A quick-tempered man acts foolishly,
And a man of wicked intentions is hated.
14:18 The simple inherit folly,
But the prudent are crowned with knowledge.
14:19 The evil will bow before the good,
And the wicked at the gates of the righteous.
14:20 The poor man is hated even by his own neighbor,
But the rich has many friends.
14:21 He who despises his neighbor sins;
But he who has mercy on the poor, happy is he.
14:22 Do they not go astray who devise evil?
But mercy and truth belong to those who devise good.
14:23 In all labor there is profit,
But idle chatter leads only to poverty.
14:24 The crown of the wise is their riches,
But the foolishness of fools is folly.
14:25 A true witness delivers spirits,
But a deceitful witness speaks lies.
14:26 In the fear of Yahweh there is strong confidence,
And His children will have a place of refuge.
14:27 The fear of Yahweh is a fountain of life,
To turn one away from the snares of death.
14:28 In a multitude of people is a king's honor,
But in the lack of people is the downfall of a prince.
14:29 He who is slow to wrath has great understanding,
But he who is impulsive exalts folly.
14:30 A sound heart is life to the body,
But envy is rotteness to the bones.
14:31 He who oppresses the poor reproaches his Maker,
But he who honors Him has mercy on the needy.
14:32 The wicked is banished in his wickedness,

But the righteous has a refuge in his death.

14:33 Wisdom rests in the heart of him who has understanding,
But what is in the heart of fools is made known.

14:34 Righteousness exalts a nation,
But sin is a reproach to any people.

14:35 The king's favor is toward a wise servant,
But his wrath is against him who causes shame.

Proverbs 15:

15:1 A soft answer turns away wrath,
But a harsh word stirs up anger.

15:2 The tongue of the wise uses knowledge rightly,
But the mouth of fools pours forth foolishness.

15:3 The eyes of Yahweh are in every place,
Keeping watch on the evil and the good.

15:4 A wholesome tongue is a tree of life,
But perverseness in it breaks the spirit.

15:5 A fool despises his father's instruction,
But he who receives correction is prudent.

15:6 In the house of the righteous there is much treasure,
But in the revenue of the wicked is trouble.

15:7 The lips of the wise disperse knowledge,
But the heart of the fool does not do so.

15:8 The sacrifice of the wicked is an abomination to Yahweh,
But the prayer of the upright is His delight.

15:9 The way of the wicked is an abomination to Yahweh,
But He loves him who follows righteousness.

15:10 Harsh discipline is for him who forsakes the way,
And he who hates correction will die.

15:11 The grave and Destruction are before Yahweh;

So how much more the hearts of the sons of men.

15:12 A scoffer does not love one who corrects him,
Nor will he go to the wise.

15:13 A merry heart makes a cheerful countenance,
But by sorrow of the heart the spirit is broken.

15:14 The heart of him who has understanding seeks knowledge,
But the mouth of fools feeds on foolishness.

15:15 All the days of the afflicted are evil,
But he who is of a merry heart has a continual feast.

15:16 Better is a little with the fear of Yahweh,
Than great treasure with trouble.

15:17 Better is a dinner of herbs where love is,
Than a fattened calf with hatred.

15:18 A wrathful man stirs up strife,
But he who is slow to anger allays contention.

15:19 The way of the lazy man is like a hedge of thorns,
But the way of the upright is a highway.

15:20 A wise son makes a father glad,
But a foolish man despises his mother.

15:21 Folly is joy to him who is destitute of discernment,
But a man of understanding walks uprightly.

15:22 Without counsel, plans go awry,
But in the multitude of counselors they are established.

15:23 A man has joy by the answer of his mouth,
And a word spoken in due season, how good it is!

15:24 The way of life winds upward for the wise,
That he may turn away from the grave below.

15:25 Yahweh will destroy the house of the proud,
But He will establish the boundary of the widow.

15:26 The thoughts of the wicked are an abomination to Yahweh,
But the words of the pure are pleasant.
15:27 He who is greedy for gain troubles his own house,
But he who hates bribes will live.
15:28 The heart of the righteous studies how to answer,
But the mouth of the wicked pours forth evil.
15:29 Yahweh is far from the wicked,
But He hears the prayer of the righteous.
15:30 The light of the eyes rejoices the heart,
And a good report makes the bones healthy.
15:31 The ear that hears the rebukes of life
Will abide among the wise.
15:32 He who disdains instruction despises his own spirit,
But he who heeds rebuke gets understanding.
15:33 The fear of Yahweh is the instruction of wisdom,
And before honor is humility.

Proverbs 16:
16:1 The preparations of the heart belong to man,
But the answer of the tongue is from Yahweh.
16:2 All the ways of a man are pure in his own eyes,
But Yahweh weighs the spirits.
16:3 Commit your works to Yahweh,
And your thoughts will be established.
16:4 Yahweh has made all for Himself,
Yes, even the wicked for the day of doom.
16:5 Everyone proud in heart is an abomination to Yahweh;
Though they join forces, none will go unpunished.
16:6 In mercy and truth
Atonement is provided for iniquity;
And by the fear of Yahweh one departs from evil.
16:7 When a man's ways please Yahweh,

He makes even his enemies to be at peace with him.
16:8 Better is a little with righteousness,
Than vast revenues without justice.
16:9 A man's heart plans his way,
But Yahweh directs his steps.
16:10 Divination is on the lips of the king;
His mouth must not transgress in judgment.
16:11 Honest weights and scales are Yahweh's;
All the weights in the bag are His work.
16:12 It is an abomination for kings to commit wickedness,
For a throne is established by righteousness.
16:13 Righteous lips are the delight of kings,
And they love him who speaks what is right.
16:14 As messengers of death is the king's wrath,
But a wise man will appease it.
16:15 In the light of the king's face is life,
And his favor is like a cloud of the latter rain.
16:16 How much better to get wisdom than gold!
And to get understanding is to be chosen rather than silver.
16:17 The highway of the upright is to depart from evil;
He who keeps his way preserves his spirit.
16:18 Pride goes before destruction,
And a haughty spirit before a fall.
16:19 Better to be of a humble spirit with the lowly,
Than to divide the spoil with the proud.
16:20 He who heeds the word wisely will find good,
And whoever trusts in Yahweh, happy is he.
16:21 The wise in heart will be called prudent,
And sweetness of the lips increases learning.

16:22 Understanding is a wellspring of life to him who has it.
But the correction of fools is folly.
16:23 The heart of the wise teaches his mouth,
And adds learning to his lips.
16:24 Pleasant words are like a honeycomb,
Sweetness to the spirit and health to the bones.
16:25 There is a way that seems right to a man,
But its end is the way of death.
16:26 The person who labors, labors for himself,
For his hungry mouth drives him on.
16:27 An ungodly man digs up evil,
And it is on his lips like a burning fire.
16:28 A perverse man sows strife,
And a whisperer separates the best of friends.
16:29 A violent man entices his neighbor,
And leads him in a way that is not good.
16:30 He winks his eye to devise perverse things;
He purses his lips and brings about evil.
16:31 The silver-haired head is a crown of glory,
If it is found in the way of righteousness.
16:32 He who is slow to anger is better than the mighty,
And he who rules his spirit than he who takes a city.
16:33 The lot is cast into the lap,
But its every decision is from Yahweh.

Proverbs 17:

17:1 Better is a dry morsel with quietness,
Than a house full of feasting with strife.
17:2 A wise servant will rule over a son who causes shame,
And will share an inheritance among the brothers.
17:3 The refining pot is for silver and the furnace for gold,
But Yahweh tests the hearts.
17:4 An evildoer gives heed to false lips;
A liar listens eagerly to a spiteful tongue.

17:5 He who mocks the poor reproaches his Maker;
He who is glad at calamity will not go unpunished.
17:6 Children's children are the crown of old men,
And the glory of children is their father.
17:7 Excellent speech is not becoming to a fool,
Much less lying lips to a prince.
17:8 A present is a precious stone in the eyes of its possessor;
Wherever he turns, he prospers.
17:9 He who covers a transgression seeks love,
But he who repeats a matter separates friends.
17:10 Rebuke is more effective for a wise man
Than a hundred blows on a fool.
17:11 An evil man seeks only rebellion;
Therefore a cruel messenger will be sent against him.
17:12 Let a man meet a bear robbed of her cubs,
Rather than a fool in his folly.
17:13 Whoever rewards evil for good,
Evil will not depart from his house.
17:14 The beginning of strife is like releasing water;
Therefore stop contention before a quarrel starts.
17:15 He who justifies the wicked, and he who condemns the just,
Both of them alike are an abomination to Yahweh.
17:16 Why is there in the hand of a fool the purchase price of wisdom,
Since he has no heart for it?
17:17 A friend loves at all times,
And a brother is born for adversity.
17:18 A man devoid of understanding shakes hands in a pledge,
And becomes surety for his friend.
17:19 He who loves transgression loves strife,
And he who exalts his gate seeks destruction.
17:20 He who has a deceitful heart finds no good,

And he who has a perverse tongue falls into evil.

17:21 He who begets a scoffer does so to his sorrow,

And the father of a fool has no joy.

17:22 A merry heart does good, like medicine,

But a broken spirit dries the bones.

17:23 A wicked man accepts a bribe behind the back

To pervert the ways of justice.

17:24 Wisdom is in the sight of him who has understanding,

But the eyes of a fool are on the ends of the earth.

17:25 A foolish son is a grief to his father,

And bitterness to her who bore him.

17:26 Also, to punish the righteous is not good,

Nor to strike princes for their uprightness.

17:27 He who has knowledge spares his words,

And a man of understanding is of a calm spirit.

17:28 Even a fool is counted wise when he holds his peace;

When he shuts his lips, he is considered perceptive.

Proverbs 18:

18:1 A man who isolates himself seeks his own desire;

He rages against all wise judgment.

18:2 A fool has no delight in understanding,

But in expressing his own heart.

18:3 When the wicked comes, contempt comes also;

And with dishonor comes reproach.

18:4 The words of a man's mouth are deep waters;

The wellspring of wisdom is a flowing brook.

18:5 It is not good to show partiality to the wicked,

Or to overthrow the righteous in judgment.

18:6 A fool's lips enter into contention, And his mouth calls for blows.

18:7 A fool's mouth is his destruction, And his lips are the snare of his spirit.

18:8 The words of a talebearer are like tasty trifles,

And they go down into the inmost body.

18:9 He who is slothful in his work Is a brother to him who is a great

destroyer.

18:10 The name of Yahweh is a strong tower;

The righteous run to it and are safe.

18:11 The rich man's wealth is his strong city,

And like a high wall in his own esteem.

18:12 Before destruction the heart of a man is haughty,

And before honor is humility.

18:13 He who answers a matter before he hears it,

It is folly and shame to him.

18:14 The spirit of a man will sustain him in sickness,

But who can bear a broken spirit?

18:15 The heart of the prudent acquires knowledge,

And the ear of the wise seeks knowledge.

18:16 A man's gift makes room for him, And brings him before great men.

18:17 The first one to plead his cause seems right,

Until his neighbor comes and examines him.

18:18 Casting lots causes contentions to cease,

And keeps the mighty apart.

18:19 A brother offended is harder to win than a strong city,

And contentions are like the bars of a castle.

18:20 A man's stomach shall be satisfied from the fruit of his mouth,

From the produce of his lips he shall be filled.

18:21 Death and life are in the power of the tongue,

And those who love it will eat its fruit.

18:22 He who finds a wife finds a good thing,

And obtains favor from Yahweh.

18:23 The poor man uses entreaties,
But the rich answers roughly.

18:24 A man who has friends must
himself be friendly,
But there is a friend who sticks closer
than a brother.

Proverbs 19:

19:1 Better is the poor who walks in his
integrity

Than one who is perverse in his lips,
and is a fool.

19:2 Also it is not good for a spirit to be
without knowledge,
And he sins who hastens with his feet.

19:3 The foolishness of a man twists his
way,

And his heart frets against Yahweh.

19:4 Wealth makes many friends,
But the poor is separated from his
friend.

19:5 A false witness will not go
unpunished,
And he who speaks lies will not escape.

19:6 Many entreat the favor of the
nobility,
And every man is a friend to one who
gives gifts.

19:7 All the brothers of the poor hate
him;
How much more do his friends go far
from him!

He may pursue them with words, yet
they abandon him.

19:8 He who gets wisdom loves his own
spirit;

He who keeps understanding will find
good.

19:9 A false witness will not go
unpunished,
And he who speaks lies shall perish.

19:10 Luxury is not fitting for a fool,
Much less for a servant to rule over
princes.

19:11 The discretion of a man makes
him slow to anger,
And his glory is to overlook a
transgression.

19:12 The king's wrath is like the roaring
of a lion,
But his favor is like dew on the grass.

19:13 A foolish son is the ruin of his
father,
And the contentions of a wife are a
continual dripping.

19:14 Houses and riches are an
inheritance from fathers,
But a prudent wife is from Yahweh.

19:15 Laziness casts one into a deep
sleep,
And an idle person will suffer hunger.

19:16 He who keeps the commandment
keeps his spirit,
But he who is careless of his ways will
die.

19:17 He who has pity on the poor lends
to Yahweh,
And He will pay back what he has given.

19:18 Chasten your son while there is
hope,
And do not set your heart on his
destruction.

19:19 A man of great wrath will suffer
punishment;
For if you rescue him, you will have to
do it again.

19:20 Listen to counsel and receive
instruction,
That you may be wise in your latter
days.

19:21 There are many plans in a man's
heart,
Nevertheless Yahweh's counsel-that will
stand.

19:22 What is desired in a man is
kindness,
And a poor man is better than a liar.

19:23 The fear of Yahweh leads to life,
And he who has it will abide in
satisfaction;

He will not be visited with evil.

19:24 A lazy man buries his hand in the
bowl,
And will not so much as bring it to his
mouth again.

19:25 Strike a scoffer, and the simple
will become wary;
Rebuke one who has understanding,
and he will discern knowledge.

19:26 He who mistreats his father and
chases away his mother

Is a son who causes shame and brings reproach.

19:27 Cease listening to instruction, my son,

And you will stray from the words of knowledge.

19:28 A disreputable witness scorns justice,

And the mouth of the wicked devours iniquity.

19:29 Judgments are prepared for scoffers,

And beatings for the backs of fools.

Proverbs 20:

20:1 Wine is a mocker,

Strong drink is a brawler,

And whoever is led astray by it is not wise.

20:2 The wrath of a king is like the roaring of a lion;

Whoever provokes him to anger sins against his own life.

20:3 It is honorable for a man to stop striving,

Since any fool can start a quarrel.

20:4 The lazy man will not plow

because of winter;

He will beg during harvest and have nothing.

20:5 Counsel in the heart of man is like deep water,

But a man of understanding will draw it out.

20:6 Most men will proclaim each his own goodness,

But who can find a faithful man?

20:7 The righteous man walks in his integrity;

His children are blessed after him.

20:8 A king who sits on the throne of judgment

Scatters all evil with his eyes.

20:9 Who can say, "I have made my heart pure,

I am pure from my sin"?

20:10 Diverse weights and diverse measures,

They are both alike, an abomination to Yahweh.

20:11 Even a child is known by his deeds,

Whether what he does is pure and right.

20:12 The hearing ear and the seeing eye,

Yahweh has made them both.

20:13 Do not love sleep, lest you come to poverty;

Open your eyes, and you will be satisfied with bread.

20:14 "It is good for nothing," cries the buyer;

But when he has gone his way, then he boasts.

20:15 There is gold and a multitude of rubies,

But the lips of knowledge are a precious jewel.

20:16 Take the garment of one who is surety for a stranger,

And hold it as a pledge when it is for a seductress.

20:17 Bread gained by deceit is sweet to a man,

But afterward his mouth will be filled with gravel.

20:18 Plans are established by counsel; By wise counsel wage war.

20:19 He who goes about as a talebearer reveals secrets;

Therefore do not associate with one who flatters with his lips.

20:20 Whoever curses his father or his mother,

His lamp will be put out in deep darkness.

20:21 An inheritance gained hastily at the beginning

Will not be blessed at the end.

20:22 Do not say, "I will recompense evil";

Wait for Yahweh, and He will save you.

20:23 Diverse weights are an abomination to Yahweh,

And dishonest scales are not good.

20:24 A man's steps are of Yahweh; How then can a man understand his own way?

20:25 It is a snare for a man to devote rashly something as holy,

And afterward to reconsider his vows.
20:26 A wise king sifts out the wicked,
And brings the threshing wheel over
them.
20:27 The spirit of a man is the lamp of
Yahweh,
Searching all the inner depths of his
heart.
20:28 Mercy and truth preserve the
king,
And by lovingkindness he upholds his
throne.
20:29 The glory of young men is their
strength,
And the splendor of old men is their gray
head.
20:30 Blows that hurt cleanse away evil,
As do stripes the inner depths of the
heart.

Proverbs 21:

21:1 The king's heart is in the hand of
Yahweh,
Like the rivers of water;
He turns it wherever He wishes.
21:2 Every way of a man is right in his
own eyes,
But Yahweh weighs the hearts.
21:3 To do righteousness and justice
Is more acceptable to Yahweh than
sacrifice.
21:4 A haughty look, a proud heart,
And the plowing of the wicked are sin.
21:5 The plans of the diligent lead
surely to plenty,
But those of everyone who is hasty,
surely to poverty.
21:6 Getting treasures by a lying tongue
Is the fleeting fantasy of those who seek
death.
21:7 The violence of the wicked will
destroy them,
Because they refuse to do justice.
21:8 The way of a guilty man is
perverse;
But as for the pure, his work is right.
21:9 Better to dwell in a corner of a
housetop,
Than in a house shared with a
contentious woman.

21:10 The spirit of the wicked desires
evil;
His neighbor finds no favor in his eyes.
21:11 When the scoffer is punished, the
simple is made wise;
But when the wise is instructed, he
receives knowledge.
21:12 The righteous Yahweh wisely
considers the house of the wicked,
Overthrowing the wicked for their
wickedness.
21:13 Whoever shuts his ears to the cry
of the poor
Will also cry himself and not be heard.
21:14 A gift in secret pacifies anger,
And a bribe behind the back, strong
wrath.
21:15 It is a joy for the just to do justice,
But destruction will come to the workers
of iniquity.
21:16 A man who wanders from the way
of understanding
Will rest in the assembly of the dead.
21:17 He who loves pleasure will be a
poor man;
He who loves wine and oil will not be
rich.
21:18 The wicked shall be a ransom for
the righteous,
And the unfaithful for the upright.
21:19 Better to dwell in the wilderness,
Than with a contentious and angry
woman.
21:20 There is desirable treasure,
And oil in the dwelling of the wise,
But a foolish man squanders it.
21:21 He who follows righteousness
and mercy
Finds life, righteousness and honor.
21:22 A wise man scales the city of the
mighty,
And brings down the trusted stronghold.
21:23 Whoever guards his mouth and
tongue
Keeps his spirit from troubles.
21:24 A proud and haughty man-
"Scoffer" is his name;
He acts with arrogant pride.
21:25 The desire of the lazy man kills
him,

For his hands refuse to labor.
21:26 He covets greedily all day long,
But the righteous gives and does not spare.
21:27 The sacrifice of the wicked is an abomination;
How much more when he brings it with wicked intent!
21:28 A false witness shall perish,
But the man who hears him will speak endlessly.
21:29 A wicked man hardens his face,
But as for the upright, he establishes his way.
21:30 There is no wisdom or understanding
Or counsel against Yahweh.
21:31 The horse is prepared for the day of battle,
But deliverance is of Yahweh.

Proverbs 22:
22:1 A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches,
Loving favor rather than silver and gold.
22:2 The rich and the poor have this in common,
Yahweh is the maker of them all.
22:3 A prudent man foresees evil and hides himself,
But the simple pass on and are punished.
22:4 By humility and the fear of Yahweh
Are riches and honor and life.
22:5 Thorns and snares are in the way of the perverse;
He who guards his spirit will be far from them.
22:6 Train up a child in the way he should go,
And when he is old he will not depart from it.
22:7 The rich rules over the poor,
And the borrower is servant to the lender.
22:8 He who sows iniquity will reap sorrow,
And the rod of his anger will fail.
22:9 He who has a generous eye will be blessed,
For he gives of his bread to the poor.

22:10 Cast out the scoffer, and contention will leave;
Yes, strife and reproach will cease.
22:11 He who loves purity of heart
And has grace on his lips,
The king will be his friend.
22:12 The eyes of Yahweh preserve knowledge,
But He overthrows the words of the faithless.
22:13 The lazy man says, "There is a lion outside!
I shall be slain in the streets!"
22:14 The mouth of an immoral woman is a deep pit;
He who is abhorred by Yahweh will fall there.
22:15 Foolishness is bound up in the heart of a child;
The rod of correction will drive it far from him.
22:16 He who oppresses the poor to increase his riches,
And he who gives to the rich, will surely come to poverty.
22:17 Incline your ear and hear the words of the wise,
And apply your heart to my knowledge;
22:18 For it is a pleasant thing if you keep them within you;
Let them all be fixed upon your lips,
22:19 So that your trust may be in Yahweh;
I have instructed you today, even you.
22:20 Have I not written to you excellent things
Of counsels and knowledge,
22:21 That I may make you know the certainty of the words of truth,
That you may answer words of truth
To those who send to you?
22:22 Do not rob the poor because he is poor,
Nor oppress the afflicted at the gate;
22:23 For Yahweh will plead their cause,
And plunder the spirit of those who plunder them.
22:24 Make no friendship with an angry man,

And with a furious man do not go,
22:25 Lest you learn his ways
And set a snare for your spirit.
22:26 Do not be one of those who
shakes hands in a pledge,
One of those who is surety for debts;
22:27 If you have nothing with which to
pay,
Why should he take away your bed from
under you?

22:28 Do not remove the ancient
landmark
Which your fathers have set.
22:29 Do you see a man who excels in
his work?
He will stand before kings;
He will not stand before unknown men.

Proverbs 23:

23:1 When you sit down to eat with a
ruler,
Consider carefully what is before you;
23:2 And put a knife to your throat
If you are a man given to appetite.
23:3 Do not desire his delicacies,
For they are deceptive food.
23:4 Do not overwork to be rich;
Because of your own understanding,
cease!
23:5 Will you set your eyes on that
which is not?
For riches certainly make themselves
wings;
They fly away like an eagle toward the
sky.
23:6 Do not eat the bread of a miser,
Nor desire his delicacies;
23:7 For as he thinks in his heart, so is
he.
"Eat and drink!" he says to you,
But his heart is not with you.
23:8 The morsel you have eaten, you
will vomit up, And waste your pleasant
words.
23:9 Do not speak in the hearing of a
fool,
For he will despise the wisdom of your
words.
23:10 Do not remove the ancient
landmark,
Nor enter the fields of the fatherless;

23:11 For their Redeemer is mighty;
He will plead their cause against you.
23:12 Apply your heart to instruction,
And your ears to words of knowledge.
23:13 Do not withhold correction from a
child,
For if you beat him with a rod, he will not
die.
23:14 You shall beat him with a rod,
And deliver his body from the grave.
23:15 My son, if your heart is wise,
My heart will rejoice-indeed, I myself;
23:16 Yes, my inmost being will rejoice
When your lips speak right things.
23:17 Do not let your heart envy
sinners,
But be zealous for the fear of Yahweh
all the day;
23:18 For surely there is a hereafter,
And your hope will not be cut off.
23:19 Hear, my son, and be wise;
And guide your heart in the way.
23:20 Do not mix with winebibbers,
Or with gluttonous eaters of meat;
23:21 For the drunkard and the glutton
will come to poverty,
And drowsiness will clothe a man with
rags.
23:22 Listen to your father who begot
you,
And do not despise your mother when
she is old.
23:23 Buy the truth, and do not sell it,
Also wisdom and instruction and
understanding.
23:24 The father of the righteous will
greatly rejoice,
And he who begets a wise child will
delight in him.
23:25 Let your father and your mother
be glad,
And let her who bore you rejoice.
23:26 My son, give me your heart,
And let your eyes observe my ways.
23:27 For a harlot is a deep pit,
And a seductress is a narrow well.
23:28 She also lies in wait as for a
victim,
And increases the unfaithful among
men.

23:29 Who has woe?
Who has sorrow?
Who has contentions?
Who has complaints?
Who has wounds without cause?
Who has redness of eyes?
23:30 Those who linger long at the wine,
Those who go in search of mixed wine.
23:31 Do not look on the wine when it is red,
When it sparkles in the cup,
When it swirls around smoothly;
23:32 At the last it bites like a serpent,
And stings like a viper.
23:33 Your eyes will see strange things,
And your heart will utter perverse things.
23:34 Yes, you will be like one who lies down in the midst of the sea,
Or like one who lies at the top of the mast, saying:
23:35 "They have struck me, but I was not hurt;
They have beaten me, but I did not feel it.
When shall I awake, that I may seek another drink?"

Proverbs 24:

24:1 Do not be envious of evil men,
Nor desire to be with them;
24:2 For their heart devises violence,
And their lips talk of troublemaking.
24:3 Through wisdom a house is built,
And by understanding it is established;
24:4 By knowledge the rooms are filled
With all precious and pleasant riches.
24:5 A wise man is strong,
Yes, a man of knowledge increases strength;
24:6 For by wise counsel you will wage your own war,
And in a multitude of counselors there is safety.
24:7 Wisdom is too lofty for a fool;
He does not open his mouth in the gate.
24:8 He who plots to do evil
Will be called a schemer.
24:9 The devising of foolishness is sin,
And the scoffer is an abomination to men.

24:10 If you faint in the day of adversity,
Your strength is small.
24:11 Deliver those who are drawn toward death,
And hold back those stumbling to the slaughter.
24:12 If you say, "Surely we did not know this,"
Does not He who weighs the hearts consider it?
He who keeps your spirit, does He not know it?
And will He not render to each man according to his deeds?
24:13 My son, eat honey because it is good,
And the honeycomb which is sweet to your taste;
24:14 So shall the knowledge of wisdom be to your spirit;
If you have found it, there is a prospect,
And your hope will not be cut off.
24:15 Do not lie in wait, O wicked man,
against the dwelling of the righteous;
Do not plunder his resting place;
24:16 For a righteous man may fall seven times
And rise again,
But the wicked shall fall by calamity.
24:17 Do not rejoice when your enemy falls,
And do not let your heart be glad when he stumbles;
24:18 Lest Yahweh see it, and it displease Him,
And He turn away His wrath from him.
24:19 Do not fret because of evildoers,
Nor be envious of the wicked;
24:20 For there will be no prospect for the evil man;
The lamp of the wicked will be put out.
24:21 My son, fear Yahweh and the king;
Do not associate with those given to change;
24:22 For their calamity will rise suddenly,
And who knows the ruin those two can bring?

24:23 These things also belong to the wise:

It is not good to show partiality in judgment.

24:24 He who says to the wicked, "You are righteous,"

Him the people will curse;
Nations will abhor him.

24:25 But those who rebuke the wicked will have delight,
And a good blessing will come upon them.

24:26 He who gives a right answer kisses the lips.

24:27 Prepare your outside work,
Make it fit for yourself in the field;
And afterward build your house.

24:28 Do not be a witness against your neighbor without cause,
For would you deceive with your lips?

24:29 Do not say, "I will do to him just as he has done to me;
I will render to the man according to his work."

24:30 I went by the field of the lazy man,
And by the vineyard of the man devoid of understanding;

24:31 And there it was, all overgrown with thorns;
Its surface was covered with nettles;
Its stone wall was broken down.

24:32 When I saw it, I considered it well;
I looked on it and received instruction:

24:33 A little sleep, a little slumber,
A little folding of the hands to rest;

24:34 So shall your poverty come like a prowler,
And your need like an armed man.

Proverbs 25:

25:1 These also are proverbs of Solomon which the men of Hezekiah king of Judah copied:

25:2 It is the glory of Yahweh to conceal a matter,
But the glory of kings is to search out a matter.

25:3 As the skies for height and the earth for depth,
So the heart of kings is unsearchable.

25:4 Take away the dross from silver,
And it will go to the silversmith for jewelry.

25:5 Take away the wicked from before the king,
And his throne will be established in righteousness.

25:6 Do not exalt yourself in the presence of the king,
And do not stand in the place of the great;

25:7 For it is better that he say to you, "Come up here,"

Than that you should be put lower in the presence of the prince,
Whom your eyes have seen.

25:8 Do not go hastily to court;
For what will you do in the end,
When your neighbor has put you to shame?

25:9 Debate your case with your neighbor,
And do not disclose the secret to another;

25:10 Lest he who hears it expose your shame,
And your reputation be ruined.

25:11 A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold
In settings of silver.

25:12 Like an earring of gold and an ornament of fine gold
Is a wise rebuker to an obedient ear.

25:13 Like the cold of snow in time of harvest
Is a faithful messenger to those who send him,

For he refreshes the spirit of his masters.

25:14 Whoever falsely boasts of giving
Is like clouds and wind without rain.

25:15 By long forbearance a ruler is persuaded,
And a gentle tongue breaks a bone.

25:16 Have you found honey?
Eat only as much as you need,
Lest you be filled with it and vomit.

25:17 Seldom set foot in your neighbor's house,

Lest he become weary of you and hate you.

25:18 A man who bears false witness against his neighbor
Is like a club, a sword, and a sharp arrow.

25:19 Confidence in an unfaithful man in time of trouble

Is like a bad tooth and a foot out of joint.

25:20 Like one who takes away a garment in cold weather,
And like vinegar on soda,
Is one who sings songs to a heavy heart.

25:21 If your enemy is hungry, give him bread to eat;
And if he is thirsty, give him water to drink;

25:22 For so you will heap coals of fire on his head,
And Yahweh will reward you.

25:23 The north wind brings forth rain,
And a backbiting tongue an angry countenance.

25:24 It is better to dwell in a corner of a housetop,
Than in a house shared with a contentious woman.

25:25 As cold water to a weary body,
So is good news from a far country.

25:26 A righteous man who falters before the wicked
Is like a murky spring and a polluted well.

25:27 It is not good to eat much honey;
So to seek one's own glory is not glory.

25:28 Whoever has no rule over his own spirit
Is like a city broken down, without walls.

Proverbs 26:

26:1 As snow in summer and rain in harvest,
So honor is not fitting for a fool.

26:2 Like a flitting sparrow, like a flying swallow,
So a curse without cause shall not alight.

26:3 A whip for the horse,
A bridle for the donkey,
And a rod for the fool's back.

26:4 Do not answer a fool according to his folly,
Lest you also be like him.

26:5 Answer a fool according to his folly,
Lest he be wise in his own eyes.

26:6 He who sends a message by the hand of a fool
Cuts off his own feet and drinks violence.

26:7 Like the legs of the lame that hang limp
Is a proverb in the mouth of fools.

26:8 Like one who binds a stone in a sling
Is he who gives honor to a fool.

26:9 Like a thorn that goes into the hand of a drunkard
Is a proverb in the mouth of fools.

26:10 The great Yahweh who formed everything
Gives the fool his hire and the transgressor his wages.

26:11 As a dog returns to his own vomit,
So a fool repeats his folly.

26:12 Do you see a man wise in his own eyes?
There is more hope for a fool than for him.

26:13 The lazy man says, "There is a lion in the road!
A fierce lion is in the streets!"

26:14 As a door turns on its hinges,
So does the lazy man on his bed.

26:15 The lazy man buries his hand in the bowl;
It wearies him to bring it back to his mouth.

26:16 The lazy man is wiser in his own eyes
Than seven men who can answer sensibly.

26:17 He who passes by and meddles in a quarrel not his own
Is like one who takes a dog by the ears.

26:18 Like a madman who throws firebrands, arrows, and death,

26:19 Is the man who deceives his neighbor,
And says, "I was only joking!"

26:20 Where there is no wood, the fire goes out;
And where there is no talebearer, strife ceases.

26:21 As charcoal is to burning coals, and wood to fire,
So is a contentious man to kindle strife.

26:22 The words of a talebearer are like tasty trifles,

And they go down into the inmost body.

26:23 Fervent lips with a wicked heart
Are like earthenware covered with silver dross.

26:24 He who hates, disguises it with his lips,

And lays up deceit within himself;

26:25 When he speaks kindly, do not believe him,

For there are seven abominations in his heart;

26:26 Though his hatred is covered by deceit,

His wickedness will be revealed before the assembly.

26:27 Whoever digs a pit will fall into it,
And he who rolls a stone will have it roll back on him.

26:28 A lying tongue hates those who are crushed by it,

And a flattering mouth works ruin.

Proverbs 27:

27:1 Do not boast about tomorrow,
For you do not know what a day may bring forth.

27:2 Let another man praise you, and not your own mouth;

A stranger, and not your own lips.

27:3 A stone is heavy and sand is weighty,

But a fool's wrath is heavier than both of them.

27:4 Wrath is cruel and anger a torrent,
But who is able to stand before jealousy?

27:5 Open rebuke is better
Than love carefully concealed.

27:6 Faithful are the wounds of a friend,
But the kisses of an enemy are deceitful.

27:7 A satisfied body loathes the honeycomb,
But to a hungry body every bitter thing is sweet.

27:8 Like a bird that wanders from its nest

Is a man who wanders from his place.

27:9 Ointment and perfume delight the heart,

And the sweetness of a man's friend gives delight by hearty counsel.

27:10 Do not forsake your own friend or your father's friend,

Nor go to your brother's house in the day of your calamity;

Better is a neighbor nearby than a brother far away.

27:11 My son, be wise, and make my heart glad,

That I may answer him who reproaches me.

27:12 A prudent man foresees evil and hides himself;

The simple pass on and are punished.

27:13 Take the garment of him who is surety for a stranger,

And hold it in pledge when he is surety for a seductress.

27:14 He who blesses his friend with a loud voice, rising early in the morning,

It will be counted a curse to him.

27:15 A continual dripping on a very rainy day

And a contentious woman are alike;

27:16 Whoever restrains her restrains the wind,

And grasps oil with his right hand.

27:17 As iron sharpens iron,

So a man sharpens the countenance of his friend.

27:18 Whoever keeps the fig tree will eat its fruit;

So he who waits on his master will be honored.

27:19 As in water face reflects face,
So a man's heart reveals the man.

27:20 The grave and Destruction are never full;

So the eyes of man are never satisfied.

27:21 The refining pot is for silver and the furnace for gold,
And a man is valued by what others say of him.

27:22 Though you grind a fool in a mortar with a pestle along with crushed grain,
Yet his foolishness will not depart from him.

27:23 Be diligent to know the state of your flocks,
And attend to your herds;

27:24 For riches are not forever,
Nor does a crown endure to all generations.

27:25 When the hay is removed, and the tender grass shows itself,
And the herbs of the mountains are gathered in,

27:26 The lambs will provide your clothing,

And the goats the price of a field;

27:27 You shall have enough goats' milk for your food,

For the food of your household,
And the nourishment of your maidservants.

Proverbs 28:

28:1 The wicked flee when no one pursues,
But the righteous are bold as a lion.

28:2 Because of the transgression of a land, many are its princes;
But by a man of understanding and knowledge
Right will be prolonged.

28:3 A poor man who oppresses the poor
Is like a driving rain which leaves no food.

28:4 Those who forsake the law praise the wicked,
But such as keep the law contend with them.

28:5 Evil men do not understand justice,
But those who seek Yahweh understand all.

28:6 Better is the poor who walks in his integrity

Than one perverse in his ways, though he be rich.

28:7 Whoever keeps the law is a discerning son,
But a companion of gluttons shames his father.

28:8 One who increases his possessions by usury and extortion
Gathers it for him who will pity the poor.

28:9 One who turns away his ear from hearing the law,
Even his prayer is an abomination.

28:10 Whoever causes the upright to go astray in an evil way,
He himself will fall into his own pit;
But the blameless will inherit good.

28:11 The rich man is wise in his own eyes,
But the poor who has understanding searches him out.

28:12 When the righteous rejoice, there is great glory;
But when the wicked arise, men hide themselves.

28:13 He who covers his sins will not prosper,
But whoever confesses and forsakes them will have mercy.

28:14 Happy is the man who is always reverent,
But he who hardens his heart will fall into calamity.

28:15 Like a roaring lion and a charging bear
Is a wicked ruler over poor people.

28:16 A ruler who lacks understanding is a great oppressor,
But he who hates covetousness will prolong his days.

28:17 A man burdened with bloodshed will flee into a pit;
Let no one help him.

28:18 Whoever walks blamelessly will be saved,
But he who is perverse in his ways will suddenly fall.

28:19 He who tills his land will have plenty of bread,
But he who follows frivolity will have poverty enough!

28:20 A faithful man will abound with blessings,
But he who hastens to be rich will not go unpunished.

28:21 To show partiality is not good,
Because for a piece of bread a man will transgress.

28:22 A man with an evil eye hastens after riches,
And does not consider that poverty will come upon him.

28:23 He who rebukes a man will find more favor afterward
Than he who flatters with the tongue.

28:24 Whoever robs his father or his mother,
And says, "It is no transgression,"
The same is companion to a destroyer.

28:25 He who is of a proud heart stirs up strife,
But he who trusts in Yahweh will be prospered.

28:26 He who trusts in his own heart is a fool,
But whoever walks wisely will be delivered.

28:27 He who gives to the poor will not lack,
But he who hides his eyes will have many curses.

28:28 When the wicked arise, men hide themselves;
But when they perish, the righteous increase.

Proverbs 29:

29:1 He who is often rebuked, and hardens his neck,
Will suddenly be destroyed, and that without remedy.

29:2 When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice;
But when a wicked man rules, the people groan.

29:3 Whoever loves wisdom makes his father rejoice,
But a companion of harlots wastes his wealth.

29:4 The king establishes the land by justice,

But he who receives bribes overthrows it.

29:5 A man who flatters his neighbor
Spreads a net for his feet.

29:6 By transgression an evil man is snared,
But the righteous sings and rejoices.

29:7 The righteous considers the cause of the poor,
But the wicked does not understand such knowledge.

29:8 Scoffers set a city aflame,
But wise men turn away wrath.

29:9 If a wise man contends with a foolish man,
Whether the fool rages or laughs, there is no peace.

29:10 The bloodthirsty hate the blameless,
But the upright seek his well-being.

29:11 A fool vents all his feelings,
But a wise man holds them back.

29:12 If a ruler pays attention to lies,
All his servants become wicked.

29:13 The poor man and the oppressor have this in common:

Yahweh gives light to the eyes of both.

29:14 The king who judges the poor with truth,
His throne will be established forever.

29:15 The rod and rebuke give wisdom,
But a child left to himself brings shame to his mother.

29:16 When the wicked are multiplied,
transgression increases;
But the righteous will see their fall.

29:17 Correct your son, and he will give you rest;
Yes, he will give delight to your spirit.

29:18 Where there is no revelation, the people cast off restraint;
But happy is he who keeps the law.

29:19 A servant will not be corrected by mere words;
For though he understands, he will not respond.

29:20 Do you see a man hasty in his words?
There is more hope for a fool than for him.

29:21 He who pampers his servant from childhood

Will have him as a son in the end.

29:22 An angry man stirs up strife,
And a furious man abounds in transgression.

29:23 A man's pride will bring him low,
But the humble in spirit will retain honor.

29:24 Whoever is a partner with a thief hates his own life;
He swears to tell the truth, but reveals nothing.

29:25 The fear of man brings a snare,
But whoever trusts in Yahweh shall be safe.

29:26 Many seek the ruler's favor,
But justice for man comes from Yahweh.

29:27 An unjust man is an abomination to the righteous,
And he who is upright in the way is an abomination to the wicked.

Proverbs 30:

30:1 The words of Agur the son of Jakeh, his utterance. This man declared to Ithiel-to Ithiel and Ucal:

30:2 Surely I am more stupid than any man,
And do not have the understanding of a man.

30:3 I neither learned wisdom
Nor have knowledge of the Holy One.

30:4 Who has ascended into heaven, or descended?

Who has gathered the wind in His fists?
Who has bound the waters in a garment?

Who has established all the ends of the earth?

What is His name, and what is His Son's name,

If you know?

30:5 Every word of Yahweh is pure;
He is a shield to those who put their trust in Him.

30:6 Do not add to His words,
Lest He rebuke you, and you be found a liar.

30:7 Two things I request of You
(*Deprive me not before I die*):

30:8 Remove falsehood and lies far from me;

Give me neither poverty nor riches-
Feed me with the food allotted to me;

30:9 Lest I be full and deny You,
And say, "Who is Yahweh?"

Or lest I be poor and steal,
And profane the name of my God.

30:10 Do not malign a servant to his master,
Lest he curse you, and you be found guilty.

30:11 There is a generation that curses its father,
And does not bless its mother.

30:12 There is a generation that is pure in its own eyes,
Yet is not washed from its filthiness.

30:13 There is a generation-oh, how lofty are their eyes!

And their eyelids are lifted up.

30:14 There is a generation whose teeth are like swords,

And whose fangs are like knives,
To devour the poor from off the earth,
And the needy from among men.

30:15 The leech has two daughters-
Give and Give!

There are three things that are never satisfied,

Four never say, "Enough!":

30:16 The grave,
The barren womb,

The earth that is not satisfied with water-
And the fire never says, "Enough!"

30:17 The eye that mocks his father,
And scorns obedience to his mother,
The ravens of the valley will pick it out,
And the young eagles will eat it.

30:18 There are three things which are too wonderful for me,

Yes, four which I do not understand:

30:19 The way of an eagle in the air,
The way of a serpent on a rock,
The way of a ship in the midst of the sea,

And the way of a man with a virgin.

30:20 This is the way of an adulterous woman:

She eats and wipes her mouth,

And says, "I have done no wickedness."

30:21 For three things the earth is perturbed,

Yes, for four it cannot bear up:

30:22 For a servant when he reigns,
A fool when he is filled with food,

30:23 A hateful woman when she is married,

And a maidservant who succeeds her mistress.

30:24 There are four things which are little on the earth,

But they are exceedingly wise:

30:25 The ants are a people not strong,
Yet they prepare their food in the summer;

30:26 The rock badgers are a feeble folk,

Yet they make their homes in the crags;

30:27 The locusts have no king,

Yet they all advance in ranks;

30:28 The spider skillfully grasps with its hands,

And it is in kings' palaces.

30:29 There are three things which are majestic in pace,

Yes, four which are stately in walk:

30:30 A lion, which is mighty among beasts

And does not turn away from any;

30:31 A greyhound,

A male goat also,

And a king whose troops are with him.

30:32 If you have been foolish in exalting yourself,

Or if you have devised evil, put your hand on your mouth.

30:33 For as the churning of milk produces butter,

And wringing the nose produces blood,

So the forcing of wrath produces strife.

Proverbs 31:

31:1 The words of King Lemuel, the utterance which his mother taught him:

31:2 What, my son?

And what, son of my womb?

And what, son of my vows?

31:3 Do not give your strength to women,

Nor your ways to that which destroys kings.

31:4 It is not for kings, O Lemuel,

It is not for kings to drink wine,

Nor for princes intoxicating drink;

31:5 Lest they drink and forget the law,
And pervert the justice of all the afflicted.

31:6 Give strong drink to him who is perishing,

And wine to those who are bitter of heart.

31:7 Let him drink and forget his poverty,

And remember his misery no more.

31:8 Open your mouth for the speechless,

In the cause of all who are appointed to die.

31:9 Open your mouth, judge righteously,

And plead the cause of the poor and needy.

31:10 Who can find a virtuous wife?

For her worth is far above rubies.

31:11 The heart of her husband safely trusts her;

So he will have no lack of gain.

31:12 She does him good and not evil
All the days of her life.

31:13 She seeks wool and flax,

And willingly works with her hands.

31:14 She is like the merchant ships,
She brings her food from afar.

31:15 She also rises while it is yet night,

And provides food for her household,

And a portion for her maidservants.

31:16 She considers a field and buys it;
From her profits she plants a vineyard.

31:17 She girds herself with strength,
And strengthens her arms.

31:18 She perceives that her merchandise is good,

And her lamp does not go out by night.

31:19 She stretches out her hands to the distaff,

And her hand holds the spindle.

31:20 She extends her hand to the poor,
Yes, she reaches out her hands to the needy.

31:21 She is not afraid of snow for her household,
For all her household is clothed with scarlet.

31:22 She makes tapestry for herself;
Her clothing is fine linen and purple.

31:23 Her husband is known in the gates,
When he sits among the elders of the land.

31:24 She makes linen garments and sells them,
And supplies sashes for the merchants.

31:25 Strength and honor are her clothing;
She shall rejoice in time to come.

31:26 She opens her mouth with wisdom,
And on her tongue is the law of kindness.

31:27 She watches over the ways of her household,
And does not eat the bread of idleness.

31:28 Her children rise up and call her blessed;

Her husband also, and he praises her:

31:29 "Many daughters have done well,
But you excel them all."

31:30 Charm is deceitful and beauty is passing,
But a woman who fears Yahweh, she shall be praised.

31:31 Give her of the fruit of her hands,
And let her own works praise her in the gates.

Job 1:

1:1 There was a man in the land of Uz,
whose name was Job; and that man was blameless and upright, and one who feared Yahweh and shunned evil.

1:2 And seven sons and three daughters were born to him.

1:3 Also, his possessions were seven thousand sheep, three thousand camels, five hundred yoke of oxen, five hundred female donkeys, and a very large household, so that this man was the greatest of all the people of the East.

1:4 And his sons would go and feast in their houses, each on his appointed day, and would send and invite their three sisters to eat and drink with them.

1:5 So it was, when the days of feasting had run their course, that Job would send and sanctify them, and he would rise early in the morning and offer burnt offerings according to the number of them all. For Job said, "It may be that my sons have sinned and cursed Yahweh in their hearts." Thus Job did regularly.

1:6 Now there was a day when the sons of Yahweh came to present themselves before Yahweh, and Satan also came among them.

1:7 And Yahweh said to Satan, "**From where do you come?**" So Satan answered Yahweh and said, "From going to and fro on the earth, and from walking back and forth on it."

1:8 Then Yahweh said to Satan, "**Have you considered My servant Job, that there is none like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man, one who fears Yahweh and shuns evil?**"

1:9 So Satan answered Yahweh and said, "Does Job fear Yahweh for nothing?"

1:10 "Have You not made a hedge around him, around his household, and around all that he has on every side? You have blessed the work of his hands, and his possessions have increased in the land.

1:11 "But now, stretch out Your hand and touch all that he has, and he will surely curse You to Your face!"

1:12 And Yahweh said to Satan, "**Behold, all that he has is in your power; only do not lay a hand on his person.**" So Satan went out from the presence of Yahweh.

1:13 Now there was a day when his sons and daughters were eating and drinking wine in their oldest brother's house;

1:14 and a messenger came to Job and said, "The oxen were plowing and the donkeys feeding,

1:15 "when the Sabeans raided them and took them away-indeed they have killed the servants with the edge of the sword; and I alone have escaped to tell you!"

1:16 While he was still speaking, another also came and said, "The fire of Yahweh fell from the sky and burned up the sheep and servants, and consumed them; and I alone have escaped to tell you!"

1:17 While he was still speaking, another also came and said, "The Chaldeans formed three bands, raided the camels and took them away, yes, and killed the servants with the edge of the sword; and I alone have escaped to tell you!"

1:18 While he was still speaking, another also came and said, "Your sons and daughters were eating and drinking wine in their oldest brother's house,

1:19 "and suddenly a great wind came from across the wilderness and struck the four corners of the house, and it fell on the young people, and they are dead; and I alone have escaped to tell you!"

1:20 Then Job arose, tore his robe, and shaved his head; and he fell to the ground and worshiped.

1:21 And he said:

"Naked I came from my mother's womb,
And naked shall I return there.

Yahweh gave, and Yahweh has taken away;

Blessed be the name of Yahweh."

1:22 In all this Job did not sin nor charge Yahweh with wrong.

Job 2:

2:1 Again there was a day when the sons of Yahweh came to present themselves before Yahweh, and Satan came also among them to present himself before Yahweh.

2:2 And Yahweh said to Satan, "**From where do you come?**" So Satan answered Yahweh and said, "From

going to and fro on the earth, and from walking back and forth on it."

2:3 Then Yahweh said to Satan, "**Have you considered My servant Job, that there is none like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man, one who fears Yahweh and shuns evil? And still he holds fast to his integrity, although you incited Me against him, to destroy him without cause.**"

2:4 So Satan answered Yahweh and said, "Skin for skin! Yes, all that a man has he will give for his life.

2:5 "But stretch out Your hand now, and touch his bone and his flesh, and he will surely curse You to Your face!"

2:6 And Yahweh said to Satan, "**Behold, he is in your hand, but spare his life.**"

2:7 So Satan went out from the presence of Yahweh, and struck Job with painful boils from the sole of his foot to the crown of his head.

2:8 And he took for himself a potsherd with which to scrape himself while he sat in the midst of the ashes.

2:9 Then his wife said to him, "Do you still hold fast to your integrity? Curse Yahweh and die!"

2:10 But he said to her, "You speak as one of the foolish women speaks. Shall we indeed accept good from Yahweh, and shall we not accept adversity?" In all this Job did not sin with his lips.

2:11 Now when Job's three friends heard of all this adversity that had come upon him, each one came from his own place-Eliphaz the Temanite, Bildad the Shuhite, and Zophar the Naamathite. For they had made an appointment together to come and mourn with him, and to comfort him.

2:12 And when they raised their eyes from afar, and did not recognize him, they lifted their voices and wept; and each one tore his robe and sprinkled dust on his head toward the sky.

2:13 So they sat down with him on the ground seven days and seven nights,

and no one spoke a word to him, for they saw that his grief was very great.

Job 3:

3:1 After this Job opened his mouth and cursed the day of his birth.

3:2 And Job spoke, and said:

3:3 "May the day perish on which I was born,

And the night in which it was said,
'A male child is conceived.'

3:4 May that day be darkness;
May Yahweh above not seek it,
Nor the light shine upon it.

3:5 May darkness and the shadow of death claim it;

May a cloud settle on it;

May the blackness of the day terrify it.

3:6 As for that night, may darkness seize it;

May it not rejoice among the days of the year,

May it not come into the number of the months.

3:7 Oh, may that night be barren!

May no joyful shout come into it!

3:8 May those curse it who curse the day,

Those who are ready to arouse Leviathan.

3:9 May the stars of its morning be dark;

May it look for light, but have none,
And not see the dawning of the day;

3:10 Because it did not shut up the doors of my mother's womb,
Nor hide sorrow from my eyes.

3:11 "Why did I not die at birth?

Why did I not perish when I came from the womb?

3:12 Why did the knees receive me?

Or why the breasts, that I should nurse?

3:13 For now I would have lain still and been quiet,

I would have been asleep;

Then I would have been at rest

3:14 With kings and counselors of the earth,

Who built ruins for themselves,

3:15 Or with princes who had gold,
Who filled their houses with silver;

3:16 Or why was I not hidden like a stillborn child,

Like infants who never saw light?

3:17 There the wicked cease from troubling,

And there the weary are at rest.

3:18 There the prisoners rest together;
They do not hear the voice of the oppressor.

3:19 The small and great are there,
And the servant is free from his master.

3:20 "Why is light given to him who is in misery,

And life to the bitter of spirit,

3:21 Who long for death, but it does not come,

And search for it more than hidden treasures;

3:22 Who rejoice exceedingly,
And are glad when they can find the grave?

3:23 Why is light given to a man whose way is hidden,

And whom Yahweh has hedged in?

3:24 For my sighing comes before I eat,
And my groanings pour out like water.

3:25 For the thing I greatly feared has come upon me,

And what I dreaded has happened to me.

3:26 I am not at ease, nor am I quiet;
I have no rest, for trouble comes."

Job 4:

4:1 Then Eliphaz the Temanite answered and said:

4:2 "If one attempts a word with you, will you become weary?

But who can withhold himself from speaking?

4:3 Surely you have instructed many,
And you have strengthened weak hands.

4:4 Your words have upheld him who was stumbling,

And you have strengthened the feeble knees;

4:5 But now it comes upon you, and you are weary; It touches you, and you are troubled.

4:6 Is not your reverence your confidence?
And the integrity of your ways your hope?
4:7 "Remember now, who ever perished being innocent?
Or where were the upright ever cut off?
4:8 Even as I have seen,
Those who plow iniquity
And sow trouble reap the same.
4:9 By the blast of Yahweh they perish,
And by the breath of His anger they are consumed.
4:10 The roaring of the lion,
The voice of the fierce lion,
And the teeth of the young lions are broken.
4:11 The old lion perishes for lack of prey,
And the cubs of the lioness are scattered.
4:12 "Now a word was secretly brought to me,
And my ear received a whisper of it.
4:13 In disquieting thoughts from the visions of the night,
When deep sleep falls on men,
4:14 Fear came upon me, and trembling,
Which made all my bones shake.
4:15 Then a spirit passed before my face;
The hair on my body stood up.
4:16 It stood still,
But I could not discern its appearance.
A form was before my eyes;
There was silence;
Then I heard a voice saying:
4:17 'Can a mortal be more righteous than Yahweh?
Can a man be more pure than his Maker?
4:18 If He puts no trust in His servants,
If He charges His angels with error,
4:19 How much more those who dwell in houses of clay,
Whose foundation is in the dust,
Who are crushed before a moth?
4:20 They are broken in pieces from morning till evening;

They perish forever, with no one regarding.
4:21 Does not their own excellence go away?
They die, even without wisdom.'
Job 5:
5:1 "Call out now;
Is there anyone who will answer you?
And to which of the holy ones will you turn?
5:2 For wrath kills a foolish man,
And envy slays a simple one.
5:3 I have seen the foolish taking root,
But suddenly I cursed his dwelling place.
5:4 His sons are far from safety,
They are crushed in the gate,
And there is no deliverer.
5:5 Because the hungry eat up his harvest,
Taking it even from the thorns,
And a snare snatches their substance.
5:6 For affliction does not come from the dust,
Nor does trouble spring from the ground;
5:7 Yet man is born to trouble,
As the sparks fly upward.
5:8 "But as for me, I would seek Yahweh,
And to Yahweh I would commit my cause-
5:9 Who does great things, and unsearchable,
Marvelous things without number.
5:10 He gives rain on the earth,
And sends waters on the fields.
5:11 He sets on high those who are lowly,
And those who mourn are lifted to safety.
5:12 He frustrates the devices of the crafty,
So that their hands cannot carry out their plans.
5:13 He catches the wise in their own craftiness,
And the counsel of the cunning comes quickly upon them.

5:14 They meet with darkness in the daytime,
And grope at noontime as in the night.
5:15 But He saves the needy from the sword,
From the mouth of the mighty,
And from their hand.
5:16 So the poor have hope,
And injustice shuts her mouth.
5:17 "Behold, happy is the man whom Yahweh corrects;
Therefore do not despise the chastening of the Almighty.
5:18 For He bruises, but He binds up;
He wounds, but His hands make whole.
5:19 He shall deliver you in six troubles,
Yes, in seven no evil shall touch you.
5:20 In famine He shall redeem you from death,
And in war from the power of the sword.
5:21 You shall be hidden from the scourge of the tongue,
And you shall not be afraid of destruction when it comes.
5:22 You shall laugh at destruction and famine,
And you shall not be afraid of the beasts of the earth.
5:23 For you shall have a covenant with the stones of the field,
And the beasts of the field shall be at peace with you.
5:24 You shall know that your tent is in peace;
You shall visit your dwelling and find nothing amiss.
5:25 You shall also know that your descendants shall be many,
And your offspring like the grass of the earth.
5:26 You shall come to the grave at a full age,
As a sheaf of grain ripens in its season.
5:27 Behold, this we have searched out;
It is true.
Hear it, and know for yourself."

Job 6:

6:1 Then Job answered and said:
6:2 "Oh, that my grief were fully weighed,

And my calamity laid with it on the scales!
6:3 For then it would be heavier than the sand of the sea-
Therefore my words have been rash.
6:4 For the arrows of the Almighty are within me;
My spirit drinks in their poison;
The terrors of Yahweh are arrayed against me.
6:5 Does the wild donkey bray when it has grass,
Or does the ox low over its fodder?
6:6 Can flavorless food be eaten without salt?
Or is there any taste in the white of an egg?
6:7 My body refuses to touch them;
They are as loathsome food to me.
6:8 "Oh, that I might have my request,
That Yahweh would grant me the thing that I long for!
6:9 That it would please Yahweh to crush me,
That He would loose His hand and cut me off!
6:10 Then I would still have comfort;
Though in anguish, I would exult,
He will not spare;
For I have not concealed the words of the Holy One.
6:11 "What strength do I have, that I should hope?
And what is my end, that I should prolong my life?
6:12 Is my strength the strength of stones?
Or is my flesh bronze?
6:13 Is my help not within me?
And is success driven from me?
6:14 "To him who is afflicted, kindness should be shown by his friend,
Even though he forsakes the fear of the Almighty.
6:15 My brothers have dealt deceitfully like a brook,
Like the streams of the brooks that pass away,
6:16 Which are dark because of the ice,
And into which the snow vanishes.

6:17 When it is warm, they cease to flow;
When it is hot, they vanish from their place.
6:18 The paths of their way turn aside,
They go nowhere and perish.
6:19 The caravans of Tema look,
The travelers of Sheba hope for them.
6:20 They are disappointed because they were confident;
They come there and are confused.
6:21 For now you are nothing,
You see terror and are afraid.
6:22 Did I ever say, 'Bring something to me'?
Or, 'Offer a bribe for me from your wealth'?
6:23 Or, 'Deliver me from the enemy's hand'?
Or, 'Redeem me from the hand of oppressors'?
6:24 "Teach me, and I will hold my tongue;
Cause me to understand wherein I have erred.
6:25 How forceful are right words!
But what does your arguing prove?
6:26 Do you intend to rebuke my words,
And the speeches of a desperate one,
which are as wind?
6:27 Yes, you overwhelm the fatherless,
And you undermine your friend.
6:28 Now therefore, be pleased to look at me;
For I would never lie to Your face.
6:29 Yield now, let there be no injustice!
Yes, concede, my righteousness still stands!
6:30 Is there injustice on my tongue?
Cannot my taste discern the unsavory?
Job 7:
7:1 "Is there not a time of hard service for man on earth?
Are not his days also like the days of a hired man?
7:2 Like a servant who earnestly desires the shade,
And like a hired man who eagerly looks for his wages,

7:3 So I have been allotted months of futility,
And wearisome nights have been appointed to me.
7:4 When I lie down, I say, 'When shall I arise,
And the night be ended?'
For I have had my fill of tossing till dawn.
7:5 My flesh is caked with worms and dust,
My skin is cracked and breaks out afresh.
7:6 "My days are swifter than a weaver's shuttle,
And are spent without hope.
7:7 Oh, remember that my life is a breath!
My eye will never again see good.
7:8 The eye of him who sees me will see me no more;
While your eyes are upon me,
I shall no longer be.
7:9 As the cloud disappears and vanishes away,
So he who goes down to the grave does not come up.
7:10 He shall never return to his house,
Nor shall his place know him anymore.
7:11 "Therefore I will not restrain my mouth;
I will speak in the anguish of my spirit;
I will complain in the bitterness of my spirit.
7:12 Am I a sea, or a sea serpent,
That You set a guard over me?
7:13 When I say, 'My bed will comfort me,
My couch will ease my complaint,'
7:14 Then You scare me with dreams
And terrify me with visions,
7:15 So that my spirit chooses strangling
And death rather than my body.
7:16 I loathe my life;
I would not live forever.
Let me alone,
For my days are but a breath.
7:17 "What is man, that You should exalt him,

That You should set Your heart on him,
7:18 That You should visit him every morning,
And test him every moment?
7:19 How long?
Will You not look away from me,
And let me alone till I swallow my saliva?
7:20 Have I sinned?
What have I done to You, O watcher of men?
Why have You set me as Your target,
So that I am a burden to myself?
7:21 Why then do You not pardon my transgression,
And take away my iniquity?
For now I will lie down in the dust,
And You will seek me diligently,
But I will no longer be."

Job 8:

8:1 Then Bildad the Shuhite answered and said:
8:2 "How long will you speak these things,
And the words of your mouth be like a strong wind?
8:3 Does Yahweh subvert judgment?
Or does the Almighty pervert justice?
8:4 If your sons have sinned against Him,
He has cast them away for their transgression.
8:5 If you would earnestly seek Yahweh
And make your supplication to the Almighty,
8:6 If you were pure and upright,
Surely now He would awake for you,
And prosper your rightful dwelling place.
8:7 Though your beginning was small,
Yet your latter end would increase abundantly.
8:8 "For inquire, please, of the former age,
And consider the things discovered by their fathers;
8:9 For we were born yesterday, and know nothing,
Because our days on earth are a shadow.

8:10 Will they not teach you and tell you,
And utter words from their heart?
8:11 "Can the papyrus grow up without a marsh?
Can the reeds flourish without water?
8:12 While it is yet green and not cut down,
It withers before any other plant.
8:13 So are the paths of all who forget Yahweh;
And the hope of the hypocrite shall perish,
8:14 Whose confidence shall be cut off,
And whose trust is a spider's web.
8:15 He leans on his house, but it does not stand.
He holds it fast, but it does not endure.
8:16 He grows green in the sun,
And his branches spread out in his garden.
8:17 His roots wrap around the rock heap,
And look for a place in the stones.
8:18 If he is destroyed from his place,
Then it will deny him, saying, 'I have not seen you.'
8:19 "Behold, this is the joy of His way,
And out of the earth others will grow.
8:20 Behold, Yahweh will not cast away the blameless,
Nor will He uphold the evildoers.
8:21 He will yet fill your mouth with laughing,
And your lips with rejoicing.
8:22 Those who hate you will be clothed with shame,
And the dwelling place of the wicked will come to nothing."

Job 9:

9:1 Then Job answered and said:
9:2 "Truly I know it is so,
But how can a man be righteous before Yahweh?
9:3 If one wished to contend with Him,
He could not answer Him one time out of a thousand.
9:4 Yahweh is wise in heart and mighty in strength.

Who has hardened himself against Him
and prospered?
9:5 He removes the mountains, and
they do not know
When He overturns them in His anger;
9:6 He shakes the earth out of its place,
And its pillars tremble;
9:7 He commands the sun, and it does
not rise;
He seals off the stars;
9:8 He alone spreads out the skies,
And treads on the waves of the sea;
9:9 He made the Bear, Orion, and the
Pleiades,
And the chambers of the south;
9:10 He does great things past finding
out,
Yes, wonders without number.
9:11 If He goes by me, I do not see Him;
If He moves past, I do not perceive Him;
9:12 If He takes away, who can hinder
Him?
Who can say to Him, 'What are You
doing?'
9:13 Yahweh will not withdraw His
anger,
The allies of the proud lie prostrate
beneath Him.
9:14 "How then can I answer Him,
And choose my words to reason with
Him?
9:15 For though I were righteous, I
could not answer Him;
I would beg mercy of my Judge.
9:16 If I called and He answered me,
I would not believe that He was listening
to my voice.
9:17 For He crushes me with a tempest,
And multiplies my wounds without
cause.
9:18 He will not allow me to catch my
breath,
But fills me with bitterness.
9:19 If it is a matter of strength, indeed
He is strong;
And if of justice, who will appoint my day
in court?
9:20 Though I were righteous, my own
mouth would condemn me;

Though I were blameless, it would prove
me perverse.
9:21 "I am blameless, yet I do not know
myself;
I despise my life.
9:22 It is all one thing;
Therefore I say, 'He destroys the
blameless and the wicked.'
9:23 If the scourge slays suddenly,
He laughs at the plight of the innocent.
9:24 The earth is given into the hand of
the wicked.
He covers the faces of its judges.
If it is not He, who else could it be?
9:25 "Now my days are swifter than a
runner;
They flee away, they see no good.
9:26 They pass by like swift ships,
Like an eagle swooping on its prey.
9:27 If I say, 'I will forget my complaint,
I will put off my sad face and wear a
smile,'
9:28 I am afraid of all my sufferings;
I know that You will not hold me
innocent.
9:29 If I am condemned,
Why then do I labor in vain?
9:30 If I wash myself with snow water,
And cleanse my hands with soap,
9:31 Yet You will plunge me into the pit,
And my own clothes will abhor me.
9:32 "For He is not a man, as I am,
That I may answer Him,
And that we should go to court together.
9:33 Nor is there any mediator between
us,
Who may lay his hand on us both.
9:34 Let Him take His rod away from
me,
And do not let dread of Him terrify me.
9:35 Then I would speak and not fear
Him,
But it is not so with me.
Job 10:
10:1 "My spirit loathes my life;
I will give free course to my complaint,
I will speak in the bitterness of my spirit.
10:2 I will say to Yahweh, 'Do not
condemn me;
Show me why You contend with me.

10:3 Does it seem good to You that You should oppress,
That You should despise the work of Your hands,
And smile on the counsel of the wicked?
10:4 Do You have eyes of flesh?
Or do You see as man sees?
10:5 Are Your days like the days of a mortal man?
Are Your years like the days of a mighty man,
10:6 That You should seek for my iniquity
And search out my sin,
10:7 Although You know that I am not wicked,
And there is no one who can deliver from Your hand?
10:8 'Your hands have made me and fashioned me,
An intricate unity;
Yet You would destroy me.
10:9 Remember, I pray, that You have made me like clay.
And will You turn me into dust again?
10:10 Did you not pour me out like milk,
And curdle me like cheese,
10:11 Clothe me with skin and flesh,
And knit me together with bones and sinews?
10:12 You have granted me life and favor,
And Your care has preserved my spirit.
10:13 'And these things You have hidden in Your heart;
I know that this was with You:
10:14 If I sin, then You mark me,
And will not acquit me of my iniquity.
10:15 If I am wicked, woe to me;
Even if I am righteous, I cannot lift up my head.
I am full of disgrace;
See my misery!
10:16 If my head is exalted,
You hunt me like a fierce lion,
And again You show Yourself awesome against me.
10:17 You renew Your witnesses against me,

And increase Your indignation toward me;
Changes and war are ever with me.
10:18 'Why then have You brought me out of the womb?
Oh, that I had perished and no eye had seen me!
10:19 I would have been as though I had not been.
I would have been carried from the womb to the grave.
10:20 Are not my days few?
Cease! Leave me alone, that I may take a little comfort,
10:21 Before I go to the place from which I shall not return,
To the land of darkness and the shadow of death,
10:22 A land as dark as darkness itself,
As the shadow of death, without any order,
Where even the light is like darkness.' "
Job 11:
11:1 Then Zophar the Naamathite answered and said:
11:2 "Should not the multitude of words be answered?
And should a man full of talk be vindicated?
11:3 Should your empty talk make men hold their peace?
And when you mock, should no one rebuke you?
11:4 For you have said,
'My doctrine is pure,
And I am pure in your eyes.'
11:5 But oh, that Yahweh would speak,
And open His lips against you,
11:6 That He would show you the secrets of wisdom!
For they would double your prudence.
Know therefore that Yahweh exacts from you
Less than your iniquity deserves.
11:7 "Can you search out the deep things of Yahweh?
Can you find out the limits of the Almighty?
11:8 They are higher than the sky-what can you do?"

Deeper than Sheol-what can you know?

11:9 Their measure is longer than the earth

And broader than the sea.

11:10 "If He passes by, imprisons, and gathers to judgment,

Then who can hinder Him?

11:11 For He knows deceitful men; He sees wickedness also.

Will He not then consider it?

11:12 For an empty-headed man will be wise,

When a wild donkey's colt is born a man.

11:13 "If you would prepare your heart, And stretch out your hands toward Him;

11:14 If iniquity were in your hand, and you put it far away,

And would not let wickedness dwell in your tents;

11:15 Then surely you could lift up your face without spot;

Yes, you could be steadfast, and not fear;

11:16 Because you would forget your misery,

And remember it as waters that have passed away,

11:17 And your life would be brighter than noonday.

Though you were dark, you would be like the morning.

11:18 And you would be secure, because there is hope;

Yes, you would dig around you, and take your rest in safety.

11:19 You would also lie down, and no one would make you afraid;

Yes, many would court your favor.

11:20 But the eyes of the wicked will fail,

And they shall not escape,

And their hope-loss of life!"

Job 12:

12:1 Then Job answered and said:

12:2 "No doubt you are the people, And wisdom will die with you!

12:3 But I have understanding as well as you;

I am not inferior to you.

Indeed, who does not know such things as these?

12:4 "I am one mocked by his friends, Who called on Yahweh, and He answered him,

The just and blameless who is ridiculed.

12:5 A lamp is despised in the thought of one who is at ease;

It is made ready for those whose feet slip.

12:6 The tents of robbers prosper, And those who provoke Yahweh are secure-

In what Yahweh provides by His hand.

12:7 "But now ask the beasts, and they will teach you;

And the birds of the air, and they will tell you;

12:8 Or speak to the earth, and it will teach you;

And the fish of the sea will explain to you.

12:9 Who among all these does not know

That the hand of Yahweh has done this,

12:10 In whose hand is the life of every living thing,

And the breath of all mankind?

12:11 Does not the ear test words And the mouth taste its food?

12:12 Wisdom is with aged men, And with length of days, understanding.

12:13 "With Him are wisdom and strength,

He has counsel and understanding.

12:14 If He breaks a thing down, it cannot be rebuilt;

If He imprisons a man, there can be no release.

12:15 If He withholds the waters, they dry up;

If He sends them out, they overwhelm the earth.

12:16 With Him are strength and prudence.

The deceived and the deceiver are His.

12:17 He leads counselors away plundered,

And makes fools of the judges.

12:18 He loosens the bonds of kings,

And binds their waist with a belt.
12:19 He leads princes away plundered,
And overthrows the mighty.
12:20 He deprives the trusted ones of
speech,
And takes away the discernment of the
elders.
12:21 He pours contempt on princes,
And disarms the mighty.
12:22 He uncovers deep things out of
darkness,
And brings the shadow of death to light.
12:23 He makes nations great, and
destroys them;
He enlarges nations, and guides them.
12:24 He takes away the understanding
of the chiefs of the people of the earth,
And makes them wander in a pathless
wilderness.
12:25 They grope in the dark without
light,
And He makes them stagger like a
drunken man.

Job 13:

13:1 "Behold, my eye has seen all this,
My ear has heard and understood it.
13:2 What you know, I also know;
I am not inferior to you.
13:3 But I would speak to the Almighty,
And I desire to reason with Yahweh.
13:4 But you forgers of lies,
You are all worthless physicians.
13:5 Oh, that you would be silent,
And it would be your wisdom!
13:6 Now hear my reasoning,
And heed the pleadings of my lips.
13:7 Will you speak wickedly for
Yahweh,
And talk deceitfully for Him?
13:8 Will you show partiality for Him?
Will you contend for Yahweh?
13:9 Will it be well when He searches
you out?
Or can you mock Him as one mocks a
man?
13:10 He will surely rebuke you
If you secretly show partiality.
13:11 Will not His excellence make you
afraid,
And the dread of Him fall upon you?

13:12 Your platitudes are proverbs of
ashes,
Your defenses are defenses of clay.
13:13 "Hold your peace with me, and
let me speak,
Then let come on me what may!
13:14 Why do I take my flesh in my
teeth,
And put my life in my hands?
13:15 Though He slay me, yet will I trust
Him.
Even so, I will defend my own ways
before Him.
13:16 He also shall be my salvation,
For a hypocrite could not come before
Him.
13:17 Listen carefully to my speech,
And to my declaration with your ears.
13:18 See now, I have prepared my
case,
I know that I shall be vindicated.
13:19 Who is he who will contend with
me?
If now I hold my tongue, I perish.
13:20 "Only two things do not do to me,
Then I will not hide myself from You:
13:21 Withdraw Your hand far from me,
And let not the dread of You make me
afraid.
13:22 Then call, and I will answer;
Or let me speak, then You respond to
me.
13:23 How many are my iniquities and
sins?
Make me know my transgression and
my sin.
13:24 Why do You hide Your face,
And regard me as Your enemy?
13:25 Will You frighten a leaf driven to
and fro?
And will You pursue dry stubble?
13:26 For You write bitter things against
me,
And make me inherit the iniquities of my
youth.
13:27 You put my feet in the stocks,
And watch closely all my paths.
You set a limit for the soles of my feet.
13:28 "Man decays like a rotten thing,
Like a garment that is moth-eaten.

Job 14:

14:1 "Man who is born of woman
Is of few days and full of trouble.

14:2 He comes forth like a flower and
fades away;

He flees like a shadow and does not
continue.

14:3 And do You open Your eyes on
such a one,

And bring me to judgment with
Yourself?

14:4 Who can bring a clean thing out of
an unclean?

No one!

14:5 Since his days are determined,
The number of his months is with You;
You have appointed his limits, so that he
cannot pass.

14:6 Look away from him that he may
rest,

Till like a hired man he finishes his day.

14:7 "For there is hope for a tree,
If it is cut down, that it will sprout again,
And that its tender shoots will not cease.

14:8 Though its root may grow old in the
earth,

And its stump may die in the ground,

14:9 Yet at the scent of water it will bud
And bring forth branches like a plant.

14:10 But man dies and is laid away;
Indeed he breathes his last

And where is he?

14:11 As water disappears from the
sea,

And a river becomes parched and dries
up,

14:12 So man lies down and does not
rise.

Till the skies are no more,

They will not awake

Nor be roused from their sleep.

14:13 "Oh, that You would hide me in
the grave,

That You would conceal me until Your
wrath is past,

That You would appoint me a set time,
and remember me!

14:14 If a man dies, shall he live again?
All the days of my hard service I will
wait,

Till my change comes.

14:15 You shall call, and I will answer
You;

You shall desire the work of Your hands.

14:16 For now You number my steps,
But do not watch over my sin.

14:17 My transgression is sealed up in a
bag,

And You cover my iniquity.

14:18 "But as a mountain falls and
crumbles away,

And as a rock is moved from its place;

14:19 As water wears away stones,
And as torrents wash away the soil of
the earth;

So You destroy the hope of man.

14:20 You prevail forever against him,
and he passes on;

You change his countenance and send
him away.

14:21 His sons come to honor, and he
does not know it;

They are brought low, and he does not
perceive it.

14:22 But his flesh will be in pain over it,
And his spirit will mourn over it."

Job 15:

15:1 Then Eliphaz the Temanite
answered and said:

15:2 "Should a wise man answer with
empty knowledge,

And fill himself with the east wind?

15:3 Should he reason with unprofitable
talk,

Or by speeches with which he can do no
good?

15:4 Yes, you cast off fear,
And restrain prayer before Yahweh.

15:5 For your iniquity teaches your
mouth,

And you choose the tongue of the crafty.

15:6 Your own mouth condemns you,
and not I;

Yes, your own lips testify against you.

15:7 "Are you the first man who was
born?

Or were you made before the hills?

15:8 Have you heard the counsel of
Yahweh?

Do you limit wisdom to yourself?

15:9 What do you know that we do not know?

What do you understand that is not in us?

15:10 Both the gray-haired and the aged are among us,
Much older than your father.

15:11 Are the consolations of Yahweh too small for you,

And the word spoken gently with you?

15:12 Why does your heart carry you away,

And what do your eyes wink at,

15:13 That you turn your spirit against Yahweh,

And let such words go out of your mouth?

15:14 "What is man, that he could be pure?

And he who is born of a woman, that he could be righteous?

15:15 If Yahweh puts no trust in His saints,

And the heavens are not pure in His sight,

15:16 How much less man, who is abominable and filthy,

Who drinks iniquity like water!

15:17 "I will tell you, hear me;

What I have seen I will declare,

15:18 What wise men have told,
Not hiding anything received from their fathers,

15:19 To whom alone the land was given,

And no alien passed among them:

15:20 The wicked man writhes with pain all his days,

And the number of years is hidden from the oppressor.

15:21 Dreadful sounds are in his ears;
In prosperity the destroyer comes upon him.

15:22 He does not believe that he will return from darkness,

For a sword is waiting for him.

15:23 He wanders about for bread,
saying, 'Where is it?'

He knows that a day of darkness is ready at his hand.

15:24 Trouble and anguish make him afraid;

They overpower him, like a king ready for battle.

15:25 For he stretches out his hand against Yahweh,

And acts defiantly against the Almighty,

15:26 Running stubbornly against Him
With his strong, embossed shield.

15:27 "Though he has covered his face with his fatness,

And made his waist heavy with fat,

15:28 He dwells in desolate cities,

In houses which no one inhabits,
Which are destined to become ruins.

15:29 He will not be rich,

Nor will his wealth continue,

Nor will his possessions overspread the earth.

15:30 He will not depart from darkness;

The flame will dry out his branches,

And by the breath of His mouth he will go away.

15:31 Let him not trust in futile things,
deceiving himself, For futility will be his reward.

15:32 It will be accomplished before his time,

And his branch will not be green.

15:33 He will shake off his unripe grape like a vine,

And cast off his blossom like an olive tree.

15:34 For the company of hypocrites will be barren,
And fire will consume the tents of bribery.

15:35 They conceive trouble and bring forth futility;

Their womb prepares deceit."

Job 16:

16:1 Then Job answered and said:

16:2 "I have heard many such things;
Miserable comforters are you all!

16:3 Shall words of wind have an end?
Or what provokes you that you answer?

16:4 I also could speak as you do,
If your body were in my body's place.

I could heap up words against you,
And shake my head at you;

16:5 But I would strengthen you with my mouth,
And the comfort of my lips would relieve your grief.

16:6 "Though I speak, my grief is not relieved;
And if I remain silent, how am I eased?"

16:7 But now He has worn me out;
You have made desolate all my company.

16:8 You have shriveled me up,
And it is a witness against me;
My leanness rises up against me
And bears witness to my face.

16:9 He tears me in His wrath, and hates me;

He gnashes at me with His teeth;
My adversary sharpens His gaze on me.

16:10 They gape at me with their mouth,
They strike me reproachfully on the cheek,

They gather together against me.

16:11 Yahweh has delivered me to the ungodly,
And turned me over to the hands of the wicked.

16:12 I was at ease, but He has shattered me;
He also has taken me by my neck, and shaken me to pieces;

He has set me up for His target,

16:13 His archers surround me.
He pierces my heart and does not pity;
He pours out my gall on the ground.

16:14 He breaks me with wound upon wound;
He runs at me like a warrior.

16:15 "I have sewn sackcloth over my skin,
And laid my head in the dust.

16:16 My face is flushed from weeping,
And on my eyelids is the shadow of death;

16:17 Although no violence is in my hands,
And my prayer is pure.

16:18 "O earth, do not cover my blood,
And let my cry have no resting place!"

16:19 Surely even now my witness is in heaven,

And my evidence is on high.

16:20 My friends scorn me;
My eyes pour out tears to Yahweh.

16:21 Oh, that one might plead for a man with Yahweh,
As a man pleads for his neighbor!

16:22 For when a few years are finished,
I shall go the way of no return.

Job 17:

17:1 "My spirit is broken,
My days are extinguished,
The grave is ready for me.

17:2 Are not mockers with me?
And does not my eye dwell on their provocation?"

17:3 "Now put down a pledge for me with Yourself.

Who is he who will shake hands with me?"

17:4 For You have hidden their heart from understanding;
Therefore You will not exalt them.

17:5 He who speaks flattery to his friends,
Even the eyes of his children will fail.

17:6 "But He has made me a byword of the people,
And I have become one in whose face men spit.

17:7 My eye has also grown dim because of sorrow,
And all my members are like shadows.

17:8 Upright men are astonished at this,
And the innocent stirs himself up against the hypocrite.

17:9 Yet the righteous will hold to his way,
And he who has pure hands will be stronger and stronger.

17:10 "But please, come back again, all of you,
For I shall not find one wise man among you.

17:11 My days are past,
My purposes are broken off,
Even the thoughts of my heart.

17:12 They change the night into day;
'The light is near,' they say, in the face of darkness.

17:13 If I wait for the grave as my house,
If I make my bed in the darkness,
17:14 If I say to corruption, 'You are my father,'
And to the worm, 'You are my mother and my sister,'
17:15 Where then is my hope?
As for my hope, who can see it?
17:16 Will they go down to the gates of Sheol?
Shall we have rest together in the dust?"

Job 18:

18:1 Then Bildad the Shuhite answered and said:
18:2 "How long till you put an end to words?
Gain understanding, and afterward we will speak.
18:3 Why are we counted as beasts,
And regarded as stupid in your sight?
18:4 You who tear yourself in anger,
Shall the earth be forsaken for you?
Or shall the rock be removed from its place?
18:5 "The light of the wicked indeed goes out,
And the flame of his fire does not shine.
18:6 The light is dark in his tent,
And his lamp beside him is put out.
18:7 The steps of his strength are shortened,
And his own counsel casts him down.
18:8 For he is cast into a net by his own feet,
And he walks into a snare.
18:9 The net takes him by the heel,
And a snare lays hold of him.
18:10 A noose is hidden for him on the ground,
And a trap for him in the road.
18:11 Terrors frighten him on every side,
And drive him to his feet.
18:12 His strength is starved,
And destruction is ready at his side.
18:13 It devours patches of his skin;
The firstborn of death devours his limbs.
18:14 He is uprooted from the shelter of his tent,

And they parade him before the king of terrors.

18:15 They dwell in his tent who are none of his;
Brimstone is scattered on his dwelling.
18:16 His roots are dried out below,
And his branch withers above.
18:17 The memory of him perishes from the earth,
And he has no name among the renowned.
18:18 He is driven from light into darkness,
And chased out of the world.
18:19 He has neither son nor posterity among his people,
Nor any remaining in his dwellings.
18:20 Those in the west are astonished at his day,
As those in the east are frightened.
18:21 Surely such are the dwellings of the wicked,
And this is the place of him who does not know Yahweh."

Job 19:

19:1 Then Job answered and said:
19:2 "How long will you torment my body,
And break me in pieces with words?
19:3 These ten times you have reproached me;
You are not ashamed that you have wronged me.
19:4 And if indeed I have erred,
My error remains with me.
19:5 If indeed you exalt yourselves against me,
And plead my disgrace against me,
19:6 Know then that Yahweh has wronged me,
And has surrounded me with His net.
19:7 "If I cry out concerning wrong, I am not heard.
If I cry aloud, there is no justice.
19:8 He has fenced up my way, so that I cannot pass;
And He has set darkness in my paths.
19:9 He has stripped me of my glory,
And taken the crown from my head.

19:10 He breaks me down on every side,
And I am gone;
My hope He has uprooted like a tree.
19:11 He has also kindled His wrath against me,
And He counts me as one of His enemies.
19:12 His troops come together
And build up their road against me;
They encamp all around my tent.
19:13 "He has removed my brothers far from me,
And my acquaintances are completely estranged from me.
19:14 My relatives have failed,
And my close friends have forgotten me.
19:15 Those who dwell in my house,
and my maidservants,
Count me as a stranger;
I am an alien in their sight.
19:16 I call my servant, but he gives no answer;
I beg him with my mouth.
19:17 My breath is offensive to my wife,
And I am repulsive to the children of my own body.
19:18 Even young children despise me;
I arise, and they speak against me.
19:19 All my close friends abhor me,
And those whom I love have turned against me.
19:20 My bone clings to my skin and to my flesh,
And I have escaped by the skin of my teeth.
19:21 "Have pity on me, have pity on me, O you my friends,
For the hand of Yahweh has struck me!
19:22 Why do you persecute me as Yahweh does, And are not satisfied with my flesh?
19:23 "Oh, that my words were written!
Oh, that they were inscribed in a book!
19:24 That they were engraved on a rock
With an iron pen and lead, forever!
19:25 For I know that my Redeemer lives,
And He shall stand at last on the earth;

19:26 And after my skin is destroyed, this I know,
That in my flesh I shall see Yahweh,
19:27 Whom I shall see for myself,
And my eyes shall behold, and not another.
How my heart yearns within me!
19:28 If you should say, 'How shall we persecute him?'-
Since the root of the matter is found in me,
19:29 Be afraid of the sword for yourselves;
For wrath brings the punishment of the sword,
That you may know there is a judgment."
Job 20:
20:1 Then Zophar the Naamathite answered and said:
20:2 "Therefore my anxious thoughts make me answer,
Because of the turmoil within me.
20:3 I have heard the rebuke that reproaches me,
And the spirit of my understanding causes me to answer.
20:4 "Do you not know this of old,
Since man was placed on earth,
20:5 That the triumphing of the wicked is short,
And the joy of the hypocrite is but for a moment?
20:6 Though his haughtiness mounts up to the skies,
And his head reaches to the clouds,
20:7 Yet he will perish forever like his own refuse;
Those who have seen him will say, 'Where is he?'
20:8 He will fly away like a dream, and not be found;
Yes, he will be chased away like a vision of the night.
20:9 The eye that saw him will see him no more,
Nor will his place behold him anymore.
20:10 His children will seek the favor of the poor,
And his hands will restore his wealth.

20:11 His bones are full of his youthful vigor,
But it will lie down with him in the dust.
20:12 "Though evil is sweet in his mouth,
And he hides it under his tongue,
20:13 Though he spares it and does not forsake it,
But still keeps it in his mouth,
20:14 Yet his food in his stomach turns sour;
It becomes cobra venom within him.
20:15 He swallows down riches
And vomits them up again;
Yahweh casts them out of his belly.
20:16 He will suck the poison of cobras;
The viper's tongue will slay him.
20:17 He will not see the streams,
The rivers flowing with honey and cream.
20:18 He will restore that for which he labored,
And will not swallow it down;
From the proceeds of business
He will get no enjoyment.
20:19 For he has oppressed and forsaken the poor,
He has violently seized a house which he did not build.
20:20 "Because he knows no quietness in his heart,
He will not save anything he desires.
20:21 Nothing is left for him to eat;
Therefore his well-being will not last.
20:22 In his self-sufficiency he will be in distress;
Every hand of misery will come against him.
20:23 When he is about to fill his stomach,
Yahweh will cast on him the fury of His wrath,
And will rain it on him while he is eating.
20:24 He will flee from the iron weapon;
A bronze bow will pierce him through.
20:25 It is drawn, and comes out of the body;
Yes, the glittering point comes out of his gall.
Terrors come upon him;

20:26 Total darkness is reserved for his treasures.
An unfanned fire will consume him;
It shall go ill with him who is left in his tent.
20:27 The skies will reveal his iniquity,
And the earth will rise up against him.
20:28 The increase of his house will depart,
And his goods will flow away in the day of His wrath.
20:29 This is the portion from Yahweh for a wicked man,
The heritage appointed to him by Yahweh."
Job 21:
21:1 Then Job answered and said:
21:2 "Listen carefully to my speech,
And let this be your consolation.
21:3 Bear with me that I may speak,
And after I have spoken, keep mocking.
21:4 "As for me, is my complaint against man?
And if it were, why should I not be impatient?
21:5 Look at me and be astonished;
Put your hand over your mouth.
21:6 Even when I remember I am terrified,
And trembling takes hold of my flesh.
21:7 Why do the wicked live and become old,
Yes, become mighty in power?
21:8 Their descendants are established with them in their sight,
And their offspring before their eyes.
21:9 Their houses are safe from fear,
Neither is the rod of Yahweh upon them.
21:10 Their bull breeds without failure;
Their cow calves without miscarriage.
21:11 They send forth their little ones like a flock,
And their children dance.
21:12 They sing to the tambourine and harp,
And rejoice to the sound of the flute.
21:13 They spend their days in wealth,
And in a moment go down to the grave.
21:14 Yet they say to Yahweh, 'Depart from us,

For we do not desire the knowledge of
Your ways.
21:15 Who is the Almighty, that we
should serve Him?
And what profit do we have if we pray to
Him?
21:16 Indeed their prosperity is not in
their hand;
The counsel of the wicked is far from
me.
21:17 "How often is the lamp of the
wicked put out?
How often does their destruction come
upon them,
The sorrows Yahweh distributes in His
anger?
21:18 They are like straw before the
wind,
And like chaff that a storm carries away.
21:19 They say, 'Yahweh lays up one's
iniquity for his children';
Let Him recompense him, that he may
know it.
21:20 Let his eyes see his destruction,
And let him drink of the wrath of the
Almighty.
21:21 For what does he care about his
household after him,
When the number of his months is cut in
half?
21:22 "Can anyone teach Yahweh
knowledge,
Since He judges those on high?
21:23 One dies in his full strength,
Being wholly at ease and secure;
21:24 His pails are full of milk,
And the marrow of his bones is moist.
21:25 Another man dies in the
bitterness of his spirit,
Never having eaten with pleasure.
21:26 They lie down alike in the dust,
And worms cover them.
21:27 "Look, I know your thoughts,
And the schemes with which you would
wrong me.
21:28 For you say,
'Where is the house of the prince?
And where is the tent,
The dwelling place of the wicked?'

21:29 Have you not asked those who
travel the road?
And do you not know their signs?
21:30 For the wicked are reserved for
the day of doom;
They shall be brought out on the day of
wrath.
21:31 Who condemns his way to his
face?
And who repays him for what he has
done?
21:32 Yet he shall be brought to the
grave,
And a vigil kept over the tomb.
21:33 The clods of the valley shall be
sweet to him;
Everyone shall follow him,
As countless have gone before him.
21:34 How then can you comfort me
with empty words,
Since falsehood remains in your
answers?"
Job 22:
22:1 Then Eliphaz the Temanite
answered and said:
22:2 "Can a man be profitable to
Yahweh,
Though he who is wise may be
profitable to himself?
22:3 Is it any pleasure to the Almighty
that you are righteous?
Or is it gain to Him that you make your
ways blameless?
22:4 "Is it because of your fear of Him
that He corrects you,
And enters into judgment with you?
22:5 Is not your wickedness great,
And your iniquity without end?
22:6 For you have taken pledges from
your brother for no reason,
And stripped the naked of their clothing.
22:7 You have not given the weary
water to drink,
And you have withheld bread from the
hungry.
22:8 But the mighty man possessed the
land,
And the honorable man dwelt in it.
22:9 You have sent widows away
empty,

And the strength of the fatherless was crushed.
22:10 Therefore snares are all around you,
And sudden fear troubles you,
22:11 Or darkness so that you cannot see;
And an abundance of water covers you.
22:12 "Is not Yahweh in the height of the sky?
And see the highest stars, how lofty they are!
22:13 And you say, 'What does Yahweh know?
Can He judge through the deep darkness?
22:14 Thick clouds cover Him, so that He cannot see,
And He walks above the circle of the sky.'
22:15 Will you keep to the old way
Which wicked men have trod,
22:16 Who were cut down before their time,
Whose foundations were swept away by a flood?
22:17 They said to Yahweh, 'Depart from us!
What can the Almighty do to them?'
22:18 Yet He filled their houses with good things;
But the counsel of the wicked is far from me.
22:19 "The righteous see it and are glad,
And the innocent laugh at them:
22:20 'Surely our adversaries are cut down,
And the fire consumes their remnant.'
22:21 "Now acquaint yourself with Him,
and be at peace;
Thereby good will come to you.
22:22 Receive, please, instruction from His mouth,
And lay up His words in your heart.
22:23 If you return to the Almighty, you will be built up;
You will remove iniquity far from your tents.

22:24 Then you will lay your gold in the dust,
And the gold of Ophir among the stones of the brooks.
22:25 Yes, the Almighty will be your gold
And your precious silver;
22:26 For then you will have your delight in the Almighty,
And lift up your face to Yahweh.
22:27 You will make your prayer to Him,
He will hear you,
And you will pay your vows.
22:28 You will also declare a thing,
And it will be established for you;
So light will shine on your ways.
22:29 When they cast you down, and you say, 'Exaltation will come!
Then He will save the humble person.
22:30 He will even deliver one who is not innocent; Yes, he will be delivered by the purity of your hands."
Job 23:
23:1 Then Job answered and said:
23:2 "Even today my complaint is bitter;
My hand is listless because of my groaning.
23:3 Oh, that I knew where I might find Him,
That I might come to His seat!
23:4 I would present my case before Him,
And fill my mouth with arguments.
23:5 I would know the words which He would answer me,
And understand what He would say to me.
23:6 Would He contend with me in His great power?
No! But He would take note of me.
23:7 There the upright could reason with Him,
And I would be delivered forever from my Judge.
23:8 "Look, I go forward, but He is not there,
And backward, but I cannot perceive Him;
23:9 When He works on the left hand, I cannot behold Him;

When He turns to the right hand, I cannot see Him.

23:10 But He knows the way that I take; When He has tested me, I shall come forth as gold.

23:11 My foot has held fast to His steps; I have kept His way and not turned aside.

23:12 I have not departed from the commandment of His lips; I have treasured the words of His mouth More than my necessary food.

23:13 "But He is unique, and who can make Him change? And whatever His spirit desires, that He does.

23:14 For He performs what is appointed for me, And many such things are with Him.

23:15 Therefore I am terrified at His presence;

When I consider this, I am afraid of Him.

23:16 For Yahweh made my heart weak,

And the Almighty terrifies me;

23:17 Because I was not cut off from the presence of darkness,

And He did not hide deep darkness from my face.

Job 24:

24:1 "Since times are not hidden from the Almighty, Why do those who know Him see not His days?

24:2 "Some remove landmarks; They seize flocks violently and feed on them;

24:3 They drive away the donkey of the fatherless;

They take the widow's ox as a pledge.

24:4 They push the needy off the road; All the poor of the land are forced to hide.

24:5 Indeed, like wild donkeys in the desert,

They go out to their work, searching for food.

The wilderness yields food for them and for their children.

24:6 They gather their fodder in the field

And glean in the vineyard of the wicked.

24:7 They spend the night naked, without clothing,

And have no covering in the cold.

24:8 They are wet with the showers of the mountains,

And huddle around the rock for want of shelter.

24:9 "Some snatch the fatherless from the breast,

And take a pledge from the poor.

24:10 They cause the poor to go naked, without clothing;

And they take away the sheaves from the hungry.

24:11 They press out oil within their walls,

And tread winepresses, yet suffer thirst.

24:12 The dying groan in the city,

And the spirits of the wounded cry out; Yet Yahweh does not charge them with wrong.

24:13 "There are those who rebel against the light;

They do not know its ways

Nor abide in its paths.

24:14 The murderer rises with the light;

He kills the poor and needy;

And in the night he is like a thief.

24:15 The eye of the adulterer waits for the twilight,

Saying, 'No eye will see me';

And he disguises his face.

24:16 In the dark they break into houses Which they marked for themselves in the daytime;

They do not know the light.

24:17 For the morning is the same to them as the shadow of death;

If someone recognizes them,

They are in the terrors of the shadow of death.

24:18 "They should be swift on the face of the waters,

Their portion should be cursed in the earth,

So that no one would turn into the way of their vineyards.

24:19 As drought and heat consume the snow waters,

So the grave consumes those who have sinned.

24:20 The womb should forget him,
The worm should feed sweetly on him;
He should be remembered no more,
And wickedness should be broken like a tree.

24:21 For he preys on the barren who do not bear,
And does no good for the widow.

24:22 "But Yahweh draws the mighty away with His power;
He rises up, but no man is sure of life.

24:23 He gives them security, and they rely on it;
Yet His eyes are on their ways.

24:24 They are exalted for a little while,
Then they are gone.

They are brought low;
They are taken out of the way like all others;

They dry out like the heads of grain.

24:25 "Now if it is not so, who will prove me a liar,
And make my speech worth nothing?"

Job 25:

25:1 Then Bildad the Shuhite answered and said:

25:2 "Dominion and fear belong to Him;
He makes peace in His high places.

25:3 Is there any number to His armies?
Upon whom does His light not rise?

25:4 How then can man be righteous before Yahweh?

Or how can he be pure who is born of a woman?

25:5 If even the moon does not shine,
And the stars are not pure in His sight,

25:6 How much less man, who is a maggot,

And a son of man, who is a worm?"

Job 26:

26:1 But Job answered and said:

26:2 "How have you helped him who is without power?

How have you saved the arm that has no strength?

26:3 How have you counseled one who has no wisdom?

And how have you declared sound advice to many?

26:4 To whom have you uttered words?
And whose spirit came from you?

26:5 "The dead tremble,
Those under the waters and those inhabiting them.

26:6 Sheol is naked before Him,
And Destruction has no covering.

26:7 He stretches out the north over empty space;
He hangs the earth on nothing.

26:8 He binds up the water in His thick clouds,

Yet the clouds are not broken under it.

26:9 He covers the face of His throne,
And spreads His cloud over it.

26:10 He drew a circular horizon on the face of the waters,

At the boundary of light and darkness.

26:11 The pillars of the sky tremble,
And are astonished at His rebuke.

26:12 He stirs up the sea with His power,

And by His understanding He breaks up the storm.

26:13 By His Spirit He adorned the skies;

His hand pierced the fleeing serpent.

26:14 Indeed these are the mere edges of His ways,

And how small a whisper we hear of Him!

But the thunder of His power who can understand?"

Job 27:

27:1 Moreover Job continued his discourse, and said:

27:2 "As Yahweh lives, who has taken away my justice,

And the Almighty, who has made my spirit bitter,

27:3 As long as my breath is in me,

And the breath of Yahweh in my nostrils,

27:4 My lips will not speak wickedness,
Nor my tongue utter deceit.

27:5 Far be it from me

That I should say you are right;

Till I die I will not put away my integrity from me.

27:6 My righteousness I hold fast, and will not let it go;
My heart shall not reproach me as long as I live.
27:7 "May my enemy be like the wicked,
And he who rises up against me like the unrighteous.
27:8 For what is the hope of the hypocrite,
Though he may gain much,
If Yahweh takes away his life?
27:9 Will Yahweh hear his cry
When trouble comes upon him?
27:10 Will he delight himself in the Almighty?
Will he always call on Yahweh?
27:11 "I will teach you about the hand of Yahweh;
What is with the Almighty I will not conceal.
27:12 Surely all of you have seen it;
Why then do you behave with complete nonsense?
27:13 "This is the portion of a wicked man with Yahweh, And the heritage of oppressors, received from the Almighty:
27:14 If his children are multiplied, it is for the sword;
And his offspring shall not be satisfied with bread.
27:15 Those who survive him shall be buried in death, And their widows shall not weep,
27:16 Though he heaps up silver like dust,
And piles up clothing like clay-
27:17 He may pile it up, but the just will wear it,
And the innocent will divide the silver.
27:18 He builds his house like a moth,
Like a booth which a watchman makes.
27:19 The rich man will lie down,
But not be gathered up;
He opens his eyes,
And he is no more.
27:20 Terrors overtake him like a flood;
A tempest steals him away in the night.
27:21 The east wind carries him away,
and he is gone;
It sweeps him out of his place.

27:22 It hurls against him and does not spare;
He flees desperately from its power.
27:23 Men shall clap their hands at him,
And shall hiss him out of his place.
Job 28:
28:1 "Surely there is a mine for silver,
And a place where gold is refined.
28:2 Iron is taken from the earth,
And copper is smelted from ore.
28:3 Man puts an end to darkness,
And searches every recess
For ore in the darkness and the shadow of death.
28:4 He breaks open a shaft away from people;
In places forgotten by feet
They hang far away from men;
They swing to and fro.
28:5 As for the earth, from it comes bread,
But underneath it is turned up as by fire;
28:6 Its stones are the source of sapphires,
And it contains gold dust.
28:7 That path no bird knows,
Nor has the falcon's eye seen it.
28:8 The proud lions have not trodden it,
Nor has the fierce lion passed over it.
28:9 He puts his hand on the flint;
He overturns the mountains at the roots.
28:10 He cuts out channels in the rocks,
And his eye sees every precious thing.
28:11 He dams up the streams from trickling;
What is hidden he brings forth to light.
28:12 "But where can wisdom be found?
And where is the place of understanding?
28:13 Man does not know its value,
Nor is it found in the land of the living.
28:14 The deep says, 'It is not in me';
And the sea says, 'It is not with me.'
28:15 It cannot be purchased for gold,
Nor can silver be weighed for its price.
28:16 It cannot be valued in the gold of Ophir,
In precious onyx or sapphire.

28:17 Neither gold nor crystal can equal it,
Nor can it be exchanged for jewelry of fine gold.

28:18 No mention shall be made of coral or quartz,
For the price of wisdom is above rubies.

28:19 The topaz of Ethiopia cannot equal it,

Nor can it be valued in pure gold.

28:20 "From where then does wisdom come?

And where is the place of understanding?

28:21 It is hidden from the eyes of all living,

And concealed from the birds of the air.

28:22 Destruction and Death say,
'We have heard a report about it with our ears.'

28:23 Yahweh understands its way,
And He knows its place.

28:24 For He looks to the ends of the earth,

And sees under the whole skies,

28:25 To establish a weight for the wind,
And apportion the waters by measure.

28:26 When He made a law for the rain,
And a path for the thunderbolt,

28:27 Then He saw wisdom and declared it;

He prepared it, indeed, He searched it out.

28:28 And to man He said,
'Behold, the fear of Yahweh, that is wisdom,

And to depart from evil is understanding.' "

Job 29:

29:1 Job further continued his discourse, and said:

29:2 Oh, that I were as in months past,
As in the days when Yahweh watched over me;

29:3 When His lamp shone upon my head,

And when by His light I walked through darkness;

29:4 Just as I was in the days of my prime,

When the friendly counsel of Yahweh was over my tent;

29:5 When the Almighty was yet with me,

When my children were around me;

29:6 When my steps were bathed with cream,

And the rock poured out rivers of oil for me!

29:7 "When I went out to the gate by the city,

When I took my seat in the open square,

29:8 The young men saw me and hid,
And the aged arose and stood;

29:9 The princes refrained from talking,
And put their hand on their mouth;

29:10 The voice of nobles was hushed,
And their tongue stuck to the roof of their mouth.

29:11 When the ear heard, then it blessed me,

And when the eye saw, then it approved me;

29:12 Because I delivered the poor who cried out,

The fatherless and the one who had no helper.

29:13 The blessing of a perishing man came upon me,

And I caused the widow's heart to sing for joy.

29:14 I put on righteousness, and it clothed me;

My justice was like a robe and a turban.

29:15 I was eyes to the blind,
And I was feet to the lame.

29:16 I was a father to the poor,
And I searched out the case that I did not know.

29:17 I broke the fangs of the wicked,
And plucked the victim from his teeth.

29:18 "Then I said, 'I shall die in my nest,

And multiply my days as the sand.

29:19 My root is spread out to the waters,

And the dew lies all night on my branch.

29:20 My glory is fresh within me,
And my bow is renewed in my hand.'

29:21 "Men listened to me and waited,

And kept silence for my counsel.
29:22 After my words they did not speak again,
 And my speech settled on them as dew.
29:23 They waited for me as for the rain,
 And they opened their mouth wide as for the spring rain.
29:24 If I mocked at them, they did not believe it,
 And the light of my countenance they did not cast down.
29:25 I chose the way for them, and sat as chief;
 So I dwelt as a king in the army,
 As one who comforts mourners.

Job 30:

30:1 "But now they mock at me, men younger than I,
 Whose fathers I disdained to put with the dogs of my flock.
30:2 Indeed, what profit is the strength of their hands to me?
 Their vigor has perished.
30:3 They are gaunt from want and famine,
 Fleeing late to the wilderness, desolate and waste,
30:4 Who pluck mallow by the bushes,
 And broom tree roots for their food.
30:5 They were driven out from among men,
 They shouted at them as at a thief.
30:6 They had to live in the clefts of the valleys,
 In caves of the earth and the rocks.
30:7 Among the bushes they brayed,
 Under the nettles they nestled.
30:8 They were sons of fools,
 Yes, sons of vile men;
 They were scourged from the land.
30:9 "And now I am their taunting song;
 Yes, I am their byword.
30:10 They abhor me, they keep far from me;
 They do not hesitate to spit in my face.
30:11 Because He has loosed my bowstring and afflicted me,
 They have cast off restraint before me.

30:12 At my right hand the rabble arises;
 They push away my feet,
 And they raise against me their ways of destruction.
30:13 They break up my path,
 They promote my calamity;
 They have no helper.
30:14 They come as broad breakers;
 Under the ruinous storm they roll along.
30:15 Terrors are turned upon me;
 They pursue my honor as the wind,
 And my prosperity has passed like a cloud.
30:16 "And now my spirit is poured out because of my plight;
 The days of affliction take hold of me.
30:17 My bones are pierced in me at night,
 And my gnawing pains take no rest.
30:18 By great force my garment is disfigured;
 It binds me about as the collar of my coat.
30:19 He has cast me into the mire,
 And I have become like dust and ashes.
30:20 "I cry out to You, but You do not answer me;
 I stand up, and You regard me.
30:21 But You have become cruel to me;
 With the strength of Your hand You oppose me.
30:22 You lift me up to the wind and cause me to ride on it;
 You spoil my success.
30:23 For I know that You will bring me to death,
 And to the house appointed for all living.
30:24 "Surely He would not stretch out His hand against a heap of ruins,
 If they cry out when He destroys it.
30:25 Have I not wept for him who was in trouble?
 Has not my spirit grieved for the poor?
30:26 But when I looked for good, evil came to me;
 And when I waited for light, then came darkness.

30:27 My heart is in turmoil and cannot rest;
Days of affliction confront me.
30:28 I go about mourning, but not in the sun;
I stand up in the assembly and cry out for help.
30:29 I am a brother of jackals, And a companion of ostriches.
30:30 My skin grows black and falls from me;
My bones burn with fever.
30:31 My harp is turned to mourning, And my flute to the voice of those who weep.

Job 31:

31:1 "I have made a covenant with my eyes;
Why then should I look upon a young woman?
31:2 For what is the allotment of Yahweh from above, And the inheritance of the Almighty from on high?
31:3 Is it not destruction for the wicked, And disaster for the workers of iniquity?
31:4 Does He not see my ways, And count all my steps?
31:5 "If I have walked with falsehood, Or if my foot has hastened to deceit,
31:6 Let me be weighed on honest scales,
That Yahweh may know my integrity.
31:7 If my step has turned from the way, Or my heart walked after my eyes, Or if any spot adheres to my hands,
31:8 Then let me sow, and another eat; Yes, let my harvest be rooted out.
31:9 "If my heart has been enticed by a woman, Or if I have lurked at my neighbor's door,
31:10 Then let my wife grind for another,
And let others bow down over her.
31:11 For that would be wickedness; Yes, it would be iniquity deserving of judgment.
31:12 For that would be a fire that consumes to destruction,

And would root out all my increase.
31:13 "If I have despised the cause of my male or female servant
When they complained against me,
31:14 What then shall I do when Yahweh rises up?
When He punishes, how shall I answer Him?
31:15 Did not He who made me in the womb make them?
Did not the same One fashion us in the womb?
31:16 "If I have kept the poor from their desire,
Or caused the eyes of the widow to fail,
31:17 Or eaten my morsel by myself, So that the fatherless could not eat of it
31:18 (*But from my youth I reared him as a father, And from my mother's womb I guided the widow*);
31:19 If I have seen anyone perish for lack of clothing,
Or any poor man without covering;
31:20 If his heart has not blessed me, And if he was not warmed with the fleece of my sheep;
31:21 If I have raised my hand against the fatherless,
When I saw I had help in the gate;
31:22 Then let my arm fall from my shoulder,
Let my arm be torn from the socket.
31:23 For destruction from Yahweh is a terror to me,
And because of His magnificence I cannot endure.
31:24 "If I have made gold my hope, Or said to fine gold, 'You are my confidence';
31:25 If I have rejoiced because my wealth was great,
And because my hand had gained much;
31:26 If I have observed the sun when it shines,
Or the moon moving in brightness,
31:27 So that my heart has been secretly enticed,
And my mouth has kissed my hand;

31:28 This also would be an iniquity
deserving of judgment,
For I would have denied Yahweh who is
above.

31:29 "If I have rejoiced at the
destruction of him who hated me,
Or lifted myself up when evil found him

31:30 (Indeed I have not allowed my
mouth to sin By asking for a curse on
his spirit);

31:31 If the men of my tent have not
said,
'Who is there that has not been satisfied
with his meat?'

31:32 (*But no sojourner had to lodge in
the street,
For I have opened my doors to the
traveler*);

31:33 If I have covered my
transgressions as Adam,
By hiding my iniquity in my bosom,

31:34 Because I feared the great
multitude,
And dreaded the contempt of families,
So that I kept silence

And did not go out of the door-

31:35 Oh, that I had one to hear me!
Here is my mark.

Oh, that the Almighty would answer me,
That my Prosecutor had written a book!

31:36 Surely I would carry it on my
shoulder,

And bind it on me like a crown;

31:37 I would declare to Him the
number of my steps;

Like a prince I would approach Him.

31:38 "If my land cries out against me,
And its furrows weep together;

31:39 If I have eaten its fruit without
money,

Or caused its owners to lose their lives;

31:40 Then let thistles grow instead of
wheat,

And weeds instead of barley."

The words of Job are ended.

Job 32:

32:1 So these three men ceased
answering Job, because he was
righteous in his own eyes.

32:2 Then the wrath of Elihu, the son of
Barachel the Buzite, of the family of
Ram, was aroused against Job; his
wrath was aroused because he justified
himself rather than Yahweh.

32:3 Also against his three friends his
wrath was aroused, because they had
found no answer, and yet had
condemned Job.

32:4 Now because they were years
older than he, Elihu had waited to speak
to Job.

32:5 When Elihu saw that there was no
answer in the mouth of these three men,
his wrath was aroused.

32:6 So Elihu, the son of Barachel the
Buzite, answered and said:

"I am young in years, and you are very
old;

Therefore I was afraid,
And dared not declare my opinion to
you.

32:7 I said, 'Age should speak,
And multitude of years should teach
wisdom.'

32:8 But there is a spirit in man,
And the breath of the Almighty gives him
understanding.

32:9 Great men are not always wise,
Nor do the aged always understand
justice.

32:10 "Therefore I say, 'Listen to me,
I also will declare my opinion.'

32:11 Indeed I waited for your words,
I listened to your reasonings, while you
searched out what to say.

32:12 I paid close attention to you;
And surely not one of you convinced
Job,

Or answered his words-

32:13 Lest you say,
'We have found wisdom';
Yahweh will vanquish him, not man.

32:14 Now he has not directed his
words against me;
So I will not answer him with your
words.

32:15 "They are dismayed and answer
no more;
Words escape them.

32:16 And I have waited, because they did not speak,
Because they stood still and answered no more.

32:17 I also will answer my part,
I too will declare my opinion.

32:18 For I am full of words;
The spirit within me compels me.

32:19 Indeed my belly is like wine that has no vent;
It is ready to burst like new wineskins.

32:20 I will speak, that I may find relief;
I must open my lips and answer.

32:21 Let me not, I pray, show partiality to anyone;
Nor let me flatter any man.

32:22 For I do not know how to flatter,
Else my Maker would soon take me away.

Job 33:

33:1 "But please, Job, hear my speech,
And listen to all my words.

33:2 Now, I open my mouth;
My tongue speaks in my mouth.

33:3 My words come from my upright heart;
My lips utter pure knowledge.

33:4 The Spirit of Yahweh has made me,
And the breath of the Almighty gives me life.

33:5 If you can answer me, Set your words in order before me; Take your stand.

33:6 Truly I am as your spokesman before Yahweh;
I also have been formed out of clay.

33:7 Surely no fear of me will terrify you,
Nor will my hand be heavy on you.

33:8 "Surely you have spoken in my hearing,
And I have heard the sound of your words, saying,

33:9 'I am pure, without transgression;
I am innocent, and there is no iniquity in me.

33:10 Yet He finds occasions against me,
He counts me as His enemy;

33:11 He puts my feet in the stocks,

He watches all my paths.'

33:12 "Look, in this you are not righteous.

I will answer you,
For Yahweh is greater than man.

33:13 Why do you contend with Him?
For He does not give an accounting of any of His words.

33:14 For Yahweh may speak in one way, or in another,
Yet man does not perceive it.

33:15 In a dream, in a vision of the night,

When deep sleep falls upon men,
While slumbering on their beds,

33:16 Then He opens the ears of men,
And seals their instruction.

33:17 In order to turn man from his deed,

And conceal pride from man,

33:18 He keeps back his body from the Pit,
And his life from perishing by the sword.

33:19 "Man is also chastened with pain on his bed,
And with strong pain in many of his bones,

33:20 So that his life abhors bread,
And his body succulent food.

33:21 His flesh wastes away from sight,
And his bones stick out which once were not seen.

33:22 Yes, his body draws near the Pit,
And his life to the executioners.

33:23 "If there is a messenger for him,
A mediator, one among a thousand,
To show man His uprightness,

33:24 Then He is gracious to him, and says,

'Deliver him from going down to the Pit;
I have found a ransom';

33:25 His flesh shall be young like a child's,
He shall return to the days of his youth.

33:26 He shall pray to Yahweh, and He will delight in him,

He shall see His face with joy,
For He restores to man His righteousness.

33:27 Then he looks at men and says,

'I have sinned, and perverted what was right,
And it did not profit me.'
33:28 He will redeem his body from going down to the Pit,
And his life shall see the light.
33:29 "Behold, Yahweh works all these things,
Twice, in fact, three times with a man,
33:30 To bring back his body from the Pit,
That he may be enlightened with the light of life.
33:31 "Give ear, Job, listen to me;
Hold your peace, and I will speak.
33:32 If you have anything to say, answer me;
Speak, for I desire to justify you.
33:33 If not, listen to me;
Hold your peace, and I will teach you wisdom."
Job 34:
34:1 Elihu further answered and said:
34:2 "Hear my words, you wise men;
Give ear to me, you who have knowledge.
34:3 For the ear tests words
As the palate tastes food.
34:4 Let us choose justice for ourselves;
Let us know among ourselves what is good.
34:5 "For Job has said, 'I am righteous,
But Yahweh has taken away my justice;
34:6 Should I lie concerning my right?
My wound is incurable, though I am without transgression.'
34:7 What man is like Job,
Who drinks scorn like water,
34:8 Who goes in company with the workers of iniquity,
And walks with wicked men?
34:9 For he has said, 'It profits a man nothing
That he should delight in Yahweh.'
34:10 "Therefore listen to me, you men of understanding:
Far be it from Yahweh to do wickedness,
And from the Almighty to commit iniquity.

34:11 For He repays man according to his work,
And makes man to find a reward according to his way.
34:12 Surely Yahweh will never do wickedly,
Nor will the Almighty pervert justice.
34:13 Who gave Him charge over the earth?
Or who appointed Him over the whole world?
34:14 If He should set His heart on it,
If He should gather to Himself His Spirit and His breath,
34:15 All flesh would perish together,
And man would return to dust.
34:16 "If you have understanding, hear this; listen to the sound of my words:
34:17 Should one who hates justice govern?
Will you condemn Him who is most just?
34:18 Is it fitting to say to a king, 'You are worthless,'
And to nobles, 'You are wicked'?
34:19 Yet He is not partial to princes,
Nor does He regard the rich more than the poor;
For they are all the work of His hands.
34:20 In a moment they die, in the middle of the night;
The people are shaken and pass away;
The mighty are taken away without a hand.
34:21 "For His eyes are on the ways of man,
And He sees all his steps.
34:22 There is no darkness nor shadow of death
Where the workers of iniquity may hide themselves.
34:23 For He need not further consider a man,
That he should go before Yahweh in judgment.
34:24 He breaks in pieces mighty men without inquiry,
And sets others in their place.
34:25 Therefore he knows their works;
He overthrows them in the night,
And they are crushed.

34:26 He strikes them as wicked men
In the open sight of others,
34:27 Because they turned back from
Him,
And would not consider any of His ways,
34:28 So that they caused the cry of the
poor to come to Him;
For He hears the cry of the afflicted.
34:29 When He gives quietness, who
then can make trouble?
And when He hides His face, who then
can see Him,
Whether it is against a nation or a man
alone? -
34:30 That the hypocrite should not
reign,
Lest the people be ensnared.
34:31 "For has anyone said to Yahweh,
'I have borne chastening;
I will offend no more;
34:32 Teach me what I do not see;
If I have done iniquity, I will do no
more'?"
34:33 Should He repay it according to
your terms,
Just because you disavow it?
You must choose, and not I;
Therefore speak what you know.
34:34 "Men of understanding say to me,
Wise men who listen to me:
34:35 'Job speaks without knowledge,
His words are without wisdom.'
34:36 Oh, that Job were tried to the
utmost,
Because his answers are like those of
wicked men!
34:37 For he adds rebellion to his sin;
He claps his hands among us,
And multiplies his words against
Yahweh."
Job 35:
35:1 Moreover Elihu answered and said:
35:2 "Do you think this is right?
Do you say,
'My righteousness is more than
Yahweh's'?"
35:3 For you say, 'What advantage will it
be to You?
What profit shall I have, more than if I
had sinned?'

35:4 "I will answer you,
And your companions with you.
35:5 Look to the skies and see;
And behold the clouds-
They are higher than you.
35:6 If you sin, what do you accomplish
against Him?
Or, if your transgressions are multiplied,
what do you do to Him?
35:7 If you are righteous, what do you
give Him?
Or what does He receive from your
hand?
35:8 Your wickedness affects a man
such as you,
And your righteousness a son of man.
35:9 "Because of the multitude of
oppressions they cry out;
They cry out for help because of the arm
of the mighty.
35:10 But no one says, 'Where is
Yahweh my Maker, Who gives songs in
the night,
35:11 Who teaches us more than the
beasts of the earth,
And makes us wiser than the birds of
the sky?'
35:12 There they cry out, but He does
not answer,
Because of the pride of evil men.
35:13 Surely Yahweh will not listen to
empty talk, Nor will the Almighty regard
it.
35:14 Although you say you do not see
Him,
Yet justice is before Him, and you must
wait for Him.
35:15 And now, because He has not
punished in His anger,
Nor taken much notice of folly,
35:16 Therefore Job opens his mouth in
vain;
He multiplies words without knowledge."
Job 36:
36:1 Elihu also proceeded and said:
36:2 "Bear with me a little, and I will
show you
That there are yet words to speak on
Yahweh's behalf.
36:3 I will fetch my knowledge from afar;

I will ascribe righteousness to my
Maker.
36:4 For truly my words are not false;
One who is perfect in knowledge is with
you.
36:5 "Behold, Yahweh is mighty, but
despises no one;
He is mighty in strength of
understanding.
36:6 He does not preserve the life of the
wicked,
But gives justice to the oppressed.
36:7 He does not withdraw His eyes
from the righteous;
But they are on the throne with kings,
For He has seated them forever,
And they are exalted.
36:8 And if they are bound in fetters,
Held in the cords of affliction,
36:9 Then He tells them their work and
their transgressions-
That they have acted defiantly.
36:10 He also opens their ear to
instruction,
And commands that they turn from
iniquity.
36:11 If they obey and serve Him,
They shall spend their days in
prosperity,
And their years in pleasures.
36:12 But if they do not obey,
They shall perish by the sword,
And they shall die without knowledge.
36:13 "But the hypocrites in heart store
up wrath;
They do not cry for help when He binds
them.
36:14 They die in youth,
And their life ends among the perverted
persons.
36:15 He delivers the poor in their
affliction,
And opens their ears in oppression.
36:16 "Indeed He would have brought
you out of dire distress,
Into a broad place where there is no
restraint;
And what is set on your table would be
full of richness.

36:17 But you are filled with the
judgment due the wicked;
Judgment and justice take hold of you.
36:18 Because there is wrath, beware
lest He take you away with one blow;
For a large ransom would not help you
avoid it.
36:19 Will your riches,
Or all the mighty forces,
Keep you from distress?
36:20 Do not desire the night,
When people are cut off in their place.
36:21 Take heed, do not turn to iniquity,
For you have chosen this rather than
affliction.
36:22 "Behold, Yahweh is exalted by
His power; Who teaches like Him?
36:23 Who has assigned Him His way,
Or who has said, 'You have done
wrong'?
36:24 "Remember to magnify His work,
Of which men have sung.
36:25 Everyone has seen it;
Man looks on it from afar.
36:26 "Behold, Yahweh is great, and we
do not know Him;
Nor can the number of His years be
discovered.
36:27 For He draws up drops of water,
Which distill as rain from the mist,
36:28 Which the clouds drop down
And pour abundantly on man.
36:29 Indeed, can anyone understand
the spreading of clouds,
The thunder from His canopy?
36:30 Look, He scatters his light upon it,
And covers the depths of the sea.
36:31 For by these He judges the
peoples;
He gives food in abundance.
36:32 He covers His hands with
lightning,
And commands it to strike.
36:33 His thunder declares it,
The cattle also, concerning the rising
storm.
Job 37:
37:1 "At this also my heart trembles,
And leaps from its place.

37:2 Hear attentively the thunder of His voice,
And the rumbling that comes from His mouth.
37:3 He sends it forth under the whole sky,
His lightning to the ends of the earth.
37:4 After it a voice roars;
He thunders with His majestic voice,
And He does not restrain them when His voice is heard.
37:5 Yahweh thunders marvelously with His voice;
He does great things which we cannot comprehend.
37:6 For He says to the snow, 'Fall on the earth';
Likewise to the gentle rain and the heavy rain of His strength.
37:7 He seals the hand of every man,
That all men may know His work.
37:8 The beasts go into dens,
And remain in their lairs.
37:9 From the chamber of the south comes the whirlwind,
And cold from the scattering winds of the north.
37:10 By the breath of Yahweh ice is given,
And the broad waters are frozen.
37:11 Also with moisture He saturates the thick clouds; He scatters His bright clouds.
37:12 And they swirl about, being turned by His guidance,
That they may do whatever He commands them
On the face of the whole earth.
37:13 He causes it to come,
Whether for correction,
Or for His land,
Or for mercy.
37:14 "Listen to this, O Job;
Stand still and consider the wondrous works of Yahweh.
37:15 Do you know when Yahweh dispatches them,
And causes the light of His cloud to shine?

37:16 Do you know how the clouds are balanced,
Those wondrous works of Him who is perfect in knowledge?
37:17 Why are your garments hot,
When He quiets the earth by the south wind?
37:18 With Him, have you spread out the skies,
Strong as a cast metal mirror?
37:19 "Teach us what we should say to Him,
For we can prepare nothing because of the darkness.
37:20 Should He be told that I wish to speak?
If a man were to speak, surely he would be swallowed up.
37:21 Even now men cannot look at the light when it is bright in the skies,
When the wind has passed and cleared them.
37:22 He comes from the north as golden splendor;
With Yahweh is awesome majesty.
37:23 As for the Almighty, we cannot find Him;
He is excellent in power,
In judgment and abundant justice;
He does not oppress.
37:24 Therefore men fear Him;
He shows no partiality to any who are wise of heart."

Job 38:

38:1 Then Yahweh answered Job out of the whirlwind, and said:
38:2 "Who is this who darkens counsel
By words without knowledge?
38:3 Now prepare yourself like a man;
I will question you, and you shall answer Me.
38:4 "Where were you when I laid the foundations of the earth?
Tell Me, if you have understanding.
38:5 Who determined its measurements?
Surely you know!
Or who stretched the line upon it?
38:6 To what were its foundations fastened?

Or who laid its cornerstone,
38:7 When the morning stars sang together,
And all the sons of Yahweh shouted for joy?
38:8 "Or who shut in the sea with doors,
When it burst forth and issued from the womb;
38:9 When I made the clouds its garment,
And thick darkness its swaddling band;
38:10 When I fixed My limit for it,
And set bars and doors;
38:11 When I said,
'This far you may come, but no farther,
And here your proud waves must stop!'
38:12 "Have you commanded the morning since your days began,
And caused the dawn to know its place,
38:13 That it might take hold of the ends of the earth,
And the wicked be shaken out of it?
38:14 It takes on form like clay under a seal,
And stands out like a garment.
38:15 From the wicked their light is withheld,
And the upraised arm is broken.
38:16 "Have you entered the springs of the sea?
Or have you walked in search of the depths?
38:17 Have the gates of death been revealed to you?
Or have you seen the doors of the shadow of death?
38:18 Have you comprehended the breadth of the earth?
Tell Me, if you know all this.
38:19 "Where is the way to the dwelling of light?
And darkness, where is its place,
38:20 That you may take it to its territory,
That you may know the paths to its home?
38:21 Do you know it, because you were born then,
Or because the number of your days is great?

38:22 "Have you entered the treasury of snow,
Or have you seen the treasury of hail,
38:23 Which I have reserved for the time of trouble,
For the day of battle and war?
38:24 By what way is light diffused,
Or the east wind scattered over the earth?
38:25 "Who has divided a channel for the overflowing water,
Or a path for the thunderbolt,
38:26 To cause it to rain on a land where there is no one,
A wilderness in which there is no man;
38:27 To satisfy the desolate waste,
And cause to spring forth the growth of tender grass?
38:28 Has the rain a father?
Or who has begotten the drops of dew?
38:29 From whose womb comes the ice?
And the frost of the sky, who gives it birth?
38:30 The waters harden like stone,
And the surface of the deep is frozen.
38:31 "Can you bind the cluster of the Pleiades,
Or loose the belt of Orion?
38:32 Can you bring out Mazzaroth in its season?
Or can you guide the Great Bear with its cubs?
38:33 Do you know the ordinances of the skies?
Can you set their dominion over the earth?
38:34 "Can you lift up your voice to the clouds,
That an abundance of water may cover you?
38:35 Can you send out lightnings, that they may go,
And say to you, 'Here we are!'
38:36 Who has put wisdom in the mind?
Or who has given understanding to the heart?
38:37 Who can number the clouds by wisdom?

Or who can pour out the bottles of the sky,
38:38 When the dust hardens in clumps,
And the clods cling together?
38:39 "Can you hunt the prey for the lion,
Or satisfy the appetite of the young lions,
38:40 When they crouch in their dens,
Or lurk in their lairs to lie in wait?
38:41 Who provides food for the raven,
When its young ones cry to Yahweh,
And wander about for lack of food?
Job 39:
39:1 "Do you know the time when the wild mountain goats bear young?
Or can you mark when the deer gives birth?
39:2 Can you number the months that they fulfill?
Or do you know the time when they bear young?
39:3 They bow down,
They bring forth their young,
They deliver their offspring.
39:4 Their young ones are healthy,
They grow strong with grain;
They depart and do not return to them.
39:5 "Who set the wild donkey free?
Who loosed the bonds of the onager,
39:6 Whose home I have made the wilderness,
And the barren land his dwelling?
39:7 He scorns the tumult of the city;
He does not heed the shouts of the driver.
39:8 The range of the mountains is his pasture,
And he searches after every green thing.
39:9 "Will the wild ox be willing to serve you?
Will he be led by your manger?
39:10 Can you bind the wild ox in the furrow with ropes?
Or will he plow the valleys behind you?
39:11 Will you trust him because his strength is great?
Or will you leave your labor to him?

39:12 Will you trust him to bring home your grain,
And gather it to your threshing floor?
39:13 "The wings of the ostrich wave proudly,
But are her wings and pinions like the kindly stork's?
39:14 For she leaves her eggs on the ground,
And warms them in the dust;
39:15 She forgets that a foot may crush them,
Or that a wild beast may break them.
39:16 She treats her young harshly, as though they were not hers;
Her labor is in vain, without concern,
39:17 Because Yahweh deprived her of wisdom,
And did not endow her with understanding.
39:18 When she lifts herself on high,
She scorns the horse and its rider.
39:19 "Have you given the horse strength?
Have you clothed his neck with thunder?
39:20 Can you frighten him like a locust?
His majestic snorting strikes terror.
39:21 He paws in the valley, and rejoices in his strength;
He gallops into the clash of arms.
39:22 He mocks at fear, and is not frightened;
Nor does he turn back from the sword.
39:23 The quiver rattles against him,
The glittering spear and javelin.
39:24 He devours the distance with fierceness and rage;
Nor does he come to a halt because the trumpet has sounded.
39:25 At the blast of the trumpet he says, 'Aha!'
He smells the battle from afar,
The thunder of captains and shouting.
39:26 "Does the hawk fly by your wisdom,
And spread its wings toward the south?
39:27 Does the eagle mount up at your command,
And make its nest on high?

39:28 On the rocks it dwells and resides,
On the crag of the rock and the stronghold.
39:29 From there it spies out the prey;
Its eyes observe from afar.
39:30 Its young ones suck up blood;
And where the slain are, there it is."
Job 40:
40:1 Moreover Yahweh answered Job, and said:
40:2 "Shall the one who contends with the Almighty correct Him?
He who rebukes Yahweh, let him answer it."
40:3 Then Job answered Yahweh and said:
40:4 "Behold, I am vile;
What shall I answer You?
I lay my hand over my mouth.
40:5 Once I have spoken, but I will not answer;
Yes, twice, but I will proceed no further."
40:6 Then Yahweh answered Job out of the whirlwind, and said:
40:7 "Now prepare yourself like a man;
I will question you, and you shall answer Me:
40:8 "Would you indeed annul My judgment?
Would you condemn Me that you may be justified?
40:9 Have you an arm like Yahweh?
Or can you thunder with a voice like His?
40:10 Then adorn yourself with majesty and splendor,
and array yourself with glory and beauty.
40:11 Disperse the rage of your wrath;
Look on everyone who is proud, and humble him.
40:12 Look on everyone who is proud, and bring him low;
Tread down the wicked in their place.
40:13 Hide them in the dust together,
Bind their faces in hidden darkness.
40:14 Then I will also confess to you
That your own right hand can save you.

40:15 "Look now at the behemoth, which I made along with you;
He eats grass like an ox.
40:16 See now, his strength is in his hips,
And his power is in his stomach muscles.
40:17 He moves his tail like a cedar;
The sinews of his thighs are tightly knit.
40:18 His bones are like beams of bronze,
His ribs like bars of iron.
40:19 He is the first of the ways of Yahweh;
Only He who made him can bring near His sword.
40:20 Surely the mountains yield food for him,
And all the beasts of the field play there.
40:21 He lies under the lotus trees,
In a covert of reeds and marsh.
40:22 The lotus trees cover him with their shade;
The willows by the brook surround him.
40:23 Indeed the river may rage,
Yet he is not disturbed;
He is confident, though the Jordan gushes into his mouth,
40:24 Though he takes it in his eyes,
Or one pierces his nose with a snare."
Job 41:
41:1 "Can you draw out Leviathan with a hook,
Or snare his tongue with a line which you lower?
41:2 Can you put a reed through his nose,
Or pierce his jaw with a hook?
41:3 Will he make many supplications to you?
Will he speak softly to you?
41:4 Will he make a covenant with you?
Will you take him as a servant forever?
41:5 Will you play with him as with a bird,
Or will you leash him for your maidens?
41:6 Will your companions make a banquet of him?
Will they apportion him among the merchants?

41:7 Can you fill his skin with harpoons,
Or his head with fishing spears?
41:8 Lay your hand on him;
Remember the battle-
Never do it again!
41:9 Indeed, any hope of overcoming
him is false;
Shall one not be overwhelmed at the
sight of him?
41:10 No one is so fierce that he would
dare stir him up.
Who then is able to stand against Me?
41:11 Who has preceded Me, that I
should pay him?
Everything under the sky is Mine.
41:12 "I will not conceal his limbs,
His mighty power, or his graceful
proportions.
41:13 Who can remove his outer coat?
Who can approach him with a double
bridle?
41:14 Who can open the doors of his
face,
With his terrible teeth all around?
41:15 His rows of scales are his pride,
Shut up tightly as with a seal;
41:16 One is so near another
That no air can come between them;
41:17 They are joined one to another,
They stick together and cannot be
parted.
41:18 His sneezings flash forth light,
And his eyes are like the eyelids of the
morning.
41:19 Out of his mouth go burning
lights;
Sparks of fire shoot out.
41:20 Smoke goes out of his nostrils,
As from a boiling pot and burning
rushes.
41:21 His breath kindles coals,
And a flame goes out of his mouth.
41:22 Strength dwells in his neck,
And sorrow dances before him.
41:23 The folds of his flesh are joined
together;
They are firm on him and cannot be
moved.
41:24 His heart is as hard as stone,
Even as hard as the lower millstone.

41:25 When he raises himself up, the
mighty are afraid;
Because of his crashings they are
beside themselves.
41:26 Though the sword reaches him, it
cannot avail;
Nor does spear, dart, or javelin.
41:27 He regards iron as straw,
And bronze as rotten wood.
41:28 The arrow cannot make him flee;
Slingstones become like stubble to him.
41:29 Darts are regarded as straw;
He laughs at the threat of javelins.
41:30 His undersides are like sharp
potsherds;
He spreads pointed marks in the mire.
41:31 He makes the deep boil like a pot;
He makes the sea like a pot of ointment.
41:32 He leaves a shining wake behind
him;
One would think the deep had white
hair.
41:33 On earth there is nothing like him,
Which is made without fear.
41:34 He beholds every high thing;
He is king over all the children of pride."

Job 42:

42:1 Then Job answered Yahweh and
said:
42:2 "I know that You can do everything,
And that no purpose of Yours can be
withheld from You.
42:3 You asked, 'Who is this who hides
counsel without knowledge?'
Therefore I have uttered what I did not
understand,
Things too wonderful for me, which I did
not know.
42:4 Listen, please, and let me speak;
You said, 'I will question you, and you
shall answer Me.'
42:5 "I have heard of You by the hearing
of the ear,
But now my eye sees You.
42:6 Therefore I abhor myself,
And repent in dust and ashes."
42:7 And so it was, after Yahweh had
spoken these words to Job, that
Yahweh said to Eliphaz the Temanite,
"My wrath is aroused against you and

your two friends, for you have not spoken of Me what is right, as My servant Job has.

42:8 "Now therefore, take for yourselves seven bulls and seven rams, go to My servant Job, and offer up for yourselves a burnt offering; and My servant Job shall pray for you. For I will accept him, lest I deal with you according to your folly; because you have not spoken of Me what is right, as My servant Job has."

42:9 So Eliphaz the Temanite and Bildad the Shuhite and Zophar the Naamathite went and did as Yahweh commanded them; for Yahweh had accepted Job.

42:10 And Yahweh restored Job's losses when he prayed for his friends. Indeed Yahweh gave Job twice as much as he had before.

42:11 Then all his brothers, all his sisters, and all those who had been his acquaintances before, came to him and ate food with him in his house; and they consoled him and comforted him for all the adversity that Yahweh had brought upon him. Each one gave him a piece of silver and each a ring of gold.

42:12 Now Yahweh blessed the latter days of Job more than his beginning; for he had fourteen thousand sheep, six thousand camels, one thousand yoke of oxen, and one thousand female donkeys.

42:13 He also had seven sons and three daughters.

42:14 And he called the name of the first Jemimah, the name of the second Keziah, and the name of the third Keren-Happuch.

42:15 In all the land were found no women so beautiful as the daughters of Job; and their father gave them an inheritance among their brothers.

42:16 After this Job lived one hundred and forty years, and saw his children and grandchildren for four generations.

42:17 So Job died, old and full of days.

Song of Solomon 1:

1:1 The song of songs, which is Solomon's.

THE SHULAMITE

1:2 Let him kiss me with the kisses of his mouth-

For your love is better than wine.

1:3 Because of the fragrance of your good ointments,

Your name is ointment poured forth; Therefore the virgins love you.

1:4 Draw me away!

THE DAUGHTERS OF JERUSALEM

We will run after you.

THE SHULAMITE

The king has brought me into his chambers.

THE DAUGHTERS OF JERUSALEM

We will be glad and rejoice in you.

We will remember your love more than wine.

THE SHULAMITE

Rightly do they love you.

1:5 I am dark, but lovely,

O daughters of Jerusalem,

Like the tents of Kedar,

Like the curtains of Solomon.

1:6 Do not look upon me, because I am dark,

Because the sun has tanned me.

My mother's sons were angry with me;

They made me the keeper of the vineyards,

But my own vineyard I have not kept.

(TO HER BELOVED)

1:7 Tell me, O you whom I love,

Where you feed your flock,

Where you make it rest at noon.

For why should I be as one who veils herself

By the flocks of your companions?

THE BELOVED

1:8 If you do not know, O fairest among women,

Follow in the footsteps of the flock,

And feed your little goats

Beside the shepherds' tents.

1:9 I have compared you, my love,

To my filly among Pharaoh's chariots.

1:10 Your cheeks are lovely with ornaments,
Your neck with chains of gold.
THE DAUGHTERS OF JERUSALEM
1:11 We will make you ornaments of gold
With studs of silver.
THE SHULAMITE
1:12 While the king is at his table,
My spikenard sends forth its fragrance.
1:13 A bundle of myrrh is my beloved to me,
That lies all night between my breasts.
1:14 My beloved is to me a cluster of henna blooms
In the vineyards of En Gedi.
THE BELOVED
1:15 Behold, you are fair, my love!
Behold, you are fair!
You have dove's eyes.
THE SHULAMITE
1:16 Behold, you are handsome, my beloved!
Yes, pleasant!
Also our bed is green.
1:17 The beams of our houses are cedar,
And our rafters of fir.
Song of Solomon 2:
2:1 I am the rose of Sharon,
And the lily of the valleys.
THE BELOVED
2:2 Like a lily among thorns,
So is my love among the daughters.
THE SHULAMITE
2:3 Like an apple tree among the trees of the woods,
So is my beloved among the sons.
I sat down in his shade with great delight,
And his fruit was sweet to my taste.
THE SHULAMITE TO THE DAUGHTERS OF JERUSALEM
2:4 He brought me to the banqueting house,
And his banner over me was love.
2:5 Sustain me with cakes of raisins,
Refresh me with apples,
For I am lovesick.
2:6 His left hand is under my head,

And his right hand embraces me.
2:7 I charge you, O daughters of Jerusalem,
By the gazelles or by the does of the field,
Do not stir up nor awaken love
Until it pleases.
THE SHULAMITE
2:8 The voice of my beloved!
Behold, he comes
Leaping upon the mountains,
Skipping upon the hills.
2:9 My beloved is like a gazelle or a young stag.
Behold, he stands behind our wall;
He is looking through the windows,
Gazing through the lattice.
2:10 My beloved spoke, and said to me:
"Rise up, my love, my fair one,
And come away.
2:11 For lo, the winter is past,
The rain is over and gone.
2:12 The flowers appear on the earth;
The time of singing has come,
And the voice of the turtledove
Is heard in our land.
2:13 The fig tree puts forth her green figs,
And the vines with the tender grapes
Give a good smell.
Rise up, my love, my fair one,
And come away!
2:14 "O my dove, in the clefts of the rock,
In the secret places of the cliff,
Let me see your face,
Let me hear your voice;
For your voice is sweet,
And your face is lovely."
HER BROTHERS
2:15 Catch us the foxes,
The little foxes that spoil the vines,
For our vines have tender grapes.
THE SHULAMITE
2:16 My beloved is mine, and I am his.
He feeds his flock among the lilies.
(TO HER BELOVED)
2:17 Until the day breaks
And the shadows flee away,

Turn, my beloved,
And be like a gazelle
Or a young stag
Upon the mountains of Bether.
THE SHULAMITE

Song of Solomon 3:

3:1 By night on my bed I sought the one
I love;

I sought him, but I did not find him.

3:2 "I will rise now," I said,

"And go about the city;

In the streets and in the squares

I will seek the one I love."

I sought him, but I did not find him.

3:3 The watchmen who go about the
city found me;

I said,

"Have you seen the one I love?"

3:4 Scarcely had I passed by them,

When I found the one I love.

I held him and would not let him go,

Until I had brought him to the house of
my mother,

And into the chamber of her who
conceived me.

3:5 I charge you, O daughters of
Jerusalem,

By the gazelles or by the does of the
field,

Do not stir up nor awaken love
Until it pleases.

THE SHULAMITE

3:6 Who is this coming out of the
wilderness

Like pillars of smoke,

Perfumed with myrrh and frankincense,

With all the merchant's fragrant
powders?

3:7 Behold, it is Solomon's couch,

With sixty valiant men around it,

Of the valiant of Israel.

3:8 They all hold swords,

Being expert in war.

Every man has his sword on his thigh

Because of fear in the night.

3:9 Of the wood of Lebanon

Solomon the King

Made himself a palanquin:

3:10 He made its pillars of silver,

Its support of gold,

Its seat of purple,

Its interior paved with love

By the daughters of Jerusalem.

3:11 Go forth, O daughters of Zion,

And see King Solomon with the crown

With which his mother crowned him

On the day of his wedding,

The day of the gladness of his heart.

THE BELOVED

Song of Solomon 4:

4:1 Behold, you are fair, my love!

Behold, you are fair!

You have dove's eyes behind your veil.

Your hair is like a flock of goats,

Going down from Mount Gilead.

4:2 Your teeth are like a flock of shorn
sheep

Which have come up from the washing,

Every one of which bears twins,

And none is barren among them.

4:3 Your lips are like a strand of scarlet,

And your mouth is lovely.

Your temples behind your veil

Are like a piece of pomegranate.

4:4 Your neck is like the tower of David,

Built for an armory,

On which hang a thousand bucklers,

All shields of mighty men.

4:5 Your two breasts are like two fawns,

Twins of a gazelle,

Which feed among the lilies.

4:6 Until the day breaks

And the shadows flee away,

I will go my way to the mountain of

myrrh

And to the hill of frankincense.

4:7 You are all fair, my love,

And there is no spot in you.

4:8 Come with me from Lebanon, my

spouse,

With me from Lebanon.

Look from the top of Amana,

From the top of Senir and Hermon,

From the lions' dens,

From the mountains of the leopards.

4:9 You have ravished my heart,

My sister, my spouse;

You have ravished my heart

With one look of your eyes,

With one link of your necklace.

4:10 How fair is your love,
My sister, my spouse!
How much better than wine is your love,
And the scent of your perfumes
Than all spices!

4:11 Your lips, O my spouse,
Drip as the honeycomb;
Honey and milk are under your tongue;
And the fragrance of your garments
Is like the fragrance of Lebanon.

4:12 A garden enclosed
Is my sister, my spouse,
A spring shut up,
A fountain sealed.

4:13 Your plants are an orchard of
pomegranates
With pleasant fruits,
Fragrant henna with spikenard,

4:14 Spikenard and saffron,
Calamus and cinnamon,
With all trees of frankincense,
Myrrh and aloes,

With all the chief spices-
4:15 A fountain of gardens,
A well of living waters,
And streams from Lebanon.

THE SHULAMITE

4:16 Awake, O north wind,
And come, O south!
Blow upon my garden,
That its spices may flow out.
Let my beloved come to his garden
And eat its pleasant fruits.

THE BELOVED

Song of Solomon 5:

5:1 I have come to my garden, my
sister, my spouse;
I have gathered my myrrh with my spice;
I have eaten my honeycomb with my
honey;

I have drunk my wine with my milk.
(TO HIS FRIENDS)

Eat, O friends!
Drink, yes, drink deeply,
O beloved ones!

THE SHULAMITE

5:2 I sleep, but my heart is awake;
It is the voice of my beloved!
He knocks, saying,
"Open for me, my sister, my love,

My dove, my perfect one;
For my head is covered with dew,
My locks with the drops of the night."

5:3 I have taken off my robe;
How can I put it on again?

I have washed my feet;
How can I defile them?

5:4 My beloved put his hand
By the latch of the door,
And my heart yearned for him.

5:5 I arose to open for my beloved,
And my hands dripped with myrrh,
My fingers with liquid myrrh,
On the handles of the lock.

5:6 I opened for my beloved,
But my beloved had turned away and
was gone.

My heart leaped up when he spoke.
I sought him, but I could not find him;
I called him, but he gave me no answer.

5:7 The watchmen who went about the
city found me.

They struck me, they wounded me;
The keepers of the walls
Took my veil away from me.

5:8 I charge you, O daughters of
Jerusalem,

If you find my beloved,
That you tell him I am lovesick!
THE DAUGHTERS OF JERUSALEM

5:9 What is your beloved
More than another beloved,
O fairest among women?

What is your beloved
More than another beloved,

That you so charge us?

THE SHULAMITE

5:10 My beloved is white and ruddy,
Chief among ten thousand.

5:11 His head is like the finest gold;
His locks are wavy,
And black as a raven.

5:12 His eyes are like doves
By the rivers of waters,
Washed with milk,
And fitly set.

5:13 His cheeks are like a bed of spices,
Banks of scented herbs.
His lips are lilies,
Dripping liquid myrrh.

5:14 His hands are rods of gold
Set with beryl.
His body is carved ivory
Inlaid with sapphires.
5:15 His legs are pillars of marble
Set on bases of fine gold.
His countenance is like Lebanon,
Excellent as the cedars.
5:16 His mouth is most sweet,
Yes, he is altogether lovely.
This is my beloved,
And this is my friend,
O daughters of Jerusalem!
THE DAUGHTERS OF JERUSALEM
Song of Solomon 6:
6:1 Where has your beloved gone,
O fairest among women?
Where has your beloved turned aside,
That we may seek him with you?
THE SHULAMITE
6:2 My beloved has gone to his garden,
To the beds of spices,
To feed his flock in the gardens,
And to gather lilies.
6:3 I am my beloved's,
And my beloved is mine.
He feeds his flock among the lilies.
THE BELOVED
6:4 O my love, you are as beautiful as
Tirzah,
Lovely as Jerusalem,
Awesome as an army with banners!
6:5 Turn your eyes away from me,
For they have overcome me.
Your hair is like a flock of goats
Going down from Gilead.
6:6 Your teeth are like a flock of sheep
Which have come up from the washing;
Every one bears twins,
And none is barren among them.
6:7 Like a piece of pomegranate
Are your temples behind your veil.
6:8 There are sixty queens
And eighty concubines,
And virgins without number.
6:9 My dove, my perfect one,
Is the only one,
The only one of her mother,
The favorite of the one who bore her.
The daughters saw her

And called her blessed,
The queens and the concubines,
And they praised her.
6:10 Who is she who looks forth as the
morning,
Fair as the moon,
Clear as the sun,
Awesome as an army with banners?
THE SHULAMITE
6:11 I went down to the garden of nuts
To see the verdure of the valley,
To see whether the vine had budded
And the pomegranates had bloomed.
6:12 Before I was even aware,
My spirit had made me
As the chariots of my noble people.
THE BELOVED AND HIS FRIENDS
6:13 Return, return, O Shulamite;
Return, return, that we may look upon
you!
THE SHULAMITE
What would you see in the Shulamite-
As it were, the dance of the two camps?
THE BELOVED
Song of Solomon 7:
7:1 How beautiful are your feet in
sandals,
O prince's daughter!
The curves of your thighs are like
jewels,
The work of the hands of a skillful
workman.
7:2 Your navel is a rounded goblet;
It lacks no blended beverage.
Your waist is a heap of wheat
Set about with lilies.
7:3 Your two breasts are like two fawns,
Twins of a gazelle.
7:4 Your neck is like an ivory tower,
Your eyes like the pools in Heshbon
By the gate of Bath Rabbim.
Your nose is like the tower of Lebanon
Which looks toward Damascus.
7:5 Your head crowns you like Mount
Carmel,
And the hair of your head is like purple;
A king is held captive by your tresses.
7:6 How fair and how pleasant you are,
O love, with your delights!

7:7 This stature of yours is like a palm tree,
And your breasts like its clusters.
7:8 I said, "I will go up to the palm tree,
I will take hold of its branches."
Let now your breasts be like clusters of the vine,
The fragrance of your breath like apples,
7:9 And the roof of your mouth like the best wine.

THE SHULAMITE

The wine goes down smoothly for my beloved,
Moving gently the lips of sleepers.

7:10 I am my beloved's,
And his desire is toward me.

7:11 Come, my beloved,
Let us go forth to the field;
Let us lodge in the villages.

7:12 Let us get up early to the vineyards;

Let us see if the vine has budded,
Whether the grape blossoms are open,
And the pomegranates are in bloom.
There I will give you my love.

7:13 The mandrakes give off a fragrance,
And at our gates are pleasant fruits,
All manner, new and old,
Which I have laid up for you, my beloved.

Song of Solomon 8:

8:1 Oh, that you were like my brother,
Who nursed at my mother's breasts!
If I should find you outside,
I would kiss you;
I would not be despised.

8:2 I would lead you and bring you
Into the house of my mother,
She who used to instruct me.
I would cause you to drink of spiced wine,
Of the juice of my pomegranate.

(TO THE DAUGHTERS OF JERUSALEM)

8:3 His left hand is under my head,
And his right hand embraces me.

8:4 I charge you, O daughters of Jerusalem,
Do not stir up nor awaken love

Until it pleases.

A RELATIVE

8:5 Who is this coming up from the wilderness,
Leaning upon her beloved?

I awakened you under the apple tree.
There your mother brought you forth;
There she who bore you brought you forth.

THE SHULAMITE TO HER BELOVED

8:6 Set me as a seal upon your heart,
As a seal upon your arm;
For love is as strong as death,
Jealousy as cruel as the grave;
Its flames are flames of fire,
A most vehement flame.

8:7 Many waters cannot quench love,
Nor can the floods drown it.

If a man would give for love
All the wealth of his house,
It would be utterly despised.

THE SHULAMITE'S BROTHERS

8:8 We have a little sister,
And she has no breasts.
What shall we do for our sister
In the day when she is spoken for?

8:9 If she is a wall,
We will build upon her
A battlement of silver;
And if she is a door,
We will enclose her
With boards of cedar.

THE SHULAMITE

8:10 I am a wall,
And my breasts like towers;
Then I became in his eyes
As one who found peace.

8:11 Solomon had a vineyard at Baal Hamon;
He leased the vineyard to keepers;
Everyone was to bring for its fruit
A thousand silver coins.

(TO SOLOMON)

8:12 My own vineyard is before me.
You, O Solomon, may have a thousand,
And those who tend its fruit two hundred.

THE BELOVED

8:13 You who dwell in the gardens,
The companions listen for your voice-

Let me hear it!
THE SHULAMITE
8:14 Make haste, my beloved,
And be like a gazelle
Or a young stag
On the mountains of spices.

Ruth 1:

1:1 Now it came to pass, in the days when the judges ruled, that there was a famine in the land. And a certain man of Bethlehem, Judah, went to dwell in the country of Moab, he and his wife and his two sons.

1:2 The name of the man was Elimelech, the name of his wife was Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Chilion-Ephrathites of Bethlehem, Judah. And they went to the country of Moab and remained there.

1:3 Then Elimelech, Naomi's husband, died; and she was left, and her two sons.

1:4 Now they took wives of the women of Moab: the name of the one was Orpah, and the name of the other Ruth. And they dwelt there about ten years.

1:5 Then both Mahlon and Chilion also died; so the woman survived her two sons and her husband.

1:6 Then she arose with her daughters-in-law that she might return from the country of Moab, for she had heard in the country of Moab that Yahweh had visited His people by giving them bread.

1:7 Therefore she went out from the place where she was, and her two daughters-in-law with her; and they went on the way to return to the land of Judah.

1:8 And Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, "Go, return each to her mother's house. Yahweh deal kindly with you, as you have dealt with the dead and with me.

1:9 "Yahweh grant that you may find rest, each in the house of her husband." Then she kissed them, and they lifted up their voices and wept.

1:10 And they said to her, "Surely we will return with you to your people."

1:11 But Naomi said, "Turn back, my daughters; why will you go with me? Are there still sons in my womb, that they may be your husbands?"

1:12 "Turn back, my daughters, go-for I am too old to have a husband. If I should say I have hope, if I should have a husband tonight and should also bear sons,

1:13 "would you wait for them till they were grown? Would you restrain yourselves from having husbands? No, my daughters; for it grieves me very much for your sakes that the hand of Yahweh has gone out against me!"

1:14 Then they lifted up their voices and wept again; and Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth clung to her.

1:15 And she said, "Look, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law."

1:16 But Ruth said:

"Entreat me not to leave you,
Or to turn back from following after you;
For wherever you go, I will go;
And wherever you lodge, I will lodge;
Your people shall be my people,
And your God, my God.

1:17 Where you die, I will die,
And there will I be buried.

Yahweh do so to me, and more also,
If anything but death parts you and me."

1:18 When she saw that she was determined to go with her, she stopped speaking to her.

1:19 Now the two of them went until they came to Bethlehem. And it happened, when they had come to Bethlehem, that all the city was excited because of them; and the women said, "Is this Naomi?"

1:20 But she said to them, "Do not call me Naomi; call me Mara, for the Almighty has dealt very bitterly with me.

1:21 "I went out full, and Yahweh has brought me home again empty. Why do you call me Naomi, since Yahweh has

testified against me, and the Almighty has afflicted me?"

1:22 So Naomi returned, and Ruth the Moabitess her daughter-in-law with her, who returned from the country of Moab. Now they came to Bethlehem at the beginning of barley harvest.

Ruth 2:

2:1 There was a relative of Naomi's husband, a man of great wealth, of the family of Elimelech. His name was Boaz.

2:2 So Ruth the Moabitess said to Naomi, "Please let me go to the field, and glean heads of grain after him in whose sight I may find favor." And she said to her, "Go, my daughter."

2:3 Then she left, and went and gleaned in the field after the reapers. And she happened to come to the part of the field belonging to Boaz, who was of the family of Elimelech.

2:4 Now behold, Boaz came from Bethlehem, and said to the reapers, "Yahweh be with you!" And they answered him, "Yahweh bless you!"

2:5 Then Boaz said to his servant who was in charge of the reapers, "Whose young woman is this?"

2:6 So the servant who was in charge of the reapers answered and said, "It is the young Moabite woman who came back with Naomi from the country of Moab.

2:7 "And she said, 'Please let me glean and gather after the reapers among the sheaves.' So she came and has continued from morning until now, though she rested a little in the house."

2:8 Then Boaz said to Ruth, "You will listen, my daughter, will you not? Do not go to glean in another field, nor go from here, but stay close by my young women.

2:9 "Let your eyes be on the field which they reap, and go after them. Have I not commanded the young men not to touch you? And when you are thirsty, go to the vessels and drink from what the young men have drawn."

2:10 So she fell on her face, bowed down to the ground, and said to him, "Why have I found favor in your eyes, that you should take notice of me, since I am a foreigner?"

2:11 And Boaz answered and said to her, "It has been fully reported to me, all that you have done for your mother-in-law since the death of your husband, and how you have left your father and your mother and the land of your birth, and have come to a people whom you did not know before.

2:12 "Yahweh repay your work, and a full reward be given you by Yahweh the God of Israel, under whose wings you have come for refuge."

2:13 Then she said, "Let me find favor in your sight, my lord; for you have comforted me, and have spoken kindly to your maidservant, though I am not like one of your maidservants."

2:14 Now Boaz said to her at mealtime, "Come here, and eat of the bread, and dip your piece of bread in the vinegar." So she sat beside the reapers, and he passed parched grain to her; and she ate and was satisfied, and kept some back.

2:15 And when she rose up to glean, Boaz commanded his young men, saying, "Let her glean even among the sheaves, and do not reproach her.

2:16 "Also let grain from the bundles fall purposely for her; leave it that she may glean, and do not rebuke her."

2:17 So she gleaned in the field until evening, and beat out what she had gleaned, and it was about an ephah of barley.

2:18 Then she took it up and went into the city, and her mother-in-law saw what she had gleaned. So she brought out and gave to her what she had kept back after she had been satisfied.

2:19 And her mother-in-law said to her, "Where have you gleaned today? And where did you work? Blessed be the one who took notice of you." So she told her mother-in-law with whom she had

worked, and said, "The man's name with whom I worked today is Boaz."

2:20 Then Naomi said to her daughter-in-law, "Blessed be he of Yahweh, who has not forsaken His kindness to the living and the dead!" And Naomi said to her, "This man is a relation of ours, one of our close relatives."

2:21 Ruth the Moabitess said, "He also said to me, 'You shall stay close by my young men until they have finished all my harvest.' "

2:22 And Naomi said to Ruth her daughter-in-law, "It is good, my daughter, that you go out with his young women, and that people do not meet you in any other field."

2:23 So she stayed close by the young women of Boaz, to glean until the end of barley and wheat harvest; and she dwelt with her mother-in-law.

Ruth 3:

3:1 Then Naomi her mother-in-law said to her, "My daughter, shall I not seek security for you, that it may be well with you?"

3:2 "Now Boaz, whose young women you were with, is he not our relative? In fact, he is winnowing barley tonight at the threshing floor.

3:3 "Therefore wash yourself and anoint yourself, put on your best garment and go down to the threshing floor; but do not make yourself known to the man until he has finished eating and drinking.

3:4 "Then it shall be, when he lies down, that you shall notice the place where he lies; and you shall go in, uncover his feet, and lie down; and he will tell you what you should do."

3:5 And she said to her, "All that you say to me I will do."

3:6 So she went down to the threshing floor and did according to all that her mother-in-law instructed her.

3:7 And after Boaz had eaten and drunk, and his heart was cheerful, he went to lie down at the end of the heap of grain; and she came softly, uncovered his feet, and lay down.

3:8 Now it happened at midnight that the man was startled, and turned himself; and there, a woman was lying at his feet.

3:9 And he said, "Who are you?" So she answered, "I am Ruth, your maidservant. Take your maidservant under your wing, for you are a close relative."

3:10 Then he said, "Blessed are you of Yahweh, my daughter! For you have shown more kindness at the end than at the beginning, in that you did not go after young men, whether poor or rich.

3:11 "And now, my daughter, do not fear. I will do for you all that you request, for all the people of my town know that you are a virtuous woman.

3:12 "Now it is true that I am a close relative; however, there is a relative closer than I.

3:13 "Stay this night, and in the morning it shall be that if he will perform the duty of a close relative for you-good; let him do it. But if he does not want to perform the duty for you, then I will perform the duty for you, as Yahweh lives! Lie down until morning."

3:14 So she lay at his feet until morning, and she arose before one could recognize another. Then he said, "Do not let it be known that the woman came to the threshing floor."

3:15 Also he said, "Bring the shawl that is on you and hold it." And when she held it, he measured six ephahs of barley, and laid it on her. Then she went into the city.

3:16 So when she came to her mother-in-law, she said, "Is that you, my daughter?" Then she told her all that the man had done for her.

3:17 And she said, "These six ephahs of barley he gave me; for he said to me, 'Do not go empty-handed to your mother-in-law.' "

3:18 Then she said, "Sit still, my daughter, until you know how the matter will turn out; for the man will not rest

until he has concluded the matter this day."

Ruth 4:

4:1 Now Boaz went up to the gate and sat down there; and behold, the close relative of whom Boaz had spoken came by. So Boaz said, "Come aside, friend, sit down here." So he came aside and sat down.

4:2 And he took ten men of the elders of the city, and said, "Sit down here." So they sat down.

4:3 Then he said to the close relative, "Naomi, who has come back from the country of Moab, sold the piece of land which belonged to our brother Elimelech.

4:4 "And I thought to inform you, saying, 'Buy it back in the presence of the inhabitants and the elders of my people. If you will redeem it, redeem it; but if you will not redeem it, then tell me, that I may know; for there is no one but you to redeem it, and I am next after you.' " And he said, "I will redeem it."

4:5 Then Boaz said, "On the day you buy the field from the hand of Naomi, you must also buy it from Ruth the Moabitess, the wife of the dead, to perpetuate the name of the dead through his inheritance."

4:6 And the close relative said, "I cannot redeem it for myself, lest I ruin my own inheritance. You redeem my right of redemption for yourself, for I cannot redeem it."

4:7 Now this was the custom in former times in Israel concerning redeeming and exchanging, to confirm anything: one man took off his sandal and gave it to the other, and this was a confirmation in Israel.

4:8 Therefore the close relative said to Boaz, "Buy it for yourself." So he took off his sandal.

4:9 And Boaz said to the elders and all the people, "You are witnesses this day that I have bought all that was Elimelech's, and all that was Chilion's and Mahlon's, from the hand of Naomi.

4:10 "Moreover, Ruth the Moabitess, the widow of Mahlon, I have acquired as my wife, to perpetuate the name of the dead through his inheritance, that the name of the dead may not be cut off from among his brethren and from his position at the gate. You are witnesses this day."

4:11 And all the people who were at the gate, and the elders, said, "We are witnesses. Yahweh make the woman who is coming to your house like Rachel and Leah, the two who built the house of Israel; and may you prosper in Ephrathah and be famous in Bethlehem.

4:12 "May your house be like the house of Perez, whom Tamar bore to Judah, because of the offspring which Yahweh will give you from this young woman."

4:13 So Boaz took Ruth and she became his wife; and when he went in to her, Yahweh gave her conception, and she bore a son.

4:14 Then the women said to Naomi, "Blessed be Yahweh, who has not left you this day without a close relative; and may his name be famous in Israel!

4:15 "And may he be to you a restorer of life and a nourisher of your old age; for your daughter-in-law, who loves you, who is better to you than seven sons, has borne him."

4:16 Then Naomi took the child and laid him on her bosom, and became a nurse to him.

4:17 Also the neighbor women gave him a name, saying, "There is a son born to Naomi." And they called his name Obed. He is the father of Jesse, the father of David.

4:18 Now this is the genealogy of Perez: Perez begot Hezron;

4:19 Hezron begot Ram, and Ram begot Amminadab;

4:20 Amminadab begot Nahshon, and Nahshon begot Salmon;

4:21 Salmon begot Boaz, and Boaz begot Obed;

4:22 Obed begot Jesse, and Jesse begot David.

Lamentations 1:

1:1 How lonely sits the city
That was full of people!
How like a widow is she,
Who was great among the nations!
The princess among the provinces
Has become a slave!
1:2 She weeps bitterly in the night,
Her tears are on her cheeks;
Among all her lovers
She has none to comfort her.
All her friends have dealt treacherously
with her;
They have become her enemies.
1:3 Judah has gone into captivity,
Under affliction and hard servitude;
She dwells among the nations,
She finds no rest;
All her persecutors overtake her in dire
straits.
1:4 The roads to Zion mourn
Because no one comes to the set
feasts.
All her gates are desolate;
Her priests sigh,
Her virgins are afflicted,
And she is in bitterness.
1:5 Her adversaries have become the
master,
Her enemies prosper;
For Yahweh has afflicted her
Because of the multitude of her
transgressions.
Her children have gone into captivity
before the enemy.
1:6 And from the daughter of Zion
All her splendor has departed.
Her princes have become like deer
That find no pasture,
That flee without strength
Before the pursuer.
1:7 In the days of her affliction and
roaming,
Jerusalem remembers all her pleasant
things
That she had in the days of old.
When her people fell into the hand of
the enemy,
With no one to help her,
The adversaries saw her

And mocked at her downfall.
1:8 Jerusalem has sinned gravely,
Therefore she has become vile.
All who honored her despise her
Because they have seen her
nakedness;
Yes, she sighs and turns away.
1:9 Her uncleanness is in her skirts;
She did not consider her destiny;
Therefore her collapse was awesome;
She had no comforter.
"O Yahweh, behold my affliction,
For the enemy is exalted!"
1:10 The adversary has spread his hand
Over all her pleasant things;
For she has seen the nations enter her
sanctuary,
Those whom You commanded
Not to enter Your assembly.
1:11 All her people sigh,
They seek bread;
They have given their valuables for food
to restore life.
"See, O Yahweh, and consider,
For I am scorned."
1:12 "Is it nothing to you, all you who
pass by?
Behold and see
If there is any sorrow like my sorrow,
Which has been brought on me,
Which Yahweh has inflicted
In the day of His fierce anger.
1:13 "From above He has sent fire into
my bones,
And it overpowered them;
He has spread a net for my feet
And turned me back;
He has made me desolate
And faint all the day.
1:14 "The yoke of my transgressions
was bound;
They were woven together by His
hands,
And thrust upon my neck.
He made my strength fail;
Yahweh delivered me into the hands of
those whom I am not able to withstand.
1:15 "Yahweh has trampled underfoot
all my mighty men in my midst;
He has called an assembly against me

To crush my young men;
Yahweh trampled as in a winepress
The virgin daughter of Judah.
1:16 "For these things I weep;
My eye, my eye overflows with water;
Because the comforter, who should
restore my life,
Is far from me.
My children are desolate
Because the enemy prevailed."
1:17 Zion spreads out her hands,
But no one comforts her;
Yahweh has commanded concerning
Jacob
That those around him become his
adversaries;
Jerusalem has become an unclean thing
among them.
1:18 "Yahweh is righteous,
For I rebelled against His
commandment.
Hear now, all peoples,
And behold my sorrow;
My virgins and my young men
Have gone into captivity.
1:19 "I called for my lovers,
But they deceived me;
My priests and my elders
Breathed their last in the city,
While they sought food
To restore their life.
1:20 "See, O Yahweh, that I am in
distress;
My spirit is troubled;
My heart is overturned within me,
For I have been very rebellious.
Outside the sword bereaves,
At home it is like death.
1:21 "They have heard that I sigh,
But no one comforts me.
All my enemies have heard of my
trouble;
They are glad that You have done it.
Bring on the day You have announced,
That they may become like me.
1:22 "Let all their wickedness come
before You,
And do to them as You have done to me
For all my transgressions;
For my sighs are many,

And my heart is faint."

Lamentations 2:

2:1 How Yahweh has covered the
daughter of Zion
With a cloud in His anger!
He cast down from the sky to the earth
The beauty of Israel,
And did not remember His footstool
In the day of His anger.
2:2 Yahweh has swallowed up and has
not pitied
All the dwelling places of Jacob.
He has thrown down in His wrath
The strongholds of the daughter of
Judah;
He has brought them down to the
ground;
He has profaned the kingdom and its
princes.
2:3 He has cut off in fierce anger
Every horn of Israel;
He has drawn back His right hand
From before the enemy.
He has blazed against Jacob like a
flaming fire
Devouring all around.
2:4 Standing like an enemy, He has
bent His bow;
With His right hand, like an adversary,
He has slain all who were pleasing to
His eye;
On the tent of the daughter of Zion,
He has poured out His fury like fire.
2:5 Yahweh was like an enemy.
He has swallowed up Israel,
He has swallowed up all her palaces;
He has destroyed her strongholds,
And has increased mourning and
lamentation
In the daughter of Judah.
2:6 He has done violence to His
tabernacle,
As if it were a garden;
He has destroyed His place of
assembly;
Yahweh has caused
The appointed feasts and Sabbaths to
be forgotten in Zion.
In His burning indignation He has
spurned the king and the priest.

2:7 Yahweh has spurned His altar,
He has abandoned His sanctuary;
He has given up the walls of her palaces
Into the hand of the enemy.

They have made a noise in the house of
Yahweh

As on the day of a set feast.

2:8 Yahweh has purposed to destroy
The wall of the daughter of Zion.

He has stretched out a line;

He has not withdrawn His hand from
destroying;

Therefore He has caused the rampart
and wall to lament;

They languished together.

2:9 Her gates have sunk into the
ground;

He has destroyed and broken her bars.

Her king and her princes are among the
nations;

The Law is no more,

And her prophets find no vision from
Yahweh.

2:10 The elders of the daughter of Zion

Sit on the ground and keep silence;

They throw dust on their heads

And gird themselves with sackcloth.

The virgins of Jerusalem

Bow their heads to the ground.

2:11 My eyes fail with tears,

My heart is troubled;

My bile is poured on the ground

Because of the destruction of the
daughter of my people,

Because the children and the infants

Faint in the streets of the city.

2:12 They say to their mothers,

"Where is grain and wine?"

As they swoon like the wounded

In the streets of the city,

As their life is poured out

In their mothers' bosom.

2:13 How shall I console you?

To what shall I liken you,

O daughter of Jerusalem?

What shall I compare with you, that I
may comfort you,

O virgin daughter of Zion?

For your ruin is spread wide as the sea;

Who can heal you?

2:14 Your prophets have seen for you

False and deceptive visions;

They have not uncovered your iniquity,

To bring back your captives,

But have envisioned for you false

prophecies and delusions.

2:15 All who pass by clap their hands at
you;

They hiss and shake their heads

At the daughter of Jerusalem:

"Is this the city that is called

'The perfection of beauty,

The joy of the whole earth'?"

2:16 All your enemies have opened their
mouth against you;

They hiss and gnash their teeth.

They say, "We have swallowed her up!

Surely this is the day we have waited

for;

We have found it, we have seen it!"

2:17 Yahweh has done what He

purposed;

He has fulfilled His word

Which He commanded in days of old.

He has thrown down and has not pitied,

And He has caused an enemy to rejoice
over you;

He has exalted the horn of your
adversaries.

2:18 Their heart cried out to Yahweh,

"O wall of the daughter of Zion,

Let tears run down like a river day and
night;

Give yourself no relief;

Give your eyes no rest.

2:19 "Arise, cry out in the night,

At the beginning of the watches;

Pour out your heart like water before the
face of Yahweh.

Lift your hands toward Him

For the life of your young children,

Who faint from hunger at the head of

every street."

2:20 "See, O Yahweh, and consider!

To whom have You done this?

Should the women eat their offspring,

The children they have cuddled?

Should the priest and prophet be slain

In the sanctuary of Yahweh?

2:21 "Young and old lie

On the ground in the streets;
My virgins and my young men
Have fallen by the sword;
You have slain them in the day of Your
anger,
You have slaughtered and not pitied.
2:22 "You have invited as to a feast day
The terrors that surround me.
In the day of Yahweh's anger
There was no refugee or survivor.
Those whom I have borne and brought
up
My enemies have destroyed."

Lamentations 3:

3:1 I am the man who has seen affliction
by the rod of His wrath.
3:2 He has led me and made me walk
In darkness and not in light.
3:3 Surely He has turned His hand
against me
Time and time again throughout the day.
3:4 He has aged my flesh and my skin,
And broken my bones.
3:5 He has besieged me
And surrounded me with bitterness and
woe.
3:6 He has set me in dark places
Like the dead of long ago.
3:7 He has hedged me in so that I
cannot get out;
He has made my chain heavy.
3:8 Even when I cry and shout,
He shuts out my prayer.
3:9 He has blocked my ways with hewn
stone;
He has made my paths crooked.
3:10 He has been to me a bear lying in
wait,
Like a lion in ambush.
3:11 He has turned aside my ways and
torn me in pieces;
He has made me desolate.
3:12 He has bent His bow
And set me up as a target for the arrow.
3:13 He has caused the arrows of His
quiver
To pierce my loins.
3:14 I have become the ridicule of all my
people-
Their taunting song all the day.

3:15 He has filled me with bitterness,
He has made me drink wormwood.
3:16 He has also broken my teeth with
gravel,
And covered me with ashes.
3:17 You have moved my body far from
peace;
I have forgotten prosperity.
3:18 And I said, "My strength and my
hope
Have perished from Yahweh."
3:19 Remember my affliction and
roaming,
The wormwood and the gall.
3:20 My spirit still remembers
And sinks within me.
3:21 This I recall to my mind,
Therefore I have hope.
3:22 Through Yahweh's mercies we are
not consumed,
Because His compassions fail not.
3:23 They are new every morning;
Great is Your faithfulness.
3:24 "Yahweh is my portion," says my
spirit,
"Therefore I hope in Him!"
3:25 Yahweh is good to those who wait
for Him,
To the spirit who seeks Him.
3:26 It is good that one should hope and
wait quietly
For the salvation of Yahweh.
3:27 It is good for a man to bear
The yoke in his youth.
3:28 Let him sit alone and keep silent,
Because Yahweh has laid it on him;
3:29 Let him put his mouth in the dust-
There may yet be hope.
3:30 Let him give his cheek to the one
who strikes him,
And be full of reproach.
3:31 For Yahweh will not cast off
forever.
3:32 Though He causes grief,
Yet He will show compassion
According to the multitude of His
mercies.
3:33 For He does not afflict willingly,
Nor grieve the children of men.
3:34 To crush under one's feet

All the prisoners of the earth,
3:35 To turn aside the justice due a man
Before the face of the Most High,
3:36 Or subvert a man in his cause-
Yahweh does not approve.
3:37 Who is he who speaks and it
comes to pass,
When Yahweh has not commanded it?
3:38 Is it not from the mouth of the Most
High
That woe and well-being proceed?
3:39 Why should a living man complain,
A man for the punishment of his sins?
3:40 Let us search out and examine our
ways,
And turn back to Yahweh;
3:41 Let us lift our hearts and hands
To Yahweh in heaven.
3:42 We have transgressed and
rebelled;
You have not pardoned.
3:43 You have covered Yourself with
anger
And pursued us;
You have slain and not pitied.
3:44 You have covered Yourself with a
cloud,
That prayer should not pass through.
3:45 You have made us an offscouring
and refuse
In the midst of the peoples.
3:46 All our enemies
Have opened their mouths against us.
3:47 Fear and a snare have come upon
us,
Desolation and destruction.
3:48 My eyes overflow with rivers of
water
For the destruction of the daughter of
my people.
3:49 My eyes flow and do not cease,
Without interruption,
3:50 Till Yahweh from heaven
Looks down and sees.
3:51 My eyes bring suffering to my spirit
Because of all the daughters of my city.
3:52 My enemies without cause
Hunted me down like a bird.
3:53 They silenced my life in the pit
And threw stones at me.

3:54 The waters flowed over my head;
I said, "I am cut off!"
3:55 I called on Your name, O Yahweh,
From the lowest pit.
3:56 You have heard my voice:
"Do not hide Your ear
From my sighing, from my cry for help."
3:57 You drew near on the day I called
on You,
And said, "**Do not fear!**"
3:58 O Lord, You have pleaded the
case for my spirit;
You have redeemed my life.
3:59 O Yahweh, You have seen how I
am wronged;
Judge my case.
3:60 You have seen all their vengeance,
All their schemes against me.
3:61 You have heard their reproach, O
Yahweh,
All their schemes against me,
3:62 The lips of my enemies
And their whispering against me all the
day.
3:63 Look at their sitting down and their
rising up;
I am their taunting song.
3:64 Repay them, O Yahweh,
According to the work of their hands.
3:65 Give them a veiled heart;
Your curse be upon them!
3:66 In Your anger,
Pursue and destroy them
From under the skies of Yahweh.
Lamentations 4:
4:1 How the gold has become dim!
How changed the fine gold!
The stones of the sanctuary are
scattered
At the head of every street.
4:2 The precious sons of Zion,
Valuable as fine gold,
How they are regarded as clay pots,
The work of the hands of the potter!
4:3 Even the jackals present their
breasts
To nurse their young;
But the daughter of my people is cruel,
Like ostriches in the wilderness.
4:4 The tongue of the infant clings

To the roof of its mouth for thirst;
The young children ask for bread,
But no one breaks it for them.
4:5 Those who ate delicacies
Are desolate in the streets;
Those who were brought up in scarlet
Embrace ash heaps.
4:6 The punishment of the iniquity of the
daughter of my people
Is greater than the punishment of the sin
of Sodom,
Which was overthrown in a moment,
With no hand to help her!
4:7 Her Nazirites were brighter than
snow
And whiter than milk;
They were more ruddy in body than
rubies,
Like sapphire in their appearance.
4:8 Now their appearance is blacker
than soot;
They go unrecognized in the streets;
Their skin clings to their bones,
It has become as dry as wood.
4:9 Those slain by the sword are better
off
Than those who die of hunger;
For these pine away,
Stricken for lack of the fruits of the field.
4:10 The hands of the compassionate
women
Have cooked their own children;
They became food for them
In the destruction of the daughter of my
people.
4:11 Yahweh has fulfilled His fury,
He has poured out His fierce anger.
He kindled a fire in Zion,
And it has devoured its foundations.
4:12 The kings of the earth,
And all inhabitants of the world,
Would not have believed
That the adversary and the enemy
Could enter the gates of Jerusalem-
4:13 Because of the sins of her
prophets
And the iniquities of her priests,
Who shed in her midst
The blood of the just.
4:14 They wandered blind in the streets;

They have defiled themselves with
blood,
So that no one would touch their
garments.
4:15 They cried out to them,
"Go away, unclean [*disease promoting*]!
Go away, go away,
Do not touch us!"
When they fled and wandered,
Those among the nations said,
"They shall no longer dwell here."
4:16 The face of Yahweh scattered
them;
He no longer regards them.
The people do not respect the priests
Nor show favor to the elders.
4:17 Still our eyes failed us,
Watching vainly for our help;
In our watching we watched
For a nation that could not save us.
4:18 They tracked our steps
So that we could not walk in our streets.
Our end was near;
Our days were over,
For our end had come.
4:19 Our pursuers were swifter
Than the eagles of the skies.
They pursued us on the mountains
And lay in wait for us in the wilderness.
4:20 The breath of our nostrils, the
anointed of Yahweh,
Was caught in their pits,
Of whom we said, "Under his shadow
We shall live among the nations."
4:21 Rejoice and be glad, O daughter
of Edom,
You who dwell in the land of Uz!
The cup shall also pass over to you
And you shall become drunk and make
yourself naked.
4:22 The punishment of your iniquity is
accomplished,
O daughter of Zion;
He will no longer send you into captivity.
He will punish your iniquity,
O daughter of Edom;
He will uncover your sins!
Lamentations 5:
5:1 Remember, O Yahweh, what has
come upon us;

Look, and behold our reproach!
5:2 Our inheritance has been turned over to aliens,
 And our houses to foreigners.
5:3 We have become orphans and waifs,
 Our mothers are like widows.
5:4 We pay for the water we drink,
 And our wood comes at a price.
5:5 They pursue at our heels;
 We labor and have no rest.
5:6 We have given our hand to the Egyptians
 And the Assyrians, to be satisfied with bread.
5:7 Our fathers sinned and are no more,
 But we bear their iniquities.
5:8 Servants rule over us;
 There is none to deliver us from their hand.
5:9 We get our bread at the risk of our lives,
 Because of the sword in the wilderness.
5:10 Our skin is hot as an oven,
 Because of the fever of famine.
5:11 They ravished the women in Zion,
 The maidens in the cities of Judah.
5:12 Princes were hung up by their hands,
 And elders were not respected.
5:13 Young men ground at the millstones;
 Boys staggered under loads of wood.
5:14 The elders have ceased gathering at the gate,
 And the young men from their music.
5:15 The joy of our heart has ceased;
 Our dance has turned into mourning.
5:16 The crown has fallen from our head.
 Woe to us, for we have sinned!
5:17 Because of this our heart is faint;
 Because of these things our eyes grow dim;
5:18 Because of Mount Zion which is desolate,
 With foxes walking about on it.
5:19 You, O Yahweh, remain forever;
 Your throne from generation to generation.

5:20 Why do You forget us forever,
 And forsake us for so long a time?
5:21 Turn us back to You, O Yahweh,
 and we will be restored;
 Renew our days as of old,
5:22 Unless You have utterly rejected us,
 And are very angry with us!

Ecclesiastes 1:

1:1 The words of the Preacher, the son of David, king in Jerusalem.
1:2 "Vanity of vanities," says the Preacher;
 "Vanity of vanities, all is vanity."
1:3 What profit has a man from all his labor
 In which he toils under the sun?
1:4 One generation passes away, and another generation comes;
 But the earth abides forever.
1:5 The sun also rises, and the sun goes down,
 And hastens to the place where it arose.
1:6 The wind goes toward the south,
 And turns around to the north;
 The wind whirls about continually,
 And comes again on its circuit.
1:7 All the rivers run into the sea,
 Yet the sea is not full;
 To the place from which the rivers come,
 There they return again.
1:8 All things are full of labor;
 Man cannot express it.
 The eye is not satisfied with seeing,
 Nor the ear filled with hearing.
1:9 That which has been is what will be,
 That which is done is what will be done,
 And there is nothing new under the sun.
1:10 Is there anything of which it may be said,
 "See, this is new"?
 It has already been in ancient times before us.
1:11 There is no remembrance of former things,
 Nor will there be any remembrance of things that are to come
 By those who will come after.

1:12 I, the Preacher, was king over Israel in Jerusalem.

1:13 And I set my heart to seek and search out by wisdom concerning all that is done under heaven; this burdensome task Yahweh has given to the sons of man, by which they may be exercised.

1:14 I have seen all the works that are done under the sun; and indeed, all is vanity and grasping for the wind.

1:15 What is crooked cannot be made straight,
And what is lacking cannot be numbered.

1:16 I communed with my heart, saying, "Look, I have attained greatness, and have gained more wisdom than all who were before me in Jerusalem. My heart has understood great wisdom and knowledge."

1:17 And I set my heart to know wisdom and to know madness and folly. I perceived that this also is grasping for the wind.

1:18 For in much wisdom is much grief,
And he who increases knowledge increases sorrow.

Ecclesiastes 2:

2:1 I said in my heart, "Come now, I will test you with mirth; therefore enjoy pleasure"; but surely, this also was vanity.

2:2 I said of laughter-"Madness!"; and of mirth, "What does it accomplish?"

2:3 I searched in my heart how to gratify my flesh with wine, while guiding my heart with wisdom, and how to lay hold on folly, till I might see what was good for the sons of men to do under heaven all the days of their lives.

2:4 I made my works great, I built myself houses, and planted myself vineyards.

2:5 I made myself gardens and orchards, and I planted all kinds of fruit trees in them.

2:6 I made myself water pools from which to water the growing trees of the grove.

2:7 I acquired male and female servants, and had servants born in my house. Yes, I had greater possessions of herds and flocks than all who were in Jerusalem before me.

2:8 I also gathered for myself silver and gold and the special treasures of kings and of the provinces. I acquired male and female singers, the delights of the sons of men, and musical instruments of all kinds.

2:9 So I became great and excelled more than all who were before me in Jerusalem. Also my wisdom remained with me.

2:10 Whatever my eyes desired I did not keep from them.

I did not withhold my heart from any pleasure,
For my heart rejoiced in all my labor;
And this was my reward from all my labor.

2:11 Then I looked on all the works that my hands had done
And on the labor in which I had toiled;
And indeed all was vanity and grasping for the wind.

There was no profit under the sun.

2:12 Then I turned myself to consider wisdom and madness and folly;
For what can the man do who succeeds the king?- Only what he has already done.

2:13 Then I saw that wisdom excels folly
As light excels darkness.

2:14 The wise man's eyes are in his head,

But the fool walks in darkness.

Yet I myself perceived

That the same event happens to them all.

2:15 So I said in my heart,

"As it happens to the fool,

It also happens to me,

And why was I then more wise?"

Then I said in my heart,

"This also is vanity."

2:16 For there is no more remembrance of the wise than of the fool forever,

Since all that now is will be forgotten in the days to come. And how does a wise man die?

As the fool!

2:17 Therefore I hated life because the work that was done under the sun was distressing to me, for all is vanity and grasping for the wind.

2:18 Then I hated all my labor in which I had toiled under the sun, because I must leave it to the man who will come after me.

2:19 And who knows whether he will be wise or a fool? Yet he will rule over all my labor in which I toiled and in which I have shown myself wise under the sun. This also is vanity.

2:20 Therefore I turned my heart and despaired of all the labor in which I had toiled under the sun.

2:21 For there is a man whose labor is with wisdom, knowledge, and skill; yet he must leave his heritage to a man who has not labored for it. This also is vanity and a great evil.

2:22 For what has man for all his labor, and for the striving of his heart with which he has toiled under the sun?

2:23 For all his days are sorrowful, and his work burdensome; even in the night his heart takes no rest. This also is vanity.

2:24 Nothing is better for a man than that he should eat and drink, and that his spirit should enjoy good in his labor. This also, I saw, was from the hand of Yahweh.

2:25 For who can eat, or who can have enjoyment, more than I?

2:26 For Yahweh gives wisdom and knowledge and joy to a man who is good in His sight; but to the sinner He gives the work of gathering and collecting, that he may give to him who is good before Yahweh. This also is vanity and grasping for the wind.

Ecclesiastes 3:

3:1 To everything there is a season, A time for every purpose under heaven:

3:2 A time to be born,

And a time to die;

A time to plant,

And a time to pluck what is planted;

3:3 A time to kill,

And a time to heal;

A time to break down,

And a time to build up;

3:4 A time to weep,

And a time to laugh;

A time to mourn,

And a time to dance;

3:5 A time to cast away stones,

And a time to gather stones;

A time to embrace,

And a time to refrain from embracing;

3:6 A time to gain,

And a time to lose;

A time to keep,

And a time to throw away;

3:7 A time to tear,

And a time to sew;

A time to keep silence,

And a time to speak;

3:8 A time to love,

And a time to hate;

A time of war,

And a time of peace.

3:9 What profit has the worker from that in which he labors?

3:10 I have seen the God-given task with which the sons of men are to be occupied.

3:11 He has made everything beautiful in its time. Also He has put eternity in their hearts, except that no one can find out the work that Yahweh does from beginning to end.

3:12 I know that nothing is better for them than to rejoice, and to do good in their lives,

3:13 and also that every man should eat and drink and enjoy the good of all his labor-it is the gift of Yahweh.

3:14 I know that whatever Yahweh does, It shall be forever. Nothing can be added to it,

And nothing taken from it. Yahweh does it, that men should fear before Him.

3:15 That which is has already been, And what is to be has already been;

And Yahweh requires an account of what is past.

3:16 Moreover I saw under the sun:
In the place of judgment, Wickedness was there;

And in the place of righteousness,
Iniquity was there.

3:17 I said in my heart,
"Yahweh shall judge the righteous and the wicked,

For there is a time there for every purpose and for every work."

3:18 I said in my heart, "Concerning the condition of the sons of men, Yahweh tests them, that they may see that they themselves are like animals."

3:19 For what happens to the sons of men also happens to animals; one thing befalls them: as one dies, so dies the other. Surely, they all have one breath; man has no advantage over animals, for all is vanity.

3:20 All go to one place: all are from the dust, and all return to dust.

3:21 Who knows the spirit of the sons of men, which goes upward, and the spirit of the animal, which goes down to the earth?

3:22 So I perceived that nothing is better than that a man should rejoice in his own works, for that is his heritage. For who can bring him to see what will happen after him?

Ecclesiastes 4:

4:1 Then I returned and considered all the oppression that is done under the sun:

And look! The tears of the oppressed,
But they have no comforter-
On the side of their oppressors there is power,
But they have no comforter.

4:2 Therefore I praised the dead who were already dead,
More than the living who are still alive.

4:3 Yet, better than both is he who has never existed,
Who has not seen the evil work that is done under the sun.

4:4 Again, I saw that for all toil and every skillful work a man is envied by his neighbor. This also is vanity and grasping for the wind.

4:5 The fool folds his hands
And consumes his own flesh.

4:6 Better a handful with quietness
Than both hands full, together with toil and grasping for the wind.

4:7 Then I returned, and I saw vanity under the sun:

4:8 There is one alone, without companion:

He has neither son nor brother.
Yet there is no end to all his labors,
Nor is his eye satisfied with riches.

But he never asks,
"For whom do I toil and deprive myself of good?"

This also is vanity and a grave misfortune.

4:9 Two are better than one,
Because they have a good reward for their labor.

4:10 For if they fall, one will lift up his companion.

But woe to him who is alone when he falls,

For he has no one to help him up.

4:11 Again, if two lie down together,
they will keep warm;

But how can one be warm alone?

4:12 Though one may be overpowered by another, two can withstand him.
And a threefold cord is not quickly broken.

4:13 Better a poor and wise youth
Than an old and foolish king who will be admonished no more.

4:14 For he comes out of prison to be king,
Although he was born poor in his kingdom.

4:15 I saw all the living who walk under the sun;

They were with the second youth who stands in his place.

4:16 There was no end of all the people over whom he was made king;

Yet those who come afterward will not rejoice in him.
Surely this also is vanity and grasping for the wind.

Ecclesiastes 5:

5:1 Walk prudently when you go to the house of Yahweh; and draw near to hear rather than to give the sacrifice of fools, for they do not know that they do evil.

5:2 Do not be rash with your mouth, And let not your heart utter anything hastily before Yahweh.

For Yahweh is in the sky, and you on earth;

Therefore let your words be few.

5:3 For a dream comes through much activity,
And a fool's voice is known by his many words.

5:4 When you make a vow to Yahweh, do not delay to pay it;
For He has no pleasure in fools.
Pay what you have vowed-

5:5 Better not to vow than to vow and not pay.

5:6 Do not let your mouth cause your flesh to sin, nor say before the messenger of Yahweh that it was an error. Why should Yahweh be angry at your excuse and destroy the work of your hands?

5:7 For in the multitude of dreams and many words there is also vanity. But fear Yahweh.

5:8 If you see the oppression of the poor, and the violent perversion of justice and righteousness in a province, do not marvel at the matter; for high official watches over high official, and higher officials are over them.

5:9 Moreover the profit of the land is for all; even the king is served from the field.

5:10 He who loves silver will not be satisfied with silver;
Nor he who loves abundance, with increase.

This also is vanity.

5:11 When goods increase,

They increase who eat them;
So what profit have the owners
Except to see them with their eyes?

5:12 The sleep of a laboring man is sweet,

Whether he eats little or much;
But the abundance of the rich will not permit him to sleep.

5:13 There is a severe evil which I have seen under the sun:

Riches kept for their owner to his hurt.

5:14 But those riches perish through misfortune;

When he begets a son, there is nothing in his hand.

5:15 As he came from his mother's womb, naked shall he return,

To go as he came;

And he shall take nothing from his labor
Which he may carry away in his hand.

5:16 And this also is a severe evil-
Just exactly as he came, so shall he go.
And what profit has he who has labored for the wind?

5:17 All his days he also eats in darkness,

And he has much sorrow and sickness and anger.

5:18 Here is what I have seen: It is good and fitting for one to eat and drink, and to enjoy the good of all his labor in which he toils under the sun all the days of his life which Yahweh gives him; for it is his heritage.

5:19 As for every man to whom Yahweh has given riches and wealth, and given him power to eat of it, to receive his heritage and rejoice in his labor-this is the gift of Yahweh.

5:20 For he will not dwell unduly on the days of his life, because Yahweh keeps him busy with the joy of his heart.

Ecclesiastes 6:

6:1 There is an evil which I have seen under the sun, and it is common among men:

6:2 A man to whom Yahweh has given riches and wealth and honor, so that he lacks nothing for himself of all he desires; yet Yahweh does not give him

power to eat of it, but a foreigner consumes it. This is vanity, and it is an evil affliction.

6:3 If a man begets a hundred children and lives many years, so that the days of his years are many, but his body is not satisfied with goodness, or indeed he has no burial, I say that a stillborn child is better than he-

6:4 for it comes in vanity and departs in darkness, and its name is covered with darkness.

6:5 Though it has not seen the sun or known anything, this has more rest than that man,

6:6 even if he lives a thousand years twice-but has not seen goodness. Do not all go to one place?

6:7 All the labor of man is for his mouth, And yet the body is not satisfied.

6:8 For what more has the wise man than the fool?

What does the poor man have,
Who knows how to walk before the living?

6:9 Better is the sight of the eyes than the wandering of desire.

This also is vanity and grasping for the wind.

6:10 Whatever one is, he has been named already,
For it is known that he is man;
And he cannot contend with Him who is mightier than he.

6:11 Since there are many things that increase vanity,
How is man the better?

6:12 For who knows what is good for man in life, all the days of his vain life which he passes like a shadow? Who can tell a man what will happen after him under the sun?

Ecclesiastes 7:

7:1 A good name is better than precious ointment,
And the day of death than the day of one's birth;

7:2 Better to go to the house of mourning
Than to go to the house of feasting,

For that is the end of all men;
And the living will take it to heart.

7:3 Sorrow is better than laughter,
For by a sad countenance the heart is made better.

7:4 The heart of the wise is in the house of mourning,
But the heart of fools is in the house of mirth.

7:5 It is better to hear the rebuke of the wise

Than for a man to hear the song of fools.

7:6 For like the crackling of thorns under a pot,

So is the laughter of the fool.

This also is vanity.

7:7 Surely oppression destroys a wise man's reason,

And a bribe debases the heart.

7:8 The end of a thing is better than its beginning;

The patient in spirit is better than the proud in spirit.

7:9 Do not hasten in your spirit to be angry,

For anger rests in the bosom of fools.

7:10 Do not say,

"Why were the former days better than these?"

For you do not inquire wisely concerning this.

7:11 Wisdom is good with an inheritance,

And profitable to those who see the sun.

7:12 For wisdom is a defense as money is a defense,

But the excellence of knowledge is that wisdom gives life to those who have it.

7:13 Consider the work of Yahweh;

For who can make straight what He has made crooked?

7:14 In the day of prosperity be joyful,
But in the day of adversity consider:

Surely Yahweh has appointed the one as well as the other,

So that man can find out nothing that will come after him.

7:15 I have seen everything in my days of vanity:

There is a just man who perishes in his righteousness,
And there is a wicked man who prolongs life in his wickedness.

7:16 Do not be overly righteous,
Nor be overly wise:

Why should you destroy yourself?

7:17 Do not be overly wicked,
Nor be foolish:

Why should you die before your time?

7:18 It is good that you grasp this,
And also not remove your hand from the other;

For he who fears Yahweh will escape them all.

7:19 Wisdom strengthens the wise
More than ten rulers of the city.

7:20 For there is not a just man on earth
who does good
And does not sin.

7:21 Also do not take to heart
everything people say,
Lest you hear your servant cursing you.

7:22 For many times, also, your own
heart has known

That even you have cursed others.

7:23 All this I have proved by wisdom.
I said, "I will be wise";
But it was far from me.

7:24 As for that which is far off and
exceedingly deep,
Who can find it out?

7:25 I applied my heart to know,
To search and seek out wisdom and the
reason of things,

To know the wickedness of folly,
Even of foolishness and madness.

7:26 And I find more bitter than death
The woman whose heart is snares and
nets,

Whose hands are fetters.
He who pleases Yahweh shall escape
from her,

But the sinner shall be trapped by her.

7:27 "Here is what I have found," says
the Preacher,
"Adding one thing to the other to find out
the reason,

7:28 Which my spirit still seeks but I
cannot find: One man among a

thousand I have found, But a woman
among all these I have not found.

7:29 Truly, this only I have found:
That Yahweh made man upright,
But they have sought out many
schemes."

Ecclesiastes 8:

8:1 Who is like a wise man?

And who knows the interpretation of a
thing?

A man's wisdom makes his face shine,
And the sternness of his face is
changed.

8:2 I say, "Keep the king's
commandment for the sake of your oath
to Yahweh.

8:3 "Do not be hasty to go from his
presence. Do not take your stand for an
evil thing, for he does whatever pleases
him."

8:4 Where the word of a king is, there is
power;
And who may say to him, "What are you
doing?"

8:5 He who keeps his command will
experience nothing harmful;
And a wise man's heart discerns both
time and judgment,

8:6 Because for every matter there is a
time and judgment,
Though the misery of man increases
greatly.

8:7 For he does not know what will
happen;
So who can tell him when it will occur?

8:8 No one has power over the spirit to
retain the spirit,
And no one has power in the day of
death.

There is no release from that war,
And wickedness will not deliver those
who are given to it.

8:9 All this I have seen, and applied my
heart to every work that is done under
the sun: There is a time in which one
man rules over another to his own hurt.

8:10 Then I saw the wicked buried, who
had come and gone from the place of
holiness, and they were forgotten in the

city where they had so done. This also is vanity.

8:11 Because the sentence against an evil work is not executed speedily, therefore the heart of the sons of men is fully set in them to do evil.

8:12 Though a sinner does evil a hundred times, and his days are prolonged, yet I surely know that it will be well with those who fear Yahweh, who fear before Him.

8:13 But it will not be well with the wicked; nor will he prolong his days, which are as a shadow, because he does not fear before Yahweh.

8:14 There is a vanity which occurs on earth, that there are just men to whom it happens according to the work of the wicked; again, there are wicked men to whom it happens according to the work of the righteous. I said that this also is vanity.

8:15 So I commended enjoyment, because a man has nothing better under the sun than to eat, drink, and be merry; for this will remain with him in his labor all the days of his life which Yahweh gives him under the sun.

8:16 When I applied my heart to know wisdom and to see the business that is done on earth, even though one sees no sleep day or night,

8:17 then I saw all the work of Yahweh, that a man cannot find out the work that is done under the sun. For though a man labors to discover it, yet he will not find it; moreover, though a wise man attempts to know it, he will not be able to find it.

Ecclesiastes 9:

9:1 For I considered all this in my heart, so that I could declare it all: that the righteous and the wise and their works are in the hand of Yahweh. People know neither love nor hatred by anything they see before them.

9:2 All things come alike to all: One event happens to the righteous and the wicked; To the good, the clean, and the unclean;

To him who sacrifices and him who does not sacrifice. As is the good, so is the sinner;

He who takes an oath as he who fears an oath.

9:3 This is an evil in all that is done under the sun: that one thing happens to all. Truly the hearts of the sons of men are full of evil; madness is in their hearts while they live, and after that they go to the dead.

9:4 But for him who is joined to all the living there is hope, for a living dog is better than a dead lion.

9:5 For the living know that they will die; But the dead know nothing, And they have no more reward, For the memory of them is forgotten.

9:6 Also their love, their hatred, and their envy have now perished; Nevermore will they have a share In anything done under the sun.

9:7 Go, eat your bread with joy, And drink your wine with a merry heart; For Yahweh has already accepted your works.

9:8 Let your garments always be white, And let your head lack no oil.

9:9 Live joyfully with the wife whom you love all the days of your vain life which He has given you under the sun, all your days of vanity; for that is your portion in life, and in the labor which you perform under the sun.

9:10 Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with your might; for there is no work or device or knowledge or wisdom in the grave where you are going.

9:11 I returned and saw under the sun that-

The race is not to the swift,
Nor the battle to the strong,
Nor bread to the wise,
Nor riches to men of understanding,
Nor favor to men of skill;
But time and chance happen to them all.

9:12 For man also does not know his time:

Like fish taken in a cruel net,
Like birds caught in a snare,

So the sons of men are snared in an evil time,

When it falls suddenly upon them.

9:13 This wisdom I have also seen under the sun, and it seemed great to me:

9:14 There was a little city with few men in it; and a great king came against it, besieged it, and built great snares around it.

9:15 Now there was found in it a poor wise man, and he by his wisdom delivered the city. Yet no one remembered that same poor man.

9:16 Then I said:

"Wisdom is better than strength.

Nevertheless the poor man's wisdom is despised,

And his words are not heard.

9:17 Words of the wise, spoken quietly, should be heard

Rather than the shout of a ruler of fools.

9:18 Wisdom is better than weapons of war;

But one sinner destroys much good."

Ecclesiastes 10:

10:1 Dead flies putrefy the perfumer's ointment,

And cause it to give off a foul odor;

So does a little folly to one respected for wisdom and honor.

10:2 A wise man's heart is at his right hand,

But a fool's heart at his left.

10:3 Even when a fool walks along the way,

He lacks wisdom,

And he shows everyone that he is a fool.

10:4 If the spirit of the ruler rises against you,

Do not leave your post;

For conciliation pacifies great offenses.

10:5 There is an evil I have seen under the sun,

As an error proceeding from the ruler:

10:6 Folly is set in great dignity,

While the rich sit in a lowly place.

10:7 I have seen servants on horses,

While princes walk on the ground like servants.

10:8 He who digs a pit will fall into it, And whoever breaks through a wall will be bitten by a serpent.

10:9 He who quarries stones may be hurt by them,

And he who splits wood may be endangered by it.

10:10 If the ax is dull,

And one does not sharpen the edge,

Then he must use more strength;

But wisdom brings success.

10:11 A serpent may bite when it is not charmed;

The babbler is no different.

10:12 The words of a wise man's mouth are gracious,

But the lips of a fool shall swallow him up;

10:13 The words of his mouth begin with foolishness,

And the end of his talk is raving madness.

10:14 A fool also multiplies words.

No man knows what is to be;

Who can tell him what will be after him?

10:15 The labor of fools wearies them, For they do not even know how to go to the city!

10:16 Woe to you, O land, when your king is a child,

And your princes feast in the morning!

10:17 Blessed are you, O land, when

your king is the son of nobles,

And your princes feast at the proper time-

For strength and not for drunkenness!

10:18 Because of laziness the building decays,

And through idleness of hands the house leaks.

10:19 A feast is made for laughter,

And wine makes merry;

But money answers everything.

10:20 Do not curse the king, even in your thought;

Do not curse the rich, even in your bedroom;

For a bird of the air may carry your voice,
And a bird in flight may tell the matter.

Ecclesiastes 11:

11:1 Cast your bread upon the waters,
For you will find it after many days.

11:2 Give a serving to seven, and also to eight,
For you do not know what evil will be on the earth.

11:3 If the clouds are full of rain,
They empty themselves upon the earth;
And if a tree falls to the south or the north,
In the place where the tree falls, there it shall lie.

11:4 He who observes the wind will not sow,
And he who regards the clouds will not reap.

11:5 As you do not know what is the way of the wind,
Or how the bones grow in the womb of her who is with child,
So you do not know the works of Yahweh who makes everything.

11:6 In the morning sow your seed,
And in the evening do not withhold your hand;
For you do not know which will prosper,
Either this or that,
Or whether both alike will be good.

11:7 Truly the light is sweet,
And it is pleasant for the eyes to behold the sun;

11:8 But if a man lives many years
And rejoices in them all,
Yet let him remember the days of darkness,
For they will be many.

All that is coming is vanity.

11:9 Rejoice, O young man, in your youth,
And let your heart cheer you in the days of your youth;
Walk in the ways of your heart,
And in the sight of your eyes;
But know that for all these
Yahweh will bring you into judgment.

11:10 Therefore remove sorrow from your heart,
And put away evil from your flesh,
For childhood and youth are vanity.

Ecclesiastes 12:

12:1 Remember now your Creator in the days of your youth,
Before the difficult days come,
And the years draw near when you say,
"I have no pleasure in them":

12:2 While the sun and the light,
The moon and the stars,
Are not darkened,
And the clouds do not return after the rain;

12:3 In the day when the keepers of the house tremble,
And the strong men bow down;
When the grinders cease because they are few,

And those that look through the windows grow dim;
12:4 When the doors are shut in the streets,

And the sound of grinding is low;
When one rises up at the sound of a bird,
And all the daughters of music are brought low;

12:5 Also they are afraid of height,
And of terrors in the way;
When the almond tree blossoms,
The grasshopper is a burden,
And desire fails.

For man goes to his eternal home,
And the mourners go about the streets.

12:6 Remember your Creator before the silver cord is loosed,
Or the golden bowl is broken,
Or the pitcher shattered at the fountain,
Or the wheel broken at the well.

12:7 Then the dust will return to the earth as it was,
And the spirit will return to Yahweh who gave it.

12:8 "Vanity of vanities," says the Preacher,
"All is vanity."

12:9 And moreover, because the Preacher was wise, he still taught the

people knowledge; yes, he pondered and sought out and set in order many proverbs.

12:10 The Preacher sought to find acceptable words; and what was written was upright-words of truth.

12:11 The words of the wise are like goads, and the words of scholars are like well-driven nails, given by one Shepherd.

12:12 And further, my son, be admonished by these. Of making many books there is no end, and much study is wearisome to the flesh.

12:13 Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter:

Fear Yahweh and keep His commandments,
For this is man's all.

12:14 For Yahweh will bring every work into judgment,
Including every secret thing,
Whether good or evil.

Esther 1:

1:1 Now it came to pass in the days of Ahasuerus (*this was the Ahasuerus who reigned over one hundred and twenty-seven provinces, from India to Ethiopia*),

1:2 in those days when King Ahasuerus sat on the throne of his kingdom, which was in Shushan the citadel,

1:3 that in the third year of his reign he made a feast for all his officials and servants-the powers of Persia and Media, the nobles, and the princes of the provinces being before him-

1:4 when he showed the riches of his glorious kingdom and the splendor of his excellent majesty for many days, one hundred and eighty days in all.

1:5 And when these days were completed, the king made a feast lasting seven days for all the people who were present in Shushan the citadel, from great to small, in the court of the garden of the king's palace.

1:6 There were white and blue linen curtains fastened with cords of fine linen and purple on silver rods and marble

pillars; and the couches were of gold and silver on a mosaic pavement of alabaster, turquoise, and white and black marble.

1:7 And they served drinks in golden vessels, each vessel being different from the other, with royal wine in abundance, according to the generosity of the king.

1:8 In accordance with the law, the drinking was not compulsory; for so the king had ordered all the officers of his household, that they should do according to each man's pleasure.

1:9 Queen Vashti also made a feast for the women in the royal palace which belonged to King Ahasuerus.

1:10 On the seventh day, when the heart of the king was merry with wine, he commanded Mehuman, Biztha, Harbona, Bigtha, Abagtha, Zethar, and Carcas, seven eunuchs who served in the presence of King Ahasuerus,

1:11 to bring Queen Vashti before the king, wearing her royal crown, in order to show her beauty to the people and the officials, for she was beautiful to behold.

1:12 But Queen Vashti refused to come at the king's command brought by his eunuchs; therefore the king was furious, and his anger burned within him.

1:13 Then the king said to the wise men who understood the times (*for this was the king's manner toward all who knew law and justice*,

1:14 *those closest to him being Carshena, Shethar, Admatha, Tarshish, Meres, Marsena, and Memucan, the seven princes of Persia and Media, who had access to the king's presence, and who ranked highest in the kingdom*):

1:15 "What shall we do to Queen Vashti, according to law, because she did not obey the command of King Ahasuerus brought to her by the eunuchs?"

1:16 And Memucan answered before the king and the princes: "Queen Vashti has not only wronged the king, but also all the princes, and all the people who

are in all the provinces of King Ahasuerus.

1:17 "For the queen's behavior will become known to all women, so that they will despise their husbands in their eyes, when they report, 'King Ahasuerus commanded Queen Vashti to be brought in before him, but she did not come.'

1:18 "This very day the noble ladies of Persia and Media will say to all the king's officials that they have heard of the behavior of the queen. Thus there will be excessive contempt and wrath.

1:19 "If it pleases the king, let a royal decree go out from him, and let it be recorded in the laws of the Persians and the Medes, so that it will not be altered, that Vashti shall come no more before King Ahasuerus; and let the king give her royal position to another who is better than she.

1:20 "When the king's decree which he will make is proclaimed throughout all his empire (for it is great), all wives will honor their husbands, both great and small."

1:21 And the reply pleased the king and the princes, and the king did according to the word of Memucan.

1:22 Then he sent letters to all the king's provinces, to each province in its own script, and to every people in their own language, that each man should be master in his own house, and speak in the language of his own people.

Esther 2:

2:1 After these things, when the wrath of King Ahasuerus subsided, he remembered Vashti, what she had done, and what had been decreed against her.

2:2 Then the king's servants who attended him said: "Let beautiful young virgins be sought for the king;

2:3 "and let the king appoint officers in all the provinces of his kingdom, to gather all the beautiful young virgins to Shushan the citadel, into the women's quarters, under the custody of Hegai the

king's eunuch, custodian of women. And let beauty preparations be given them.

2:4 "Then let the young woman who pleases the king be queen instead of Vashti." This thing pleased the king, and he did so.

2:5 In Shushan the citadel there was a certain Israelite whose name was Mordecai the son of Jair, the son of Shimei, the son of Kish, a Benjamite.

2:6 Kish had been carried away from Jerusalem with the captives who had been captured with Jeconiah king of Judah, whom Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon had carried away.

2:7 And Mordecai had brought up Hadassah, that is, Esther, his uncle's daughter, for she had neither father nor mother. The young woman was lovely and beautiful. When her father and mother died, Mordecai took her as his own daughter.

2:8 So it was, when the king's command and decree were heard, and when many young women were gathered at Shushan the citadel, under the custody of Hegai, that Esther also was taken to the king's palace, into the care of Hegai the custodian of the women.

2:9 Now the young woman pleased him, and she obtained his favor; so he readily gave beauty preparations to her, besides her allowance. Then seven choice maidservants were provided for her from the king's palace, and he moved her and her maidservants to the best place in the house of the women.

2:10 Esther had not revealed her people or family, for Mordecai had charged her not to reveal it.

2:11 And every day Mordecai paced in front of the court of the women's quarters, to learn of Esther's welfare and what was happening to her.

2:12 Each young woman's turn came to go in to King Ahasuerus after she had completed twelve months' preparation, according to the regulations for the women, for thus were the days of their

preparation apportioned: six months with oil of myrrh, and six months with perfumes and preparations for beautifying women.

2:13 Thus prepared, each young woman went to the king, and she was given whatever she desired to take with her from the women's quarters to the king's palace.

2:14 In the evening she went, and in the morning she returned to the second house of the women, to the custody of Shaashgaz, the king's eunuch who kept the concubines. She would not go in to the king again unless the king delighted in her and called for her by name.

2:15 Now when the turn came for Esther the daughter of Abihail the uncle of Mordecai, who had taken her as his daughter, to go in to the king, she requested nothing but what Hegai the king's eunuch, the custodian of the women, advised. And Esther obtained favor in the sight of all who saw her.

2:16 So Esther was taken to King Ahasuerus, into his royal palace, in the tenth month, which is the month of Tebeth, in the seventh year of his reign.

2:17 The king loved Esther more than all the other women, and she obtained grace and favor in his sight more than all the virgins; so he set the royal crown upon her head and made her queen instead of Vashti.

2:18 Then the king made a great feast, the Feast of Esther, for all his officials and servants; and he proclaimed a holiday in the provinces and gave gifts according to the generosity of a king.

2:19 When virgins were gathered together a second time, Mordecai sat within the king's gate.

2:20 Now Esther had not revealed her family and her people, just as Mordecai had charged her, for Esther obeyed the command of Mordecai as when she was brought up by him.

2:21 In those days, while Mordecai sat within the king's gate, two of the king's eunuchs, Bigthan and Teresh,

doorkeepers, became furious and sought to lay hands on King Ahasuerus.

2:22 So the matter became known to Mordecai, who told Queen Esther, and Esther informed the king in Mordecai's name.

2:23 And when an inquiry was made into the matter, it was confirmed, and both were hanged on a gallows; and it was written in the book of the chronicles in the presence of the king.

Esther 3:

3:1 After these things King Ahasuerus promoted Haman, the son of Hammedatha the Agagite, and advanced him and set his seat above all the princes who were with him.

3:2 And all the king's servants who were within the king's gate bowed and paid homage to Haman, for so the king had commanded concerning him. But Mordecai would not bow or pay homage.

3:3 Then the king's servants who were within the king's gate said to Mordecai, "Why do you transgress the king's command?"

3:4 Now it happened, when they spoke to him daily and he would not listen to them, that they told it to Haman, to see whether Mordecai's words would stand; for Mordecai had told them that he was a Israelite.

3:5 When Haman saw that Mordecai did not bow or pay him homage, Haman was filled with wrath.

3:6 But he disdained to lay hands on Mordecai alone, for they had told him of the people of Mordecai. Instead, Haman sought to destroy all the Israelites who were throughout the whole kingdom of Ahasuerus-the people of Mordecai.

3:7 In the first month, which is the month of Nisan, in the twelfth year of King Ahasuerus, they cast Pur (*that is, the lot*), before Haman to determine the day and the month, until it fell on the twelfth month, which is the month of Adar.

3:8 Then Haman said to King Ahasuerus, "There is a certain people scattered and dispersed among the people in all the provinces of your kingdom; their laws are different from all other people's, and they do not keep the king's laws. Therefore it is not fitting for the king to let them remain.

3:9 "If it pleases the king, let a decree be written that they be destroyed, and I will pay ten thousand talents of silver into the hands of those who do the work, to bring it into the king's treasuries."

3:10 So the king took his signet ring from his hand and gave it to Haman, the son of Hammedatha the Agagite, the enemy of the Israelites.

3:11 And the king said to Haman, "The money and the people are given to you, to do with them as seems good to you."

3:12 Then the king's scribes were called on the thirteenth day of the first month, and a decree was written according to all that Haman commanded-to the king's satraps, to the governors who were over each province, to the officials of all people, to every province according to its script, and to every people in their language. In the name of King Ahasuerus it was written, and sealed with the king's signet ring.

3:13 And the letters were sent by couriers into all the king's provinces, to destroy, to kill, and to annihilate all the Israelites, both young and old, little children and women, in one day, on the thirteenth day of the twelfth month, which is the month of Adar, and to plunder their possessions.

3:14 A copy of the document was to be issued as law in every province, being published for all people, that they should be ready for that day.

3:15 The couriers went out, hastened by the king's command; and the decree was proclaimed in Shushan the citadel. So the king and Haman sat down to drink, but the city of Shushan was perplexed.

Esther 4:

4:1 When Mordecai learned all that had happened, he tore his clothes and put on sackcloth and ashes, and went out into the midst of the city. He cried out with a loud and bitter cry.

4:2 He went as far as the front of the king's gate, for no one might enter the king's gate clothed with sackcloth.

4:3 And in every province where the king's command and decree arrived, there was great mourning among the Israelites, with fasting, weeping, and wailing; and many lay in sackcloth and ashes.

4:4 So Esther's maids and eunuchs came and told her, and the queen was deeply distressed. Then she sent garments to clothe Mordecai and take his sackcloth away from him, but he would not accept them.

4:5 Then Esther called Hathach, one of the king's eunuchs whom he had appointed to attend her, and she gave him a command concerning Mordecai, to learn what and why this was.

4:6 So Hathach went out to Mordecai in the city square that was in front of the king's gate.

4:7 And Mordecai told him all that had happened to him, and the sum of money that Haman had promised to pay into the king's treasuries to destroy the Israelites.

4:8 He also gave him a copy of the written decree for their destruction, which was given at Shushan, that he might show it to Esther and explain it to her, and that he might command her to go in to the king to make supplication to him and plead before him for her people.

4:9 So Hathach returned and told Esther the words of Mordecai.

4:10 Then Esther spoke to Hathach, and gave him a command for Mordecai:

4:11 "All the king's servants and the people of the king's provinces know that any man or woman who goes into the inner court to the king, who has not

been called, he has but one law: put all to death, except the one to whom the king holds out the golden scepter, that he may live. Yet I myself have not been called to go in to the king these thirty days."

4:12 So they told Mordecai Esther's words.

4:13 And Mordecai told them to answer Esther: "Do not think in your heart that you will escape in the king's palace any more than all the other Israelites.

4:14 "For if you remain completely silent at this time, relief and deliverance will arise for the Israelites from another place, but you and your father's house will perish. Yet who knows whether you have come to the kingdom for such a time as this?"

4:15 Then Esther told them to reply to Mordecai:

4:16 "Go, gather the Israelites who are present in Shushan, and fast for me; neither eat nor drink for three days, night or day. My maids and I will fast likewise. And so I will go to the king, which is against the law; and if I perish, I perish!"

4:17 So Mordecai went his way and did according to all that Esther commanded him.

Esther 5:

5:1 Now it happened on the third day that Esther put on her royal robes and stood in the inner court of the king's palace, across from the king's house, while the king sat on his royal throne in the royal house, facing the entrance of the house.

5:2 So it was, when the king saw Queen Esther standing in the court, that she found favor in his sight, and the king held out to Esther the golden scepter that was in his hand. Then Esther went near and touched the top of the scepter.

5:3 And the king said to her, "What do you wish, Queen Esther? What is your request? It shall be given to you-up to half the kingdom!"

5:4 So Esther answered, "If it pleases the king, let the king and Haman come today to the banquet that I have prepared for him."

5:5 Then the king said, "Bring Haman quickly, that he may do as Esther has said." So the king and Haman went to the banquet that Esther had prepared.

5:6 At the banquet of wine the king said to Esther, "What is your petition? It shall be granted you. What is your request, up to half the kingdom? It shall be done!"

5:7 Then Esther answered and said, "My petition and request is this:

5:8 "If I have found favor in the sight of the king, and if it pleases the king to grant my petition and fulfill my request, then let the king and Haman come to the banquet which I will prepare for them, and tomorrow I will do as the king asks."

5:9 So Haman went out that day joyful and with a glad heart; but when Haman saw Mordecai in the king's gate, and that he did not stand or tremble before him, he was filled with indignation against Mordecai.

5:10 Nevertheless Haman restrained himself and went home, and he sent and called for his friends and his wife Zeresh.

5:11 Then Haman told them of his great riches, the multitude of his children, everything in which the king had promoted him, and how he had advanced him above the officials and servants of the king.

5:12 Moreover Haman said, "Besides, Queen Esther invited no one but me to come in with the king to the banquet that she prepared; and tomorrow I am again invited by her, along with the king.

5:13 "Yet all this avails me nothing, so long as I see Mordecai the Israelite sitting at the king's gate."

5:14 Then his wife Zeresh and all his friends said to him, "Let a gallows be made, fifty cubits high, and in the morning suggest to the king that

Mordecai be hanged on it; then go merrily with the king to the banquet." And the thing pleased Haman; so he had the gallows made.

Esther 6:

6:1 That night the king could not sleep. So one was commanded to bring the book of the records of the chronicles; and they were read before the king.

6:2 And it was found written that Mordecai had told of Bigthana and Teresh, two of the king's eunuchs, the doorkeepers who had sought to lay hands on King Ahasuerus.

6:3 Then the king said, "What honor or dignity has been bestowed on Mordecai for this?" And the king's servants who attended him said, "Nothing has been done for him."

6:4 So the king said, "Who is in the court?" Now Haman had just entered the outer court of the king's palace to suggest that the king hang Mordecai on the gallows that he had prepared for him.

6:5 The king's servants said to him, "Haman is there, standing in the court." And the king said, "Let him come in."

6:6 So Haman came in, and the king asked him, "What shall be done for the man whom the king delights to honor?" Now Haman thought in his heart, "Whom would the king delight to honor more than me?"

6:7 And Haman answered the king, "For the man whom the king delights to honor,

6:8 "let a royal robe be brought which the king has worn, and a horse on which the king has ridden, which has a royal crest placed on its head.

6:9 "Then let this robe and horse be delivered to the hand of one of the king's most noble princes, that he may array the man whom the king delights to honor. Then parade him on horseback through the city square, and proclaim before him: 'Thus shall it be done to the man whom the king delights to honor!' "

6:10 Then the king said to Haman, "Hurry, take the robe and the horse, as you have suggested, and do so for Mordecai the Israelite who sits within the king's gate! Leave nothing undone of all that you have spoken."

6:11 So Haman took the robe and the horse, arrayed Mordecai and led him on horseback through the city square, and proclaimed before him, "Thus shall it be done to the man whom the king delights to honor!"

6:12 Afterward Mordecai went back to the king's gate. But Haman hurried to his house, mourning and with his head covered.

6:13 When Haman told his wife Zeresh and all his friends everything that had happened to him, his wise men and his wife Zeresh said to him, "If Mordecai, before whom you have begun to fall, is of Israelite descent, you will not prevail against him but will surely fall before him."

6:14 While they were still talking with him, the king's eunuchs came, and hastened to bring Haman to the banquet which Esther had prepared.

Esther 7:

7:1 So the king and Haman went to dine with Queen Esther.

7:2 And on the second day, at the banquet of wine, the king again said to Esther, "What is your petition, Queen Esther? It shall be granted you. And what is your request, up to half the kingdom? It shall be done!"

7:3 Then Queen Esther answered and said, "If I have found favor in your sight, O king, and if it pleases the king, let my life be given me at my petition, and my people at my request.

7:4 "For we have been sold, my people and I, to be destroyed, to be killed, and to be annihilated. Had we been sold as male and female slaves, I would have held my tongue, although the enemy could never compensate for the king's loss."

7:5 So King Ahasuerus answered and said to Queen Esther, "Who is he, and where is he, who would dare presume in his heart to do such a thing?"

7:6 And Esther said, "The adversary and enemy is this wicked Haman!" So Haman was terrified before the king and queen.

7:7 Then the king arose in his wrath from the banquet of wine and went into the palace garden; but Haman stood before Queen Esther, pleading for his life, for he saw that evil was determined against him by the king.

7:8 When the king returned from the palace garden to the place of the banquet of wine, Haman had fallen across the couch where Esther was. Then the king said, "Will he also assault the queen while I am in the house?" As the word left the king's mouth, they covered Haman's face.

7:9 Now Harbonah, one of the eunuchs, said to the king, "Look! The gallows, fifty cubits high, which Haman made for Mordecai, who spoke good on the king's behalf, is standing at the house of Haman." Then the king said, "Hang him on it!"

7:10 So they hanged Haman on the gallows that he had prepared for Mordecai. Then the king's wrath subsided.

Esther 8:

8:1 On that day King Ahasuerus gave Queen Esther the house of Haman, the enemy of the Israelites. And Mordecai came before the king, for Esther had told how he was related to her.

8:2 So the king took off his signet ring, which he had taken from Haman, and gave it to Mordecai; and Esther appointed Mordecai over the house of Haman.

8:3 Now Esther spoke again to the king, fell down at his feet, and implored him with tears to counteract the evil of Haman the Agagite, and the scheme which he had devised against the Israelites.

8:4 And the king held out the golden scepter toward Esther. So Esther arose and stood before the king,

8:5 and said, "If it pleases the king, and if I have found favor in his sight and the thing seems right to the king and I am pleasing in his eyes, let it be written to revoke the letters devised by Haman, the son of Hammedatha the Agagite, which he wrote to annihilate the Israelites who are in all the king's provinces.

8:6 "For how can I endure to see the evil that will come to my people? Or how can I endure to see the destruction of my countrymen?"

8:7 Then King Ahasuerus said to Queen Esther and Mordecai the Israelite, "Indeed, I have given Esther the house of Haman, and they have hanged him on the gallows because he tried to lay his hand on the Israelites.

8:8 "You yourselves write a decree concerning the Israelites, as you please, in the king's name, and seal it with the king's signet ring; for whatever is written in the king's name and sealed with the king's signet ring no one can revoke."

8:9 So the king's scribes were called at that time, in the third month, which is the month of Sivan, on the twenty-third day; and it was written, according to all that Mordecai commanded, to the Israelites, the satraps, the governors, and the princes of the provinces from India to Ethiopia, one hundred and twenty-seven provinces in all, to every province in its own script, to every people in their own language, and to the Israelites in their own script and language.

8:10 And he wrote in the name of King Ahasuerus, sealed it with the king's signet ring, and sent letters by couriers on horseback, riding on royal horses bred from swift steeds.

8:11 By these letters the king permitted the Israelites who were in every city to gather together and protect their lives-to destroy, kill, and annihilate the forces of people or province that would assault

them, both little children and women, and to plunder their possessions,
8:12 on one day in all the provinces of King Ahasuerus, on the thirteenth day of the twelfth month, which is the month of Adar.

8:13 A copy of the document was to be issued as a decree in every province and published for all people, so that the Israelites would be ready on that day to avenge themselves on their enemies.

8:14 The couriers who rode on royal horses went out, hastened and pressed on by the king's command. And the decree was issued in Shushan the citadel.

8:15 So Mordecai went out from the presence of the king in royal apparel of blue and white, and a great crown of gold, a fine purple linen garment; and the city of Shushan rejoiced and was glad.

8:16 The Israelites had light and gladness, joy and honor.

8:17 And in every province and city, wherever the king's command and decree came, the Israelites had joy and gladness, a feast and a holiday. Then many of the people of the land became Israelites, because fear of the Israelites fell upon them.

Esther 9:

9:1 Now in the twelfth month, that is, the month of Adar, on the thirteenth day, the time came for the king's command and his decree to be executed. On the day that the enemies of the Israelites had hoped to overpower them, the opposite occurred, in that the Israelites themselves overpowered those who hated them.

9:2 The Israelites gathered together in their cities throughout all the provinces of King Ahasuerus to lay hands on those who sought their harm. And no one could withstand them, because fear of them fell upon all people.

9:3 And all the officials of the provinces, the satraps, the governors, and all those doing the king's work, helped the

Israelites, because the fear of Mordecai fell upon them.

9:4 For Mordecai was great in the king's palace, and his fame spread throughout all the provinces; for this man Mordecai became increasingly prominent.

9:5 Thus the Israelites defeated all their enemies with the stroke of the sword, with slaughter and destruction, and did what they pleased with those who hated them.

9:6 And in Shushan the citadel the Israelites killed and destroyed five hundred men.

9:7 Also Parshandatha, Dalphon, Aspatha,

9:8 Poratha, Adalia, Aridatha,

9:9 Parmashta, Arisai, Aridai, and Vajezatha-

9:10 the ten sons of Haman the son of Hammedatha, the enemy of the Israelites-they killed; but they did not lay a hand on the plunder.

9:11 On that day the number of those who were killed in Shushan the citadel was brought to the king.

9:12 And the king said to Queen Esther, "The Israelites have killed and destroyed five hundred men in Shushan the citadel, and the ten sons of Haman. What have they done in the rest of the king's provinces? Now what is your petition? It shall be granted to you. Or what is your further request? It shall be done."

9:13 Then Esther said, "If it pleases the king, let it be granted to the Israelites who are in Shushan to do again tomorrow according to today's decree, and let Haman's ten sons be hanged on the gallows."

9:14 So the king commanded this to be done; the decree was issued in Shushan, and they hanged Haman's ten sons.

9:15 And the Israelites who were in Shushan gathered together again on the fourteenth day of the month of Adar and killed three hundred men at Shushan;

but they did not lay a hand on the plunder.

9:16 The remainder of the Israelites in the king's provinces gathered together and protected their lives, had rest from their enemies, and killed seventy-five thousand of their enemies; but they did not lay a hand on the plunder.

9:17 This was on the thirteenth day of the month of Adar. And on the fourteenth day of the month they rested and made it a day of feasting and gladness.

9:18 But the Israelites who were at Shushan assembled together on the thirteenth day, as well as on the fourteenth; and on the fifteenth of the month they rested, and made it a day of feasting and gladness.

9:19 Therefore the Israelites of the villages who dwelt in the unwalled towns celebrated the fourteenth day of the month of Adar with gladness and feasting, as a holiday, and for sending presents to one another.

9:20 And Mordecai wrote these things and sent letters to all the Israelites, near and far, who were in all the provinces of King Ahasuerus,

9:21 to establish among them that they should celebrate yearly the fourteenth and fifteenth days of the month of Adar, **9:22** as the days on which the Israelites had rest from their enemies, as the month which was turned from sorrow to joy for them, and from mourning to a holiday; that they should make them days of feasting and joy, of sending presents to one another and gifts to the poor.

9:23 So the Israelites accepted the custom they had begun, as Mordecai had written to them,

9:24 because Haman, the son of Hammedatha the Agagite, the enemy of all the Israelites, had plotted against the Israelites to annihilate them, and had cast Pur (*that is, the lot*), to consume them and destroy them;

9:25 but when Esther came before the king, he commanded by letter that this wicked plot which Haman had devised against the Israelites should return on his own head, and that he and his sons should be hanged on the gallows.

9:26 So they called these days Purim, after the name Pur. Therefore, because of all the words of this letter, what they had seen concerning this matter, and what had happened to them,

9:27 the Israelites established and imposed it upon themselves and their descendants and all who would join them, that without fail they should celebrate these two days every year, according to the written instructions and according to the prescribed time,

9:28 that these days should be remembered and kept throughout every generation, every family, every province, and every city, that these days of Purim should not fail to be observed among the Israelites, and that the memory of them should not perish among their descendants.

9:29 Then Queen Esther, the daughter of Abihail, with Mordecai the Israelite, wrote with full authority to confirm this second letter about Purim.

9:30 And Mordecai sent letters to all the Israelites, to the one hundred and twenty-seven provinces of the kingdom of Ahasuerus, with words of peace and truth,

9:31 to confirm these days of Purim at their appointed time, as Mordecai the Israelite and Queen Esther had prescribed for them, and as they had decreed for themselves and their descendants concerning matters of their fasting and lamenting.

9:32 So the decree of Esther confirmed these matters of Purim, and it was written in the book.

Esther 10:

10:1 And King Ahasuerus imposed tribute on the land and on the islands of the sea.

10:2 Now all the acts of his power and his might, and the account of the greatness of Mordecai, to which the king advanced him, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Media and Persia?

10:3 For Mordecai the Israelite was second to King Ahasuerus, and was great among the Israelites and well received by the multitude of his brethren, seeking the good of his people and speaking peace to all his countrymen.

Daniel 1:

1:1 In the third year of the reign of Jehoiakim king of Judah, Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came to Jerusalem and besieged it.

1:2 And Yahweh gave Jehoiakim king of Judah into his hand, with some of the articles of the house of Yahweh, which he carried into the land of Shinar to the house of his god; and he brought the articles into the treasure house of his god.

1:3 Then the king instructed Ashpenaz, the master of his eunuchs, to bring some of the children of Israel and some of the king's descendants and some of the nobles,

1:4 young men in whom there was no blemish, but good-looking, gifted in all wisdom, possessing knowledge and quick to understand, who had ability to serve in the king's palace, and whom they might teach the language and literature of the Chaldeans.

1:5 And the king appointed for them a daily provision of the king's delicacies and of the wine which he drank, and three years of training for them, so that at the end of that time they might serve before the king.

1:6 Now from among those of the sons of Judah were Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah.

1:7 To them the chief of the eunuchs gave names: he gave Daniel the name Belteshazzar; to Hananiah, Shadrach; to

Mishael, Meshach; and to Azariah, Abed-Nego.

1:8 But Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the portion of the king's delicacies, nor with the wine which he drank; therefore he requested of the chief of the eunuchs that he might not defile himself.

1:9 Now Yahweh had brought Daniel into the favor and goodwill of the chief of the eunuchs.

1:10 And the chief of the eunuchs said to Daniel, "I fear my lord the king, who has appointed your food and drink. For why should he see your faces looking worse than the young men who are your age? Then you would endanger my head before the king."

1:11 So Daniel said to the steward whom the chief of the eunuchs had set over Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah,

1:12 "Please test your servants for ten days, and let them give us vegetables to eat and water to drink.

1:13 "Then let our appearance be examined before you, and the appearance of the young men who eat the portion of the king's delicacies; and as you see fit, so deal with your servants."

1:14 So he consented with them in this matter, and tested them ten days.

1:15 And at the end of ten days their features appeared better and fatter in flesh than all the young men who ate the portion of the king's delicacies.

1:16 Thus the steward took away their portion of delicacies and the wine that they were to drink, and gave them vegetables.

1:17 As for these four young men, Yahweh gave them knowledge and skill in all literature and wisdom; and Daniel had understanding in all visions and dreams.

1:18 Now at the end of the days, when the king had said that they should be brought in, the chief of the eunuchs

brought them in before
Nebuchadnezzar.

1:19 Then the king interviewed them, and among them all none was found like Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah; therefore they served before the king.

1:20 And in all matters of wisdom and understanding about which the king examined them, he found them ten times better than all the magicians and astrologers who were in all his realm.

1:21 Thus Daniel continued until the first year of King Cyrus.

Daniel 2:

2:1 Now in the second year of Nebuchadnezzar's reign, Nebuchadnezzar had dreams; and his spirit was so troubled that his sleep left him.

2:2 Then the king gave the command to call the magicians, the astrologers, the sorcerers, and the Chaldeans to tell the king his dreams. So they came and stood before the king.

2:3 And the king said to them, "I have had a dream, and my spirit is anxious to know the dream."

2:4 Then the Chaldeans spoke to the king in Aramaic, "O king, live forever! Tell your servants the dream, and we will give the interpretation."

2:5 The king answered and said to the Chaldeans, "My decision is firm: if you do not make known the dream to me, and its interpretation, you shall be cut in pieces, and your houses shall be made an ash heap.

2:6 "However, if you tell the dream and its interpretation, you shall receive from me gifts, rewards, and great honor. Therefore tell me the dream and its interpretation."

2:7 They answered again and said, "Let the king tell his servants the dream, and we will give its interpretation."

2:8 The king answered and said, "I know for certain that you would gain time, because you see that my decision is firm:

2:9 "if you do not make known the dream to me, there is only one decree for you! For you have agreed to speak lying and corrupt words before me till the time has changed. Therefore tell me the dream, and I shall know that you can give me its interpretation."

2:10 The Chaldeans answered the king, and said, "There is not a man on earth who can tell the king's matter; therefore no king, lord, or ruler has ever asked such things of any magician, astrologer, or Chaldean.

2:11 "It is a difficult thing that the king requests, and there is no other who can tell it to the king except the gods, whose dwelling is not with flesh."

2:12 For this reason the king was angry and very furious, and gave a command to destroy all the wise men of Babylon.

2:13 So the decree went out, and they began killing the wise men; and they sought Daniel and his companions, to kill them.

2:14 Then with counsel and wisdom Daniel answered Arioch, the captain of the king's guard, who had gone out to kill the wise men of Babylon;

2:15 he answered and said to Arioch the king's captain, "Why is the decree from the king so urgent?" Then Arioch made the decision known to Daniel.

2:16 So Daniel went in and asked the king to give him time, that he might tell the king the interpretation.

2:17 Then Daniel went to his house, and made the decision known to Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah, his companions,

2:18 that they might seek mercies from the God of heaven concerning this secret, so that Daniel and his companions might not perish with the rest of the wise men of Babylon.

2:19 Then the secret was revealed to Daniel in a night vision. So Daniel blessed the God of heaven.

2:20 Daniel answered and said: "Blessed be the name of Yahweh forever and ever,

For wisdom and might are His.
2:21 And He changes the times and the seasons;
He removes kings and raises up kings;
He gives wisdom to the wise
And knowledge to those who have understanding.
2:22 He reveals deep and secret things;
He knows what is in the darkness,
And light dwells with Him.
2:23 "I thank You and praise You,
O Yahweh, God of my fathers;
You have given me wisdom and might,
And have now made known to me what
we asked of You,
For You have made known to us the
king's demand."
2:24 Therefore Daniel went to Arioch,
whom the king had appointed to destroy
the wise men of Babylon. He went and
said thus to him: "Do not destroy the
wise men of Babylon; take me before
the king, and I will tell the king the
interpretation."
2:25 Then Arioch quickly brought Daniel
before the king, and said thus to him, "I
have found a man of the captives of
Judah, who will make known to the king
the interpretation."
2:26 The king answered and said to
Daniel, whose name was Belteshazzar,
"Are you able to make known to me the
dream which I have seen, and its
interpretation?"
2:27 Daniel answered in the presence of
the king, and said, "The secret which the
king has demanded, the wise men, the
astrologers, the magicians, and the
soothsayers cannot declare to the king.
2:28 "But there is a God in heaven who
reveals secrets, and He has made
known to King Nebuchadnezzar what
will be in the latter days. Your dream,
and the visions of your head upon your
bed, were these:
2:29 "As for you, O king, thoughts came
to your mind while on your bed, about
what would come to pass after this; and
He who reveals secrets has made
known to you what will be.

2:30 "But as for me, this secret has not
been revealed to me because I have
more wisdom than anyone living, but for
our sakes who make known the
interpretation to the king, and that you
may know the thoughts of your heart.
2:31 "You, O king, were watching; and
behold, a great image! This great image,
whose splendor was excellent, stood
before you; and its form was awesome.
2:32 "This image's head was of fine
gold, its chest and arms of silver, its
belly and thighs of bronze,
2:33 "its legs of iron, its feet partly of
iron and partly of clay.
2:34 "You watched while a stone was
cut out without hands, which struck the
image on its feet of iron and clay, and
broke them in pieces.
2:35 "Then the iron, the clay, the
bronze, the silver, and the gold were
crushed together, and became like chaff
from the summer threshing floors; the
wind carried them away so that no trace
of them was found. And the stone that
struck the image became a great
mountain and filled the whole earth.
2:36 "This is the dream. Now we will tell
the interpretation of it before the king.
2:37 "You, O king, are a king of kings.
For the God of heaven has given you a
kingdom, power, strength, and glory;
2:38 "and wherever the children of men
dwell, or the beasts of the field and the
birds of the sky, He has given them into
your hand, and has made you ruler over
them all-you are this head of gold.
2:39 "But after you shall arise another
kingdom inferior to yours; then another,
a third kingdom of bronze, which shall
rule over all the earth.
2:40 "And the fourth kingdom shall be
as strong as iron, inasmuch as iron
breaks in pieces and shatters
everything; and like iron that crushes,
that kingdom will break in pieces and
crush all the others.
2:41 "Whereas you saw the feet and
toes, partly of potter's clay and partly of
iron, the kingdom shall be divided; yet

the strength of the iron shall be in it, just as you saw the iron mixed with ceramic clay.

2:42 "And as the toes of the feet were partly of iron and partly of clay, so the kingdom shall be partly strong and partly fragile.

2:43 "As you saw iron mixed with ceramic clay, they will mingle with the seed of men; but they will not adhere to one another, just as iron does not mix with clay.

2:44 "And in the days of these kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom which shall never be destroyed; and the kingdom shall not be left to other people; it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand forever.

2:45 "Inasmuch as you saw that the stone was cut out of the mountain without hands, and that it broke in pieces the iron, the bronze, the clay, the silver, and the gold-the great Yahweh has made known to the king what will come to pass after this. The dream is certain, and its interpretation is sure."

2:46 Then King Nebuchadnezzar fell on his face, prostrate before Daniel, and commanded that they should present an offering and incense to him.

2:47 The king answered Daniel, and said, "Truly your God is the God of gods, Yahweh, God of kings, and a revealer of secrets, since you could reveal this secret."

2:48 Then the king promoted Daniel and gave him many great gifts; and he made him ruler over the whole province of Babylon, and chief administrator over all the wise men of Babylon.

2:49 Also Daniel petitioned the king, and he set Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego over the affairs of the province of Babylon; but Daniel sat in the gate of the king.

Daniel 3:

3:1 Nebuchadnezzar the king made an image of gold, whose height was sixty cubits and its width six cubits. He set it

up in the plain of Dura, in the province of Babylon.

3:2 And King Nebuchadnezzar sent word to gather together the satraps, the administrators, the governors, the counselors, the treasurers, the judges, the magistrates, and all the officials of the provinces, to come to the dedication of the image which King Nebuchadnezzar had set up.

3:3 So the satraps, the administrators, the governors, the counselors, the treasurers, the judges, the magistrates, and all the officials of the provinces gathered together for the dedication of the image that King Nebuchadnezzar had set up; and they stood before the image that Nebuchadnezzar had set up.

3:4 Then a herald cried aloud: "To you it is commanded, O peoples, nations, and languages,

3:5 "that at the time you hear the sound of the horn, flute, harp, lyre, and psaltery, in symphony with all kinds of music, you shall fall down and worship the gold image that King Nebuchadnezzar has set up;

3:6 "and whoever does not fall down and worship shall be cast immediately into the midst of a burning fiery furnace."

3:7 So at that time, when all the people heard the sound of the horn, flute, harp, and lyre, in symphony with all kinds of music, all the people, nations, and languages fell down and worshiped the gold image which King Nebuchadnezzar had set up.

3:8 Therefore at that time certain Chaldeans came forward and accused the Israelites.

3:9 They spoke and said to King Nebuchadnezzar, "O king, live forever!

3:10 "You, O king, have made a decree that everyone who hears the sound of the horn, flute, harp, lyre, and psaltery, in symphony with all kinds of music, shall fall down and worship the gold image;

3:11 "and whoever does not fall down and worship shall be cast into the midst of a burning fiery furnace.

3:12 "There are certain Israelites whom you have set over the affairs of the province of Babylon: Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego; these men, O king, have not paid due regard to you. They do not serve your gods or worship the gold image which you have set up."

3:13 Then Nebuchadnezzar, in rage and fury, gave the command to bring Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego. So they brought these men before the king.

3:14 Nebuchadnezzar spoke, saying to them, "Is it true, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego, that you do not serve my gods or worship the gold image which I have set up?"

3:15 "Now if you are ready at the time you hear the sound of the horn, flute, harp, lyre, and psaltery, in symphony with all kinds of music, and you fall down and worship the image which I have made, good! But if you do not worship, you shall be cast immediately into the midst of a burning fiery furnace. And who is the god who will deliver you from my hands?"

3:16 Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego answered and said to the king, "O Nebuchadnezzar, we have no need to answer you in this matter.

3:17 "If that is the case, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and He will deliver us from your hand, O king.

3:18 "But if not, let it be known to you, O king, that we do not serve your gods, nor will we worship the gold image which you have set up."

3:19 Then Nebuchadnezzar was full of fury, and the expression on his face changed toward Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego. He spoke and commanded that they heat the furnace seven times more than it was usually heated.

3:20 And he commanded certain mighty men of valor who were in his army to bind Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego, and cast them into the burning fiery furnace.

3:21 Then these men were bound in their coats, their trousers, their turbans, and their other garments, and were cast into the midst of the burning fiery furnace.

3:22 Therefore, because the king's command was urgent, and the furnace exceedingly hot, the flame of the fire killed those men who took up Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego.

3:23 And these three men, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego, fell down bound into the midst of the burning fiery furnace.

3:24 Then King Nebuchadnezzar was astonished; and he rose in haste and spoke, saying to his counselors, "Did we not cast three men bound into the midst of the fire?" They answered and said to the king, "True, O king."

3:25 "Look!" he answered, "I see four men loose, walking in the midst of the fire; and they are not hurt, and the form of the fourth is like the Son of the Most High God."

3:26 Then Nebuchadnezzar went near the mouth of the burning fiery furnace and spoke, saying, "Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego, servants of the Most High God, come out, and come here." Then Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego came from the midst of the fire.

3:27 And the satraps, administrators, governors, and the king's counselors gathered together, and they saw these men on whose bodies the fire had no power; the hair of their head was not singed nor were their garments affected, and the smell of fire was not on them.

3:28 Nebuchadnezzar spoke, saying, "Blessed be the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego, who sent His Angel and delivered His servants who trusted in Him, and they have frustrated

the king's word, and yielded their bodies, that they should not serve nor worship any god except their own God!
3:29 "Therefore I make a decree that any people, nation, or language which speaks anything amiss against the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego shall be cut in pieces, and their houses shall be made an ash heap; because there is no other God who can deliver like this."

3:30 Then the king promoted Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego in the province of Babylon.

Daniel 4:

4:1 Nebuchadnezzar the king, To all peoples, nations, and languages that dwell in all the earth: Peace be multiplied to you.

4:2 I thought it good to declare the signs and wonders that the Most High God has worked for me.

4:3 How great are His signs,
And how mighty His wonders!
His kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,
And His dominion is from generation to generation.

4:4 I, Nebuchadnezzar, was at rest in my house, and flourishing in my palace.

4:5 I saw a dream which made me afraid, and the thoughts on my bed and the visions of my head troubled me.

4:6 Therefore I issued a decree to bring in all the wise men of Babylon before me, that they might make known to me the interpretation of the dream.

4:7 Then the magicians, the astrologers, the Chaldeans, and the soothsayers came in, and I told them the dream; but they did not make known to me its interpretation.

4:8 But at last Daniel came before me (his name is Belteshazzar, according to the name of my god; in him is the Spirit of the Holy God), and I told the dream before him, saying:

4:9 "Belteshazzar, chief of the magicians, because I know that the Spirit of the Holy God is in you, and no secret troubles you, explain to me the

visions of my dream that I have seen, and its interpretation.

4:10 "These were the visions of my head while on my bed:

"I was looking, and behold,
A tree in the midst of the earth,
And its height was great.

4:11 The tree grew and became strong;
Its height reached to the skies,
And it could be seen to the ends of all the earth.

4:12 Its leaves were lovely,
Its fruit abundant,
And in it was food for all.
The beasts of the field found shade under it,

The birds of the skies dwelt in its branches,
And all flesh was fed from it.

4:13 "I saw in the visions of my head while on my bed, and there was a watcher, a holy one, coming down from the sky.

4:14 He cried aloud and said thus:
'Chop down the tree and cut off its branches,
Strip off its leaves and scatter its fruit.
Let the beasts get out from under it,
And the birds from its branches.

4:15 Nevertheless leave the stump and roots in the earth,
Bound with a band of iron and bronze,
In the tender grass of the field.
Let it be wet with the dew of the clouds,
And let him graze with the beasts
On the grass of the earth.

4:16 Let his heart be changed from that of a man,
Let him be given the heart of a beast,
And let seven times pass over him.

4:17 'This decision is by the decree of the watchers,
And the sentence by the word of the holy ones,
In order that the living may know
That the Most High rules in the kingdom of men,
Gives it to whomever He will,
And sets over it the lowest of men.'

4:18 "This dream I, King Nebuchadnezzar, have seen. Now you, Belteshazzar, declare its interpretation, since all the wise men of my kingdom are not able to make known to me the interpretation; but you are able, for the Spirit of the Holy God is in you."
4:19 Then Daniel, whose name was Belteshazzar, was astonished for a time, and his thoughts troubled him. So the king spoke, and said, "Belteshazzar, do not let the dream or its interpretation trouble you." Belteshazzar answered and said, "My lord, may the dream concern those who hate you, and its interpretation concern your enemies!"
4:20 The tree that you saw, which grew and became strong, whose height reached to the skies and which could be seen by all the earth,
4:21 whose leaves were lovely and its fruit abundant, in which was food for all, under which the beasts of the field dwelt, and in whose branches the birds of the sky had their home-
4:22 it is you, O king, who have grown and become strong; for your greatness has grown and reaches to the skies, and your dominion to the end of the earth.
4:23 And inasmuch as the king saw a watcher, a holy one, coming down from the sky and saying, 'Chop down the tree and destroy it, but leave its stump and roots in the earth, bound with a band of iron and bronze in the tender grass of the field; let it be wet with the dew of the clouds, and let him graze with the beasts of the field, till seven times pass over him';
4:24 this is the interpretation, O king, and this is the decree of the Most High, which has come upon my lord the king:
4:25 They shall drive you from men, your dwelling shall be with the beasts of the field, and they shall make you eat grass like oxen. They shall wet you with the dew of the clouds, and seven times shall pass over you, till you know that the Most High rules in the kingdom of

men, and gives it to whomever He chooses.
4:26 And inasmuch as they gave the command to leave the stump and roots of the tree, your kingdom shall be assured to you, after you come to know that Heaven rules.
4:27 Therefore, O king, let my advice be acceptable to you; break off your sins by being righteous, and your iniquities by showing mercy to the poor. Perhaps there may be a lengthening of your prosperity."
4:28 All this came upon King Nebuchadnezzar.
4:29 At the end of the twelve months he was walking about the royal palace of Babylon.
4:30 The king spoke, saying, "Is not this great Babylon, that I have built for a royal dwelling by my mighty power and for the honor of my majesty?"
4:31 While the word was still in the king's mouth, a voice fell from the sky: "King Nebuchadnezzar, to you it is spoken: the kingdom has departed from you!"
4:32 And they shall drive you from men, and your dwelling shall be with the beasts of the field. They shall make you eat grass like oxen; and seven times shall pass over you, until you know that the Most High rules in the kingdom of men, and gives it to whomever He chooses."
4:33 That very hour the word was fulfilled concerning Nebuchadnezzar; he was driven from men and ate grass like oxen; his body was wet with the dew of the clouds till his hair had grown like eagles' feathers and his nails like birds' claws.
4:34 And at the end of the time I, Nebuchadnezzar, lifted my eyes to the sky, and my understanding returned to me; and I blessed the Most High and praised and honored Him who lives forever:
For His dominion is an everlasting dominion,

And His kingdom is from generation to generation.

4:35 All the inhabitants of the earth are reputed as nothing;

He does according to His will in the army of heaven

And among the inhabitants of the earth.

No one can restrain His hand

Or say to Him, "What have You done?"

4:36 At the same time my reason returned to me, and for the glory of my kingdom, my honor and splendor returned to me. My counselors and nobles resorted to me, I was restored to my kingdom, and excellent majesty was added to me.

4:37 Now I, Nebuchadnezzar, praise and extol and honor the King of heaven, all of whose works are truth, and His ways justice. And those who walk in pride He is able to put down.

Daniel 5:

5:1 Belshazzar the king made a great feast for a thousand of his lords, and drank wine in the presence of the thousand.

5:2 While he tasted the wine, Belshazzar gave the command to bring the gold and silver vessels which his father Nebuchadnezzar had taken from the temple which had been in Jerusalem, that the king and his lords, his wives, and his concubines might drink from them.

5:3 Then they brought the gold vessels that had been taken from the temple of the house of Yahweh which had been in Jerusalem; and the king and his lords, his wives, and his concubines drank from them.

5:4 They drank wine, and praised the gods of gold and silver, bronze and iron, wood and stone.

5:5 In the same hour the fingers of a man's hand appeared and wrote opposite the lampstand on the plaster of the wall of the king's palace; and the king saw the part of the hand that wrote.

5:6 Then the king's countenance changed, and his thoughts troubled him,

so that the joints of his hips were loosened and his knees knocked against each other.

5:7 The king cried aloud to bring in the astrologers, the Chaldeans, and the soothsayers. The king spoke, saying to the wise men of Babylon, "Whoever reads this writing, and tells me its interpretation, shall be clothed with purple and have a chain of gold around his neck; and he shall be the third ruler in the kingdom."

5:8 Now all the king's wise men came, but they could not read the writing, or make known to the king its interpretation.

5:9 Then King Belshazzar was greatly troubled, his countenance was changed, and his lords were astonished.

5:10 The queen, because of the words of the king and his lords, came to the banquet hall. The queen spoke, saying, "O king, live forever! Do not let your thoughts trouble you, nor let your countenance change.

5:11 "There is a man in your kingdom in whom is the Spirit of the Holy God. And in the days of your father, light and understanding and wisdom, like the wisdom of the gods, were found in him; and King Nebuchadnezzar your father-your father the king-made him chief of the magicians, astrologers, Chaldeans, and soothsayers.

5:12 "Inasmuch as an excellent spirit, knowledge, understanding, interpreting dreams, solving riddles, and explaining enigmas were found in this Daniel, whom the king named Belshazzar, now let Daniel be called, and he will give the interpretation."

5:13 Then Daniel was brought in before the king. The king spoke to Daniel, "Are you that Daniel who is one of the captives from Judah, whom my father the king brought from Judah?"

5:14 "I have heard of you, that the Spirit of Yahweh is in you, and that light and understanding and excellent wisdom are found in you.

5:15 "Now the wise men, the astrologers, have been brought in before me, that they should read this writing and make known to me its interpretation, but they could not give the interpretation of the thing.

5:16 "And I have heard of you, that you can give interpretations and explain enigmas. Now if you can read the writing and make known to me its interpretation, you shall be clothed with purple and have a chain of gold around your neck, and shall be the third ruler in the kingdom."

5:17 Then Daniel answered, and said before the king, "Let your gifts be for yourself, and give your rewards to another; yet I will read the writing to the king, and make known to him the interpretation.

5:18 "O king, the Most High God gave Nebuchadnezzar your father a kingdom and majesty, glory and honor.

5:19 "And because of the majesty that He gave him, all peoples, nations, and languages trembled and feared before him. Whomever he wished, he executed; whomever he wished, he kept alive; whomever he wished, he set up; and whomever he wished, he put down.

5:20 "But when his heart was lifted up, and his spirit was hardened in pride, he was deposed from his kingly throne, and they took his glory from him.

5:21 "Then he was driven from the sons of men, his heart was made like the beasts, and his dwelling was with the wild donkeys. They fed him with grass like oxen, and his body was wet with the dew of the clouds, till he knew that the Most High God rules in the kingdom of men, and appoints over it whomever He chooses.

5:22 "But you his son, Belshazzar, have not humbled your heart, although you knew all this.

5:23 "And you have lifted yourself up against Yahweh of heaven. They have brought the

vessels of His house before you, and you and your lords, your wives and your concubines, have drunk wine from them. And you have praised the gods of silver, gold, bronze, iron, wood and stone, which do not see, hear or know; and the God who holds your breath in His hand and owns all your ways, you have not glorified.

5:24 "Then the fingers of the hand were sent from Him, and this writing was written.

5:25 "And this is the inscription that was written: MENE, MENE, TEKEL, UPHARSIN.

5:26 "This is the interpretation of each word. MENE: Yahweh has numbered your kingdom, and finished it;

5:27 "TEKEL: You have been weighed in the balances, and found wanting;

5:28 "PERES: Your kingdom has been divided, and given to the Medes and Persians."

5:29 Then Belshazzar gave the command, and they clothed Daniel with purple and put a chain of gold around his neck, and made a proclamation concerning him that he should be the third ruler in the kingdom.

5:30 That very night Belshazzar, king of the Chaldeans, was slain.

5:31 And Darius the Mede received the kingdom, being about sixty-two years old.

Daniel 6:

6:1 It pleased Darius to set over the kingdom one hundred and twenty satraps, to be over the whole kingdom;

6:2 and over these, three governors, of whom Daniel was one, that the satraps might give account to them, so that the king would suffer no loss.

6:3 Then this Daniel distinguished himself above the governors and satraps, because an excellent spirit was in him; and the king gave thought to setting him over the whole realm.

6:4 So the governors and satraps sought to find some charge against Daniel concerning the kingdom; but they

could find no charge or fault, because he was faithful; nor was there any error or fault found in him.

6:5 Then these men said, "We shall not find any charge against this Daniel unless we find it against him concerning the law of his God."

6:6 So these governors and satraps thronged before the king, and said thus to him: "King Darius, live forever!

6:7 "All the governors of the kingdom, the administrators and satraps, the counselors and advisors, have consulted together to establish a royal statute and to make a firm decree, that whoever petitions any god or man for thirty days, except you, O king, shall be cast into the den of lions.

6:8 "Now, O king, establish the decree and sign the writing, so that it cannot be changed, according to the law of the Medes and Persians, which does not alter."

6:9 Therefore King Darius signed the written decree.

6:10 Now when Daniel knew that the writing was signed, he went home. And in his upper room, with his windows open toward Jerusalem, he knelt down on his knees three times that day, and prayed and gave thanks before his God, as was his custom since early days.

6:11 Then these men assembled and found Daniel praying and making supplication before his God.

6:12 And they went before the king, and spoke concerning the king's decree: "Have you not signed a decree that every man who petitions any god or man within thirty days, except you, O king, shall be cast into the den of lions?" The king answered and said, "The thing is true, according to the law of the Medes and Persians, which does not alter."

6:13 So they answered and said before the king, "That Daniel, who is one of the captives from Judah, does not show due regard for you, O king, or for the decree

that you have signed, but makes his petition three times a day."

6:14 And the king, when he heard these words, was greatly displeased with himself, and set his heart on Daniel to deliver him; and he labored till the going down of the sun to deliver him.

6:15 Then these men approached the king, and said to the king, "Know, O king, that it is the law of the Medes and Persians that no decree or statute which the king establishes may be changed."

6:16 So the king gave the command, and they brought Daniel and cast him into the den of lions. But the king spoke, saying to Daniel, "Your God, whom you serve continually, He will deliver you."

6:17 Then a stone was brought and laid on the mouth of the den, and the king sealed it with his own signet ring and with the signets of his lords, that the purpose concerning Daniel might not be changed.

6:18 Now the king went to his palace and spent the night fasting; and no musicians were brought before him. Also his sleep went from him.

6:19 Then the king arose very early in the morning and went in haste to the den of lions.

6:20 And when he came to the den, he cried out with a lamenting voice to Daniel. The king spoke, saying to Daniel, "Daniel, servant of the living God, has your God, whom you serve continually, been able to deliver you from the lions?"

6:21 Then Daniel said to the king, "O king, live forever!

6:22 "My God Yahweh sent His angel and shut the lions' mouths, so that they have not hurt me, because I was found innocent before Him; and also, O king, I have done no wrong before you."

6:23 Then the king was exceedingly glad for him, and commanded that they should take Daniel up out of the den. So Daniel was taken up out of the den, and no injury whatever was found on him, because he believed in his God.

6:24 And the king gave the command, and they brought those men who had accused Daniel, and they cast them into the den of lions-them, their children, and their wives; and the lions overpowered them, and broke all their bones in pieces before they ever came to the bottom of the den.

6:25 Then King Darius wrote: To all peoples, nations, and languages that dwell in all the earth: Peace be multiplied to you.

6:26 I make a decree that in every dominion of my kingdom men must tremble and fear before the God of Daniel.

For He is the living God,
And steadfast forever;
His kingdom is the one which shall not be destroyed,
And His dominion shall endure to the end.

6:27 He delivers and rescues,
And He works signs and wonders
In heaven and on earth,
Who has delivered Daniel from the power of the lions.

6:28 So this Daniel prospered in the reign of Darius and in the reign of Cyrus the Persian.

Daniel 7:

7:1 In the first year of Belshazzar king of Babylon, Daniel had a dream and visions of his head while on his bed. Then he wrote down the dream, telling the main facts.

7:2 Daniel spoke, saying, "I saw in my vision by night, and behold, the four winds of the sky were stirring up the Great Sea.

7:3 "And four great beasts came up from the sea, each different from the other.

7:4 "The first was like a lion, and had eagle's wings. I watched till its wings were plucked off; and it was lifted up from the earth and made to stand on two feet like a man, and a man's heart was given to it.

7:5 "And suddenly another beast, a second, like a bear. It was raised up on one side, and had three ribs in its mouth between its teeth. And they said thus to it: 'Arise, devour much flesh!'

7:6 "After this I looked, and there was another, like a leopard, which had on its back four wings of a bird. The beast also had four heads, and dominion was given to it.

7:7 "After this I saw in the night visions, and behold, a fourth beast, dreadful and terrible, exceedingly strong. It had huge iron teeth; it was devouring, breaking in pieces, and trampling the residue with its feet. It was different from all the beasts that were before it, and it had ten horns.

7:8 "I was considering the horns, and there was another horn, a little one, coming up among them, before whom three of the first horns were plucked out by the roots. And there, in this horn, were eyes like the eyes of a man, and a mouth speaking pompous words.

7:9 "I watched till thrones were put in place,
And the Ancient of Days was seated;
His garment was white as snow,
And the hair of His head was like pure wool.

His throne was a fiery flame,
Its wheels a burning fire;

7:10 A fiery stream issued
And came forth from before Him.
A thousand thousands ministered to Him;

Ten thousand times ten thousand stood before Him.

The court was seated,
And the books were opened.

7:11 "I watched then because of the sound of the pompous words which the horn was speaking; I watched till the beast was slain, and its body destroyed and given to the burning flame.

7:12 "As for the rest of the beasts, they had their dominion taken away, yet their lives were prolonged for a season and a time.

7:13 "I was watching in the night visions,
And behold, One like the Son of Man,
Coming with the clouds of the sky!
He came to the Ancient of Days,
And they brought Him near before Him.
7:14 Then to Him was given dominion
and glory and a kingdom,
That all peoples, nations, and languages
should serve Him.
His dominion is an everlasting dominion,
Which shall not pass away,
And His kingdom the one
Which shall not be destroyed.
7:15 "I, Daniel, was grieved in my spirit
within my body, and the visions of my
head troubled me.
7:16 "I came near to one of those who
stood by, and asked him the truth of all
this. So he told me and made known to
me the interpretation of these things:
7:17 'Those great beasts, which are
four, are four kings which arise out of
the earth.
7:18 'But the saints of the Most High
shall receive the kingdom, and possess
the kingdom forever, even forever and
ever.'
7:19 "Then I wished to know the truth
about the fourth beast, which was
different from all the others, exceedingly
dreadful, with its teeth of iron and its
nails of bronze, which devoured, broke
in pieces, and trampled the residue with
its feet;
7:20 "and the ten horns that were on its
head, and the other horn which came
up, before which three fell, namely, that
horn which had eyes and a mouth which
spoke pompous words, whose
appearance was greater than his
fellows.
7:21 "I was watching; and the same
horn was making war against the saints,
and prevailing against them,
7:22 "until the Ancient of Days came,
and a judgment was made in favor of
the saints of the Most High, and the time
came for the saints to possess the
kingdom.

7:23 "Thus he said:
'The fourth beast shall be
A fourth kingdom on earth,
Which shall be different from all other
kingdoms,
And shall devour the whole earth,
Trample it and break it in pieces.
7:24 The ten horns are ten kings
Who shall arise from this kingdom.
And another shall rise after them;
He shall be different from the first ones,
And shall subdue three kings.
7:25 He shall speak pompous words
against the Most High,
Shall persecute the saints of the Most
High,
And shall intend to change times and
law.
Then the saints shall be given into his
hand
For a time and times and half a time.
7:26 'But the court shall be seated,
And they shall take away his dominion,
To consume and destroy it forever.
7:27 Then the kingdom and dominion,
And the greatness of the kingdoms
under the whole sky,
Shall be given to the people, the saints
of the Most High.
His kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,
And all dominions shall serve and obey
Him.'
7:28 "This is the end of the account. As
for me, Daniel, my thoughts greatly
troubled me, and my countenance
changed; but I kept the matter in my
heart."

Daniel 8:

8:1 In the third year of the reign of King
Belshazzar a vision appeared to me-to
me, Daniel-after the one that appeared
to me the first time.

8:2 I saw in the vision, and it so
happened while I was looking, that I was
in Shushan, the citadel, which is in the
province of Elam; and I saw in the vision
that I was by the River Ulai.

8:3 Then I lifted my eyes and saw, and
there, standing beside the river, was a
ram which had two horns, and the two

horns were high; but one was higher than the other, and the higher one came up last.

8:4 I saw the ram pushing westward, northward, and southward, so that no animal could withstand him; nor was there any that could deliver from his hand, but he did according to his will and became great.

8:5 And as I was considering, suddenly a male goat came from the west, across the surface of the whole earth, without touching the ground; and the goat had a notable horn between his eyes.

8:6 Then he came to the ram that had two horns, which I had seen standing beside the river, and ran at him with furious power.

8:7 And I saw him confronting the ram; he was moved with rage against him, attacked the ram, and broke his two horns. There was no power in the ram to withstand him, but he cast him down to the ground and trampled him; and there was no one that could deliver the ram from his hand.

8:8 Therefore the male goat grew very great; but when he became strong, the large horn was broken, and in place of it four notable ones came up toward the four winds of the sky.

8:9 And out of one of them came a little horn which grew exceedingly great toward the south, toward the east, and toward the Glorious Land.

8:10 And it grew up to the host of the sky; and it cast down some of the host and some of the stars to the ground, and trampled them.

8:11 He even exalted himself as high as the Prince of the host; and by him the daily sacrifices were taken away, and the place of His sanctuary was cast down.

8:12 Because of transgression, an army was given over to the horn to oppose the daily sacrifices; and he cast truth down to the ground. He did all this and prospered.

8:13 Then I heard a holy one speaking; and another holy one said to that certain one who was speaking, "How long will the vision be, concerning the daily sacrifices and the transgression of desolation, the giving of both the sanctuary and the host to be trampled under foot?"

8:14 And he said to me, "For two thousand three hundred days; then the sanctuary shall be cleansed."

8:15 Then it happened, when I, Daniel, had seen the vision and was seeking the meaning, that suddenly there stood before me one having the appearance of a man.

8:16 And I heard a man's voice between the banks of the Ulai, who called, and said, "Gabriel, make this man understand the vision."

8:17 So he came near where I stood, and when he came I was afraid and fell on my face; but he said to me, "Understand, son of man, that the vision refers to the time of the end."

8:18 Now, as he was speaking with me, I was in a deep sleep with my face to the ground; but he touched me, and stood me upright.

8:19 And he said, "Look, I am making known to you what shall happen in the latter time of the indignation; for at the appointed time the end shall be.

8:20 "The ram which you saw, having the two horns-they are the kings of Media and Persia.

8:21 "And the male goat is the kingdom of Greece. The large horn that is between its eyes is the first king.

8:22 "As for the broken horn and the four that stood up in its place, four kingdoms shall arise out of that nation, but not with its power.

8:23 "And in the latter time of their kingdom,
When the transgressors have reached their fullness,
A king shall arise,
Having fierce features,
Who understands sinister schemes.

8:24 His power shall be mighty, but not by his own power;
He shall destroy fearfully,
And shall prosper and thrive;
He shall destroy the mighty, and also the holy people.

8:25 "Through his cunning
He shall cause deceit to prosper under his rule;
And he shall exalt himself in his heart.
He shall destroy many in their prosperity.

He shall even rise against the Prince of princes;
But he shall be broken without human means.

8:26 "And the vision of the evenings and mornings

Which was told is true;
Therefore seal up the vision,
For it refers to many days in the future."

8:27 And I, Daniel, fainted and was sick for days; afterward I arose and went about the king's business. I was astonished by the vision, but no one understood it.

Daniel 9:

9:1 In the first year of Darius the son of Ahasuerus, of the lineage of the Medes, who was made king over the realm of the Chaldeans-

9:2 in the first year of his reign I, Daniel, understood by the books the number of the years specified by the word of Yahweh through Jeremiah the prophet, that He would accomplish seventy years in the desolations of Jerusalem.

9:3 Then I set my face toward Yahweh our God to make request by prayer and supplications, with fasting, sackcloth, and ashes.

9:4 And I prayed to Yahweh my God, and made confession, and said, "O Lord, great and awesome God, who keeps His covenant and mercy with those who love Him, and with those who keep His commandments,

9:5 "we have sinned and committed iniquity, we have done wickedly and

rebelled, even by departing from Your precepts and Your judgments.

9:6 "Neither have we heeded Your servants the prophets, who spoke in Your name to our kings and our princes, to our fathers and all the people of the land.

9:7 "O Lord, righteousness belongs to You, but to us shame of face, as it is this day-to the men of Judah, to the inhabitants of Jerusalem and all Israel, those near and those far off in all the countries to which You have driven them, because of the unfaithfulness which they have committed against You.

9:8 "O Lord, to us belongs shame of face, to our kings, our princes, and our fathers, because we have sinned against You.

9:9 "To Yahweh our God belong mercy and forgiveness, though we have rebelled against Him.

9:10 "We have not obeyed the voice of Yahweh our God, to walk in His laws, which He set before us by His servants the prophets.

9:11 "Yes, all Israel has transgressed Your law, and has departed so as not to obey Your voice; therefore the curse and the oath written in the Law of Moses the servant of Yahweh have been poured out on us, because we have sinned against Him.

9:12 "And He has confirmed His words, which He spoke against us and against our judges who judged us, by bringing upon us a great disaster; for under the whole sky such has never been done as what has been done to Jerusalem.

9:13 "As it is written in the Law of Moses, all this disaster has come upon us; yet we have not made our prayer before Yahweh our God, that we might turn from our iniquities and understand Your truth.

9:14 "Therefore Yahweh has kept the disaster in mind, and brought it upon us; for Yahweh our God is righteous in all the works which He does, though we have not obeyed His voice.

9:15 "And now, O Lord our God, who brought Your people out of the land of Egypt with a mighty hand, and made Yourself a name, as it is this day—we have sinned, we have done wickedly!

9:16 "O Lord, according to all Your righteousness, I pray, let Your anger and Your fury be turned away from Your city Jerusalem, Your holy mountain; because for our sins, and for the iniquities of our fathers, Jerusalem and Your people are a reproach to all those around us.

9:17 "Now therefore, our God, hear the prayer of Your servant, and his supplications, and for Yahweh's sake cause Your face to shine on Your sanctuary, which is desolate.

9:18 "O my God, incline Your ear and hear; open Your eyes and see our desolations, and the city which is called by Your name; for we do not present our supplications before You because of our righteous deeds, but because of Your great mercies.

9:19 "O Lord, hear! O Lord, forgive! O Lord, listen and act! Do not delay for Your own sake, my God, for Your city and Your people are called by Your name."

9:20 Now while I was speaking, praying, and confessing my sin and the sin of my people Israel, and presenting my supplication before Yahweh my God for the holy mountain of my God,

9:21 yes, while I was speaking in prayer, the man Gabriel, whom I had seen in the vision at the beginning, being caused to fly swiftly, reached me about the time of the evening offering.

9:22 And he informed me, and talked with me, and said, "O Daniel, I have now come forth to give you skill to understand.

9:23 "At the beginning of your supplications the command went out, and I have come to tell you, for you are greatly beloved; therefore consider the matter, and understand the vision:

9:24 "Seventy weeks are determined

For your people and for your holy city,
To finish the transgression,
To make an end of sins,
To make reconciliation for iniquity,
To bring in everlasting righteousness,
To seal up vision and prophecy,
And to anoint the Most Holy.

9:25 "Know therefore and understand, That from the going forth of the command

To restore and build Jerusalem
Until Messiah the Prince,
There shall be seven weeks and sixty-two weeks;

The street shall be built again, and the wall,

Even in troublesome times.

9:26 "And after the sixty-two weeks
Messiah shall be cut off, but not for Himself;

And the people of the prince who is to come

Shall destroy the city and the sanctuary.

The end of it shall be with a flood,
And till the end of the war desolations
are determined.

9:27 Then he shall confirm a covenant
with many for one week;

But in the middle of the week
He shall bring an end to sacrifice and offering.

And on the wing of abominations shall
be one who makes desolate,
Even until the consummation, which is
determined,

Is poured out on the desolate."

Daniel 10:

10:1 In the third year of Cyrus king of Persia a message was revealed to Daniel, whose name was called Belteshazzar. The message was true, but the appointed time was long; and he understood the message, and had understanding of the vision.

10:2 In those days I, Daniel, was mourning three full weeks.

10:3 I ate no pleasant food, no meat or wine came into my mouth, nor did I anoint myself at all, till three whole weeks were fulfilled.

10:4 Now on the twenty-fourth day of the first month, as I was by the side of the great river, that is, the Tigris,

10:5 I lifted my eyes and looked, and behold, a certain man clothed in linen, whose waist was girded with gold of Uphaz!

10:6 His body was like beryl, his face like the appearance of lightning, his eyes like torches of fire, his arms and feet like burnished bronze in color, and the sound of his words like the voice of a multitude.

10:7 And I, Daniel, alone saw the vision, for the men who were with me did not see the vision; but a great terror fell upon them, so that they fled to hide themselves.

10:8 Therefore I was left alone when I saw this great vision, and no strength remained in me; for my vigor was turned to frailty in me, and I retained no strength.

10:9 Yet I heard the sound of his words; and while I heard the sound of his words I was in a deep sleep on my face, with my face to the ground.

10:10 Suddenly, a hand touched me, which made me tremble on my knees and on the palms of my hands.

10:11 And he said to me, "O Daniel, man greatly beloved, understand the words that I speak to you, and stand upright, for I have now been sent to you." While he was speaking this word to me, I stood trembling.

10:12 Then he said to me, "Do not fear, Daniel, for from the first day that you set your heart to understand, and to humble yourself before your God, your words were heard; and I have come because of your words.

10:13 "But the prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me twenty-one days; and behold, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me, for I had been left alone there with the kings of Persia.

10:14 "Now I have come to make you understand what will happen to your

people in the latter days, for the vision refers to many days yet to come."

10:15 When he had spoken such words to me, I turned my face toward the ground and became speechless.

10:16 And suddenly, one having the likeness of the sons of men touched my lips; then I opened my mouth and spoke, saying to him who stood before me, "My lord, because of the vision my sorrows have overwhelmed me, and I have retained no strength.

10:17 "For how can this servant of my lord talk with you, my lord? As for me, no strength remains in me now, nor is any breath left in me."

10:18 Then again, the one having the likeness of a man touched me and strengthened me.

10:19 And he said, "O man greatly beloved, fear not! Peace be to you; be strong, yes, be strong!" So when he spoke to me I was strengthened, and said, "Let my lord speak, for you have strengthened me."

10:20 Then he said, "Do you know why I have come to you? And now I must return to fight with the prince of Persia; and when I have gone forth, indeed the prince of Greece will come.

10:21 "But I will tell you what is noted in the Scripture of Truth. (*No one upholds me against these, except Michael your prince.*)

Daniel 11:

11:1 "*Also in the first year of Darius the Mede, I, even I, stood up to confirm and strengthen him.*)

11:2 "And now I will tell you the truth: Behold, three more kings will arise in Persia, and the fourth shall be far richer than them all; by his strength, through his riches, he shall stir up all against the realm of Greece.

11:3 "Then a mighty king shall arise, who shall rule with great dominion, and do according to his will.

11:4 "And when he has arisen, his kingdom shall be broken up and divided toward the four winds of the sky, but not

among his posterity nor according to his dominion with which he ruled; for his kingdom shall be uprooted, even for others besides these.

11:5 "Also the king of the South shall become strong, as well as one of his princes; and he shall gain power over him and have dominion. His dominion shall be a great dominion.

11:6 "And at the end of some years they shall join forces, for the daughter of the king of the South shall go to the king of the North to make an agreement; but she shall not retain the power of her authority, and neither he nor his authority shall stand; but she shall be given up, with those who brought her, and with him who begot her, and with him who strengthened her in those times.

11:7 "But from a branch of her roots one shall arise in his place, who shall come with an army, enter the fortress of the king of the North, and deal with them and prevail.

11:8 "And he shall also carry their gods captive to Egypt, with their princes and their precious articles of silver and gold; and he shall continue more years than the king of the North.

11:9 "Also the king of the North shall come to the kingdom of the king of the South, but shall return to his own land.

11:10 "However his sons shall stir up strife, and assemble a multitude of great forces; and one shall certainly come and overwhelm and pass through; then he shall return to his fortress and stir up strife.

11:11 "And the king of the South shall be moved with rage, and go out and fight with him, with the king of the North, who shall muster a great multitude; but the multitude shall be given into the hand of his enemy.

11:12 "When he has taken away the multitude, his heart will be lifted up; and he will cast down tens of thousands, but he will not prevail.

11:13 "For the king of the North will return and muster a multitude greater than the former, and shall certainly come at the end of some years with a great army and much equipment.

11:14 "Now in those times many shall rise up against the king of the South. Also, violent men of your people shall exalt themselves in fulfillment of the vision, but they shall fall.

11:15 "So the king of the North shall come and build a siege mound, and take a fortified city; and the forces of the South shall not withstand him. Even his choice troops shall have no strength to resist.

11:16 "But he who comes against him shall do according to his own will, and no one shall stand against him. He shall stand in the Glorious Land with destruction in his power.

11:17 "He shall also set his face to enter with the strength of his whole kingdom, and upright ones with him; thus shall he do. And he shall give him the daughter of women to destroy it; but she shall not stand with him, or be for him.

11:18 "After this he shall turn his face to the coastlands, and shall take many. But a ruler shall bring the reproach against them to an end; and with the reproach removed, he shall turn back on him.

11:19 "Then he shall turn his face toward the fortress of his own land; but he shall stumble and fall, and not be found.

11:20 "There shall arise in his place one who imposes taxes on the glorious kingdom; but within a few days he shall be destroyed, but not in anger or in battle.

11:21 "And in his place shall arise a vile person, to whom they will not give the honor of royalty; but he shall come in peaceably, and seize the kingdom by intrigue.

11:22 "With the force of a flood they shall be swept away from before him and be broken, and also the prince of the covenant.

11:23 "And after the league is made with him he shall act deceitfully, for he shall come up and become strong with a small number of people.

11:24 "He shall enter peaceably, even into the richest places of the province; and he shall do what his fathers have not done, nor his forefathers: he shall disperse among them the plunder, spoil, and riches; and he shall devise his plans against the strongholds, but only for a time.

11:25 "He shall stir up his power and his courage against the king of the South with a great army. And the king of the South shall be stirred up to battle with a very great and mighty army; but he shall not stand, for they shall devise plans against him.

11:26 "Yes, those who eat of the portion of his delicacies shall destroy him; his army shall be swept away, and many shall fall down slain.

11:27 "Both these kings' hearts shall be bent on evil, and they shall speak lies at the same table; but it shall not prosper, for the end will still be at the appointed time.

11:28 "While returning to his land with great riches, his heart shall be moved against the holy covenant; so he shall do damage and return to his own land.

11:29 "At the appointed time he shall return and go toward the south; but it shall not be like the former or the latter.

11:30 "For ships from Cyprus shall come against him; therefore he shall be grieved, and return in rage against the holy covenant, and do damage. So he shall return and show regard for those who forsake the holy covenant.

11:31 "And forces shall be mustered by him, and they shall defile the sanctuary fortress; then they shall take away the daily sacrifices, and place there the abomination of desolation.

11:32 "Those who do wickedly against the covenant he shall corrupt with flattery; but the people who know their

God shall be strong, and carry out great exploits.

11:33 "And those of the people who understand shall instruct many; yet for many days they shall fall by sword and flame, by captivity and plundering.

11:34 "Now when they fall, they shall be aided with a little help; but many shall join with them by intrigue.

11:35 "And some of those of understanding shall fall, to refine them, purify them, and make them white, until the time of the end; because it is still for the appointed time.

11:36 "Then the king shall do according to his own will: he shall exalt and magnify himself above every god, shall speak blasphemies against the God of gods, and shall prosper till the wrath has been accomplished; for what has been determined shall be done.

11:37 "He shall regard neither the God of his fathers nor the desire of women, nor regard any god; for he shall exalt himself above them all.

11:38 "But in their place he shall honor a god of fortresses; and a god which his fathers did not know he shall honor with gold and silver, with precious stones and pleasant things.

11:39 "Thus he shall act against the strongest fortresses with a foreign god, which he shall acknowledge, and advance its glory; and he shall cause them to rule over many, and divide the land for gain.

11:40 "At the time of the end the king of the South shall attack him; and the king of the North shall come against him like a whirlwind, with chariots, horsemen, and with many ships; and he shall enter the countries, overwhelm them, and pass through.

11:41 "He shall also enter the Glorious Land, and many countries shall be overthrown; but these shall escape from his hand: Edom, Moab, and the prominent people of Ammon.

11:42 "He shall stretch out his hand against the countries, and the land of Egypt shall not escape.

11:43 "He shall have power over the treasures of gold and silver, and over all the precious things of Egypt; also the Libyans and Ethiopians shall follow at his heels.

11:44 "But news from the east and the north shall trouble him; therefore he shall go out with great fury to destroy and annihilate many.

11:45 "And he shall plant the tents of his palace between the seas and the glorious holy mountain; yet he shall come to his end, and no one will help him.

Daniel 12:

12:1 "At that time Michael shall stand up,
The great prince who stands watch over the sons of your people;
And there shall be a time of trouble,
Such as never was since there was a nation,
Even to that time.
And at that time your people shall be delivered,
Every one who is found written in the book.

12:2 And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake,
Some to everlasting life,
Some to shame and everlasting contempt.

12:3 Those who are wise shall shine
Like the brightness of the firmament,
And those who turn many to righteousness
Like the stars forever and ever.

12:4 "But you, Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book until the time of the end; many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall increase."

12:5 Then I, Daniel, looked; and there stood two others, one on this riverbank and the other on that riverbank.

12:6 And one said to the man clothed in linen, who was above the waters of the

river, "How long shall the fulfillment of these wonders be?"

12:7 Then I heard the man clothed in linen, who was above the waters of the river, when he held up his right hand and his left hand to the sky, and swore by Him who lives forever, that it shall be for a time, times, and half a time; and when the power of the holy people has been completely shattered, all these things shall be finished.

12:8 Although I heard, I did not understand. Then I said, "My lord, what shall be the end of these things?"

12:9 And he said, "Go your way, Daniel, for the words are closed up and sealed till the time of the end.

12:10 "Many shall be purified, made white, and refined, but the wicked shall do wickedly; and none of the wicked shall understand, but the wise shall understand.

12:11 "And from the time that the daily sacrifice is taken away, and the abomination of desolation is set up, there shall be one thousand two hundred and ninety days.

12:12 "Blessed is he who waits, and comes to the one thousand three hundred and thirty-five days.

12:13 "But you, go your way till the end; for you shall rest, and will arise to your inheritance at the end of the days."

Ezra 1:

1:1 Now in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, that the word of Yahweh by the mouth of Jeremiah might be fulfilled, Yahweh stirred up the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia, so that he made a proclamation throughout all his kingdom, and also put it in writing, saying,

1:2 Thus says Cyrus king of Persia: All the kingdoms of the earth Yahweh the God of heaven has given me. And He has commanded me to build Him a house at Jerusalem which is in Judah.

1:3 Who is among you of all His people? May his God be with him, and let him go up to Jerusalem which is in Judah, and

build the house of Yahweh the God of Israel (*He is Yahweh*), which is in Jerusalem.

1:4 And whoever is left in any place where he dwells, let the men of his place help him with silver and gold, with goods and livestock, besides the freewill offerings for the house of Yahweh which is in Jerusalem.

1:5 Then the heads of the fathers' houses of Judah and Benjamin, and the priests and the Levites, with all whose spirits Yahweh had moved, arose to go up and build the house of Yahweh which is in Jerusalem.

1:6 And all those who were around them encouraged them with articles of silver and gold, with goods and livestock, and with precious things, besides all that was willingly offered.

1:7 King Cyrus also brought out the articles of the house of Yahweh, which Nebuchadnezzar had taken from Jerusalem and put in the temple of his gods;

1:8 and Cyrus king of Persia brought them out by the hand of Mithredath the treasurer, and counted them out to Sheshbazzar the prince of Judah.

1:9 This is the number of them: thirty gold platters, one thousand silver platters, twenty-nine knives,

1:10 thirty gold basins, four hundred and ten silver basins of a similar kind, and one thousand other articles.

1:11 All the articles of gold and silver were five thousand four hundred. All these Sheshbazzar took with the captives who were brought from Babylon to Jerusalem.

Ezra 2:

2:1 Now these are the people of the province who came back from the captivity, of those who had been carried away, whom Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon had carried away to Babylon, and who returned to Jerusalem and Judah, everyone to his own city.

2:2 Those who came with Zerubbabel were Jeshua, Nehemiah, Seraiah,

Reelaiah, Mordecai, Bilshan, Mispar, Bigvai, Rehum, and Baanah. The number of the men of the people of Israel:

2:3 the people of Parosh, two thousand one hundred and seventy-two;

2:4 the people of Shephatiah, three hundred and seventy-two;

2:5 the people of Arah, seven hundred and seventy-five;

2:6 the people of Pahath-Moab, of the people of Jeshua and Joab, two thousand eight hundred and twelve;

2:7 the people of Elam, one thousand two hundred and fifty-four;

2:8 the people of Zattu, nine hundred and forty-five;

2:9 the people of Zaccai, seven hundred and sixty;

2:10 the people of Bani, six hundred and forty-two;

2:11 the people of Bebai, six hundred and twenty-three;

2:12 the people of Azgad, one thousand two hundred and twenty-two;

2:13 the people of Adonikam, six hundred and sixty-six;

2:14 the people of Bigvai, two thousand and fifty-six;

2:15 the people of Adin, four hundred and fifty-four;

2:16 the people of Ater of Hezekiah, ninety-eight;

2:17 the people of Bezai, three hundred and twenty-three;

2:18 the people of Jorah, one hundred and twelve;

2:19 the people of Hashum, two hundred and twenty-three;

2:20 the people of Gibbar, ninety-five;

2:21 the people of Bethlehem, one hundred and twenty-three;

2:22 the men of Netophah, fifty-six;

2:23 the men of Anathoth, one hundred and twenty-eight;

2:24 the people of Azmaveth, forty-two;

2:25 the people of Kirjath Arim, Chephirah, and Beeroth, seven hundred and forty-three;

2:26 the people of Ramah and Geba, six hundred and twenty-one;
2:27 the men of Michmas, one hundred and twenty-two;
2:28 the men of Bethel and Ai, two hundred and twenty-three;
2:29 the people of Nebo, fifty-two;
2:30 the people of Magbish, one hundred and fifty-six;
2:31 the people of the other Elam, one thousand two hundred and fifty-four;
2:32 the people of Harim, three hundred and twenty;
2:33 the people of Lod, Hadid, and Ono, seven hundred and twenty-five;
2:34 the people of Jericho, three hundred and forty-five;
2:35 the people of Senaah, three thousand six hundred and thirty.
2:36 The priests: the sons of Jedaiah, of the house of Jeshua, nine hundred and seventy-three;
2:37 the sons of Immer, one thousand and fifty-two;
2:38 the sons of Pashhur, one thousand two hundred and forty-seven;
2:39 the sons of Harim, one thousand and seventeen.
2:40 The Levites: the sons of Jeshua and Kadmiel, of the sons of Hodaviah, seventy-four.
2:41 The singers: the sons of Asaph, one hundred and twenty-eight.
2:42 The sons of the gatekeepers: the sons of Shallum, the sons of Ater, the sons of Talmon, the sons of Akkub, the sons of Hatita, and the sons of Shobai, one hundred and thirty-nine in all.
2:43 The Nethinim: the sons of Ziha, the sons of Hasupha, the sons of Tabbaoth,
2:44 the sons of Keros, the sons of Siaha, the sons of Padon,
2:45 the sons of Lebanah, the sons of Hagabah, the sons of Akkub,
2:46 the sons of Hagab, the sons of Shalmi, the sons of Hanan,
2:47 the sons of Giddel, the sons of Gahar, the sons of Reaiah,

2:48 the sons of Rezin, the sons of Nekoda, the sons of Gazzam,
2:49 the sons of Uzza, the sons of Paseah, the sons of Besai,
2:50 the sons of Asnah, the sons of Meunim, the sons of Nephusim,
2:51 the sons of Bakbuk, the sons of Hakupha, the sons of Harhur,
2:52 the sons of Bazluth, the sons of Mehida, the sons of Harsha,
2:53 the sons of Barkos, the sons of Sisera, the sons of Tamah,
2:54 the sons of Neziah, and the sons of Hatipha.
2:55 The sons of Solomon's servants: the sons of Sotai, the sons of Sophereth, the sons of Peruda,
2:56 the sons of Jaala, the sons of Darkon, the sons of Giddel,
2:57 the sons of Shephatiah, the sons of Hattil, the sons of Pochereth of Zebaim, and the sons of Ami.
2:58 All the Nethinim and the children of Solomon's servants were three hundred and ninety-two.
2:59 And these were the ones who came up from Tel Melah, Tel Harsha, Cherub, Addan, and Immer; but they could not identify their father's house or their genealogy, whether they were of Israel:
2:60 the sons of Delaiah, the sons of Tobiah, and the sons of Nekoda, six hundred and fifty-two;
2:61 and of the sons of the priests: the sons of Habaiah, the sons of Koz, and the sons of Barzillai, who took a wife of the daughters of Barzillai the Gileadite, and was called by their name.
2:62 These sought their listing among those who were registered by genealogy, but they were not found; therefore they were excluded from the priesthood as defiled.
2:63 And the governor said to them that they should not eat of the most holy things till a priest could consult with the Urim and Thummim.

2:64 The whole assembly together was forty-two thousand three hundred and sixty,

2:65 besides their male and female servants, of whom there were seven thousand three hundred and thirty-seven; and they had two hundred men and women singers.

2:66 Their horses were seven hundred and thirty-six, their mules two hundred and forty-five,

2:67 their camels four hundred and thirty-five, and their donkeys six thousand seven hundred and twenty.

2:68 Some of the heads of the fathers' houses, when they came to the house of Yahweh which is in Jerusalem, offered freely for the house of Yahweh, to erect it in its place:

2:69 According to their ability, they gave to the treasury for the work sixty-one thousand gold drachmas, five thousand minas of silver, and one hundred priestly garments.

2:70 So the priests and the Levites, some of the people, the singers, the gatekeepers, and the Nethinim, dwelt in their cities, and all Israel in their cities.

Ezra 3:

3:1 And when the seventh month had come, and the children of Israel were in the cities, the people gathered together as one man to Jerusalem.

3:2 Then Jeshua the son of Jozadak and his brethren the priests, and Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel and his brethren, arose and built the altar of the God of Israel, to offer burnt offerings on it, as it is written in the Law of Moses the man of Yahweh.

3:3 Though fear had come upon them because of the people of those countries, they set the altar on its bases; and they offered burnt offerings on it to Yahweh, both the morning and evening burnt offerings.

3:4 They also kept the Feast of Tabernacles, as it is written, and offered the daily burnt offerings in the number required by ordinance for each day.

3:5 Afterwards they offered the regular burnt offering, and those for New Moons and for all the appointed feasts of Yahweh that were consecrated, and those of everyone who willingly offered a freewill offering to Yahweh.

3:6 From the first day of the seventh month they began to offer burnt offerings to Yahweh, although the foundation of the temple of Yahweh had not been laid.

3:7 They also gave money to the masons and the carpenters, and food, drink, and oil to the people of Sidon and Tyre to bring cedar logs from Lebanon to the sea, to Joppa, according to the permission which they had from Cyrus king of Persia.

3:8 Now in the second month of the second year of their coming to the house of Yahweh at Jerusalem, Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, Jeshua the son of Jozadak, and the rest of their brethren the priests and the Levites, and all those who had come out of the captivity to Jerusalem, began work and appointed the Levites from twenty years old and above to oversee the work of the house of Yahweh.

3:9 Then Jeshua with his sons and brothers, Kadmiel with his sons, and the sons of Judah, arose as one to oversee those working on the house of Yahweh: the sons of Henadad with their sons and their brethren the Levites.

3:10 When the builders laid the foundation of the temple of Yahweh, the priests stood in their apparel with trumpets, and the Levites, the sons of Asaph, with cymbals, to praise Yahweh, according to the ordinance of David king of Israel.

3:11 And they sang responsively, praising and giving thanks to Yahweh: "For He is good, For His mercy endures forever toward Israel."

Then all the people shouted with a great shout, when they praised Yahweh,

because the foundation of the house of Yahweh was laid.

3:12 But many of the priests and Levites and heads of the fathers' houses, old men who had seen the first temple, wept with a loud voice when the foundation of this temple was laid before their eyes. Yet many shouted aloud for joy,

3:13 so that the people could not discern the noise of the shout of joy from the noise of the weeping of the people, for the people shouted with a loud shout, and the sound was heard afar off.

Ezra 4:

4:1 Now when the adversaries of Judah and Benjamin heard that the descendants of the captivity were building the temple of Yahweh the God of Israel,

4:2 they came to Zerubbabel and the heads of the fathers' houses, and said to them, "Let us build with you, for we seek your God as you do; and we have sacrificed to Him since the days of Esarhaddon king of Assyria, who brought us here."

4:3 But Zerubbabel and Jeshua and the rest of the heads of the fathers' houses of Israel said to them, "You may do nothing with us to build a house for our God; but we alone will build to Yahweh the God of Israel, as King Cyrus the king of Persia has commanded us."

4:4 Then the people of the land tried to discourage the people of Judah. They troubled them in building,

4:5 and hired counselors against them to frustrate their purpose all the days of Cyrus king of Persia, even until the reign of Darius king of Persia.

4:6 In the reign of Ahasuerus, in the beginning of his reign, they wrote an accusation against the inhabitants of Judah and Jerusalem.

4:7 In the days of Artaxerxes also, Bishlam, Mithredath, Tabel, and the rest of their companions wrote to Artaxerxes king of Persia; and the letter was written

in Aramaic script, and translated into the Aramaic language.

4:8 Rehum the commander and Shimshai the scribe wrote a letter against Jerusalem to King Artaxerxes in this fashion:

4:9 From Rehum the commander, Shimshai the scribe, and the rest of their companions-representatives of the Dinaites, the Apharsathchites, the Tarpelites, the people of Persia and Erech and Babylon and Shushan, the Dehavites, the Elamites,

4:10 and the rest of the nations whom the great and noble Osnapper took captive and settled in the cities of Samaria and the remainder beyond the River-and so forth.

4:11 (*This is a copy of the letter that they sent him*) To King Artaxerxes from your servants, the men of the region beyond the River, and so forth:

4:12 Let it be known to the king that the Israelites who came up from you have come to us at Jerusalem, and are building the rebellious and evil city, and are finishing its walls and repairing the foundations.

4:13 Let it now be known to the king that, if this city is built and the walls completed, they will not pay tax, tribute, or custom, and the king's treasury will be diminished.

4:14 Now because we receive support from the palace, it was not proper for us to see the king's dishonor; therefore we have sent and informed the king,

4:15 that search may be made in the book of the records of your fathers. And you will find in the book of the records and know that this city is a rebellious city, harmful to kings and provinces, and that they have incited sedition within the city in former times, for which cause this city was destroyed.

4:16 We inform the king that if this city is rebuilt and its walls are completed, the result will be that you will have no dominion beyond the River.

4:17 The king sent an answer: To Rehum the commander, to Shimshai the scribe, to the rest of their companions who dwell in Samaria, and to the remainder beyond the River: Peace, and so forth.

4:18 The letter which you sent to us has been clearly read before me.

4:19 And I gave the command, and a search has been made, and it was found that this city in former times has revolted against kings, and rebellion and sedition have been fostered in it.

4:20 There have also been mighty kings over Jerusalem, who have ruled over all the region beyond the River; and tax, tribute, and custom were paid to them.

4:21 Now give the command to make these men cease, that this city may not be built until the command is given by me.

4:22 Take heed now that you do not fail to do this. Why should damage increase to the hurt of the kings?

4:23 Now when the copy of King Artaxerxes' letter was read before Rehum, Shimshai the scribe, and their companions, they went up in haste to Jerusalem against the Israelites, and by force of arms made them cease.

4:24 Thus the work of the house of Yahweh which is at Jerusalem ceased, and it was discontinued until the second year of the reign of Darius king of Persia.

Ezra 5:

5:1 Then the prophet Haggai and Zechariah the son of Iddo, prophets, prophesied to the Israelites who were in Judah and Jerusalem, in the name of Yahweh the God of Israel, who was over them.

5:2 So Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel and Jeshua the son of Jozadak rose up and began to build the house of Yahweh which is in Jerusalem; and the prophets of Yahweh were with them, helping them.

5:3 At that time Tattenai the governor of the region beyond the River and

Shethar-Boznai and their companions came to them and spoke: "Who has commanded you to build this temple and finish this wall?"

5:4 Then, accordingly, we told them the names of the men who were constructing this building.

5:5 But the eye of Yahweh their God was upon the elders of the Israelites, so that they could not make them cease till a report could go to Darius. Then a written answer was returned concerning this matter.

5:6 This is a copy of the letter that Tattenai sent: The governor of the region beyond the River, and Shethar-Boznai, and his companions, the Persians who were in the region beyond the River, to Darius the king.

5:7 They sent a letter to him, in which was written thus-To Darius the king: All peace.

5:8 Let it be known to the king that we to the temple of the great Yahweh in the province of Judea, which is being built with heavy stones, with timber laid in the walls; and this work goes on diligently and prospers in their hands.

5:9 Then we asked those elders, and spoke thus to them: "Who commanded you to build this temple and to finish these walls?"

5:10 We also asked them their names to inform you, that we might write the names of the men who were chief among them.

5:11 And thus they returned us an answer, saying: "We are the servants of Yahweh the God of heaven and earth, and we are rebuilding the temple that was built many years ago, which a great king of Israel built and completed.

5:12 "But because our fathers provoked the God of heaven to wrath, He gave them into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, the Chaldean, who destroyed this temple and carried the people away to Babylon.

5:13 "However, in the first year of Cyrus king of Babylon, King Cyrus issued a decree to build this house of Yahweh.

5:14 "Also, the gold and silver articles of the house of Yahweh, which Nebuchadnezzar had taken from the temple that was in Jerusalem and carried into the temple of Babylon-those King Cyrus took from the temple of Babylon, and they were given to one named Sheshbazzar, whom he had made governor.

5:15 "And he said to him, 'Take these articles; go, carry them to the temple site that is in Jerusalem, and let the house of Yahweh be rebuilt on its former site.'

5:16 "Then this Sheshbazzar came and laid the foundation of the house of Yahweh in Jerusalem; but from that time even until now it has been under construction, and it is not finished."

5:17 Now therefore, if it seems good to the king, let a search be made in the king's treasure house, which is there in Babylon, whether it is so that a decree was issued by King Cyrus to build this house of Yahweh at Jerusalem, and let the king send us his pleasure concerning this matter.

Ezra 6:

6:1 Then King Darius issued a decree, and a search was made in the archives, where the treasures were stored in Babylon.

6:2 And at Achmetha, in the palace that is in the province of Media, a scroll was found, and in it a record was written thus:

6:3 In the first year of King Cyrus, King Cyrus issued a decree concerning the house of Yahweh at Jerusalem: "Let the house be rebuilt, the place where they offered sacrifices; and let the foundations of it be firmly laid, its height sixty cubits and its width sixty cubits,

6:4 with three rows of heavy stones and one row of new timber. Let the expenses be paid from the king's treasury.

6:5 Also let the gold and silver articles of the house of Yahweh, which Nebuchadnezzar took from the temple in Jerusalem and brought to Babylon, be restored and taken back to the temple which is in Jerusalem, each to its place; and deposit them in the house of Yahweh"-

6:6 Now therefore, Tattenai, governor of the region beyond the River, and Shethar-Boznai, and the Persians your companions who are beyond the River, keep yourselves far from there.

6:7 Let the work of this house of Yahweh alone; let the governor of the Israelites and the elders of the Israelites build this house of Yahweh on its site.

6:8 Moreover I issue a decree as to what you shall do for the elders of these Israelites, for the building of this house of Yahweh: Let the cost be paid at the king's expense from taxes on the region beyond the River; this is to be given immediately to these men, so that they are not hindered.

6:9 And whatever they need-young bulls, rams, and lambs for the burnt offerings of the God of heaven, wheat, salt, wine, and oil, according to the request of the priests who are in Jerusalem-let it be given them day by day without fail,

6:10 that they may offer sacrifices of sweet aroma to the God of heaven, and pray for the life of the king and his sons.

6:11 Also I issue a decree that whoever alters this edict, let a timber be pulled from his house and erected, and let him be hanged on it; and let his house be made a refuse heap because of this.

6:12 And may the God who causes His name to dwell there destroy any king or people who put their hand to alter it, or to destroy this house of Yahweh which is in Jerusalem. I Darius issue a decree; let it be done diligently.

6:13 Then Tattenai, governor of the region beyond the River, Shethar-Boznai, and their companions diligently

did according to what King Darius had sent.

6:14 So the elders of the Israelites built, and they prospered through the prophesying of Haggai the prophet and Zechariah the son of Iddo. And they built and finished it, according to the commandment of the God of Israel, and according to the command of Cyrus, Darius, and Artaxerxes king of Persia.

6:15 Now the temple was finished on the third day of the month of Adar, which was in the sixth year of the reign of King Darius.

6:16 Then the children of Israel, the priests and the Levites and the rest of the descendants of the captivity, celebrated the dedication of this house of Yahweh with joy.

6:17 And they offered sacrifices at the dedication of this house of Yahweh, one hundred bulls, two hundred rams, four hundred lambs, and as a sin offering for all Israel twelve male goats, according to the number of the tribes of Israel.

6:18 They assigned the priests to their divisions and the Levites to their divisions, over the service of Yahweh in Jerusalem, as it is written in the Book of Moses.

6:19 And the descendants of the captivity kept the Passover on the fourteenth day of the first month.

6:20 For the priests and the Levites had purified themselves; all of them were ritually clean. And they slaughtered the Passover lambs for all the descendants of the captivity, for their brethren the priests, and for themselves.

6:21 Then the children of Israel who had returned from the captivity ate together with all who had separated themselves from the filth of the nations of the land in order to seek Yahweh the God of Israel.

6:22 And they kept the Feast of Unleavened Bread seven days with joy; for Yahweh made them joyful, and turned the heart of the king of Assyria toward them, to strengthen their hands

in the work of the house of Yahweh, the God of Israel.

Ezra 7:

7:1 Now after these things, in the reign of Artaxerxes king of Persia, Ezra the son of Seraiah, the son of Azariah, the son of Hilkiah,

7:2 the son of Shallum, the son of Zadok, the son of Ahitub,

7:3 the son of Amariah, the son of Azariah, the son of Meraioth,

7:4 the son of Zerahiah, the son of Uzzi, the son of Bukki,

7:5 the son of Abishua, the son of Phinehas, the son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron the chief priest-

7:6 this Ezra came up from Babylon; and he was a skilled scribe in the Law of Moses, which Yahweh the God of Israel had given. The king granted him all his request, according to the hand of Yahweh his God upon him.

7:7 Some of the children of Israel, the priests, the Levites, the singers, the gatekeepers, and the Nethinim came up to Jerusalem in the seventh year of King Artaxerxes.

7:8 And Ezra came to Jerusalem in the fifth month, which was in the seventh year of the king.

7:9 On the first day of the first month he began his journey from Babylon, and on the first day of the fifth month he came to Jerusalem, according to the good hand of his God upon him.

7:10 For Ezra had prepared his heart to seek the Law of Yahweh, and to do it, and to teach statutes and ordinances in Israel.

7:11 This is a copy of the letter that King Artaxerxes gave Ezra the priest, the scribe, expert in the words of the commandments of Yahweh, and of His statutes to Israel:

7:12 Artaxerxes, king of kings, To Ezra the priest, a scribe of the Law of the God of heaven: Perfect peace, and so forth.

7:13 I issue a decree that all those of the people of Israel and the priests and

Levites in my realm, who volunteer to go up to Jerusalem, may go with you.

7:14 And whereas you are being sent by the king and his seven counselors to inquire concerning Judah and Jerusalem, with regard to the Law of your God which is in your hand;

7:15 and whereas you are to carry the silver and gold which the king and his counselors have freely offered to the God of Israel, whose dwelling is in Jerusalem;

7:16 and whereas all the silver and gold that you may find in all the province of Babylon, along with the freewill offering of the people and the priests, are to be freely offered for the house of their God in Jerusalem-

7:17 now therefore, be careful to buy with this money bulls, rams, and lambs, with their grain offerings and their drink offerings, and offer them on the altar of the house of your God in Jerusalem.

7:18 And whatever seems good to you and your brethren to do with the rest of the silver and the gold, do it according to the will of your God.

7:19 Also the articles that are given to you for the service of the house of your God, deliver in full before the God of Jerusalem.

7:20 And whatever more may be needed for the house of your God, which you may have occasion to provide, pay for it from the king's treasury.

7:21 And I, even I, Artaxerxes the king, issue a decree to all the treasurers who are in the region beyond the River, that whatever Ezra the priest, the scribe of the Law of the God of heaven, may require of you, let it be done diligently,

7:22 up to one hundred talents of silver, one hundred kors of wheat, one hundred baths of wine, one hundred baths of oil, and salt without prescribed limit.

7:23 Whatever is commanded by the God of heaven, let it diligently be done for the house of the God of heaven. For

why should there be wrath against the realm of the king and his sons?

7:24 Also we inform you that it shall not be lawful to impose tax, tribute, or custom on any of the priests, Levites, singers, gatekeepers, Nethinim, or servants of this house of Yahweh.

7:25 And you, Ezra, according to your God-given wisdom, set magistrates and judges who may judge all the people who are in the region beyond the River, all such as know the laws of your God; and teach those who do not know them.

7:26 Whoever will not observe the law of your God and the law of the king, let judgment be executed speedily on him, whether it be death, or banishment, or confiscation of goods, or imprisonment.

7:27 Blessed be Yahweh the God of our fathers, who has put such a thing as this in the king's heart, to beautify the house of Yahweh which is in Jerusalem,

7:28 and has extended mercy to me before the king and his counselors, and before all the king's mighty princes. So I was encouraged, as the hand of Yahweh my God was upon me; and I gathered leading men of Israel to go up with me.

Ezra 8:

8:1 These are the heads of their fathers' houses, and this is the genealogy of those who went up with me from Babylon, in the reign of King Artaxerxes:

8:2 of the sons of Phinehas, Gershom; of the sons of Ithamar, Daniel; of the sons of David, Hattush;

8:3 of the sons of Shecaniah, of the sons of Parosh, Zechariah; and registered with him were one hundred and fifty males;

8:4 of the sons of Pahath-Moab, Eliehoenai the son of Zerahiah, and with him two hundred males;

8:5 of the sons of Shechaniah, Ben-Jahaziel, and with him three hundred males;

8:6 of the sons of Adin, Ebed the son of Jonathan, and with him fifty males;

8:7 of the sons of Elam, Jeshaiah the son of Athaliah, and with him seventy males;
8:8 of the sons of Shephatiah, Zebadiah the son of Michael, and with him eighty males;
8:9 of the sons of Joab, Obadiah the son of Jehiel, and with him two hundred and eighteen males;
8:10 of the sons of Shelomith, Ben-Josiphiah, and with him one hundred and sixty males;
8:11 of the sons of Bebai, Zechariah the son of Bebai, and with him twenty-eight males;
8:12 of the sons of Azgad, Johanan the son of Hakkatan, and with him one hundred and ten males;
8:13 of the last sons of Adonikam, whose names are these-Eliphelet, Jeiel, and Shemaiah-and with them sixty males;
8:14 also of the sons of Bigvai, Uthai and Zabbud, and with them seventy males.
8:15 Now I gathered them by the river that flows to Ahava, and we camped there three days. And I looked among the people and the priests, and found none of the sons of Levi there.
8:16 Then I sent for Eliezer, Ariel, Shemaiah, Elnathan, Jarib, Elnathan, Nathan, Zechariah, and Meshullam, leaders; also for Joiarib and Elnathan, men of understanding.
8:17 And I gave them a command for Iddo the chief man at the place Casiphia, and I told them what they should say to Iddo and his brethren the Nethinim at the place Casiphia-that they should bring us servants for the house of our God.
8:18 Then, by the good hand of our God upon us, they brought us a man of understanding, of the sons of Mahli the son of Levi, the son of Israel, namely Sherebiah, with his sons and brothers, eighteen men;

8:19 and Hashabiah, and with him Jeshaiah of the sons of Merari, his brothers and their sons, twenty men;
8:20 also of the Nethinim, whom David and the leaders had appointed for the service of the Levites, two hundred and twenty Nethinim. All of them were designated by name.
8:21 Then I proclaimed a fast there at the river of Ahava, that we might humble ourselves before our God, to seek from Him the right way for us and our little ones and all our possessions.
8:22 For I was ashamed to request of the king an escort of soldiers and horsemen to help us against the enemy on the road, because we had spoken to the king, saying, "The hand of Yahweh our God is upon all those for good who seek Him, but His power and His wrath are against all those who forsake Him."
8:23 So we fasted and entreated our God for this, and He answered our prayer.
8:24 And I separated twelve of the leaders of the priests-Sherebiah, Hashabiah, and ten of their brethren with them-
8:25 and weighed out to them the silver, the gold, and the articles, the offering for the house of our God which the king and his counselors and his princes, and all Israel who were present, had offered.
8:26 I weighed into their hand six hundred and fifty talents of silver, silver articles weighing one hundred talents, one hundred talents of gold,
8:27 twenty gold basins worth a thousand drachmas, and two vessels of fine polished bronze, precious as gold.
8:28 And I said to them, "You are holy to Yahweh; the articles are holy also; and the silver and the gold are a freewill offering to Yahweh the God of your fathers.
8:29 "Watch and keep them until you weigh them before the leaders of the priests and the Levites and heads of the

fathers' houses of Israel in Jerusalem, in the chambers of the house of Yahweh."

8:30 So the priests and the Levites received the silver and the gold and the articles by weight, to bring them to Jerusalem to the house of our God.

8:31 Then we departed from the river of Ahava on the twelfth day of the first month, to go to Jerusalem. And the hand of our God was upon us, and He delivered us from the hand of the enemy and from ambush along the road.

8:32 So we came to Jerusalem, and stayed there three days.

8:33 Now on the fourth day the silver and the gold and the articles were weighed in the house of our God by the hand of Meremoth the son of Uriah the priest, and with him was Eleazar the son of Phinehas; with them were the Levites, Jozabad the son of Jeshua and Noadiah the son of Binnui,

8:34 with the number and weight of everything. All the weight was written down at that time.

8:35 The children of those who had been carried away captive, who had come from the captivity, offered burnt offerings to the God of Israel: twelve bulls for all Israel, ninety-six rams, seventy-seven lambs, and twelve male goats as a sin offering. All this was a burnt offering to Yahweh.

8:36 And they delivered the king's orders to the king's satraps and the governors in the region beyond the River. So they gave support to the people and the house of Yahweh.

Ezra 9:

9:1 When these things were done, the leaders came to me, saying, "The people of Israel and the priests and the Levites have not separated themselves from the peoples of the lands, with respect to the abominations of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Perizzites, the Jebusites, the Ammonites, the Moabites, the Egyptians, and the Amorites.

9:2 "For they have taken some of their daughters as wives for themselves and their sons, so that the holy seed is mixed with the peoples of those lands. Indeed, the hand of the leaders and rulers has been foremost in this trespass."

9:3 So when I heard this thing, I tore my garment and my robe, and plucked out some of the hair of my head and beard, and sat down astonished.

9:4 Then everyone who trembled at the words of the God of Israel assembled to me, because of the transgression of those who had been carried away captive, and I sat astonished until the evening sacrifice.

9:5 At the evening sacrifice I arose from my fasting; and having torn my garment and my robe, I fell on my knees and spread out my hands to Yahweh my God.

9:6 And I said: "O my God, I am too ashamed and humiliated to lift up my face to You, my God; for our iniquities have risen higher than our heads, and our guilt has grown up to the skies.

9:7 "Since the days of our fathers to this day we have been very guilty, and for our iniquities we, our kings, and our priests have been delivered into the hand of the kings of the lands, to the sword, to captivity, to plunder, and to humiliation, as it is this day.

9:8 "And now for a little while grace has been shown from Yahweh our God, to leave us a remnant to escape, and to give us a peg in His holy place, that our God may enlighten our eyes and give us a measure of revival in our bondage.

9:9 "For we were slaves. Yet our God did not forsake us in our bondage; but He extended mercy to us in the sight of the kings of Persia, to revive us, to repair the house of our God, to rebuild its ruins, and to give us a wall in Judah and Jerusalem.

9:10 "And now, O Yahweh our God, what shall we say after this? For we have forsaken Your commandments,

9:11 "which You commanded by Your servants the prophets, saying, 'The land which you are entering to possess is an unclean [*disease promoting*] land, with the uncleanness of the peoples of the lands, with their abominations which have filled it from one end to another with their impurity.

9:12 'Now therefore, do not give your daughters as wives for their sons, nor take their daughters to your sons; and never seek their peace or prosperity, that you may be strong and eat the good of the land, and leave it as an inheritance to your children forever.'

9:13 "And after all that has come upon us for our evil deeds and our great guilt, since You our God have punished us less than our iniquities deserve, and have given us such deliverance as this,

9:14 "should we again break Your commandments, and join in marriage with the people committing these abominations? Would You not be angry with us until You had consumed us, so that there would be no remnant or survivor?

9:15 "O Yahweh the God of Israel, You are righteous for we are left as a remnant, as it is this day. Here we are before You, in our guilt, though no one can stand before You because of this!"

Ezra 10:

10:1 Now while Ezra was praying, and while he was confessing, weeping, and bowing down before the house of Yahweh, a very large assembly of men, women, and children gathered to him from Israel; for the people wept very bitterly.

10:2 And Shechaniah the son of Jehiel, one of the sons of Elam, spoke up and said to Ezra, "We have trespassed against our God, and have taken pagan wives from the peoples of the land; yet now there is hope in Israel in spite of this.

10:3 "Now therefore, let us make a covenant with our God to put away all these wives and those who have been

born to them, according to the advice of my master and of those who tremble at the commandment of our God; and let it be done according to the law.

10:4 "Arise, for this matter is your responsibility. We also are with you. Be of good courage, and do it."

10:5 Then Ezra arose, and made the leaders of the priests, the Levites, and all Israel swear an oath that they would do according to this word. So they swore an oath.

10:6 Then Ezra rose up from before the house of Yahweh, and went into the chamber of Jehohanan the son of Eliashib; and when he came there, he ate no bread and drank no water, for he mourned because of the guilt of those from the captivity.

10:7 And they issued a proclamation throughout Judah and Jerusalem to all the descendants of the captivity, that they must gather at Jerusalem,

10:8 and that whoever would not come within three days, according to the instructions of the leaders and elders, all his property would be confiscated, and he himself would be separated from the assembly of those from the captivity.

10:9 So all the men of Judah and Benjamin gathered at Jerusalem within three days. It was the ninth month, on the twentieth of the month; and all the people sat in the open square of the house of Yahweh, trembling because of this matter and because of heavy rain.

10:10 Then Ezra the priest stood up and said to them, "You have transgressed and have taken pagan wives, adding to the guilt of Israel.

10:11 "Now therefore, make confession to Yahweh the God of your fathers, and do His will; separate yourselves from the peoples of the land, and from the pagan wives."

10:12 Then all the assembly answered and said with a loud voice, "Yes! As you have said, so we must do.

10:13 "But there are many people; it is the season for heavy rain, and we are

not able to stand outside. Nor is this the work of one or two days, for there are many of us who have transgressed in this matter.

10:14 "Please, let the leaders of our entire assembly stand; and let all those in our cities who have taken pagan wives come at appointed times, together with the elders and judges of their cities, until the fierce wrath of Yahweh our God is turned away from us in this matter."

10:15 Only Jonathan the son of Asahel and Jahaziah the son of Tikvah opposed this, and Meshullam and Shabbethai the Levite gave them support.

10:16 Then the descendants of the captivity did so. And Ezra the priest, with certain heads of the fathers' households, were set apart by the fathers' households, each of them by name; and they sat down on the first day of the tenth month to examine the matter.

10:17 By the first day of the first month they finished questioning all the men who had taken pagan wives.

10:18 And among the sons of the priests who had taken pagan wives the following were found of the sons of Jeshua the son of Jozadak, and his brothers: Maaseiah, Eliezer, Jarib, and Gedaliah.

10:19 And they gave their promise that they would put away their wives; and being guilty, they presented a ram of the flock as their trespass offering.

10:20 Also of the sons of Immer: Hanani and Zebadiah;

10:21 of the sons of Harim: Maaseiah, Elijah, Shemaiah, Jehiel, and Uziah;

10:22 of the sons of Pashhur: Elioenai, Maaseiah, Ishmael, Nethanel, Jozabad, and Elasaah.

10:23 Also of the Levites: Jozabad, Shimei, Kelaiah (the same is Kelita), Pethahiah, Judah, and Eliezer.

10:24 Also of the singers: Eliashib; and of the gatekeepers: Shallum, Telem, and Uri.

10:25 And others of Israel: of the sons of Parosh: Ramiah, Jeziah, Malchiah,

Mijamin, Eleazar, Malchijah, and Benaiah;

10:26 of the sons of Elam: Mattaniah, Zechariah, Jehiel, Abdi, Jeremoth, and Eliah;

10:27 of the sons of Zattu: Elioenai, Eliashib, Mattaniah, Jeremoth, Zabad, and Aziza;

10:28 of the sons of Bebai: Jehohanan, Hananiah, Zabbai, and Athlai;

10:29 of the sons of Bani: Meshullam, Malluch, Adaiah, Jashub, Sheal, and Ramoth;

10:30 of the sons of Pahath-Moab: Adna, Chelal, Benaiah, Maaseiah, Mattaniah, Bezalel, Binnui, and Manasseh;

10:31 of the sons of Harim: Eliezer, Ishijah, Malchijah, Shemaiah, Shimeon,

10:32 Benjamin, Malluch, and Shemariah;

10:33 of the sons of Hashum: Mattenai, Mattattah, Zabad, Eliphelet, Jeremai, Manasseh, and Shimei;

10:34 of the sons of Bani: Maadai, Amram, Uel,

10:35 Benaiah, Bedeiah, Cheluh,

10:36 Vaniah, Meremoth, Eliashib,

10:37 Mattaniah, Mattenai, Jaasai,

10:38 Bani, Binnui, Shimei,

10:39 Shelemiah, Nathan, Adaiah,

10:40 Machnadebai, Shashai, Sharai,

10:41 Azarel, Shelemiah, Shemariah,

10:42 Shallum, Amariah, and Joseph;

10:43 of the sons of Nebo: Jeiel, Mattithiah, Zabad, Zebina, Jaddai, Joel, and Benaiah.

10:44 All these had taken pagan wives, and some of them had wives by whom they had children.

Nehemiah 1:

1:1 The words of Nehemiah the son of Hachaliah. It came to pass in the month of Chislev, in the twentieth year, as I was in Shushan the citadel,

1:2 that Hanani one of my brethren came with men from Judah; and I asked them concerning the Israelites who had

escaped, who had survived the captivity, and concerning Jerusalem.

1:3 And they said to me, "The survivors who are left from the captivity in the province are there in great distress and reproach. The wall of Jerusalem is also broken down, and its gates are burned with fire."

1:4 So it was, when I heard these words, that I sat down and wept, and mourned for many days; I was fasting and praying before the God of heaven.

1:5 And I said: "I pray, Yahweh the God of heaven, O great and awesome Yahweh, You who keep Your covenant and mercy with those who love You and observe Your commandments,

1:6 "please let Your ear be attentive and Your eyes open, that You may hear the prayer of Your servant which I pray before You now, day and night, for the children of Israel Your servants, and confess the sins of the children of Israel which we have sinned against You. Both my father's house and I have sinned.

1:7 "We have acted very corruptly against You, and have not kept the commandments, the statutes, nor the ordinances which You commanded Your servant Moses.

1:8 "Remember, I pray, the word that You commanded Your servant Moses, saying, 'If you are unfaithful, I will scatter you among the nations;

1:9 'but if you return to Me, and keep My commandments and do them, though some of you were cast out to the farthest part of the skies, yet I will gather them from there, and bring them to the place which I have chosen as a dwelling for My name.'

1:10 "Now these are Your servants and Your people, whom You have redeemed by Your great power, and by Your strong hand.

1:11 "O Lord, I pray, please let Your ear be attentive to the prayer of Your servant, and to the prayer of Your servants who desire to fear Your name; and let Your servant prosper this day, I

pray, and grant him mercy in the sight of this man." For I was the king's cupbearer.

Nehemiah 2:

2:1 And it came to pass in the month of Nisan, in the twentieth year of King Artaxerxes, when wine was before him, that I took the wine and gave it to the king. Now I had never been sad in his presence before.

2:2 Therefore the king said to me, "Why is your face sad, since you are not sick? This is nothing but sorrow of heart." So I became dreadfully afraid,

2:3 and said to the king, "May the king live forever! Why should my face not be sad, when the city, the place of my fathers' tombs, lies waste, and its gates are burned with fire?"

2:4 Then the king said to me, "What do you request?" So I prayed to the God of heaven.

2:5 And I said to the king, "If it pleases the king, and if your servant has found favor in your sight, I ask that you send me to Judah, to the city of my fathers' tombs, that I may rebuild it."

2:6 Then the king said to me (*the queen also sitting beside him*), "How long will your journey be? And when will you return?" So it pleased the king to send me; and I set him a time.

2:7 Furthermore I said to the king, "If it pleases the king, let letters be given to me for the governors of the region beyond the River, that they must permit me to pass through till I come to Judah, **2:8** "and a letter to Asaph the keeper of the king's forest, that he must give me timber to make beams for the gates of the citadel which pertains to the temple, for the city wall, and for the house that I will occupy." And the king granted them to me according to the good hand of my God upon me.

2:9 Then I went to the governors in the region beyond the River, and gave them the king's letters. Now the king had sent captains of the army and horsemen with me.

2:10 When Sanballat the Horonite and Tobiah the Ammonite official heard of it, they were deeply disturbed that a man had come to seek the well-being of the children of Israel.

2:11 So I came to Jerusalem and was there three days.

2:12 Then I arose in the night, I and a few men with me; I told no one what my God had put in my heart to do at Jerusalem; nor was there any animal with me, except the one on which I rode.

2:13 And I went out by night through the Valley Gate to the Serpent Well and the Refuse Gate, and viewed the walls of Jerusalem which were broken down and its gates which were burned with fire.

2:14 Then I went on to the Fountain Gate and to the King's Pool, but there was no room for the animal under me to pass.

2:15 So I went up in the night by the valley, and viewed the wall; then I turned back and entered by the Valley Gate, and so returned.

2:16 And the officials did not know where I had gone or what I had done; I had not yet told the Israelites, the priests, the nobles, the officials, or the others who did the work.

2:17 Then I said to them, "You see the distress that we are in, how Jerusalem lies waste, and its gates are burned with fire. Come and let us build the wall of Jerusalem, that we may no longer be a reproach."

2:18 And I told them of the hand of my God which had been good upon me, and also of the king's words that he had spoken to me. So they said, "Let us rise up and build." Then they set their hands to this good work.

2:19 But when Sanballat the Horonite, Tobiah the Ammonite official, and Geshem the Arab heard of it, they laughed at us and despised us, and said, "What is this thing that you are doing? Will you rebel against the king?"

2:20 So I answered them, and said to them, "The God of heaven Himself will

prosper us; therefore we His servants will arise and build, but you have no heritage or right or memorial in Jerusalem."

Nehemiah 3:

3:1 Then Eliashib the high priest rose up with his brethren the priests and built the Sheep Gate; they consecrated it and hung its doors. They built as far as the Tower of the Hundred, and consecrated it, then as far as the Tower of Hananel.

3:2 Next to Eliashib the men of Jericho built. And next to them Zaccur the son of Imri built.

3:3 Also the sons of Hassenaah built the Fish Gate; they laid its beams and hung its doors with its bolts and bars.

3:4 And next to them Meremoth the son of Urijah, the son of Koz, made repairs. Next to them Meshullam the son of Berechiah, the son of Meshezabel, made repairs. Next to them Zadok the son of Baana made repairs.

3:5 Next to them the Tekoites made repairs; but their nobles did not put their shoulders to the work of their Lord.

3:6 Moreover Jehoiada the son of Paseah and Meshullam the son of Besodeiah repaired the Old Gate; they laid its beams and hung its doors, with its bolts and bars.

3:7 And next to them Melatiah the Gibeonite, Jadon the Meronothite, the men of Gibeon and Mizpah, repaired the residence of the governor of the region beyond the River.

3:8 Next to him Uzziel the son of Harhaiah, one of the goldsmiths, made repairs. Also next to him Hananiah, one of the perfumers, made repairs; and they fortified Jerusalem as far as the Broad Wall.

3:9 And next to them Rephaiah the son of Hur, leader of half the district of Jerusalem, made repairs.

3:10 Next to them Jedaiah the son of Harumaph made repairs in front of his house. And next to him Hattush the son of Hashabniah made repairs.

3:11 Malchijah the son of Harim and Hashub the son of Pahath-Moab repaired another section, as well as the Tower of the Ovens.

3:12 And next to him was Shallum the son of Hallohesh, leader of half the district of Jerusalem; he and his daughters made repairs.

3:13 Hanun and the inhabitants of Zanoah repaired the Valley Gate. They built it, hung its doors with its bolts and bars, and repaired a thousand cubits of the wall as far as the Refuse Gate.

3:14 Malchijah the son of Rechab, leader of the district of Beth Haccerem, repaired the Refuse Gate; he built it and hung its doors with its bolts and bars.

3:15 Shallun the son of Col-Hozeh, leader of the district of Mizpah, repaired the Fountain Gate; he built it, covered it, hung its doors with its bolts and bars, and repaired the wall of the Pool of Shelah by the King's Garden, as far as the stairs that go down from the City of David.

3:16 After him Nehemiah the son of Azbuk, leader of half the district of Beth Zur, made repairs as far as the place in front of the tombs of David, to the man-made pool, and as far as the House of the Mighty.

3:17 After him the Levites, under Rehum the son of Bani, made repairs. Next to him Hashabiah, leader of half the district of Keilah, made repairs for his district.

3:18 After him their brethren, under Bavai the son of Henadad, leader of the other half of the district of Keilah, made repairs.

3:19 And next to him Ezer the son of Jeshua, the leader of Mizpah, repaired another section in front of the Ascent to the Armory at the buttress.

3:20 After him Baruch the son of Zabbai carefully repaired the other section, from the buttress to the door of the house of Eliashib the high priest.

3:21 After him Meremoth the son of Urijah, the son of Koz, repaired another

section, from the door of the house of Eliashib to the end of the house of Eliashib.

3:22 And after him the priests, the men of the plain, made repairs.

3:23 After him Benjamin and Hasshub made repairs opposite their house. After them Azariah the son of Maaseiah, the son of Ananiah, made repairs by his house.

3:24 After him Binnui the son of Henadad repaired another section, from the house of Azariah to the buttress, even as far as the corner.

3:25 Palal the son of Uzai made repairs opposite the buttress, and on the tower which projects from the king's upper house that was by the court of the prison. After him Pedaiah the son of Parosh made repairs.

3:26 Moreover the Nethinim who dwelt in Ophel made repairs as far as the place in front of the Water Gate toward the east, and on the projecting tower.

3:27 After them the Tekoites repaired another section, next to the great projecting tower, and as far as the wall of Ophel.

3:28 Beyond the Horse Gate the priests made repairs, each in front of his own house.

3:29 After them Zadok the son of Immer made repairs in front of his own house. After him Shemaiah the son of Shechaniah, the keeper of the East Gate, made repairs.

3:30 After him Hananiah the son of Shelemiah, and Hanun, the sixth son of Zalaph, repaired another section. After him Meshullam the son of Berechiah made repairs in front of his dwelling.

3:31 After him Malchijah, one of the goldsmiths, made repairs as far as the house of the Nethinim and of the merchants, in front of the Miphkad Gate, and as far as the upper room at the corner.

3:32 And between the upper room at the corner, as far as the Sheep Gate, the

goldsmiths and the merchants made repairs.

Nehemiah 4:

4:1 But it so happened, when Sanballat heard that we were rebuilding the wall, that he was furious and very indignant, and mocked the Israelites.

4:2 And he spoke before his brethren and the army of Samaria, and said, "What are these feeble Israelites doing? Will they fortify themselves? Will they offer sacrifices? Will they complete it in a day? Will they revive the stones from the heaps of rubbish-stones that are burned?"

4:3 Now Tobiah the Ammonite was beside him, and he said, "Whatever they build, if even a fox goes up on it, he will break down their stone wall."

4:4 Hear, O Yahweh our God, for we are despised; turn their reproach on their own heads, and give them as plunder to a land of captivity!

4:5 Do not cover their iniquity, and do not let their sin be blotted out from before You; for they have provoked You to anger before the builders.

4:6 So we built the wall, and the entire wall was joined together up to half its height, for the people had a mind to work.

4:7 Now it happened, when Sanballat, Tobiah, the Arabs, the Ammonites, and the Ashdodites heard that the walls of Jerusalem were being restored and the gaps were beginning to be closed, that they became very angry,

4:8 and all of them conspired together to come and attack Jerusalem and create confusion.

4:9 Nevertheless we made our prayer to our God, and because of them we set a watch against them day and night.

4:10 Then Judah said, "The strength of the laborers is failing, and there is so much rubbish that we are not able to build the wall."

4:11 And our adversaries said, "They will neither know nor see anything, till

we come into their midst and kill them and cause the work to cease."

4:12 So it was, when the Israelites who dwelt near them came, that they told us ten times, "From whatever place you turn, they will be upon us."

4:13 Therefore I positioned men behind the lower parts of the wall, at the openings; and I set the people according to their families, with their swords, their spears, and their bows.

4:14 And I looked, and arose and said to the nobles, to the leaders, and to the rest of the people, "Do not be afraid of them. Remember Yahweh, great and awesome, and fight for your brethren, your sons, your daughters, your wives, and your houses."

4:15 And it happened, when our enemies heard that it was known to us, and that Yahweh had brought their plot to nothing, that all of us returned to the wall, everyone to his work.

4:16 So it was, from that time on, that half of my servants worked at construction, while the other half held the spears, the shields, the bows, and wore armor; and the leaders were behind all the house of Judah.

4:17 Those who built on the wall, and those who carried burdens, loaded themselves so that with one hand they worked at construction, and with the other held a weapon.

4:18 Every one of the builders had his sword girded at his side as he built. And the one who sounded the trumpet was beside me.

4:19 Then I said to the nobles, the rulers, and the rest of the people, "The work is great and extensive, and we are separated far from one another on the wall.

4:20 "Wherever you hear the sound of the trumpet, rally to us there. Our God Yahweh will fight for us."

4:21 So we labored in the work, and half of the men held the spears from daybreak until the stars appeared.

4:22 At the same time I also said to the people, "Let each man and his servant stay at night in Jerusalem, that they may be our guard by night and a working party by day."

4:23 So neither I, my brethren, my servants, nor the men of the guard who followed me took off our clothes, except that everyone took them off for washing.

Nehemiah 5:

5:1 And there was a great outcry of the people and their wives against their Israelite brethren.

5:2 For there were those who said, "We, our sons, and our daughters are many; therefore let us get grain, that we may eat and live."

5:3 There were also some who said, "We have mortgaged our lands and vineyards and houses, that we might buy grain because of the famine."

5:4 There were also those who said, "We have borrowed money for the king's tax on our lands and vineyards."

5:5 "Yet now our flesh is as the flesh of our brethren, our children as their children; and indeed we are forcing our sons and daughters to be slaves, and some of our daughters into slavery. It is not in our power to redeem them, for other men have our lands and vineyards."

5:6 And I became very angry when I heard their outcry and these words.

5:7 After serious thought, I rebuked the nobles and rulers, and said to them, "Each of you is exacting usury from his brother." So I called a great assembly against them.

5:8 And I said to them, "According to our ability we have redeemed our Israelite brethren who were sold to the nations. Now indeed, will you even sell your brethren? Or should they be sold to us?" Then they were silenced and found nothing to say.

5:9 Then I said, "What you are doing is not good. Should you not walk in the fear of our God because of the reproach of the nations, our enemies?"

5:10 "I also, with my brethren and my servants, am lending them money and grain. Please, let us stop this usury!"

5:11 "Restore now to them, even this day, their lands, their vineyards, their olive groves, and their houses, also a hundredth of the money and the grain, the new wine and the oil, that you have charged them."

5:12 So they said, "We will restore it, and will require nothing from them; we will do as you say." Then I called the priests, and required an oath from them that they would do according to this promise.

5:13 Then I shook out the fold of my garment and said, "So may Yahweh shake out each man from his house, and from his property, who does not perform this promise. Even thus may he be shaken out and emptied." And all the assembly said, "Amam!" and praised Yahweh. Then the people did according to this promise.

5:14 Moreover, from the time that I was appointed to be their governor in the land of Judah, from the twentieth year until the thirty-second year of King Artaxerxes, twelve years, neither I nor my brothers ate the governor's provisions.

5:15 But the former governors who were before me laid burdens on the people, and took from them bread and wine, besides forty shekels of silver. Yes, even their servants bore rule over the people, but I did not do so, because of the fear of Yahweh.

5:16 Indeed, I also continued the work on this wall, and we did not buy any land. All my servants were gathered there for the work.

5:17 And at my table were one hundred and fifty Israelites and rulers, besides those who came to us from the nations around us.

5:18 Now that which was prepared daily was one ox and six choice sheep. Also fowl were prepared for me, and once every ten days an abundance of all

kinds of wine. Yet in spite of this I did not demand the governor's provisions, because the bondage was heavy on this people.

5:19 Remember me, my God, for good, according to all that I have done for this people.

Nehemiah 6:

6:1 Now it happened when Sanballat, Tobiah, Geshem the Arab, and the rest of our enemies heard that I had rebuilt the wall, and that there were no breaks left in it (*though at that time I had not hung the doors in the gates*),

6:2 that Sanballat and Geshem sent to me, saying, "Come, let us meet together among the villages in the plain of Ono." But they thought to do me harm.

6:3 So I sent messengers to them, saying, "I am doing a great work, so that I cannot come down. Why should the work cease while I leave it and go down to you?"

6:4 But they sent me this message four times, and I answered them in the same manner.

6:5 Then Sanballat sent his servant to me as before, the fifth time, with an open letter in his hand.

6:6 In it was written: It is reported among the nations, and Geshem says, that you and the Israelites plan to rebel; therefore, according to these rumors, you are rebuilding the wall, that you may be their king.

6:7 And you have also appointed prophets to proclaim concerning you at Jerusalem, saying, 'There is a king in Judah!' Now these matters will be reported to the king. So come, therefore, and let us consult together.

6:8 Then I sent to him, saying, "No such things as you say are being done, but you invent them in your own heart."

6:9 For they all were trying to make us afraid, saying, "Their hands will be weakened in the work, and it will not be done."

Now therefore, O Yahweh, strengthen my hands.

6:10 Afterward I came to the house of Shemaiah the son of Delaiah, the son of Mehetabel, who was a secret informer; and he said, "Let us meet together in the house of Yahweh, within the temple, and let us close the doors of the temple, for they are coming to kill you; indeed, at night they will come to kill you."

6:11 And I said, "Should such a man as I flee? And who is there such as I who would go into the temple to save his life? I will not go in!"

6:12 Then I perceived that Yahweh had not sent him at all, but that he pronounced this prophecy against me because Tobiah and Sanballat had hired him.

6:13 For this reason he was hired, that I should be afraid and act that way and sin, so that they might have cause for an evil report, that they might reproach me.

6:14 My God, remember Tobiah and Sanballat, according to these their works, and the prophetess Noadiah and the rest of the prophets who would have made me afraid.

6:15 So the wall was finished on the twenty-fifth day of Elul, in fifty-two days.

6:16 And it happened, when all our enemies heard of it, and all the nations around us saw these things, that they were very disheartened in their own eyes; for they perceived that this work was done by our God.

6:17 Also in those days the nobles of Judah sent many letters to Tobiah, and the letters of Tobiah came to them.

6:18 For many in Judah were pledged to him, because he was the son-in-law of Shechaniah the son of Arah, and his son Jehohanan had married the daughter of Meshullam the son of Berechiah.

6:19 Also they reported his good deeds before me, and reported my words to him. Tobiah sent letters to frighten me.

Nehemiah 7:

7:1 Then it was, when the wall was built and I had hung the doors, when the

gatekeepers, the singers, and the Levites had been appointed,
7:2 that I gave the charge of Jerusalem to my brother Hanani, and Hananiah the leader of the citadel, for he was a faithful man and feared Yahweh more than many.

7:3 And I said to them, "Do not let the gates of Jerusalem be opened until the sun is hot; and while they stand guard, let them shut and bar the doors; and appoint guards from among the inhabitants of Jerusalem, one at his watch station and another in front of his own house."

7:4 Now the city was large and spacious, but the people in it were few, and the houses were not rebuilt.

7:5 Then my God put it into my heart to gather the nobles, the rulers, and the people, that they might be registered by genealogy. And I found a register of the genealogy of those who had come up in the first return, and found written in it:

7:6 These are the people of the province who came back from the captivity, of those who had been carried away, whom Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon had carried away, and who returned to Jerusalem and Judah, everyone to his city.

7:7 Those who came with Zerubbabel were Jeshua, Nehemiah, Azariah, Raamiah, Nahamani, Mordecai, Bilshan, Mispereth, Bigvai, Nehum, and Baanah.

The number of the men of the people of Israel:

7:8 the sons of Parosh, two thousand one hundred and seventy-two;

7:9 the sons of Shephatiah, three hundred and seventy-two;

7:10 the sons of Arah, six hundred and fifty-two;

7:11 the sons of Pahath-Moab, of the sons of Jeshua and Joab, two thousand eight hundred and eighteen;

7:12 the sons of Elam, one thousand two hundred and fifty-four;

7:13 the sons of Zattu, eight hundred and forty-five;

7:14 the sons of Zaccai, seven hundred and sixty;

7:15 the sons of Binnui, six hundred and forty-eight;

7:16 the sons of Bebai, six hundred and twenty-eight;

7:17 the sons of Azgad, two thousand three hundred and twenty-two;

7:18 the sons of Adonikam, six hundred and sixty-seven;

7:19 the sons of Bigvai, two thousand and sixty-seven;

7:20 the sons of Adin, six hundred and fifty-five;

7:21 the sons of Ater of Hezekiah, ninety-eight;

7:22 the sons of Hashum, three hundred and twenty-eight;

7:23 the sons of Bezai, three hundred and twenty-four;

7:24 the sons of Hariph, one hundred and twelve;

7:25 the sons of Gibeon, ninety-five;

7:26 the men of Bethlehem and Netophah, one hundred and eighty-eight;

7:27 the men of Anathoth, one hundred and twenty-eight;

7:28 the men of Beth Azmaveth, forty-two;

7:29 the men of Kirjath Jearim, Chephirah, and Beeroth, seven hundred and forty-three;

7:30 the men of Ramah and Geba, six hundred and twenty-one;

7:31 the men of Michmas, one hundred and twenty-two;

7:32 the men of Bethel and Ai, one hundred and twenty-three;

7:33 the men of the other Nebo, fifty-two;

7:34 the sons of the other Elam, one thousand two hundred and fifty-four;

7:35 the sons of Harim, three hundred and twenty;

7:36 the sons of Jericho, three hundred and forty-five;

7:37 the sons of Lod, Hadid, and Ono, seven hundred and twenty-one;

7:38 the sons of Senaah, three thousand nine hundred and thirty.
7:39 The priests: the sons of Jedaiah, of the house of Jeshua, nine hundred and seventy-three;
7:40 the sons of Immer, one thousand and fifty-two;
7:41 the sons of Pashhur, one thousand two hundred and forty-seven;
7:42 the sons of Harim, one thousand and seventeen.
7:43 The Levites: the sons of Jeshua, of Kadmiel, and of the sons of Hodevah, seventy-four.
7:44 The singers: the sons of Asaph, one hundred and forty-eight.
7:45 The gatekeepers: the sons of Shallum, the sons of Ater, the sons of Talmon, the sons of Akkub, the sons of Hatita, the sons of Shobai, one hundred and thirty-eight.
7:46 The Nethinim: the sons of Ziha, the sons of Hasupha, the sons of Tabbaoth,
7:47 the sons of Keros, the sons of Sia, the sons of Padon,
7:48 the sons of Lebana, the sons of Hagaba, the sons of Salmal,
7:49 the sons of Hanan, the sons of Giddel, the sons of Gahar,
7:50 the sons of Reaiah, the sons of Rezin, the sons of Nekoda,
7:51 the sons of Gazzam, the sons of Uzza, the sons of Paseah,
7:52 the sons of Besai, the sons of Meunim, the sons of Nephishesim,
7:53 the sons of Bakbuk, the sons of Hakupha, the sons of Harhur,
7:54 the sons of Bazlith, the sons of Mehida, the sons of Harsha,
7:55 the sons of Barkos, the sons of Sisera, the sons of Tamah,
7:56 the sons of Nezhiah, and the sons of Hatipha.
7:57 The sons of Solomon's servants: the sons of Sotai, the sons of Sophereth, the sons of Perida,
7:58 the sons of Jaala, the sons of Darkon, the sons of Giddel,

7:59 the sons of Shephatiah, the sons of Hattil, the sons of Pochereth of Zebaim, and the sons of Amon.
7:60 All the Nethinim, and the sons of Solomon's servants, were three hundred and ninety-two.
7:61 And these were the ones who came up from Tel Melah, Tel Harsha, Cherub, Addon, and Immer, but they could not identify their father's house nor their lineage, whether they were of Israel:
7:62 the sons of Delaiah, the sons of Tobiah, the sons of Nekoda, six hundred and forty-two;
7:63 and of the priests: the sons of Habaiah, the sons of Koz, the sons of Barzillai, who took a wife of the daughters of Barzillai the Gileadite, and was called by their name.
7:64 These sought their listing among those who were registered by genealogy, but it was not found; therefore they were excluded from the priesthood as defiled.
7:65 And the governor said to them that they should not eat of the most holy things till a priest could consult with the Urim and Thummim.
7:66 Altogether the whole assembly was forty-two thousand three hundred and sixty,
7:67 besides their male and female servants, of whom there were seven thousand three hundred and thirty-seven; and they had two hundred and forty-five men and women singers.
7:68 Their horses were seven hundred and thirty-six, their mules two hundred and forty-five,
7:69 their camels four hundred and thirty-five, and donkeys six thousand seven hundred and twenty.
7:70 And some of the heads of the fathers' houses gave to the work. The governor gave to the treasury one thousand gold drachmas, fifty basins, and five hundred and thirty priestly garments.

7:71 Some of the heads of the fathers' houses gave to the treasury of the work twenty thousand gold drachmas, and two thousand two hundred silver minas.

7:72 And that which the rest of the people gave was twenty thousand gold drachmas, two thousand silver minas, and sixty-seven priestly garments.

7:73 So the priests, the Levites, the gatekeepers, the singers, some of the people, the Nethinim, and all Israel dwelt in their cities.

When the seventh month came, the children of Israel were in their cities.

Nehemiah 8:

8:1 Now all the people gathered together as one man in the open square that was in front of the Water Gate; and they told Ezra the scribe to bring the Book of the Law of Moses, which Yahweh had commanded Israel.

8:2 So Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly of men and women and all who could hear with understanding on the first day of the seventh month.

8:3 Then he read from it in the open square that was in front of the Water Gate from morning until midday, before the men and women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the Book of the Law.

8:4 So Ezra the scribe stood on a platform of wood which they had made for the purpose; and beside him, at his right hand, stood Mattithiah, Shema, Anaiah, Urijah, Hilkiah, and Maaseiah; and at his left hand Pedaiah, Mishael, Malchijah, Hashum, Hashbadana, Zechariah, and Meshullam.

8:5 And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up.

8:6 And Ezra blessed Yahweh, the great God. Then all the people answered, "Amam, Amam!" while lifting up their hands. And they bowed their heads and

worshiped Yahweh with their faces to the ground.

8:7 Also Jeshua, Bani, Sherebiah, Jamin, Akkub, Shabbethai, Hodijah, Maaseiah, Kelita, Azariah, Jozabad, Hanan, Pelaiah, and the Levites, helped the people to understand the Law; and the people stood in their place.

8:8 So they read distinctly from the book, in the Law of Yahweh; and they gave the sense, and helped them to understand the reading.

8:9 And Nehemiah, who was the governor, Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to Yahweh your God; do not mourn nor weep." For all the people wept, when they heard the words of the Law.

8:10 Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat, drink the sweet, and send portions to those for whom nothing is prepared; for this day is holy to our Yahweh. Do not sorrow, for the joy of Yahweh is your strength."

8:11 So the Levites quieted all the people, saying, "Be still, for the day is holy; do not be grieved."

8:12 And all the people went their way to eat and drink, to send portions and rejoice greatly, because they understood the words that were declared to them.

8:13 Now on the second day the heads of the fathers' houses of all the people, with the priests and Levites, were gathered to Ezra the scribe, in order to understand the words of the Law.

8:14 And they found written in the Law, which Yahweh had commanded by Moses, that the children of Israel should dwell in booths during the feast of the seventh month,

8:15 and that they should announce and proclaim in all their cities and in Jerusalem, saying, "Go out to the mountain, and bring olive branches, branches of oil trees, myrtle branches, palm branches, and branches of leafy trees, to make booths, as it is written."

8:16 Then the people went out and brought them and made themselves booths, each one on the roof of his house, or in their courtyards or the courts of the house of Yahweh, and in the open square of the Water Gate and in the open square of the Gate of Ephraim.

8:17 So the whole assembly of those who had returned from the captivity made booths and sat under the booths; for since the days of Joshua the son of Nun until that day the children of Israel had not done so. And there was very great gladness.

8:18 Also day by day, from the first day until the last day, he read from the Book of the Law of Yahweh. And they kept the feast seven days; and on the eighth day there was a sacred assembly, according to the prescribed manner.

Nehemiah 9:

9:1 Now on the twenty-fourth day of this month the children of Israel were assembled with fasting, in sackcloth, and with dust on their heads.

9:2 Then those of Israelite lineage separated themselves from all foreigners; and they stood and confessed their sins and the iniquities of their fathers.

9:3 And they stood up in their place and read from the Book of the Law of Yahweh their God for one-fourth of the day; and for another fourth they confessed and worshiped Yahweh their God.

9:4 Then Jeshua, Bani, Kadmiel, Shebaniah, Bunni, Sherebiah, Bani, and Chenani stood on the stairs of the Levites and cried out with a loud voice to Yahweh their God.

9:5 And the Levites, Jeshua, Kadmiel, Bani, Hashabniah, Sherebiah, Hodijah, Shebaniah, and Pethahiah, said: "Stand up and bless Yahweh your God Forever and ever!

"Blessed be Your glorious name, Which is exalted above all blessing and praise!

9:6 You alone are Yahweh; You have made heaven, The heaven of skies, with all their host, The earth and everything on it, The seas and all that is in them, And You preserve them all.

The host of heaven worships You.

9:7 "You are Yahweh our God, Who chose Abram, And brought him out of Ur of the Chaldeans,

And gave him the name Abraham;

9:8 You found his heart faithful before You,

And made a covenant with him To give the land of the Canaanites,

The Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Jebusites, And the Girgashites-

To give it to his descendants.

You have performed Your words, For You are righteous.

9:9 "You saw the affliction of our fathers in Egypt,

And heard their cry by the Red Sea.

9:10 You showed signs and wonders against Pharaoh,

Against all his servants,

And against all the people of his land.

For You knew that they acted proudly against them.

So You made a name for Yourself, as it is this day.

9:11 And You divided the sea before them,

So that they went through the midst of the sea on the dry land;

And their persecutors You threw into the deep,

As a stone into the mighty waters.

9:12 Moreover You led them by day with a cloudy pillar,

And by night with a pillar of fire,

To give them light on the road

Which they should travel.

9:13 "You came down also on Mount Sinai,

And spoke with them from the sky,

And gave them just ordinances and true laws,

Good statutes and commandments.
9:14 You made known to them Your holy Sabbath,
And commanded them precepts, statutes and laws,
By the hand of Moses Your servant.
9:15 You gave them bread from the sky for their hunger,
And brought them water out of the rock for their thirst,
And told them to go in to possess the land
Which You had sworn to give them.
9:16 "But they and our fathers acted proudly,
Hardened their necks,
And did not heed Your commandments.
9:17 They refused to obey,
And they were not mindful of Your wonders
That You did among them.
But they hardened their necks,
And in their rebellion
They appointed a leader
To return to their bondage.
But You are Yahweh,
Ready to pardon,
Gracious and merciful,
Slow to anger,
Abundant in kindness,
And did not forsake them.
9:18 "Even when they made a molded calf for themselves,
And said, 'This is your god
That brought you up out of Egypt,'
And worked great provocations,
9:19 Yet in Your manifold mercies
You did not forsake them in the wilderness.
The pillar of the cloud did not depart from them by day,
To lead them on the road;
Nor the pillar of fire by night,
To show them light,
And the way they should go.
9:20 You also gave Your good Spirit to instruct them,
And did not withhold Your manna from their mouth,
And gave them water for their thirst.

9:21 Forty years You sustained them in the wilderness,
They lacked nothing;
Their clothes did not wear out
And their feet did not swell.
9:22 "Moreover You gave them kingdoms and nations,
And divided them into districts.
So they took possession of the land of Sihon,
The land of the king of Heshbon,
And the land of Og king of Bashan.
9:23 You also multiplied their children as the stars of the sky,
And brought them into the land
Which You had told their fathers
To go in and possess.
9:24 So the people went in
And possessed the land;
You subdued before them the inhabitants of the land,
The Canaanites,
And gave them into their hands,
With their kings
And the people of the land,
That they might do with them as they wished.
9:25 And they took strong cities and a rich land,
And possessed houses full of all goods,
Cisterns already dug, vineyards, olive groves,
And fruit trees in abundance.
So they ate and were filled and grew fat,
And delighted themselves in Your great goodness.
9:26 "Nevertheless they were disobedient
And rebelled against You,
Cast Your law behind their backs
And killed Your prophets, who testified against them
To turn them to Yourself;
And they worked great provocations.
9:27 Therefore You delivered them into the hand of their enemies,
Who oppressed them;
And in the time of their trouble,
When they cried to You,
You heard from heaven;

And according to Your abundant mercies
You gave them deliverers who saved them
From the hand of their enemies.
9:28 "But after they had rest,
They again did evil before You.
Therefore You left them in the hand of their enemies,
So that they had dominion over them;
Yet when they returned and cried out to You,
You heard from heaven;
And many times You delivered them according to Your mercies,
9:29 And testified against them,
That You might bring them back to Your law.
Yet they acted proudly,
And did not heed Your commandments,
But sinned against Your judgments,
'Which if a man does, he shall live by them.'
And they shrugged their shoulders,
Stiffened their necks,
And would not hear.
9:30 Yet for many years You had patience with them,
And testified against them by Your Spirit in Your prophets.
Yet they would not listen;
Therefore You gave them into the hand of the peoples of the lands.
9:31 Nevertheless in Your great mercy
You did not utterly consume them nor forsake them;
For You are Yahweh, gracious and merciful.
9:32 "Now therefore, our God,
The great, the mighty, and awesome Yahweh,
Who keeps covenant and mercy:
Do not let all the trouble seem small before You
That has come upon us,
Our kings and our princes,
Our priests and our prophets,
Our fathers and on all Your people, from the days of the kings of Assyria until this day.

9:33 However You are just in all that has befallen us;
For You have dealt faithfully,
But we have done wickedly.
9:34 Neither our kings nor our princes,
Our priests nor our fathers,
Have kept Your law,
Nor heeded Your commandments and Your testimonies,
With which You testified against them.
9:35 For they have not served You in their kingdom,
Or in the many good things that You gave them,
Or in the large and rich land which You set before them;
Nor did they turn from their wicked works.
9:36 "Here we are, servants today!
And the land that You gave to our fathers,
To eat its fruit and its bounty,
Here we are, servants in it!
9:37 And it yields much increase to the kings
You have set over us,
Because of our sins;
Also they have dominion over our bodies and our cattle
At their pleasure;
And we are in great distress.
9:38 "And because of all this,
We make a sure covenant, and write it;
our leaders, our Levites, and our priests seal it."
Nehemiah 10:
10:1 Now those who placed their seal on the document were: Nehemiah the governor, the son of Hacaliah, and Zedekiah,
10:2 Seraiah, Azariah, Jeremiah,
10:3 Pashhur, Amariah, Malchijah,
10:4 Hattush, Shebaniah, Malluch,
10:5 Harim, Meremoth, Obadiah,
10:6 Daniel, Ginnethon, Baruch,
10:7 Meshullam, Abijah, Mijamin,
10:8 Maaziah, Bilgai, and Shemaiah.
These were the priests.

10:9 The Levites: Jeshua the son of Azaniah, Binnui of the sons of Henadad, and Kadmiel.

10:10 Their brethren: Shebaniah, Hodijah, Kelita, Pelaiiah, Hanan,

10:11 Micha, Rehob, Hashabiah,

10:12 Zaccur, Sherebiah, Shebaniah,

10:13 Hodijah, Bani, and Beninu.

10:14 The leaders of the people: Parosh, Pahath-Moab, Elam, Zattu, Bani,

10:15 Bunni, Azgad, Bebai,

10:16 Adonijah, Bigvai, Adin,

10:17 Ater, Hezekiah, Azzur,

10:18 Hodijah, Hashum, Bezai,

10:19 Hariph, Anathoth, Nebai,

10:20 Magpiash, Meshullam, Hezir,

10:21 Meshezabel, Zadok, Jaddua,

10:22 Pelatiah, Hanan, Anaiah,

10:23 Hoshea, Hananiah, Hasshub,

10:24 Hallohesh, Pilha, Shobek,

10:25 Rehum, Hashabnah, Maaseiah,

10:26 Ahijah, Hanan, Anan,

10:27 Malluch, Harim, and Baanah.

10:28 Now the rest of the people—the priests, the Levites, the gatekeepers, the singers, the Nethinim, and all those who had separated themselves from the peoples of the lands to the Law of Yahweh, their wives, their sons, and their daughters, everyone who had knowledge and understanding—

10:29 these joined with their brethren, their nobles, and entered into a curse and an oath to walk in Yahweh's Law, which was given by Moses the servant of Yahweh, and to observe and do all the commandments of Yahweh our Lord, and His ordinances and His statutes:

10:30 We would not give our daughters as wives to the peoples of the land, nor take their daughters for our sons;

10:31 if the peoples of the land brought wares or any grain to sell on the Sabbath day, we would not buy it from them on the Sabbath, or on a holy day; and we would forego the seventh year's produce and the exacting of every debt.

10:32 Also we made ordinances for ourselves, to exact from ourselves yearly one-third of a shekel for the service of the house of our God:

10:33 for the showbread, for the regular grain offering, for the regular burnt offering of the Sabbaths, the New Moons, and the set feasts; for the holy things, for the sin offerings to make atonement for Israel, and all the work of the house of our God.

10:34 We cast lots among the priests, the Levites, and the people, for bringing the wood offering into the house of our God, according to our fathers' houses, at the appointed times year by year, to burn on the altar of Yahweh our God as it is written in the Law.

10:35 And we made ordinances to bring the firstfruits of our ground and the firstfruits of all fruit of all trees, year by year, to the house of Yahweh;

10:36 to bring the firstborn of our sons and our cattle, as it is written in the Law, and the firstborn of our herds and our flocks, to the house of our God, to the priests who minister in the house of our God;

10:37 to bring the firstfruits of our dough, our offerings, the fruit from all kinds of trees, the new wine and oil, to the priests, to the storerooms of the house of our God; and to bring the tithes of our land to the Levites, for the Levites should receive the tithes in all our farming communities.

10:38 And the priest, the descendant of Aaron, shall be with the Levites when the Levites receive tithes; and the Levites shall bring up a tenth of the tithes to the house of our God, to the rooms of the storehouse.

10:39 For the children of Israel and the children of Levi shall bring the offering of the grain, of the new wine and the oil, to the storerooms where the articles of the sanctuary are, where the priests who minister and the gatekeepers and the singers are; and we will not neglect the house of our God.

Nehemiah 11:

11:1 Now the leaders of the people dwelt at Jerusalem; the rest of the people cast lots to bring one out of ten to dwell in Jerusalem, the holy city, and nine-tenths were to dwell in other cities.

11:2 And the people blessed all the men who willingly offered themselves to dwell at Jerusalem.

11:3 These are the heads of the province who dwelt in Jerusalem. (*But in the cities of Judah everyone dwelt in his own possession in their cities-Israelites, priests, Levites, Nethinim, and descendants of Solomon's servants.*)

11:4 Also in Jerusalem dwelt some of the children of Judah and of the children of Benjamin.

The children of Judah: Athaiah the son of Uzziah, the son of Zechariah, the son of Amariah, the son of Shephatiah, the son of Mahalalel, of the children of Perez;

11:5 and Maaseiah the son of Baruch, the son of Col-Hozeh, the son of Hazaiah, the son of Adaiah, the son of Joiarib, the son of Zechariah, the son of Shiloni.

11:6 All the sons of Perez who dwelt at Jerusalem were four hundred and sixty-eight valiant men.

11:7 And these are the sons of Benjamin: Sallu the son of Meshullam, the son of Joed, the son of Pedaiah, the son of Kolaiah, the son of Maaseiah, the son of Ithiel, the son of Jeshaiah;

11:8 and after him Gabbai and Sallai, nine hundred and twenty-eight.

11:9 Joel the son of Zichri was their overseer, and Judah the son of Senuah was second over the city.

11:10 Of the priests: Jedaiah the son of Joiarib, and Jachin;

11:11 Seraiah the son of Hilkiyah, the son of Meshullam, the son of Zadok, the son of Meraioth, the son of Ahitub, was the leader of the house of Yahweh.

11:12 Their brethren who did the work of the house were eight hundred and twenty-two; and Adaiah the son of

Jeroham, the son of Pelaliah, the son of Amzi, the son of Zechariah, the son of Pashhur, the son of Malchijah,

11:13 and his brethren, heads of the fathers' houses, were two hundred and forty-two; and Amashai the son of Azarel, the son of Ahzai, the son of Meshillemoth, the son of Immer, **11:14** and their brethren, mighty men of valor, were one hundred and twenty-eight. Their overseer was Zabdiel the son of one of the great men.

11:15 Also of the Levites: Shemaiah the son of Hasshub, the son of Azrikam, the son of Hashabiah, the son of Bunni; **11:16** Shabbethai and Jozabad, of the heads of the Levites, had the oversight of the business outside of the house of Yahweh;

11:17 Mattaniah the son of Micha, the son of Zabdi, the son of Asaph, the leader who began the thanksgiving with prayer; Bakbukiah, the second among his brethren; and Abda the son of Shammua, the son of Galal, the son of Jeduthun.

11:18 All the Levites in the holy city were two hundred and eighty-four.

11:19 Moreover the gatekeepers, Akkub, Talmon, and their brethren who kept the gates, were one hundred and seventy-two.

11:20 And the rest of Israel, of the priests and Levites, were in all the cities of Judah, everyone in his inheritance.

11:21 But the Nethinim dwelt in Ophel. And Ziha and Gishpa were over the Nethinim.

11:22 Also the overseer of the Levites at Jerusalem was Uzzi the son of Bani, the son of Hashabiah, the son of Mattaniah, the son of Micha, of the sons of Asaph, the singers in charge of the service of the house of Yahweh.

11:23 For it was the king's command concerning them that a certain portion should be for the singers, a quota day by day.

11:24 Pethahiah the son of Meshezabel, of the children of Zerah the son of

Judah, was the king's deputy in all matters concerning the people.

11:25 And as for the villages with their fields, some of the children of Judah dwelt in Kirjath Arba and its villages, Dibon and its villages, Jekabzeel and its villages;

11:26 in Jeshua, Moladah, Beth Pelet,

11:27 Hazar Shual, and Beersheba and its villages;

11:28 in Ziklag and Meconah and its villages;

11:29 in En Rimmon, Zorah, Jarmuth,

11:30 Zanoah, Adullam, and their villages; in Lachish and its fields; in Azekah and its villages. They dwelt from Beersheba to the Valley of Hinnom.

11:31 Also the children of Benjamin from Geba dwelt in Michmash, Aija, and Bethel, and their villages;

11:32 in Anathoth, Nob, Ananiah;

11:33 in Hazor, Ramah, Gittaim;

11:34 in Hadid, Zeboim, Neballat;

11:35 in Lod, Ono, and the Valley of Craftsmen.

11:36 Some of the Judean divisions of Levites were in Benjamin.

Nehemiah 12:

12:1 Now these are the priests and the Levites who came up with Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, and Jeshua:

Seraiah, Jeremiah, Ezra,

12:2 Amariah, Malluch, Hattush,

12:3 Shechaniah, Rehum, Meremoth,

12:4 Iddo, Ginnethoi, Abijah,

12:5 Mijamin, Maadiah, Bilgah,

12:6 Shemaiah, Joiarib, Jedaiah,

12:7 Sallu, Amok, Hilkiah, and Jedaiah.

These were the heads of the priests and their brethren in the days of Jeshua.

12:8 Moreover the Levites were Jeshua, Binnui, Kadmiel, Sherebiah, Judah, and Mattaniah who led the thanksgiving psalms, he and his brethren.

12:9 Also Bakbukiah and Unni, their brethren, stood across from them in their duties.

12:10 Jeshua begot Joiakim, Joiakim begot Eliashib, Eliashib begot Joiada,

12:11 Joiada begot Jonathan, and Jonathan begot Jaddua.

12:12 Now in the days of Joiakim, the priests, the heads of the fathers' houses were: of Seraiah, Meraiah; of Jeremiah, Hananiah;

12:13 of Ezra, Meshullam; of Amariah, Jehohanan;

12:14 of Melichu, Jonathan; of Shebaniah, Joseph;

12:15 of Harim, Adna; of Meraioth, Helkai;

12:16 of Iddo, Zechariah; of Ginnethon, Meshullam;

12:17 of Abijah, Zichri; the son of Minjamin; of Moadiah, Piltai;

12:18 of Bilgah, Shammua; of Shemaiah, Jehonathan;

12:19 of Joiarib, Mattenai; of Jedaiah, Uzzi;

12:20 of Sallai, Kallai; of Amok, Eber;

12:21 of Hilkiah, Hashabiah; and of Jedaiah, Nethanel.

12:22 During the reign of Darius the Persian, a record was also kept of the Levites and priests who had been heads of their fathers' houses in the days of Eliashib, Joiada, Johanan, and Jaddua.

12:23 The sons of Levi, the heads of the fathers' houses until the days of Johanan the son of Eliashib, were written in the book of the chronicles.

12:24 And the heads of the Levites were Hashabiah, Sherebiah, and Jeshua the son of Kadmiel, with their brothers across from them, to praise and give thanks, group alternating with group, according to the command of David the man of Yahweh.

12:25 Mattaniah, Bakbukiah, Obadiah, Meshullam, Talmon, and Akkub were gatekeepers keeping the watch at the storerooms of the gates.

12:26 These lived in the days of Joiakim the son of Jeshua, the son of Jozadak, and in the days of Nehemiah the governor, and of Ezra the priest, the scribe.

12:27 Now at the dedication of the wall of Jerusalem they sought out the Levites

in all their places, to bring them to Jerusalem to celebrate the dedication with gladness, both with thanksgivings and singing, with cymbals and stringed instruments and harps.

12:28 And the sons of the singers gathered together from the countryside around Jerusalem, from the villages of the Netophathites,

12:29 from the house of Gilgal, and from the fields of Geba and Azmaveth; for the singers had built themselves villages all around Jerusalem.

12:30 Then the priests and Levites purified themselves, and purified the people, the gates, and the wall.

12:31 So I brought the leaders of Judah up on the wall, and appointed two large thanksgiving choirs. One went to the right hand on the wall toward the Refuse Gate.

12:32 After them went Hoshaiah and half of the leaders of Judah,

12:33 and Azariah, Ezra, Meshullam,

12:34 Judah, Benjamin, Shemaiah, Jeremiah,

12:35 and some of the priests' sons with trumpets -Zechariah the son of Jonathan, the son of Shemaiah, the son of Mattaniah, the son of Michaiah, the son of Zaccur, the son of Asaph,

12:36 and his brethren, Shemaiah, Azarel, Milalai, Gilalai, Maai, Nethanel, Judah, and Hanani, with the musical instruments of David the man of Yahweh. Ezra the scribe went before them.

12:37 By the Fountain Gate, in front of them, they went up the stairs of the City of David, on the stairway of the wall, beyond the house of David, as far as the Water Gate eastward.

12:38 The other thanksgiving choir went the opposite way, and I was behind them with half of the people on the wall, going past the Tower of the Ovens as far as the Broad Wall,

12:39 and above the Gate of Ephraim, above the Old Gate, above the Fish Gate, the Tower of Hananel, the Tower

of the Hundred, as far as the Sheep Gate; and they stopped by the Gate of the Prison.

12:40 So the two thanksgiving choirs stood in the house of Yahweh, likewise I and the half of the rulers with me;

12:41 and the priests, Eliakim, Maaseiah, Minjamin, Michaiah, Elioenai, Zechariah, and Hananiah, with trumpets;

12:42 also Maaseiah, Shemaiah, Eleazar, Uzzi, Jehohanan, Malchijah, Elam, and Ezer. The singers sang loudly with Jezrahiah the director.

12:43 Also that day they offered great sacrifices, and rejoiced, for Yahweh had made them rejoice with great joy; the women and the children also rejoiced, so that the joy of Jerusalem was heard afar off.

12:44 And at the same time some were appointed over the rooms of the storehouse for the offerings, the firstfruits, and the tithes, to gather into them from the fields of the cities the portions specified by the Law for the priests and Levites; for Judah rejoiced over the priests and Levites who ministered.

12:45 Both the singers and the gatekeepers kept the charge of their God and the charge of the purification, according to the command of David and Solomon his son.

12:46 For in the days of David and Asaph of old there were chiefs of the singers, and songs of praise and thanksgiving to Yahweh.

12:47 In the days of Zerubbabel and in the days of Nehemiah all Israel gave the portions for the singers and the gatekeepers, a portion for each day. They also consecrated holy things for the Levites, and the Levites consecrated them for the children of Aaron.

Nehemiah 13:

13:1 On that day they read from the Book of Moses in the hearing of the people, and in it was found written that

no Ammonite or Moabite should ever come into the assembly of Yahweh, **13:2** because they had not met the children of Israel with bread and water, but hired Balaam against them to curse them. However, our God turned the curse into a blessing.

13:3 So it was, when they had heard the Law, that they separated all the mixed multitude from Israel.

13:4 Now before this, Eliashib the priest, having authority over the storerooms of the house of our God, was allied with Tobiah.

13:5 And he had prepared for him a large room, where previously they had stored the grain offerings, the frankincense, the articles, the tithes of grain, the new wine and oil, which were commanded to be given to the Levites and singers and gatekeepers, and the offerings for the priests.

13:6 But during all this I was not in Jerusalem, for in the thirty-second year of Artaxerxes king of Babylon I had returned to the king. Then after certain days I obtained leave from the king,

13:7 and I came to Jerusalem and discovered the evil that Eliashib had done for Tobiah, in preparing a room for him in the courts of the house of Yahweh.

13:8 And it grieved me bitterly; therefore I threw all the household goods of Tobiah out of the room.

13:9 Then I commanded them to cleanse the rooms; and I brought back into them the articles of the house of Yahweh, with the grain offering and the frankincense.

13:10 I also realized that the portions for the Levites had not been given them; for each of the Levites and the singers who did the work had gone back to his field.

13:11 So I contended with the rulers, and said, "Why is the house of Yahweh forsaken?" And I gathered them together and set them in their place.

13:12 Then all Judah brought the tithe of the grain and the new wine and the oil to the storehouse.

13:13 And I appointed as treasurers over the storehouse Shelemiah the priest and Zadok the scribe, and of the Levites, Pedaiah; and next to them was Hanan the son of Zaccur, the son of Mattaniah; for they were considered faithful, and their task was to distribute to their brethren.

13:14 Remember me, O my God, concerning this, and do not wipe out my good deeds that I have done for the house of my God, and for its services!

13:15 In those days I saw people in Judah treading wine presses on the Sabbath, and bringing in sheaves, and loading donkeys with wine, grapes, figs, and all kinds of burdens, which they brought into Jerusalem on the Sabbath day. And I warned them about the day on which they were selling provisions.

13:16 Men of Tyre dwelt there also, who brought in fish and all kinds of goods, and sold them on the Sabbath to the children of Judah, and in Jerusalem.

13:17 Then I contended with the nobles of Judah, and said to them, "What evil thing is this that you do, by which you profane the Sabbath day?"

13:18 "Did not your fathers do thus, and did not our God bring all this disaster on us and on this city? Yet you bring added wrath on Israel by profaning the Sabbath."

13:19 So it was, at the gates of Jerusalem, as it began to be dark before the Sabbath, that I commanded the gates to be shut, and charged that they must not be opened till after the Sabbath. Then I posted some of my servants at the gates, so that no burdens would be brought in on the Sabbath day.

13:20 Now the merchants and sellers of all kinds of wares lodged outside Jerusalem once or twice.

13:21 Then I warned them, and said to them, "Why do you spend the night

around the wall? If you do so again, I will lay hands on you!" From that time on they came no more on the Sabbath.

13:22 And I commanded the Levites that they should cleanse themselves, and that they should go and guard the gates, to sanctify the Sabbath day. Remember me, O my God, concerning this also, and spare me according to the greatness of Your mercy!

13:23 In those days I also saw Israelites who had married women of Ashdod, Ammon, and Moab.

13:24 And half of their children spoke the language of Ashdod, and could not speak the language of Judah, but spoke according to the language of one or the other people.

13:25 So I contended with them and cursed them, struck some of them and pulled out their hair, and made them swear by Yahweh, saying, "You shall not give your daughters as wives to their sons, nor take their daughters for your sons or yourselves.

13:26 "Did not Solomon king of Israel sin by these things? Yet among many nations there was no king like him, who was beloved of his God; and God made him king over all Israel. Nevertheless pagan women caused even him to sin.

13:27 "Should we then hear of your doing all this great evil, transgressing against Yahweh our God by marrying pagan women?"

13:28 And one of the sons of Joiada, the son of Eliashib the high priest, was a son-in-law of Sanballat the Horonite; therefore I drove him from me.

13:29 Remember them, O my God, because they have defiled the priesthood and the covenant of the priesthood and the Levites.

13:30 Thus I cleansed them of everything pagan. I also assigned duties to the priests and the Levites, each to his service,

13:31 and to bringing the wood offering and the firstfruits at appointed times.

Remember me, O Yahweh my God, for good!

1 Chronicles 1:

1:1 Adam, Seth, Enosh,

1:2 Cainan, Mahalalel, Jared,

1:3 Enoch, Methuselah, Lamech,

1:4 Noah, Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

1:5 The sons of Japheth were Gomer, Magog, Madai, Javan, Tubal, Meshech, and Tiras.

1:6 The sons of Gomer were Ashkenaz, Diphath, and Togarmah.

1:7 The sons of Javan were Elishah, Tarshishah, Kittim, and Rodanim.

1:8 The sons of Ham were Cush, Mizraim, Put, and Canaan.

1:9 The sons of Cush were Seba, Havilah, Sabta, Raama, and Sabtecha. The sons of Raama were Sheba and Dedan.

1:10 Cush begot Nimrod; he began to be a mighty one on the earth.

1:11 Mizraim begot Ludim, Anamim, Lehabim, Naphtuhim,

1:12 Pathrusim, Casluhim (from whom came the Philistines and the Caphtorim).

1:13 Canaan begot Sidon, his firstborn, and Heth;

1:14 the Jebusite, the Amorite, and the Gergashite;

1:15 the Hivite, the Arkite, and the Sinite;

1:16 the Arvadite, the Zemarite, and the Hamathite.

1:17 The sons of Shem were Elam, Asshur, Arphaxad, Lud, Aram, Uz, Hul, Gether, and Meshech.

1:18 Arphaxad begot Shelah, and Shelah begot Eber.

1:19 To Eber were born two sons: the name of one was Peleg, for in his days the earth was divided; and his brother's name was Joktan.

1:20 Joktan begot Almodad, Sheleph, Hazarmaveth, Jerah,

1:21 Hadoram, Uzal, Diklah,

1:22 Ebal, Abimael, Sheba,

1:23 Ophir, Havilah, and Jobab. All these were the sons of Joktan.
1:24 Shem, Arphaxad, Shelah,
1:25 Eber, Peleg, Reu,
1:26 Serug, Nahor, Terah,
1:27 and Abram, who is Abraham.
1:28 The sons of Abraham were Isaac and Ishmael.
1:29 These are their genealogies: The firstborn of Ishmael was Nebajoth; then Kedar, Adbeel, Mibsam,
1:30 Mishma, Dumah, Massa, Hadad, Tema,
1:31 Jetur, Naphish, and Kedemah. These were the sons of Ishmael.
1:32 Now the sons born to Keturah, Abraham's concubine, were Zimran, Jokshan, Medan, Midian, Ishbak, and Shuah. The sons of Jokshan were Sheba and Dedan.
1:33 The sons of Midian were Ephah, Epher, Hanoch, Abida, and Eldaah. All these were the children of Keturah.
1:34 And Abraham begot Isaac. The sons of Isaac were Esau and Israel.
1:35 The sons of Esau were Eliphaz, Reuel, Jeush, Jaalam, and Korah.
1:36 And the sons of Eliphaz were Teman, Omar, Zephi, Gatam, and Kenaz; and by Timna, Amalek.
1:37 The sons of Reuel were Nahath, Zerah, Shammah, and Mizzah.
1:38 The sons of Seir were Lotan, Shobal, Zibeon, Anah, Dishon, Ezer, and Dishan.
1:39 And the sons of Lotan were Hori and Homam; Lotan's sister was Timna.
1:40 The sons of Shobal were Alian, Manahath, Ebal, Shephi, and Onam. The sons of Zibeon were Ajah and Anah.
1:41 The son of Anah was Dishon. The sons of Dishon were Hamran, Eshban, Ithran, and Cheran.
1:42 The sons of Ezer were Bilhan, Zaavan, and Jaakan. The sons of Dishan were Uz and Aran.
1:43 Now these were the kings who reigned in the land of Edom before a king reigned over the children of Israel:

Bela the son of Beor, and the name of his city was Dinhabah.
1:44 And when Bela died, Jobab the son of Zerah of Bozrah reigned in his place.
1:45 When Jobab died, Husham of the land of the Temanites reigned in his place.
1:46 And when Husham died, Hadad the son of Bedad, who attacked Midian in the field of Moab, reigned in his place. The name of his city was Avith.
1:47 When Hadad died, Samlah of Masrekah reigned in his place.
1:48 And when Samlah died, Saul of Rehoboth-by-the-River reigned in his place.
1:49 When Saul died, Baal-Hanan the son of Achbor reigned in his place.
1:50 And when Baal-Hanan died, Hadad reigned in his place; and the name of his city was Pai. His wife's name was Mehetabel the daughter of Matred, the daughter of Mezahab.
1:51 Hadad died also. And the chiefs of Edom were Chief Timnah, Chief Aliah, Chief Jetheth,
1:52 Chief Aholibamah, Chief Elah, Chief Pinon,
1:53 Chief Kenaz, Chief Teman, Chief Mibzar,
1:54 Chief Magdiel, and Chief Iram. These were the chiefs of Edom.

1 Chronicles 2:

2:1 These were the sons of Israel: Reuben, Simeon, Levi, Judah, Issachar, Zebulun,
2:2 Dan, Joseph, Benjamin, Naphtali, Gad, and Asher.
2:3 The sons of Judah were Er, Onan, and Shelah. These three were born to him by the daughter of Shua, the Canaanitess. Er, the firstborn of Judah, was wicked in the sight of Yahweh; so He killed him.
2:4 And Tamar, his daughter-in-law, bore him Perez and Zerah. All the sons of Judah were five.
2:5 The sons of Perez were Hezron and Hamul.

2:6 The sons of Zerah were Zimri, Ethan, Heman, Calcol, and Dara-five of them in all.

2:7 The son of Carmi was Achar, the troubler of Israel, who transgressed in the accursed thing.

2:8 The son of Ethan was Azariah.

2:9 Also the sons of Hezron who were born to him were Jerahmeel, Ram, and Chelubai.

2:10 Ram begot Amminadab, and Amminadab begot Nahshon, leader of the children of Judah;

2:11 Nahshon begot Salma, and Salma begot Boaz;

2:12 Boaz begot Obed, and Obed begot Jesse;

2:13 Jesse begot Eliab his firstborn, Abinadab the second, Shimea the third,

2:14 Nethanel the fourth, Raddai the fifth,

2:15 Ozem the sixth, and David the seventh.

2:16 Now their sisters were Zeruiah and Abigail. And the sons of Zeruiah were Abishai, Joab, and Asahel-three.

2:17 Abigail bore Amasa; and the father of Amasa was Jether the Ishmaelite.

2:18 Caleb the son of Hezron had children by Azubah, his wife, and by Jerioth. Now these were her sons: Jeshur, Shobab, and Ardon.

2:19 When Azubah died, Caleb took Ephrath as his wife, who bore him Hur.

2:20 And Hur begot Uri, and Uri begot Bezalel.

2:21 Now afterward Hezron went in to the daughter of Machir the father of Gilead, whom he married when he was sixty years old; and she bore him Segub.

2:22 Segub begot Jair, who had twenty-three cities in the land of Gilead.

2:23 (*Geshur and Syria took from them the towns of Jair, with Kenath and its towns-sixty towns.*) All these belonged to the sons of Machir the father of Gilead.

2:24 After Hezron died in Caleb Ephrathah, Hezron's wife Abijah bore him Ashhur the father of Tekoa.

2:25 The sons of Jerahmeel, the firstborn of Hezron, were Ram, the firstborn, and Bunah, Oren, Ozem, and Ahijah.

2:26 Jerahmeel had another wife, whose name was Atarah; she was the mother of Onam.

2:27 The sons of Ram, the firstborn of Jerahmeel, were Maaz, Jamin, and Eker.

2:28 The sons of Onam were Shammai and Jada. The sons of Shammai were Nadab and Abishur.

2:29 And the name of the wife of Abishur was Abihail, and she bore him Ahban and Molid.

2:30 The sons of Nadab were Seled and Appaim; Seled died without children.

2:31 The son of Appaim was Ishi, the son of Ishi was Sheshan, and Sheshan's child was Ahlai.

2:32 The sons of Jada, the brother of Shammai, were Jether and Jonathan; Jether died without children.

2:33 The sons of Jonathan were Peleth and Zaza. These were the sons of Jerahmeel.

2:34 Now Sheshan had no sons, only daughters. And Sheshan had an Egyptian servant whose name was Jarha.

2:35 Sheshan gave his daughter to Jarha his servant as wife, and she bore him Attai.

2:36 Attai begot Nathan, and Nathan begot Zabad;

2:37 Zabad begot Ephlal, and Ephlal begot Obed;

2:38 Obed begot Jehu, and Jehu begot Azariah;

2:39 Azariah begot Helez, and Helez begot Eleasah;

2:40 Eleasah begot Sismai, and Sismai begot Shallum;

2:41 Shallum begot Jekamiah, and Jekamiah begot Elishama.

2:42 The descendants of Caleb the brother of Jerahmeel were Mesha, his firstborn, who was the father of Ziph, and the sons of Mareshah the father of Hebron.

2:43 The sons of Hebron were Korah, Tappuah, Rekem, and Shema.

2:44 Shema begot Raham the father of Jorkoam, and Rekem begot Shammai.

2:45 And the son of Shammai was Maon, and Maon was the father of Beth Zur.

2:46 Ephah, Caleb's concubine, bore Haran, Moza, and Gazez; and Haran begot Gazez.

2:47 And the sons of Jahdai were Regem, Jotham, Geshan, Pelet, Ephah, and Shaaph.

2:48 Maachah, Caleb's concubine, bore Sheber and Tirhanah.

2:49 She also bore Shaaph the father of Madmannah, Sheva the father of Machbenah and the father of Gibeah. And the daughter of Caleb was Achsah.

2:50 These were the descendants of Caleb: The sons of Hur, the firstborn of Ephrathah, were Shobal the father of Kirjath Jearim,

2:51 Salma the father of Bethlehem, and Hareph the father of Beth Gader.

2:52 And Shobal the father of Kirjath Jearim had descendants: Haroeh, and half of the families of Manuhoth.

2:53 The families of Kirjath Jearim were the Ithrites, the Puthites, the Shumathites, and the Mishraitites. From these came the Zorathites and the Eshtaolites.

2:54 The sons of Salma were Bethlehem, the Netophathites, Atroth Beth Joab, half of the Manahethites, and the Zorites.

2:55 And the families of the scribes who dwelt at Jabez were the Tirathites, the Shimeathites, and the Suchathites. These were the Kenites who came from Hammath, the father of the house of Rechab.

1 Chronicles 3:

3:1 Now these were the sons of David who were born to him in Hebron: The firstborn was Amnon, by Ahinoam the Jezreelitess; the second, Daniel, by Abigail the Carmelitess;

3:2 the third, Absalom the son of Maacah, the daughter of Talmai, king of Geshur; the fourth, Adonijah the son of Haggith;

3:3 the fifth, Shephatiah, by Abital; the sixth, Ithream, by his wife Eglah.

3:4 These six were born to him in Hebron. There he reigned seven years and six months, and in Jerusalem he reigned thirty-three years.

3:5 And these were born to him in Jerusalem: Shimea, Shobab, Nathan, and Solomon-four by Bathshua the daughter of Ammiel.

3:6 Also there were Ibhar, Elishama, Eliphelet,

3:7 Nogah, Nepheg, Japhia,

3:8 Elishama, Eliada, and Eliphelet-nine in all.

3:9 These were all the sons of David, besides the sons of the concubines, and Tamar their sister.

3:10 Solomon's son was Rehoboam; Abijah was his son, Asa his son, Jehoshaphat his son,

3:11 Joram his son, Ahaziah his son, Joash his son,

3:12 Amaziah his son, Azariah his son, Jotham his son,

3:13 Ahaz his son, Hezekiah his son, Manasseh his son,

3:14 Amon his son, and Josiah his son.

3:15 The sons of Josiah were Johanan the firstborn, the second Jehoiakim, the third Zedekiah, and the fourth Shallum.

3:16 The sons of Jehoiakim were Jeconiah his son and Zedekiah his son.

3:17 And the sons of Jeconiah were Assir, Shealtiel his son,

3:18 and Malchiram, Pedaiah, Shenazzar, Jecamiah, Hoshama, and Nedabiah.

3:19 The sons of Pedaiah were Zerubbabel and Shimei. The sons of

Zerubbabel were Meshullam, Hananiah, Shelomith their sister,

3:20 and Hashubah, Ohel, Berechiah, Hasadiah, and Jushab-Hesed-five in all.

3:21 The sons of Hananiah were Pelatiah and Jeshaiah, the sons of Rephaiah, the sons of Arnan, the sons of Obadiah, and the sons of Shechaniah.

3:22 The son of Shechaniah was Shemaiah. The sons of Shemaiah were Hattush, Igal, Bariah, Neariah, and Shaphat-six in all.

3:23 The sons of Neariah were Elioenai, Hezekiah, and Azrikam-three in all.

3:24 The sons of Elioenai were Hodaviah, Eliashib, Pelaiiah, Akkub, Johanan, Delaiah, and Anani-seven in all.

I Chronicles 4:

4:1 The sons of Judah were Perez, Hezron, Carmi, Hur, and Shobal.

4:2 And Reaiah the son of Shobal begot Jahath, and Jahath begot Ahumai and Lahad. These were the families of the Zorathites.

4:3 These were the sons of the father of Etam: Jezreel, Ishma, and Idbash; and the name of their sister was Hazelelponi;

4:4 and Penuel was the father of Gedor, and Ezer was the father of Hushah. These were the sons of Hur, the firstborn of Ephrathah the father of Bethlehem.

4:5 And Ashhur the father of Tekoa had two wives, Helah and Naarah.

4:6 Naarah bore him Ahuzzam, Hepher, Temeni, and Haahashtari. These were the sons of Naarah.

4:7 The sons of Helah were Zereth, Zohar, and Ethnan;

4:8 and Koz begot Anub, Zobebah, and the families of Aharhel the son of Harum.

4:9 Now Jabez was more honorable than his brothers, and his mother called his name Jabez, saying, "Because I bore him in pain."

4:10 And Jabez called on the God of Israel saying, "Oh, that You would bless me indeed, and enlarge my territory, that Your hand would be with me, and that You would keep me from evil, that I may not cause pain!" So Yahweh granted him what he requested.

4:11 Chelub the brother of Shuhah begot Mehir, who was the father of Eshton.

4:12 And Eshton begot Beth-Rapha, Paseah, and Tehinnah the father of Ir-Nahash. These were the men of Rechah.

4:13 The sons of Kenaz were Othniel and Seraiah. The sons of Othniel were Hathath,

4:14 and Meonothai who begot Ophrah. Seraiah begot Joab the father of Ge Harashim, for they were craftsmen.

4:15 The sons of Caleb the son of Jephunneh were Iru, Elah, and Naam. The son of Elah was Kenaz.

4:16 The sons of Jehallelel were Ziph, Ziphah, Tiria, and Asarel.

4:17 The sons of Ezrah were Jether, Mered, Ephraim, and Jalon. And Mered's wife bore Miriam, Shammai, and Ishbah the father of Eshtemoa.

4:18 (*His wife Jehudijah bore Jered the father of Gedor, Heber the father of Sochoh, and Jekuthiel the father of Zanoah.*) And these were the sons of Bithiah the daughter of Pharaoh, whom Mered took.

4:19 The sons of Hodiahs wife, the sister of Naham, were the fathers of Keilah the Garmite and of Eshtemoa the Maachathite.

4:20 And the sons of Shimon were Amnon, Rinnah, Ben-Hanan, and Tilon. And the sons of Ishi were Zoheth and Ben-Zoheth.

4:21 The sons of Shelah the son of Judah were Er the father of Lecah, Laadah the father of Mareshah, and the families of the house of the linen workers of the house of Ashbea;

4:22 also Jokim, the men of Chozeba, and Joash; Saraph, who ruled in Moab,

and Jashubi-Lehem. Now the records are ancient.

4:23 These were the potters and those who dwell at Netaim and Gederah; there they dwelt with the king for his work.

4:24 The sons of Simeon were Nemuel, Jamin, Jarib, Zerah, and Shaul,

4:25 Shallum his son, Mibsam his son, and Mishma his son.

4:26 And the sons of Mishma were Hamuel his son, Zacchur his son, and Shimei his son.

4:27 Shimei had sixteen sons and six daughters; but his brothers did not have many children, nor did any of their families multiply as much as the children of Judah.

4:28 They dwelt at Beersheba, Moladah, Hazar Shual,

4:29 Bilhah, Ezem, Tolad,

4:30 Bethuel, Hormah, Ziklag,

4:31 Beth Marcaboth, Hazar Susim, Beth Biri, and at Shaaraim. These were their cities until the reign of David.

4:32 And their villages were Etam, Ain, Rimmon, Tochen, and Ashan-five cities-

4:33 and all the villages that were around these cities as far as Baal.

These were their dwelling places, and they maintained their genealogy:

4:34 Meshobab, Jamlech, and Joshah the son of Amaziah;

4:35 Joel, and Jehu the son of Joshibiah, the son of Seraiah, the son of Asiel;

4:36 Elioenai, Jaakobah, Jeshohaiah, Asaiah, Adiel, Jesimiel, and Benaiah;

4:37 Ziza the son of Shiphi, the son of Allon, the son of Jedaiah, the son of Shimri, the son of Shemaiah-

4:38 these mentioned by name were leaders in their families, and their father's house increased greatly.

4:39 So they went to the entrance of Gedor, as far as the east side of the valley, to seek pasture for their flocks.

4:40 And they found rich, good pasture, and the land was broad, quiet, and peaceful; for some Hamites formerly lived there.

4:41 These recorded by name came in the days of Hezekiah king of Judah; and they attacked their tents and the Meunites who were found there, and utterly destroyed them, as it is to this day. So they dwelt in their place, because there was pasture for their flocks there.

4:42 Now some of them, five hundred men of the sons of Simeon, went to Mount Seir, having as their captains Pelatiah, Neariah, Rephaiah, and Uzziel, the sons of Ishi.

4:43 And they defeated the rest of the Amalekites who had escaped. They have dwelt there to this day.

I Chronicles 5:

5:1 Now the sons of Reuben the firstborn of Israel-he was indeed the firstborn, but because he defiled his father's bed, his birthright was given to the sons of Joseph, the son of Israel, so that the genealogy is not listed according to the birthright;

5:2 yet Judah prevailed over his brothers, and from him came a ruler, although the birthright was Joseph's-
5:3 the sons of Reuben the firstborn of Israel were Hanoch, Pallu, Hezron, and Carmi.

5:4 The sons of Joel were Shemaiah his son, Gog his son, Shimei his son,
5:5 Micah his son, Reaiah his son, Baal his son,

5:6 and Beerah his son, whom Tiglath-Pileser king of Assyria carried into captivity. He was leader of the Reubenites.

5:7 And his brethren by their families, when the genealogy of their generations was registered: the chief, Jeiel, and Zechariah,

5:8 and Bela the son of Azaz, the son of Shema, the son of Joel, who dwelt in Aroer, as far as Nebo and Baal Meon.

5:9 Eastward they settled as far as the entrance of the wilderness this side of the River Euphrates, because their cattle had multiplied in the land of Gilead.

5:10 Now in the days of Saul they made war with the Hagarites, who fell by their hand; and they dwelt in their tents throughout the entire area east of Gilead.

5:11 And the children of Gad dwelt next to them in the land of Bashan as far as Salcah:

5:12 Joel was the chief, Shapham the next, then Jaanai and Shaphat in Bashan,

5:13 and their brethren of their father's house: Michael, Meshullam, Sheba, Jorai, Jachan, Zia, and Eber-seven in all.

5:14 These were the children of Abihail the son of Huri, the son of Jaroah, the son of Gilead, the son of Michael, the son of Jeshishai, the son of Jahdo, the son of Buz;

5:15 Ahi the son of Abdiel, the son of Guni, was chief of their father's house.

5:16 And the Gadites dwelt in Gilead, in Bashan and in its villages, and in all the common-lands of Sharon within their borders.

5:17 All these were registered by genealogies in the days of Jotham king of Judah, and in the days of Jeroboam king of Israel.

5:18 The sons of Reuben, the Gadites, and half the tribe of Manasseh had forty-four thousand seven hundred and sixty valiant men, men able to bear shield and sword, to shoot with the bow, and skillful in war, who went to war.

5:19 They made war with the Hagarites, Jetur, Naphish, and Nodab.

5:20 And they were helped against them, and the Hagarites were delivered into their hand, and all who were with them, for they cried out to Yahweh in the battle. He heeded their prayer, because they put their trust in Him.

5:21 Then they took away their livestock-fifty thousand of their camels, two hundred and fifty thousand of their sheep, and two thousand of their donkeys-also one hundred thousand of their men;

5:22 for many fell dead, because the war was Yahweh's. And they dwelt in their place until the captivity.

5:23 So the children of the half-tribe of Manasseh dwelt in the land. Their numbers increased from Bashan to Baal Hermon, that is, to Senir, or Mount Hermon.

5:24 These were the heads of their fathers' houses: Ephraim, Ishi, Eliel, Azriel, Jeremiah, Hodaviah, and Jahdiel. They were mighty men of valor, famous men, and heads of their fathers' houses.

5:25 And they were unfaithful to the God of their fathers, and played the harlot after the gods of the peoples of the land, whom Yahweh had destroyed before them.

5:26 So the God of Israel stirred up the spirit of Pul king of Assyria, that is, Tiglath-Pileser king of Assyria. He carried the Reubenites, the Gadites, and the half-tribe of Manasseh into captivity. He took them to Halah, Habor, Hara, and the river of Gozan to this day.

I Chronicles 6:

6:1 The sons of Levi were Gershon, Kohath, and Merari.

6:2 The sons of Kohath were Amram, Izhar, Hebron, and Uzziel.

6:3 The children of Amram were Aaron, Moses, and Miriam. And the sons of Aaron were Nadab, Abihu, Eleazar, and Ithamar.

6:4 Eleazar begot Phinehas, and Phinehas begot Abishua;

6:5 Abishua begot Bukki, and Bukki begot Uzzi;

6:6 Uzzi begot Zerariah, and Zerariah begot Meraioth;

6:7 Meraioth begot Amariah, and Amariah begot Ahitub;

6:8 Ahitub begot Zadok, and Zadok begot Ahimaaz;

6:9 Ahimaaz begot Azariah, and Azariah begot Johanan;

6:10 Johanan begot Azariah (*it was he who ministered as priest in the temple that Solomon built in Jerusalem*);

6:11 Azariah begot Amariah, and Amariah begot Ahitub;
6:12 Ahitub begot Zadok, and Zadok begot Shallum;
6:13 Shallum begot Hilkiah, and Hilkiah begot Azariah;
6:14 Azariah begot Seraiah, and Seraiah begot Jehozadak.
6:15 Jehozadak went into captivity when Yahweh carried Judah and Jerusalem into captivity by the hand of Nebuchadnezzar.
6:16 The sons of Levi were Gershon, Kohath, and Merari.
6:17 These are the names of the sons of Gershon: Libni and Shimei.
6:18 The sons of Kohath were Amram, Izhar, Hebron, and Uzziel.
6:19 The sons of Merari were Mahli and Mushi. Now these are the families of the Levites according to their fathers:
6:20 Of Gershon were Libni his son, Jahath his son, Zimmah his son,
6:21 Joah his son, Iddo his son, Zerah his son, and Jeatherai his son.
6:22 The sons of Kohath were Amminadab his son, Korah his son, Assir his son,
6:23 Elkanah his son, Ebiasaph his son, Assir his son,
6:24 Tahath his son, Uriel his son, Uziah his son, and Shaul his son.
6:25 The sons of Elkanah were Amasai and Ahimoth.
6:26 As for Elkanah, the sons of Elkanah were Zophai his son, Nahath his son,
6:27 Eliab his son, Jeroham his son, and Elkanah his son.
6:28 The sons of Samuel were Joel the firstborn, and Abijah the second.
6:29 The sons of Merari were Mahli, Libni his son, Shimei his son, Uzzah his son,
6:30 Shimea his son, Haggiah his son, and Asaiah his son.
6:31 Now these are the men whom David appointed over the service of song in the house of Yahweh, after the ark came to rest.

6:32 They were ministering with music before the dwelling place of the tabernacle of meeting, until Solomon had built the house of Yahweh in Jerusalem, and they served in their office according to their order.
6:33 And these are the ones who ministered with their sons: Of the sons of the Kohathites were Heman the singer, the son of Joel, the son of Samuel,
6:34 the son of Elkanah, the son of Jeroham, the son of Eliel, the son of Toah,
6:35 the son of Zuph, the son of Elkanah, the son of Mahath, the son of Amasai,
6:36 the son of Elkanah, the son of Joel, the son of Azariah, the son of Zephaniah,
6:37 the son of Tahath, the son of Assir, the son of Ebiasaph, the son of Korah,
6:38 the son of Izhar, the son of Kohath, the son of Levi, the son of Israel.
6:39 And his brother Asaph, who stood at his right hand, was Asaph the son of Berachiah, the son of Shimea,
6:40 the son of Michael, the son of Baaseiah, the son of Malchijah,
6:41 the son of Ethni, the son of Zerah, the son of Adaiah,
6:42 the son of Ethan, the son of Zimmah, the son of Shimei,
6:43 the son of Jahath, the son of Gershon, the son of Levi.
6:44 Their brethren, the sons of Merari, on the left hand, were Ethan the son of Kishi, the son of Abdi, the son of Malluch,
6:45 the son of Hashabiah, the son of Amaziah, the son of Hilkiah,
6:46 the son of Amzi, the son of Bani, the son of Shamer,
6:47 the son of Mahli, the son of Mushi, the son of Merari, the son of Levi.
6:48 And their brethren, the Levites, were appointed to every kind of service of the tabernacle of the house of Yahweh.

6:49 But Aaron and his sons offered sacrifices on the altar of burnt offering and on the altar of incense, for all the work of the Most Holy Place, and to make atonement for Israel, according to all that Moses the servant of Yahweh had commanded.

6:50 Now these are the sons of Aaron: Eleazar his son, Phinehas his son, Abishua his son,

6:51 Bukki his son, Uzzi his son, Zerariah his son,

6:52 Meraioth his son, Amariah his son, Ahitub his son,

6:53 Zadok his son, and Ahimaaz his son.

6:54 Now these are their dwelling places throughout their settlements in their territory, for they were given by lot to the sons of Aaron, of the family of the Kohathites:

6:55 They gave them Hebron in the land of Judah, with its surrounding common-lands.

6:56 But the fields of the city and its villages they gave to Caleb the son of Jephunneh.

6:57 And to the sons of Aaron they gave one of the cities of refuge, Hebron; also Libnah with its common-lands, Jattir, Eshtemoa with its common-lands,

6:58 Hilan with its common-lands, Debir with its common-lands,

6:59 Ashan with its common-lands, and Beth Shemesh with its common-lands.

6:60 And from the tribe of Benjamin: Geba with its common-lands, Alemeth with its common-lands, and Anathoth with its common-lands. All their cities among their families were thirteen.

6:61 To the rest of the family of the tribe of the Kohathites they gave by lot ten cities from half the tribe of Manasseh.

6:62 And to the sons of Gershon, throughout their families, they gave thirteen cities from the tribe of Issachar, from the tribe of Asher, from the tribe of Naphtali, and from the tribe of Manasseh in Bashan.

6:63 To the sons of Merari, throughout their families, they gave twelve cities from the tribe of Reuben, from the tribe of Gad, and from the tribe of Zebulun.

6:64 So the children of Israel gave these cities with their common-lands to the Levites.

6:65 And they gave by lot from the tribe of the children of Judah, from the tribe of the children of Simeon, and from the tribe of the children of Benjamin these cities which are called by their names.

6:66 Now some of the families of the sons of Kohath were given cities as their territory from the tribe of Ephraim.

6:67 And they gave them one of the cities of refuge, Shechem with its common-lands, in the mountains of Ephraim, also Gezer with its common-lands,

6:68 Jokmeam with its common-lands, Beth Horon with its common-lands,

6:69 Aijalon with its common-lands, and Gath Rimmon with its common-lands.

6:70 And from the half-tribe of Manasseh: Aner with its common-lands and Bileam with its common-lands, for the rest of the family of the sons of Kohath.

6:71 From the family of the half-tribe of Manasseh the sons of Gershon were given Golan in Bashan with its common-lands and Ashtaroth with its common-lands.

6:72 And from the tribe of Issachar: Kedesh with its common-lands, Daberath with its common-lands,

6:73 Ramoth with its common-lands, and Anem with its common-lands.

6:74 And from the tribe of Asher: Mashal with its common-lands, Abdon with its common-lands,

6:75 Hukok with its common-lands, and Rehob with its common-lands.

6:76 And from the tribe of Naphtali: Kedesh in Galilee with its common-lands, Hammon with its common-lands, and Kirjathaim with its common-lands.

6:77 From the tribe of Zebulun the rest of the children of Merari were given

Rimmon with its common-lands and Tabor with its common-lands.

6:78 And on the other side of the Jordan, across from Jericho, on the east side of the Jordan, they were given from the tribe of Reuben: Bezer in the wilderness with its common-lands, Jahzah with its common-lands,

6:79 Kedemoth with its common-lands, and Mephaath with its common-lands.

6:80 And from the tribe of Gad: Ramoth in Gilead with its common-lands, Mahanaim with its common-lands,

6:81 Heshbon with its common-lands, and Jazer with its common-lands.

I Chronicles 7:

7:1 The sons of Issachar were Tola, Puah, Jashub, and Shimron-four in all.

7:2 The sons of Tola were Uzzi, Rephaiah, Jeriel, Jahmai, Jibsam, and Shemuel, heads of their father's house. The sons of Tola were mighty men of valor in their generations; their number in the days of David was twenty-two thousand six hundred.

7:3 The son of Uzzi was Izrahiah, and the sons of Izrahiah were Michael, Obadiah, Joel, and Ishiah. All five of them were chief men.

7:4 And with them, by their generations, according to their fathers' houses, were thirty-six thousand troops ready for war; for they had many wives and sons.

7:5 Now their brethren among all the families of Issachar were mighty men of valor, listed by their genealogies, eighty-seven thousand in all.

7:6 The sons of Benjamin were Bela, Becher, and Jediael-three in all.

7:7 The sons of Bela were Ezbon, Uzzi, Uzziel, Jerimoth, and Iri-five in all. They were heads of their fathers' houses, and they were listed by their genealogies, twenty-two thousand and thirty-four mighty men of valor.

7:8 The sons of Becher were Zemirah, Joash, Eliezer, Elioenai, Omri, Jerimoth, Abijah, Anathoth, and Alemeth. All these are the sons of Becher.

7:9 And they were recorded by genealogy according to their generations, heads of their fathers' houses, twenty thousand two hundred mighty men of valor.

7:10 The son of Jediael was Bilhan, and the sons of Bilhan were Jeush, Benjamin, Ehud, Chenaanah, Zethan, Tharshish, and Ahishahar.

7:11 All these sons of Jediael were heads of their fathers' houses; there were seventeen thousand two hundred mighty men of valor fit to go out for war and battle.

7:12 Shuppim and Huppim were the sons of Ir, and Hushim was the son of Aher.

7:13 The sons of Naphtali were Jahziel, Guni, Jezer, and Shallum, the sons of Bilhah.

7:14 The descendants of Manasseh: his Syrian concubine bore him Machir the father of Gilead, the father of Asriel.

7:15 Machir took as his wife the sister of Huppim and Shuppim, whose name was Maachah. The name of Gilead's grandson was Zelophehad, but Zelophehad begot only daughters.

7:16 (*Maachah the wife of Machir bore a son, and she called his name Peresh. The name of his brother was Sheresh, and his sons were Ulam and Rakem.*

7:17 *The son of Ulam was Bedan.*) These were the descendants of Gilead the son of Machir, the son of Manasseh.

7:18 His sister Hammoleketh bore Ishhod, Abiezer, and Mahlah.

7:19 And the sons of Shemida were Ahian, Shechem, Likhi, and Aniam.

7:20 The sons of Ephraim were Shuthelah, Bered his son, Tahath his son, Eladah his son, Tahath his son,

7:21 Zabad his son, Shuthelah his son, and Ezer and Elead. The men of Gath who were born in that land killed them because they came down to take away their cattle.

7:22 Then Ephraim their father mourned many days, and his brethren came to comfort him.

7:23 And when he went in to his wife, she conceived and bore a son; and he called his name Beriah, because tragedy had come upon his house.

7:24 Now his daughter was Sheerah, who built Lower and Upper Beth Horon and Uzen Sheerah;

7:25 and Rephah was his son, as well as Resheph, and Telah his son, Tahan his son,

7:26 Laadan his son, Ammihud his son, Elishama his son,

7:27 Nun his son, and Joshua his son.

7:28 Now their possessions and dwelling places were Bethel and its towns: to the east Naaran, to the west Gezer and its towns, and Shechem and its towns, as far as Ayyah and its towns;

7:29 and by the borders of the children of Manasseh were Beth Shean and its towns, Taanach and its towns, Megiddo and its towns, Dor and its towns. In these dwelt the children of Joseph, the son of Israel.

7:30 The sons of Asher were Imnah, Ishvah, Ishvi, Beriah, and their sister Serah.

7:31 The sons of Beriah were Heber and Malchiel, who was the father of Birzaith.

7:32 And Heber begot Japhlet, Shomer, Hotham, and their sister Shua.

7:33 The sons of Japhlet were Pasach, Bimhal, and Ashvath. These were the children of Japhlet.

7:34 The sons of Shemer were Ahi, Rohgah, Jehubbah, and Aram.

7:35 And the sons of his brother Helem were Zophah, Imna, Shelesh, and Amal.

7:36 The sons of Zophah were Suah, Harnepher, Shual, Beri, Imrah,

7:37 Bezer, Hod, Shamma, Shilshah, Jithran, and Beera.

7:38 The sons of Jether were Jephunneh, Pispah, and Ara.

7:39 The sons of Ulla were Arah, Haniel, and Rizia.

7:40 All these were the children of Asher, heads of their fathers' houses, choice men, mighty men of valor, chief

leaders. And they were recorded by genealogies among the army fit for battle; their number was twenty-six thousand.

1 Chronicles 8:

8:1 Now Benjamin begot Bela his firstborn, Ashbel the second, Aharah the third,

8:2 Nohah the fourth, and Rapha the fifth.

8:3 The sons of Bela were Addar, Gera, Abihud,

8:4 Abishua, Naaman, Ahoah,

8:5 Gera, Shephuphan, and Huram.

8:6 These are the sons of Ehud, who were the heads of the fathers' houses of the inhabitants of Geba, and who forced them to move to Manahath:

8:7 Naaman, Ahijah, and Gera who forced them to move. He begot Uzza and Ahihud.

8:8 And Shaharaim had children in the country of Moab, after he had sent away Hushim and Baara his wives.

8:9 By Hodesh his wife he begot Jobab, Zibia, Mesha, Malcam,

8:10 Jeuz, Sachiah, and Mirmah. These were his sons, heads of their fathers' houses.

8:11 And by Hushim he begot Abitub and Elpaal.

8:12 The sons of Elpaal were Eber, Misham, and Shemed, who built Ono and Lod with its towns;

8:13 and Beriah and Shema, who were heads of their fathers' houses of the inhabitants of Aijalon, who drove out the inhabitants of Gath.

8:14 Ahio, Shashak, Jeremoth,

8:15 Zebadiah, Arad, Eder,

8:16 Michael, Ispah, and Joha were the sons of Beriah.

8:17 Zebadiah, Meshullam, Hizki, Heber,

8:18 Ishmerai, Jizliah, and Jobab were the sons of Elpaal.

8:19 Jakim, Zichri, Zabdi,

8:20 Elienai, Zillethai, Eliel,

8:21 Adaiah, Beraiah, and Shimrath were the sons of Shimei.

8:22 Ishpan, Eber, Eliel,
8:23 Abdon, Zichri, Hanan,
8:24 Hananiah, Elam, Antothijah,
8:25 Iphdeiah, and Penuel were the
sons of Shashak.
8:26 Shamsherai, Shehariah, Athaliah,
8:27 Jaareshiah, Elijah, and Zichri were
the sons of Jeroham.
8:28 These were heads of the fathers'
houses by their generations, chief men.
These dwelt in Jerusalem.
8:29 Now the father of Gibeon, whose
wife's name was Maacah, dwelt at
Gibeon.
8:30 And his firstborn son was Abdon,
then Zur, Kish, Baal, Nadab,
8:31 Gedor, Ahio, Zecher,
8:32 and Mikloth, who begot Shimeah.
They also dwelt alongside their relatives
in Jerusalem, with their brethren.
8:33 Ner begot Kish, Kish begot Saul,
and Saul begot Jonathan, Malchishua,
Abinadab, and Esh-Baal.
8:34 The son of Jonathan was Merib-
Baal, and Merib-Baal begot Micah.
8:35 The sons of Micah were Pithon,
Melech, Tarea, and Ahaz.
8:36 And Ahaz begot Jehoaddah;
Jehoaddah begot Alemeth, Azmaveth,
and Zimri; and Zimri begot Moza.
8:37 Moza begot Binea, Raphah his
son, Eleasah his son, and Azel his son.
8:38 Azel had six sons whose names
were these: Azrikam, Bocheru, Ishmael,
Sheariah, Obadiah, and Hanan. All
these were the sons of Azel.
8:39 And the sons of Eshek his brother
were Ulam his firstborn, Jeush the
second, and Eliphelet the third.
8:40 The sons of Ulam were mighty
men of valor-archers. They had many
sons and grandsons, one hundred and
fifty in all. These were all sons of
Benjamin.

1 Chronicles 9:

9:1 So all Israel was recorded by
genealogies, and indeed, they were
inscribed in the book of the kings of
Israel. But Judah was carried away

captive to Babylon because of their
unfaithfulness.
9:2 And the first inhabitants who dwelt in
their possessions in their cities were
Israelites, priests, Levites, and the
Nethinim.
9:3 Now in Jerusalem the children of
Judah dwelt, and some of the children of
Benjamin, and of the children of
Ephraim and Manasseh:
9:4 Uthai the son of Ammihud, the son
of Omri, the son of Imri, the son of Bani,
of the descendants of Perez, the son of
Judah.
9:5 Of the Shilonites: Asaiah the
firstborn and his sons.
9:6 Of the sons of Zerah: Jeuel, and
their brethren-six hundred and ninety.
9:7 Of the sons of Benjamin: Sallu the
son of Meshullam, the son of Hodaviah,
the son of Hassenuah;
9:8 Ibneiah the son of Jeroham; Elah
the son of Uzzi, the son of Michri;
Meshullam the son of Shephatiah, the
son of Reuel, the son of Ibnijah;
9:9 and their brethren, according to their
generations-nine hundred and fifty-six.
All these men were heads of a father's
house in their fathers' houses.
9:10 Of the priests: Jedaiah, Jehoiarib,
and Jachin;
9:11 Azariah the son of Hilkiah, the son
of Meshullam, the son of Zadok, the son
of Meraioth, the son of Ahitub, the
officer over the house of Yahweh;
9:12 Adaiah the son of Jeroham, the
son of Pashur, the son of Malchijah;
Maasai the son of Adiel, the son of
Jahzerah, the son of Meshullam, the
son of Meshillemith, the son of Immer;
9:13 and their brethren, heads of their
fathers' houses-one thousand seven
hundred and sixty. They were very able
men for the work of the service of the
house of Yahweh.
9:14 Of the Levites: Shemaiah the son
of Hasshub, the son of Azrikam, the son
of Hashabiah, of the sons of Merari;

9:15 Bakbakkar, Heresh, Galal, and Mattaniah the son of Micah, the son of Zichri, the son of Asaph;

9:16 Obadiah the son of Shemaiah, the son of Galal, the son of Jeduthun; and Berechiah the son of Asa, the son of Elkanah, who lived in the villages of the Netophathites.

9:17 And the gatekeepers were Shallum, Akkub, Talmon, Ahiman, and their brethren. Shallum was the chief.

9:18 Until then they had been gatekeepers for the camps of the children of Levi at the King's Gate on the east.

9:19 Shallum the son of Kore, the son of Ebiasaph, the son of Korah, and his brethren, from his father's house, the Korahites, were in charge of the work of the service, gatekeepers of the tabernacle. Their fathers had been keepers of the entrance to the camp of Yahweh.

9:20 And Phinehas the son of Eleazar had been the officer over them in time past; Yahweh was with him.

9:21 Zechariah the son of Meshelemiah was keeper of the door of the tabernacle of meeting.

9:22 All those chosen as gatekeepers were two hundred and twelve. They were recorded by their genealogy, in their villages. David and Samuel the seer had appointed them to their trusted office.

9:23 So they and their children were in charge of the gates of the house of Yahweh, the house of the tabernacle, by assignment.

9:24 The gatekeepers were assigned to the four directions: the east, west, north, and south.

9:25 And their brethren in their villages had to come with them from time to time for seven days.

9:26 For in this trusted office were four chief gatekeepers; they were Levites. And they had charge over the chambers and treasuries of the house of Yahweh.

9:27 And they lodged all around the house of Yahweh because they had the responsibility, and they were in charge of opening it every morning.

9:28 Now some of them were in charge of the serving vessels, for they brought them in and took them out by count.

9:29 Some of them were appointed over the furnishings and over all the implements of the sanctuary, and over the fine flour and the wine and the oil and the incense and the spices.

9:30 And some of the sons of the priests made the ointment of the spices.

9:31 Mattithiah of the Levites, the firstborn of Shallum the Korahite, had the trusted office over the things that were baked in the pans.

9:32 And some of their brethren of the sons of the Kohathites were in charge of preparing the showbread for every Sabbath.

9:33 These are the singers, heads of the fathers' houses of the Levites, who lodged in the chambers, and were free from other duties; for they were employed in that work day and night.

9:34 These heads of the fathers' houses of the Levites were heads throughout their generations. They dwelt at Jerusalem.

9:35 Jeiel the father of Gibeon, whose wife's name was Maacah, dwelt at Gibeon.

9:36 His firstborn son was Abdon, then Zur, Kish, Baal, Ner, Nadab,

9:37 Gedor, Ahio, Zechariah, and Mikloth.

9:38 And Mikloth begot Shimeam. They also dwelt alongside their relatives in Jerusalem, with their brethren.

9:39 Ner begot Kish, Kish begot Saul, and Saul begot Jonathan, Malchishua, Abinadab, and Esh-Baal.

9:40 The son of Jonathan was Merib-Baal, and Merib-Baal begot Micah.

9:41 The sons of Micah were Pithon, Melech, Tahrea, and Ahaz.

9:42 And Ahaz begot Jarah; Jarah begot Alemeth, Azmaveth, and Zimri; and Zimri begot Moza;

9:43 Moza begot Binea, Rephaiah his son, Eleasah his son, and Azel his son.

9:44 And Azel had six sons whose names were these: Azrikam, Bocheru, Ishmael, Sheariah, Obadiah, and Hanan; these were the sons of Azel.

1 Chronicles 10:

10:1 Now the Philistines fought against Israel; and the men of Israel fled from before the Philistines, and fell slain on Mount Gilboa.

10:2 Then the Philistines followed hard after Saul and his sons. And the Philistines killed Jonathan, Abinadab, and Malchishua, Saul's sons.

10:3 The battle became fierce against Saul. The archers hit him, and he was wounded by the archers.

10:4 Then Saul said to his armorbearer, "Draw your sword, and thrust me through with it, lest these uncircumcised men come and abuse me." But his armorbearer would not, for he was greatly afraid. Therefore Saul took a sword and fell on it.

10:5 And when his armorbearer saw that Saul was dead, he also fell on his sword and died.

10:6 So Saul and his three sons died, and all his house died together.

10:7 And when all the men of Israel who were in the valley saw that they had fled and that Saul and his sons were dead, they forsook their cities and fled; then the Philistines came and dwelt in them.

10:8 So it happened the next day, when the Philistines came to strip the slain, that they found Saul and his sons fallen on Mount Gilboa.

10:9 And they stripped him and took his head and his armor, and sent word throughout the land of the Philistines to proclaim the news in the temple of their idols and among the people.

10:10 Then they put his armor in the temple of their gods, and fastened his head in the temple of Dagon.

10:11 And when all Jabesh Gilead heard all that the Philistines had done to Saul,

10:12 all the valiant men arose and took the body of Saul and the bodies of his sons; and they brought them to Jabesh, and buried their bones under the tamarisk tree at Jabesh, and fasted seven days.

10:13 So Saul died for his unfaithfulness which he had committed against Yahweh, because he did not keep the word of Yahweh, and also because he consulted a medium for guidance.

10:14 But he did not inquire of Yahweh; therefore He killed him, and turned the kingdom over to David the son of Jesse.

1 Chronicles 11:

11:1 Then all Israel came together to David at Hebron, saying, "Indeed we are your bone and your flesh.

11:2 "Also, in time past, even when Saul was king, you were the one who led Israel out and brought them in; and Yahweh your God said to you, '**You shall shepherd My people Israel, and be ruler over My people Israel.**' "

11:3 Therefore all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron, and David made a covenant with them at Hebron before Yahweh. Then they anointed David king over Israel, according to the word of Yahweh by Samuel.

11:4 And David and all Israel went to Jerusalem, which is Jebus, where the Jebusites were, the inhabitants of the land.

11:5 Then the inhabitants of Jebus said to David, "You shall not come in here!" Nevertheless David took the stronghold of Zion (that is, the City of David).

11:6 Now David said, "Whoever attacks the Jebusites first shall be chief and captain." And Joab the son of Zeruah went up first, and became chief.

11:7 Then David dwelt in the stronghold; therefore they called it the City of David.

11:8 And he built the city around it, from the Millo to the surrounding area. Joab repaired the rest of the city.

11:9 Then David went on and became great, and Yahweh, God of hosts was with him.

11:10 Now these were the heads of the mighty men whom David had, who strengthened themselves with him in his kingdom, with all Israel, to make him king, according to the word of Yahweh concerning Israel.

11:11 And this is the number of the mighty men whom David had: Jashobeam the son of a Hachmonite, chief of the captains; he had lifted up his spear against three hundred, killed by him at one time.

11:12 After him was Eleazar the son of Dodo, the Ahohite, who was one of the three mighty men.

11:13 He was with David at Pasdammim. Now there the Philistines were gathered for battle, and there was a piece of ground full of barley. And the people fled from the Philistines.

11:14 But they stationed themselves in the middle of that field, defended it, and killed the Philistines. So Yahweh brought about a great victory.

11:15 Now three of the thirty chief men went down to the rock to David, into the cave of Adullam; and the army of the Philistines encamped in the Valley of Rephaim.

11:16 David was then in the stronghold, and the garrison of the Philistines was then in Bethlehem.

11:17 And David said with longing, "Oh, that someone would give me a drink of water from the well of Bethlehem, which is by the gate!"

11:18 So the three broke through the camp of the Philistines, drew water from the well of Bethlehem that was by the gate, and took it and brought it to David. Nevertheless David would not drink it, but poured it out to Yahweh.

11:19 And he said, "Far be it from me, O my God, that I should do this! Shall I

drink the blood of these men who have put their lives in jeopardy? For at the risk of their lives they brought it."

Therefore he would not drink it. These things were done by the three mighty men.

11:20 Abishai the brother of Joab was chief of another three. He had lifted up his spear against three hundred men, killed them, and won a name among these three.

11:21 Of the three he was more honored than the other two men. Therefore he became their captain. However he did not attain to the first three.

11:22 Benaiah was the son of Jehoiada, the son of a valiant man from Kabzeel, who had done many deeds. He had killed two lion-like heroes of Moab. He also had gone down and killed a lion in the midst of a pit on a snowy day.

11:23 And he killed an Egyptian, a man of GREAT height, five cubits tall. In the Egyptian's hand there was a spear like a weaver's beam; and he went down to him with a staff, wrested the spear out of the Egyptian's hand, and killed him with his own spear.

11:24 These things Benaiah the son of Jehoiada did, and won a name among three mighty men.

11:25 Indeed he was more honored than the thirty, but he did not attain to the first three. And David appointed him over his guard.

11:26 Also the mighty warriors were Asahel the brother of Joab, Elhanan the son of Dodo of Bethlehem,

11:27 Shammoth the Harorite, Helez the Pelonite,

11:28 Ira the son of Ikkesh the Tekoite, Abiezer the Anathothite,

11:29 Sibbechai the Hushathite, Ilai the Ahohite,

11:30 Maharai the Netophathite, Heled the son of Baanah the Netophathite,

11:31 Ithai the son of Ribai of Gibeah, of the sons of Benjamin, Benaiah the Pirathonite,

11:32 Hurai of the brooks of Gaash, Abiel the Arbathite,

11:33 Azmaveth the Baharumite, Elisha the Shaalbonite,

11:34 the sons of Hashem the Gizonite, Jonathan the son of Shageh the Hararite,

11:35 Ahiam the son of Sacar the Hararite, Eliphai the son of Ur,

11:36 Hopher the Mecherathite, Ahijah the Pelonite,

11:37 Hezro the Carmelite, Naarai the son of Ezbai,

11:38 Joel the brother of Nathan, Mibhar the son of Hagri,

11:39 Zelek the Ammonite, Naharai the Berothite (*the armorbearer of Joab the son of Zeruiah*),

11:40 Ira the Ithrite, Gareb the Ithrite,

11:41 Uriah the Hittite, Zabad the son of Ahlai,

11:42 Adina the son of Shiza the Reubenite (*a chief of the Reubenites*) and thirty with him,

11:43 Hanan the son of Maachah, Joshaphat the Mithnite,

11:44 Uzzia the Ashterathite, Shama and Jeiel the sons of Hotham the Aroerite,

11:45 Jedaiel the son of Shimri, and Joha his brother, the Tizite,

11:46 Eliel the Mahavite, Jeribai and Joshaviah the sons of Elnaam, Ithmah the Moabite,

11:47 Eliel, Obed, and Jaasiel the Mezobaite.

I Chronicles 12:

12:1 Now these were the men who came to David at Ziklag while he was still a fugitive from Saul the son of Kish; and they were among the mighty men, helpers in the war,

12:2 armed with bows, using both the right hand and the left in hurling stones and shooting arrows with the bow. They were of Benjamin, Saul's brethren.

12:3 The chief was Ahiezer, then Joash, the sons of Shemaah the Gibeathite; Jeziel and Pelet the sons of Azmaveth; Berachah, and Jehu the Anathothite;

12:4 Ishmaiah the Gibeonite, a mighty man among the thirty, and over the thirty; Jeremiah, Jahaziel, Johanan, and Jozabad the Gederathite;

12:5 Eluzai, Jerimoth, Bealiah, Shemariah, and Shephatiah the Haruphite;

12:6 Elkanah, Jisshiah, Azarel, Joezer, and Jashobeam, the Korahites;

12:7 and Joelah and Zebadiah the sons of Jeroham of Gedor.

12:8 Some Gadites joined David at the stronghold in the wilderness, mighty men of valor, men trained for battle, who could handle shield and spear, whose faces were like the faces of lions, and were as swift as gazelles on the mountains:

12:9 Ezer the first, Obadiah the second, Eliab the third,

12:10 Mishmannah the fourth, Jeremiah the fifth,

12:11 Attai the sixth, Eliel the seventh,

12:12 Johanan the eighth, Elzabad the ninth,

12:13 Jeremiah the tenth, and Machbanai the eleventh.

12:14 These were from the sons of Gad, captains of the army; the least was over a hundred, and the greatest was over a thousand.

12:15 These are the ones who crossed the Jordan in the first month, when it had overflowed all its banks; and they put to flight all those in the valleys, to the east and to the west.

12:16 Then some of the sons of Benjamin and Judah came to David at the stronghold.

12:17 And David went out to meet them, and answered and said to them, "If you have come peaceably to me to help me, my heart will be united with you; but if to betray me to my enemies, since there is no wrong in my hands, may the God of our fathers look and bring judgment."

12:18 Then His Spirit came upon Amasai, chief of the captains, and he said:

"We are yours, O David;
We are on your side, O son of Jesse!
Peace, peace to you,
And peace to your helpers!
For your God helps you."

So David received them, and made them captains of the troop.

12:19 And some from Manasseh defected to David when he was going with the Philistines to battle against Saul; but they did not help them, for Yahwehs of the Philistines sent him away by agreement, saying, "He may defect to his master Saul and endanger our heads."

12:20 When he went to Ziklag, those of Manasseh who defected to him were Adnah, Jozabad, Jediael, Michael, Jozabad, Elihu, and Zillethai, captains of the thousands who were from Manasseh.

12:21 And they helped David against the bands of raiders, for they were all mighty men of valor, and they were captains in the army.

12:22 For at that time they came to David day by day to help him, until it was a great army, like the army of Yahweh.

12:23 Now these were the numbers of the divisions that were equipped for war, and came to David at Hebron to turn over the kingdom of Saul to him, according to the word of Yahweh:

12:24 of the sons of Judah bearing shield and spear, six thousand eight hundred armed for war;

12:25 of the sons of Simeon, mighty men of valor fit for war, seven thousand one hundred;

12:26 of the sons of Levi four thousand six hundred;

12:27 Jehoiada, the leader of the Aaronites, and with him three thousand seven hundred;

12:28 Zadok, a young man, a valiant warrior, and from his father's house twenty-two captains;

12:29 of the sons of Benjamin, relatives of Saul, three thousand (*until then the greatest part of them had remained loyal to the house of Saul*);

12:30 of the sons of Ephraim twenty thousand eight hundred, mighty men of valor, famous men throughout their father's house;

12:31 of the half-tribe of Manasseh eighteen thousand, who were designated by name to come and make David king;

12:32 of the sons of Issachar who had understanding of the times, to know what Israel ought to do, their chiefs were two hundred; and all their brethren were at their command;

12:33 of Zebulun there were fifty thousand who went out to battle, expert in war with all weapons of war, stouthearted men who could keep ranks;

12:34 of Naphtali one thousand captains, and with them thirty-seven thousand with shield and spear;

12:35 of the Danites who could keep battle formation, twenty-eight thousand six hundred;

12:36 of Asher, those who could go out to war, able to keep battle formation, forty thousand;

12:37 of the Reubenites and the Gadites and the half-tribe of Manasseh, from the other side of the Jordan, one hundred and twenty thousand armed for battle with every kind of weapon of war.

12:38 All these men of war, who could keep ranks, came to Hebron with a loyal heart, to make David king over all Israel; and all the rest of Israel were of one mind to make David king.

12:39 And they were there with David three days, eating and drinking, for their brethren had prepared for them.

12:40 Moreover those who were near to them, from as far away as Issachar and Zebulun and Naphtali, were bringing

food on donkeys and camels, on mules and oxen-provisions of flour and cakes of figs and cakes of raisins, wine and oil and oxen and sheep abundantly, for there was joy in Israel.

1 Chronicles 13:

13:1 Then David consulted with the captains of thousands and hundreds, and with every leader.

13:2 And David said to all the assembly of Israel, "If it seems good to you, and if it is of Yahweh our God, let us send out to our brethren everywhere who are left in all the land of Israel, and with them to the priests and Levites who are in their cities and their common-lands, that they may gather together to us;

13:3 "and let us bring the ark of our God back to us, for we have not inquired at it since the days of Saul."

13:4 Then all the assembly said that they would do so, for the thing was right in the eyes of all the people.

13:5 So David gathered all Israel together, from Shihor in Egypt to as far as the entrance of Hamath, to bring the ark of Yahweh from Kirjath Jearim.

13:6 And David and all Israel went up to Baalah, to Kirjath Jearim, which belonged to Judah, to bring up the ark of Yahweh, who dwells between the cherubim, where His name is proclaimed.

13:7 So they carried the ark of Yahweh on a new cart from the house of Abinadab, and Uzza and Ahio drove the cart.

13:8 Then David and all Israel played music before Yahweh with all their might, with singing, on harps, on stringed instruments, on tambourines, on cymbals, and with trumpets.

13:9 And when they came to Chidon's threshing floor, Uzza put out his hand to hold the ark, for the oxen stumbled.

13:10 Then the anger of Yahweh was aroused against Uzza, and He struck him because he put his hand to the ark; and he died there before Yahweh.

13:11 And David became angry because of Yahweh's outbreak against Uzza; therefore that place is called Perez Uzza to this day.

13:12 David was afraid of Yahweh that day, saying, "How can I bring the ark of Yahweh to me?"

13:13 So David would not move the ark with him into the City of David, but took it aside into the house of Obed-Edom the Gittite.

13:14 The ark of Yahweh remained with the family of Obed-Edom in his house three months. And Yahweh blessed the house of Obed-Edom and all that he had.

1 Chronicles 14:

14:1 Now Hiram king of Tyre sent messengers to David, and cedar trees, with masons and carpenters, to build him a house.

14:2 So David knew that Yahweh had established him as king over Israel, for his kingdom was highly exalted for the sake of His people Israel.

14:3 Then David took more wives in Jerusalem, and David begot more sons and daughters.

14:4 And these are the names of his children whom he had in Jerusalem: Shammua, Shobab, Nathan, Solomon,

14:5 Ibhar, Elishua, Elpelet,

14:6 Nogah, Nepheg, Japhia,

14:7 Elishama, Beeliada, and Eliphelet.

14:8 Now when the Philistines heard that David had been anointed king over all Israel, all the Philistines went up to search for David. And David heard of it and went out against them.

14:9 Then the Philistines went and made a raid on the Valley of Rephaim.

14:10 And David inquired of Yahweh, saying, "Shall I go up against the Philistines? Will You deliver them into my hand?" And Yahweh said to him, "Go up, for I will deliver them into your hand."

14:11 So they went up to Baal Perazim, and David defeated them there. Then

David said, "Yahweh has broken through my enemies by my hand like a breakthrough of water." Therefore they called the name of that place Baal Perazim.

14:12 And when they left their gods there, David commanded them to be burned with fire.

14:13 Then the Philistines once again made a raid on the valley.

14:14 Therefore David inquired again of Yahweh, and Yahweh said to him, "You shall not go up after them; circle around them, and come upon them in front of the mulberry trees.

14:15 "And it shall be, when you hear a sound of marching in the tops of the mulberry trees, then you shall go out to battle, for Yahweh has gone out before you to strike the Philistines camp."

14:16 So David did as Yahweh commanded him, and they drove back the Philistines army from Gibeon as far as Gezer.

14:17 Then the fame of David went out into all lands, and Yahweh brought the fear of him upon all nations.

I Chronicles 15:

15:1 David built houses for himself in the City of David; and he prepared a place for the ark of Yahweh, and pitched a tent for it.

15:2 Then David said, "No one may carry the ark of Yahweh but the Levites, for Yahweh has chosen them to carry the ark of Yahweh and to minister before Him forever."

15:3 And David gathered all Israel together at Jerusalem, to bring up the ark of Yahweh to its place, which he had prepared for it.

15:4 Then David assembled the children of Aaron and the Levites:

15:5 of the sons of Kohath, Uriel the chief, and one hundred and twenty of his brethren;

15:6 of the sons of Merari, Asaiah the chief, and two hundred and twenty of his brethren;

15:7 of the sons of Gershon, Joel the chief, and one hundred and thirty of his brethren;

15:8 of the sons of Elizaphan, Shemaiah the chief, and two hundred of his brethren;

15:9 of the sons of Hebron, Eliel the chief, and eighty of his brethren;

15:10 of the sons of Uzziel, Amminadab the chief, and one hundred and twelve of his brethren.

15:11 And David called for Zadok and Abiathar the priests, and for the Levites: for Uriel, Asaiah, Joel, Shemaiah, Eliel, and Amminadab.

15:12 He said to them, "You are the heads of the fathers' houses of the Levites; sanctify yourselves, you and your brethren, that you may bring up the ark of Yahweh the God of Israel to the place I have prepared for it.

15:13 "For because you did not do it the first time, Yahweh our God broke out against us, because we did not consult Him about the proper order."

15:14 So the priests and the Levites sanctified themselves to bring up the ark of Yahweh the God of Israel.

15:15 And the children of the Levites bore the ark of Yahweh on their shoulders, by its poles, as Moses had commanded according to the word of Yahweh.

15:16 Then David spoke to the leaders of the Levites to appoint their brethren to be the singers accompanied by instruments of music, stringed instruments, harps, and cymbals, by raising the voice with resounding joy.

15:17 So the Levites appointed Heman the son of Joel; and of his brethren, Asaph the son of Berechiah; and of their brethren, the sons of Merari, Ethan the son of Kushaiah;

15:18 and with them their brethren of the second rank: Zechariah, Ben, Jaaziel, Shemiramoth, Jehiel, Unni, Eliab, Benaiah, Maaseiah, Mattithiah, Eliphelah, Mikneiah, Obed-Edom, and Jeiel, the gatekeepers;

15:19 the singers, Heman, Asaph, and Ethan, were to sound the cymbals of bronze;

15:20 Zechariah, Aziel, Shemiramoth, Jehiel, Unni, Eliab, Maaseiah, and Benaiah, with strings according to Alamoth;

15:21 Mattithiah, Elipheleh, Mikneiah, Obed-Edom, Jeiel, and Azaziah, to direct with harps on the Sheminith;

15:22 Chenaniah, leader of the Levites, was instructor in charge of the music, because he was skillful;

15:23 Berechiah and Elkanah were doorkeepers for the ark;

15:24 Shebaniah, Joshaphat, Nethanel, Amasai, Zechariah, Benaiah, and Eliezer, the priests, were to blow the trumpets before the ark of Yahweh; and Obed-Edom and Jehiah, doorkeepers for the ark.

15:25 So David, the elders of Israel, and the captains over thousands went to bring up the ark of the covenant of Yahweh from the house of Obed-Edom with joy.

15:26 And so it was, when Yahweh helped the Levites who bore the ark of the covenant of Yahweh, that they offered seven bulls and seven rams.

15:27 David was clothed with a robe of fine linen, as were all the Levites who bore the ark, the singers, and Chenaniah the music master with the singers. David also wore a linen ephod.

15:28 Thus all Israel brought up the ark of the covenant of Yahweh with shouting and with the sound of the horn, with trumpets and with cymbals, making music with stringed instruments and harps.

15:29 And it happened, as the ark of the covenant of Yahweh came to the City of David, that Michal, Saul's daughter, looked through a window and saw King David whirling and playing music; and she despised him in her heart.

I Chronicles 16:

16:1 So they brought the ark of Yahweh, and set it in the midst of the tabernacle that David had erected for it. Then they offered burnt offerings and peace offerings before Yahweh.

16:2 And when David had finished offering the burnt offerings and the peace offerings, he blessed the people in the name of Yahweh.

16:3 Then he distributed to everyone of Israel, both man and woman, to everyone a loaf of bread, a piece of meat, and a cake of raisins.

16:4 And he appointed some of the Levites to minister before the ark of Yahweh, to commemorate, to thank, and to praise Yahweh the God of Israel:

16:5 Asaph the chief, and next to him Zechariah, then Jeiel, Shemiramoth, Jehiel, Mattithiah, Eliab, Benaiah, and Obed-Edom: Jeiel with stringed instruments and harps, but Asaph made music with cymbals;

16:6 Benaiah and Jahaziel the priests regularly blew the trumpets before the ark of the covenant of Yahweh.

16:7 On that day David first delivered this psalm into the hand of Asaph and his brethren, to thank Yahweh:

16:8 Oh, give thanks to Yahweh!
Call upon His name;
Make known His deeds among the peoples!

16:9 Sing to Him, sing psalms to Him;
Talk of all His wondrous works!

16:10 Glory in His holy name;
Let the hearts of those rejoice who seek Yahweh!

16:11 Seek Yahweh and His strength;
Seek His face evermore!

16:12 Remember His marvelous works which He has done,
His wonders, and the judgments of His mouth,

16:13 O seed of Israel His servant,
You children of Jacob, His chosen ones!

16:14 He is Yahweh our God;
His judgments are in all the earth.

16:15 Remember His covenant forever,

The word which He commanded, for a thousand generations,
16:16 The covenant which He made with Abraham,
And His oath to Isaac,
16:17 And confirmed it to Jacob for a statute,
To Israel for an everlasting covenant,
16:18 Saying, "To you I will give the land of Canaan
As the allotment of your inheritance,"
16:19 When you were few in number, Indeed very few, and strangers in it.
16:20 When they went from one nation to another,
And from one kingdom to another people,
16:21 He permitted no man to do them wrong;
Yes, He rebuked kings for their sakes,
16:22 Saying, "Do not touch My anointed ones,
And do My prophets no harm."
16:23 Sing to Yahweh, all the earth; Proclaim the good news of His salvation from day to day.
16:24 Declare His glory among the nations,
His wonders among all peoples.
16:25 For Yahweh is great and greatly to be praised;
He is also to be feared above all gods.
16:26 For all the gods of the peoples are idols,
But Yahweh made the heavens.
16:27 Honor and majesty are before Him;
Strength and gladness are in His place.
16:28 Give to Yahweh, O families of the peoples,
Give to Yahweh glory and strength.
16:29 Give to Yahweh the glory due His name;
Bring an offering, and come before Him.
Oh, worship Yahweh in the beauty of holiness!
16:30 Tremble before Him, all the earth.
The world also is firmly established,
It shall not be moved.

16:31 Let the skies rejoice, and let the earth be glad;
And let them say among the nations, "Yahweh reigns."
16:32 Let the sea roar, and all its fullness;
Let the field rejoice, and all that is in it.
16:33 Then the trees of the woods shall rejoice before Yahweh,
For He is coming to judge the earth.
16:34 Oh, give thanks to Yahweh, for He is good!
For His mercy endures forever.
16:35 And say, "Save us, O God of our salvation;
Gather us together, and deliver us from the Gentiles,
To give thanks to Your holy name,
To triumph in Your praise."
16:36 Blessed be Yahweh the God of Israel
From everlasting to everlasting!
And all the people said, "Amam!" and praised Yahweh.
16:37 So he left Asaph and his brothers there before the ark of the covenant of Yahweh to minister before the ark regularly, as every day's work required;
16:38 and Obed-Edom with his sixty-eight brethren, including Obed-Edom the son of Jeduthun, and Hosah, to be gatekeepers;
16:39 and Zadok the priest and his brethren the priests, before the tabernacle of Yahweh at the high place that was at Gibeon,
16:40 to offer burnt offerings to Yahweh on the altar of burnt offering regularly morning and evening, and to do according to all that is written in the Law of Yahweh which He commanded Israel;
16:41 and with them Heman and Jeduthun and the rest who were chosen, who were designated by name, to give thanks to Yahweh, because His mercy endures forever;
16:42 and with them Heman and Jeduthun, to sound aloud with trumpets and cymbals and the musical

instruments of Yahweh. Now the sons of Jeduthun were gatekeepers.

16:43 Then all the people departed, every man to his house; and David returned to bless his house.

I Chronicles 17:

17:1 Now it came to pass, when David was dwelling in his house, that David said to Nathan the prophet, "See now, I dwell in a house of cedar, but the ark of the covenant of Yahweh is under tent curtains."

17:2 Then Nathan said to David, "Do all that is in your heart, for Yahweh is with you."

17:3 But it happened that night that the word of Yahweh came to Nathan, saying,

17:4 "Go and tell My servant David, 'Thus says Yahweh: "You shall not build Me a house to dwell in.

17:5 "For I have not dwelt in a house since the time that I brought up Israel, even to this day, but have gone from tent to tent, and from one tabernacle to another.

17:6 "Wherever I have moved about with all Israel, have I ever spoken a word to any of the judges of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd My people, saying, 'Why have you not built Me a house of cedar?' " "

17:7 "Now therefore, thus shall you say to My servant David, 'Thus says Yahweh, God of hosts: "I took you from the sheepfold, from following the sheep, to be ruler over My people Israel.

17:8 "And I have been with you wherever you have gone, and have cut off all your enemies from before you, and have made you a name like the name of the great men who are on the earth.

17:9 "Moreover I will appoint a place for My people Israel, and will plant them, that they may dwell in a place of their own and move no more; nor shall the sons of wickedness oppress them anymore, as previously,

17:10 "since the time that I commanded judges to be over My people Israel. Also I will subdue all your enemies.

Furthermore I tell you that Yahweh will build you a house.

17:11 "And it shall be, when your days are fulfilled, when you must go to be with your fathers, that I will set up your seed after you, who will be of your sons; and I will establish his kingdom.

17:12 "He shall build Me a house, and I will establish his throne forever.

17:13 "I will be his Father, and he shall be My son; and I will not take My mercy away from him, as I took it from him who was before you.

17:14 "And I will establish him in My house and in My kingdom forever; and his throne shall be established forever." ' "

17:15 According to all these words and according to all this vision, so Nathan spoke to David.

17:16 Then King David went in and sat before Yahweh; and he said: "Who am I, O Yahweh our God? And what is my house, that You have brought me this far?

17:17 "And yet this was a small thing in Your sight, O Yahweh; and You have also spoken of Your servant's house for a great while to come, and have regarded me according to the rank of a man of high degree, O Yahweh our God.

17:18 "What more can David say to You for the honor of Your servant? For You know Your servant.

17:19 "O Yahweh, for Your servant's sake, and according to Your own heart, You have done all this greatness, in making known all these great things.

17:20 "O Yahweh, there is none like You, nor is there any God besides You, according to all that we have heard with our ears.

17:21 "And who is like Your people Israel, the one nation on the earth whom Yahweh went to redeem for Himself as a people -to make for Yourself a name

by great and awesome deeds, by driving out nations from before Your people whom You redeemed from Egypt?

17:22 "For You have made Your people Israel Your very own people forever; and You, Yahweh, have become their God.

17:23 "And now, O Yahweh, the word which You have spoken concerning Your servant and concerning his house, let it be established forever, and do as You have said.

17:24 "So let it be established, that Your name may be magnified forever, saying, 'Yahweh, God of hosts, the God of Israel, is Israel's God.' And let the house of Your servant David be established before You.

17:25 "For You, O my God, have revealed to Your servant that You will build him a house. Therefore Your servant has found it in his heart to pray before You.

17:26 "And now, Yahweh, You are God, and have promised this goodness to Your servant.

17:27 "Now You have been pleased to bless the house of Your servant, that it may continue before You forever; for You have blessed it, O Yahweh, and it shall be blessed forever."

I Chronicles 18:

18:1 After this it came to pass that David attacked the Philistines, subdued them, and took Gath and its towns from the hand of the Philistines.

18:2 Then he defeated Moab, and the Moabites became David's servants, and brought tribute.

18:3 And David defeated Hadadezer king of Zobah as far as Hamath, as he went to establish his power by the River Euphrates.

18:4 David took from him one thousand chariots, seven thousand horsemen, and twenty thousand foot soldiers. And David also hamstringed all the chariot horses, except that he spared enough of them for one hundred chariots.

18:5 When the Syrians of Damascus came to help Hadadezer king of Zobah, David killed twenty-two thousand of the Syrians.

18:6 Then David put garrisons in Syria of Damascus; and the Syrians became David's servants, and brought tribute. So Yahweh preserved David wherever he went.

18:7 And David took the shields of gold that were on the servants of Hadadezer, and brought them to Jerusalem.

18:8 Also from Tibhath and from Chun, cities of Hadadezer, David brought a large amount of bronze, with which Solomon made the bronze Sea, the pillars, and the articles of bronze.

18:9 Now when Tou king of Hamath heard that David had defeated all the army of Hadadezer king of Zobah,

18:10 he sent Hadoram his son to King David, to greet him and bless him, because he had fought against Hadadezer and defeated him (*for Hadadezer had been at war with Tou*); and Hadoram brought with him all kinds of articles of gold, silver, and bronze.

18:11 King David also dedicated these to Yahweh, along with the silver and gold that he had brought from all these nations—from Edom, from Moab, from the people of Ammon, from the Philistines, and from Amalek.

18:12 Moreover Abishai the son of Zeruiah killed eighteen thousand Israelites in the Valley of Salt.

18:13 He also put garrisons in Edom, and all the Israelites became David's servants. And Yahweh preserved David wherever he went.

18:14 So David reigned over all Israel, and administered judgment and justice to all his people.

18:15 Joab the son of Zeruiah was over the army; Jehoshaphat the son of Ahilud was recorder;

18:16 Zadok the son of Ahitub and Abimelech the son of Abiathar were the priests; Shavsha was the scribe;

18:17 Benaiah the son of Jehoiada was over the Cherethites and the Pelethites; and David's sons were chief ministers at the king's side.

1 Chronicles 19:

19:1 It happened after this that Nahash the king of the people of Ammon died, and his son reigned in his place.

19:2 Then David said, "I will show kindness to Hanun the son of Nahash, because his father showed kindness to me." So David sent messengers to comfort him concerning his father. And David's servants came to Hanun in the land of the people of Ammon to comfort him.

19:3 And the princes of the people of Ammon said to Hanun, "Do you think that David really honors your father because he has sent comforters to you? Did his servants not come to you to search and to overthrow and to spy out the land?"

19:4 Therefore Hanun took David's servants, shaved them, and cut off their garments in the middle, at their buttocks, and sent them away.

19:5 Then some went and told David about the men; and he sent to meet them, because the men were greatly ashamed. And the king said, "Wait at Jericho until your beards have grown, and then return."

19:6 When the people of Ammon saw that they had made themselves repulsive to David, Hanun and the people of Ammon sent a thousand talents of silver to hire for themselves chariots and horsemen from Mesopotamia, from Syrian Maachah, and from Zobah.

19:7 So they hired for themselves thirty-two thousand chariots, with the king of Maachah and his people, who came and encamped before Medeba. Also the people of Ammon gathered together from their cities, and came to battle.

19:8 Now when David heard of it, he sent Joab and all the army of the mighty men.

19:9 Then the people of Ammon came out and put themselves in battle array before the gate of the city, and the kings who had come were by themselves in the field.

19:10 When Joab saw that the battle line was against him before and behind, he chose some of Israel's best and put them in battle array against the Syrians.

19:11 And the rest of the people he put under the command of Abishai his brother, and they set themselves in battle array against the people of Ammon.

19:12 Then he said, "If the Syrians are too strong for me, then you shall help me; but if the people of Ammon are too strong for you, then I will help you.

19:13 "Be of good courage, and let us be strong for our people and for the cities of our God. And may Yahweh do what is good in His sight."

19:14 So Joab and the people who were with him drew near for the battle against the Syrians, and they fled before him.

19:15 When the people of Ammon saw that the Syrians were fleeing, they also fled before Abishai his brother, and entered the city. So Joab went to Jerusalem.

19:16 Now when the Syrians saw that they had been defeated by Israel, they sent messengers and brought the Syrians who were beyond the River, and Shophach the commander of Hadadezer's army went before them.

19:17 When it was told David, he gathered all Israel, crossed over the Jordan and came upon them, and set up in battle array against them. So when David had set up in battle array against the Syrians, they fought with him.

19:18 Then the Syrians fled before Israel; and David killed seven thousand charioteers and forty thousand foot soldiers of the Syrians, and killed Shophach the commander of the army.

19:19 And when the servants of Hadadezer saw that they were defeated by Israel, they made peace with David

and became his servants. So the Syrians were not willing to help the people of Ammon anymore.

1 Chronicles 20:

20:1 It happened in the spring of the year, at the time kings go out to battle, that Joab led out the armed forces and ravaged the country of the people of Ammon, and came and besieged Rabbah. But David stayed at Jerusalem. And Joab defeated Rabbah and overthrew it.

20:2 Then David took their king's crown from his head, and found it to weigh a talent of gold, and there were precious stones in it. And it was set on David's head. Also he brought out the spoil of the city in great abundance.

20:3 And he brought out the people who were in it, and put them to work with saws, with iron picks, and with axes. So David did to all the cities of the people of Ammon. Then David and all the people returned to Jerusalem.

20:4 Now it happened afterward that war broke out at Gezer with the Philistines, at which time Sibbechai the Hushathite killed Sippai, who was one of the sons of the giant. And they were subdued.

20:5 Again there was war with the Philistines, and Elhanan the son of Jair killed Lahmi the brother of Goliath the Gittite, the shaft of whose spear was like a weaver's beam.

20:6 Yet again there was war at Gath, where there was a man of great stature, with twenty-four fingers and toes, six on each hand and six on each foot; and he also was born to the giant.

20:7 So when he defied Israel, Jonathan the son of Shimea, David's brother, killed him.

20:8 These were born to the giant in Gath, and they fell by the hand of David and by the hand of his servants.

1 Chronicles 21:

21:1 Now Satan stood up against Israel, and moved David to number Israel.

21:2 So David said to Joab and to the leaders of the people, "Go, number Israel from Beersheba to Dan, and bring the number of them to me that I may know it."

21:3 And Joab answered, "May Yahweh make His people a hundred times more than they are. But, my lord the king, are they not all my lord's servants? Why then does my lord require this thing? Why should he be a cause of guilt in Israel?"

21:4 Nevertheless the king's word prevailed against Joab. Therefore Joab departed and went throughout all Israel and came to Jerusalem.

21:5 Then Joab gave the sum of the number of the people to David. All Israel had one million one hundred thousand men who drew the sword, and Judah had four hundred and seventy thousand men who drew the sword.

21:6 But he did not count Levi and Benjamin among them, for the king's word was abominable to Joab.

21:7 And Yahweh was displeased with this thing; therefore He struck Israel.

21:8 So David said to Yahweh, "I have sinned greatly, because I have done this thing; but now, I pray, take away the iniquity of Your servant, for I have done very foolishly."

21:9 And Yahweh spoke to Gad, David's seer, saying,

21:10 "Go and tell David, saying, 'Thus says Yahweh: "I offer you three things; choose one of them for yourself, that I may do it to you." ' "

21:11 So Gad came to David and said to him, "Thus says Yahweh: 'Choose for yourself,

21:12 'either three years of famine, or three months to be defeated by your foes with the sword of your enemies overtaking you, or else for three days the sword of Yahweh -the plague in the land, with the angel of Yahweh destroying throughout all the territory of Israel.' Now consider

what answer I should take back to Him who sent me."

21:13 And David said to Gad, "I am in great distress. Please let me fall into the hand of Yahweh, for His mercies are very great; but do not let me fall into the hand of man."

21:14 So Yahweh sent a plague upon Israel, and seventy thousand men of Israel fell.

21:15 And Yahweh sent an angel to Jerusalem to destroy it. As he was destroying, Yahweh looked and relented of the disaster, and said to the angel who was destroying, "**It is enough; now restrain your hand.**" And the angel of Yahweh stood by the threshing floor of Ornan the Jebusite.

21:16 Then David lifted his eyes and saw the angel of Yahweh standing between earth and the sky, having in his hand a drawn sword stretched out over Jerusalem. So David and the elders, clothed in sackcloth, fell on their faces.

21:17 And David said to Yahweh, "Was it not I who commanded the people to be numbered? I am the one who has sinned and done evil indeed; but these sheep, what have they done? Let Your hand, I pray, O Yahweh my God, be against me and my father's house, but not against Your people that they should be plagued."

21:18 Therefore, the angel of Yahweh commanded Gad to say to David that David should go and erect an altar to Yahweh on the threshing floor of Ornan the Jebusite.

21:19 So David went up at the word of Gad, which he had spoken in the name of Yahweh.

21:20 Now Ornan turned and saw the angel; and his four sons who were with him hid themselves, but Ornan continued threshing wheat.

21:21 Then David came to Ornan, and Ornan looked and saw David. And he went out from the threshing floor, and bowed before David with his face to the ground.

21:22 Then David said to Ornan, "Grant me the place of this threshing floor, that I may build an altar on it to Yahweh. You shall grant it to me at the full price, that the plague may be withdrawn from the people."

21:23 And Ornan said to David, "Take it to yourself, and let my lord the king do what is good in his eyes. Look, I also give you the oxen for burnt offerings, the threshing implements for wood, and the wheat for the grain offering; I give it all."

21:24 Then King David said to Ornan, "No, but I will surely buy it for the full price, for I will not take what is yours for Yahweh, nor offer burnt offerings with that which costs me nothing."

21:25 So David gave Ornan six hundred shekels of gold by weight for the place.

21:26 And David built there an altar to Yahweh, and offered burnt offerings and peace offerings, and called on Yahweh; and He answered him from the sky by fire on the altar of burnt offering.

21:27 So Yahweh commanded the angel, and he returned his sword to its sheath.

21:28 At that time, when David saw that Yahweh had answered him on the threshing floor of Ornan the Jebusite, he sacrificed there.

21:29 For the tabernacle of Yahweh and the altar of the burnt offering, which Moses had made in the wilderness, were at that time at the high place in Gibeon.

21:30 But David could not go before it to inquire of Yahweh, for he was afraid of the sword of the angel of Yahweh.

I Chronicles 22:

22:1 Then David said, "This is the house of Yahweh our God, and this is the altar of burnt offering for Israel."

22:2 So David commanded to gather the aliens who were in the land of Israel; and he appointed masons to cut hewn stones to build the house of Yahweh.

22:3 And David prepared iron in abundance for the nails of the doors of

the gates and for the joints, and bronze in abundance beyond measure, **22:4** and cedar trees in abundance; for the Sidonians and those from Tyre brought much cedar wood to David.

22:5 Now David said, "Solomon my son is young and inexperienced, and the house to be built for Yahweh must be exceedingly magnificent, famous and glorious throughout all countries. I will now make preparation for it." So David made abundant preparations before his death.

22:6 Then he called for his son Solomon, and charged him to build a house for Yahweh the God of Israel.

22:7 And David said to Solomon: "My son, as for me, it was in my mind to build a house to the name of Yahweh my God;

22:8 "but the word of Yahweh came to me, saying, 'You have shed much blood and have made great wars; you shall not build a house for My name, because you have shed much blood on the earth in My sight.

22:9 'Behold, a son shall be born to you, who shall be a man of rest; and I will give him rest from all his enemies all around. His name shall be Solomon, for I will give peace and quietness to Israel in his days.

22:10 'He shall build a house for My name, and he shall be My son, and I will be his Father; and I will establish the throne of his kingdom over Israel forever.'

22:11 "Now, my son, may Yahweh be with you; and may you prosper, and build the house of Yahweh your God, as He has said to you.

22:12 "Only may Yahweh give you wisdom and understanding, and give you charge concerning Israel, that you may keep the law of Yahweh your God.

22:13 "Then you will prosper, if you take care to fulfill the statutes and judgments with which Yahweh charged Moses concerning Israel. Be strong and of

good courage; do not fear nor be dismayed.

22:14 "Indeed I have taken much trouble to prepare for the house of Yahweh one hundred thousand talents of gold and one million talents of silver, and bronze and iron beyond measure, for it is so abundant. I have prepared timber and stone also, and you may add to them.

22:15 "Moreover there are workmen with you in abundance: woodsmen and stonecutters, and all types of skillful men for every kind of work.

22:16 "Of gold and silver and bronze and iron there is no limit. Arise and begin working, and Yahweh be with you."

22:17 David also commanded all the leaders of Israel to help Solomon his son, saying,

22:18 "Is not Yahweh your God with you? And has He not given you rest on every side? For He has given the inhabitants of the land into my hand, and the land is subdued before Yahweh and before His people.

22:19 "Now set your heart and your spirit to seek Yahweh your God. Therefore arise and build the sanctuary of Yahweh our God, to bring the ark of the covenant of Yahweh and the holy articles of Yahweh into the house that is to be built for the name of Yahweh."

I Chronicles 23:

23:1 So when David was old and full of days, he made his son Solomon king over Israel.

23:2 And he gathered together all the leaders of Israel, with the priests and the Levites.

23:3 Now the Levites were numbered from the age of thirty years and above; and the number of individual males was thirty-eight thousand.

23:4 Of these, twenty-four thousand were to look after the work of the house of Yahweh, six thousand were officers and judges,

23:5 four thousand were gatekeepers, and four thousand praised Yahweh with musical instruments, "which I made," said David, "for giving praise."

23:6 Also David separated them into divisions among the sons of Levi: Gershon, Kohath, and Merari.

23:7 Of the Gershonites: Laadan and Shimei.

23:8 The sons of Laadan: the first Jehiel, then Zetham and Joel-three in all.

23:9 The sons of Shimei: Shelomith, Haziël, and Haran-three in all. These were the heads of the fathers' houses of Laadan.

23:10 And the sons of Shimei: Jahath, Zina, Jeush, and Beriah. These were the four sons of Shimei.

23:11 Jahath was the first and Zizah the second. But Jeush and Beriah did not have many sons; therefore they were assigned as one father's house.

23:12 The sons of Kohath: Amram, Izhar, Hebron, and Uzziel-four in all.

23:13 The sons of Amram: Aaron and Moses; and Aaron was set apart, he and his sons forever, that he should sanctify the most holy things, to burn incense before Yahweh, to minister to Him, and to give the blessing in His name forever.

23:14 Now the sons of Moses the man of Yahweh were reckoned to the tribe of Levi.

23:15 The sons of Moses were Gershon and Eliezer.

23:16 Of the sons of Gershon, Shebuel was the first.

23:17 Of the descendants of Eliezer, Rehabiah was the first. And Eliezer had no other sons, but the sons of Rehabiah were very many.

23:18 Of the sons of Izhar, Shelomith was the first.

23:19 Of the sons of Hebron, Jeriah was the first, Amariah the second, Jahaziel the third, and Jekameam the fourth.

23:20 Of the sons of Uzziel, Michah was the first and Jesshiah the second.

23:21 The sons of Merari were Mahli and Mushi. The sons of Mahli were Eleazar and Kish.

23:22 And Eleazar died, and had no sons, but only daughters; and their brethren, the sons of Kish, took them as wives.

23:23 The sons of Mushi were Mahli, Eder, and Jeremoth-three in all.

23:24 These were the sons of Levi by their fathers' houses-the heads of the fathers' houses as they were counted individually by the number of their names, who did the work for the service of the house of Yahweh, from the age of twenty years and above.

23:25 For David said, "Yahweh the God of Israel has given rest to His people, that they may dwell in Jerusalem forever";

23:26 and also to the Levites, "They shall no longer carry the tabernacle, or any of the articles for its service."

23:27 For by the last words of David the Levites were numbered from twenty years old and above;

23:28 because their duty was to help the sons of Aaron in the service of the house of Yahweh, in the courts and in the chambers, in the purifying of all holy things and the work of the service of the house of Yahweh,

23:29 both with the showbread and the fine flour for the grain offering, with the unleavened cakes and what is baked in the pan, with what is mixed and with all kinds of measures and sizes;

23:30 to stand every morning to thank and praise Yahweh, and likewise at evening;

23:31 and at every presentation of a burnt offering to Yahweh on the Sabbaths and on the New Moons and on the set feasts, by number according to the ordinance governing them, regularly before Yahweh;

23:32 and that they should attend to the needs of the tabernacle of meeting, the needs of the holy place, and the needs

of the sons of Aaron their brethren in the work of the house of Yahweh.

I Chronicles 24:

24:1 Now these are the divisions of the sons of Aaron. The sons of Aaron were Nadab, Abihu, Eleazar, and Ithamar.

24:2 And Nadab and Abihu died before their father, and had no children; therefore Eleazar and Ithamar ministered as priests.

24:3 Then David with Zadok of the sons of Eleazar, and Ahimelech of the sons of Ithamar, divided them according to the schedule of their service.

24:4 There were more leaders found of the sons of Eleazar than of the sons of Ithamar, and thus they were divided. Among the sons of Eleazar were sixteen heads of their fathers' houses, and eight heads of their fathers' houses among the sons of Ithamar.

24:5 Thus they were divided by lot, one group as another, for there were officials of the sanctuary and officials of the house of Yahweh, from the sons of Eleazar and from the sons of Ithamar.

24:6 And the scribe, Shemaiah the son of Nethanel, one of the Levites, wrote them down before the king, the leaders, Zadok the priest, Ahimelech the son of Abiathar, and the heads of the fathers' houses of the priests and Levites, one father's house taken for Eleazar and one for Ithamar.

24:7 Now the first lot fell to Jehoiarib, the second to Jedaiah,

24:8 the third to Harim, the fourth to Seorim,

24:9 the fifth to Malchijah, the sixth to Mijamin,

24:10 the seventh to Hakkoz, the eighth to Abijah,

24:11 the ninth to Jeshua, the tenth to Shecaniah,

24:12 the eleventh to Eliashib, the twelfth to Jakim,

24:13 the thirteenth to Huppah, the fourteenth to Jeshebeab,

24:14 the fifteenth to Bilgah, the sixteenth to Immer,

24:15 the seventeenth to Hezir, the eighteenth to Happizzetz,

24:16 the nineteenth to Pethahiah, the twentieth to Jehezkel,

24:17 the twenty-first to Jachin, the twenty-second to Gamul,

24:18 the twenty-third to Delaiah, the twenty-fourth to Maaziah.

24:19 This was the schedule of their service for coming into the house of Yahweh according to their ordinance by the hand of Aaron their father, as Yahweh the God of Israel had commanded him.

24:20 And the rest of the sons of Levi: of the sons of Amram, Shubael; of the sons of Shubael, Jehdeiah.

24:21 Concerning Rehabiah, of the sons of Rehabiah, the first was Isshiah.

24:22 Of the Izharites, Shelomoth; of the sons of Shelomoth, Jahath.

24:23 Of the sons of Hebron, Jeriah was the first, Amariah the second, Jahaziel the third, and Jekameam the fourth.

24:24 Of the sons of Uzziel, Michah; of the sons of Michah, Shamir.

24:25 The brother of Michah, Isshiah; of the sons of Isshiah, Zechariah.

24:26 The sons of Merari were Mahli and Mushi; the son of Jaaziah, Beno.

24:27 The sons of Merari by Jaaziah were Beno, Shoham, Zaccur, and Ibri.

24:28 Of Mahli: Eleazar, who had no sons.

24:29 Of Kish: the son of Kish, Jerahmeel.

24:30 Also the sons of Mushi were Mahli, Eder, and Jerimoth. These were the sons of the Levites according to their fathers' houses.

24:31 These also cast lots just as their brothers the sons of Aaron did, in the presence of King David, Zadok, Ahimelech, and the heads of the fathers' houses of the priests and Levites. The chief fathers did just as their younger brethren.

I Chronicles 25:

25:1 Moreover David and the captains of the army separated for the service

some of the sons of Asaph, of Heman, and of Jeduthun, who should prophesy with harps, stringed instruments, and cymbals. And the number of the skilled men performing their service was:

25:2 Of the sons of Asaph: Zaccur, Joseph, Nethaniah, and Asharelah; the sons of Asaph were under the direction of Asaph, who prophesied according to the order of the king.

25:3 Of Jeduthun, the sons of Jeduthun: Gedaliah, Zeri, Jeshaiiah, Shimei, Hashabiah, and Mattithiah, six, under the direction of their father Jeduthun, who prophesied with a harp to give thanks and to praise Yahweh.

25:4 Of Heman, the sons of Heman: Bukkiah, Mattaniah, Uzziel, Shebuel, Jerimoth, Hananiah, Hanani, Eliathah, Giddalti, Romamti-Ezer, Joshbekashah, Mallothi, Hothir, and Mahazioth.

25:5 All these were the sons of Heman the king's seer in the words of Yahweh, to exalt his horn. For Yahweh gave Heman fourteen sons and three daughters.

25:6 All these were under the direction of their father for the music in the house of Yahweh, with cymbals, stringed instruments, and harps, for the service of the house of Yahweh. Asaph, Jeduthun, and Heman were under the authority of the king.

25:7 So the number of them, with their brethren who were instructed in the songs of Yahweh, all who were skillful, was two hundred and eighty-eight.

25:8 And they cast lots for their duty, the small as well as the great, the teacher with the student.

25:9 Now the first lot for Asaph came out for Joseph; the second for Gedaliah, him with his brethren and sons, twelve;

25:10 the third for Zaccur, his sons and his brethren, twelve;

25:11 the fourth for Jizri, his sons and his brethren, twelve;

25:12 the fifth for Nethaniah, his sons and his brethren, twelve;

25:13 the sixth for Bukkiah, his sons and his brethren, twelve;

25:14 the seventh for Jesharelah, his sons and his brethren, twelve;

25:15 the eighth for Jeshaiiah, his sons and his brethren, twelve;

25:16 the ninth for Mattaniah, his sons and his brethren, twelve;

25:17 the tenth for Shimei, his sons and his brethren, twelve;

25:18 the eleventh for Azarel, his sons and his brethren, twelve;

25:19 the twelfth for Hashabiah, his sons and his brethren, twelve;

25:20 the thirteenth for Shubael, his sons and his brethren, twelve;

25:21 the fourteenth for Mattithiah, his sons and his brethren, twelve;

25:22 the fifteenth for Jeremoth, his sons and his brethren, twelve;

25:23 the sixteenth for Hananiah, his sons and his brethren, twelve;

25:24 the seventeenth for Joshbekashah, his sons and his brethren, twelve;

25:25 the eighteenth for Hanani, his sons and his brethren, twelve;

25:26 the nineteenth for Mallothi, his sons and his brethren, twelve;

25:27 the twentieth for Eliathah, his sons and his brethren, twelve;

25:28 the twenty-first for Hothir, his sons and his brethren, twelve;

25:29 the twenty-second for Giddalti, his sons and his brethren, twelve;

25:30 the twenty-third for Mahazioth, his sons and his brethren, twelve;

25:31 the twenty-fourth for Romamti-Ezer, his sons and his brethren, twelve.

I Chronicles 26:

26:1 Concerning the divisions of the gatekeepers: of the Korahites, Meshelemiah the son of Kore, of the sons of Asaph.

26:2 And the sons of Meshelemiah were Zechariah the firstborn, Jediael the second, Zebadiah the third, Jathniel the fourth,

26:3 Elam the fifth, Jehohanan the sixth, Eliehoenai the seventh.

26:4 Moreover the sons of Obed-Edom were Shemaiah the firstborn, Jehozabad the second, Joah the third, Sacar the fourth, Nethanel the fifth,

26:5 Ammiel the sixth, Issachar the seventh, Peulthai the eighth; for Yahweh blessed him.

26:6 Also to Shemaiah his son were sons born who governed their fathers' houses, because they were men of great ability.

26:7 The sons of Shemaiah were Othni, Rephael, Obed, and Elzabad, whose brothers Elihu and Semachiah were able men.

26:8 All these were of the sons of Obed-Edom, they and their sons and their brethren, able men with strength for the work: sixty-two of Obed-Edom.

26:9 And Meshelemiah had sons and brethren, eighteen able men.

26:10 Also Hosah, of the children of Merari, had sons: Shimri the first (*for though he was not the firstborn, his father made him the first*),

26:11 Hilkiah the second, Tebaliah the third, Zechariah the fourth; all the sons and brethren of Hosah were thirteen.

26:12 Among these were the divisions of the gatekeepers, among the chief men, having duties just like their brethren, to serve in the house of Yahweh.

26:13 And they cast lots for each gate, the small as well as the great, according to their father's house.

26:14 The lot for the East Gate fell to Shelemiah. Then they cast lots for his son Zechariah, a wise counselor, and his lot came out for the North Gate;

26:15 to Obed-Edom the South Gate, and to his sons the storehouse.

26:16 To Shuppim and Hosah the lot came out for the West Gate, with the Shallecheth Gate on the ascending highway-watchman opposite watchman.

26:17 On the east were six Levites, on the north four each day, on the south four each day, and for the storehouse two by two.

26:18 As for the Parbar on the west, there were four on the highway and two at the Parbar.

26:19 These were the divisions of the gatekeepers among the sons of Korah and among the sons of Merari.

26:20 Of the Levites, Ahijah was over the treasuries of the house of Yahweh and over the treasuries of the dedicated things.

26:21 The sons of Laadan, the descendants of the Gershonites of Laadan, heads of their fathers' houses, of Laadan the Gershonite: Jehieli.

26:22 The sons of Jehieli, Zetham and Joel his brother, were over the treasuries of the house of Yahweh.

26:23 Of the Amramites, the Izharites, the Hebronites, and the Uzzielites:

26:24 Shebuel the son of Gershom, the son of Moses, was overseer of the treasuries.

26:25 And his brethren by Eliezer were Rehabiah his son, Jeshaiiah his son, Joram his son, Zichri his son, and Shelomith his son.

26:26 This Shelomith and his brethren were over all the treasuries of the dedicated things which King David and the heads of fathers' houses, the captains over thousands and hundreds, and the captains of the army, had dedicated.

26:27 Some of the spoils won in battles they dedicated to maintain the house of Yahweh.

26:28 And all that Samuel the seer, Saul the son of Kish, Abner the son of Ner, and Joab the son of Zeruiah had dedicated, every dedicated thing, was under the hand of Shelomith and his brethren.

26:29 Of the Izharites, Chenaniah and his sons performed duties as officials and judges over Israel outside Jerusalem.

26:30 Of the Hebronites, Hashabiah and his brethren, one thousand seven hundred able men, had the oversight of Israel on the west side of the Jordan for

all the business of Yahweh, and in the service of the king.

26:31 Among the Hebronites, Jerijah was head of the Hebronites according to his genealogy of the fathers. In the fortieth year of the reign of David they were sought, and there were found among them capable men at Jazer of Gilead.

26:32 And his brethren were two thousand seven hundred able men, heads of fathers' houses, whom King David made officials over the Reubenites, the Gadites, and the half-tribe of Manasseh, for every matter pertaining to Yahweh and the affairs of the king.

I Chronicles 27:

27:1 And the children of Israel, according to their number, the heads of fathers' houses, the captains of thousands and hundreds and their officers, served the king in every matter of the military divisions. These divisions came in and went out month by month throughout all the months of the year, each division having twenty-four thousand.

27:2 Over the first division for the first month was Jashobeam the son of Zabdiel, and in his division were twenty-four thousand;

27:3 he was of the children of Perez, and the chief of all the captains of the army for the first month.

27:4 Over the division of the second month was Dodai an Ahohite, and of his division Mikloth also was the leader; in his division were twenty-four thousand.

27:5 The third captain of the army for the third month was Benaiah, the son of Jehoiada the priest, who was chief; in his division were twenty-four thousand.

27:6 This was the Benaiah who was mighty among the thirty, and was over the thirty; in his division was Ammizabad his son.

27:7 The fourth captain for the fourth month was Asahel the brother of Joab,

and Zebadiah his son after him; in his division were twenty-four thousand.

27:8 The fifth captain for the fifth month was Shamhuth the Izrahite; in his division were twenty-four thousand.

27:9 The sixth captain for the sixth month was Ira the son of Ikkesh the Tekoite; in his division were twenty-four thousand.

27:10 The seventh captain for the seventh month was Helez the Pelonite, of the children of Ephraim; in his division were twenty-four thousand.

27:11 The eighth captain for the eighth month was Sibbechai the Hushathite, of the Zarhites; in his division were twenty-four thousand.

27:12 The ninth captain for the ninth month was Abiezer the Anathothite, of the Benjamites; in his division were twenty-four thousand.

27:13 The tenth captain for the tenth month was Maharai the Netophathite, of the Zarhites; in his division were twenty-four thousand.

27:14 The eleventh captain for the eleventh month was Benaiah the Pirathonite, of the children of Ephraim; in his division were twenty-four thousand.

27:15 The twelfth captain for the twelfth month was Heldai the Netophathite, of Othniel; in his division were twenty-four thousand.

27:16 Furthermore, over the tribes of Israel: the officer over the Reubenites was Eliezer the son of Zichri; over the Simeonites, Shephatiah the son of Maachah;

27:17 over the Levites, Hashabiah the son of Kemuel; over the Aaronites, Zadok;

27:18 over Judah, Elihu, one of David's brothers; over Issachar, Omri the son of Michael;

27:19 over Zebulun, Ishmaiah the son of Obadiah; over Naphtali, Jerimoth the son of Azriel;

27:20 over the children of Ephraim, Hoshea the son of Azaziah; over the

half-tribe of Manasseh, Joel the son of Pedaiah;
27:21 over the half-tribe of Manasseh in Gilead, Iddo the son of Zechariah; over Benjamin, Jaasiel the son of Abner;
27:22 over Dan, Azarel the son of Jeroham. These were the leaders of the tribes of Israel.
27:23 But David did not take the number of those twenty years old and under, because Yahweh had said He would multiply Israel like the stars of the skies.
27:24 Joab the son of Zeruiah began a census, but he did not finish, for wrath came upon Israel because of this census; nor was the number recorded in the account of the chronicles of King David.
27:25 And Azmaveth the son of Adiel was over the king's treasuries; and Jehonathan the son of Uzziah was over the storehouses in the field, in the cities, in the villages, and in the fortresses.
27:26 Ezri the son of Chelub was over those who did the work of the field for tilling the ground.
27:27 And Shimei the Ramathite was over the vineyards, and Zabdi the Shiphmite was over the produce of the vineyards for the supply of wine.
27:28 Baal-Hanan the Gederite was over the olive trees and the sycamore trees that were in the lowlands, and Joash was over the store of oil.
27:29 And Shitrai the Sharonite was over the herds that fed in Sharon, and Shaphat the son of Adlai was over the herds that were in the valleys.
27:30 Obil the Ishmaelite was over the camels, Jehdeiah the Meronothite was over the donkeys,
27:31 and Jaziz the Hagrite was over the flocks. All these were the officials over King David's property.
27:32 Also Jehonathan, David's uncle, was a counselor, a wise man, and a scribe; and Jehiel the son of Hachmoni was with the king's sons.

27:33 Ahithophel was the king's counselor, and Hushai the Archite was the king's companion.
27:34 After Ahithophel was Jehoiada the son of Benaiah, then Abiathar. And the general of the king's army was Joab.
I Chronicles 28:
28:1 Now David assembled at Jerusalem all the leaders of Israel: the officers of the tribes and the captains of the divisions who served the king, the captains over thousands and captains over hundreds, and the stewards over all the substance and possessions of the king and of his sons, with the officials, the valiant men, and all the mighty men of valor.
28:2 Then King David rose to his feet and said, "Hear me, my brethren and my people: I had it in my heart to build a house of rest for the ark of the covenant of Yahweh, and for the footstool of our God, and had made preparations to build it.
28:3 "But Yahweh said to me, '**You shall not build a house for My name, because you have been a man of war and have shed blood.**'
28:4 "However Yahweh the God of Israel chose me above all the house of my father to be king over Israel forever, for He has chosen Judah to be the ruler; and of the house of Judah, the house of my father, and among the sons of my father, He was pleased with me to make me king over all Israel.
28:5 "And of all my sons (*for Yahweh has given me many sons*) He has chosen my son Solomon to sit on the throne of the kingdom of Yahweh over Israel.
28:6 "Now He said to me, '**It is your son Solomon who shall build My house and My courts; for I have chosen him to be My son, and I will be his Father.**'
28:7 '**Moreover I will establish his kingdom forever, if he is steadfast to observe My commandments and My judgments, as it is this day.**'

28:8 "Now therefore, in the sight of all Israel, the assembly of Yahweh, and in the hearing of our God, be careful to seek out all the commandments of Yahweh your God, that you may possess this good land, and leave it as an inheritance for your children after you forever.

28:9 "As for you, my son Solomon, know the God of your father, and serve Him with a loyal heart and with a willing mind; for Yahweh searches all hearts and understands all the intent of the thoughts. If you seek Him, He will be found by you; but if you forsake Him, He will cast you off forever.

28:10 "Consider now, for Yahweh has chosen you to build a house for the sanctuary; be strong, and do it."

28:11 Then David gave his son Solomon the plans for the vestibule, its houses, its treasuries, its upper chambers, its inner chambers, and the place of the mercy seat;

28:12 and the plans for all that he had by His Spirit, of the courts of the house of Yahweh, of all the chambers all around, of the treasuries of the house of Yahweh, and of the treasuries for the dedicated things;

28:13 also for the division of the priests and the Levites, for all the work of the service of the house of Yahweh, and for all the articles of service in the house of Yahweh.

28:14 He gave gold by weight for things of gold, for all articles used in every kind of service; also silver for all articles of silver by weight, for all articles used in every kind of service;

28:15 the weight for the lampstands of gold, and their lamps of gold, by weight for each lampstand and its lamps; for the lampstands of silver by weight, for the lampstand and its lamps, according to the use of each lampstand.

28:16 And by weight he gave gold for the tables of the showbread, for each table, and silver for the tables of silver;

28:17 also pure gold for the forks, the basins, the pitchers of pure gold, and the golden bowls-he gave gold by weight for every bowl; and for the silver bowls, silver by weight for every bowl; **28:18** and refined gold by weight for the altar of incense, and for the construction of the chariot, that is, the gold cherubim that spread their wings and overshadowed the ark of the covenant of Yahweh.

28:19 "All this," said David, "Yahweh made me understand in writing, by His hand upon me, all the works of these plans."

28:20 And David said to his son Solomon, "Be strong and of good courage, and do it; do not fear nor be dismayed, for Yahweh our God-my God-will be with you. He will not leave you nor forsake you, until you have finished all the work for the service of the house of Yahweh.

28:21 "Here are the divisions of the priests and the Levites for all the service of the house of Yahweh; and every willing craftsman will be with you for all manner of workmanship, for every kind of service; also the leaders and all the people will be completely at your command."

I Chronicles 29:

29:1 Furthermore King David said to all the assembly: "My son Solomon, whom alone Yahweh has chosen, is young and inexperienced; and the work is great, because the temple is not for man but for Yahweh our God.

29:2 "Now for the house of my God I have prepared with all my might: gold for things to be made of gold, silver for things of silver, bronze for things of bronze, iron for things of iron, wood for things of wood, onyx stones, stones to be set, glistening stones of various colors, all kinds of precious stones, and marble slabs in abundance.

29:3 "Moreover, because I have set my affection on the house of my God, I have given to the house of my God,

over and above all that I have prepared for the holy house, my own special treasure of gold and silver:

29:4 "three thousand talents of gold, of the gold of Ophir, and seven thousand talents of refined silver, to overlay the walls of the houses;

29:5 "the gold for things of gold and the silver for things of silver, and for all kinds of work to be done by the hands of craftsmen. Who then is willing to consecrate himself this day to Yahweh?"

29:6 Then the leaders of the fathers' houses, leaders of the tribes of Israel, the captains of thousands and of hundreds, with the officers over the king's work, offered willingly.

29:7 They gave for the work of the house of Yahweh five thousand talents and ten thousand darics of gold, ten thousand talents of silver, eighteen thousand talents of bronze, and one hundred thousand talents of iron.

29:8 And whoever had precious stones gave them to the treasury of the house of Yahweh, into the hand of Jehiel the Gershonite.

29:9 Then the people rejoiced, for they had offered willingly, because with a loyal heart they had offered willingly to Yahweh; and King David also rejoiced greatly.

29:10 Therefore David blessed Yahweh before all the assembly; and David said: "Blessed are You, Yahweh the God of Israel, our Father, forever and ever.

29:11 Yours, O Yahweh, is the greatness,
The power and the glory,
The victory and the majesty;
For all that is in heaven and in earth is Yours;

Yours is the kingdom, O Yahweh,
And You are exalted as head over all.

29:12 Both riches and honor come from You,
And You reign over all.
In Your hand is power and might;
In Your hand it is to make great
And to give strength to all.

29:13 "Now therefore, our God,
We thank You
And praise Your glorious name.

29:14 But who am I, and who are my people,
That we should be able to offer so willingly as this?

For all things come from You,
And of Your own we have given You.

29:15 For we are aliens and pilgrims before You,
As were all our fathers;
Our days on earth are as a shadow,
And without hope.

29:16 "O Yahweh our God, all this abundance that we have prepared to build You a house for Your holy name is from Your hand, and is all Your own.

29:17 "I know also, my God Yahweh, that You test the heart and have pleasure in uprightness. As for me, in the uprightness of my heart I have willingly offered all these things; and now with joy I have seen Your people, who are present here to offer willingly to You.

29:18 "O Yahweh the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, our fathers, keep this forever in the intent of the thoughts of the heart of Your people, and fix their heart toward You.

29:19 "And give my son Solomon a loyal heart to keep Your commandments and Your testimonies and Your statutes, to do all these things, and to build the temple for which I have made provision."

29:20 Then David said to all the assembly, "Now bless Yahweh your God." So all the assembly blessed Yahweh the God of their fathers, and bowed their heads and prostrated themselves before Yahweh and the king.

29:21 And they made sacrifices to Yahweh and offered burnt offerings to Yahweh on the next day: a thousand bulls, a thousand rams, a thousand lambs, with their drink offerings, and sacrifices in abundance for all Israel.

29:22 So they ate and drank before Yahweh with great gladness on that day. And they made Solomon the son of David king the second time, and anointed him before Yahweh to be the leader, and Zadok to be priest.

29:23 Then Solomon sat on the throne of Yahweh as king instead of David his father, and prospered; and all Israel obeyed him.

29:24 All the leaders and the mighty men, and also all the sons of King David, submitted themselves to King Solomon.

29:25 So Yahweh exalted Solomon exceedingly in the sight of all Israel, and bestowed on him such royal majesty as had not been on any king before him in Israel.

29:26 Thus David the son of Jesse reigned over all Israel.

29:27 And the period that he reigned over Israel was forty years; seven years he reigned in Hebron, and thirty-three years he reigned in Jerusalem.

29:28 So he died in a good old age, full of days and riches and honor; and Solomon his son reigned in his place.

29:29 Now the acts of King David, first and last, indeed they are written in the book of Samuel the seer, in the book of Nathan the prophet, and in the book of Gad the seer,

29:30 with all his reign and his might, and the events that happened to him, to Israel, and to all the kingdoms of the lands.

II Chronicles 1:

1:1 Now Solomon the son of David was strengthened in his kingdom, and Yahweh his God was with him and exalted him exceedingly.

1:2 And Solomon spoke to all Israel, to the captains of thousands and of hundreds, to the judges, and to every leader in all Israel, the heads of the fathers' houses.

1:3 Then Solomon, and all the assembly with him, went to the high place that was

at Gibeon; for the tabernacle of meeting with Yahweh was there, which Moses the servant of Yahweh had made in the wilderness.

1:4 But David had brought up the ark of Yahweh from Kirjath Jearim to the place David had prepared for it, for he had pitched a tent for it at Jerusalem.

1:5 Now the bronze altar that Bezalel the son of Uri, the son of Hur, had made, he put before the tabernacle of Yahweh; Solomon and the assembly sought Him there.

1:6 And Solomon went up there to the bronze altar before Yahweh, which was at the tabernacle of meeting, and offered a thousand burnt offerings on it.

1:7 On that night Yahweh appeared to Solomon, and said to him, "**Ask! What shall I give you?**"

1:8 And Solomon said to Yahweh: "You have shown great mercy to David my father, and have made me king in his place.

1:9 "Now, O Yahweh our God, let Your promise to David my father be established, for You have made me king over a people like the dust of the earth in multitude.

1:10 "Now give me wisdom and knowledge, that I may go out and come in before this people; for who can judge this great people of Yours?"

1:11 And Yahweh said to Solomon: "**Because this was in your heart, and you have not asked riches or wealth or honor or the life of your enemies, nor have you asked long life-but have asked wisdom and knowledge for yourself, that you may judge My people over whom I have made you king-**

1:12 "wisdom and knowledge are granted to you; and I will give you riches and wealth and honor, such as none of the kings have had who were before you, nor shall any after you have the like."

1:13 So Solomon came to Jerusalem from the high place that was at Gibeon,

from before the tabernacle of meeting, and reigned over Israel.

1:14 And Solomon gathered chariots and horsemen; he had one thousand four hundred chariots and twelve thousand horsemen, whom he stationed in the chariot cities and with the king in Jerusalem.

1:15 Also the king made silver and gold as common in Jerusalem as stones, and he made cedars as abundant as the sycamores which are in the lowland.

1:16 And Solomon had horses imported from Egypt and Keveh; the king's merchants bought them in Keveh at the current price.

1:17 They also acquired and imported from Egypt a chariot for six hundred shekels of silver, and a horse for one hundred and fifty; thus, through their agents, they exported them to all the kings of the Hittites and the kings of Syria.

II Chronicles 2:

2:1 Then Solomon determined to build a temple for the name of Yahweh, and a royal house for himself.

2:2 Solomon selected seventy thousand men to bear burdens, eighty thousand to quarry stone in the mountains, and three thousand six hundred to oversee them.

2:3 Then Solomon sent to Hiram king of Tyre, saying: As you have dealt with David my father, and sent him cedars to build himself a house to dwell in, so deal with me.

2:4 Behold, I am building a temple for the name of Yahweh my God, to dedicate it to Him, to burn before Him sweet incense, for the continual showbread, for the burnt offerings morning and evening, on the Sabbaths, on the New Moons, and on the set feasts of Yahweh our God. This is an ordinance forever to Israel.

2:5 And the temple which I build will be great, for our God is greater than all gods.

2:6 But who is able to build Him a temple, since heaven and the heaven of

skies cannot contain Him? Who am I then, that I should build Him a temple, except to burn sacrifice before Him?

2:7 Therefore send me at once a man skillful to work in gold and silver, in bronze and iron, in purple and crimson and blue, who has skill to engrave with the skillful men who are with me in Judah and Jerusalem, whom David my father provided.

2:8 Also send me cedar and cypress and algum logs from Lebanon, for I know that your servants have skill to cut timber in Lebanon; and indeed my servants will be with your servants, **2:9** to prepare timber for me in abundance, for the temple which I am about to build shall be great and wonderful.

2:10 And indeed I will give to your servants, the woodsmen who cut timber, twenty thousand kors of ground wheat, twenty thousand kors of barley, twenty thousand baths of wine, and twenty thousand baths of oil.

2:11 Then Hiram king of Tyre answered in writing, which he sent to Solomon: Because Yahweh loves His people, He has made you king over them.

2:12 Hiram also said: Blessed be Yahweh the God of Israel, who made heaven and earth, for He has given King David a wise son, endowed with prudence and understanding, who will build a temple for Yahweh and a royal house for himself!

2:13 And now I have sent a skillful man, endowed with understanding, Hiram my master craftsman

2:14 (*the son of a woman of the daughters of Dan, and his father was a man of Tyre*), skilled to work in gold and silver, bronze and iron, stone and wood, purple and blue, fine linen and crimson, and to make any engraving and to accomplish any plan which may be given to him, with your skillful men and with the skillful men of my lord David your father.

2:15 Now therefore, the wheat, the barley, the oil, and the wine which my lord has spoken of, let him send to his servants.

2:16 And we will cut wood from Lebanon, as much as you need; we will bring it to you in rafts by sea to Joppa, and you will carry it up to Jerusalem.

2:17 Then Solomon numbered all the aliens who were in the land of Israel, after the census in which David his father had numbered them; and there were found to be one hundred and fifty-three thousand six hundred.

2:18 And he made seventy thousand of them bearers of burdens, eighty thousand stonecutters in the mountain, and three thousand six hundred overseers to make the people work.

II Chronicles 3:

3:1 Now Solomon began to build the house of Yahweh at Jerusalem on Mount Moriah, where Yahweh had appeared to his father David, at the place that David had prepared on the threshing floor of Ornan the Jebusite.

3:2 And he began to build on the second day of the second month in the fourth year of his reign.

3:3 This is the foundation which Solomon laid for building the house of Yahweh: The length was sixty cubits (*by cubits according to the former measure*) and the width twenty cubits.

3:4 And the vestibule that was in front of the sanctuary was twenty cubits long across the width of the house, and the height was one hundred and twenty. He overlaid the inside with pure gold.

3:5 The larger room he paneled with cypress which he overlaid with fine gold, and he carved palm trees and chainwork on it.

3:6 And he decorated the house with precious stones for beauty, and the gold was gold from Parvaim.

3:7 He also overlaid the house-the beams and doorposts, its walls and doors -with gold; and he carved cherubim on the walls.

3:8 And he made the Most Holy Place. Its length was according to the width of the house, twenty cubits, and its width twenty cubits. He overlaid it with six hundred talents of fine gold.

3:9 The weight of the nails was fifty shekels of gold; and he overlaid the upper area with gold.

3:10 In the Most Holy Place he made two cherubim, fashioned by carving, and overlaid them with gold.

3:11 The wings of the cherubim were twenty cubits in overall length: one wing of the one cherub was five cubits, touching the wall of the room, and the other wing was five cubits, touching the wing of the other cherub;

3:12 one wing of the other cherub was five cubits, touching the wall of the room, and the other wing also was five cubits, touching the wing of the other cherub.

3:13 The wings of these cherubim spanned twenty cubits overall. They stood on their feet, and they faced inward.

3:14 And he made the veil of blue, purple, crimson, and fine linen, and wove cherubim into it.

3:15 Also he made in front of the temple two pillars thirty-five cubits high, and the capital that was on the top of each of them was five cubits.

3:16 He made wreaths of chainwork, as in the inner sanctuary, and put them on top of the pillars; and he made one hundred pomegranates, and put them on the wreaths of chainwork.

3:17 Then he set up the pillars before the temple, one on the right hand and the other on the left; he called the name of the one on the right hand Jachin, and the name of the one on the left Boaz.

II Chronicles 4:

4:1 Moreover he made a bronze altar: twenty cubits was its length, twenty cubits its width, and ten cubits its height.

4:2 Then he made the Sea of cast bronze, ten cubits from one brim to the other; it was completely round. Its height

was five cubits, and a line of thirty cubits measured its circumference.

4:3 And under it was the likeness of oxen encircling it all around, ten to a cubit, all the way around the Sea. The oxen were cast in two rows, when it was cast.

4:4 It stood on twelve oxen: three looking toward the north, three looking toward the west, three looking toward the south, and three looking toward the east; the Sea was set upon them, and all their back parts pointed inward.

4:5 It was a handbreadth thick; and its brim was shaped like the brim of a cup, like a lily blossom. It contained three thousand baths.

4:6 He also made ten lavers, and put five on the right side and five on the left, to wash in them; such things as they offered for the burnt offering they would wash in them, but the Sea was for the priests to wash in.

4:7 And he made ten lampstands of gold according to their design, and set them in the temple, five on the right side and five on the left.

4:8 He also made ten tables, and placed them in the temple, five on the right side and five on the left. And he made one hundred bowls of gold.

4:9 Furthermore he made the court of the priests, and the great court and doors for the court; and he overlaid these doors with bronze.

4:10 He set the Sea on the right side, toward the southeast.

4:11 Then Hiram made the pots and the shovels and the bowls. So Hiram finished doing the work that he was to do for King Solomon for the house of Yahweh:

4:12 the two pillars and the bowl-shaped capitals that were on top of the two pillars; the two networks covering the two bowl-shaped capitals which were on top of the pillars;

4:13 four hundred pomegranates for the two networks (*two rows of pomegranates for each network, to*

cover the two bowl-shaped capitals that were on the pillars);

4:14 he also made carts and the lavers on the carts;

4:15 one Sea and twelve oxen under it;

4:16 also the pots, the shovels, the forks-and all their articles Hiram his master craftsman made of burnished bronze for King Solomon for the house of Yahweh.

4:17 In the plain of Jordan the king had them cast in clay molds, between Succoth and Zeredah.

4:18 And Solomon had all these articles made in such great abundance that the weight of the bronze was not determined.

4:19 Thus Solomon had all the furnishings made for the house of Yahweh: the altar of gold and the tables on which was the showbread;

4:20 the lampstands with their lamps of pure gold, to burn in the prescribed manner in front of the inner sanctuary,

4:21 with the flowers and the lamps and the wick-trimmers of gold, of purest gold;

4:22 the trimmers, the bowls, the ladles, and the censers of pure gold. As for the entry of the sanctuary, its inner doors to the Most Holy Place, and the doors of the main hall of the temple, were gold.

II Chronicles 5:

5:1 So all the work that Solomon had done for the house of Yahweh was finished; and Solomon brought in the things which his father David had dedicated: the silver and the gold and all the furnishings. And he put them in the treasuries of the house of Yahweh.

5:2 Now Solomon assembled the elders of Israel and all the heads of the tribes, the chief fathers of the children of Israel, in Jerusalem, that they might bring the ark of the covenant of Yahweh up from the City of David, which is Zion.

5:3 Therefore all the men of Israel assembled with the king at the feast, which was in the seventh month.

5:4 So all the elders of Israel came, and the Levites took up the ark.

5:5 Then they brought up the ark, the tabernacle of meeting, and all the holy furnishings that were in the tabernacle. The priests and the Levites brought them up.

5:6 Also King Solomon, and all the congregation of Israel who were assembled with him before the ark, were sacrificing sheep and oxen that could not be counted or numbered for multitude.

5:7 Then the priests brought in the ark of the covenant of Yahweh to its place, into the inner sanctuary of the temple, to the Most Holy Place, under the wings of the cherubim.

5:8 For the cherubim spread their wings over the place of the ark, and the cherubim overshadowed the ark and its poles.

5:9 And the poles extended so that the ends of the poles of the ark could be seen from the holy place, in front of the inner sanctuary; but they could not be seen from outside. And they are there to this day.

5:10 Nothing was in the ark except the two tablets which Moses put there at Horeb, when Yahweh made a covenant with the children of Israel, when they had come out of Egypt.

5:11 And it came to pass when the priests came out of the Most Holy Place (for all the priests who were present had sanctified themselves, without keeping to their divisions),

5:12 and the Levites who were the singers, all those of Asaph and Heman and Jeduthun, with their sons and their brethren, stood at the east end of the altar, clothed in white linen, having cymbals, stringed instruments and harps, and with them one hundred and twenty priests sounding with trumpets-

5:13 indeed it came to pass, when the trumpeters and singers were as one, to make one sound to be heard in praising and thanking Yahweh, and when they

lifted up their voice with the trumpets and cymbals and instruments of music, and praised Yahweh, saying:

"For He is good, For His mercy endures forever,"

that the house, the house of Yahweh, was filled with a cloud,

5:14 so that the priests could not continue ministering because of the cloud; for the glory of Yahweh filled the house of Yahweh.

II Chronicles 6:

6:1 Then Solomon spoke:

"Yahweh said He would dwell in the dark cloud.

6:2 I have surely built You an exalted house, And a place for You to dwell in forever."

6:3 Then the king turned around and blessed the whole assembly of Israel, while all the assembly of Israel was standing.

6:4 And he said: "Blessed be Yahweh the God of Israel, who has fulfilled with His hands what He spoke with His mouth to my father David, saying,

6:5 'Since the day that I brought My people out of the land of Egypt, I have chosen no city from any tribe of Israel in which to build a house, that My name might be there, nor did I choose any man to be a ruler over My people Israel.

6:6 'Yet I have chosen Jerusalem, that My name may be there; and I have chosen David to be over My people Israel.'

6:7 "Now it was in the heart of my father David to build a temple for the name of Yahweh the God of Israel.

6:8 "But Yahweh said to my father David, 'Whereas it was in your heart to build a temple for My name, you did well in that it was in your heart.

6:9 'Nevertheless you shall not build the temple, but your son who will come from your body, he shall build the temple for My name.'

6:10 "So Yahweh has fulfilled His word which He spoke, and I have filled the position of my father David, and sit on

the throne of Israel, as Yahweh promised; and I have built the temple for the name of Yahweh the God of Israel.

6:11 "And there I have put the ark, in which is the covenant of Yahweh which He made with the children of Israel."

6:12 Then Solomon stood before the altar of Yahweh in the presence of all the assembly of Israel, and spread out his hands

6:13 *(for Solomon had made a bronze platform five cubits long, five cubits wide, and three cubits high, and had set it in the midst of the court; and he stood on it, knelt down on his knees before all the assembly of Israel, and spread out his hands toward the sky);*

6:14 and he said: "Yahweh the God of Israel, there is no God in heaven or on earth like You, who keep Your covenant and mercy with Your servants who walk before You with all their hearts.

6:15 "You have kept what You promised Your servant David my father; You have both spoken with Your mouth and fulfilled it with Your hand, as it is this day.

6:16 "Therefore, Yahweh the God of Israel, now keep what You promised Your servant David my father, saying, **'You shall not fail to have a man sit before Me on the throne of Israel, only if your sons take heed to their way, that they walk in My law as you have walked before Me.'**

6:17 "And now, O Yahweh the God of Israel, let Your word come true, which You have spoken to Your servant David.

6:18 "But will Yahweh indeed dwell with men on the earth? Behold, heaven and the heaven of the skies cannot contain You. How much less this temple which I have built!

6:19 "Yet regard the prayer of Your servant and his supplication, O Yahweh my God, and listen to the cry and the prayer which Your servant is praying before You:

6:20 "that Your eyes may be open toward this temple day and night, toward

the place where You said You would put Your name, that You may hear the prayer which Your servant prays toward this place.

6:21 "And may You hear the supplications of Your servant and of Your people Israel, when they pray toward this place. Hear from heaven Your dwelling place, and when You hear, forgive.

6:22 "If anyone sins against his neighbor, and is forced to take an oath, and comes and takes an oath before Your altar in this temple,

6:23 "then hear from heaven, and act, and judge Your servants, bringing retribution on the wicked by bringing his way on his own head, and justifying the righteous by giving him according to his righteousness.

6:24 "Or if Your people Israel are defeated before an enemy because they have sinned against You, and return and confess Your name, and pray and make supplication before You in this temple,

6:25 "then hear from heaven and forgive the sin of Your people Israel, and bring them back to the land which You gave to them and their fathers.

6:26 "When the clouds are shut up and there is no rain because they have sinned against You, when they pray toward this place and confess Your name, and turn from their sin because You afflict them,

6:27 "then hear in heaven, and forgive the sin of Your servants, Your people Israel, that You may teach them the good way in which they should walk; and send rain on Your land which You have given to Your people as an inheritance.

6:28 "When there is famine in the land, pestilence or blight or mildew, locusts or grasshoppers; when their enemies besiege them in the land of their cities; whatever plague or whatever sickness there is;

6:29 "whatever prayer, whatever supplication is made by anyone, or by all Your people Israel, when each one knows his own burden and his own grief, and spreads out his hands to this temple:

6:30 "then hear from heaven Your dwelling place, and forgive, and give to everyone according to all his ways, whose heart You know (for You alone know the hearts of the sons of men),

6:31 "that they may fear You, to walk in Your ways as long as they live in the land which You gave to our fathers.

6:32 "Moreover, concerning a foreigner, who is not of Your people Israel, but who comes from a far country for the sake of Your great name and Your mighty hand and Your outstretched arm, when they come and pray in this temple;

6:33 "then hear from heaven Your dwelling place, and do according to all for which the foreigner calls to You, that all peoples of the earth may know Your name and fear You, as do Your people Israel, and that they may know that this temple which I have built is called by Your name.

6:34 "When Your people go out to battle against their enemies, wherever You send them, and when they pray to You toward this city which You have chosen and the temple which I have built for Your name,

6:35 "then hear from heaven their prayer and their supplication, and maintain their cause.

6:36 "When they sin against You (*for there is no one who does not sin*), and You become angry with them and deliver them to the enemy, and they take them captive to a land far or near;

6:37 "yet when they come to themselves in the land where they were carried captive, and repent, and make supplication to You in the land of their captivity, saying, 'We have sinned, we have done wrong, and have committed wickedness';

6:38 "and when they return to You with all their heart and with all their spirit in the land of their captivity, where they have been carried captive, and pray toward their land which You gave to their fathers, the city which You have chosen, and toward the temple which I have built for Your name:

6:39 "then hear from heaven Your dwelling place their prayer and their supplications, and maintain their cause, and forgive Your people who have sinned against You.

6:40 "Now, my God, I pray, let Your eyes be open and let Your ears be attentive to the prayer made in this place.

6:41 "Now therefore, Arise, O Yahweh our God, to Your resting place, You and the ark of Your strength. Let Your priests, O Yahweh our God, be clothed with salvation, And let Your saints rejoice in goodness.

6:42 "O Yahweh our God, do not turn away the face of Your Anointed; Remember the mercies of Your servant David."

II Chronicles 7:

7:1 When Solomon had finished praying, fire came down from the sky and consumed the burnt offering and the sacrifices; and the glory of Yahweh filled the temple.

7:2 And the priests could not enter the house of Yahweh, because the glory of Yahweh had filled Yahweh's house.

7:3 When all the children of Israel saw how the fire came down, and the glory of Yahweh on the temple, they bowed their faces to the ground on the pavement, and worshiped and praised Yahweh, saying:

"For He is good, For His mercy endures forever."

7:4 Then the king and all the people offered sacrifices before Yahweh.

7:5 King Solomon offered a sacrifice of twenty-two thousand bulls and one hundred and twenty thousand sheep. So

the king and all the people dedicated the house of Yahweh.

7:6 And the priests attended to their services; the Levites also with instruments of the music of Yahweh, which King David had made to praise Yahweh, saying, "For His mercy endures forever," whenever David offered praise by their ministry. The priests sounded trumpets opposite them, while all Israel stood.

7:7 Furthermore Solomon consecrated the middle of the court that was in front of the house of Yahweh; for there he offered burnt offerings and the fat of the peace offerings, because the bronze altar which Solomon had made was not able to receive the burnt offerings, the grain offerings, and the fat.

7:8 At that time Solomon kept the feast seven days, and all Israel with him, a very great assembly from the entrance of Hamath to the Brook of Egypt.

7:9 And on the eighth day they held a sacred assembly, for they observed the dedication of the altar seven days, and the feast seven days.

7:10 On the twenty-third day of the seventh month he sent the people away to their tents, joyful and glad of heart for the good that Yahweh had done for David, for Solomon, and for His people Israel.

7:11 Thus Solomon finished the house of Yahweh and the king's house; and Solomon successfully accomplished all that came into his heart to make in the house of Yahweh and in his own house.

7:12 Then Yahweh appeared to Solomon by night, and said to him: "I have heard your prayer, and have chosen this place for Myself as a house of sacrifice.

7:13 "When I shut up the clouds and there is no rain, or command the locusts to devour the land, or send pestilence among My people,

7:14 "if My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their

wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land.

7:15 "Now My eyes will be open and My ears attentive to prayer made in this place.

7:16 "For now I have chosen and sanctified this house, that My name may be there forever; and My eyes and My heart will be there perpetually.

7:17 "As for you, if you walk before Me as your father David walked, and do according to all that I have commanded you, and if you keep My statutes and My judgments,

7:18 "then I will establish the throne of your kingdom, as I covenanted with David your father, saying, 'You shall not fail to have a man as ruler in Israel.'

7:19 "But if you turn away and forsake My statutes and My commandments which I have set before you, and go and serve other gods, and worship them,

7:20 "then I will uproot them from My land which I have given them; and this house which I have sanctified for My name I will cast out of My sight, and will make it a proverb and a byword among all peoples.

7:21 "And as for this house, which is exalted, everyone who passes by it will be astonished and say, 'Why has Yahweh done thus to this land and this house?'

7:22 "Then they will answer, 'Because they forsook Yahweh the God of their fathers, who brought them out of the land of Egypt, and embraced other gods, and worshiped them and served them; therefore He has brought all this calamity on them.' "

II Chronicles 8:

8:1 It came to pass at the end of twenty years, in which Solomon had built the house of Yahweh and his own house,

8:2 that the cities which Hiram had given to Solomon, Solomon built them; and he settled the children of Israel there.

8:3 And Solomon went to Hamath Zobah and seized it.

8:4 He also built Tadmor in the wilderness, and all the storage cities which he built in Hamath.

8:5 He built Upper Beth Horon and Lower Beth Horon, fortified cities with walls, gates, and bars,

8:6 also Baalath and all the storage cities that Solomon had, and all the chariot cities and the cities of the cavalry, and all that Solomon desired to build in Jerusalem, in Lebanon, and in all the land of his dominion.

8:7 All the people who were left of the Hittites, Amorites, Perizzites, Hivites, and Jebusites, who were not of Israel-

8:8 that is, their descendants who were left in the land after them, whom the children of Israel did not destroy-from these Solomon raised forced labor, as it is to this day.

8:9 But Solomon did not make the children of Israel servants for his work. Some were men of war, captains of his officers, captains of his chariots, and his cavalry.

8:10 And others were chiefs of the officials of King Solomon: two hundred and fifty, who ruled over the people.

8:11 Now Solomon brought the daughter of Pharaoh up from the City of David to the house he had built for her, for he said, "My wife shall not dwell in the house of David king of Israel, because the places to which the ark of Yahweh has come are holy."

8:12 Then Solomon offered burnt offerings to Yahweh on the altar of Yahweh which he had built before the vestibule,

8:13 according to the daily rate, offering according to the commandment of Moses, for the Sabbaths, the New Moons, and the three appointed yearly feasts-the Feast of Unleavened Bread, the Feast of Weeks, and the Feast of Tabernacles.

8:14 And, according to the order of David his father, he appointed the

divisions of the priests for their service, the Levites for their duties (*to praise and serve before the priests*) as the duty of each day required, and the gatekeepers by their divisions at each gate; for so David the man of Yahweh had commanded.

8:15 They did not depart from the command of the king to the priests and Levites concerning any matter or concerning the treasuries.

8:16 Now all the work of Solomon was well-ordered from the day of the foundation of the house of Yahweh until it was finished. So the house of Yahweh was completed.

8:17 Then Solomon went to Ezion Geber and Elath on the seacoast, in the land of Edom.

8:18 And Hiram sent him ships by the hand of his servants, and servants who knew the sea. They went with the servants of Solomon to Ophir, and acquired four hundred and fifty talents of gold from there, and brought it to King Solomon.

II Chronicles 9:

9:1 Now when the queen of Sheba heard of the fame of Solomon, she came to Jerusalem to test Solomon with hard questions, having a very great retinue, camels that bore spices, gold in abundance, and precious stones; and when she came to Solomon, she spoke with him about all that was in her heart.

9:2 So Solomon answered all her questions; there was nothing so difficult for Solomon that he could not explain it to her.

9:3 And when the queen of Sheba had seen the wisdom of Solomon, the house that he had built,

9:4 the food on his table, the seating of his servants, the service of his waiters and their apparel, his cupbearers and their apparel, and his entryway by which he went up to the house of Yahweh, there was no more spirit in her.

9:5 Then she said to the king: "It was a true report which I heard in my own land about your words and your wisdom.

9:6 "However I did not believe their words until I came and saw with my own eyes; and indeed the half of the greatness of your wisdom was not told me. You exceed the fame of which I heard.

9:7 "Happy are your men and happy are these your servants, who stand continually before you and hear your wisdom!

9:8 "Blessed be Yahweh your God, who delighted in you, setting you on His throne to be king for Yahweh your God! Because your God has loved Israel, to establish them forever, therefore He made you king over them, to do justice and righteousness."

9:9 And she gave the king one hundred and twenty talents of gold, spices in great abundance, and precious stones; there never were any spices such as those the queen of Sheba gave to King Solomon.

9:10 Also, the servants of Hiram and the servants of Solomon, who brought gold from Ophir, brought alnum wood and precious stones.

9:11 And the king made walkways of the alnum wood for the house of Yahweh and for the king's house, also harps and stringed instruments for singers; and there were none such as these seen before in the land of Judah.

9:12 Now King Solomon gave to the queen of Sheba all she desired, whatever she asked, much more than she had brought to the king. So she turned and went to her own country, she and her servants.

9:13 The weight of gold that came to Solomon yearly was six hundred and sixty-six talents of gold,

9:14 besides what the traveling merchants and traders brought. And all the kings of Arabia and governors of the country brought gold and silver to Solomon.

9:15 And King Solomon made two hundred large shields of hammered gold; six hundred shekels of hammered gold went into each shield.

9:16 He also made three hundred shields of hammered gold; three hundred shekels of gold went into each shield. The king put them in the House of the Forest of Lebanon.

9:17 Moreover the king made a great throne of ivory, and overlaid it with pure gold.

9:18 The throne had six steps, with a footstool of gold, which were fastened to the throne; there were armrests on either side of the place of the seat, and two lions stood beside the armrests.

9:19 Twelve lions stood there, one on each side of the six steps; nothing like this had been made for any other kingdom.

9:20 All King Solomon's drinking vessels were gold, and all the vessels of the House of the Forest of Lebanon were pure gold. Not one was silver, for this was accounted as nothing in the days of Solomon.

9:21 For the king's ships went to Tarshish with the servants of Hiram. Once every three years the merchant ships came, bringing gold, silver, ivory, apes, and monkeys.

9:22 So King Solomon surpassed all the kings of the earth in riches and wisdom.

9:23 And all the kings of the earth sought the presence of Solomon to hear his wisdom, which Yahweh had put in his heart.

9:24 Each man brought his present: articles of silver and gold, garments, armor, spices, horses, and mules, at a set rate year by year.

9:25 Solomon had four thousand stalls for horses and chariots, and twelve thousand horsemen whom he stationed in the chariot cities and with the king at Jerusalem.

9:26 So he reigned over all the kings from the River to the land of the Philistines, as far as the border of Egypt.

9:27 The king made silver as common in Jerusalem as stones, and he made cedar trees as abundant as the sycamores which are in the lowland.

9:28 And they brought horses to Solomon from Egypt and from all lands.

9:29 Now the rest of the acts of Solomon, first and last, are they not written in the book of Nathan the prophet, in the prophecy of Ahijah the Shilonite, and in the visions of Iddo the seer concerning Jeroboam the son of Nebat?

9:30 Solomon reigned in Jerusalem over all Israel forty years.

9:31 Then Solomon rested with his fathers, and was buried in the City of David his father. And Rehoboam his son reigned in his place.

II Chronicles 10:

10:1 And Rehoboam went to Shechem, for all Israel had gone to Shechem to make him king.

10:2 So it happened, when Jeroboam the son of Nebat heard it (*he was in Egypt, where he had fled from the presence of King Solomon*), that Jeroboam returned from Egypt.

10:3 Then they sent for him and called him. And Jeroboam and all Israel came and spoke to Rehoboam, saying,

10:4 "Your father made our yoke heavy; now therefore, lighten the burdensome service of your father and his heavy yoke which he put on us, and we will serve you."

10:5 So he said to them, "Come back to me after three days." And the people departed.

10:6 Then King Rehoboam consulted the elders who stood before his father Solomon while he still lived, saying, "How do you advise me to answer these people?"

10:7 And they spoke to him, saying, "If you are kind to these people, and please them, and speak good words to

them, they will be your servants forever."

10:8 But he rejected the advice which the elders had given him, and consulted the young men who had grown up with him, who stood before him.

10:9 And he said to them, "What advice do you give? How should we answer this people who have spoken to me, saying, 'Lighten the yoke which your father put on us'?"

10:10 Then the young men who had grown up with him spoke to him, saying, "Thus you should speak to the people who have spoken to you, saying, 'Your father made our yoke heavy, but you make it lighter on us' -thus you shall say to them: 'My little finger shall be thicker than my father's waist!'"

10:11 'And now, whereas my father put a heavy yoke on you, I will add to your yoke; my father chastised you with whips, but I will chastise you with scourges!' "

10:12 So Jeroboam and all the people came to Rehoboam on the third day, as the king had directed, saying, "Come back to me the third day."

10:13 Then the king answered them roughly. King Rehoboam rejected the advice of the elders,

10:14 and he spoke to them according to the advice of the young men, saying, "My father made your yoke heavy, but I will add to it; my father chastised you with whips, but I will chastise you with scourges!"

10:15 So the king did not listen to the people; for the turn of events was from Yahweh, that Yahweh might fulfill His word, which He had spoken by the hand of Ahijah the Shilonite to Jeroboam the son of Nebat.

10:16 Now when all Israel saw that the king did not listen to them, the people answered the king, saying:

"What share have we in David? We have no inheritance in the son of Jesse.

Every man to your tents, O Israel!

Now see to your own house, O David!"

So all Israel departed to their tents.

10:17 But Rehoboam reigned over the children of Israel who dwelt in the cities of Judah.

10:18 Then King Rehoboam sent Hadoram, who was in charge of revenue; but the children of Israel stoned him with stones, and he died. Therefore King Rehoboam mounted his chariot in haste to flee to Jerusalem.

10:19 So Israel has been in rebellion against the house of David to this day.

II Chronicles 11:

11:1 Now when Rehoboam came to Jerusalem, he assembled from the house of Judah and Benjamin one hundred and eighty thousand chosen men who were warriors, to fight against Israel, that he might restore the kingdom to Rehoboam.

11:2 But the word of Yahweh came to Shemaiah the man of Yahweh, saying,

11:3 "Speak to Rehoboam the son of Solomon, king of Judah, and to all Israel in Judah and Benjamin, saying,

11:4 'Thus says Yahweh: "You shall not go up or fight against your brethren! Let every man return to his house, for this thing is from Me." ' ' Therefore they obeyed the words of Yahweh, and turned back from attacking Jeroboam.

11:5 So Rehoboam dwelt in Jerusalem, and built cities for defense in Judah.

11:6 And he built Bethlehem, Etam, Tekoa,

11:7 Beth Zur, Sochoh, Adullam,

11:8 Gath, Mareshah, Ziph,

11:9 Adoraim, Lachish, Azekah,

11:10 Zorah, Aijalon, and Hebron, which are in Judah and Benjamin, fortified cities.

11:11 And he fortified the strongholds, and put captains in them, and stores of food, oil, and wine.

11:12 Also in every city he put shields and spears, and made them very strong, having Judah and Benjamin on his side.

11:13 And from all their territories the priests and the Levites who were in all Israel took their stand with him.

11:14 For the Levites left their commonlands and their possessions and came to Judah and Jerusalem, for Jeroboam and his sons had rejected them from serving as priests to Yahweh.

11:15 Then he appointed for himself priests for the high places, for the demons, and the calf idols which he had made.

11:16 And after the Levites left, those from all the tribes of Israel, such as set their heart to seek Yahweh the God of Israel, came to Jerusalem to sacrifice to Yahweh the God of their fathers.

11:17 So they strengthened the kingdom of Judah, and made Rehoboam the son of Solomon strong for three years, because they walked in the way of David and Solomon for three years.

11:18 Then Rehoboam took for himself as wife Mahalath the daughter of Jerimoth the son of David, and of Abihail the daughter of Eliah the son of Jesse.

11:19 And she bore him children: Jeush, Shamariah, and Zaham.

11:20 After her he took Maacah the granddaughter of Absalom; and she bore him Abijah, Attai, Ziza, and Shelomith.

11:21 Now Rehoboam loved Maachah the granddaughter of Absalom more than all his wives and his concubines; for he took eighteen wives and sixty concubines, and begot twenty-eight sons and sixty daughters.

11:22 And Rehoboam appointed Abijah the son of Maachah as chief, to be leader among his brothers; for he intended to make him king.

11:23 He dealt wisely, and dispersed some of his sons throughout all the territories of Judah and Benjamin, to every fortified city; and he gave them provisions in abundance. He also sought many wives for them.

II Chronicles 12:

12:1 Now it came to pass, when Rehoboam had established the kingdom and had strengthened himself, that he forsook the law of Yahweh, and all Israel along with him.

12:2 And it happened in the fifth year of King Rehoboam, that Shishak king of Egypt came up against Jerusalem, because they had transgressed against Yahweh,

12:3 with twelve hundred chariots, sixty thousand horsemen, and people without number who came with him out of Egypt-the Lubim and the Sukkiim and the Ethiopians.

12:4 And he took the fortified cities of Judah and came to Jerusalem.

12:5 Then Shemaiah the prophet came to Rehoboam and the leaders of Judah, who were gathered together in Jerusalem because of Shishak, and said to them, "Thus says Yahweh: '**You have forsaken Me, and therefore I also have left you in the hand of Shishak.**' "

12:6 So the leaders of Israel and the king humbled themselves; and they said, "Yahweh is righteous."

12:7 Now when Yahweh saw that they humbled themselves, the word of Yahweh came to Shemaiah, saying, "**They have humbled themselves; therefore I will not destroy them, but I will grant them some deliverance. My wrath shall not be poured out on Jerusalem by the hand of Shishak.**

12:8 "**Nevertheless they will be his servants, that they may distinguish My service from the service of the kingdoms of the nations.**"

12:9 So Shishak king of Egypt came up against Jerusalem, and took away the treasures of the house of Yahweh and the treasures of the king's house; he took everything. He also carried away the gold shields which Solomon had made.

12:10 Then King Rehoboam made bronze shields in their place, and committed them to the hands of the

captains of the guard, who guarded the doorway of the king's house.

12:11 And whenever the king entered the house of Yahweh, the guard would go and bring them out; then they would take them back into the guardroom.

12:12 When he humbled himself, the wrath of Yahweh turned from him, so as not to destroy him completely; and things also went well in Judah.

12:13 Thus Rehoboam strengthened himself in Jerusalem and reigned. Now Rehoboam was forty-one years old when he became king; and he reigned seventeen years in Jerusalem, the city which Yahweh had chosen out of all the tribes of Israel, to put His name there. His mother's name was Naamah, an Ammonitess.

12:14 And he did evil, because he did not prepare his heart to seek Yahweh.

12:15 The acts of Rehoboam, first and last, are they not written in the book of Shemaiah the prophet, and of Iddo the seer concerning genealogies? And there were wars between Rehoboam and Jeroboam all their days.

12:16 So Rehoboam rested with his fathers, and was buried in the City of David. Then Abijah his son reigned in his place.

II Chronicles 13:

13:1 In the eighteenth year of King Jeroboam, Abijah became king over Judah.

13:2 He reigned three years in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Michaiah the daughter of Uriel of Gibeah. And there was war between Abijah and Jeroboam.

13:3 Abijah set the battle in order with an army of valiant warriors, four hundred thousand choice men. Jeroboam also drew up in battle formation against him with eight hundred thousand choice men, mighty men of valor.

13:4 Then Abijah stood on Mount Zemaraim, which is in the mountains of Ephraim, and said, "Hear me, Jeroboam and all Israel:

13:5 "Should you not know that Yahweh the God of Israel gave the dominion over Israel to David forever, to him and his sons, by a covenant of salt?"

13:6 "Yet Jeroboam the son of Nebat, the servant of Solomon the son of David, rose up and rebelled against his lord.

13:7 "Then worthless rogues gathered to him, and strengthened themselves against Rehoboam the son of Solomon, when Rehoboam was young and inexperienced and could not withstand them.

13:8 "And now you think to withstand the kingdom of Yahweh, which is in the hand of the sons of David; and you are a great multitude, and with you are the gold calves which Jeroboam made for you as gods.

13:9 "Have you not cast out the priests of Yahweh, the sons of Aaron, and the Levites, and made for yourselves priests, like the peoples of other lands, so that whoever comes to consecrate himself with a young bull and seven rams may be a priest of things that are not gods?"

13:10 "But as for us, Yahweh is our God, and we have not forsaken Him; and the priests who minister to Yahweh are the sons of Aaron, and the Levites attend to their duties.

13:11 "And they burn to Yahweh every morning and every evening burnt sacrifices and sweet incense; they also set the showbread in order on the pure gold table, and the lampstand of gold with its lamps to burn every evening; for we keep the command of Yahweh our God, but you have forsaken Him.

13:12 "Now look, Yahweh Himself is with us as our head, and His priests with sounding trumpets to sound the alarm against you. O children of Israel, do not fight against Yahweh the God of your fathers, for you shall not prosper!"

13:13 But Jeroboam caused an ambush to go around behind them; so

they were in front of Judah, and the ambush was behind them.

13:14 And when Judah looked around, to their surprise the battle line was at both front and rear; and they cried out to Yahweh, and the priests sounded the trumpets.

13:15 Then the men of Judah gave a shout; and as the men of Judah shouted, it happened that Yahweh struck Jeroboam and all Israel before Abijah and Judah.

13:16 And the children of Israel fled before Judah, and Yahweh delivered them into their hand.

13:17 Then Abijah and his people struck them with a great slaughter; so five hundred thousand choice men of Israel fell slain.

13:18 Thus the children of Israel were subdued at that time; and the children of Judah prevailed, because they relied on Yahweh the God of their fathers.

13:19 And Abijah pursued Jeroboam and took cities from him: Bethel with its villages, Jeshanah with its villages, and Ephraim with its villages.

13:20 So Jeroboam did not recover strength again in the days of Abijah; and Yahweh struck him, and he died.

13:21 But Abijah grew mighty, married fourteen wives, and begot twenty-two sons and sixteen daughters.

13:22 Now the rest of the acts of Abijah, his ways, and his sayings are written in the annals of the prophet Iddo.

II Chronicles 14:

14:1 So Abijah rested with his fathers, and they buried him in the City of David. Then Asa his son reigned in his place. In his days the land was quiet for ten years.

14:2 Asa did what was good and right in the eyes of Yahweh his God,

14:3 for he removed the altars of the foreign gods and the high places, and broke down the sacred pillars and cut down the wooden images.

14:4 He commanded Judah to seek Yahweh the God of their fathers, and to observe the law and the commandment.

14:5 He also removed the high places and the incense altars from all the cities of Judah, and the kingdom was quiet under him.

14:6 And he built fortified cities in Judah, for the land had rest; he had no war in those years, because Yahweh had given him rest.

14:7 Therefore he said to Judah, "Let us build these cities and make walls around them, and towers, gates, and bars, while the land is yet before us, because we have sought Yahweh our God; we have sought Him, and He has given us rest on every side." So they built and prospered.

14:8 And Asa had an army of three hundred thousand from Judah who carried shields and spears, and from Benjamin two hundred and eighty thousand men who carried shields and drew bows; all these were mighty men of valor.

14:9 Then Zerah the Ethiopian came out against them with an army of a million men and three hundred chariots, and he came to Mareshah.

14:10 So Asa went out against him, and they set the troops in battle array in the Valley of Zephathah at Mareshah.

14:11 And Asa cried out to Yahweh his God, and said, "Yahweh, it is nothing for You to help, whether with many or with those who have no power; help us, O Yahweh our God, for we rest on You, and in Your name we go against this multitude. O Yahweh, You are our God; do not let man prevail against You!"

14:12 So Yahweh struck the Ethiopians before Asa and Judah, and the Ethiopians fled.

14:13 And Asa and the people who were with him pursued them to Gerar. So the Ethiopians were overthrown, and they could not recover, for they were broken before Yahweh and His army. And they carried away very much spoil.

14:14 Then they defeated all the cities around Gerar, for the fear of Yahweh came upon them; and they plundered all the cities, for there was exceedingly much spoil in them.

14:15 They also attacked the livestock enclosures, and carried off sheep and camels in abundance, and returned to Jerusalem.

II Chronicles 15:

15:1 Now the Spirit of Yahweh came upon Azariah the son of Oded.

15:2 And he went out to meet Asa, and said to him: "Hear me, Asa, and all Judah and Benjamin. Yahweh is with you while you are with Him. If you seek Him, He will be found by you; but if you forsake Him, He will forsake you.

15:3 "For a long time Israel has been without the true God, without a teaching priest, and without law;

15:4 "but when in their trouble they turned to Yahweh the God of Israel, and sought Him, He was found by them.

15:5 "And in those times there was no peace to the one who went out, nor to the one who came in, but great turmoil was on all the inhabitants of the lands.

15:6 "So nation was destroyed by nation, and city by city, for Yahweh troubled them with every adversity.

15:7 "But you, be strong and do not let your hands be weak, for your work shall be rewarded!"

15:8 And when Asa heard these words and the prophecy of Oded the prophet, he took courage, and removed the abominable idols from all the land of Judah and Benjamin and from the cities which he had taken in the mountains of Ephraim; and he restored the altar of Yahweh that was before the vestibule of Yahweh.

15:9 Then he gathered all Judah and Benjamin, and those who dwelt with them from Ephraim, Manasseh, and Simeon, for they came over to him in great numbers from Israel when they saw that Yahweh his God was with him.

15:10 So they gathered together at Jerusalem in the third month, in the fifteenth year of the reign of Asa.

15:11 And they offered to Yahweh at that time seven hundred bulls and seven thousand sheep from the spoil they had brought.

15:12 Then they entered into a covenant to seek Yahweh the God of their fathers with all their heart and with all their spirit;

15:13 and whoever would not seek Yahweh the God of Israel was to be put to death, whether small or great, whether man or woman.

15:14 Then they took an oath before Yahweh with a loud voice, with shouting and trumpets and rams' horns.

15:15 And all Judah rejoiced at the oath, for they had sworn with all their heart and sought Him with all their spirit; and He was found by them, and Yahweh gave them rest all around.

15:16 Also he removed Maachah, the mother of Asa the king, from being queen mother, because she had made an obscene image of Asherah; and Asa cut down her obscene image, then crushed and burned it by the Brook Kidron.

15:17 But the high places were not removed from Israel. Nevertheless the heart of Asa was loyal all his days.

15:18 He also brought into the house of Yahweh the things that his father had dedicated and that he himself had dedicated: silver and gold and utensils.

15:19 And there was no war until the thirty-fifth year of the reign of Asa.

II Chronicles 16:

16:1 In the thirty-sixth year of the reign of Asa, Baasha king of Israel came up against Judah and built Ramah, that he might let none go out or come in to Asa king of Judah.

16:2 Then Asa brought silver and gold from the treasuries of the house of Yahweh and of the king's house, and sent to Ben-Hadad king of Syria, who dwelt in Damascus, saying,

16:3 "Let there be a treaty between you and me, as there was between my father and your father. Here, I have sent you silver and gold; come, break your treaty with Baasha king of Israel, so that he will withdraw from me."

16:4 So Ben-Hadad heeded King Asa, and sent the captains of his armies against the cities of Israel. They attacked Ijon, Dan, Abel Maim, and all the storage cities of Naphtali.

16:5 Now it happened, when Baasha heard it, that he stopped building Ramah and ceased his work.

16:6 Then King Asa took all Judah, and they carried away the stones and timber of Ramah, which Baasha had used for building; and with them he built Geba and Mizpah.

16:7 And at that time Hanani the seer came to Asa king of Judah, and said to him: "Because you have relied on the king of Syria, and have not relied on Yahweh your God, therefore the army of the king of Syria has escaped from your hand.

16:8 "Were the Ethiopians and the Lubim not a huge army with very many chariots and horsemen? Yet, because you relied on Yahweh, He delivered them into your hand.

16:9 "For the eyes of Yahweh run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show Himself strong on behalf of those whose heart is loyal to Him. In this you have done foolishly; therefore from now on you shall have wars."

16:10 Then Asa was angry with the seer, and put him in prison, for he was enraged at him because of this. And Asa oppressed some of the people at that time.

16:11 Note that the acts of Asa, first and last, are indeed written in the book of the kings of Judah and Israel.

16:12 And in the thirty-ninth year of his reign, Asa became diseased in his feet, and his malady was severe; yet in his disease he did not seek Yahweh, but the physicians.

16:13 So Asa rested with his fathers; he died in the forty-first year of his reign.

16:14 They buried him in his own tomb, which he had made for himself in the City of David; and they laid him in the bed which was filled with spices and various ingredients prepared in a mixture of ointments. They made a very great burning for him.

II Chronicles 17:

17:1 Then Jehoshaphat his son reigned in his place, and strengthened himself against Israel.

17:2 And he placed troops in all the fortified cities of Judah, and set garrisons in the land of Judah and in the cities of Ephraim which Asa his father had taken.

17:3 Now Yahweh was with Jehoshaphat, because he walked in the former ways of his father David; he did not seek the Baals,

17:4 but sought the God of his father, and walked in His commandments and not according to the acts of Israel.

17:5 Therefore Yahweh established the kingdom in his hand; and all Judah gave presents to Jehoshaphat, and he had riches and honor in abundance.

17:6 And his heart took delight in the ways of Yahweh; moreover he removed the high places and wooden images from Judah.

17:7 Also in the third year of his reign he sent his leaders, Ben-Hail, Obadiah, Zechariah, Nethanel, and Michaiah, to teach in the cities of Judah.

17:8 And with them he sent Levites: Shemaiah, Nethaniah, Zebadiah, Asahel, Shemiramoth, Jehonathan, Adonijah, Tobijah, and Tobadonijah-the Levites; and with them Elishama and Jehoram, the priests.

17:9 So they taught in Judah, and had the Book of the Law of Yahweh with them; they went throughout all the cities of Judah and taught the people.

17:10 And the fear of Yahweh fell on all the kingdoms of the lands that were

around Judah, so that they did not make war against Jehoshaphat.

17:11 Also some of the Philistines brought Jehoshaphat presents and silver as tribute; and the Arabians brought him flocks, seven thousand seven hundred rams and seven thousand seven hundred male goats.

17:12 So Jehoshaphat became increasingly powerful, and he built fortresses and storage cities in Judah.

17:13 He had much property in the cities of Judah; and the men of war, mighty men of valor, were in Jerusalem.

17:14 These are their numbers, according to their fathers' houses. Of Judah, the captains of thousands: Adnah the captain, and with him three hundred thousand mighty men of valor;

17:15 and next to him was Jehohanan the captain, and with him two hundred and eighty thousand;

17:16 and next to him was Amasiah the son of Zichri, who willingly offered himself to Yahweh, and with him two hundred thousand mighty men of valor.

17:17 Of Benjamin: Eliada a mighty man of valor, and with him two hundred thousand men armed with bow and shield;

17:18 and next to him was Jehozabad, and with him one hundred and eighty thousand prepared for war.

17:19 These served the king, besides those the king put in the fortified cities throughout all Judah.

II Chronicles 18:

18:1 Jehoshaphat had riches and honor in abundance; and by marriage he allied himself with Ahab.

18:2 After some years he went down to visit Ahab in Samaria; and Ahab killed sheep and oxen in abundance for him and the people who were with him, and persuaded him to go up with him to Ramoth Gilead.

18:3 So Ahab king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat king of Judah, "Will you go with me against Ramoth Gilead?" And he answered him, "I am as you are, and

my people as your people; we will be with you in the war."

18:4 And Jehoshaphat said to the king of Israel, "Please inquire for the word of Yahweh today."

18:5 Then the king of Israel gathered the prophets together, four hundred men, and said to them, "Shall we go to war against Ramoth Gilead, or shall I refrain?" And they said, "Go up, for Yahweh will deliver it into the king's hand."

18:6 But Jehoshaphat said, "Is there not still a prophet of Yahweh here, that we may inquire of Him?"

18:7 So the king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat, "There is still one man by whom we may inquire of Yahweh; but I hate him, because he never prophesies good concerning me, but always evil. He is Micaiah the son of Imla." And Jehoshaphat said, "Let not the king say such things!"

18:8 Then the king of Israel called one of his officers and said, "Bring Micaiah the son of Imla quickly!"

18:9 The king of Israel and Jehoshaphat king of Judah, clothed in their robes, sat each on his throne; and they sat at a threshing floor at the entrance of the gate of Samaria; and all the prophets prophesied before them.

18:10 Now Zedekiah the son of Chenaanah had made horns of iron for himself; and he said, "Thus says Yahweh: 'With these you shall gore the Syrians until they are destroyed.' "

18:11 And all the prophets prophesied so, saying, "Go up to Ramoth Gilead and prosper, for Yahweh will deliver it into the king's hand."

18:12 Then the messenger who had gone to call Micaiah spoke to him, saying, "Now listen, the words of the prophets with one accord encourage the king. Therefore please let your word be like the word of one of them, and speak encouragement."

18:13 And Micaiah said, "As Yahweh lives, whatever my God says, that I will speak."

18:14 Then he came to the king; and the king said to him, "Micaiah, shall we go to war against Ramoth Gilead, or shall I refrain?" And he said, "Go and prosper, and they shall be delivered into your hand!"

18:15 So the king said to him, "How many times shall I make you swear that you tell me nothing but the truth in the name of Yahweh?"

18:16 Then he said, "I saw all Israel scattered on the mountains, as sheep that have no shepherd. And Yahweh said, 'These have no master. Let each return to his house in peace.' "

18:17 And the king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat, "Did I not tell you he would not prophesy good concerning me, but evil?"

18:18 Then Micaiah said, "Therefore hear the word of Yahweh: I saw Yahweh sitting on His throne, and all the host of heaven standing on His right hand and His left.

18:19 "And Yahweh said, 'Who will persuade Ahab king of Israel to go up, that he may fall at Ramoth Gilead?' So one spoke in this manner, and another spoke in that manner.

18:20 "Then a spirit came forward and stood before Yahweh, and said, 'I will persuade him.' Yahweh said to him, 'In what way?'

18:21 "So he said, 'I will go out and be a lying spirit in the mouth of all his prophets.' And Yahweh said, 'You shall persuade him and also prevail; go out and do so.'

18:22 "Therefore look! Yahweh has put a lying spirit in the mouth of these prophets of yours, and Yahweh has declared disaster against you."

18:23 Then Zedekiah the son of Chenaanah went near and struck Micaiah on the cheek, and said, "Which way did the spirit from Yahweh go from me to speak to you?"

18:24 And Micaiah said, "Indeed you shall see on that day when you go into an inner chamber to hide!"

18:25 Then the king of Israel said, "Take Micaiah, and return him to Amon the governor of the city and to Joash the king's son;

18:26 "and say, 'Thus says the king: "Put this fellow in prison, and feed him with bread of affliction and water of affliction until I return in peace." ' "

18:27 Then Micaiah said, "If you ever return in peace, Yahweh has not spoken by me." And he said, "Take heed, all you people!"

18:28 So the king of Israel and Jehoshaphat the king of Judah went up to Ramoth Gilead.

18:29 And the king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat, "I will disguise myself and go into battle; but you put on your robes." So the king of Israel disguised himself, and they went into battle.

18:30 Now the king of Syria had commanded the captains of the chariots who were with him, saying, "Fight with no one small or great, but only with the king of Israel."

18:31 So it was, when the captains of the chariots saw Jehoshaphat, that they said, "It is the king of Israel!" Therefore they surrounded him to attack; but Jehoshaphat cried out, and Yahweh helped him, and Yahweh diverted them from him.

18:32 For so it was, when the captains of the chariots saw that it was not the king of Israel, that they turned back from pursuing him.

18:33 Now a certain man drew a bow at random, and struck the king of Israel between the joints of his armor. So he said to the driver of his chariot, "Turn around and take me out of the battle, for I am wounded."

18:34 The battle increased that day, and the king of Israel propped himself up in his chariot facing the Syrians until evening; and about the time of sunset he died.

II Chronicles 19:

19:1 Then Jehoshaphat the king of Judah returned safely to his house in Jerusalem.

19:2 And Jehu the son of Hanani the seer went out to meet him, and said to King Jehoshaphat, "Should you help the wicked and love those who hate Yahweh? Therefore the wrath of Yahweh is upon you.

19:3 "Nevertheless good things are found in you, in that you have removed the wooden images from the land, and have prepared your heart to seek Yahweh."

19:4 So Jehoshaphat dwelt at Jerusalem; and he went out again among the people from Beersheba to the mountains of Ephraim, and brought them back to Yahweh the God of their fathers.

19:5 Then he set judges in the land throughout all the fortified cities of Judah, city by city,

19:6 and said to the judges, "Take heed to what you are doing, for you do not judge for man but for Yahweh, who is with you in the judgment.

19:7 "Now therefore, let the fear of Yahweh be upon you; take care and do it, for there is no iniquity with Yahweh our God, no partiality, nor taking of bribes."

19:8 Moreover in Jerusalem, for the judgment of Yahweh and for controversies, Jehoshaphat appointed some of the Levites and priests, and some of the chief fathers of Israel, when they returned to Jerusalem.

19:9 And he commanded them, saying, "Thus you shall act in the fear of Yahweh, faithfully and with a loyal heart:

19:10 "Whatever case comes to you from your brethren who dwell in their cities, whether of bloodshed or offenses against law or commandment, against statutes or ordinances, you shall warn them, lest they trespass against Yahweh and wrath come upon you and your

brethren. Do this, and you will not be guilty.

19:11 "And take notice: Amariah the chief priest is over you in all matters of Yahweh; and Zebadiah the son of Ishmael, the ruler of the house of Judah, for all the king's matters; also the Levites will be officials before you. Behave courageously, and Yahweh will be with the good."

II Chronicles 20:

20:1 It happened after this that the people of Moab with the people of Ammon, and others with them besides the Ammonites, came to battle against Jehoshaphat.

20:2 Then some came and told Jehoshaphat, saying, "A great multitude is coming against you from beyond the sea, from Syria; and they are in Hazazon Tamar" (*which is En Gedi*).

20:3 And Jehoshaphat feared, and set himself to seek Yahweh, and proclaimed a fast throughout all Judah.

20:4 So Judah gathered together to ask help from Yahweh; and from all the cities of Judah they came to seek Yahweh.

20:5 Then Jehoshaphat stood in the assembly of Judah and Jerusalem, in the house of Yahweh, before the new court,

20:6 and said: "O Yahweh the God of our fathers, are You not God in heaven, and do You not rule over all the kingdoms of the nations, and in Your hand is there not power and might, so that no one is able to withstand You?"

20:7 "Are You not our God, who drove out the inhabitants of this land before Your people Israel, and gave it to the descendants of Abraham Your friend forever?"

20:8 "And they dwell in it, and have built You a sanctuary in it for Your name, saying,

20:9 'If disaster comes upon us-sword, judgment, pestilence, or famine-we will stand before this temple and in Your presence (*for Your name is in this*

temple), and cry out to You in our affliction, and You will hear and save.'

20:10 "And now, here are the people of Ammon, Moab, and Mount Seir-whom You would not let Israel invade when they came out of the land of Egypt, but they turned from them and did not destroy them-

20:11 "here they are, rewarding us by coming to throw us out of Your possession which You have given us to inherit.

20:12 "O our God, will You not judge them? For we have no power against this great multitude that is coming against us; nor do we know what to do, but our eyes are upon You."

20:13 Now all Judah, with their little ones, their wives, and their children, stood before Yahweh.

20:14 Then the Spirit of Yahweh came upon Jahaziel the son of Zechariah, the son of Benaiah, the son of Jeiel, the son of Mattaniah, a Levite of the sons of Asaph, in the midst of the assembly.

20:15 And he said, "Listen, all you of Judah and you inhabitants of Jerusalem, and you, King Jehoshaphat! Thus says Yahweh to you: 'Do not be afraid nor dismayed because of this great multitude, for the battle is not yours, but Yahweh's.

20:16 'Tomorrow go down against them. They will surely come up by the Ascent of Ziz, and you will find them at the end of the brook before the Wilderness of Jeruel.

20:17 'You will not need to fight in this battle. Position yourselves, stand still and see the salvation of Yahweh, who is with you, O Judah and Jerusalem!' Do not fear or be dismayed; tomorrow go out against them, for Yahweh is with you."

20:18 And Jehoshaphat bowed his head with his face to the ground, and all Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem bowed before Yahweh, worshipping Yahweh.

20:19 Then the Levites of the children of the Kohathites and of the children of the Korahites stood up to praise Yahweh the God of Israel with voices loud and high.

20:20 So they rose early in the morning and went out into the Wilderness of Tekoa; and as they went out, Jehoshaphat stood and said, "Hear me, O Judah and you inhabitants of Jerusalem: Believe in Yahweh your God, and you shall be established; believe His prophets, and you shall prosper."

20:21 And when he had consulted with the people, he appointed those who should sing to Yahweh, and who should praise the beauty of holiness, as they went out before the army and were saying:

"Praise Yahweh,
For His mercy endures forever."

20:22 Now when they began to sing and to praise, Yahweh set ambushes against the people of Ammon, Moab, and Mount Seir, who had come against Judah; and they were defeated.

20:23 For the people of Ammon and Moab stood up against the inhabitants of Mount Seir to utterly kill and destroy them. And when they had made an end of the inhabitants of Seir, they helped to destroy one another.

20:24 So when Judah came to a place overlooking the wilderness, they looked toward the multitude; and there were their dead bodies, fallen on the earth. No one had escaped.

20:25 When Jehoshaphat and his people came to take away their spoil, they found among them an abundance of valuables on the dead bodies, and precious jewelry, which they stripped off for themselves, more than they could carry away; and they were three days gathering the spoil because there was so much.

20:26 And on the fourth day they assembled in the Valley of Berachah, for there they blessed Yahweh; therefore

the name of that place was called The Valley of Berachah until this day.

20:27 Then they returned, every man of Judah and Jerusalem, with Jehoshaphat in front of them, to go back to Jerusalem with joy, for Yahweh had made them rejoice over their enemies.

20:28 So they came to Jerusalem, with stringed instruments and harps and trumpets, to the house of Yahweh.

20:29 And the fear of Yahweh was on all the kingdoms of those countries when they heard that Yahweh had fought against the enemies of Israel.

20:30 Then the realm of Jehoshaphat was quiet, for his God gave him rest all around.

20:31 So Jehoshaphat was king over Judah. He was thirty-five years old when he became king, and he reigned twenty-five years in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Azubah the daughter of Shilhi.

20:32 And he walked in the way of his father Asa, and did not turn aside from it, doing what was right in the sight of Yahweh.

20:33 Nevertheless the high places were not taken away, for as yet the people had not directed their hearts to the God of their fathers.

20:34 Now the rest of the acts of Jehoshaphat, first and last, indeed they are written in the book of Jehu the son of Hanani, which is mentioned in the book of the kings of Israel.

20:35 After this Jehoshaphat king of Judah allied himself with Ahaziah king of Israel, who acted very wickedly.

20:36 And he allied himself with him to make ships to go to Tarshish, and they made the ships in Ezion Geber.

20:37 But Eliezer the son of Dodavah of Mareshah prophesied against Jehoshaphat, saying, "Because you have allied yourself with Ahaziah, Yahweh has destroyed your works." Then the ships were wrecked, so that they were not able to go to Tarshish.

II Chronicles 21:

21:1 And Jehoshaphat rested with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the City of David. Then Jehoram his son reigned in his place.

21:2 He had brothers, the sons of Jehoshaphat: Azariah, Jehiel, Zechariah, Azaryahu, Michael, and Shephatiah; all these were the sons of Jehoshaphat king of Israel.

21:3 Their father gave them great gifts of silver and gold and precious things, with fortified cities in Judah; but he gave the kingdom to Jehoram, because he was the firstborn.

21:4 Now when Jehoram was established over the kingdom of his father, he strengthened himself and killed all his brothers with the sword, and also others of the princes of Israel.

21:5 Jehoram was thirty-two years old when he became king, and he reigned eight years in Jerusalem.

21:6 And he walked in the way of the kings of Israel, just as the house of Ahab had done, for he had the daughter of Ahab as a wife; and he did evil in the sight of Yahweh.

21:7 Yet Yahweh would not destroy the house of David, because of the covenant that He had made with David, and since He had promised to give a lamp to him and to his sons forever.

21:8 In his days the Khazars (*Jews*) revolted against Judah's authority, and made a king over themselves.

21:9 So Jehoram went out with his officers, and all his chariots with him. And he rose by night and attacked the Khazars (*Jews*) who had surrounded him and the captains of the chariots.

21:10 Thus Edom has been in revolt against Judah's authority to this day. At that time Libnah revolted against his rule, because he had forsaken Yahweh the God of his fathers.

21:11 Moreover he made high places in the mountains of Judah, and caused the inhabitants of Jerusalem to commit harlotry, and led Judah astray.

21:12 And a letter came to him from Elijah the prophet, saying, Thus says Yahweh the God of your father David: Because you have not walked in the ways of Jehoshaphat your father, or in the ways of Asa king of Judah,

21:13 but have walked in the way of the kings of Israel, and have made Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem to play the harlot like the harlotry of the house of Ahab, and also have killed your brothers, those of your father's household, who were better than yourself,

21:14 behold, Yahweh will strike your people with a serious affliction-your children, your wives, and all your possessions;

21:15 and you will become very sick with a disease of your intestines, until your intestines come out by reason of the sickness, day by day.

21:16 Moreover Yahweh stirred up against Jehoram the spirit of the Philistines and the Arabians who were near the Ethiopians.

21:17 And they came up into Judah and invaded it, and carried away all the possessions that were found in the king's house, and also his sons and his wives, so that there was not a son left to him except Jehoahaz, the youngest of his sons.

21:18 After all this Yahweh struck him in his intestines with an incurable disease.

21:19 Then it happened in the course of time, after the end of two years, that his intestines came out because of his sickness; so he died in severe pain. And his people made no burning for him, like the burning for his fathers.

21:20 He was thirty-two years old when he became king. He reigned in Jerusalem eight years and, to no one's sorrow, departed. However they buried him in the City of David, but not in the tombs of the kings.

II Chronicles 22:

22:1 Then the inhabitants of Jerusalem made Ahaziah his youngest son king in his place, for the raiders who came with the Arabians into the camp had killed all the older sons. So Ahaziah the son of Jehoram, king of Judah, reigned.

22:2 Ahaziah was forty-two years old when he became king, and he reigned one year in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Athaliah the granddaughter of Omri.

22:3 He also walked in the ways of the house of Ahab, for his mother advised him to do wickedly.

22:4 Therefore he did evil in the sight of Yahweh, like the house of Ahab; for they were his counselors after the death of his father, to his destruction.

22:5 He also followed their advice, and went with Jehoram the son of Ahab king of Israel to war against Hazael king of Syria at Ramoth Gilead; and the Syrians wounded Joram.

22:6 Then he returned to Jezreel to recover from the wounds which he had received at Ramah, when he fought against Hazael king of Syria. And Azariah the son of Jehoram, king of Judah, went down to see Jehoram the son of Ahab in Jezreel, because he was sick.

22:7 His going to Joram was Yahweh's occasion for Ahaziah's downfall; for when he arrived, he went out with Jehoram against Jehu the son of Nimshi, whom Yahweh had anointed to cut off the house of Ahab.

22:8 And it happened, when Jehu was executing judgment on the house of Ahab, and found the princes of Judah and the sons of Ahaziah's brothers who served Ahaziah, that he killed them.

22:9 Then he searched for Ahaziah; and they caught him (*he was hiding in Samaria*), and brought him to Jehu. When they had killed him, they buried him, "because," they said, "he is the son of Jehoshaphat, who sought Yahweh with all his heart." So the house of

Ahaziah had no one to assume power over the kingdom.

22:10 Now when Athaliah the mother of Ahaziah saw that her son was dead, she arose and destroyed all the royal heirs of the house of Judah.

22:11 But Jehoshabeath, the daughter of the king, took Joash the son of Ahaziah, and stole him away from among the king's sons who were being murdered, and put him and his nurse in a bedroom. So Jehoshabeath, the daughter of King Jehoram, the wife of Jehoiada the priest (*for she was the sister of Ahaziah*), hid him from Athaliah so that she did not kill him.

22:12 And he was hidden with them in the house of Yahweh for six years, while Athaliah reigned over the land.

II Chronicles 23:

23:1 In the seventh year Jehoiada strengthened himself, and made a covenant with the captains of hundreds: Azariah the son of Jeroham, Ishmael the son of Jehohanan, Azariah the son of Obed, Maaseiah the son of Adaiah, and Elishaphat the son of Zichri.

23:2 And they went throughout Judah and gathered the Levites from all the cities of Judah, and the chief fathers of Israel, and they came to Jerusalem.

23:3 Then all the assembly made a covenant with the king in the house of Yahweh. And he said to them, "Behold, the king's son shall reign, as Yahweh has said of the sons of David.

23:4 "This is what you shall do: One-third of you entering on the Sabbath, of the priests and the Levites, shall be keeping watch over the doors;

23:5 "one-third shall be at the king's house; and one-third at the Gate of the Foundation. All the people shall be in the courts of the house of Yahweh.

23:6 "But let no one come into the house of Yahweh except the priests and those of the Levites who serve. They may go in, for they are holy; but all the people shall keep the watch of Yahweh.

23:7 "And the Levites shall surround the king on all sides, every man with his weapons in his hand; and whoever comes into the house, let him be put to death. You are to be with the king when he comes in and when he goes out."

23:8 So the Levites and all Judah did according to all that Jehoiada the priest commanded. And each man took his men who were to be on duty on the Sabbath, with those who were going off duty on the Sabbath; for Jehoiada the priest had not dismissed the divisions.

23:9 And Jehoiada the priest gave to the captains of hundreds the spears and the large and small shields which had belonged to King David, that were in the temple of Yahweh.

23:10 Then he set all the people, every man with his weapon in his hand, from the right side of the temple to the left side of the temple, along by the altar and by the temple, all around the king.

23:11 And they brought out the king's son, put the crown on him, gave him the Testimony, and made him king. Then Jehoiada and his sons anointed him, and said, "Long live the king!"

23:12 Now when Athaliah heard the noise of the people running and praising the king, she came to the people in the temple of Yahweh.

23:13 When she looked, there was the king standing by his pillar at the entrance; and the leaders and the trumpeters were by the king. All the people of the land were rejoicing and blowing trumpets, also the singers with musical instruments, and those who led in praise. So Athaliah tore her clothes and said, "Treason! Treason!"

23:14 And Jehoiada the priest brought out the captains of hundreds who were set over the army, and said to them, "Take her outside under guard, and slay with the sword whoever follows her." For the priest had said, "Do not kill her in the house of Yahweh."

23:15 So they seized her; and she went by way of the entrance of the Horse

Gate into the king's house, and they killed her there.

23:16 Then Jehoiada made a covenant between himself, the people, and the king, that they should be Yahweh's people.

23:17 And all the people went to the temple of Baal, and tore it down. They broke in pieces its altars and images, and killed Mattan the priest of Baal before the altars.

23:18 Also Jehoiada appointed the oversight of the house of Yahweh to the hand of the priests, the Levites, whom David had assigned in the house of Yahweh, to offer the burnt offerings of Yahweh, as it is written in the Law of Moses, with rejoicing and with singing, as it was established by David.

23:19 And he set the gatekeepers at the gates of the house of Yahweh, so that no one who was in any way unclean should enter.

23:20 Then he took the captains of hundreds, the nobles, the governors of the people, and all the people of the land, and brought the king down from the house of Yahweh; and they went through the Upper Gate to the king's house, and set the king on the throne of the kingdom.

23:21 So all the people of the land rejoiced; and the city was quiet, for they had slain Athaliah with the sword.

II Chronicles 24:

24:1 Joash was seven years old when he became king, and he reigned forty years in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Zibiah of Beersheba.

24:2 Joash did what was right in the sight of Yahweh all the days of Jehoiada the priest.

24:3 And Jehoiada took two wives for him, and he had sons and daughters.

24:4 Now it happened after this that Joash set his heart on repairing the house of Yahweh.

24:5 Then he gathered the priests and the Levites, and said to them, "Go out to the cities of Judah, and gather from all

Israel money to repair the house of your God from year to year, and see that you do it quickly." However the Levites did not do it quickly.

24:6 So the king called Jehoiada the chief priest, and said to him, "Why have you not required the Levites to bring in from Judah and from Jerusalem the collection, according to the commandment of Moses the servant of Yahweh and of the assembly of Israel, for the tabernacle of witness?"

24:7 For the sons of Athaliah, that wicked woman, had broken into the house of Yahweh, and had also presented all the dedicated things of the house of Yahweh to the Baals.

24:8 Then at the king's command they made a chest, and set it outside at the gate of the house of Yahweh.

24:9 And they made a proclamation throughout Judah and Jerusalem to bring to Yahweh the collection that Moses the servant of Yahweh had imposed on Israel in the wilderness.

24:10 Then all the leaders and all the people rejoiced, brought their contributions, and put them into the chest until all had given.

24:11 So it was, at that time, when the chest was brought to the king's official by the hand of the Levites, and when they saw that there was much money, that the king's scribe and the high priest's officer came and emptied the chest, and took it and returned it to its place. Thus they did day by day, and gathered money in abundance.

24:12 The king and Jehoiada gave it to those who did the work of the service of the house of Yahweh; and they hired masons and carpenters to repair the house of Yahweh, and also those who worked in iron and bronze to restore the house of Yahweh.

24:13 So the workmen labored, and the work was completed by them; they restored the house of Yahweh to its original condition and reinforced it.

24:14 When they had finished, they brought the rest of the money before the king and Jehoiada; they made from it articles for the house of Yahweh, articles for serving and offering, spoons and vessels of gold and silver. And they offered burnt offerings in the house of Yahweh continually all the days of Jehoiada.

24:15 But Jehoiada grew old and was full of days, and he died; he was one hundred and thirty years old when he died.

24:16 And they buried him in the City of David among the kings, because he had done good in Israel, both toward Yahweh and His house.

24:17 Now after the death of Jehoiada the leaders of Judah came and bowed down to the king. And the king listened to them.

24:18 Therefore they left the house of Yahweh the God of their fathers, and served wooden images and idols; and wrath came upon Judah and Jerusalem because of their trespass.

24:19 Yet He sent prophets to them, to bring them back to Yahweh; and they testified against them, but they would not listen.

24:20 Then the Spirit of Yahweh came upon Zechariah the son of Jehoiada the priest, who stood above the people, and said to them, "**Thus says Yahweh: 'Why do you transgress the commandments of Yahweh, so that you cannot prosper? Because you have forsaken Yahweh, He also has forsaken you.'**"

24:21 So they conspired against him, and at the command of the king they stoned him with stones in the court of the house of Yahweh.

24:22 Thus Joash the king did not remember the kindness which Jehoiada his father had done to him, but killed his son; and as he died, he said, "Yahweh look on it, and repay!"

24:23 So it happened in the spring of the year that the army of Syria came up against him; and they came to Judah

and Jerusalem, and destroyed all the leaders of the people from among the people, and sent all their spoil to the king of Damascus.

24:24 For the army of the Syrians came with a small company of men; but Yahweh delivered a very great army into their hand, because they had forsaken Yahweh the God of their fathers. So they executed judgment against Joash.

24:25 And when they had withdrawn from him (*for they left him severely wounded*), his own servants conspired against him because of the blood of the sons of Jehoiada the priest, and killed him on his bed. So he died. And they buried him in the City of David, but they did not bury him in the tombs of the kings.

24:26 These are the ones who conspired against him: Zabad the son of Shimeath the Ammonitess, and Jehozabad the son of Shimrith the Moabitess.

24:27 Now concerning his sons, and the many oracles about him, and the repairing of the house of Yahweh, indeed they are written in the annals of the book of the kings. Then Amaziah his son reigned in his place.

II Chronicles 25:

25:1 Amaziah was twenty-five years old when he became king, and he reigned twenty-nine years in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Jehoaddan of Jerusalem.

25:2 And he did what was right in the sight of Yahweh, but not with a loyal heart.

25:3 Now it happened, as soon as the kingdom was established for him, that he executed his servants who had murdered his father the king.

25:4 However he did not execute their children, but did as it is written in the Law in the Book of Moses, where Yahweh commanded, saying, "**The fathers shall not be put to death for their children, nor shall the children be put to**

death for their fathers; but a person shall die for his own sin."

25:5 Moreover Amaziah gathered Judah together and set over them captains of thousands and captains of hundreds, according to their fathers' houses, throughout all Judah and Benjamin; and he numbered them from twenty years old and above, and found them to be three hundred thousand choice men, able to go to war, who could handle spear and shield.

25:6 He also hired one hundred thousand mighty men of valor from Israel for one hundred talents of silver.

25:7 But a man of Yahweh came to him, saying, "O king, do not let the army of Israel go with you, for Yahweh is not with Israel-not with any of the children of Ephraim.

25:8 "But if you go, be gone! Be strong in battle! Even so, Yahweh shall make you fall before the enemy; for Yahweh has power to help and to overthrow."

25:9 Then Amaziah said to the man of Yahweh, "But what shall we do about the hundred talents which I have given to the troops of Israel?" And the man of Yahweh answered, "Yahweh is able to give you much more than this."

25:10 So Amaziah discharged the troops that had come to him from Ephraim, to go back home. Therefore their anger was greatly aroused against Judah, and they returned home in great anger.

25:11 Then Amaziah strengthened himself, and leading his people, he went to the Valley of Salt and killed ten thousand of the people of Seir.

25:12 Also the children of Judah took captive ten thousand alive, brought them to the top of the rock, and cast them down from the top of the rock, so that they all were dashed in pieces.

25:13 But as for the soldiers of the army which Amaziah had discharged, so that they would not go with him to battle, they raided the cities of Judah from

Samaria to Beth Horon, killed three thousand in them, and took much spoil.

25:14 Now it was so, after Amaziah came from the slaughter of the Israelites, that he brought the gods of the people of Seir, set them up to be his gods, and bowed down before them and burned incense to them.

25:15 Therefore the anger of Yahweh was aroused against Amaziah, and He sent him a prophet who said to him, "Why have you sought the gods of the people, which could not rescue their own people from your hand?"

25:16 So it was, as he talked with him, that the king said to him, "Have we made you the king's counselor? Cease! Why should you be killed?" Then the prophet ceased, and said, "I know that Yahweh has determined to destroy you, because you have done this and have not heeded my advice."

25:17 Now Amaziah king of Judah asked advice and sent to Joash the son of Jehoahaz, the son of Jehu, king of Israel, saying, "Come, let us face one another in battle."

25:18 And Joash king of Israel sent to Amaziah king of Judah, saying, "The thistle that was in Lebanon sent to the cedar that was in Lebanon, saying, 'Give your daughter to my son as wife'; and a wild beast that was in Lebanon passed by and trampled the thistle.

25:19 "Indeed you say that you have defeated the Khazars (*Jews*), and your heart is lifted up to boast. Stay at home now; why should you meddle with trouble, that you should fall-you and Judah with you?"

25:20 But Amaziah would not heed, for it came from Yahweh, that He might give them into the hand of their enemies, because they sought the gods of Edom.

25:21 So Joash king of Israel went out; and he and Amaziah king of Judah faced one another at Beth Shemesh, which belongs to Judah.

25:22 And Judah was defeated by Israel, and every man fled to his tent.

25:23 Then Joash the king of Israel captured Amaziah king of Judah, the son of Joash, the son of Jehoahaz, at Beth Shemesh; and he brought him to Jerusalem, and broke down the wall of Jerusalem from the Gate of Ephraim to the Corner Gate-four hundred cubits.

25:24 And he took all the gold and silver, all the articles that were found in the house of Yahweh with Obed-Edom, the treasures of the king's house, and hostages, and returned to Samaria.

25:25 Amaziah the son of Joash, king of Judah, lived fifteen years after the death of Joash the son of Jehoahaz, king of Israel.

25:26 Now the rest of the acts of Amaziah, from first to last, indeed are they not written in the book of the kings of Judah and Israel?

25:27 After the time that Amaziah turned away from following Yahweh, they made a conspiracy against him in Jerusalem, and he fled to Lachish; but they sent after him to Lachish and killed him there.

25:28 Then they brought him on horses and buried him with his fathers in the City of Judah.

II Chronicles 26:

26:1 Now all the people of Judah took Uzziah, who was sixteen years old, and made him king instead of his father Amaziah.

26:2 He built Elath and restored it to Judah, after the king rested with his fathers.

26:3 Uzziah was sixteen years old when he became king, and he reigned fifty-two years in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Jecholiah of Jerusalem.

26:4 And he did what was right in the sight of Yahweh, according to all that his father Amaziah had done.

26:5 He sought Yahweh in the days of Zechariah, who had understanding in the visions of Yahweh; and as long as

he sought Yahweh, Yahweh made him prosper.

26:6 Now he went out and made war against the Philistines, and broke down the wall of Gath, the wall of Jabneh, and the wall of Ashdod; and he built cities around Ashdod and among the Philistines.

26:7 Yahweh helped him against the Philistines, against the Arabians who lived in Gur Baal, and against the Meunites.

26:8 Also the Ammonites brought tribute to Uzziah. His fame spread as far as the entrance of Egypt, for he became exceedingly strong.

26:9 And Uzziah built towers in Jerusalem at the Corner Gate, at the Valley Gate, and at the corner buttress of the wall; then he fortified them.

26:10 Also he built towers in the desert. He dug many wells, for he had much livestock, both in the lowlands and in the plains; he also had farmers and vinedressers in the mountains and in Carmel, for he loved the soil.

26:11 Moreover Uzziah had an army of fighting men who went out to war by companies, according to the number on their roll as prepared by Jeiel the scribe and Maaseiah the officer, under the hand of Hananiah, one of the king's captains.

26:12 The total number of chief officers of the mighty men of valor was two thousand six hundred.

26:13 And under their authority was an army of three hundred and seven thousand five hundred, that made war with mighty power, to help the king against the enemy.

26:14 Then Uzziah prepared for them, for the entire army, shields, spears, helmets, body armor, bows, and slings to cast stones.

26:15 And he made devices in Jerusalem, invented by skillful men, to be on the towers and the corners, to shoot arrows and large stones. So his fame spread far and wide, for he was

marvelously helped till he became strong.

26:16 But when he was strong his heart was lifted up, to his destruction, for he transgressed against Yahweh his God by entering the temple of Yahweh to burn incense on the altar of incense.

26:17 So Azariah the priest went in after him, and with him were eighty priests of Yahweh-valiant men.

26:18 And they withstood King Uzziah, and said to him, "It is not for you, Uzziah, to burn incense to Yahweh, but for the priests, the sons of Aaron, who are consecrated to burn incense. Get out of the sanctuary, for you have trespassed! You shall have no honor from Yahweh our God."

26:19 Then Uzziah became furious; and he had a censer in his hand to burn incense. And while he was angry with the priests, leprosy broke out on his forehead, before the priests in the house of Yahweh, beside the incense altar.

26:20 And Azariah the chief priest and all the priests looked at him, and there, on his forehead, he was leprous; so they thrust him out of that place. Indeed he also hurried to get out, because Yahweh had struck him.

26:21 King Uzziah was a leper until the day of his death. He dwelt in an isolated house, because he was a leper; for he was cut off from the house of Yahweh. Then Jotham his son was over the king's house, judging the people of the land.

26:22 Now the rest of the acts of Uzziah, from first to last, the prophet Isaiah the son of Amoz wrote.

26:23 So Uzziah rested with his fathers, and they buried him with his fathers in the field of burial which belonged to the kings, for they said, "He is a leper." Then Jotham his son reigned in his place.

II Chronicles 27:

27:1 Jotham was twenty-five years old when he became king, and he reigned sixteen years in Jerusalem. His mother's

name was Jerushah the daughter of Zadok.

27:2 And he did what was right in the sight of Yahweh, according to all that his father Uzziah had done (*although he did not enter the temple of Yahweh*). But still the people acted corruptly.

27:3 He built the Upper Gate of the house of Yahweh, and he built extensively on the wall of Ophel.

27:4 Moreover he built cities in the mountains of Judah, and in the forests he built fortresses and towers.

27:5 He also fought with the king of the Ammonites and defeated them. And the people of Ammon gave him in that year one hundred talents of silver, ten thousand kors of wheat, and ten thousand of barley. The people of Ammon paid this to him in the second and third years also.

27:6 So Jotham became mighty, because he prepared his ways before Yahweh his God.

27:7 Now the rest of the acts of Jotham, and all his wars and his ways, indeed they are written in the book of the kings of Israel and Judah.

27:8 He was twenty-five years old when he became king, and he reigned sixteen years in Jerusalem.

27:9 So Jotham rested with his fathers, and they buried him in the City of David. Then Ahaz his son reigned in his place.

II Chronicles 28:

28:1 Ahaz was twenty years old when he became king, and he reigned sixteen years in Jerusalem; and he did not do what was right in the sight of Yahweh, as his father David had done.

28:2 For he walked in the ways of the kings of Israel, and made molded images for the Baals.

28:3 He burned incense in the Valley of the Son of Hinnom, and burned his children in the fire, according to the abominations of the nations whom Yahweh had cast out before the children of Israel.

28:4 And he sacrificed and burned incense on the high places, on the hills, and under every green tree.

28:5 Therefore Yahweh his God delivered him into the hand of the king of Syria. They defeated him, and carried away a great multitude of them as captives, and brought them to Damascus. Then he was also delivered into the hand of the king of Israel, who defeated him with a great slaughter.

28:6 For Pekah the son of Remaliah killed one hundred and twenty thousand in Judah in one day, all valiant men, because they had forsaken Yahweh the God of their fathers.

28:7 Zichri, a mighty man of Ephraim, killed Maaseiah the king's son, Azrikam the officer over the house, and Elkanah who was second to the king.

28:8 And the children of Israel carried away captive of their brethren two hundred thousand women, sons, and daughters; and they also took away much spoil from them, and brought the spoil to Samaria.

28:9 But a prophet of Yahweh was there, whose name was Oded; and he went out before the army that came to Samaria, and said to them: "Look, because Yahweh the God of your fathers was angry with Judah, He has delivered them into your hand; but you have killed them in a rage that reaches up to the sky.

28:10 "And now you propose to force the children of Judah and Jerusalem to be your male and female slaves; but are you not also guilty before Yahweh your God?"

28:11 "Now hear me, therefore, and return the captives, whom you have taken captive from your brethren, for the fierce wrath of Yahweh is upon you."

28:12 Then some of the heads of the children of Ephraim, Azariah the son of Johanan, Berechiah the son of Meshillemoth, Jehizkiah the son of Shallum, and Amasa the son of Hadlai,

stood up against those who came from the war,

28:13 and said to them, "You shall not bring the captives here, for we already have offended Yahweh. You intend to add to our sins and to our guilt; for our guilt is great, and there is fierce wrath against Israel."

28:14 So the armed men left the captives and the spoil before the leaders and all the assembly.

28:15 Then the men who were designated by name rose up and took the captives, and from the spoil they clothed all who were naked among them, dressed them and gave them sandals, gave them food and drink, and anointed them; and they let all the feeble ones ride on donkeys. So they brought them to their brethren at Jericho, the city of palm trees. Then they returned to Samaria.

28:16 At the same time King Ahaz sent to the kings of Assyria to help him.

28:17 For again the Khazars (*Jews*) had come, attacked Judah, and carried away captives.

28:18 The Philistines also had invaded the cities of the lowland and of the South of Judah, and had taken Beth Shemesh, Aijalon, Gederoth, Sochoh with its villages, Timnah with its villages, and Gimzo with its villages; and they dwelt there.

28:19 For Yahweh brought Judah low because of Ahaz king of Israel, for he had encouraged moral decline in Judah and had been continually unfaithful to Yahweh.

28:20 Also Tiglath-Pileser king of Assyria came to him and distressed him, and did not assist him.

28:21 For Ahaz took part of the treasures from the house of Yahweh, from the house of the king, and from the leaders, and he gave it to the king of Assyria; but he did not help him.

28:22 Now in the time of his distress King Ahaz became increasingly

unfaithful to Yahweh. This is that King Ahaz.

28:23 For he sacrificed to the gods of Damascus which had defeated him, saying, "Because the gods of the kings of Syria help them, I will sacrifice to them that they may help me." But they were the ruin of him and of all Israel.

28:24 So Ahaz gathered the articles of the house of Yahweh, cut in pieces the articles of the house of Yahweh, shut up the doors of the house of Yahweh, and made for himself altars in every corner of Jerusalem.

28:25 And in every single city of Judah he made high places to burn incense to other gods, and provoked to anger Yahweh the God of his fathers.

28:26 Now the rest of his acts and all his ways, from first to last, indeed they are written in the book of the kings of Judah and Israel.

28:27 So Ahaz rested with his fathers, and they buried him in the city, in Jerusalem; but they did not bring him into the tombs of the kings of Israel. Then Hezekiah his son reigned in his place.

II Chronicles 29:

29:1 Hezekiah became king when he was twenty-five years old, and he reigned twenty-nine years in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Abijah the daughter of Zechariah.

29:2 And he did what was right in the sight of Yahweh, according to all that his father David had done.

29:3 In the first year of his reign, in the first month, he opened the doors of the house of Yahweh and repaired them.

29:4 Then he brought in the priests and the Levites, and gathered them in the East Square,

29:5 and said to them: "Hear me, Levites! Now sanctify yourselves, sanctify the house of Yahweh the God of your fathers, and carry out the rubbish from the holy place.

29:6 "For our fathers have trespassed and done evil in the eyes of Yahweh our

God; they have forsaken Him, have turned their faces away from the dwelling place of Yahweh, and turned their backs on Him.

29:7 "They have also shut up the doors of the vestibule, put out the lamps, and have not burned incense or offered burnt offerings in the holy place to the God of Israel.

29:8 "Therefore the wrath of Yahweh fell upon Judah and Jerusalem, and He has given them up to trouble, to desolation, and to jeering, as you see with your eyes.

29:9 "For indeed, because of this our fathers have fallen by the sword; and our sons, our daughters, and our wives are in captivity.

29:10 "Now it is in my heart to make a covenant with Yahweh the God of Israel, that His fierce wrath may turn away from us.

29:11 "My sons, do not be negligent now, for Yahweh has chosen you to stand before Him, to serve Him, and that you should minister to Him and burn incense."

29:12 Then these Levites arose: Mahath the son of Amasai and Joel the son of Azariah, of the sons of the Kohathites; of the sons of Merari, Kish the son of Abdi and Azariah the son of Jehallelel; of the Gershonites, Joah the son of Zimmah and Eden the son of Joah;

29:13 of the sons of Elizaphan, Shimri and Jeiel; of the sons of Asaph, Zechariah and Mattaniah;

29:14 of the sons of Heman, Jehiel and Shimei; and of the sons of Jeduthun, Shemaiah and Uzziel.

29:15 And they gathered their brethren, sanctified themselves, and went according to the commandment of the king, at the words of Yahweh, to cleanse the house of Yahweh.

29:16 Then the priests went into the inner part of the house of Yahweh to cleanse it, and brought out all the debris that they found in the temple of Yahweh

to the court of the house of Yahweh. And the Levites took it out and carried it to the Brook Kidron.

29:17 Now they began to sanctify on the first day of the first month, and on the eighth day of the month they came to the vestibule of Yahweh. Then they sanctified the house of Yahweh in eight days, and on the sixteenth day of the first month they finished.

29:18 Then they went in to King Hezekiah and said, "We have cleansed all the house of Yahweh, the altar of burnt offerings with all its articles, and the table of the showbread with all its articles.

29:19 "Moreover all the articles which King Ahaz in his reign had cast aside in his transgression we have prepared and sanctified; and there they are, before the altar of Yahweh."

29:20 Then King Hezekiah rose early, gathered the rulers of the city, and went up to the house of Yahweh.

29:21 And they brought seven bulls, seven rams, seven lambs, and seven male goats for a sin offering for the kingdom, for the sanctuary, and for Judah. Then he commanded the priests, the sons of Aaron, to offer them on the altar of Yahweh.

29:22 So they killed the bulls, and the priests received the blood and sprinkled it on the altar. Likewise they killed the rams and sprinkled the blood on the altar. They also killed the lambs and sprinkled the blood on the altar.

29:23 Then they brought out the male goats for the sin offering before the king and the assembly, and they laid their hands on them.

29:24 And the priests killed them; and they presented their blood on the altar as a sin offering to make an atonement for all Israel, for the king commanded that the burnt offering and the sin offering be made for all Israel.

29:25 And he stationed the Levites in the house of Yahweh with cymbals, with stringed

instruments, and with harps, according to the commandment of David, of Gad the king's seer, and of Nathan the prophet; for thus was the commandment of Yahweh by his prophets.

29:26 The Levites stood with the instruments of David, and the priests with the trumpets.

29:27 Then Hezekiah commanded them to offer the burnt offering on the altar. And when the burnt offering began, the song of Yahweh also began, with the trumpets and with the instruments of David king of Israel.

29:28 So all the assembly worshiped, the singers sang, and the trumpeters sounded; all this continued until the burnt offering was finished.

29:29 And when they had finished offering, the king and all who were present with him bowed and worshiped.

29:30 Moreover King Hezekiah and the leaders commanded the Levites to sing praise to Yahweh with the words of David and of Asaph the seer. So they sang praises with gladness, and they bowed their heads and worshiped.

29:31 Then Hezekiah answered and said, "Now that you have consecrated yourselves to Yahweh, come near, and bring sacrifices and thank offerings into the house of Yahweh." So the assembly brought in sacrifices and thank offerings, and as many as were of a willing heart brought burnt offerings.

29:32 And the number of the burnt offerings which the assembly brought was seventy bulls, one hundred rams, and two hundred lambs; all these were for a burnt offering to Yahweh.

29:33 The consecrated things were six hundred bulls and three thousand sheep.

29:34 But the priests were too few, so that they could not skin all the burnt offerings; therefore their brethren the Levites helped them until the work was ended and until the other priests had sanctified themselves, for the Levites

were more diligent in sanctifying themselves than the priests.

29:35 Also the burnt offerings were in abundance, with the fat of the peace offerings and with the drink offerings for every burnt offering. So the service of the house of Yahweh was set in order.

29:36 Then Hezekiah and all the people rejoiced that Yahweh had prepared the people, since the events took place so suddenly.

II Chronicles 30:

30:1 And Hezekiah sent to all Israel and Judah, and also wrote letters to Ephraim and Manasseh, that they should come to the house of Yahweh at Jerusalem, to keep the Passover to Yahweh the God of Israel.

30:2 For the king and his leaders and all the assembly in Jerusalem had agreed to keep the Passover in the second month.

30:3 For they could not keep it at the regular time, because a sufficient number of priests had not consecrated themselves, nor had the people gathered together at Jerusalem.

30:4 And the matter pleased the king and all the assembly.

30:5 So they resolved to make a proclamation throughout all Israel, from Beersheba to Dan, that they should come to keep the Passover to Yahweh the God of Israel at Jerusalem, since they had not done it for a long time in the prescribed manner.

30:6 Then the runners went throughout all Israel and Judah with the letters from the king and his leaders, and spoke according to the command of the king: "Children of Israel, return to Yahweh the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel; then He will return to the remnant of you who have escaped from the hand of the kings of Assyria.

30:7 "And do not be like your fathers and your brethren, who trespassed against Yahweh the God of their fathers, so that He gave them up to desolation, as you see.

30:8 "Now do not be stiff-necked, as your fathers were, but yield yourselves to Yahweh; and enter His sanctuary, which He has sanctified forever, and serve Yahweh your God, that the fierceness of His wrath may turn away from you.

30:9 "For if you return to Yahweh, your brethren and your children will be treated with compassion by those who lead them captive, so that they may come back to this land; for Yahweh your God is gracious and merciful, and will not turn His face from you if you return to Him."

30:10 So the runners passed from city to city through the country of Ephraim and Manasseh, as far as Zebulun; but they laughed at them and mocked them.

30:11 Nevertheless some from Asher, Manasseh, and Zebulun humbled themselves and came to Jerusalem.

30:12 Also the hand of Yahweh was on Judah to give them singleness of heart to obey the command of the king and the leaders, at the word of Yahweh.

30:13 Now many people, a very great assembly, gathered at Jerusalem to keep the Feast of Unleavened Bread in the second month.

30:14 They arose and took away the altars that were in Jerusalem, and they took away all the incense altars and cast them into the Brook Kidron.

30:15 Then they slaughtered the Passover lambs on the fourteenth day of the second month. The priests and the Levites were ashamed, and sanctified themselves, and brought the burnt offerings to the house of Yahweh.

30:16 They stood in their place according to their custom, according to the Law of Moses the man of Yahweh; the priests sprinkled the blood received from the hand of the Levites.

30:17 For there were many in the assembly who had not sanctified themselves; therefore the Levites had charge of the slaughter of the Passover

lambs for everyone who was not clean, to sanctify them to Yahweh.

30:18 For a multitude of the people, many from Ephraim, Manasseh, Issachar, and Zebulun, had not cleansed themselves, yet they ate the Passover contrary to what was written. But Hezekiah prayed for them, saying, "May the good Yahweh provide atonement for everyone

30:19 who prepares his heart to seek Yahweh, Yahweh the God of his fathers, though he is not cleansed according to the purification of the sanctuary."

30:20 And Yahweh listened to Hezekiah and healed the people.

30:21 So the children of Israel who were present at Jerusalem kept the Feast of Unleavened Bread seven days with great gladness; and the Levites and the priests praised Yahweh day by day, singing to Yahweh, accompanied by loud instruments.

30:22 And Hezekiah gave encouragement to all the Levites who taught the good knowledge of Yahweh; and they ate throughout the feast seven days, offering peace offerings and making confession to Yahweh the God of their fathers.

30:23 Then the whole assembly agreed to keep the feast another seven days, and they kept it another seven days with gladness.

30:24 For Hezekiah king of Judah gave to the assembly a thousand bulls and seven thousand sheep, and the leaders gave to the assembly a thousand bulls and ten thousand sheep; and a great number of priests sanctified themselves.

30:25 The whole assembly of Judah rejoiced, also the priests and Levites, all the assembly that came from Israel, the sojourners who came from the land of Israel, and those who dwelt in Judah.

30:26 So there was great joy in Jerusalem, for since the time of Solomon the son of David, king of Israel, there had been nothing like this in Jerusalem.

30:27 Then the priests, the Levites, arose and blessed the people, and their voice was heard; and their prayer came up to His holy dwelling place, to heaven.

II Chronicles 31:

31:1 Now when all this was finished, all Israel who were present went out to the cities of Judah and broke the sacred pillars in pieces, cut down the wooden images, and threw down the high places and the altars—from all Judah, Benjamin, Ephraim, and Manasseh—until they had utterly destroyed them all. Then all the children of Israel returned to their own cities, every man to his possession.

31:2 And Hezekiah appointed the divisions of the priests and the Levites according to their divisions, each man according to his service, the priests and Levites for burnt offerings and peace offerings, to serve, to give thanks, and to praise in the gates of the camp of Yahweh.

31:3 The king also appointed a portion of his possessions for the burnt offerings: for the morning and evening burnt offerings, the burnt offerings for the Sabbaths and the New Moons and the set feasts, as it is written in the Law of Yahweh.

31:4 Moreover he commanded the people who dwelt in Jerusalem to contribute support for the priests and the Levites, that they might devote themselves to the Law of Yahweh.

31:5 As soon as the commandment was circulated, the children of Israel brought in abundance the firstfruits of grain and wine, oil and honey, and of all the produce of the field; and they brought in abundantly the tithe of everything.

31:6 And the children of Israel and Judah, who dwelt in the cities of Judah, brought the tithe of oxen and sheep; also the tithe of holy things which were consecrated to Yahweh their God they laid in heaps.

31:7 In the third month they began laying them in heaps, and they finished in the seventh month.

31:8 And when Hezekiah and the leaders came and saw the heaps, they blessed Yahweh and His people Israel.

31:9 Then Hezekiah questioned the priests and the Levites concerning the heaps.

31:10 And Azariah the chief priest, from the house of Zadok, answered him and said, "Since the people began to bring the offerings into the house of Yahweh, we have had enough to eat and have plenty left, for Yahweh has blessed His people; and what is left is this great abundance."

31:11 Now Hezekiah commanded them to prepare rooms in the house of Yahweh, and they prepared them.

31:12 Then they faithfully brought in the offerings, the tithes, and the dedicated things; Cononiah the Levite had charge of them, and Shimei his brother was the next.

31:13 Jehiel, Azaziah, Nahath, Asahel, Jerimoth, Jozabad, Eliel, Ismachiah, Mahath, and Benaiah were overseers under the hand of Cononiah and Shimei his brother, at the commandment of Hezekiah the king and Azariah the ruler of the house of Yahweh.

31:14 Kore the son of Imnah the Levite, the keeper of the East Gate, was over the freewill offerings to Yahweh, to distribute the offerings of Yahweh and the most holy things.

31:15 And under him were Eden, Miniamin, Jeshua, Shemaiah, Amariah, and Shecaniah, his faithful assistants in the cities of the priests, to distribute allotments to their brethren by divisions, to the great as well as the small.

31:16 Besides those males from three years old and up who were written in the genealogy, they distributed to everyone who entered the house of Yahweh his daily portion for the work of his service, by his division,

31:17 and to the priests who were written in the genealogy according to their father's house, and to the Levites from twenty years old and up according to their work, by their divisions,

31:18 and to all who were written in the genealogy-their little ones and their wives, their sons and daughters, the whole company of them-for in their faithfulness they sanctified themselves in holiness.

31:19 Also for the sons of Aaron the priests, who were in the fields of the common-lands of their cities, in every single city, there were men who were designated by name to distribute portions to all the males among the priests and to all who were listed by genealogies among the Levites.

31:20 Thus Hezekiah did throughout all Judah, and he did what was good and right and true before Yahweh his God.

31:21 And in every work that he began in the service of the house of Yahweh, in the law and in the commandment, to seek his God, he did it with all his heart. So he prospered.

II Chronicles 32:

32:1 After these deeds of faithfulness, Sennacherib king of Assyria came and entered Judah; he encamped against the fortified cities, thinking to win them over to himself.

32:2 And when Hezekiah saw that Sennacherib had come, and that his purpose was to make war against Jerusalem,

32:3 he consulted with his leaders and commanders to stop the water from the springs which were outside the city; and they helped him.

32:4 Thus many people gathered together who stopped all the springs and the brook that ran through the land, saying, "Why should the kings of Assyria come and find much water?"

32:5 And he strengthened himself, built up all the wall that was broken, raised it up to the towers, and built another wall outside; also he repaired the Millo in the

City of David, and made weapons and shields in abundance.

32:6 Then he set military captains over the people, gathered them together to him in the open square of the city gate, and gave them encouragement, saying,

32:7 "Be strong and courageous; do not be afraid nor dismayed before the king of Assyria, nor before all the multitude that is with him; for there are more with us than with him.

32:8 "With him is an arm of flesh; but with us is Yahweh our God, to help us and to fight our battles." And the people were strengthened by the words of Hezekiah king of Judah.

32:9 After this Sennacherib king of Assyria sent his servants to Jerusalem (*but he and all the forces with him laid siege against Lachish*), to Hezekiah king of Judah, and to all Judah who were in Jerusalem, saying,

32:10 "Thus says Sennacherib king of Assyria: 'In what do you trust, that you remain under siege in Jerusalem?'

32:11 'Does not Hezekiah persuade you to give yourselves over to die by famine and by thirst, saying, "Yahweh our God will deliver us from the hand of the king of Assyria"?'

32:12 'Has not the same Hezekiah taken away His high places and His altars, and commanded Judah and Jerusalem, saying, "You shall worship before one altar and burn incense on it"?'

32:13 'Do you not know what I and my fathers have done to all the peoples of other lands? Were the gods of the nations of those lands in any way able to deliver their lands out of my hand?'

32:14 'Who was there among all the gods of those nations that my fathers utterly destroyed that could deliver his people from my hand, that your God should be able to deliver you from my hand?'

32:15 'Now therefore, do not let Hezekiah deceive you or persuade you like this, and do not believe him; for no

god of any nation or kingdom was able to deliver his people from my hand or the hand of my fathers. How much less will your God deliver you from my hand?' "

32:16 Furthermore, his servants spoke against Yahweh our God and against His servant Hezekiah.

32:17 He also wrote letters to revile Yahweh the God of Israel, and to speak against Him, saying, "As the gods of the nations of other lands have not delivered their people from my hand, so the God of Hezekiah will not deliver His people from my hand."

32:18 Then they called out with a loud voice in Israelite to the people of Jerusalem who were on the wall, to frighten them and trouble them, that they might take the city.

32:19 And they spoke against the God of Jerusalem, as against the gods of the people of the earth-the work of men's hands.

32:20 Now because of this King Hezekiah and the prophet Isaiah, the son of Amoz, prayed and cried out to the sky.

32:21 Then Yahweh sent an angel who cut down every mighty man of valor, leader, and captain in the camp of the king of Assyria. So he returned shamefaced to his own land. And when he had gone into the temple of his god, some of his own offspring struck him down with the sword there.

32:22 Thus Yahweh saved Hezekiah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem from the hand of Sennacherib the king of Assyria, and from the hand of all others, and guided them on every side.

32:23 And many brought gifts to Yahweh at Jerusalem, and presents to Hezekiah king of Judah, so that he was exalted in the sight of all nations thereafter.

32:24 In those days Hezekiah was sick and near death, and he prayed to Yahweh; and He spoke to him and gave him a sign.

32:25 But Hezekiah did not repay according to the favor shown him, for his heart was lifted up; therefore wrath was looming over him and over Judah and Jerusalem.

32:26 Then Hezekiah humbled himself for the pride of his heart, he and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so that the wrath of Yahweh did not come upon them in the days of Hezekiah.

32:27 Hezekiah had very great riches and honor. And he made himself treasuries for silver, for gold, for precious stones, for spices, for shields, and for all kinds of desirable items;

32:28 storehouses for the harvest of grain, wine, and oil; and stalls for all kinds of livestock, and folds for flocks.

32:29 Moreover he provided cities for himself, and possessions of flocks and herds in abundance; for Yahweh had given him very much property.

32:30 This same Hezekiah also stopped the water outlet of Upper Gihon, and brought the water by tunnel to the west side of the City of David. Hezekiah prospered in all his works.

32:31 However, regarding the ambassadors of the princes of Babylon, whom they sent to him to inquire about the wonder that was done in the land, Yahweh withdrew from him, in order to test him, that He might know all that was in his heart.

32:32 Now the rest of the acts of Hezekiah, and his goodness, indeed they are written in the vision of Isaiah the prophet, the son of Amoz, and in the book of the kings of Judah and Israel.

32:33 So Hezekiah rested with his fathers, and they buried him in the upper tombs of the sons of David; and all Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem honored him at his death. Then Manasseh his son reigned in his place.

II Chronicles 33:

33:1 Manasseh was twelve years old when he became king, and he reigned fifty-five years in Jerusalem.

33:2 But he did evil in the sight of Yahweh, according to the abominations of the nations whom Yahweh had cast out before the children of Israel.

33:3 For he rebuilt the high places which Hezekiah his father had broken down; he raised up altars for the Baals, and made wooden images; and he worshiped all the host of heaven and served them.

33:4 He also built altars in the house of Yahweh, of which Yahweh had said, "**In Jerusalem shall My name be forever.**"

33:5 And he built altars for all the host of heaven in the two courts of the house of Yahweh.

33:6 Also he caused his sons to pass through the fire in the Valley of the Son of Hinnom; he practiced soothsaying, used witchcraft and sorcery, and consulted mediums and spiritists. He did much evil in the sight of Yahweh, to provoke Him to anger.

33:7 He even set a carved image, the idol which he had made, in the house of Yahweh, of which Yahweh had said to David and to Solomon his son, "**In this house and in Jerusalem, which I have chosen out of all the tribes of Israel, I will put My name forever;**

33:8 "and I will not again remove the foot of Israel from the land which I have appointed for your fathers-only if they are careful to do all that I have commanded them, according to the whole law and the statutes and the ordinances by the hand of Moses."

33:9 So Manasseh seduced Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem to do more evil than the nations whom Yahweh had destroyed before the children of Israel.

33:10 And Yahweh spoke to Manasseh and his people, but they would not listen.

33:11 Therefore Yahweh brought upon them the captains of the army of the king of Assyria, who took Manasseh with hooks, bound him with bronze fetters, and carried him off to Babylon.

33:12 Now when he was in affliction, he implored Yahweh his God, and humbled himself greatly before the God of his fathers,

33:13 and prayed to Him; and He received his entreaty, heard his supplication, and brought him back to Jerusalem into his kingdom. Then Manasseh knew that Yahweh was God.

33:14 After this he built a wall outside the City of David on the west side of Gihon, in the valley, as far as the entrance of the Fish Gate; and it enclosed Ophel, and he raised it to a very great height. Then he put military captains in all the fortified cities of Judah.

33:15 He took away the foreign gods and the idol from the house of Yahweh, and all the altars that he had built in the mount of the house of Yahweh and in Jerusalem; and he cast them out of the city.

33:16 He also repaired the altar of Yahweh, sacrificed peace offerings and thank offerings on it, and commanded Judah to serve Yahweh the God of Israel.

33:17 Nevertheless the people still sacrificed on the high places, but only to Yahweh their God.

33:18 Now the rest of the acts of Manasseh, his prayer to his God, and the words of the seers who spoke to him in the name of Yahweh the God of Israel, indeed they are written in the book of the kings of Israel.

33:19 Also his prayer and how Yahweh received his entreaty, and all his sin and trespass, and the sites where he built high places and set up wooden images and carved images, before he was humbled, indeed they are written among the sayings of Hozai.

33:20 So Manasseh rested with his fathers, and they buried him in his own house. Then his son Amon reigned in his place.

33:21 Amon was twenty-two years old when he became king, and he reigned two years in Jerusalem.

33:22 But he did evil in the sight of Yahweh, as his father Manasseh had done; for Amon sacrificed to all the carved images which his father Manasseh had made, and served them.

33:23 And he did not humble himself before Yahweh, as his father Manasseh had humbled himself; but Amon trespassed more and more.

33:24 Then his servants conspired against him, and killed him in his own house.

33:25 But the people of the land executed all those who had conspired against King Amon. Then the people of the land made his son Josiah king in his place.

II Chronicles 34:

34:1 Josiah was eight years old when he became king, and he reigned thirty-one years in Jerusalem.

34:2 And he did what was right in the sight of Yahweh, and walked in the ways of his father David; he did not turn aside to the right hand or to the left.

34:3 For in the eighth year of his reign, while he was still young, he began to seek the God of his father David; and in the twelfth year he began to purge Judah and Jerusalem of the high places, the wooden images, the carved images, and the molded images.

34:4 They broke down the altars of the Baals in his presence, and the incense altars which were above them he cut down; and the wooden images, the carved images, and the molded images he broke in pieces, and made dust of them and scattered it on the graves of those who had sacrificed to them.

34:5 He also burned the bones of the priests on their altars, and cleansed Judah and Jerusalem.

34:6 And so he did in the cities of Manasseh, Ephraim, and Simeon, as far as Naphtali and all around, with axes.

34:7 When he had broken down the altars and the wooden images, had beaten the carved images into powder, and cut down all the incense altars throughout all the land of Israel, he returned to Jerusalem.

34:8 In the eighteenth year of his reign, when he had purged the land and the temple, he sent Shaphan the son of Azaliah, Maaseiah the governor of the city, and Joah the son of Joahaz the recorder, to repair the house of Yahweh his God.

34:9 When they came to Hilkiyah the high priest, they delivered the money that was brought into the house of Yahweh, which the Levites who kept the doors had gathered from the hand of Manasseh and Ephraim, from all the remnant of Israel, from all Judah and Benjamin, and which they had brought back to Jerusalem.

34:10 Then they put it in the hand of the foremen who had the oversight of the house of Yahweh; and they gave it to the workmen who worked in the house of Yahweh, to repair and restore the house.

34:11 They gave it to the craftsmen and builders to buy hewn stone and timber for beams, and to floor the houses which the kings of Judah had destroyed.

34:12 And the men did the work faithfully. Their overseers were Jahath and Obadiah the Levites, of the sons of Merari, and Zechariah and Meshullam, of the sons of the Kohathites, to supervise. Others of the Levites, all of whom were skillful with instruments of music,

34:13 were over the burden bearers and were overseers of all who did work in any kind of service. And some of the Levites were scribes, officers, and gatekeepers.

34:14 Now when they brought out the money that was brought into the house of Yahweh, Hilkiyah the priest found the Book of the Law of Yahweh given by Moses.

34:15 Then Hilkiyah answered and said to Shaphan the scribe, "I have found the Book of the Law in the house of Yahweh." And Hilkiyah gave the book to Shaphan.

34:16 So Shaphan carried the book to the king, bringing the king word, saying, "All that was committed to your servants they are doing.

34:17 "And they have gathered the money that was found in the house of Yahweh, and have delivered it into the hand of the overseers and the workmen."

34:18 Then Shaphan the scribe told the king, saying, "Hilkiyah the priest has given me a book." And Shaphan read it before the king.

34:19 Thus it happened, when the king heard the words of the Law, that he tore his clothes.

34:20 Then the king commanded Hilkiyah, Ahikam the son of Shaphan, Abdon the son of Micah, Shaphan the scribe, and Asaiah a servant of the king, saying,

34:21 "Go, inquire of Yahweh for me, and for those who are left in Israel and Judah, concerning the words of the book that is found; for great is the wrath of Yahweh that is poured out on us, because our fathers have not kept the word of Yahweh, to do according to all that is written in this book."

34:22 So Hilkiyah and those the king had appointed went to Huldah the prophetess, the wife of Shallum the son of Tokhath, the son of Hasrah, keeper of the wardrobe. (*She dwelt in Jerusalem in the Second Quarter.*) And they spoke to her to that effect.

34:23 Then she answered them, "Thus says Yahweh the God of Israel, 'Tell the man who sent you to Me,

34:24 "Thus says Yahweh: 'Behold, I will bring calamity on this place and on its inhabitants, all the curses that are written in the book which they have read before the king of Judah,

34:25 'because they have forsaken Me and burned incense to other gods, that they might provoke Me to anger with all the works of their hands. Therefore My wrath will be poured out on this place, and not be quenched.' " "

34:26 "But as for the king of Judah, who sent you to inquire of Yahweh, in this manner you shall speak to him, 'Thus says Yahweh the God of Israel: "Concerning the words which you have heard-

34:27 "because your heart was tender, and you humbled yourself before Yahweh when you heard His words against this place and against its inhabitants, and you humbled yourself before Me, and you tore your clothes and wept before Me, I also have heard you," says Yahweh.

34:28 "Surely I will gather you to your fathers, and you shall be gathered to your grave in peace; and your eyes shall not see all the calamity which I will bring on this place and its inhabitants." " " So they brought back word to the king.

34:29 Then the king sent and gathered all the elders of Judah and Jerusalem.

34:30 The king went up to the house of Yahweh, with all the men of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem-the priests and the Levites, and all the people, great and small. And he read in their hearing all the words of the Book of the Covenant which had been found in the house of Yahweh.

34:31 Then the king stood in his place and made a covenant before Yahweh, to follow Yahweh, and to keep His commandments and His testimonies and His statutes with all his heart and all his spirit, to perform the words of the covenant that were written in this book.

34:32 And he made all who were present in Jerusalem and Benjamin take a stand. So the inhabitants of Jerusalem did according to the covenant of Yahweh, the God of their fathers.

34:33 Thus Josiah removed all the abominations from all the country that

belonged to the children of Israel, and made all who were present in Israel diligently serve Yahweh their God. All his days they did not depart from following Yahweh the God of their fathers.

II Chronicles 35:

35:1 Now Josiah kept a Passover to Yahweh in Jerusalem, and they slaughtered the Passover lambs on the fourteenth day of the first month.

35:2 And he set the priests in their duties and encouraged them for the service of the house of Yahweh.

35:3 Then he said to the Levites who taught all Israel, who were holy to Yahweh: "Put the holy ark in the house which Solomon the son of David, king of Israel, built. It shall no longer be a burden on your shoulders. Now serve Yahweh your God and His people Israel.

35:4 "Prepare yourselves according to your fathers' houses, according to your divisions, following the written instruction of David king of Israel and the written instruction of Solomon his son.

35:5 "And stand in the holy place according to the divisions of the fathers' houses of your brethren the lay people, and according to the division of the father's house of the Levites.

35:6 "So slaughter the Passover offerings, consecrate yourselves, and prepare them for your brethren, that they may do according to the word of Yahweh by the hand of Moses."

35:7 Then Josiah gave the lay people lambs and young goats from the flock, all for Passover offerings for all who were present, to the number of thirty thousand, as well as three thousand cattle; these were from the king's possessions.

35:8 And his leaders gave willingly to the people, to the priests, and to the Levites. Hilkiah, Zechariah, and Jehiel, rulers of the house of Yahweh, gave to the priests for the Passover offerings

two thousand six hundred from the flock, and three hundred cattle.

35:9 Also Conaniah, his brothers Shemaiah and Nethanel, and Hashabiah and Jeiel and Jozabad, chief of the Levites, gave to the Levites for Passover offerings five thousand from the flock and five hundred cattle.

35:10 So the service was prepared, and the priests stood in their places, and the Levites in their divisions, according to the king's command.

35:11 And they slaughtered the Passover offerings; and the priests sprinkled the blood with their hands, while the Levites skinned the animals.

35:12 Then they removed the burnt offerings that they might give them to the divisions of the fathers' houses of the lay people, to offer to Yahweh, as it is written in the Book of Moses. And so they did with the cattle.

35:13 Also they roasted the Passover offerings with fire according to the ordinance; but the other holy offerings they boiled in pots, in caldrons, and in pans, and divided them quickly among all the lay people.

35:14 Then afterward they prepared portions for themselves and for the priests, because the priests, the sons of Aaron, were busy in offering burnt offerings and fat until night; therefore the Levites prepared portions for themselves and for the priests, the sons of Aaron.

35:15 And the singers, the sons of Asaph, were in their places, according to the command of David, Asaph, Heman, and Jeduthun the king's seer. Also the gatekeepers were at each gate; they did not have to leave their position, because their brethren the Levites prepared portions for them.

35:16 So all the service of Yahweh was prepared the same day, to keep the Passover and to offer burnt offerings on the altar of Yahweh, according to the command of King Josiah.

35:17 And the children of Israel who were present kept the Passover at that time, and the Feast of Unleavened Bread for seven days.

35:18 There had been no Passover kept in Israel like that since the days of Samuel the prophet; and none of the kings of Israel had kept such a Passover as Josiah kept, with the priests and the Levites, all Judah and Israel who were present, and the inhabitants of Jerusalem.

35:19 In the eighteenth year of the reign of Josiah this Passover was kept.

35:20 After all this, when Josiah had prepared the temple, Necho king of Egypt came up to fight against Carchemish by the Euphrates; and Josiah went out against him.

35:21 But he sent messengers to him, saying, "What have I to do with you, king of Judah? I have not come against you this day, but against the house with which I have war; for Yahweh commanded me to make haste. Refrain from meddling with Yahweh, who is with me, lest He destroy you."

35:22 Nevertheless Josiah would not turn his face from him, but disguised himself so that he might fight with him, and did not heed the words of Necho from the mouth of Yahweh. So he came to fight in the Valley of Megiddo.

35:23 And the archers shot King Josiah; and the king said to his servants, "Take me away, for I am severely wounded."

35:24 His servants therefore took him out of that chariot and put him in the second chariot that he had, and they brought him to Jerusalem. So he died, and was buried in one of the tombs of his fathers. And all Judah and Jerusalem mourned for Josiah.

35:25 Jeremiah also lamented for Josiah. And to this day all the singing men and the singing women speak of Josiah in their lamentations. They made it a custom in Israel; and indeed they are written in the Laments.

35:26 Now the rest of the acts of Josiah and his goodness, according to what was written in the Law of Yahweh,

35:27 and his deeds from first to last, indeed they are written in the book of the kings of Israel and Judah.

II Chronicles 36:

36:1 Then the people of the land took Jehoahaz the son of Josiah, and made him king in his father's place in Jerusalem.

36:2 Jehoahaz was twenty-three years old when he became king, and he reigned three months in Jerusalem.

36:3 Now the king of Egypt deposed him at Jerusalem; and he imposed on the land a tribute of one hundred talents of silver and a talent of gold.

36:4 Then the king of Egypt made Jehoahaz's brother Eliakim king over Judah and Jerusalem, and changed his name to Jehoiakim. And Necho took Jehoahaz his brother and carried him off to Egypt.

36:5 Jehoiakim was twenty-five years old when he became king, and he reigned eleven years in Jerusalem. And he did evil in the sight of Yahweh his God.

36:6 Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came up against him, and bound him in bronze fetters to carry him off to Babylon.

36:7 Nebuchadnezzar also carried off some of the articles from the house of Yahweh to Babylon, and put them in his temple at Babylon.

36:8 Now the rest of the acts of Jehoiakim, the abominations which he did, and what was found against him, indeed they are written in the book of the kings of Israel and Judah. Then Jehoiachin his son reigned in his place.

36:9 Jehoiachin was eight years old when he became king, and he reigned in Jerusalem three months and ten days. And he did evil in the sight of Yahweh.

36:10 At the turn of the year King Nebuchadnezzar summoned him and

took him to Babylon, with the costly articles from the house of Yahweh, and made Zedekiah, Jehoiakim's brother, king over Judah and Jerusalem.

36:11 Zedekiah was twenty-one years old when he became king, and he reigned eleven years in Jerusalem.

36:12 He did evil in the sight of Yahweh his God, and did not humble himself before Jeremiah the prophet, who spoke from the mouth of Yahweh.

36:13 And he also rebelled against King Nebuchadnezzar, who had made him swear an oath by Yahweh; but he stiffened his neck and hardened his heart against turning to Yahweh the God of Israel.

36:14 Moreover all the leaders of the priests and the people transgressed more and more, according to all the abominations of the nations, and defiled the house of Yahweh which He had consecrated in Jerusalem.

36:15 And Yahweh the God of their fathers sent warnings to them by His messengers, rising up early and sending them, because He had compassion on His people and on His dwelling place.

36:16 But they mocked the messengers of Yahweh, despised His words, and scoffed at His prophets, until the wrath of Yahweh arose against His people, till there was no remedy.

36:17 Therefore He brought against them the king of the Chaldeans, who killed their young men with the sword in the house of their sanctuary, and had no compassion on young man or virgin, on the aged or the weak; He gave them all into his hand.

36:18 And all the articles from the house of Yahweh, great and small, the treasures of the house of Yahweh, and the treasures of the king and of his leaders, all these he took to Babylon.

36:19 Then they burned the house of Yahweh, broke down the wall of Jerusalem, burned all its palaces with fire, and destroyed all its precious possessions.

36:20 And those who escaped from the sword he carried away to Babylon, where they became servants to him and his sons until the rule of the kingdom of Persia,

36:21 to fulfill the word of Yahweh by the mouth of Jeremiah, until the land had enjoyed her Sabbaths. As long as she lay desolate she kept Sabbath, to fulfill seventy years.

36:22 Now in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, that the word of Yahweh by the mouth of Jeremiah might be fulfilled, Yahweh stirred up the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia, so that he made a proclamation throughout all his kingdom, and also put it in writing, saying,

36:23 Thus says Cyrus king of Persia: All the kingdoms of the earth Yahweh the God of heaven has given me. And He has commanded me to build Him a house at Jerusalem which is in Judah. Who is among you of all His people? May Yahweh his God be with him, and let him go up!