buy the threshing-floor of thee, to build an altar unto the Lord, that the plague may be stayed from the people.

22 And Araunah said unto David, Let my lord the king take and offer up what seemeth good unto him: behold, here be oxen for burnt sacrifice, and threshing instruments and other instruments of the oxen for wood.

23 All these things did Araunah, as a king, give unto the king. And Araunah said unto the king, The Lord thy God accept thee.

24 And the king said unto Araunah, Nay; but I will surely buy it of thee at a price: neither will I offer burnt offerings unto the Lord my God of that which cost me nothing. So David bought the threshing-floor and the oxen for fifty shekels of silver.

25 And David built there an altar unto the Lord, and offered burnt offerings and peace offerings. So the Lord was intreated for the land, and the plague was stayed from Israel.

THE FIRST BOOK OF THE KINGS,
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1 Now king David was old and stricken in years; and they covered him with clothes, but he gat no heat.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

9 And Adonijah slew sheep and oxen and fat cattle by the stone of Zoeth, which is by En-rogel, and called all his brethren the king's sons, and all the men of Judah of the king's servants:

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

11 ¶ Wherefore Nathan spake unto Bath-sheba the mother of Solomon, saying, Hast thou not heard that Adonijah the son of Haggith doth reign, and David our lord knoweth it not?

1 Or, all this did Araunah the king give.
12 Now therefore come, let me, I pray thee, give thee counsel, that thou mayest save thine own life, and the life of thy son Solomon.

13 And he said, I have heard thy words. I know also that the Lord God hath given thee this wisdom and this great understanding, and also that thou hast made the name of thee and of thy kingdom great.  

14 Behold, while thou yet talkest with the king, I also will come in after thee, and confirm thy words.

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

16 And Bath-sheba bowed, and did obeisance unto the king. And the king said, What wouldst thou?

17 And she said unto him, My lord, thou seest the Lorp thy God hath taken me out of the house of my father, and from the cattle my father had, and hath made me queen over the children of Israel.

18 And my lord the king, the eyes of all Israel are upon thee, that thou shouldest tell them who shall sit upon the throne of my lord the king after him.

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

20 And thou, my lord, O king, the eyes of all Israel are upon thee, that thou shouldest tell them who shall sit upon the throne of my lord the king after him.

21 It may be that the Lorp thy God will be gracious unto me, and that he will give me an heir after my own flesh, that I may continue to sit upon the throne of my father.  

22 And the king said, Go to thy house, and live there, and let me hear no more of thee till mine days be over; and he bowed himself before the king with his face to the ground.

23 And they told the king, saying, Behold Nathan the prophet also came in.  

24 And Nathan said, My lord, O king, hast thou said, Adonijah shall reign after me, and he shall sit upon my throne?  

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

26 But me, even me thy servant, and Zadok the priest, and Nathan the prophet, and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, and thy servant Solomon, hath he not called.

27 Is this thing done by my lord the king, and thou hast not shewed it unto thy servant, who should sit upon the throne of my lord the king after him?

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

29 And the king swore, and said, As the Loard liveth, that hath redeemed my soul out of all distress,

30 Even as I sware unto thee by the Loard God of Israel, saying, Assuredly Solomon thy son shall reign after me, and he shall sit upon my throne in my stead; even so will I certainly do this day.

31 Then Bath-sheba bowed with her face to the earth, and did reverence to the king, and said, Let my lord king David live ever.

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

33 The king also said unto them, Take with you the servants of your lord, and cause Solomon my son to ride upon mine own mule, and bring him down to Gilbon:

34 And let Zadok the priest and Nathan the prophet anoint him there king over Israel: and blow ye with the trumpet, and say, God save king Solomon.
35 Then ye shall come up after him, that he may come and sit upon my throne; for he shall be king in my stead: and I have appointed him to be ruler over Israel and over Judah.

36 And Benaijah the son of Jehoiada answered the king, and said, Amen: the Lord God of my lord the king say so too.

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

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

39 And Zadok the priest took an horn of oil out of the tabernacle, and anointed Solomon. And they blew the trumpet; and all the people said, God save king Solomon.

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

41 And all the servants and all the guests that were with him heard it; as they had made an end of eating. And when Joas heard the sound of the trumpet, he said, Wherefore is this noise of the commotion being an uproar?

42 And while he yet spake, behold, Jonathan the son of Abiathar the priest came: and Adonijah said unto him, Come in; for thou art a valiant man, and bringest good tidings. And Jonathan answered and said to Adonijah, Verily our lord king David hath made Solomon king.

43 And the king hath sent with him Zadok the priest, and Nathan the prophet, and Benaijah the son of Jehoiada, and the Cherethites, and the Pelethites, and they have caused him to ride upon the king's mule: and Zadok the priest and Nathan the prophet have anointed him king in Gihon: and they are come up from thence rejoicing, so that the city rang again. This is the noise that ye have heard.

44 And also Solomon sitteth on the throne of the kingdom.

45 And moreover over the king's servants came to bless our lord king David, saying, God make the name of Solomon better than thy name, and make his throne greater than thy throne. And the king bowed himself upon the bed.

46 And also thus said the king, Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, which hath given one to sit on my throne this day, mine eyes even seeing it.

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

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

49 And it was told Solomon, saying, Behold, Adonijah feareth king Solomon: for, lo, he hath caught hold on the horns of the altar, saying, Let king Solomon swear unto me to day that he will not slay his servant.

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

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

2 Now the days of David drew nigh that he should die; and he charged Solomon his son, saying,

3 And keep the charge of the Lord thy God, to walk in his ways, and keep his statutes, and his commandments, and his judgments, and his
testimonies, as it is written in the law of Moses, that thou mayest prosper in all that thou doest, and whithersoever thou turnest thyself:

4 That the Lord may continue his word which he spake concerning me, saying, If thy children take heed to their way, to walk before me in truth with all their heart and with all their soul, *there shall not fail thee (said he) a man on the throne of Israel.

5 And whither thou knowest also what Joab the son of Zeruiah did to me, and what he did to the two captains of the hosts of Israel, unto *Abuser the son of Ner, and unto *Amasa the son of Jether, whom he slew, and *shed the blood of war in peace, and put the blood of war, upon his girdle that was about his loins, and in his shoes that were on his feet.

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

7 But shew kindness unto the sons of *Barzillai the Gileadite, and let them be of those that eat at thy table: for so they came to me when I fled because of Abosomal thy brother.

8 And, behold, thou hast with thee *Shimei the son of Gera of Bahurim, which cursed me with a grievous curse in the day when I went to Mahanaim: but he came down to meet me at Jordan, and I shewed to him the covenant, *I will not put thee to death with the sword.

9 Now therefore hold him not guiltless: for thou art a wise man, and knowest what thou oughtest to do unto him: but his hoar head bring thou down to the grave with blood.

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

11 And *Joab sat Solomon upon the throne of David his father; and his kingdom was established greatly.

12 And Joab the son of Haggith came to Bath-sheba the mother of Solomon. And she said, Comest thou peaceably? And he said, Peaceably.

13 He said moreover, I have somewhat to say unto thee, and she said, Say on. And he said, Thou knowest that the kingdom was mine, and that all Israel set their faces on me, that I should reign: howbeit the kingdom is turned about, and is become my brother's: for it was his from the Loard.

14 And now I ask one petition of thee, *deny me not. And she said unto him, Say on.

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

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

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

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

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

20 And king Solomon answered and said unto his mother, And why dost thou ask Abishag the Shunammite for Adonijah? for he is mine elder brother; even for him, and for Abiathar the priest, and for Joab the son of Zeruiah.
23 Then king Solomon sware by the Lord, saying, 

God do so to me, and more also, if Adonijah have not spoken this word against his own life. 

24 Now therefore, as the Lord liveth, which hath established me, and set me on the throne of David my father, and who hath made me an house, as he promised, Adonijah shall be put to death this day. 

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

26 ¶ And unto Abiathar the priest said the king, Get thee to Anathoth, unto thine own fields; for thou art worthy of death; but I will not at this time put thee to death, because thou hast borne the ark of the Lord Go because before David my father, and because thou hast been afflicted in all wherein my father was afflicted. 

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

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

29 And it was told king Solomon that Joab was fled unto the tabernacle of the Lord; and, behold, he was by the altar. Then said Solomon, Turn aside, that I may smite him. 

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

31 And the king said unto him, Do as he hath said, and fall upon him, and bury him; that thou mayest take away the innocent blood, which Joab shed, from me, and from the house of my father. 

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

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

34 And Benaijah the son of Jehoiada went up, and fell upon him, and slew him; and he was buried in his own house in the wilderness. 

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

36 ¶ And the king sent and called for Shimei, and said unto him, Build thee an house in Jerusalem, and dwell there, and go not forth thence any whither. 

37 For it shall be, that on the day thou goest out, and passest over the brook Kidron, then shalt thou know for certain that thou shalt surely die: thy blood shall be upon thine own head. 

38 And Shimei said unto the king, The saying is good: as my lord the king hath said, so will thy servant do. And Shimei dwelt in Jerusalem many days. 

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

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

41 And it was told Solomon that Shimei had gone from Jerusalem to Gath, and was come again.
And the king sent and called for Shimei, and said unto him, Did not I make thee to swear by the Lord, and protested unto thee, saying, Know for a certain, that on the day thou goest out, and walkest abroad any whither, that thou shalt surely die? and thou saidst unto me, The word that I have heard of this man.

44 Why then hast thou not kept the oath of the Lord, and the commandment that I have charged thee with?

45 The king said moreover to Shimei, Thou knowest all the wickedness which thine heart is privy to, that thou didst to David my father: therefore the Lord shall return thy wickedness upon thine own head.

46 And King Solomon shall be blessed, and the throne of David shall be established before the Lord for ever.

47 So the king commanded Benaijah the son of Jehoiada; which went out, and fell upon him, that he died. And the *kingdom was established in the hand of Solomon.

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

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

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

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

5 ¶ In Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, Ask what I shall give thee.

6 And Solomon said, Thou hast shewed unto thy servant David my father great mercy, according as he walked before thee in truth, and in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart with thee; and thou hast kept for him this great kindness, that thou hast given him a son to sit on his throne, as it is this day.

7 And now, O Lord my God, thou hast made thy servant king instead of David my father: and I am but a little child: I know not how to go out or come in.

8 And thy servant is in the midst of thy people which thou hast chosen, a great people, that cannot be numbered nor counted for multitude.

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

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

11 And God said unto him, Because thou hast asked this thing, and hast not asked for thyself long life; neither hast asked riches for thyself, nor hast asked the life of thine enemies; but hast asked for thyself understanding to discern judgment;

12 Behold, I have done according to thy words: lo, I have given thee a wise and an understanding heart; so that there shall not be any among the kings like unto thee all thy days.

13 And I have also given thee that which thou hast not asked, both riches, and honour: so that there shall not be any among the kings like unto thee all thy days.

14 And if thou wilt walk in my ways, to keep my statutes and my commandments, as my father David did walk, then I will lengths thy days.

15 And Solomon awoke; and, behold, it was a dream. And he came to Jerusalem, and stood
16 Then came there two women, that were harlots, unto the king, and stood before him.
17 And the one woman said, O my lord, I and this woman dwell in one house; and I was delivered of a child with a child in the house.
18 And it came to pass the third day after that I was delivered, that this woman was delivered also: and we were together; there was no stranger with us in the house, save we two in the house.
19 And this woman's child died in the night; because she overlaid it.
20 And she arose at midnight, and took my son from beside me, while thine handmaid slept, and laid it in her bosom, and laid her dead child in my bosom.
21 And when I rose in the morning to give my child suck, behold, it was dead: but when I had considered it in the morning, behold, it was not my son, which I did bear.
22 And the other woman said, Nay; but the living is my son, and the dead is thy son. And this said, No; but the dead is thy son, and the living is my son. Thus they spake before the king.
23 Then said the king, The one saith, This is my son that liveth, and thy son is the dead: and the other saith, Nay; but thy son is the dead, and my son is the living.
24 And the king said, Bring me a sword. And they brought a sword before the king.
25 And the king said, Divide the living child in two, and give half to the one, and half to the other.
26 Then spake the woman whose living child was unto the king, for her bowls were yearned upon her son, and she said, O my lord, give her the living child, and in no wise slay it. But the other said, Let it be neither mine nor thine; divide it.
27 Then the king answered and said, Give her the living child, and in no wise slay it: she is the mother thereof.
28 And all Israel heard of the judgment which the king had judged; and they feared the king: for they saw that the wisdom of God was in him, to do judgment.

4 And king Solomon was king over all Israel.
2 And these were the princes which he had; Azariah the son of Zadok the priest,
3 Eliehoeph and Ahias, the sons of Shishak, scribes,
4 Jeconiah the son of Ahud, the recorder.
5 And Benjaia, the son of Jehoisai was over the treasury.
6 And Azariah the son of the king's friend was over the king's purchases.
7 And Ahisar was over the household: and *Adoniram the son of Abda was over the tribute.
8 And Solomon had twelve officers over all Israel, which provided victual for king and his household: each man his mouth in a year made provision.
9 And these are their names: The son of Hur, in mount Ephraim;
10 The son of Dekar, in Makaz, and in Shaaaibim, and Beth-shemesh, and Elon-beth-hanan.
11 The son of H深层次, in Araboth; to him pertained Sochoh, and all the land of Hepher;
12 The son of Abinadab, in all the region of Dor; which had Taphath the daughter of Solomon to wife:
13 The son of Geber, in Ramoth-gilead; to him pertained the town of Jair the seven, and all Manasseh, which are in Gilead; to him also pertained the region of Argob, which is in Bashan, three score great cities with walls and brazen bars:

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I. KINGS. IV. 1

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5 Jehoshaphat the son of Paruah, in Issachar:
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7 Geber the son of Uri was in the country of Gilead, in the country of Sihon king of the Amorites, and of Og king of Bashan; and he was the only officer which was in the land.
8 Judah and Israel were many, as the sand which is by the sea in multitude, and eating and drinking and making merry.
9 And Solomon ruled over all the kingdoms from the river unto the land of the Philistines, and unto the border of Egypt: they brought presents, and served Solomon all the days of his life.
10 And Solomon's provision for one day was thirty measures of fine flour, and threescore measures of meal,
11 Ten fat oxen, and twenty oxen out of the pastures, and an hundred sheep, beside harts, and roebucks, and fatted fowl.
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14 And Solomon had forty thousand stalls of horses for his chariots, and twelve thousand horsemen.
15 And those officers provided victual for king Solomon, and for all that came unto king Solomon's table, every man in his month: they lacked nothing.
16 Barley also and straw for the horses and dromedaries, brought they unto the place where the officers were, every man according to his charge.
17 And * God gave Solomon wisdom and understanding exceeding much, and largeness of heart, even as the sand that is on the sea shore.
18 And Solomon's wisdom excelled the wisdom of all the children of the east country, and all the wisdom of Egypt.
19 For he was wiser than all men; than Ethan the Ezrahite, and Heman, and Chalcol, and Darda, the son of Mahol: and his fame was in all nations round about.
20 And he spake three thousand proverbs: and his songs were a thousand and five.
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shall be with thy servants; and unto thee will I shew all that thou shalt appoint: for thou knowest that there is not among us any that can skill to hew timber like unto the Sidonians.

7 And it came to pass, when Hiram heard the words of Solomon, that he rejoiced greatly, and said, Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, which hath given unto David a wise son over this people.

8 And Hiram sent to Solomon, saying, I have considered the things which thou shalt entreat of me: and I will do all thy desire concerning timber of cedar, and concerning timber of fir.

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

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

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

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

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

14 And he sent them to Lebanon, ten thousand a month by courses: a month they were in Lebanon, and two months at home: and Adoniram was over the levy.

15 And Solomon had threescore and ten thousand that bare burdens, and fourscore thousand hewers in the mountains;

16 Beside the chief of Solomon's officers which were over the work, three thousand and three hundred, which ruled over the people that were in the work.

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

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

6 And it came to pass in the four hundred and eightieth year after the exodus of Israel out of Egypt, in the fourth year of Solomon's reign over Israel, in the month Zif, which is the second month, that he began to build the house of the Lorp. And he laid the foundation of the house of the Lorp with an altar of rough stone, and he built.
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2 And let the judgments which I command thee this day be upon thy house, and upon thy children, and upon thy children's children, 3 Even for seven generations, 4 That thine house may be in blessing all the days of the earth: 5 And that I may perform my promise, and the words which I spake unto Abraham my father. 6 2Y And it was in the heart of Solomon to build an house to the name of the LORD, and an house for his kingdom. 7 And Solomon began to build the house of the LORD in the fourth year of his reign at Jerusalem. 8 And twenty years old was Solomon when he began to reign, and reigned forty years in Jerusalem over all Israel. 9 And Solomon loved the LORD, walking in the statutes of David his father, and keeping his commandments, and his judgments, and his decrees with all his heart. 10 And the LORD appeared unto Solomon three times: 11 And Solomon said: I beseech thee, O LORD my God, that thou说法上, and keep all my judgments and my statutes, which I will command my people Israel: 12 ¶ Solomon therefore said to the lameb: And the word of the LORD came to Solomon, saying, 

31 And the house, that is, the temple before it, was forty cubits long. 32 And the cedar of the house within was carved with images of open flowers: all was cedar; there was no stone seen. 33 And the oracle he prepared in the midst of the house within, to set there the ark of the covenant of the LORD. 34 And the oracle in the forepart was twenty cubits in length, and twenty cubits in breadth, and twenty cubits in the height thereof: and he overlaid it with pure gold: and so covered the altar which was of cedar. 35 So Solomon overlaid the house within with pure gold: and he made chains of gold across before the oracle; and he overlaid it with gold. 36 And the other cherub was ten cubits: both the cherubim were of one measure and one size. 37 The height of the one cherub was ten cubits, and so was it of the other cherub. 38 And he set the cherubim within the inner house: and so they stretched forth the wings of the cherubim, so that the wing of the one touched the wall, and the wing of the other cherub touched the other wall; and their wings touched one another in the midst of the house. 39 And he overlaid the cherubim with gold. 40 And he carved all the walls of the house round about with carved figures of cherubim and palm trees and open flowers, within and without. 41 And the floor of the house he overlaid with gold, within and without. 42 The two doors also were of olive tree; and he carved upon them palm trees and open flowers, and overlaid them with gold, and spread gold upon the cherubim, and upon the palm trees.
So also made he for the door of the temple posts of olive tree, a fourth part of the wall.

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

35 And he carved cherubims and palm trees and open flowers: and covered them with gold with the carving of the carved work.

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

37 ¶ In the fourth year was the foundation of the house of the LORD of Solomon laid, in the month Ziv;

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

7 But Solomon was building his own house thirteen years, and he finished all his house. For he built the house of the forest of Lebanon; the length thereof was an hundred cubits, and the breadth thereof fifty cubits, and the height thereof thirty cubits, upon four rows of cedar pillars, with cedar beams upon the pillars. 3 And it was covered with cedar above upon the beams, that lay on forty five pillars, fifteen in a row.

4 And there were windows in three rows, and light was against light in three ranks. 5 And all the doors and posts were square, with the windows: and light was against light in three ranks.

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

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

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

9 All these were of costly stones, according to the measures of hewed stones, sawed with saws, within and without, even from the foundation unto the coping, and over the great court.

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

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

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

13 ¶ And king Solomon sent and fetched Hiram out of Tyre.

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

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

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

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

18 And he made the pillars, and two rows round about upon the one network, to cover the chapiters
that were upon the top, with pomegranates, and so did he for the other chapter. And the chapters that were upon the top of the pillars were of lily work, four cubits.

20 And the chapters upon the two pillars had pomegranates also above, over against the belly work by the network: and the pomegranates were two hundred in rows round about upon the other chapter.

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

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

23 ¶ And he made a molten sea, ten cubits from the brim to the brim, and a line of thirty cubits did compass it round about.

24 And under the brim of it round about there were knobs compassing it, ten in a cubit, compassing the sea round about: the knobs were cast in two rows, when it was cast.

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

26 And it was an hand breadth thick, and the brim thereof was wrought like the brim of a cup, with flowers of lilies: it contained two thousand baths.

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

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

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

30 And every base had four brazen wheels, and plates of brass: and the four corners thereof had undersets: under the laver were undersets molten, at the side of every addition.

31 And the mouth of it within the chapter and above was a cubit: but the mouth thereof was round as the work was round: the base, a cubit and half: and also upon the mouth of it were graving with their borders, foursquare, not round.

32 And under the bases were four wheels; and the axes of the wheels were joined to the base, and the height of a wheel was a cubit and half a cubit.

33 And the work of the wheels was like the work of a chariot wheel: their axletrees, and their navies, and their fellos, and their spokes, were all molten.

34 And there were four undersets to the four corners of one base: and the undersets thereof were of the very base itself.

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

36 And on the plates of the ledges thereof, and on the borders thereof, he graved cherubims, lions, and palm trees, according to the proportion of every base, with their axletrees, and their undersets.

37 After this manner he made the ten bases: all of them had one casting, one measure, and one size.

38 ¶ Then he made ten lavers of brass: one laver contained forty baths: and every laver was four cubits: and upon every one of the ten bases one laver.

39 And he put five bases on the right side of the house, and five on the left side of the house; and he set the sea on the right side of the house eastward over against the south.
And Hiram made the 2 layers, and the shovels, and the basons. So Hiram made an end of doing all the work that he made king Solomon for the house of the LORD:

41 The two pillars, and the two bowls of the chaperets that were on the top of the two pillars; and the two networks, to cover the two bowls of the chaperets that were upon the top of the pillars;

42 And four hundred pomegranates for the two networks; even rows of pomegranates, one network by the network, to cover the two bowls of the chaperets that were upon the pillars;

43 And the ten bases, and ten layers on the bases;

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

45 And the pots, and the shovels, and the basons: and all these vessels, which Hiram made to king Solomon for the house of the LORD, were of bright brass.

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

47 And Solomon left all the vessels unweighed, because they were exceeding many: neither was the weight of the brass found out.

48 In the plain of the field of Joppa made Hiram all the vessels that pertained unto the house of the LORD: the altar of gold, and the table of gold, whereupon the shewbread was set;

49 And the candlesticks of pure gold, five on the right side, and five on the left, before the oracle, with the flowers, and the lamps, and the tongues of gold;

50 And the bowls, and the snuffers, and the basons, and the spoons and the censers of pure gold; and the hinges of gold, both for the doors of the inner house, and for the doors of the house, to wit, of the temple.

51 So was ended all the work that king Solomon made for the house of the LORD. And Solomon brought in all things for king Solomon for the house of the LORD, even all that was written in the book of the kings of Israel.

8 Then assembled king Solomon the elders of Israel, and all the heads of the tribes, and the chief of the fathers of the children of Israel, unto king Solomon at Jerusalem, to eat and drink with him, and to hear the account of the work that the hand of the LORD had wrought for king Solomon.

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2 The ten in the ark of the covenant of the house of the LORD, the precious things which David his father had dedicated: even the silver, and the gold, and the vessels, did he put among the treasures of the house of the LORD.
12 And Solomon stood before the ark of the Lord in the presence of all the congregation of Israel, and spread forth his hands toward heaven:

13 And he said, *Lord God of Israel, there is no God like thee, in heaven above, or on earth beneath, who keepest covenant and mercy with thy servants that walk before thee with all their heart:

14 Who hast kept with thy servant David my father that which thou promisedst him: thou spakest also with thy mouth, and hast fulfilled it with thine hand, as it is this day.

15 Therefore now, Lord God of Israel, keep with thy servant David my father that which thou hast promised him: saying, *There shall not fail thee a man in my sight to sit on the throne of Israel; so that thy children take heed to their way, that they walk before thee as thou hast walked before me.

16 And now, O Lord God of Israel, let thy word, I pray thee, be verified, which thou spakest unto thy servant David my father.

17 But will God indeed dwell on the earth? behold, the heaven and heaven of heavens cannot contain thee; how much less this house that I have built?

18 Yet have thou respect unto the prayer of thy servant, and to his supplication, O Lord my God, to hearken unto the cry and to the prayer, which thy servant prayeth before thee:

19 That thine eyes may be open toward this house night and day, even toward the place of which thou hast said, My name shall be there: that thine ears may hearken unto the prayer which thy servant shall make toward this place:

20 And hearken thou to the supplication of thy servant, and of thy people Israel, when they shall pray toward this place: and hear thou in heaven.
thy dwelling place: and when thou hearest, forgive. 31 If a man sin against his neighbour, and an oath be laid upon him to cause him to swear, and the oath come before thee in this house: 32 Then hear thou in heaven, and do, and judge thy servants, condemning the wicked, to bring his way upon his head; and justifying the righteous, to give him according to his righteousness.

33 Then when thy people Israel be smitten down before their enemy, because they have sinned against thee, and shall turn again to thee, and confess thy name, and pray, and make supplication unto thee in this house:

34 Then hear thou in heaven, and forgive the sin of thy people Israel, and bring them again unto the land which thou gavest unto their fathers.

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

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

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

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

39 Then hear thou in heaven thy dwelling place, and forgive, and do, and give to every man according to his ways, whose heart thou knowest, (for thou, even thou only, knowest the hearts of all the children of men;) 40 That they may fear thee all the days that they live in the land which thou gavest unto our fathers.

41 Moreover concerning the stranger, that is not of thy people Israel, but cometh out of a far country for thy name's sake:

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

43 Hear them in heaven thy dwelling place, and do according to all that the stranger calleth to thee for: that all people of the earth may know thy name, to fear thee, as do thy people Israel; and that they may know that this house, which I have builded, is called by thy name.

44 If they go out to battle against their enemies, whithersoever thou shalt send them, and shall pray unto the Lord toward the city which thou hast chosen, and toward the house that I have built unto his name:

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

46 If they sin against thee, (for there is no man that sinneth not,) and thou be angry with them, and deliver them to the enemy, so that they carry them away captives unto the land of the enemy, far or near;

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

48 And so return unto thee with all their heart, and with all their soul, in the land of their enemies, which led them away captive, and pray unto thee thy dwelling place: and when thou hearest, forgive. 49 If a man sin against his neighbour, and an oath be laid upon him to cause him to swear, and he come and swear before thine altar in this house:

50 Then hear thou in heaven, and judge thy servants, condemning the wicked, to bring his way upon his own head; and justifying the righteous, to give him according to his righteousness.

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

52 Then hear thou in heaven, and forgive the sin of thy people Israel, and bring them again unto the land which thou gavest unto their fathers. 34 I. KINGS. 405

2 Or, Wherever a man shall sin shall sin.
toward their land, which thou gavest unto their fathers, the city which thou hast chosen, and the house which I have built for thy name: 49 Then hear thou their prayer and their supplication, and maintain their cause; 50 And forgive thy people that have sinned against thee, and all their transgressions wherein they have transgressed against thee, and give them compassion before those who carried them captive, that they may have compassion on them: 51 Thy people, and thine inheritance, which thou broughtest forth out of Egypt, from the midst of the furnace of iron: 52 That thine eyes may be open unto the supplication of thy servant, and unto the supplication of thy people Israel, to hearken unto them. 53 Whencesoever they cry unto thee. For thou didst separate them from among all the peoples of the earth, to be thine inheritance, as thou spakest by the hand of Moses thy servant, when thou broughtest our fathers out of Egypt, O Lord God.

And it was so, that when Solomon had made an end of praying all this prayer and supplication unto the Lord, he arose from before the altar of the Lord, from kneeling on his knees with his hands spread up toward heaven. 55 And he stood, and blessed all the congregation of Israel with a loud voice, saying, 56 Blessed be the Lord, that hath given rest unto his people Israel, according to all that he promised: there hath not failed one word of all his good promise, which he promised by the hand of Moses his servant. 57 The Lord our God be with us, as he was with our fathers: let him not leave us, nor forsake us: 58 That he may incline our hearts unto him, to walk in all his ways, and to keep his commandments, and his statutes, and his judgments, which he commanded our fathers. 59 And let these my words, whereby I have made supplication before the Lord, be nigh unto the Lord our God day and night, that he maintain the cause of his servant, and the cause of his people Israel at all times, as the matter shall require: 60 That all the people of the earth may know that the Lord is God, and that there is none else. 61 Let your heart therefore be perfect with the Lord our God, to walk in his statutes, and to keep his commandments, as at this day. 62 And Solomon offered a sacrifice of peace offerings, which he offered unto the Lord, two and twenty thousand oxen, and an hundred thousand sheep. So Solomon made an agreement before the Lord, that there was none else like David his servant, and that there was none like him. 63 And Solomon offered for the sacrifice of peace offerings, which he offered unto the Lord, two and twenty thousand oxen, and an hundred thousand sheep, and the children of Israel dedicated the house of the Lord. 64 The same day did the king hallow the middle of the court that was before the house of the Lord; for there he offered the burnt offering, and the meal offering, and the fat of the peace offerings: because the brazen altar that was before the Lord was too little to receive the burnt offerings, and meat offerings, and the fat of the peace offerings.

And at that time Solomon held a feast, and all Israel with him, a great assembly, from the entering in of Hamath unto the river of Egypt, before the Lord our God, seven days and seven days, even fourteen days. 66 On the eighth day he sent the people away: and they blessed the king, and went unto their tents joyful and glad of heart for all the goodness that the Lord had done for David his servant, and for Israel his people. 67 And it came to pass, when Solomon had finished the building of the house of the Lord, and the house of the king's house, and all Solomon's desire which he was pleased to do, 68 That the Lord appeared to Solomon the second time, as he had appeared unto him at Gibeon, toward their land, which thou gavest unto their fathers, the city which thou hast chosen, and the house which I have built for thy name: 69 Then hear thou their prayer and their supplication, and maintain their cause; 70 And forgive thy people that have sinned against thee, and all their transgressions wherein they have transgressed against thee, and give them compassion before those who carried them captive, that they may have compassion on them: 71 Thy people, and thine inheritance, which thou broughtest forth out of Egypt, from the midst of the furnace of iron: 72 That thine eyes may be open unto the supplication of thy servant, and unto the supplication of thy people Israel, to hearken unto them. 73 Whencesoever they cry unto thee. For thou didst separate them from among all the peoples of the earth, to be thine inheritance, as thou spakest by the hand of Moses thy servant, when thou broughtest our fathers out of Egypt, O Lord God.
8 And the Lord said unto me, I have heard thy prayer and thy supplication, that thou hast made before me: I have hasted and built thee a house, 9 *to put my name there for ever; and mine eyes and mine heart shall be there perpetually: 4* And if thou wilt walk before me, as David thy father walked, in integrity of heart, and in uprightness, to do according to all that I have commanded thee, and will keep my statutes and my judgments: 5 Then I will establish the throne of thy kingdom upon Israel for ever, as I promised to David thy father, saying, There shall not fail thee a man upon the throne of Israel.

9 And it came to pass at the end of twenty years, when Solomon had builded the two houses, the house of the Lord, and the king's house, 11 *Now Hiram the king of Tyre had furnished Solomon with cedar trees and fir trees, and with gold, according to all his desire, that then *king Solomon gave Hiram twenty cities in the land of Galilee. 12 And Hiram came out from Tyre to see the cities which Solomon had given him; and they pleased him not. 13 And he said, What cities are these which thou hast given me, my brother? And he called them the land of *Cabul unto this day. 14 And Hiram sent to the king sixscore talents of gold. 15 *And this is the reason of the levy which king Solomon raised: for to build the house of the Lord, and his own house, and Millo, and the wall of Jerusalem, and Hazor, and Megiddo, and Gezer.

16 For Pharaoh king of Egypt had gone up, and taken Gezer, and burnt it with fire, and slain the Canaanites that dwelt in the city, and gave it for a present unto his daughter, Solomon's wife. 17 And Solomon built Gezer, and Beth-horon the new, 18 And Baalath, and Tadmor in the wilderness, in the land, 19 And all the cities of store that Solomon had, and cities for his chariots, and cities for his horsemen, and that which Solomon desired to build for his pleasure in Jerusalem, and in Lebanon, and in all the land of his dominion.

20 And all the people that were left of the Amorites, the Hittites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites, which were not of the children of Israel, 21 Their children that were left after them in the land, whom the children of Israel also were not able utterly to destroy, upon those did Solomon levy a tribute of bondservice unto this day. 22 But of the children of Israel did Solomon *make no bondmen: but they were men of war, and servants, and his princes, and his captains, and rulers of his chariots, and his horsemen.

23 These were the chief of the officers that were over Solomon's work, five hundred and fifty, which were over all that laboured of the people that wrought in the work. 24 But *Pharaoh's daughter came up out of the city of David unto her house which Solomon had built for her: then did he build Millo.
25 ¶ And three times in a year did Solomon offer burnt offerings and peace offerings upon the altar which he built unto the Lord, and burnt incense upon the altar that was before the Lord. So he finished the house.

26 And king Solomon made a navy of ships in Ezion-geber, which is beside Elath, on the shore of the Red sea, in the land of Edom. And Hiram sent in the navy his servants, shipmen that had knowledge of the sea, with the servants of Solomon. And they came to Ophir, and fetched from thence gold, four hundred and twenty talents, and brought it to king Solomon.

10 And when the queen of Sheba heard of the fame of Solomon concerning the name of the Lord, she came to prove him with hard questions. And she came to Jerusalem with a very great train, with camels that bare spices, and very much gold, and precious stones: and when she was come to Solomon, she communed with him of all that was in her heart.

3 And Solomon told her all her questions: there was no thing hid from the king, which he told her not.

4 And when the queen of Sheba had seen all Solomon's wisdom, and the house that he had built, and the meat of his table, and the sitting of his servants, and the attendance of his ministers, and their apparel, and his cupbearers, and his ascent by which he went up unto the house of the Lord; there was no more spirit in her.

6 And she said to the king, It was a true report that I heard in mine own land of thy wise sayings and of thy wisdom.

7 Howbeit I believed not the words, until I came, and mine eyes had seen it: and, behold, the half was not told me: thy wisdom and prosperity exceedeth the fame which I heard.

9 Blessed be the Lord thy God, which delighted in thee, to set thee on the throne of Israel: because the Lord loved Israel for ever, therefore made he thee king, to do judgment and justice.

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

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

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

14 Now the weight of gold that came to Solomon in one year was six hundred three-score and ten talents of gold.

16 Beside that which he had of the merchantmen, and of the traffic of the spice merchants, and of all the kings of Arabia, and of the governors of the country.

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

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

20 Moreover the king made a great throne of ivory, and overlaid it with the best gold.
19 The throne had six steps, and the top of the throne was round behind: and there were *stays* on either side on the place of the seat, and two horses stood beside the stays.

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

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

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

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

24 ¶ And all the earth sought to Solomon, to hear his wisdom, which God had put in his heart.

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

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

27 And the king *made silver to be in Jerusalem as stones,* and cedars made he to be as the sycamore trees that are in the vale, for abundance.

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

29 And a chariot came up and went out of Egypt for six hundred *shekels* of silver, and an horse for an hundred and fifty: and so for all the kings of the Hittites, and *for the kings of Syria,* did they bring them out *by their means.*

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

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

3 Therefore Solomon went in *after Aholath the daughter of Meholah, and after Milcom the abomination of the Ammonites.*

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

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

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

7 ¶ And the Lord was angry with Solomon, because his heart was turned from the Lord God of Israel, *which had appeared unto him twice,*

8 And *had commanded him concerning this thing,* that he should not go after other gods: but he kept not that which the Lord commanded.

9 Wherefore the Lord said unto Solomon, For-
ammon such as this is done of thee, and thou hast not kept my covenant and my statutes, which I have commanded thee, I will surely rend the kingdom from thee, and will give it to thy servant.

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

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

14 ¶ And the LORD stirred up an adversary unto Solomon, Hadad the Edomite: he was of the seed of Edom.

15 For it came to pass, when David was in Edom, and Joab the captain of the host was gone up to bury the slain, after he had smitten every male in Edom;

16 (For six months did Joab remain there with all Israel, until he had cut off every male in Edom;) that Hadad fled, he and certain Edomites of his father's servants with him, to go into Egypt; Hadad being yet a little child.

17 And they arose out of Midian, and came to Paran: and they took men with them out of Paran, and they came to Egypt, unto Pharaoh king of Egypt; which gave him an house, and to his household, and gave him land.

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

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

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

21 Then Pharaoh said unto him, But what hast thou lacked with me, that behold, thou seestkest to go to thine own country? And he answered, Nothing: howbeit let me go in any wise.

22 ¶ And God stirred him up another adversary, Rezon the son of Eliada, which fled from his lord Hadadezer king of Zobah:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

30 And he said to Jeroboam, Take thee ten pieces: for thus saith the LORD, the God of Israel, Behold, I will rend the kingdom out of the hand of Solomon, and will give ten tribes to thee:
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32 (But he shall have one tribe for my servant David's sake, and for Jerusalem's sake, the city which I have chosen out of all the tribes of Israel:)

33 Because that they have forsaken me, and have worshipped Asherah the goddess of the Zidonians, Chemosh the god of the Moabites, and Milcom, the god of the children of Ammon, and have not walked in my ways, to do that which is right in mine eyes, and to keep my statutes and my judgments, as did David his father.

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

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

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

37 And I will take thee, and thou shalt reign according to all that thy soul desireth, and shalt be king over Israel.

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

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

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

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

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

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

12 ¶ And Rehoboam went to Shechem: for all Israel came to Shechem to make him king.

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

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4 Thy father made our yoke grievous: now therefore make thou the grievous service of thy father, and his heavy yoke which he put upon us, lighter, and we will serve thee.

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

7 And they spake unto him, saying, If thou wilt be a servant unto this people this day, and wilt serve them, and answer them, and speak good words to them, then they will be thy servants for ever.

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

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

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11 And now whereas my father did lade you with a heavy yoke, I will add to your yoke: my father lade you with whips, but I will chastise you with scorpions.
12 ¶ So Jeroboam and all the people came to Rehoboam the third day, as the king had appointed, saying, Come to me again the third day.
13 And the king answered the people roughely, and forsook the old men’s counsel that they gave him;
14 And spake to them after the counsel of the young men, saying, My father made your yoke heavy, and I will add to your yoke: my father chastised you with whips, but I will chastise you with scorpions.
15 Wherefore the king hearkened not unto the people; for the cause was from the Lorn, that he might establish his word which he spake by Ahijah the Shilonite unto Jeroboam the son of Nebat.
16 ¶ So when all Israel saw that the king hearkened not unto them, the people answered the king, saying, What portion have we in David? neither have we inheritance in the son of Jesse: to your tents, O Israel: now see to thine own house, David.
17 So Israel departed unto their tents.
18 But as for the children of Israel which dwelt in the cities of Judah, Rehoboam reigned over them.
19 Then king Rehoboam sent Adoram to in charge of the tribute; and all Israel stoned him with stones, that he died. Therefore king Rehoboam made speed to get him up to his chariot, to flee to Jerusalem.
20 So Israel rebelled against the house of David unto this day.
21 And it came to pass, when all Israel heard that Jeroboam was come again, that they sent and called him unto the congregation, and made him king over all Israel: there was none that followed the house of David, but the tribe of Judah only.
22 ¶ And when Rehoboam was come to Jerusalem, he assembled all the house of Judah, with the tribe of Benjamin, an hundred and fourscore thousand chosen men, which were warriors, to fight against the house of Israel, to bring the kingdom again to Rehoboam the son of Solomon.
23 But the word of God came unto Shemaiah the son of Jehiel, saying,
24 Speak unto Rehoboam, son of Solomon, king of Judah, and unto all the house of Judah and Benjamin, and to the remnant of the people, saying,
25 Thus saith the Lorn, Ye shall not go up, nor fight against your brethren the children of Israel: return every man to his house; for this thing is from me. They hearkened therefore to the word of the Lorn, and returned to depart, according to the word of the Lorn.
26 ¶ Then Jeroboam built Shechem in the hill country of Ephraim, and dwelt therein; and he went out from thence, and built Peniel.
27 And Jeroboam said in his heart, Now shall the kingdom return to the house of David:
28 For the people go up to offer sacrifices in the house of the Lorn at Jerusalem, and they still make me king over all the house of Israel.
29 Whereupon the king took counsel, and made two calves of gold, and said unto them, It is too much for you to go up to Jerusalem: behold thy gods, O Israel, which brought thee up out of the land of Egypt.
30 And the young men that were grown up with him spake unto him, saying, Thus shalt thou say unto this people that spake unto thee, saying, Thy father made our yoke heavy, but make thou it lighter unto us; thus shalt thou speak unto them, My little finger shall be thicker than my father’s loins.
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36 And the king turned his word to Judah only.
37 But the word of God came unto Shemaiah the son of Jehiel, saying,
29 And he set the one in Beth-el, and the other put he in Dan. 30 And this thing became a sin: for the people went to worship before the one, even unto Dan. 31 And he made an house of high places, and made priests of the lowest of the people, who were not of the sons of Levi. 32 And Jeroboam ordained a feast in the eighth month, on the fifteenth day of the month, like unto the feast that is in Judah, and he[sacrificed] upon the altars that he had made: and he placed in Beth-el the priests of the high places which he had made. 33 So he offered upon the altar which he had made in Beth-el the fifteenth day of the eighth month, even in the month which he had devised of his own heart; and ordained a feast unto the children of Israel; and he offered upon the altar, and burnt incense.

13 And, behold, there came a man of God out of Judah by the word of the Lord unto Beth-el: and Jeroboam stood by the altar to burn incense. 2 And he cried against the altar in the word of the Lord, and said, O altar, altar, thus saith the Lord: Behold, a child shall be born unto the house of David, Josiah by name; and upon thee shall he offer the priests of the high places that burn incense upon thee, and men's bones shall be burnt upon thee. 3 And he gave a sign the same day, saying, This is the sign which the Lord hath spoken. Behold, the altar shall be rent, and the ashes that are upon it shall be poured out. 4 And it came to pass, when king Jeroboam heard the saying of the man of God, which he had cried against the altar in Beth-el, that he put forth his hand from the altar, saying, Lay hold on him. And his hand, which he put forth against him, dried up, so that he could not pull it in again to him. 5 The altar also was rent, and the ashes poured out from the altar, according to the sign which the man of God had given by the word of the Lord.

6 And the king answered and said unto the man of God, Intreat now the face of the Lord thy God, that he will shew me what shall become of me, that my hand may not be restored me again. And the man of God besought the Lord, and the king's hand was restored him again, and became as it was before. 7 And he said unto the man of God, Come home with me, and refresh thyself, and I will give thee a reward. 8 And the man of God said unto the king, If thou wilt give me half thine house, I will not go in with thee, neither will I eat bread nor drink water in this place: 9 For so was it charged me by the word of the Lord, saying, Eat no bread, nor drink water, nor turn again by the same way that thou camest. 10 So he went another way, and returned not by the way that he came to Beth-el.

11 Now there dwelt an old prophet in Beth-el; and his sons came and told him all the works that the man of God had done that day in Beth-el: the words which he had spoken unto the men, they told also to their father. 12 And their father said unto them, What way went he? For his sons had seen what way the man went, and they came, and fetched him from Judah. 13 And he said unto his sons, Saddle me the ass. So they saddled him the ass: and he rode thereon, and went after the man of God, and found him sitting under an oak: and he said unto him, Art thou the man of God that camest from Judah? And he said, I am.
15 Then he said unto him, Come home with me, and eat bread.
16 And he said, I may not return with thee, nor go in with thee: neither will I eat bread nor drink water with thee in this place:
17 For if I went away, I should be sinning against the word of the Lord: thou shalt eat no bread nor drink water there, nor turn again to go by the way that thou camest.
18 He said unto him, I am a prophet also as thou art; and an angel spake unto me by the word of the Lord, saying, Bring him back with thee into the house, that he may eat bread and drink water. But he lied unto him.
19 So he went back with him, and did eat bread in his house, and drank water.
20 And it came to pass, as they sat at the table, that the word of the Lord came unto the prophet that brought him back:
21 And he cried unto the man of God that came from Judah, saying, Thus saith the Lord, Forasmuch as thou hast disobeyed the mouth of the Lord, and hast not kept the commandment which the Lord thy God commanded thee,
22 Behold, be the drought upon thee, and let the barns of thine依靠, that they may not be filled:
23 And it came to pass, after he had eaten bread, and after he had drunk, that he saddled for him the ass, to wit, for the prophet whom he had brought back.
24 And when he was gone, a lion met him by the way, and slew him: and his carcase was cast in the way, and the ass stood by it, the lion also stood by the carcase.
25 And, behold, men passed by, and saw the carcase cast in the way, and the lion standing by the carcase: and they came and told it in the city where the old prophet dwelt.
26 And when the prophet that brought him back from the way heard thereof, he said, It is the man of God, who was disobedient unto the word of the Lord: therefore the Lord hath delivered him unto the lion, which hath torn him, and slain him, according to the word of the Lord, which he spake unto him.
27 And he spake to his sons, saying, Saddle me the ass. And they saddled him.
28 And he went and found his carcase cast in the way, and the ass and the lion standing by the carcase: the lion had not eaten the carcase, nor torn the ass.
29 And the prophet took up the carcase of the man of God, and laid it upon the ass, and brought it back: and the old prophet came to the city, to mourn and to bury him.
30 And he laid his carcase in his own grave; and they mourned over him, saying, Alas, my brother!
31 And it came to pass, after he had buried him, that he spake to his sons, saying, When I am dead, then bury me in the sepulchre wherein the man of God is buried; lay my bones beside his bones:
32 For the saying which he cried by the word of the Lord against the altar in Bethel, and against all the houses of the high places which are in the cities of Samaria, shall surely come to pass.
33 And it came to pass, when the man of God had gone a little way, and had made him a little way, that Jeroboam met him.
34 And this thing became sin unto the house of Jeroboam, even to cut it off, and to destroy it from off the face of the earth.

14 At that time Abijah the son of Jeroboam fell sick.
2 And Jeroboam said to his wife, Arise, I
pray thee, and disguise thyself, that thou be not known to be the wife of Jeroboam: and get thee to Shiloh, behold, there is Ahijah the prophet, which teacheth Israel. 2 And take with thee ten loaves, and cracknels, and a cruse of honey, and go to him: he shall tell thee what shall become of the child. 3 And when Jeroboam's wife came to Ahijah, and spake unto him, it came to pass as he spake unto her, that he did so.

4 Now it came to pass after this, that Joael the son of Paeon, the Lebaothite, had two sons: the name of the one was Abdon, and the name of the other Seth. 5 And the Levites came to Jeroboam with Adonijah the son of Jesse, saying, We have come to thee; do thou to thy servants, I and my son Adonijah, all that I have.

6 And Joael spake unto Jeroboam, saying, Now will the kingdom return to his house, because he is thy brother, and thou lovest him, and art more upright than all the people that be with thee. 7 But it came to pass after this, when Joael had died, that Absalom the son of Maacah, the daughter of Manasseh, took him, and slew him in Machah, and reigned in his stead. 8 And Ahijah theush had two sons: the name of the one was Abdon, and the name of the other Seth. 9 And the Levites came to Jeroboam with Adonijah the son of Jesse, saying, We have come to thee; do thou to thy servants, I and my son Adonijah, all that I have.

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22 And Judah did evil in the sight of the LORD, and they provoked him to jealousy with their sins which they had committed, above all that their fathers had done. 23 For they also built them high places, and images, and groves, on every high hill, and under every green tree. 24 And there were also sodomites in the land: and they did according to all the abominations which the LORD cast out before the children of Israel. 25 ¶ And it came to pass in the fifth year of king Rehoboam, that Shishak king of Egypt came up against Jerusalem. 26 And he took away the treasures of the house of the LORD, and the treasures of the king's house; he even took away all: and he took away all the shields of gold which Solomon had made. 27 And king Rehoboam made in their stead brazen shields, and committed them unto the hands of the chief of the guard, which kept the door of the king's house. 28 And it was so, when the king went into the house of the LORD, that the guard bare them, and brought them back into the guard chamber. 29 ¶ Now the rest of the acts of Rehoboam, and all that he did, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah? And there was war between Rehoboam and Jeroboam all their days. 30 And Rehoboam slept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the city of David: And his mother's name was Naamah the Ammonitess. And Abijam his son reigned in his stead. 15 Now in the eighteenth year of king Jeroboam the son of Nebat reigned Abijam over Judah. 2 Three years reigned he in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Maachah, the daughter of Abishalom. 3 And he walked in all the sins of his father, which he had done before him: and his heart was not perfect with the LORD his God, as the heart of David his father. 4 Nevertheless for David's sake did the LORD his God give him a lamp in Jerusalem, to set up his son after him, and to establish Jerusalem: 5 Because David did that which was right in the eyes of the LORD, and turned not aside from any thing that he commanded him all the days of his life, save only in the matter of Uriah the Hittite. 6 And there was war between Rehoboam and Jeroboam all the days of his life. 7 Now the rest of the acts of Abijam, and all that he did, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah? 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15 And he brought in the seven things which his father had dedicated, and the things which himself had dedicated, into the house of the Lord, silver, and gold, and vessels.

16 And after him was war between Asa and Baasha king of Israel all their days.

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

18 Then Asa took all the silver and the gold that were left in the treasures of the house of the Lord, and the treasures of the king's house, and delivered them into the hand of his servants: and king Asa sent them to Ben-hadad, the son of Tabrimmon, the son of Hezir, king of Syria, that dwelt at Damascus, saying,

19 There is a league between me and thee, and between my father and thy father: behold, I have sent unto thee a present of silver and gold; come and break thy league with Baasha king of Israel, that he may depart from me.

20 So Ben-hadad hearkened unto king Asa, and sent the captains of his armies against the cities of Israel, and smote Ijon, and Dan, and Abel-beth-maacah, and all Cinneroth, with all the land of Naphtali.

21 And it came to pass, when Baasha heard thereof, that he left off building of Ramah, and dwelt in Tirzah.

22 Then king Asa made a proclamation throughout all Judah; none escaped: and they took away the stones of Ramah, and the timber thereof, wherewith Basalsa had builded; and king Asa built with them Geba of Benjamin, and Mizpah.

23 The rest of the acts of Asa, and all his might, and all that he did, and the cities which he built, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah? Nevertheless in the time of his old age he was diseased in his feet.

24 And Asa slept with his fathers, and was buried in the city of David his father: and Jehovah shewed him a sign in his stead.

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

26 And he did evil in the sight of the Lord, and walked in the way of his father, and after the doings of Jeroboam his father; he turned not away thereof.

27 ¶ And Baasha the son of Ahijah, of the house of Issachar, conspired against him; and Baasha smote him at Gibbethon, which belonged to the Philistines; for Nadab and all Israel laid siege against Gibbethon.

28 Even in the third year of Asa king of Judah did Baasha slay him, and reigned in his stead.

29 And the rest of the acts of Baasha, and what he did, and what he built, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel?

30 And Baasha was twenty and twenty years old when he began to reign, and reigned twenty and four years in Tirzah.

31 And he did evil in the sight of the Lord, who delivered him out of the hand of Jeroboam his master; and he departed not therefrom all his days.

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

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16 Then the word of the Lord came to Jehu the son of Hanani against Baasha, saying,

2 Forasmuch as I exalted thee out of the dust, and made thee the head of my people Israel; and thou hast walked in the way of Jeroboam, and hast made my people Israel to sin, to provoke me to anger with their sins;

3 And he did evil in the sight of the Lord, who delivered him out of the hand of Jeroboam his master; and he departed not therefrom all his days.

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3 Behold, I will take away the posterity of Baasha, and will make the house like the house of Jeroboam the son of Nebat. 4 Then that dieth of Baasha in the city shall the dogs eat; and him that dieth of his in the fields shall the owls of the valley eat.

5 Now the rest of the acts of Baasha and what he did, and his might, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel? 6 And Jehu the son of Hanani was an seer over the house of Jehoshaphat.

7 And also by the hand of the prophet Jehu the son of Hanani came the word of the Lord against Baasha, and against his house, and turned away from Baasha and from all the acts of his father, because he had provoked the Lord to anger with the work of his hands, in being like the house of Jeroboam; and because he killed him.

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

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

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

11 ¶ And it came to pass, when he began to reign, as soon as he sat on his throne, that he slew all his brothers, and his kinsfolks, and his friends, and all the sons of Baasha, six years.

12 ¶ And Zimri dwelt in the palace, and was over the king's household in Tirzah, twenty years.

13 ¶ And Zimri cast Baasha's son Nadab into the chariot, and brought him to the garden of the king's house, and smote him, and succeeded him.

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

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

16 ¶ And the people that were encamped heard say, Zimri hath conspired, and hath also smitten the king; wherefore all Israel conspired, and all the people of the land brought Baasha's son Nadab.

17 ¶ And Omri went up from Gibbethon, and all Isreal with him, and besieged Tirzah.

18 ¶ Now the kings of the sons of Israel came, and besieged the king's house, and burnt the king's house over with fire, and died.

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

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

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

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

23 ¶ In the third year of Ass king of Judah began Omri to reign over Israel, twelve years: six years reigned he in Tirzah.

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

25 ¶ But Omri provok'd evil in the eyes of the Lord, and did wickedly before the Lord.

26 ¶ And he walked in all the ways of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, in his sin wherewith he made Israel to sin, to provoke the Lord God of Israel to anger with their vanities.
17 And Elijah the Tishbite, who was of the inhabitants of Gilead, said unto Ahab, "As the Lord God of Israel liveth, before whom I stand, there shall neither dew nor rain these years, according to my word."  

2 And the word of the Lord came unto him, saying,  

3 Get thee hence, turn thee eastward, and hide thyself by the brook Cherith, that is before Jordan.  

4 And it shall be, that thou shalt drink of the brook; and I have commanded the ravens to feed thee there.  

5 So he went and did according unto the word of the Lord; and he dwelt by the brook Cherith, that is before Jordan.  

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

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

8 And the word of the Lord came unto him, saying,  

9 Arise, get thee to Zarephath, which belongeth to Sidon, and dwell there: behold, I have commanded a widow there to sustain thee.  

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

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

12 And she said, As the Lord thy God liveth, I have not a cake, but an handful of meal in a barrel, and a little oil in a cruse: and, behold, I am gathering two sticks, that I may go in and dress it for me and my son, that we may eat it, and die.  

13 And Elijah said unto her, Fear not; go and do as thou hast said: but make me thereof a little cake first, and bring it unto me, and after make for thee and for thy son.  

14 For thus saith the Lord God of Israel, The barrel of meal shall not waste, neither shall the cruse of oil fail, until the day that the Lord sendeth rain upon the earth.  

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

16 And the barrel of meal wasted not, neither did the cruse of oil fail, according to the word of the Lord, which he spake by Elijah.
18 And she said unto Elijah, What have I to do with thee, O thou man of God? art thou come unto me to call my sin to remembrance, and to slay my son?

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

20 And he cried unto the Lord, and said, O Lord my God, hast thou also brought evil upon thy servant? for what shall I answer this people?

21 And he stretched himself upon the child three times, and cried unto the Lord, and said, O Lord my God, I pray thee, let this child’s soul come into him again.

22 And the Lord heard the voice of Elijah; and the soul of the child came into him again, and he revived.

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

24 ¶ And the woman said to Elijah, Now by this I know that thou art a man of God, and that the word of the Lord in thy mouth is truth.

18 And it came to pass after many days, that the word of the Lord came to Elijah in the third year, saying, Go, shew thyself unto Ahab; and I will send rain upon the earth.

2 And Elijah went to shew himself unto Ahab. And Ahab called Obadiah, which was the governor of his house. (Now Obadiah feared the Lord greatly:

3 And Ahab said to Obadiah, Take heed, now, and see how thy master’s son Jehoshaphat doth seek to please himself in the eyes of the prophet; and see thou that thouuffers her not to do so.

4 And it was so, when Jezebel cut off the prophets of the Lord, that Obadiah took an hundred prophets, and hid them in a cave, and fed them with bread and water.

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

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

7 ¶ And as Obadiah was in the way, behold, Elijah met him: and he knew him, and fell on his face, and said, Art thou that my lord Elijah?

8 And he answered him, I am: go, tell thy lord, Behold, Elijah is here.

9 And he said, What have I sinned, that thou wouldest deliver thy servant into the hand of Ahab, to slay me?

10 For it was so, when the Lord had delivered them up, that they consumed them with the sword; and there was none left in the house of Joseph, save the king, and Joash his son.

11 Then said the Lord unto Elijah, Go, and anoint Ahab king over Israel: and, behold, I will anoint him king over Israel. And he was yet speaking unto him, wheresoever he was, that the word of the Lord came to him.

12 And he said unto him, Go, return on thy way back again, for the spirit of God is withdrawn from me today.

13 And he went on his way, and came to Samaria.

14 And there came a bedfellow of Ahab’s, and told him, saying, thy master says, Did I not fast ten days, and were not I at Jordan? and wilt thou anoint me king over Israel?

15 And he said, If thou see me, thou shalt not see me: and, if thou shalt not see me, thou shalt see me.

16 ¶ And it came to pass, when Ahab saw Elijah, that Ahab said unto him, Art thou he that troubleth Israel?

17 And he answered, I have not troubled Israel; but thou, and thy father’s house, in that ye have
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19 Now therefore send, and gather to me all Israel unto mount Carmel, and the proph¬ets of Baal four hundred and fifty, and the proph¬ets of the groves four hundred, which eat at Jeze¬bel’s table.
20 So Ahab sent unto all the children of Israel, and gathered the prophets together unto mount Carmel.
21 And Elijah came unto all the people, and said, How long halt ye between two opinions? if the Lord be God, follow him: but if Baal, then follow him. And the people answered him not a word.
22 Then said Elijah unto the people, I, even I, remain a prophet of the Lord; but Baal’s prophets are four hundred and fifty men. 
23 Let them therefore give us two bullocks; and let them choose one bullock for themselves, and cut it in pieces, and lay it on wood, and put no fire under: and I will dress the other bullock, and lay it on wood, and put no fire under: 
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26 And they took the bullock which was given them, and dressed it, and called on the name of Baal from morning even until noon, saying, O Baal, hear us. But there was no voice, nor any that answered. And they leaped upon the altar which was made. 
27 And it came to pass at noon, that Elijah mocked them, and said, Cry aloud: for he is a god; either he is consuming, or he is pursuing, or he is in a journey, or peradventure he sleepeth, and must be awaked. 
28 And they cried aloud, and cut themselves after their manner with knives and lances, till the blood gushed out upon them. 
29 And it came to pass, when midday was past, and they prophesied until the time of the offering of the evening sacrifice, that there was neither voice, nor any to answer, nor any that regarded.
30 And Elijah said unto all the people, Come near unto me. And all the people came near unto him. And he repaired the altar of the Lord that was broken down. 
31 And Elijah took twelve stones, according to the number of the tribes of the sons of Jacob, unto whom the word of the Lord came, saying, Israel shall be thy name: 
32 And with the stones he built an altar in the name of the Lord: and he made a trench about the altar, as great as would contain two measures of seed. 
33 And he put the wood in order, and cut the bullock in pieces, and laid him on the wood, and said, Fill four barrels with water, and pour it on the burnt sacrifice, and on the wood. 
34 And he said, Do it the second time. And they did it the second time. And he said, Do it the third time. And they did it the third time.
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38 Then the fire of the Lord fell, and consumed the burnt sacrifice, and the wood, and the stones, and the dust, and licked up the water that was in the trench.

39 And when all the people saw it, they fell on their faces: and they said, The Lord, he is the God; the Lord, he is God: and all the people spread the sawdust thereon, and said, The Lord, he is God; the God of Jeshurun.

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

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

42 And it came to pass at the seventh time, that he said, Behold, there ariseth a little cloud out of the sea, like a man's hand. And he said, Go up, prepare thy chariot, and get thee down that the rain stoppe not.

43 And it came to pass in the mean while, that the heaven was black with clouds and wind; and there was a great rain. And Ahab rode, and went to Jezreel.

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

19 And Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and how he had slain all the prophets with the sword.

2 And Jezebel sent a messenger unto Elijah, saying, So let the gods do to me, and more also, if I make not thy life as one of them by to-morrow about this time.

3 And when he saw that, he arose, and went for his life, and came to Beer-sheba, which belongeth to Judah, and left his servant there.

4 And he said unto his servant, If the Lord direct me, then I will know; otherwise let him direct me.

5 And as he lay and slept under a juniper tree, behold, then an angel touched him, and said unto him, Arise and eat.

6 And he looked, and, behold, there was a cake baked on the coals, and a cruse of water at his head. And he did eat and drink, and laid him down again.

7 And the angel of the Lord came again in the second time, and touched him, and said, Arise and eat; because the journey is too great for thee.

8 And he arose, and did eat and drink; and went in the strength of that meat forty days and forty nights unto Horeb the mount of God.

9 And he came thither unto a cave, and lodged there; and, behold, the angel of the Lord came to him, and he said unto him, What dost thou here, Elijah?

10 And he said, I have been very jealous for the Lord of hosts: for the children of Israel have forsaken thy covenant, thrown down thine altars, and slain thy prophets with the sword; and I, even I only, am left; and they seek my life, to take it away.

11 And he said, Go forth, and stand upon the mount before the Lord. And, behold, the Lord passed by, and a great and strong wind rent the mountains, and brake in pieces the three pieces of stone before the Lord. But the Lord was not in the wind: and after the wind an earthquake; but the Lord was not in the earthquake:
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12 And after the earthquake a fire; but the Lord was not in the fire: and after the fire a still small voice.

13 And it was so, when Elijah heard it, that he removed his mantle from off him, and went out, and stood in the entering in of the cave. And, behold, there came a voice unto him, and said, What doest thou here, Elijah?

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15 And the Lord said unto him, Go, return on thy way to the wilderness of Damascus: and when thou comest, anoint Hazael to be king over Syria.

16 And Jehu the son of Nimshi shalt thou anoint to be king over Israel: and *Elisha the son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah shalt thou anoint to be prophet in thy room.

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19 ¶ So he departed thence, and found Elisha the son of Shaphat, who was plowing with twelve yoke of oxen before him, and he with the twelfth; and Elisha passed over him, and cast his mantle upon him.

20 And he left the oxen, and ran after Elijah, and said, Let me, I pray thee, kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow thee. And he said unto him, Go back again: for what hast thou done to thyself?

21 And he returned back from him, and took a yoke of oxen, and slew them, and boiled their flesh with the instruments of the oxen, and gave unto the people, and they did eat. Then he arose, and went after Elijah, and ministered unto him.

20 And Ben-hadad the king of Syria gathered all his host together: and there were thirty and two kings with him, and horses and chariots: and he went up and besieged Samaria, and warned against it.

2 And he sent messengers to Ahaziah king of Israel into the city, and said unto him, Thus saith Ben-hadad, Eldad and caleh.

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4 And the messengers came again, and said, Thus speaketh Ben-hadad, saying, Although I have sent unto thee, saying, Thou shalt deliver me thy silver, and thy gold, and thy wives, and thy children; yet will I send my servants unto thee of morrow about this time, and they shall search thine house, and the houses of thy servants; and it shall be, that whatsoever is pleasant in thine eyes, they shall put it in their hand, and take it away.

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

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

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

13 And he behold, there came a prophet unto Ahab king of Israel, saying, Thus saith the Lord, Hast thou seen all this great multitude? behold, I will deliver it into thine hand this day; and thou shalt know that I am the Lord.

14 And Ahab said, By whom? and he said, Thus saith the Lord, Even by the young men of the princes of the provinces. Then he said, Who shall order the battle? And he answered, Thou.

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

16 And they went out at noon. But Ben-hadad sent him a drachm of silver, and ten shekels of gold, and one ephah offine flour, and ten ephahs of Shaun, 17 And the young men of the princes of the provinces went out first; and Ben-hadad sent out, and they told him, saying, There are men come out of Samaria.

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

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

20 And they slew every one his man: and the Syrians fled; and Israel pursued them: and Ben-hadad the king of Syria escaped upon an horse with the horsemen.

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

22 ¶ And the prophet came to the king of Israel, and said unto him, GO, strengthen thyself, and mark, and see what thou docest: for at the return of the year the king of Syria will come up against thee.

23 And the servants of the king of Syria said unto him, Their god is a god of the hills: therefore were they stronger than we: but let us fight against them in the plain, and surely we shall be stronger than they.

24 And do this thing, Take the kings away, every man out of his place, and put captains in their rooms:

25 And number thee an army, like the army that thou hast lost, horse for horse, and chariot for chariot: and we will fight against them in the plain, and surely we shall be stronger than they. And he hearkened unto their voice, and did so.

26 And it came to pass at the return of the year, that Ben-hadad numbered the Syrarians, and went up to Aphek, to fight against Israel.

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

28 ¶ And there came a man of God, and spake unto the king of Israel, and said, Thus saith the Lord, Because the Syrians have said, The Lord is God of the hills, but he is not God of the valleys, therefore will I deliver all this great multitude into thine hand, and ye shall know that I am the Lord.
29 And they pitched one over against the other seven days. And so it was, that in the seventh day the battle was joined: and the children of Israel slew of the Syrians an hundred thousand footmen in one day.

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

31 And his servants said unto him, Behold now, the kings of the house of Israel are merciful kings: let us, I pray thee, put sackcloth on our loins, and ropes upon our heads, and go out to the king of Israel: peradventure he will save thy life.

32 So they girded sackcloth on their loins, and put ropes on their heads, and came to the king of Israel, and said, Thy servant Ben-hadarad said, I pray thee, let me live. And he said, Is he yet alive? he is my brother.

33 Now the men did diligently observe whether any thing would come of him, and did hastily catch it; and they said, Thy brother Ben-hadarad. Then he said, Go ye, bring him. Then Ben-hadarad came forth to him; and he caused him to come up into the chariot.

34 And Ben-hadarad said unto him, The cities, which my father took from thy father, I will restore; and thou shalt make streets for thee in Damascus, as my father made in Samaria. Then said Ahab, I will send thee away with this covenant. So he made a covenant with him, and sent him away.

35 And a certain man of the sons of the prophets said unto his neighbour in the word of the Lord, Smite me, I pray thee. And the man refused to smite him.

36 Then said he unto him, Because thou hast not obeyed the voice of the Lord, behold, as soon as thou art departed from me, a lion shall slay thee. And as soon as he was departed from him, a lion found him,

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

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

39 And the king passed by, he cried unto the king: and he said, Thy servant Thay servent went out into the midst of the battle; and, behold, a man turned aside, and brought a man unto me, and said, Keep the headband over his eyes. And as the king passed by, he cried unto the king: and he said, Thy servant went out into the midst of the battle; and, behold, a man turned aside, and brought a man unto me, and said, Keep the headband over his eyes; that thy life be for his life, or else thou shalt pay a talent of silver.

40 And as thy servant was busy here and there, he was gone. And the king of Israel said unto him, So shalt thou judge me; therefore hast thou decided it.

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

42 And he said unto him, Thus saith the Lord, Because thou hast let go out of thy hand a man whom I appointed to utter destruction, therefore thy life shall go for his life, and thy people for his people.

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

21 And it came to pass after these things, that Naboth the Jezreelite had a vineyard, which was in Jezreel hard by the palace of Athab, king of Samaria.

2 And Athab spoke unto Naboth, saying, Give me thy vineyard, that I may have it for a garden of herbs, because it is near unto my house: and I will give thee for it a better vineyard than it; or, if it seem good to thee, I will give thee the worth of it in money.
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8 And Naboth said to Ahab, The Lord forbid it me, that I should give the inheritance of my fathers unto thee.

4 And Ahab came into his house heavy and displeased because of the word which Naboth the Jezreelite had spoken to him: for he had said, I will not give thee the inheritance of my fathers. And he laid him down upon his bed, and turned away his face, and would not eat bread.

5 ¶ But Jezebel his wife came to him, and said unto him, Why is thy spirit so sad, that thou eatest no bread? 6 And he said unto her, Because I spake unto Naboth the Jezreelite, and said unto him, Give me thy vineyard for money; or else, if it please thee, I will give thee another vineyard for it: and he answered, I will not give thee my vineyard.

7 And Jezebel his wife said unto him, Dost thou now govern the kingdom of Israel? arise, and eat bread, and let thine heart be merry: I will give thee the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite.

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

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

10 And ye shall bring him to me to the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite, whom ye have set to be stoned, and shall say unto him, Thou hast blasphemed God and the king. Then carry him out, and stone him, that he may die.

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

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

13 And there came in two men, children of Belial, and sat before him, to bear witness against him, saying, Thou didst blaspheme God and the king. And then carry him out, and stone him, that he may die.

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

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

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

17 ¶ And the word of the Lord came to Elijah the Tishbite, saying,

18 Arise, go down to meet Ahab king of Israel, which dwelleth in Samaria: behold, he is in the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite, which he refused to give thee for money: come down to meet him, and see what evil is in the sight of the Lord.

21 Behold, *I will bring evil upon thee, and will take away thy posterity, and will cut off from Ahab him that maketh thee evil against me, and *him that is shut up and left in Israel,

22 And will make thine house like the house of *Jeroboam the son of Nebat, and like the house of *Bashah the son of Ahab, for the


provocation wherewith thou hast provoked me to anger, and made Israel to sin.

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

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Seest thou how Ahab humbled himself before me? because he humbled himself before me, I will not bring the evil in his days: but in his son's days will I bring the evil upon his house.

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

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16 And the king said unto him, How many times shall I adjure thee that thou tell me nothing but the truth in the presence of the LORD? 17 And he said, I saw all Israel scattered upon the hills, as sheep that have not a shepherd: and the LORD said, These have no master; let them return every man to his house in peace.

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

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

20 And the LORD said, Who shall persuade Ahah, that he may go up and fall at Ramoth-gilead? And one said on this manner, and another said on that manner.

21 And there came forth a spirit, and stood before the LORD, and said, I will go forth, and will be a lying spirit in the mouth of all his prophets. And he said, Thou shalt persuade him, and prevail also: go forth, and do so.

22 Therefore behold, the LORD hath put a lying spirit in the mouth of all these prophets, and the LORD hath spoken evil concerning thee.

23 But Zedekiah the son of Chenaanah took him seer's girdle, which was upon the prophet's neck, and said, What manner of word shall I speak unto this people in the mouth of the LORD? 24 And Micaiah said, Behold, thou shalt see in that day when thou shalt go into an inner chamber to hide thyself.

25 And the king of Israel said, Take Micaiah, and carry him back unto Amon the governor of the city, and to Joash the king's son; 26 And say, Thus saith the king, Put this fellow in the prison, and feed him with bread of affliction and with water of affliction, until I come in peace. 27 And Micaiah said, If thou return at all in peace, the LORD hath not spoken by me. And he said, Hearken, O people, every one of you.

28 So the king of Israel and Jehoshaphat the king of Judah went up to Ramoth-gilead.

29 And the king of Israel said unto Jehoshaphat, I will disguise myself, and enter into the battle; but thou put on thy robe, and shalt be after me.

30 And the king of Syria had commandment to his captains, saying, Be prepared. 31 For I will go out into the field against Israel, and will draw him out thence, even out of his place, and he shall be slain before thy face.

32 And it came to pass, when the captains of the chariots saw Jehoshaphat, that they said, Surely is this king of Israel. And they turned aside to fight against him; and Jehoshaphat cried out. 33 And it came to pass, when the captains of the chariots saw Jehoshaphat, that they said, Surely is this king of Israel. And they turned aside to fight against him.

34 And a certain man drew a bow at a venture, and smote the king of Israel between the joints of the harness; wherefore he said unto his chariots, Turn thine hand, and thrust me not out of the chariot.

35 And he said, Am I not come up to thee in mine own country? And I have slain thee even in thy own country. And he said, What of it, seeing thou art come against me today? 36 And the battle increased that day: and the king was stayed upon his chariot against the Syrians: and he said, Alas! Alas! O my people, O my people, I have occasioned thee to perish this day. 37 Wherefore the king of Israel went into the city, and the king's chamber fell upon him, and he died.

38 And they washed the chariot in the pool of Samaria; and they brought the king in Samaria. 39 And they washed the chariot in the pool of Samaria; and they washed the blood of the king, and the horse, in the pool of Samaria; 40 And the captain of the LORD'S host returned, and told the king. And the king said, Is it well with the captain of the LORD'S host?

41 And the LORD said, I have seen how this Levite hath sought me. Turn thee therefore, and go up; see now his place; but I will bringevil upon him, and will confirm my word, which I spake unto him. 42 So it was, when they came, that he sat up on his bed. And he said, Call me not David, but call me Otron, son of Jesse. 43 And the Levite answered and said, Behold, my master, wherefore wilt thou spurn my head this day? in that I know that I shall die. 44 And his servants said unto him, Let a burr be set under thine head; and let the king die: and he fell immediately; and they took him, and buried him in his place.
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